

The Genealogy
OF THE
Family of Peter Van Sickle
OF THE
State of New Jersey.

The Generations and Families.

"Aye, thus it is! One generation comes,
Another goes and mingles with the dust.
And thus we come and go, and come and go—
Each for a little moment filling up
Some little space. And thus we disappear
In quick succession. And it shall be so.
'Till Time in one vast perpetuity be swallowed up."

First Generation.

"Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us."—PSALM lxxviii.

Family Number One.

1. — **VAN SYCKLIN**, whose first name has not been ascertained, married *Margrietje* (Margaret) ———, a French lady, by whom he had four children—one son and three daughters; namely, I. Anna; II. Mary; III. Elizabeth; and IV. Peter. He died about the year 1754. His wife, Margaret, survived him about five years. His two youngest daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, are said to have married, and removed to the State of Virginia, after which nothing is known of their history.

It is thought by some that his first name was Rynear, but that cannot be, as he had a brother by that name. It is more probable that his name was *Peter*, as it was customary in olden times to name one son after the father; and his only son was named *Peter*. His name might possibly have been Ferdinandus. It is said that this Van Sickle had two brothers and one sister; namely, John, Rynear, and Elizabeth.

Second Generation.

2. II. Anna Van Sickle, the first child and oldest daughter of — and Margaret, was born in Hunterdon County in the State of New Jersey about the year 1743. She married her second cousin, Cornelius Van Sickle, son of Mary and Andrew, by whom she had eight children—all daughters; I. Mary (who was baptized October 29th, 1769), who married Henry Roloson; Sarah, who married Nathaniel Richards; Nancy, who married Andrew Compton; Anna, who married Stephen Compton; Rachel, who married Jacob Shepherd; Naomi, who married James Huffman; Catharine, who married James McCord; and Elizabeth, who married Cornelius Jones. She was distinguished for her beauty and neatness; she was a pure blonde, with light red hair and blue eyes—a perfect type of the original stock. (See page 100.)

5. V. Peter Van Sickle, was born in (Readington Township) Hunterdon County, in the State of New Jersey, about the year 1749. He was the only son, and the youngest of four children (Anna, Mary, Elizabeth, and Peter). His father was taken from him by death when he was about five years old, and, leaving no other son to share with him the affection of his mother, her fatherless boy became the absorbing object of her dotting fondness. But at the age of ten his mother died; and he was left an orphan indeed. After the death of his mother, he lived in a family that treated him very badly. To satisfy his hunger, it was no uncommon thing for him to gather the crumbs from the table, after the family had finished their meal. His uncle, Rynear Van Sickle, hearing of his ill-treatment, took him away, and he (Peter) was so destitute of clothes, that his uncle wrapped his own coat around him to keep him from perishing with the cold. After living with his uncle awhile, he was "bound out" to learn the trade of a tanner. Left an orphan at such an early age, it was hard to battle with the world; yet he always maintained that personal dignity which characterizes most of his descendants.

About the year 1774, he married *Catharine*, daughter of Jacob Huffman (whose ancestors came from Holland), from which union there were eight children; namely, I. Abraham; II. Sarah (who died at about the age of two years); III. Andrew; IV. Margaret; V. Cornelius; VI. Elias; VII. Peter; and VIII. Catharine. None of his children were educated; for "the young people of those early times were far from having the educational advantages enjoyed at the present day. There were no public schools, and often in large districts no schools of any kind for the greater part of the year. Public libraries were almost unknown." He and his children spoke the Dutch language until about the year 1790. After the birth of his oldest son, Abraham, he served as a private under General George Clinton in the Revolutionary War; he served his country faithfully; and, as a soldier and patriot, had few superiors. We find this couple setting out in life during the period of the American Revolution, when the country was in a very unsettled state, with the world before them, and honesty and industry their only stock in trade. Though a tanner by trade, he was also a farmer. In his latter days he was a pensioner. He was a man of great intelligence, a strict Presbyterian, and held a good place in the estimation of the public.

He removed from Hunterdon to Sussex County, New Jersey, where he resided on one of the best farms in the county, now (1880) known as the "Old Bog Meadow," which was doubtless at one time the bottom of an extended lake. He removed back and forth several times from New Jersey to the State of New York; the last time he removed was in the month of January, 1805, when he settled in Western New York. In the autumn of 1817, he, in company with his wife, his sons Andrew, Cornelius, Elias, and Peter; his youngest daughter, Catharine, and their families (in all, with others, thirty-seven persons), emigrated from Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, to the State of Ohio,* traveling in flat-boats down Oil Creek, the Alleghany, and the Ohio rivers. This was before steamboats were generally introduced upon the western rivers. Cornelius Van Sickle and his family left the Ohio River at Steubenville, and, traveling across the country in a wagon, settled in Delaware County; while the remainder of the company settled in Gallia County, near Gallipolis ("the city of the French"), when the country was yet a wilderness. "In the Indian war, prior to the treaty of Greenville, many boats descending the Ohio, were attacked by the Indians, and the white people in them cruelly massacred. After the war had closed, wrecks of boats were frequently seen on the shore to remind the traveler of the unhappy fate of those who had fallen a prey to the rifle, tomahawk, and scalping-knife."

At this time emigration was so rapid that it was difficult to procure boats for the emigrants. This company took the precaution to procure boats before leaving Oil Creek. They went over mill-dams in their boats, after landing the women and children. At one dangerous place an Indian offered to run the boats through for all the "hog-meat" that he could eat and all the whiskey he could drink; but they first exacted a promise that he would keep sober until past all danger. He (the Indian) piloted the boats safely through, and received his "fire-water" and "hog-meat" of which he ate voraciously. The company landed at night,

* **Early Settlements in Ohio.**—Prior to the Revolutionary War, there were no settlements in what is now (1880) the State of Ohio. An attempt at a settlement within the limits of Ohio was made in April, 1785, at the mouth of the Scioto River, on the present site of Portsmouth, by four families from Redstone, Pennsylvania, but the difficulties with the Indians compelled its abandonment. "The Northwest Territory" was organized by Congress in 1787, out of unsettled lands (which embraced the region lying between the Ohio and Great Lakes, Pennsylvania, and the Mississippi) ceded by several of the States to the general government. Congress having purchased the right of this large tract of the Indians, a new impetus was given to emigration. The first permanent settlement formed within the limits of Ohio, was commenced April 7th, 1788, at Marietta, at the mouth of the Muskingum River by a party of New Englanders—a company of Revolutionary officers and soldiers—among whom was General Rufus Putnam. The second settlement in Ohio was commenced in November of the same year (1788), at Columbia, at the mouth of the Little Miami River, about five miles above the present site of Cincinnati, and was known as "Symmes' Purchase." The third settlement in Ohio was commenced in December of the following year (1789), at Cincinnati; the first log-hut was built on what is now (1880) the corner of Main and Market streets. Had it not been for a certain beautiful black-eyed woman (Helen) the present Queen City would not, perhaps, have existed, or if it had, it would have been five miles farther up the river. The fourth settlement in Ohio was made in 1790, at Gallipolis, at the mouth of the Chicamauga Creek, by a French colony, sent out under the auspices of the Scioto Company. Colonel Robert Safford cut the first tree on the ground where Gallipolis—"the City of the French"—now stands. Ohio was admitted into the Union as the seventeenth State, in April, 1802.

and encamped on the banks of the river. One night they encamped in a deserted Indian village, although each hour expecting the return of the Indians who were supposed to have gone on a hunting expedition. The company was four weeks floating down. During a part of the time the water was very high and the river was strewn with drift-wood. After a long and fatiguing journey, they arrived at their destination in the month of October (1817), and thus they commenced a pioneer life* in the wilderness. This little colony, like all others which settle in new countries, endured many hardships and privations in the first few months of their residence among the hills in the wilderness.

In the autumn of 1823, he (Peter Van Sickle) and his wife, (Catharine), his grand-daughter, Catharine (Abraham's daughter, who came with the company from New York State), and his son-in-law, Ira Finch, and his family, removed to Central Ohio, and settled in Delaware County, where he (Peter) resided until his death, which occurred on the 27th of January, 1843, at the advanced age of 93; while it is said by some that he was in his 96th year. He died an easy death; after visiting some of his relatives, he returned home, and went out to get some wood to build a fire; after he came in, he fainted and fell back in his chair. His daughter, Catharine, and her husband (Ira Finch) ran to him and assisted him upon his bed, when he partially recovered; he opened his eyes, put his arms around them, and said—"Children, I am going home!" These were the last words he ever uttered. His wife, Catharine, who was also of Low Dutch descent, died about the year 1833. He and his wife were of a sturdy, healthy stock, and they, as well as many of their descendants furnish instances of unusual longevity. Of their eight children, seven of them—five sons and two daughters—lived to rear families. Their descendants are very numerous, and are found in many of the States. "Life in these degenerate days is so short that he who has reached four score and ten, is looked upon as a relic of the past, a lone oak of the primitive forest. Children look upon him with reverence; young men and maidens with respect; and the middle aged with just consideration."

**Pioneer Life in Ohio.*—People who have spent their lives in an old settled country can form but a faint idea of the privations and hardships endured by the pioneers of our now flourishing and prosperous States. The fashionable young lady of the present day, taken from a luxurious home, furnished with soft carpets, costly mirrors, and objects of art and refinement, could not have endured the bare desolation of the pioneer log-cabin, destitute of either comfort, convenience, or beauty; hardships and dangers without, and toil and privation within its naked walls. The path of the pioneer is one of constant anxiety. The early settlers also experienced great difficulty in preserving their domestic animals from the ravages of wild beasts; for bears and wolves were plenty. The comforts and conveniences of dwellers in towns, result from the indomitable energy, industry, and frugality of those early tammers of the wilderness. Among the early settlers of the country, there were no distinctions in society; no aristocratic lines drawn between the upper and lower classes; all were upon an equality. "Their social amusements proceeded from matters of necessity. A log-rolling, or the raising of a log-cabin, was generally accompanied with a quilting, or something of the sort, and this brought together a whole neighborhood of both sexes; who, after the labors of the day were ended, spent the larger portion of the night in dancing and other innocent amusements."

"I hear the tread of pioneers,
Of nations yet to be,
The first low wash of waves, where soon
Shall roll a human sea."—WHITTIER.

Third Generation.

6. **VI. Abraham Van Sickle**, the first child of Catharine (Huffman) and Peter, was born in Orange County, New York, about the year 1775. He was twice married; first, in Sussex County, New Jersey, on the 31st of August, 1803, to *Rachel Caykendall* or *Curtendall*, by whom he had eleven children; I. Catharine; II. Peter; III. Elizabeth; IV. Noah; V. Abraham; VI. Margaret; VII. Sarah Ann; VIII. George; IX. Selah; X. Cornelius, born about the year 1823, who died Oct. 17, 1841 in Tioga Co., N. Y.; and XI. Richard Henry. About the year 1811, he removed to Western New York, and settled in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, where his wife, Rachel, died October 10, 1841. He was next married (Jan. 3, 1843) in Tompkins County, New York, to *Elizabeth* (who was born Oct. 9, 1810), daughter of David Paine, of the same place, by whom he had two children; (XII.) 1st, Julia Ann; and (XIII.) 2nd, Charles. He was a farmer by occupation; and he also worked at shoe-making. He could play the violin. About the year 1848, he made a visit to Ohio to see his relatives, but he never moved from New York State. He died in Steuben County, New York, Jan. 3, 1867, at the advanced age of 92. It is said by his second wife, Elizabeth, that if he had lived till the 8th of April, 1867, he would have been 97 years old.

8. **VII. Andrew Van Sickle**, the third child of Peter and Catharine was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, about the year 1779. He was married in the same county, on the 8th of Sept., 1800, to *Sarah*, daughter of Solomon Courtright, of Sussex County, New Jersey, by whom he had thirteen children; I. David, who died at about the age of 15 years; II. Thomas; III. Jacob; IV. Martin; V. Hannah; VI. Eliza; VII. Almira; VIII. Catharine, who died young; IX. DeWitt Clinton; X. Moses E.; XI. Sarah Ann; XII. Ursula; and XIII. Ann Drusilla. About the year 1805, he removed to Western New York, and settled in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County. In the autumn of 1817, he emigrated to Southern Ohio, and settled in Gallia County, where he remained about three years, thence removing to Indiana and settling in Vermillion County, where he resided until his death, which occurred July 17, 1822, or August 24, 1824. He was a farmer, wheelwright, and shoemaker by occupation. His wife, Sarah, was a doctress (mid-wife) and a successful practitioner. In 1827 she removed to Jo Daviess County, Illinois, where she resided until her death, which occurred in September, 1849. All their children were large, strong, and well proportioned, and hence well calculated to endure the privations and hardships of pioneer life, of which they all know more or less.

