

Catherine Allen, and was the father of nineteen children, all of whom grew to maturity save three. The home place came into the possession of Samuel K. Turnbull, who rebuilt the house, tearing away the brick addition and erecting a two-story frame house. The Turnbolls, originally Seceders, became affiliated with the United Presbyterian church following the "union" of 1858.

The younger John Turnbull was reared on the home farm in Cedarville township, received his elementary schooling in the neighborhood schools, and early turned his attention to the study of medicine, presently entering Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in the spring of 1861, at twenty-one years of age. Almost immediately thereafter he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union arms, as noted in the opening paragraph of this memorial sketch, and served until the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Doctor Turnbull returned to Greene county and opened an office for the practice of his profession in the village of Bellbrook, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on July 19, 1907. Doctor Turnbull served for some time as president of the local board of education, as a member of the town council and at one time was the nominee of the Democratic party in this district for a seat in the Ohio General Assembly.

On September 9, 1865, Dr. John Turnbull was united in marriage to Josephine Kyle, daughter of Dr. John and Caroline (Bullard) Kyle, of Xenia, and to this union were born two children, Jesse, who died at the age of sixteen years, and Pearl A., who married Harry Armstrong, attorney-at-law, Xenia, and has one child, a daughter, Josephine. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Turnbull has continued to make her home at Bellbrook.

WILLIAM WESLEY WHITEKER.

William Wesley Whiteker, cashier of the Spring Valley National Bank of Spring Valley, this county, was born at Cynthiana, county seat of Harrison county, Kentucky, a son of Benjamin F. and Amanda M. (King) Whiteker, both of whom were born in that same county, members of old families in that section of Kentucky. Benjamin F. Whiteker was a well-to-do landowner, farmer and tobacco merchant. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and he and his wife were members of the Freewill Baptist church. They were the parents of six children, namely: Edward J., a farmer in the vicinity of Cynthiana; Ella K., wife of John Barlow, of Havilandsville, Harrison county, Kentucky; William Wesley, subject of this biographical sketch; Charles R., a farmer and stockman at Cynthiana; Joseph D., also



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a farmer and stockman at that place, and Eureka, who is engaged in the banking business at Detroit, Michigan, connected with one of the savings banks in that city.

Reared at Cynthiana, William W. Whiteker received his early schooling in the schools of that city and supplemented the same by a course in the University of Kentucky, after which he was for two or three years engaged as deputy county clerk in his home county. In 1905 he became connected with the Farmers National Bank at Clarksville, Ohio, and was thus engaged for eight months, at the end of which time he came up into Greene county and was made cashier of the Spring Valley National Bank at Spring Valley, which position he still occupies. Mr. Whiteker is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the blue lodge at New Burlington and of the chapter and council, Royal and Select Masters, at Xenia. He was made a Mason while living in Kentucky, member of Thomas Ware lodge at Claysville, and transferred his membership upon coming to Greene county. Mr. Whiteker is past noble grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Spring Valley and a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Bellbrook.

On September 30, 1912, at Spring Valley, William W. Whiteker was united in marriage to Laura Clark Alexander, who was born at that place and who was graduated from the Xenia high school in 1896. Mrs. Whiteker is a member of one of the oldest families in Greene county, her family having been represented here since the year 1803, the year this county was created as an independent civic unit. She is a daughter of Perry A. and Ella M. (Elgin) Alexander, the latter of whom, a daughter of Dr. M. B. and Margaret (Craft) Elgin, was educated at Spring Valley. Perry A. Alexander was born in Spring Valley township on September 28, 1856, son of William J. and Elizabeth (Weller) Alexander, the former of whom was born in that same township and the latter, in Washington township, in the neighboring county of Montgomery, April 18, 1825, and who were married on February 28, 1850. William J. Alexander was born on June 10, 1827, son of Washington and Rachel (Clark) Alexander, members of pioneer families in Spring Valley township, who were married in that township in 1842 and who were the parents of seven children. Washington Alexander was born in South Carolina in 1801 and was but two years of age when his parents, John and Isabel Alexander, came to this county, by way of Butler county, and settled in the then mere backwoods hamlet of Xenia, John Alexander there becoming the first resident lawyer of the new county seat, all of which is told elsewhere in this volume. Washington Alexander studied for the law, but never practiced, instead, turning his attention to farming and became a landowner in Spring Valley township. He died in 1867. His second son,

William J. Alexander, also studied law and was admitted to the bar, opening an office for the practice of his profession at Spring Valley, later moving to Wilmington and thence to Xenia, where he died on April 18, 1897. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom Perry A. Alexander was the eldest. The latter is the owner of several hundred acres of land in the immediate vicinity of Spring Valley. He is a Democrat and in 1890 was the nominee of his party for sheriff. On November 28, 1878, Perry A. Alexander was united in marriage to Ella M. Elgin and to that union were born six children, of whom Mrs. Whiteker was the first-born, the others being William Elgin, Cantwell J., Ralph, Margaret and one deceased.

To William W. and Laura C. (Alexander) Whiteker one child has been born, a daughter, Laura Wesley, born on February 3, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Whiteker are members of the Methodist Protestant church and Mr. Whiteker is the superintendent of the Sunday school.

W. EDWIN DEAN,

W. Edwin Dean, proprietor of a farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres on rural mail route No. 1 out of Cedarville in Cedarville township, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He was born on October 6, 1875, son of Daniel Milton and Caroline (Haines) Dean, both of whom also were born in this county, and the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of Cedarville.

Daniel Milton Dean was born on a farm in what is now New Jasper township, May 19, 1831, son of Joseph and Hannah (Boggs) Dean, the latter of whom also was born in Ohio, a daughter of Anthony Boggs, who had come to this country from the north of Ireland and had settled in Virginia, later coming over into Ohio and locating in Jackson county, whence in 1818 he moved over into Indiana and located in Blackford county, where he established his home and where he was elevated to the position of judge of the court. Joseph Dean was born at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, December 30, 1804, and was about eight years of age when his parents, Daniel and Jennie (Steele) Dean, came up into Ohio in 1812 and settled in that section of Greene county that many years later came to be organized as New Jasper township, becoming thus early recognized as among the influential and useful pioneers of that section. Daniel Dean was a native of Ireland, born in County Down, Londonderry. Upon coming to this country he first located in Pennsylvania, moving thence after a while to Virginia, where he married Jennie Steele; later moving to Kentucky, where he remained until he came to Greene county in 1812, all of which is set out at considerable length