

in the life of our subject occurred January 25, 1849, when he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Zimmerman. This lady was born February 23, 1831, in this township, and is the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Shoup) Zimmerman, both of whom were born in Beaver Creek Township, and were children of its earliest pioneers, the former a son of Dr. G. Zimmerman. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Coy, seven in number, were named respectively: Cassius L.; Lewis E., of Dayton; Lodema, the wife of William Stewart; Emma J., Permelia J., Burley J. and Marcellus E. Mrs. Coy belongs to the Dunkard Church.



THOMAS C. WALKER. This name will be remembered by many of the earlier residents of Jefferson Township, Greene County, as that of one of its most worthy citizens—one who built up for himself a good home in their midst and identified himself with the various interests of the people around him. He was born May 30, 1817, in Highland County, this State, and departed this life at his homestead in Jefferson Township, May 11, 1883.

Mr. Walker was the youngest child of his parents whose family consisted of ten children. The father, John Walker, was a native of old Virginia and of substantial Scotch ancestry. He was reared in his native county where later he was married and settled until after the birth of all his children, with the exception of Thomas C. He then determined upon a change of residence and accordingly emigrated to this State, locating in Highland County, where he died full of years and honors at an advanced age. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Crawford, spent her last years in Ohio.

The subject of this notice remained a member of his father's household during his childhood and youth, becoming familiar with farming pursuits. Upon approaching manhood, with the natural desire of youth for change, he left home and repairing to Hillsboro, he commenced an apprenticeship at the tailor's trade. He followed this a number

of years and then on account of failing health found that he must change his occupation and accordingly resumed the farming pursuits to which he had been reared. He resided a few years in his native county and then removed to Ross County. He sojourned in the latter a few years, then selling his farm property, removed to Greene County and commenced the improvement of the farm where he spent the balance of his life and where his widow still resides.

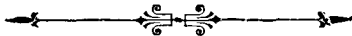
Soon after reaching his majority, Thomas C. Walker was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Carothers, in November, 1842, the wedding taking place at the bride's home in Highland, Ohio. Mrs. Walker was born November 3, 1815, in Washington County, Pa., and is the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Bothwell) Carothers. The latter were natives of Virginia, belonging to the F. F. V's and like the Walker family traced their ancestry to Scotland. After the birth of two children Thomas Carothers and his wife removed from Virginia to Washington County, Pa., where they resided a number of years and where the mother died about 1820. She was cut down in her prime at the early age of thirty years and when her daughter Mary was a child of five. Her father, Thomas Carothers served in the war of 1812, and subsequently became a prominent man in his community; he spent his last years in Ross County.

Thomas Carothers after the death of his wife removed with his family to Hillsboro, this State, where he established a tannery which he conducted for a number of years. Then removing to Ross County he engaged in farming, purchasing land in the vicinity of Greenfield. There his death took place in 1855, when he was about seventy-five years old. He also served as a soldier in the War of 1812. He was a man of decided ideas and one who was looked up to in his community. In religion he was a staunch Presbyterian. He was proud of his antecedents as he had reason to be and was able to trace his ancestors to the French Huguenots who fled to America on account of religious persecution. To him and his estimable wife there was born a family of seven children, three sons and four daughters, one of whom died young but the others lived to mature years and two are yet living, these being

Mrs. Walker and her sister, Catherine, Mrs. Dyer, of Monticello, Ill.; the latter is now eighty-one years old.

Mrs. Walker preserves with religious care various family relics, among them an old family Bible, belonging to her husband's father, and part of a sun dial which was the property of her maternal grandfather. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Walker remained residents of Highland County for a number of years where Mr. Walker improved a farm. In Jefferson County they settled upon a tract of one hundred and fifty acres and where Mr. Walker labored faithfully, tilling the soil and effecting one improvement after another and at his death left his family in comfortable circumstances.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walker there was born a family of five children, one of whom, Thomas, Jr., died when three years old. The survivors are recorded as follows: James L. married Miss Mary Hyslett and they are residents of Jamestown; Sally J., Martha Ann and John D. remain with their mother, assisting in the farm work and the management of the homestead. Mr. Walker in politics was a staunch adherent of the Democratic party and his religious views coincide with the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was careful and conscientious in the transaction of business and gave substantial aid to the various enterprises calculated for the advancement of the people around him. He was one of the pillars of the church in which he had officiated as Class-Leader for some years. The family holds a good position in the community and is looked upon as forming a portion of its reliable element.



COL. JOSEPH LEFFEL, a life-long resident of Clark County, is carrying on a large and extensive business in Springfield as a breeder of fancy poultry, and of pets of various kinds, his trade extending all over the United States; he is also engaged in training and selling Shetland ponies. He was born near Medway, September 21, 1833, and is a son of James P. Leffel, one of the early settlers of this county, and a native of Botetourt County, Va.

James Leffel, after passing the first eighteen years

of his life in the above named county, left the parental roof to seek his fortunes in the Far West, as this part of the Nation was called, and making his way to this county, he cast in his lot with its pioneers. He found employment in a mill and distillery, receiving \$10 a month for his services. He was very industrious and of good habits, and after working at that low salary for four years was enabled to buy a mill.

At that time there were no railways or canals here, and James Leffel used to take his flour to Cincinnati with an ox-team. Money was scarce, and he traded flour oftentimes for merchandise, which he would dispose of at home for cash or wheat. He operated his mill and distillery until about 1834, when he sold out, and purchased a farm in Springfield Township, south of the city, and gave himself up to agriculture until his death April 7, 1887. He was a man of consideration in the township, in whose agricultural development he bore an active part, and was all-worthy of the respect accorded to his character. When he first came here the county was but thinly populated, Indians were plentiful, and in the forest wilds deer, bear and other game abounded. He lived to see the district well settled and wealthy, and during his residence here Springfield grew from a hamlet into a city of upward of forty thousand inhabitants. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Miller; she was a native of Virginia, and departed this life some years before her husband. She was the mother of ten children, six of whom survive.

Col. Leffel attended the pioneer schools of this, his native county, the first one being taught in a log house, and furnished with home-made furniture, slabs for seats with the bark side down, and common wooden pins for legs. After attaining his majority he engaged in bee culture, and making a thorough study of it, he patented a hive, which has since been used very extensively. He finally turned his attention to breeding fancy poultry, in which he is extensively engaged at the present time, having upward of forty distinct varieties of fowls. He has all the appliances in neat buildings, etc., to carry on the business to the best advantage. He also raises pets of various kinds, includ-