9. **VIII. Margaret Van Sickle**, the fourth child of Peter and Catharine, was born in Sussex County, New Jersey about the year 1782. She was married in the same county, about the year 1804, to *Christo-*

pher Dennis, by whom she had a large family of children; I. Peter; II. Rachel; III. and IV. Maria and Marinda (twins); Amos; etc. She (Mrs. Dennis) was a doctress (mid-wife), and a successful practitioner. About the year 1807, they removed to Western New York, and settled in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, where they remained a few years, thence removing to Steuben County, New York, after which nothing is known of their history.

10. IX. Cornelius Van Sickle, the fifth child of Peter and Catharine was born in Sussex Co., New Jersey, March 8, 1785. He was twice married; first, in Sussex County, New Jersey (March 8, 1807) on his 22nd birthday, to *Elizabeth*, daughter of Isaiah Roloson, by whom he had six children; I. Isaiah, born Nov. 3, 1809; II. Selah, born June 8, 1812; III. Sarah K., born Sept. 14, 1814; IV. Seymour, born Jan. 8, 1817; V. Levi H., born August 15, 1819; and VI. Elizabeth Maria, born Feb. 7, 1822. About the year 1808, he removed to Western New York, and settled in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County; and from thence, in the autumn of 1817, to Central Ohio, and settled in Delaware County (Kingston Township), when that part of the State was but thinly settled, where he did the work of a pioneer. His wife, Elizabeth (who was born in 1786), died on the last day of February, 1822. On the 11th of June of the same year, he married *Sarah*, daughter of Isaac Rosecrans, and a distant relative of General Rosecrans of the late civil war. Her father, Isaac, was opposed to the match, but Cornelius, like young Lochinvar, stole her by night from her father's window, and carried her off in triumph. By his second wife, Sarah, he had twelve children; (VII.) 1st, Mary, born April 25, 1823; (VIII.) 2nd, Caroline, born June 1, 1825; (IX.) 3rd, Susan, born Oct. 11, 1827, who died Feb. 19, 1838; (X.) 4th, Hiland Hulburt, born Feb. 2, 1830; (XI.) 5th, Sanford, born March 19, 1832; (XII.) 6th, Lyman, born July 11, 1834; (XIII.) 7th, Eveline, born Dec. 19, 1837; (XIV.) 8th, James Monroe, born Jan. 19, 1840, who died May 1, 1863 (unmarried); (XV.) 9th, Cornelius, born March 12, 1842; (XVI.) 10th, Asher A. Davis, born March 18, 1844; (XVII.) 11th, Roselinda, born Sept. 9, 1846; and (XVIII.) 12th, Francis Marion, born May 15, 1849, who died July 4, 1850. In the spring of 1853, he in company with Ira Finch and their families, removed from Delaware County, Ohio, to the State of Michigan, and settled in Clinton County, Essex Township, where he resided until his death, which occurred on the 31st of October, 1863, at the age of 78. He was a farmer by occupation, and by great industry and economy—slow and honest gains—acquired a handsome property. He lived to see most of his children and many of his grand-children well settled in life, enjoying the benefits of his good name, and the respect of the community at large. His second wife, Sarah, was born July 25, 1805, and died January 6, 1872. She was a good and faithful wife, a kind and indulgent mother, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

11. X. Elias Van Sickle, the sixth child of Peter and Catharine,

was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, August 8, 1787. In 1805 he removed with his father's family to Western New York. He was married in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, on the 25th of November, 1809, to *Hannah*, sister to Sarah, Andrew Van Sickle's wife, and daughter of Solomon Courtright,* of Sussex County, New Jersey, by whom he had fifteen children; I. Isaac, born Oct. 29, 1810; II. Maria, born Oct. 27, 1811, who died Nov. 22, 1813; III. Marcus, born Feb. 14, 1813; IV. William, born Jan. 5, 1815; Elizabeth, born May 28, 1816; VI. Orrin, born May 5, 1818; VII. Nelson, born Nov. 22, 1819; VIII. Ira, born Feb. 25, 1821; IX. Lucinda, born Feb. 15, 1823; X. Catharine, born Nov. 27, 1824; XI. Adaline, born March 24, 1826; XII. Electa, born Nov. 24, 1827; XIII. Phoebe Ann, born July 12, 1831; XIV. Hannah, born March 16, 1833; and XV. Sarah Jane, born Feb. 27, 1836. In the autumn of 1817 he removed to Southern Ohio, and settled in Gallia County. In 1828 he removed to Central Ohio, and settled in Delaware County (Porter Township). About the year 1853, he removed to Huron County, Ohio. Though a farmer, he also carried on the business of blacksmithing. He died in Delaware County, Ohio, on the 12th of April, 1861, in the 74th year of his age. His children's richest inheritance was their father's good name. His wife, Hannah, was born in the State of New Jersey on the 17th of April, 1791, and is now (1880) living.

12. XI. **Peter Van Sickle**, the seventh child and youngest son of Peter and Catharine, was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, on the 8th of September, 1792. In 1805 he was taken by his parents to Western New York. He was married in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, in May, 1813, to *Lydia Deyo*, daughter of Polly and Elias Deyo, of Vermont, by whom he had seven children—one

***Solomon Courtright**, was born in the State of New Jersey in the year 1749. He served as a private in the Revolutionary War. During the progress of the Revolutionary War when the British troops invaded New Jersey, great consternation seized the inhabitants as the sharp crack of musketry and the roaring of cannon were heard, the family of Solomon Courtright fled from their home and hid in the under-brush to escape from the British soldiers. About the year 1774, he married *Hannah Ayers*, of New Jersey, by whom he had ten children—three sons and seven daughters—all of whom lived to rear families. He died in 1844, in the 95th year of his age, and was buried in Peru Township, Huron County, Ohio. At about the age of 85, two of his sons and one daughter (Sarah, Andrew Van Sickle's wife) died leaving one son and six daughters living in the year 1861. On the 16th of June, 1861, they all met together and visited their father's grave for the last time for some of them, and perhaps for all. The names of his children, then living, together with their ages and residences, are as follows:—Catharine Davenport, 75 years old, Wood County, Ohio; Elizabeth Eastman, 72 years old, Wisconsin; Hannah Van Sickle, 70 years old, Delaware County, Ohio; William Courtright, 68 years old, New Jersey; Osey Stephens, 66 years old, Fulton County, Ohio; Rachel Covert, 65 years old, Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio; Phoebe Stephens, 61 years old, Delaware County, Ohio. "The following is the number of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, belonging to each of the daughters now (1861) living:—Catharine Davenport, 10 children, 89 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren; Elizabeth Eastman, 10 children, 50 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren; Hannah Van Sickle, 12 children, 48 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; Rachel Covert, 10 children, 38 grandchildren; Osey Stephens, 7 children, 31 grandchildren; Phoebe Stephens, 13 children, 27 grandchildren; being a total of 63 children, 234 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren—whole number, 321. The above sisters have been separated from each other upwards of forty years, during which time they suffered hardships and privations, such as none but the oldest pioneers know any thing about; and now (1861) they look as healthy and rugged as any old people found in the country. The above facts have not their parallel, probably, in Northern Ohio."—O. G. Smith.

son and six daughters; I. Clarissa; II. Susan, who died young; III. Emily; IV. Deidamia; V. Delia, who died young; VI. Celia, born about 1833, who died about 1842; and VII. John Waddell; all of whom, except Clarissa, were born in Green Township, Gallia County, Ohio. In the autumn of 1817 he emigrated from Western New York to Southern Ohio, and settled among the hills in Gallia County (Green Township), where he purchased a small farm (paying at the rate of \$1.50 per acre), on which he did the work of a pioneer. Though a farmer by occupation, he sometimes worked at the business of a cooper; also at shoemaking. He was fond of hunting and fishing, and was very successful, both in catching fish and shooting game. He was a good violinist, and handled his bow with a peculiar motion. He frequently played for dancing parties. He had good natural abilities, but was uneducated. He was strictly honest in everything, as is shown by the following anecdotes, told by one of the early settlers (John Waddell*).

When the country was new, he, with others, was employed in constructing a bridge across a stream; and as it was some distance from the settlement, they camped out. After working some time on the bridge, their supply of meat gave out; and some of the men killed a hog which belonged to William Null (one of the early settlers), brought it into camp, and dressed it. He (Peter Van Sickle) would neither eat of the meat, nor grease his moccasins with the lard. This was testified to in court afterward by one of the men employed on the bridge. At another time he and another man were sent by Mr. John Waddell to his corn-crib to measure out corn for themselves. The other man shook the basket in which they measured the corn, in order to get fuller measure. He (Peter Van Sickle) told Mr. Wad-

***John Waddell** was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, on the 13th day of October, 1799, and was taken by his father to Ohio in 1815. He was the oldest of his father's family. He was married at the age of 25 (in Gallia County, Ohio) to Lucinda Martin, daughter of Judge Robert Armstrong, of Gallia County, Ohio, by whom he had six children—one son and five daughters; I. *Robert Armstrong*, who died in childhood; II. *Sarah Jane*, who married William Womeldorf; III. *Mary Catharine*, who died in infancy; IV. *Nancy Elizabeth*, who married P. P. Roach; V. *Lydia Susan*, who married R. A. Hay; and VI. *Lucinda Armstrong*, who married Robert McLeod. He was a man of great energy and force of character, and during a long life of industry and frugality had made for himself and his children comfortable homes. He was highly esteemed and respected by a large circle of friends. He did everything in his power to make home pleasant and his family happy. He celebrated his golden wedding on the 4th of November, 1874. Upon this memorable occasion he had four children (daughters), sixteen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren living, all of whom were present except two. On the 18th of January, the following year (1875), he died at his residence in Green Township, Gallia County, Ohio. His father, James Waddell, was born in Bath (now Pocahontas) County, Virginia, in the year 1774. He removed to Ohio, in the year 1815, and settled in Gallia County, where he resided until his death, which occurred on the 24th of December, 1848. His (John's) grandfather, Alexander Waddell, was born in the city of Glasgow, Scotland, about the year 1732, and emigrated to America about 1770, landing at Jamestown, Virginia. He fought under Colonel Andrew Lewis at the battle of Point Pleasant, Oct. 10, 1774, and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He first settled in Virginia, but in 1820 removed to Ohio, and settled in Gallia County, Green Township, where he resided until his death, which occurred on the 6th of September, 1834, at the great age of 102 years. In the year 1874 he had 403 descendants. The Waddells, like the Van Sickle, are a sturdy race, and furnish instances of unusual longevity. The Waddell Family is of great antiquity, descended from the early inhabitants of Scotland. The family has furnished many noted persons. In Scotland, where it originated, it comprises a considerable part of the population, and has also become largely represented in America. The original grant of the Coat of Arms, bears date of May 3, 1627.

dell not to trust that man, for he shook every half-bushel. These anecdotes illustrate his strict integrity.

In the autumn of 1846, he left his family and went to Central Ohio on a visit to his relatives, where he remained two years, then went back to Southern Ohio, and returning to Central Ohio, brought with him his son and his daughter Emily, leaving the remainder of his family on the farm. After his daughter Emily was married he made his home with her; and after a lingering sickness he died in Lincoln Township, Morrow County, Ohio, on the 28th of January, 1869, in the 77th year of his age, and was buried in the burying-ground at Woodbury, Peru Township, Morrow County, Ohio.

His wife, Lydia (who was also of Dutch descent), was born in Cayuga County, New York, March, 1796, or June 21, 1796. She was a woman of more than ordinary intellect, but enjoyed only the advantages of an education common to the times and the country. She was a great friend to the poor, and never turned them away empty-handed. She always regretted having left "York State." During the latter years of her life her mental faculties were impaired, in consequence of failing health, and the injurious effects of trials and disappointments upon a nature like hers—ambitious, sensitive, and altogether undisciplined by contact with the world. She died suddenly on the 2nd of February, 1877, in the 81st year of her age, and was buried in the old Questel burying-ground, on the banks of Raccoon Creek, in Green Township, Gallia County, Ohio.

