

the country was then comparatively a wilderness and much sickness abounded among the settlers which finally resulted in the removal of Mr. Gwyn to Cincinnati. Later he removed to Dayton and from there to Springfield, where he operated as a contractor and builder of gas and water works. He became well-to-do, owning at one time as many as seven gas plants. He was the founder of the gas works in Springfield which he operated for a number of years.

Edward Gwyn during the late war engaged in the manufacture of small arms, among these being the celebrated Union rifle. He associated himself in partnership with Abner C. Campbell of Hamilton, this State, in the manufacture of guns and for several years was the representative of the Champion Reaper & Mower Works at Springfield, going to South America and Chili where he established agencies to handle these machines. Later he represented the firm during the centennial exposition of 1876 at Philadelphia. He crossed the Atlantic the following season and visited the Paris Exposition in the interests of Warder, Bushnell & Glessner, and afterward went to Rotterdam, Holland, where his death took place May, 25, 1879. He had traveled extensively all over Europe before coming to this country.

In 1857 the father of our subject, during the California gold excitement, went overland to the Pacific Slope, making the journey by wagon and on foot with a company of others and returning by the water route. His wife accompanied him in most of his travels and was with him at the time of his death. She returned to Springfield with his remains which were laid to rest in Ferncliff Cemetery. The mother and five children are still living; Amelia, the eldest, is the widow of Thomas Spencer and lives in Springfield; Rosa is the widow of George W. Driscoll and lives in Springfield; Edward C., our subject, is the next eldest; Mary is the wife of W. W. Sheibley of Tiffin, this State; Violet married D. B. Hyde and they are living in Bridgeport, Conn.

The subject of this notice spent his boyhood days mostly in Hamilton, Butler County, this State, and when leaving school became the assistant of his father in the gas and water works in different

places and when competent, took charge of the works at Springfield. He was also for a time at Dayton, Norwalk and Altoona, Pa. Subsequently, returning to Springfield he engaged in the wood and lumber business for a few years, handling mostly the choicer grades of lumber. Later he became connected with the gas works at Upper Sandusky and in 1881 assisted in establishing the water works in Springfield and for six months was Superintendent of construction. He resigned this position to accept the Secretaryship and Assistant Superintendency of the Springfield Gas Light Company, of which his father was the founder. This position he also resigned four years later, having in the meantime become interested as a stockholder in the Hoppes Manufacturing Company of which he was made Secretary and Treasurer. At the organization of the Springfield Water Works, in June, 1885, he was elected President and has since held the position.

Mr. Gwyn was married to his present wife, who was formerly Miss Isabel W. Smith, September 1, 1887. This lady was born November 1, 1863, in Springfield, and is the daughter of William R. and Mary (Ege) Smith, natives of Scotland and Pennsylvania respectively and who are now living in Springfield. She was reared to womanhood in her native city and thus like her husband has spent her entire life there. Of this union there has been born one child, a son, Charles William, July 6, 1888.



SAMUEL M. MALLOW. A pleasant and well-improved farm about five miles southeast of Xenia, in Greene County, is the home of the gentleman above named, and under his able management produces crops which rank among the best both in quantity and quality. The estate comprises one hundred and fifty-nine broad acres, and forms a part of Caesar's Creek Township. The owner is an enterprising farmer, and a citizen whose worth is understood by his fellowmen, by whom he is esteemed accordingly. He began his career in life empty handed and has

reached a comfortable financial standing through his own determination and industry.

The birth of Mr. Mallow took place in what is now Jasper Township, Greene County, May 6, 1831. His father, Col. George Mallow, was a native of Rockingham County, Va., and came to Ohio with his parents, their first settlement being made near Springboro, Warren County. He afterwards became a resident of Greene County, where he died in 1861, at the age of about three-score and ten. His father, George Mallow, Sr., was of German origin, and also died in Greene County. The Colonel served in the War of 1812, and was afterward placed at the head of a militia regiment from which rank he derived his title. He married Miss Elizabeth Fudge, a native of the same county as himself, who lived to the age of seventy years, dying in 1864. They reared six children, named respectively: John, Clarissa, Amanda J., Elmira, Samuel M. and Henry M., the latter of Huntington County, Ind. Col. Mallow was a Whig and later a Republican.

The subject of this sketch was reared upon a farm, and obtained as good an education as was possible in the common schools of the period and vicinity. He learned the trade of a blacksmith, but at the age of twenty-one years began life as a farmer. In 1858 he located on seventy acres of land to which he has since added, bringing up the acreage to the amount mentioned above, and placing the entire estate under good cultivation and improvement. In the spring of 1886 he was elected Trustee of the township, and has since filled the office very acceptably. He is a staunch Republican.

On November 5, 1852, Mr. Mallow led to the hymeneal altar Miss Amy H. Adsit, who was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., July 30, 1831, and whose fine character and useful habits had won his regard. She is a member of the Reformed Church, is highly respected by her neighbors and acquaintances and devoted to the interests of her husband and children. She is the mother of one son and one daughter. George F. is still unmarried and at home; Susan A. is the wife of Charles McKay, of Clinton County, Ohio.

The parents of Mrs. Mallow, Hiram and Susan

(Butts) Adsit, were born in Dutchess County, N. Y., and came to Ohio in the spring of 1833. Mr. Adsit located where our subject now resides, on one hundred and fifty acres of land, to which he afterward added fifty. He died September 7, 1847, at the age of forty years, his natal day having been June 4, 1807. His widow, who was born August 19, 1807, survived him, becoming the wife of Jesse Boots, now deceased, and is yet living. Mrs. Mallow is the youngest of three children reared by her parents, to whom six had been born. The other survivors are Daniel and Silas. Hiram Adsit was the son of Elias Adsit, of the Empire State, who was twice married. His first wife was Amey Howe, who bore him three sons and one daughter; his second wife was Lucy Harrington, who had no children. Grandfather Adsit came to Greene County, about 1830, and died in Xenia in 1856. He was of English origin. The mother of Mrs. Mallow is a daughter of Daniel and Isabelle (Gardner) Butts, both of whom died in the Empire State, and whose family included six sons and six daughters.



JACOB GROVE, who is now living in Moorefield, taking his ease after years of arduous toil, is a native of Clark County, in which his eyes opened to the light of day, October 28, 1828. His parents, Phillip and Eva (Demeory) Grove, were natives of Loudoun County, Va., whence they came to Ohio about 1827. They settled in Clark County, in what is now known as Pleasant Township, where they participated in the labors incidental to the development of this region, enduring many of the hardships of the Ohio pioneer. The log house had been built in the woods and in it the family, then comprising father, mother, and three children, located. The father breathed his last in 1852, when the county lost one of her best citizens. To Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Grove nine children were born, the subject of this sketch being the youngest of the survivors. The others are: Millie, wife of William Harris, of Pleasant Township; Sarah A., wife of William Waltman,