13. XII. Catharine Van Sickle, the eighth and youngest child and daughter of Peter and Catharine, was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, April 20, 1795. In 1805 she was taken by her parents to Western New York. She was married in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, on the 31st of October, 1815, to *Ira Finch*, farmer, son of Seely Finch, by whom she had eight children; I. Deborah Ann; II. Seely; III. Jackson; IV. Peter; V. Margaret Catharine; VI. Phillip; VII. Permelia Olive; and VIII. Martha Jane; all of whom lived to have families.* In the autumn of 1817, she, in company with her father and

*I. **Deborah Ann Finch**, the first child and oldest daughter of Ira and Catharine, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, July 21, 1816. She was married in Delaware County, Ohio, April 20, 1837, to JOSEPH KEEN, Esq., son of Joseph Keen, by whom she had four children—one son and three daughters; I. *Mary*, born April 1, 1838, who was twice married—first (May 15, 1856) to *Frederick Dague*, son of John Dague (by whom she had one child, Edith Evadena, born July 20, 1857), and second (Sept. 23, 1866), to *Jackson Page* (by whom she had four children—Sarah Ann, born July 21, 1867; Kate May, born Oct. 4, 1870; George William, born Sept. 27, 1872; and Fannie Permelia, born July 20, 1874); II. *Kate*, born May 15, 1840, who was twice married—first to John Cobb, and second to Sylvester Heverlo—(4 children); III. *Fannie*, born Oct. 1, 1842, who married John Brubaker (4 children); and IV. *Alex*, born Jan. 9, 1845, who married Ellen Sevy (3 children). In the spring of 1857 they removed from Ohio to Michigan, and settled in Clinton County, where her husband, Joseph Keen (who was born Aug. 17, 1800), died Jan. 31, 1877. He was a man of more than ordinary intellect, and was highly esteemed by the community in which he lived. His widow now (1880) lives near Eureka, Clinton Co., Mich.

mother, emigrated to Southern Ohio, and settled in Gallia County. In the autumn of 1823, with her family, her father and mother, and her niece, Catharine (Abraham Van Sickle's daughter), removed to Central Ohio, and settled in Delaware County. In the spring of 1853, she with her family, in company with Cornelius Van Sickle and family, removed to the State of Michigan, and settled in Clinton County, Duplain Township, where her husband Ira Finch (who was born in 1787), died June 26, 1853, at the age of 66. Nearly all her days have been spent amidst the hardships of pioneer life. She was energetic and high-spirited. Ambitious for her children, she bent all her energies towards forwarding their interests, to give them a liberal education, and the benefits of re-

II. Seely Finch, the second child and oldest son of Ira and Catharine, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, January 29, 1819. He was married at Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, November 25, 1847, to *Maria W.*, daughter of Joseph Provost, a Frenchman of Montreal, Canada, by whom he had five children; I. *Ira Allen*, born Oct 15, 1848, who married Ardell Eddy; II. *Phillip Oscar*, born Nov. 14, 1849, who married Hattie Schoonmaker; III. *Mary Evadna*, born Nov. 11, 1851, who married Herbert Mecumber. (by whom she had one child, a daughter, Maud, born April 10, 1874); IV. *Kate Florence*, born Dec. 9, 1853; and V. *Charles Eddy*, born Oct. 29, 1858. His wife, Mary W., was born in Xenia, Ohio, March 2, 1829. They removed to Michigan in 1854, and back to Xenia in 1857, and thence to Michigan in the autumn of 1866, and settled in Clinton County, where Mr. Finch died July 1, 1868. His death was a tragedy. He was employed in the saw-mill of Sickles & Fox, and was engaged in "jointing" a circular saw, when from some unknown cause the saw was set in motion, and before help came, he was caught and torn in a shocking manner. His right arm was lacerated from the shoulder to the hand and broken in one or two places; while his left leg was crushed and mangled, and nearly separated from his body. The accident occurred about nine o'clock in the forenoon, and he died about six o'clock in the evening of the same day. "The history of this good and clever man, is a short one, but it is a pleasant thought to dwell upon, that although in moderate circumstances, he enjoyed married life with as much happiness as usually falls to human lot." He was a kind and affectionate husband, an indulgent father, a good neighbor, and a worthy citizen. This sad and fatal accident was an overwhelming calamity to his wife and children. She was left with a family of five children whom she supported by hard work and good management. His widow has since married again, and now (1880) lives at Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan.

III. Jackson Finch, the third child of Ira and Catharine, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, October 7, 1822. He was married in Delaware County, Ohio, to *Harriet*, daughter of Solomon Courtright, by whom he had two children; I. a daughter, Mahala, born about 1844, who died in 1846; II. a son, Jackson, born Oct. 7, 1848, who married Adda ——. He died February 14, 1848, eight months before his son was born. His widow next married George Smith. They removed to Illinois, and thence to Iowa, where Mr. Smith died. She now (1880) lives in Lucas County, Iowa.

IV. Peter Finch, the fourth child of Ira and Catharine, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, May 15, 1825. He was married in Morrow County, Ohio, January 21, 1847, to *Mary Ann*, daughter of Francis C. Olmsted, by whom he had seven children; I. *Abigail Amelia*, born Oct. 30, 1847, who married Boise Woolly, farmer (by whom she had one son); II. *Amasa*, born April 7, 1849, who died May 8, 1850; III. *Rose Altha*, born April 2, 1851, who married (on her 20th birthday) Samuel E. Gillam, M. D.; IV. *Ira*, born Feb. 1, 1853, who died Oct. 13, 1873; V. *Irwin*, born March 20, 1855, who married Mary Ellen Downey (by whom he had one daughter); VI. *Elizabeth*, born Sept. 23, 1858; and VII. *George Washington*, born Feb. 22, 1862, who died about March 22, 1862. In the autumn of 1851, he removed to Michigan, and settled in Clinton County, where he died February

fined society. She is a lady of good personal appearance; about the average height, and well proportioned, with dark hair and eyes, of refined ideas, ambitious and enterprising, and well calculated to be a leader in society. She maintains a high social standing, but her manners are simple and unassuming. Had she been educated she would have been an ornament to society, but as it is her life has been a success; her children and grandchildren move in the best society, and are highly respected. She was ever a virtuous and affectionate wife, a kind and indulgent mother, esteemed by all who knew her, and especially by her children and grandchildren. She is now (1880) living at the age of 85, enjoying the possession of her physical and mental faculties.

13, 1863. His wife, Mary Ann (who was born Jan. 28, 1824), next married (July 29, 1866) Charles Teets, by whom she had one daughter, Mary Cornelia, born May 28, 1867. Her husband, Charles Teets, was born Feb. 9, 1811, and died Dec. 19, 1877. His widow now (1880) resides at Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan.

V. Margaret Catharine Finch, the fifth child of Ira and Catharine, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, February 10, 1828. She was married in Morrow County, Ohio, May 15, 1856, to *Joseph Craven*, son of Thomas Craven, by whom she had an only daughter, Josephine, born Feb. 23, 1857, who married (Jan. 8, 1879) James H. Travis, M. D. In the spring of 1853, they removed to Michigan, and settled in Clinton County, where Mr. Craven (who was born in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, January 25, 1819) died May 13, 1857. His widow and daughter now (1880) reside at Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan.

VI. Philip Finch, the sixth child of Ira and Catharine, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, April 18, 1830. In the spring of 1853, he, in company with his father's family, removed to Michigan, where he did the work of a pioneer. He was married in Clinton County, Michigan, September 30, 1860, to *Harriet*, daughter of Albert Crow, by whom he had three children; I. Milton, born Aug. 31, 1861; II. Flora Catharine, born March 4, 1864; and III. Ann Adelia, born Aug. 6, 1872. His wife, Harriet, was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1838. In his younger days he was a good violinist. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his farm in Duplain Township, Clinton County, Michigan. P. O., Elsie.

VII. Permelia Olive Finch, the seventh child of Ira and Catharine, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, August 31, 1832; and was married in the same county, on the 17th of April, 1853, to *John S. Blayney*, farmer, son of George Blayney, by whom she had an only son, Jasper Nelson, born Nov. 27, 1854. Her husband, John S. Blayney (who was born in Licking County, Ohio), is a man of more than ordinary intellect, and holds a good place in the estimation of the public. In the spring of 1856, they removed to the State of Michigan, and settled on their farm in Clinton County, Duplain Township, where they now (1880) reside. P. O., Elsie.

VIII. Martha Jane Finch, the eighth and youngest child and daughter of Ira and Catharine, was born in the village of Pagetown, Delaware (now Morrow) County, Ohio, December 11, 1835. In the spring of 1853, she removed with her father's family to the State of Michigan, Clinton County, where she was twice married; first, on her 25th birthday (Dec. 11, 1860) to *Isaac H. Craven*, brother to Joseph, Margaret's husband, and son of Thomas Craven, by whom she had one child, a son, Isaac Robert, born Jan. 29, 1862. Her husband, Isaac H. Craven (who was born March 16, 1827), died June 6, 1862. She next married (April 11, 1866) *Aaron Sickles*, son of John Sickles, by whom she had three children; Katie Ann, born March 8, 1867; Nelson Isbell Grant, born Nov. 13, 1870; and Mattie Irene, born Feb. 22, 1875. Her husband, Aaron Sickles, was born in Wayne County, New York, October 2, 1817. He is a good business man. He was elected a member of the Michigan Legislature in 1869. They now (1880) reside in Duplain Township, Clinton County, Michigan. P. O., Elsie.

Fourth Generation.

14. XIII. Catharine Van Sickle, the first child of Rachel (Caykendall) and Abraham, was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, in the year 1804. About the year 1811, she was taken by her parents to Western New York, thence, in the autumn of 1817, by her grandparents, to Southern Ohio, and from thence, in the autumn of 1823, by her aunt Catharine Finch's family, to Central Ohio. She was married in Delaware County, Ohio, about the year 1824, to *Amos Rodgers*, by whom she had an only son, Chauncy, born about the year 1825. She died about the year 1827, at the early age of 23. Her son, Chauncy, is said to have married, and removed to the State of Iowa.

15. XIV. Peter Van Sickle, the second child and oldest son of Abraham and Rachel, was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, February 28, 1806. About the year 1811, he was taken by his parents to Western New York, and from thence, in 1822, he went to Northern Ohio. He was married in Huron County, Ohio, January 15, 1829, to *Julia Ann*, daughter of Joseph N. Pickard, by whom he had nine children; I. Ann Amanda, born Oct. 18, 1829; II. Andrew B., born Nov. 10, 1831; III. Sarah, born Dec 16, 1833; IV. Selah, born Jan. 30, 1836, who died Jan. 30, 1846; V. Jane Ann, born March 20, 1838; VI. John M., born Jan. 30, 1840; VII. Julia P., born April 15, 1843; VIII. Harriet P., born April 1, 1846, who never married; and IX. Maria Caroline, born March 14, 1848, who died Feb. 8, 1851. His wife, Julia Ann, was born in Cayuga County, New York, January 10, 1810, and removed with her parents to Ohio in 1820. He is a farmer by occupation. He is a man of truth and veracity; his note is considered as good as money in bank, and his word can be relied upon under all circumstances; while among business men he has an untarnished reputation. He removed to the State of Illinois in 1839, and settled in Stephenson County (before the county was surveyed), where he now (1880) resides. P. O., Lena.

16. XV. Elizabeth Van Sickle, the third child of Abraham and Rachel, was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, January 15, 1809, and about the year 1811 she was taken by her parents to Western New York where she was married, about the year 1837, to *Solomon Hoftaling*. She died without issue, October 10, 1841 or November 5, 1841, the same day that her mother died; and they were buried in the same grave.

17. XVI. Noah Van Sickle, the fourth child of Abraham and Rachel, was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, January 22, 1811, and about the same year was taken by his parents to Western New York. He was married in Tompkins County, New York, October 13, 1841, to *Mary*, daughter of Marcus Stevens, of the same place, by whom he had six children; I. Janette, born March 1, 1844; II. John, born Nov. 3, 1847; III. Peter, born April 9, 1850, who died at City Point, Virginia, Feb. —, 1865, in the cause of his country; IV. Philander, born June 13, 1852; V. Seymour, born June 5, 1854; and VI. Elias, born Feb. 8,

1861. In the spring of 1860, he removed to Pennsylvania, and settled in Potter County, where he now (1880) resides. He is a farmer by occupation, and lives on his own farm near Harrison Valley.

18. XVII. Abraham Van Sickle, the fifth child of Abraham and Rachel, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, March 1, 1812. He was married in Huron County, Ohio, January 15, 1838, to *Louisa*, daughter of Weed Stevens, of the same place, by whom he had six children; I. Peter, born Oct. 7, 1838; II. an infant son, born in the month of February, about the year 1840, who lived only a few hours; III. Mary Ann, born Feb. 18, 1842; IV. Charles Henry, born July 23, 1844, who died in infancy; V. Albert, born August 8, 1857, who died Nov. 18, 1858; and VI. Abraham Lincoln, born July 14, 1860, who is the only child now (1880) living. His wife, Louisa, was born in the State of Connecticut, July 17, 1819. She is a lady of good natural abilities. He is a farmer by occupation. In the spring of 1853, he removed to the State of Michigan, and settled on a farm in Eaton County. In 1876 he sold his farm, and purchased a nice property in the village of Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan, where he now (1880) resides.

19. XVIII. Margaret Van Sickle, the sixth child of Abraham and Rachel, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, March 7, 1815, and was married in the same county on the 16th of February, 1836, to *John W. Worden*, cooper, son of Deborah (Burch) and Joseph Worden, by whom she had five children; Mary Elizabeth, born — 31, 1837, who married (March 10, 1857) Solomon Chapman; Leroy B., born April 14, 1841, who married (Jan. 11, 1862) Sarah Jane Worden—a third cousin; Ebenezer D., born Aug. 4, 1842, who married (Sept. 12, 1867) Minerva Cooper; Rachel A., born Nov. 29, 1844, who married (Aug. 6, 1863) Daniel Worden—a second cousin—and died May 7, 1878; and Charles A., born July 14, 1848, who died Jan. 30, 1849. Her sons, Leroy B. and Ebenezer D., were in the army of the Potomac during the late civil war; they were both wounded, and now (1880) draw pensions from the Government. Her husband, John W. Worden, was born in Wilkesbarre, Luzerne Co., Pa., March 26, 1815, and died in Tompkins Co., N. Y., Jan. 10, 1867. She now (1880) resides at No. 25 South Plain St., Ithaca, Tompkins County, New York.

20. XIX. Sarah Ann Van Sickle, the seventh child of Abraham and Rachel, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, about the year 1817, and was married in the same county to *George Higley*, farmer, son of Timothy Higley, by whom she had ten children; namely, Mary, Hannah, Maria, Darius, Charles, George, Delilah, Diana, John, and Emery. They removed to Huron County, Ohio, and from thence to Hillsdale County, Michigan, where they now (1880) live on their farm. P. O., Cambria Mills.

21. XX. George Van Sickle, the eighth child of Abraham and Rachel, was born in Tompkins County, New York, Oct. —, 1820.

He was married in Huron County, Ohio, to *Angeline*, daughter of Andrew Robinson, by whom he had six children; I. Marcus, born about 1841; II. Henry; III. Catharine, who died young; IV. Alfred; V. Lyman; and VI. Josephine. He has separated from his wife, and now (1880) resides in New London, Huron County, Ohio.

22. XXI. Selah Van Sickle, the ninth child of Abraham and Rachel, was born in Tompkins County, New York, on New Year's day, 1822. He was married at Ithaca, New York, March 15, 1847, to *Sarah M.*, daughter of Mary (Wicks) and James Olivett, of Sharon, Connecticut, by whom he had eight children; I. John James, born March 25, 1848; II. Margaret Ann, born Jan. 7, 1850; III. George, born Jan. 7, 1853, who died July 8, 1853; IV. Charles W., born July 4, 1854; V. Frances M., born Sept. 10, 1856; VI. Augusta, born Aug. 21, 1860, who died Nov. 21, 1863; VII. Josephine, born Jan. 10, 1863, who died Nov. 10, 1863; and VIII. Bennie A., born Feb. 3, 1866. His wife, Sarah M., was born in Columbia County, New York, May 7, 1821. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) resides at Dryden, Tompkins County, New York.

24. XXII. Richard Henry Van Sickle, the eleventh child of Abraham and Rachel, was born in Tompkins County, New York, June 14, 1827. He served about one year in the late civil war, (in Company G, 42nd Regiment, 2nd Division Illinois Volunteer Infantry) being enrolled on the 30th of September, 1864, and receiving an honorable discharge at Nashville, Tennessee, June 14, 1865. He was married in Lena, Stephenson County, Illinois, September 25, 1866, to *Louisa*, daughter of Martin Murphy of the same place, by whom he had four children; I. Fred. Martin, born Oct. 9, 1867; II. John Wilber, born Dec. 5, 1873, who died Sept. 26, 1875; III. George, born Sept. 29, 1875; and IV. Charles, born Aug. 22, 1878. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his own farm near Lena, Stephenson County, Illinois.

25. XXIII. Julia Ann Van Sickle, the twelfth child of Abraham and the first child of his second wife, Elizabeth, (Paine) was born in Tompkins County, New York, October 15, 1844. She married (Dec. 6, 1873) *Jonathan Bonney*, son of Peter Bonney. By another account, she is said to have married *Peter Dennis*, son of Margaret (Van Sickle) and Christopher Dennis. She now (1880) resides in Tompkins County, New York.

26. XXIV. Charles Van Sickle, the thirteenth child of Abraham and the second child by his second wife, Elizabeth, and youngest child of both, was born in Tompkins County, New York, February 24, 1846. He was married in Jo Daviess County, Wisconsin, November 21, 1867, to *Anna*, sister to Louisa, Richard Henry Van Sickle's wife, and daughter of Martin Murphy of Lena, Stephenson County, Illinois, by whom he had four children; I. Martin Edward, born Aug. 25, 1868; II. James J., born March 19, 1871; III. Charles Irvin, born

March 3, 1875; and IV. Mary Emma, born Oct. 11, 1877. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his own farm near Lena, Stephenson County, Illinois.

28. XXV. Thomas Van Sickle, the second child of Sarah (Court-right) and Andrew, was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, May 10, 1803. About the year 1805, he was taken by his parents to Western New York; thence, in the autumn of 1817, to Southern Ohio (Gallia County), and from thence to Indiana, where he is said to have been a trader with the Indians for several years. It is said that he could speak the Indian language with fluency, while the habit of speaking that language embarrassed him in the use of the English. He returned to Gallia County, Ohio, where he was married on the 4th of December, 1828, to *Miss Barbara Wigner*, by whom he had three children; all of whom are deceased. He is said to have married a second wife. He was a very stout muscular man. He removed to Iowa, and settled in Chickasaw County, where he resided until his death, which occurred on the 7th of March, 1874, or 1877.

29. XXVI. Jacob Van Sickle, the third child of Andrew and Sarah, was born on the Mohawk River, January 3, 1805. He was married in Clayton County, Iowa, on the 20th of September, 1855, to *Mrs. Mary Eastman*, widow of Peter Eastman. No children. He died at Girard, Clayton County, Iowa, Oct. 15, 1869, or 1873.

30. XXVII. Martin D. Van Sickle, the fourth child of Andrew and Sarah, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, December 10, 1806. He was married in Clayton County, Iowa, January 11, 1837, to *Marilla*, daughter of Peter and Mary Eastman, from Huron County, Ohio, by whom he had six children—three sons and three daughters; all of whom are deceased. His youngest son died in the late civil war. His wife is also deceased. He was for some time employed as an interpreter, being well versed in Indian dialects. His present residence is not known.

31. XXVIII. Hannah E. Van Sickle, the fifth child and oldest daughter of Andrew and Sarah, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, September 12, 1808, or August 28, 1807. She was married at White Oak Springs, Iowa County, Illinois, October 1, 1828, to *Peter Fitzgerald*, by whom she had nine children—four sons and five daughters. Her husband, Peter Fitzgerald, died at Lancaster, Wisconsin, July 8, 1859. She died on the first day of January, 1877 or 1878.

32. XXIX. Eliza Van Sickle, the sixth child of Andrew and Sarah, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, April 14, 1810. She was married at Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, on the 10th of October, 18—, to *Alexander Simpson*, by whom she had several children. Nothing more is known of their history.

33. XXX. Almira Van Sickle, the seventh child of Andrew and Sarah, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, June

8, 1812. She married a Frenchman by the name of *De Breda*, a well-educated man, by whom she had a large family of children. Her husband is deceased. Nothing more is known of their history.

35. XXXI. Sergeant DeWitt Clinton Van Sickle, the ninth child of Andrew and Sarah, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, March 16, 1816. In the autumn of 1817, he was taken by his parents to Southern Ohio (Gallia County), thence, about the year 1820, to Vermillion County, Indiana, and from thence, in the autumn of 1827, he went to the lead mines in Jo Daviess County, Illinois (the present site of Galena), where he went to mining, and was successful; after remaining there awhile, he sold out and went to the lead mines in Iowa (the present site of Dubuque), where he also found the mining business profitable, but was soon driven away by hostile Indians. He served as second Sergeant in the Black Hawk War* of 1832, in which he was wounded, and narrowly escaped death by having his horse shot under him. At the close of the war he went to Muscoda, Wisconsin, where he, with others, built a furnace for smelting lead ore; from thence he went to Clayton County, Iowa (which was then in possession of the Indians), where he kept an Indian trading-house, spending much time also in his favorite pastime—hunting wild beasts, which then roamed the forests in hordes. He and his youngest brother, Moses E. Van Sickle, were great hunters, and have been known to kill eight bears in a cave in one day. It is said that even the Indians were not better hunters than they; for they knew no fear, and killed all the game that came in their way; such as foxes, wolves, deer, elk, bears, wild-cats, panthers, etc. In one day they killed twelve deer. In some of his hunting excursions he would find “bee-trees,” from which he would obtain a barrel of honey in one season; and he remarks that “bear-meat and wild honey will make the hunter strong.” He was twice married; both times in Clayton County, Iowa; first, on the 8th of February, 1836, to *Sarah*, daughter of James Bonnell, of Tippecanoe, Indiana, by whom he had eleven children; I. and II. John Sidney and Ira Finch (who died May 10, 1843), twins, born Oct. 17, 1837; III. and IV. Sarah and Elizabeth, twins, born Sept. 18, 1839; (son and daughter—twins—born dead Oct. 10, 1840); V. Lora Jane, born June 12, 1842 (deceased); VI. Ann Drusilla, born June 8, 1844; VII. Lydia Mahala, born Oct. 11, 1846; VIII. Andrew M., born Dec. 27, 1851; IX. DeWitt Clinton, born March 8, 1853; X. Hannah A., born July 15, 1855; and XI. Douglas, born

* **Black Hawk's War.**—Black Hawk was a chief of the Sacs and Foxes, who refused to leave his hunting-grounds on the Mississippi, though they had been bought by the United States some years before. The militia of Illinois were called out to protect the settlers who had purchased these lands, and Black Hawk retreated into what is now Iowa. In the spring of 1832, however, he re-crossed the Mississippi; and his followers, separating into squads, ravaged the whole Rock River country. Gen. Scott was sent against them; but at Chicago, the cholera, then epidemic and very fatal in the United States, broke out among his troops, and he was unable to reach the scene of action. The Indians, however, were driven north to the Wisconsin River, defeated in two battles, and removed to a reservation near the present capital [Des Moines] of Iowa. Thither also in time went Black Hawk, who had been captured, and was convinced by a visit to the Eastern cities that resistance to the pale-faces was hopeless.
—*Quackenbos's American History.*

June 1, 1857, who died young. His wife, Sarah, died at McGregor, Clayton County, Iowa, July 3, 1862. He next married (Feb. 9, 1863) Mrs. Emma C., widow of Peter Cameron, sister to Marilla (Martin Van Sickle's wife), and daughter of Mary (Coleman) and Peter Eastman, of Huron County, Ohio, by whom he had one son, Sherman C., born April 10, 1866, who died Aug. 20, 1868. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his own farm near Elkader, Clayton County, Iowa, sixteen miles from the Mississippi river, where he is accustomed nearly every fall and spring to go hunting and fishing. He and his wife, Emma C., have received many premiums and diplomas at the Iowa State Fair from time to time, for agricultural products, such as corn and native wines; also for various kinds of fancy work. As he looks back for more than forty years over the hardships, dangers and triumphs of pioneer life, he seems almost to regret that those boundless prairies are all fenced in, and the plentiful game and native Red Men are hardly to be found.

His second wife, Emma C. Eastman, was born in Huron County, Ohio, April 24, 1823. She married (March 23, 1846) Peter Cameron, of Oneida County, New York, and removed to La Crosse, Wisconsin, where they kept an Indian trading-house for seven years, when her husband died. In 1855 she removed to Elkader, Clayton County, Iowa, where she was married to her present husband. Of a romantic and poetic disposition, she is also possessed of great versatility and endurance. During her residence among the Indians, she saw no whites, except her husband and a few other traders, and learned the Indian dialect and customs. From the Indians she also learned the names and uses of many medicinal herbs and roots of the forest, as well as their nativity and appearance. She has traveled extensively, and speaks the French language passably well. Upon one occasion she swam across the Mississippi River, and at another time she shot and killed a deer. Among other events of her eventful life, she was present at the marriage of Jefferson Davis to Zachary Taylor's daughter. At one time she was one hundred miles from neighbors, and three days without food. Her grandfather, Charles Eastman, was born in Dryden, New York. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and lived to be 107 years old. Her father, Peter Eastman, died in Clayton County, Iowa, January 12, 1854.

THE BLESSING ABOVE ALL OTHERS.

BY EMMA CAMERON VAN SICKLE.

Who shall tell the worth of Health?
Who can rightly prize the blessing
Better than the untold wealth
All the miser's soul possessing;
Wealth will bring its weight of care;
Doubts and dangers are its share,
On the weary spirit pressing.

Health—it is a priceless boon—
Nothing its delight can measure;
Let it be denied—how soon
Man will tire of toil and pleasure—
Health alone can give them zest;
'Tis itself the greatest treasure;
All without it are unblest.

Look at him who toils for fame,
'Ere it comes his head is hoary;
Though in future years his name
Bright may gild his country's story,
Yet when all his toils are o'er,
Health and peace he knows no more—
Vain for him is all his glory.

A COUNTRY HOME FOR ME.

BY EMMA CAMERON VAN SICKLE.

I do not ask that city spires
May round my mansion rise;
But that my home may be where trees
Are pointing to the skies;
Where flows the silvery mountain rill
With sweet and merry sound,
And echoes from the hunter's gun
Shall through the woods resound.

I cannot like the city pomp,
Its fashions and its pride;
I'd rather dwell within a cot
Upon the mountain side;
Where blooms the early tulip tree,
The eglantine and rose;
And where beside the rivulet
The fragrant violet grows.

I would not give my mountain home,
Its happiness and health,
For all the city's palaces,
Its pleasures and its wealth;
I love to breathe the mountain air,
Arid roam where all is free;
Let others choose a city life,
But a country home for me!

36. XXXII. Lieutenant Moses E. Van Sickle, the tenth child of Andrew and Sarah, was born in Tioga County, New York, July 6, 1815. He was three times married; first, at Lancaster, Wisconsin, Nov. 11, 1838, to *Emma C.*, sister to Marilla (Martin Van Sickle's wife), and daughter of Mary (Coleman) and Peter Eastman, of Huron Co., Ohio, from whom he was divorced about two years after. He next married *Isabelle Evans*, from whom he also separated in a short time. He next married (in Clayton Co., Iowa, Dec. 25, 1850) *Eliza W.*, daughter of Henry Butcher, of Mecklenburg, Germany, by whom he had three children; I. John Henry, born Aug. 7, 1852, who married Hannah A. Van Sickle, the youngest daughter of DeWitt Clinton Van Sickle; II. Frederick Eugene, born June 15, 1857, who died July 10, 1857; and III. Eliza Magdalene, born Jan. 18, 1860, who is now (1880) a school-teacher. His third wife, *Eliza W.*, was born Sept. 19, 1832, and died Jan. 28, 1860. He has had an eventful life, having served in three wars; viz., the Black Hawk War of 1832, in which he served as Lieutenant; the Mexican War* of 1846, and the Rebellion of 1861, in which he served about three years in the 33rd Reg't, Wis. Volunteers, having also endured all the hardships and privations of pioneer life. After going to Iowa in 1834, he followed hunting for a livelihood, and being among the Indians a great deal, learned several languages, and was employed by the government as interpreter. He was a noted hunter, and one circumstance worthy of notice is that he went into a cave in the rocks, and shot nine black bears. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) resides at North McGregor, Clayton County, Iowa.

37. XXXIII. Sarah Ann Van Sickle, the eleventh child of Andrew and Sarah, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, February 4, 1818. She married *Walter James*. No further trace.

38. XXXIV Ursula Van Sickle, the twelfth child of Andrew and Sarah, was born in Vermillion County, Indiana, February 16, 1820. She married — *Wadsworth*. They now (1880) reside at Girard, Clayton County, Iowa.

39. XXXV. Ann Drusilla Van Sickle, the thirteenth and youngest child of Andrew and Sarah, was born in Vermillion County, Indiana,

* **Mexican War.**—Owing to a succession of revolutionary disturbances and civil wars, liberty brought few blessings to the Mexicans. The oppressive policy they pursued toward Texas, which was largely settled by American colonists, led to a revolution in that province, and the establishment of its independence in 1836. The annexation of Texas to the United States (1845), and the occupation of certain disputed territory by American troops, brought on a war between Mexico and the United States government in 1846. General Taylor, who was in command of a small force on the frontier, won the battles of Palo Alto [May 8, 1846] and Resaca de la Palma [May 9, 1846]; then crossing the Rio Grande, he stormed Monterey [Sept. 23, 1846], and at Buena Vista defeated the Mexican general, Santa Anna, at the head of an army three times the size of his own [Feb. 23, 1847]. The war thus gloriously begun was carried to a successful termination by General Winfield Scott (the veteran of Lundy's Lane), who after taking Vera Cruz [March 12, 1847], advanced into the interior, and fought his way to the capital, entering it in triumph (September 14, 1847). The Mexican authorities now consented to peace. By the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo they recognized the Rio Grande as the southern boundary of Texas, and for the sum of fifteen million dollars, relinquished to the United States New Mexico and California (February 2, 1848). It was in this year that the discovery of gold in California was made, and an unparalleled influx of emigrants to the Pacific coast began in consequence.—*Quackenbos's History of the World.*

August 19, 1822. She was twice married; first, in Jo Daviess County, Illinois, July 6, 1835, to Isham S. Harding, farmer, son of Isaac Harding, of Kentucky, by whom she had one son, Henry, born March 10, 1837, who was a soldier in the Union army, and died at Fort Snelling, Dec. 10, 1862. In 1836, they removed to Clayton County, Iowa, where her first husband, Isham S. Harding, died, and where she was next married (May 27, 1837) to *Edward G. Dickens*, farmer, son of John Dickens, by whom she had eleven children; William M., born March 26, 1839, who married (Nov. 22, 1864) Mary F. Baulear; Lucius N., born Jan. 8, 1841, who married (1st) (Dec. 16, 1866) Eunice E. Mead (who died March 22, 1877), and (2nd) Kate Clark, on the 18th of June, 1878; John W., born March 4, 1843, who married (Oct. —, 1872) Alice Luce; Moses E., born May 28, 1845, who married (April 15, 1872) Eveline Glover; Saphroni C., born Aug. 28, 1847, who married (Oct. 13, 1867) Lawrence Jennings; Charles C., born Dec. 12, 1849, who married (March 5, 1872) Lucinda Glover; Harriet E., born Feb. 29, 1852, who married (Dec. 10, 1872) Clarence A. Luce; Robert R., born Aug. 19, 1854, who married (Jan. —, 1872) Sarah Foote; Alice Josephine, born Feb. 16, 1857, who married (Nov. 14, 1877) William Lee; Mary J., born Oct. 31, 1859; and Lillian M., born Oct. 22, 1862. Her second husband, Edward G. Dickens, was born July 15, 1815. They now (1880) live on their farm in Alamakee Co., Iowa. P. O., North McGregor, Clayton County, Iowa.

40. XXXVI. Isaiah Van Sickle, the first child of Elizabeth (Rolson) and Cornelius, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, November 3, 1809. In the autumn of 1817, he was taken by his parents to Central Ohio. He was married in Delaware County, Ohio, January 21, 1835, to *Huldah*, daughter of Thomas Carney, by whom he had two children; I. a daughter, Eliza Jane, born April 25, 1836; and II. a son, Volney, born Feb. 13, 1838; both of whom were born in Delaware County, Ohio. His wife, Huldah, was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, March 6, 1816. In the autumn of 1846, he removed from Ohio to Indiana, and settled on a farm in Elkhart Co., where he resided until the Spring of 1873, when he removed to Minnesota, and settled on a farm in Houston County, where he lived until his death, which occurred July 12, 1876. He was a farmer by occupation. His property is still (1880) retained by his widow. Her P. O., address is Houston, Minnesota.

41. XXXVII. Selah Van Sickle, the second child of Cornelius and Elizabeth, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, N. Y., June 8, 1812. In the autumn of 1817, he was taken by his parents to Central Ohio. He was married in Delaware County, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1834, to *Mary*, daughter of Harlock Dunham, by whom he had ten children; I. Adolphus, born Dec. 6, 1835; II. Lucretia, born Feb. 26, 1839; III. George Washington, born Feb. 22, 1841; IV. Thomas Harlock, born June 2, 1843; V. Selah, born Sept. 16, 1845; VI.

Charles Cornelius, born Feb. 3, 1849, who died March 13, 1851; VII. Francis Edward, born Dec. 16, 1851; VIII. Arthur Henry, born May 3, 1854; IX. Frederick James, born April 13, 1858, and X. Clarence Edgerton, born March 31, 1860.

In the spring of the year 1845, he removed to Nauvoo—"the City of the Saints,"—Hancock County, Illinois. While there he painted a life-size portrait of Brigham Young, in an attitude selected by the subject, which he styled "Delivering the Law of the Lord;" and all who came to see the portrait, pronounced it life-like. He remained at Nauvoo City about one year, thence removed to Michigan, and settling at White Pigeon, St. Joseph County, and from thence, in 1851, to Delaware County, Ohio. While living there, he painted the Panorama of the Life of Christ, which was commenced in 1853, and completed in about one year; it was highly praised by all who saw it. In 1857 he spent seven months in Athens County, Ohio, at the then celebrated spiritual circle held at Jonathan Koon's rooms, where, under the supposed direction of the presiding spirit of the circle, he executed a work of art denominated an "Illustration of the Philosophy of Nature," or the Subdivision of the Celestial and Terrestrial elements and the mental conditions, divided into seven grand spheres with the God sphere, or the heaven of heavens, which he regards as the true Cabalistic Philosophy. In August of 1857, he removed to Morrow County, Ohio, and settled on a farm where he remained until the summer of 1863, when he removed to Michigan, and settled in Clinton County; thence, in 1866, to Lansing (Michigan); and in the autumn of the same year, he removed to Greenbush Township, Clinton County, Michigan, and settled on a farm near Eureka. In 1873 he removed to Marshall County, Iowa; and from thence, in 1876, back to Clinton County, Michigan, and settled on his farm near Eureka, where he now (1880) lives.

In regard to his religious belief, he may be considered a Pantheist. He has summed up his ideas of God as follows: "God, in his being is a monad, or indivisible substance; in his nature is duad, or male and female; and in his manifestations to us is a triad, or father, mother, and offspring; consequently man is the highest manifestation of God to man." The following will give some idea of his metaphysical mind:

How dare I think, and speak that thought
And tell the world my name?
And whence I am, and who my kinsmen are,
And what is my employment here?
A word, whose name I am, hath end
In neither cause; all space I fill;
I leap within my being, and no space is found.
My kinsmen fill myself, and all are one,
Who in Eternal acting cause can act;
This cause is Love; this love inspires
Through all the Universe, its sounding lyres;
It kindles sacrificial fires;

They burn obedient to controlling laws;
The seeming strife of incoherent matter
Is governed by a general cause.
In chaos long it acted
Before it sought the light;
Emerging out of darkness brought
This lesson to our craving minds;
That light and darkness are but names;
The world is occupied with shallow games;
But all subserves the mighty plan,
The harmony of Nature's God to Godlike
man.

He is a man of warm and generous feelings, and superior intellect; he is a natural orator, and had he received a collegiate education, might

have filled almost any office of Church, State, or Nation. He is a gifted artist; his portraits and other paintings are life-like, while his panorama of the life of Christ indicates talent and genius of a peculiar order, such as are rarely met with.

His wife, Mary, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, May 30, 1816. Her grandfather's and her great grandfather's name was Jonathan Dunham. The first Dunham who came from England was a Puritan and a Presbyterian minister. He purchased a large tract of land on Martha's Vineyard, where he went to church on horseback with his wife behind him. The Indians did not molest him, but let him pass; they said he was "a good man"—"me no shoot Dunham." The ancestors of the Dunham Family in America, were among the early settlers of the New England States.

42. XXXIX. Sarah K. Van Sickle, the third child and oldest daughter of Cornelius and Elizabeth, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, September 14, 1814. In the autumn of 1817, she was taken by her parents to Central Ohio. She was married in Delaware County, Ohio, on the 5th of January, 1840, to *Austin Beddow*, farmer, by whom she had two children; I. a son, Cornelius, born Oct. 24, 1840, who was killed at the battle of Chattanooga, Nov. 27, 1863; and II. a daughter, Mary, born June 21, 1849, who married (July 20, 1879) C. L. Keith. Her husband, Austin Beddow, was born in Virginia, May 9, 1814. She "is one of the largest of human beings," weighing over 300 pounds. About the year 1846, they removed to Michigan, and from thence, in 1852, to Massillon, Cedar County, Iowa, where they now (1880) live on their farm.

43. XL. Seymour Van Sickle, the fourth child of Cornelius and Elizabeth, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, January 8, 1817; and, in the autumn of the same year, he was taken by his parents to Central Ohio. He was married at White Pigeon, St. Joseph County, Michigan, September 8, 1849, to *Hannah*, daughter of William McGaffey, by whom he had seven children; I. Alice, born Jan. 29, 1851; II. Lemuel, born Nov. 25, 1852, who died in infancy; III. Loudisa, born May 23, 1854; IV. Emma Jane, born March 23, 1856; V. Seymour, born March 6, 1858, who died in infancy; VI. Mary E., born July 4, 1859, who is now a school-teacher; and VII. Frank, who died in infancy. About the year 1855 he removed to Indiana, and settled in La Grange County, where his wife, Hannah (who was born May 14, 1822), died June 27, 1861. He served as a private in the late civil war, and died (September 1, 1862) while in the service at Winchester, Virginia.

44. LXI. Levi H. Van Sickle, the fifth child of Cornelius and Elizabeth, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, August 15, 1819, and was married in the same county on the 12th of September, 1844, to *Sarah E.*, daughter of James Cave, of Virginia, by whom he had three children—all sons; I. Lester, born Aug. 14, 1845; II. Oscar, born April 19, 1847; and III. Jasper, born Jan. 22, 1849; all of whom were born in Delaware County, Ohio. In 1840 he went to Ogle County, Illinois, and while there followed the business of teaming to Chicago, when that place

was but a village, with the logs of the old fort still remaining. Returning to Ohio in 1844, he married and remained there seven years, thence removing to Cedar County, Iowa. He is a stock raiser and general farmer, and now (1880) lives on his own farm near Massillon.

In his religious belief he is a Universalist, having joined that church in 1859. His reasons for believing in the future life, as stated by himself, are as follows: Thought and intellect are ethereal and immortal; reasoning from analogy, as we cannot destroy a blade of grass, even. For the physical world there is a law of decomposition and change; but not of extinction. So, according to all evidence, the spirit must live forever; the change called *death*, is but the gate-way through which the spirit passes to a higher life. The demand for continued life is stronger than any other demand of human nature. As life is too short for us to perfect anything, its very incompleteness argues its continuance. The present life crowds us with duties and burdens; and at its close, leaves us exhausted; yet with thirsting souls, whose thirst will be quenched in the wisdom and love of Heaven's immortal clime.

"Lo! the humble flower that's lying
In your pathway, may contain
Some elixir, that the dying
Generations sought in vain."

45. XLII. Elizabeth Maria Van Sickle, the sixth child of Cornelius and Elizabeth, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, February 7, 1822, and was married in the same county on the 25th of December, 1848, to *Henry A. Smith*, farmer, son of Warren Smith, of Morrow County, Ohio. She had five children; I. Ethan Allen, born July 11, 1849; II. Olive Caroline, born Jan. 19, 1852; III. Evaline, born Sept. 28, 1853, who is now (1880) a school teacher; IV. Henry Ames, born Nov. 27, 1855; and V. Elizabeth Maria, born Jan. 28, 1860.

Her husband, Henry A. Smith, was born in Rutland Co., Vermont, June 21, 1825. His early life, like that of many of the Green Mountain boys, was spent in poverty and toil. At an early age he removed with his father to Morrow Co., O., which being then a new country, afforded few advantages for education. At the age of 23 he was married, and the following year (1849) removed with his wife and infant son, to the wilds of Michigan, and settled in Clinton County north of Rochester Colony, when there was no settlement between his house and the Straits of Mackinaw (Michilimackinack), and where they endured all the hardships and privations of pioneer life. His farming implements were an ax and iron wedge. The first season he raised a crop of corn among the brush, which furnished their bread, while the streams and forests supplied them with fish and game. During one of his hunting excursions he encountered a bear cub, which he shot but did not kill. It ran away and the mother returned for revenge. He fired at her, and, supposing he had killed her, approached before reloading his gun; he had also lost his knife; and when the seemingly dead bear arose to attack him, he aimed a blow at her head with the gun stock, which she warded off—a second blow shivered the gun stock from the barrel, while at the same time the bear struck him in the face and felled him senseless. When he became conscious, the bear was standing guard over him. In desperation he attempted to keep her at bay by thrusting his hand into the corner of her mouth and grasping her lips with all his force; but she closed her jaws upon his right arm. With his other hand he struck her a powerful blow upon the nose, and after severe efforts suc-

ceeded in regaining his feet, and as she was too close to him to strike him with her paw, the struggle resolved itself into a "rough and tumble fight." Man and beast rolled over and under each other, the man dealing frequent blows upon her ribs at every turn, until they were near enough for him once more to seize his gun barrel, with which he battered her skull until she released her hold upon his arm, and sank dying upon the ground. He again became unconscious, and has never entirely recovered from the effects of the conflict. Although a powerful man, he says the thought of his wife and children gave him the requisite strength and courage to hold out for the time the struggle lasted. Previous to the bear conflict, he had a wrestling match with the celebrated Chuckey, a powerful Chippeway Indian, whom he threw and nearly killed; after this the Indians far and near respected him for his strength, and said—"me no wrestle with Smith, he too much for me." He is somewhat broken in constitution, having had a life of hardships and vicissitudes. He now (1880) lives on his own farm, which he cleared (near Eureka, Clinton Co., Mich.) The Deed of the land Mr. Smith located in the State, was signed by Zachary Taylor, in 1850, as is shown by the Warrant* given below. The author worked for Mr. Smith on a farm in Morrow County, Ohio, the summer before he removed to the State of Michigan.

46. XLIII. **Mary Van Sickle**, the seventh child of Cornelius, and the first child of his second wife, Sarah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, April 25, 1823; and was married in the same county on the 6th of August, 1840, to *Chauncey Finch*, farmer, son of Isaac Finch, by whom she had five children—all sons; I. Lamoil; II. Orlando; III. Amasa; IV. Homer; etc. About the year 1849, they removed to White Pigeon, St. Joseph County, Michigan; thence, about 1850, back to Delaware County, Ohio, and from thence, about the year 1856, to Iowa, and settled in Cedar County, where they lived until about the year 1877, thence removing to Greene County (Iowa), where they now (1880) reside. The author lived with Mr. Finch in the autumn and winter of 1848.

47. XLIV. **Caroline Van Sickle**, the eighth child of Cornelius, and the second child of his second wife, Sarah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, on the first day of June, 1825, and was married in the same county on the 30th of October, 1841, to *Sanford Keen*, farmer, son of Ezra Keen, by whom she had four children—one son and three daughters; I. Fidelia, born Dec. 22, 1842, who married (Jan. 1, 1862) Almon

* THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

KNOW YE, That in pursuance of an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to raise for a limited time an additional military force and for other purposes," approved February 11th, 1847, John Smyth, Private in Captain Sprague's Company, Eighth Regiment United States Infantry,—having deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE a WARRANT in his favor, numbered 36,374—THERE IS THEREFORE GRANTED BY THE UNITED STATES unto Henry A. Smith, assignee of said John Smyth, and to his heirs, the West half of the North-West quarter of Section ten, and the East half of the North-East quarter of Section nine, in Township eighth, North, of Range two West, in the District of Sands subject to sale at Ionia, Michigan, containing one hundred and sixty acres,—according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tracts have been located in satisfaction of the above mentioned Warrant, in pursuance of the act of Congress above mentioned, approved February 11th, 1847. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said parts of said sections of land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Henry A. Smith, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, Zachary Taylor, President of the United States of America, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.



GIVEN under my hand at the CITY OF WASHINGTON the first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the seventy-fourth.

BY THE PRESIDENT,

Z. Taylor.

By Tho's. Ewing, Sec'y.

N. Sargent, Recorder of the General Land Office

Brown; II. Joseph, born May 12, 1849, who married (May 11, 1873) Laurinda J. Terwilliger; III. Maria, born Oct. 18, 1855, who married (May 11, 1873) Charles H. Floyd; and IV. Mary, born Nov. 11, 1859, who married (Sept. 25, 1879) James Terwilliger. In 1849 they removed to Michigan, and settled on a farm in Clinton County, where they lived until 1871, when they removed to Kansas, and settled on a farm near Concordia, Cloud County, where they now (1880) reside.

49. XLV. Hiland Hulbert Van Sickle, the tenth child of Cornelius and the fourth child of his second wife, Sarah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, February 2, 1830. He was twice married; first, in the same county, on the 6th of January, 1853, to *Ann Maria*, daughter of John White, by whom he had five children—all daughters; I. Margaret, born Jan. 20, 1854; II. Mary Elizabeth, born Oct. 17, 1856; III. Sophia Adell, born April 2, 1858, who died April 4, 1872; IV. Adelia Maria, born Jan. 4, 1862; and V. Kate Capitolia, born March 4, 1865. In the spring of 1856, he removed to the State of Michigan, and settled in Gratiot County, Washington Township. In 1862 he removed to his father's farm in Essex Township, Clinton County (Michigan), where he remained about two years, and took care of his father until his death, after which he settled up the affairs of the estate; he then removed to Greenbush Township (Clinton County, Michigan), and settled on a farm where his wife, Ann Maria, died January 14, 1867. He was next married in Henry County, Ohio, September 24, 1870, to *Mrs. Phæbe McCormick* with whom he only lived about one year, when they agreed to disagree, and finally separated without issue. Though a farmer, he has worked at shoe-making and carpentry, and is also a violinist. He now (1880) lives on his farm in Greenbush Township, Clinton County, Michigan. P. O., St. Johns.

50. XLVI. Sanford Van Sickle, the eleventh child of Cornelius, and the fifth child of his second wife, Sarah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, March 19, 1832. He was twice married; first, in the same county on the 6th of September, 1854, to *Reeba*, daughter of Christopher Lindenburger, by whom he had four children—all sons; I. DeWitt Clinton; II. Alvin; III. Cornelius; and IV. John. About the year 1857, he removed to Michigan, and settled in Gratiot County, where his wife, Reeba, died. He was next married in Gratiot County, Michigan to *Mary*, sister to his first wife, Reeba, and daughter of Christopher Lindenburger, by whom he had several children; (V.) 1st, William; (VI.) 2nd, Minnie; (VII.) 3rd, a son who died in infancy; (VIII.) 4th, a son, ————. All his sons, like their father, are violinists. In 1871, in company with Sanford Keen and family, he removed to Kansas, and settled in Cloud County, where he now (1880) lives on his farm near Concordia. He is a farmer by occupation.

51. XLVII. Lyman Van Sickle, the twelfth child of Cornelius and the sixth child of his second wife, Sarah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, on the 11th of July, 1834. He was married in Clinton County,

Michigan, on the 27th of January, 1856, to *Martha*, daughter of Stephen McPherson, by whom he had three children—one son and two daughters; I. Adelpia Ellen, born March 27, 1857; II. Sarah Estella, born Sept. 4, 1859; and III. Albert Lyman, born Oct. 2, 1862. He was a farmer by occupation; and he was also a good violonist. (He and the author of this work resembled each other so closely when they were boys, that they were frequently mistaken for twin brothers.)

The great civil war of the Rebellion called into the field volunteer armies unexampled in moral strength, as well as in numbers. At each call for enlistments, thousands of true-hearted men rushed forth to the defence of their country. Many of these returned broken down by exposure and disease "to become lingering martyrs to the cause for which they fought;" while many others yielded up their lives for their country. Among the latter was Lyman Van Sickle. He enlisted on the 23rd of July, 1862, in Company G, Fifth Michigan Cavalry, and served as a private about two years. The motive which led him to the battlefield was not the desire of fame, but must be sought in a higher and nobler cause—his pure and lofty love of country. As a varied illustration of this, some of his letters written from the arena of action and suffering, to his family at home, are adduced—which for simple faith, pathos, and Spartan endurance in the midst of a yearning desire for home and friends, has seldom been surpassed.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

Banks Barracks, Oct. 16, 1862.—Our Regiment is getting ready as fast as possible to go South. We are ordered to march next Thursday, and I am glad of it, for guard duty is very uncomfortable as our quarters are so cold.

If it is not Heaven's decree
That my life be spared for thee
I will spend it in the cause
Of our country's righteous laws;

Then do not lament for me
For in the life that is to come
Together we will happy be
And Heaven will be our home.

Washington, Dec. 11, 1862.—We left Detroit the 5th; we were on the road five days; arrived safe, and pitched our tents and spreading our clothes on the frozen ground, laid ourselves down to sleep. * * * * * It is a heathenish life to live. There are all kinds of men in the army; some only half-civilized, and being all together it restrains those who need no such restraint.

January 1, 1863.—Out on guard duty. From this time to the 1st of March we are doing nothing but lying in camp. I think it right to be here, and although it may cause anxious thoughts and falling tears to those we leave behind, yet say if we are not the ones to weep, who have left our homes and all that is near and dear to us, for hardships and deadly strife. But if we are to reap the fruits of our labor, and leave to our children a free government, we must set forth to strike a deadly blow at wrong. This is not a time to cry, but a time to pray and fight, and may God speed the right.

April 22, 1863.—DEAR WIFE: This finds me sitting by the roots of a pine-tree, on picket duty, four miles from Fairfax. * * * * * *July 8.*—We march on, some giving out and falling in their tracks, overcome with hard fighting at Gettysburg. May I never again witness the scenes of the past six weeks. You can read of the horrors of the battlefield, but to experience them is a different thing. Shall I ever see the boy and his mother, and the girls?—* * * One of those past times that I did not know how to appreciate, was when Adelpia was following me across the corn-field, and how well pleased she would be for hours asking questions, and playing in the dirt. It is one year since I enlisted to protect that flag whose colors represent the best government that ever blest humanity, and woe be to the traitor who tramples on its folds!

September 29, 1863.—Sick in the Hospital, King Street, Alexandria, Va. *Dec. 14.*—I have taken but one drink of liquor since I have been in the service, and hope you have confidence in my word that I am ever true to myself, and live in the strictest obedience to virtue. Trouble not yourself, nor fear that I will bring disgrace and shame upon myself and family.

(EXTRACTS FROM HIS NOTE BOOK.)—*Dec. 28, 1863.*—Came home on a furlough, staying three weeks, with my wife and children, and being visited by many warm friends. The parting again was heart-rending. Returned to Camp convalescent; arrived in Washington well, but homesick, and prepared my equipments ready for the front.

February 6, 1864.—DEAR WIFE: Alone in my tent, and my thoughts and prayers are for you. I am ready for the front, when called on. May you ever be able to bear the burden that is laid upon you, for it is great, and may you be comforted with aspiring thoughts and have an angel's wisdom.

His last letter:

Harrison Landing, James River, May 16, 1864.—DEAR MARTHA: I am still spared, and able to converse with you. I have not heard from you for a month, but hope soon to hear. I have been in very hard battles, and helped to destroy a rail-road—burned three trains of cars loaded with supplies for Lee's army. * * * * * *May 28.*—We have done some hard fighting with the saber—we make a business of fighting, and have got so used to it, we go at it as if to do a day's work in harvest. It is now seventeen days since we left the Potomac to destroy Lee's army, which we have done thoroughly. *June 6.*—Old Tavern Stand on the road to Richmond. Have been in three hard battles since I commenced this letter. One line of battle is ten miles long, fighting all the time. I hope to meet you soon, but not my will be done.

Home is where there's one to love,
The time may now be drawing near
When we shall meet no more to part;
When eye will speak to answering eye
And heart to beating heart.
It matters not, I have oft been told
Where the body lies when the heart is cold.

These last words were prophetic; for soon that "beating heart" was to beat no more. Eleven days later he was taken prisoner—lived seven days in the woods, and finally died on the 31st of August, 1864, in Andersonville prison, Macon County, Georgia. His widow now (1880) lives at Maple Rapids, Michigan.

52. XLVIII. Evaline Van Sickle, the thirteenth child of Cornelius and the seventh child of his second wife, Sarah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, December 19, 1837. She was married in Clinton County, Michigan, August 7, 1853, to *Ayres Stevens*, farmer, son of Elnathan Stevens, of Delaware County, Ohio, by whom she had ten children; I. Alice Isadore, born Oct. 18, 1854; II. Sarah Elizabeth, born Sept. 13, 1856; III. Ada Rose, born Sept. 26, 1859, who died Aug. 9, 1862; IV. Milton Ayres, born Oct. 7, 1861; V. Charles Edward, born Aug. 17, 1864; VI. Seldon Finney, born June 16, 1866; VII. Lyman Benton, born Oct. 9, 1868; VIII. Elnathan, born Oct. 9, 1870; IX. James Bernard, born Aug. 9, 1872; and X. Cornelius Hampton, born May 16, 1875. They now (1880) live on their farm in Essex Township, Clinton County, Michigan. P. O., Maple Rapids.

54. XLIX. Cornelius Van Sickle, the fifteenth child of Cornelius and the ninth child of his second wife, Sarah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, March 12, 1842. He was married in Clinton County, Michigan, on the 10th of June, 1866, to *Sarah*, daughter of Thomas Stickney, by whom he had several children; I. Carrie, born Nov. 27, 1867; II. Ada; III. Kate; IV. Charles; and V. Allen. He is a farmer by occupation, and is also a violinist. He now (1880) lives on his farm in Montcalm County, Michigan. P. O., Howard City.

55. L. Asher A. Davis Van Sickle, the sixteenth child of Cornelius and the tenth child of his second wife, Sarah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, March 18, 1844. He was married in Clinton Co., Michigan, January 31, 1864, to *Amanda Ellen*, sister to Martha, Ly-

man Van Sickle's wife, and daughter of Stephen McPherson, by whom he had four children; I. Joseph Delbert, born April 11, 1865; II. Sadie L., born June 21, 1867, who died August 19, 1874; III. Arthur Samuel, born March 5, 1871; and IV. Millie May, born July 23, 1876. He, like many of his brothers, is a violinist. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his farm in Essex Township, Clinton County, Michigan. P. O., Maple Rapids.

56. LI. Roselinda Van Sickle, the seventeenth child of Cornelius and the eleventh child of his second wife, Sarah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1846. In the spring of 1853, she was taken by her parents to the State of Michigan (Clinton County), where she was married on the 19th of February, 1863, to *William Henry Dunning*, by whom she had three children; I. Cora May, born July 21, 1865; II. Clyde Adell, born Oct. 22, 1870; and III. Mary, born May 4, 1876. They now (1880) live on their farm in Essex Township, Clinton County, Michigan. P. O., Maple Rapids.

58. LII. Isaac Van Sickle, the first child of Elias and Hannah, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, October 29, 1810. In the autumn of 1817, he was taken by his parents to Southern Ohio (Gallia County), and from thence, in December, 1828, to Central Ohio, (Delaware County). He was married in Delaware County, Ohio, on the 17th of January, 1833, to *Mary Ann*, daughter of Elizabeth (Hillman) and Leonard Lott, by whom he had three children—one son and two daughters; I. Maria Cordelia, born Dec. 14, 1833; II. Myron Decatur, born Aug. 6, 1836; and III. Sarah Orinda, born Sept. 22, 1838; all of whom were born in Delaware Co., Ohio. His wife, Mary Ann, was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1808. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his own farm in Kingston Township, Delaware Co., Ohio. P. O., Berkshire.

60. LIII. Marcus Van Sickle, the third child of Elias and Hannah, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, on the 14th of February, 1813. In the autumn of 1817, he was taken by his parents to Southern Ohio, and from thence, in December, 1828, to Central Ohio. He was twice married; both times in Delaware Co., Ohio; first, on the 21st of March, 1843, to *Charlotte*, daughter of Solomon Steward. His wife, Charlotte, died October 14, 1856, without issue. He next married (Feb. 9, 1857), *Alma Elizabeth*, widow of Peter Van Sickle, and daughter of Elizur Price, by whom he had an only daughter, Mary Charlotte, born March 3, 1859. He was a farmer by occupation, and owned the farm on which he lived. He died in Delaware County, Ohio, on the 30th of December, 1858, two months before his child was born. His second wife, Alma Elizabeth, was born October 23, 1826, and died May 11, 1875.

61. LIV. William Van Sickle, the fourth child of Elias and Hannah, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, January

5, 1815. In the autumn of 1817, he was taken by his parents to Southern Ohio, and from thence, in December, 1828, to Central Ohio. He was married in Will County, Illinois, November 9, 1837, to *Caroline O.*, daughter of Lysander Denny, by whom he had twelve children; I. Harriet Maria, born Nov. 15, 1838; II. Levi Marcus, born April 3, 1840; III. Martha Ann, born Feb. 3, 1842; IV. Angeline Alice, born July 17, 1843; V. Elias L., born June 7, 1845; VI. William L., born March 7, 1848; VII. Ida M., born Jan. 27, 1854, who died Oct. 19, 1857; VIII. Ira LeForest, born Dec. 3, 1857; IX. and X. Clarence M. and Carrie M. (twins), born March 30, 1860; XI. Albion E., born July 29, 1864; and XII. Jennie Lucinda, born April 9, 1867. He is a farmer by occupation. In June 1856 he removed from Illinois to Wisconsin, and settled in Trempealeau County, where he now (1880) lives on his own farm. P. O., Whitehall.

62. LV. Elizabeth Van Sickle, the fifth child of Elias and Hannah was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, on the 28th of May, 1816. In the autumn of 1817, she was taken by her parents to Southern Ohio, and from thence, in December, 1828, to Central Ohio. She was married in Delaware County, Ohio, June 24, 1847, to *Nehemiah M. White*, by whom she had two children; Hannah Louisa, born March 20, 1848, who married (Aug. 24, 1866) Carlton Auble; and Horace Van, born Oct. 18, 1851, who married (Nov. 19, 1871) Mary Belvil. They had an adopted daughter, Mary Eugene, who married (Oct. 23, 1870) John Hufford. Her husband, Nehemiah M. White, was born May 27, 1800, and died March 10, 1858. She now (1880) lives near Perrysburg, Wood County, Ohio.

63. LVI. Orrin Van Sickle, the sixth child of Elias and Hannah, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, May 5, 1818. In December, 1828, he was taken by his parents to Central Ohio. He was twice married; first, in Delaware (now Morrow) County, Ohio, on the first day of September, 1839, to *Elizabeth*, daughter of Peleg T. Sherman, of the same place, by whom he had ten children; I. Newton, born April 15, 1840; II. Hulda, born Sept. 6, 1842; III. Norman, born June 14, 1844, who died May 19, 1845; IV. John, born July 1, 1846; V. Frances, born Aug. 9, 1848, who died Jan. 13, 1849; VI. Fannie Maria, born Nov. 11, 1850, who died Oct. 17, 1851; VII. Norton, born April 21, 1852; VIII. Orrin, born April 3, 1854; IX. Orville F., born March 25, 1856, who died June 14, 1857; and X. Alvin, born Oct. 24, 1859. In the month of January, 1841, he settled in the woods in Peru Township, Delaware (now Morrow) County, Ohio, where he did the work of a pioneer. In his younger days, he was a man of uncommon physical strength, and a great wrestler; he had many a tussle, but was never thrown. He was a good violinist; and his house was a great resort for parties of young folks. His first wife, Elizabeth, was born Jan. 10, 1819, and died Oct. 29, 1870. She was the only person present at the birth of the wonderful Double Babe, and it is supposed that the shock to her nervous system

hastened her death. He next married (in Morrow County, Ohio, Sept. 5, 1871) *Mary Louisa*, daughter of Samuel H. Smith, of Loudon County, Virginia, by whom he had two children—both daughters; (XI.) 1st, *Ida May*, born June 3, 1872; and (XII.) 2nd, *Blanche L.*, born March 2, 1876. His second wife, *Mary Louisa*, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, April 10, 1839. Before her marriage she traveled with the Morrow County Double Babe* in the capacity of nurse. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his own farm, which he cleared, in Peru Township, Morrow County, Ohio. P. O., Bennington.

64. LVII. Nelson Van Sickle, the seventh child of *Elias* and *Hannah*, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, on the 22nd of November, 1819. In December, 1828, he was taken by his parents to Central Ohio. He was married in Delaware County, Ohio, on the 24th of January, 1847, to *Phoebe*, daughter of *Wheeler Sherman*, of Marion County, Ohio, by whom he had two children; I. a daughter, *Sarah Jane*, born Aug. 21, 1852; and II. a son, *Almon*, born Oct. 7, 1854. His wife, *Phoebe*, was born Feb. 26, 1821. He first lived on a farm in Porter Township, Delaware County, (Ohio), where the author lived with him in the Spring and Summer of 1849. In 1851 he settled in the woods in Peru Township, Morrow County, Ohio, where he did the work of a pioneer. In his younger days he was a good violinist. He

* **The Double Babe.**—This wonderful double child was born in Peru Township, Morrow County, Ohio, on the 12th of October, 1870. Its delivery was easy and natural, being accomplished without medical assistance. At its birth it weighed about twelve pounds, and was in all respects a hearty, healthy child. This child had two perfect and well-formed heads, one a little smaller than the other, yet both having a fine mental organization; it had two perfect and well-formed necks; two pairs of shoulders and arms, and two bodies, to the navel, which it had in common, and at which the two bodies were united and formed one body with one continuous spine; while the genital organs were those of one female child; it also had two hearts, two stomachs, and "every evidence of two perfect beings and separate existences, until they were united at the navel." On one side were two well-formed legs, extending at right angles from the body, and at an equal distance from each head. They were perfect in all respects, with the exception of a slight twist in one of the feet. At the other side of the body, opposite the two legs, was a double leg, or two legs united in one, which extended also at right angles, and terminated in a club-foot, on which were two heels, and eight toes imperfectly formed. "The child or children, when lying on their backs formed a cross—that is, the body or two bodies united, with a head at each end, forming one straight line, and the two sets of legs, running at right angles from the body, formed another straight line." Each lived independently of the other. This child or children were undoubtedly the most remarkable and interesting freak of Nature ever known. They were remarkably bright and beautiful, and attracted a great many visitors. The first public exhibition of these children (*MINA* and *MINNIE FINLEY*), was at Delaware, Ohio (Jan. 31, 1871), where the author saw them. They were next exhibited at Columbus, Ohio, and at Newark and Zanesville (Ohio); also at Pittsburg, Harrisburg, Reading, and Philadelphia (Pa.); and at Trenton, New Brunswick, Elizabeth, and Newark (New Jersey), from whence they were taken to Boston, Massachusetts, where the children died (July 18, 1871), being nine months and six days old. "They always met with a kind and hearty reception wherever they were exhibited," and were highly admired by all who saw them, as being the greatest curiosity that has ever lived in human form, as well as for their beauty and intelligence; while they seemed to possess a peculiar charm which drew large crowds to see them, and who always signified sympathy, admiration and astonishment. All ranks and classes visited them; most visitors praised their beauty, intelligence, and loveliness, many saying that they were the most beautiful children that they had ever beheld.

"None like me since the days of Eve,
None such, perhaps, will ever live."

The mother of this wonderful double child, *Mrs. Ann Eliza Finley*, was the daughter of *Samuel Markes*, formerly from Harrison County, Virginia. She was born in Champaign County, Ohio, July 28, 1836, and was married to *Joseph Finley*, June 6th, 1859. She had three other children previous to the birth of this, but there was nothing peculiar about them; she also had a daughter, born Jan. 24, 1874 there being nothing peculiar about her.

is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his own farm which he cleared in Peru Township, Morrow County, O. P. O., Bennington.

65. LVIII. Ira Van Sickle, the eighth child of Elias and Hannah, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, February 25, 1821. In December, 1828, he was taken by his parents to Central Ohio. He was married in Delaware County, Ohio, March 21, 1843, to *Ruth*, sister to Charlotte, Marcus Van Sickle's first wife, and daughter of Solomon Steward, by whom he had five children; I. Orlena F., born Dec. 31, 1843; II. Mary D., born Nov. 10, 1845; III. David, born April 21, 1848; IV. Clark, born Jan. 22, 1850; and V. Alwilda, born March 19, 1855; all of whom lived to have families. His wife, Ruth, was born Sept. 2, 1823. In 1852 he removed to Michigan, thence, in 1855, to Illinois, thence, in 1857, to Delaware County, Ohio, and from thence, in 1865, to Wood County (Ohio), and settled in the woods, where he did the work of a pioneer. He also did pioneer work in Illinois and Michigan. He and his wife are consistent members of the M. E. Church. He now (1880) lives on his own farm, which he cleared, in Perrysburg Township, Wood County, Ohio. P. O., Perrysburg.

66. LIX. Lucinda Van Sickle, the ninth child of Elias and Hannah, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, on the 15th of February, 1823. In December, 1828, she was taken by her parents to Central Ohio. She was married in Delaware County, Ohio, on the 24th of August, 1841, to *Stephen Hill*, cooper, son of Hiram Hill, by whom she had two children; I. a daughter, who died in infancy; and II. a son, Horace, born July 13, 1843, who was twice married; (1st.) Sept. 3, 1862, to Jennie Malone, and (2nd.) Feb. 8, 1879. She died at Sandusky City, Erie County, Ohio, in the month of August, 1844. Her husband, Stephen Hill, next married her sister, Adaline, by whom he had six children. He died October 13, 1879.

67. LX. Catharine Van Sickle, the tenth child of Elias and Hannah, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, November 27, 1824. In Dec., 1828, she was taken by her parents to Central Ohio. She was married in Delaware County, Ohio, January 7, 1847, to *Daniel Weaver*, farmer, by whom she had nine children; Henry Davy, born July 20, 1818; Mary Elizabeth, born Jan. 17, 1850, who died Oct. 8, 1855; Martha Ann, born Dec. 23, 1851; Eldora, born March 14, 1853, who married (Nov. 13, 1873) John E. Wells, harness-maker; Frances Marion, born March 23, 1857; Wilber Whitford, born Jan. 25, 1861; Orville and Orrin, twins, born June 29, 1863; and Katie Ethel, born March 13, 1867. Her husband, Daniel Weaver, was born in Frederick County, Maryland, Oct. 23, 1821. They now (1880) live on their own farm in Porter Township, Delaware County, Ohio. P. O., Kingston Center.

68. LXI. Adaline Van Sickle, the eleventh child of Elias and Hannah, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, on the 24th of March, 1826. In December, 1828, she was taken by her parents to Central Ohio.

She was married in Delaware County, Ohio, May 24, 1847, to *Stephen Hill*, cooper, Lucinda's husband, and son of Hiram Hill, by whom she had six children; Juliette, born Feb. 17, 1848, who married (Sept. 25, 1867) Gust Metzger; John Wilber, born Sept. 18, 1850, (who married Aug. 7, 1878); Franklin Pierce, born May 20, 1854; Edrow Jesse, born Feb. 17, 1857, who died Aug. 25, 1858; James, born Feb. 22, 1859, who died March 22, 1859; and Charles Wiles, born Oct. 7, 1866, who died Feb. 3, 1868. About the year 1864, they removed to Monclova, Lucas County, Ohio, where Mr. Hill died, October 13, 1879, and where his widow still (1880) resides.

69. LXII. Electa Van Sickle, the twelfth child of Eliás and Hannah, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, November 24, 1827, and the following year (December, 1828) was taken by her parents to Central Ohio. She was married in Delaware County, Ohio, on the 10th of September, 1846, to *James Chase*, son of Joel Chase, by whom she had three children; Abigail —, deceased; De Witt Clinton, and Cora Linn. They removed to Wyoming City, Otto County, Nebraska, where Mrs. Chase died Sept. 26, 1865, and where her husband, James Chase, now (1880) resides.

70. LXIII. Phœbe Ann Van Sickle, the thirteenth child of Elias and Hannah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, on the 12th of July, 1831. She was married in Huron County, Ohio, November 15, 1851, to *Dunham Simmons*, farmer, son of John Simmons, by whom she had six children; John James, born Sept. 6, 1852, who married (Dec. 10, 1871) Mary Jones; Myron Edwin, born Jan. 17, 1854, who married (Nov. 25, 1879) Sarah Slygar; Dunham, born May 14, 1856, who married (Jan. 1, 1876) Delia Mears; Frank Elias, born Dec. 3, 1861; William, born Sept. 10, 1865; and Ellen May, born June 30, 1872. Her husband, Dunham Simmons, was born in Cambridgeshire, England, October 11, 1827, and emigrated to America in 1850, landing on the 11th of October. She died in Wood County, Ohio, on the 29th of October, 1875. She died a horrible death. She had been suffering with what was supposed to be a tumor. She desired to have a surgical operation performed, which was attempted. The ether which was administered did not produce the desired effect, and she realized nearly every thing that took place; and during the operation she exclaimed—"My God, you are butchering me!" She died upon the table during the operation; and thus a noble woman met an ignoble death. Her husband, Dunham Simmons, next married, July 4, 1876, Mrs. Hannah Jones, daughter of Stephen Williams. He now (1880) lives on his own farm near Perrysburg, Wood County, Ohio.

71. LXIV. Hannah Van Sickle, the fourteenth child of Elias and Hannah, was born in Delaware Co., O., March 16, 1833. About the year 1850, she accompanied several other members of her father's family to Huron County, Ohio, where she was married on the 29th of July, 1859, to *John Wells*, harness maker, by whom she had three children; Frank

Elias, born April 1, 1861; Celia May, born Nov. 10, 1871, who died July 8, 1872; and Harley Marcus, born April 2, 1874. Her husband, John Wells, was born in Willoughby, Nottinghamshire, England, Nov. 5, 1829, and emigrated to America in 1851. They now (1880) reside in New London, Huron County, Ohio.

72. LXV. Sarah Jane Van Sickle, the fifteenth and youngest child of Elias and Hannah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, on the 27th of February, 1836. About the year 1851, she went to Huron County, Ohio, where she was married on the 30th of October, 1852, to *Robert Simmons*, farmer, brother to Dunham Simmons, Phoebe Ann's husband, and son of John Simmons, by whom she had four children; Edwin H., born Nov. 2, 1855; Ira, born June 18, 1860; Adelbert, born March 18, 1864; and Florence May, born Dec. 29, 1866. Her husband, Robert Simmons, was born in Cambridgeshire, England, May 10, 1832, and emigrated to America in 1850. In 1863 they removed to Wood County (Ohio), and settled in Perrysburg Township, where they now (1880) live on their own farm. P. O., Perrysburg.

73. LXVI. Clarissa Van Sickle, the first child of Lydia (Deyo) and Peter, was born in Cayuga (now Tompkins) County, New York, on the 14th of June, 1816, and, in the autumn of the following year (1817), was taken by her parents to Southern Ohio. She was married at Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio, on the 23rd of May, 1847, to *Samuel Dennis*, (who was a wagon-maker by trade), son of Thomas Dennis, of New Orleans, Louisiana, by whom she had three children—all sons; James Ervin, born April 14, 1848, who served about one year in the late civil war; William Miles,* born June 10, 1850; and Charles, born July 8, 1852, who died April 21, 1870. In 1848 they removed to Jackson, Ohio; and, in 1856 they moved back to Gallipolis, Ohio. Her husband, Samuel Dennis, left his family and went South to work at his trade, where he died about the year 1856. She now (1880) resides at Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio.

They had an adopted son, Henry, born at Gallipolis, Ohio, March 22, 1839, who, after the death of Mr. Dennis, lived with his grandmother, Lydia D. Van Sickle, since which he has been called by the family name (Henry Van Sickle). He enlisted in the late civil war, in the 18th O. V. I., in September, 1861, and was engaged in several skirmishes, and in the battles of Stone River, Missionary Ridge, and Lookout Mountain; was mustered out of service in December, 1864, but re-enlisted in February, 1865, in the 195th O. V. I., which belonged to the army of the Potomac. He was again mustered out of service in December, 1865. Although engaged in several battles and skirmishes, he did not receive the

* *William Miles Dennis, M. D.*, the second child of Clarissa (Van Sickle) and Samuel Dennis, was born in the village of Jackson, Jackson County, Ohio, on the 10th of June, 1850, and, in 1856, was taken by his parents to Gallipolis, Ohio, where he attended the Public Schools until the age of 16. In 1867 he graduated at "Van Sickle's Business College" (at that time located at Gallipolis); and during the following year, he commenced work at the printing business, at which he has worked at intervals since in different places. He was married at Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio, on the 25th of September, 1870, to Miss Virginia Perry, with whom he lived about five years, and separated without issue. After his marriage he studied medicine; and in 1877, he received the degree of M. D. from the "Physio-Eclectic Medical College of Ohio." On the 22nd of February, 1875, he united with the M. E. Church of Mason City, W. Va., from which he subsequently withdrew, and joined the "Church of Christ" at Atlanta, Georgia, September 1, 1878, at which place he practiced his profession. He now (1880) resides at Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio.

slightest wound. The last year of his army life, his brother, James Ervin, served with him. He was married at Gallipolis, Ohio, October 1, 1866, to *Mary Magdalene Siders*, daughter of Mary (Lacy) and Andrew Siders, of Gallia County, Ohio, by whom he had five children; I. James Henry, born Nov. 19, 1867, who died Sept. 21, 1868; II. William Charles, born June 2, 1869, who died March 28, 1870; III. Lydia Adeline, born Sept. 4, 1871; IV. Mary Margaret, born July 25, 1876; and V. John Franklin, born June 13, 1879. His wife, Mary Magdalene, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, July 15, 1842. He is a farmer by occupation and now (1880) lives on his own farm in Mason County, West Virginia. P. O., Hickory.

75. LXVII. Emily Van Sickle, the third child of Lydia and Peter, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, on the 3rd of June, 1824. In the autumn of 1848, she accompanied her father and brother to Central Ohio, traveling over-land in a wagon. She was married in the village of Woodbury, Peru Township, Morrow County, Ohio, on the 26th of July, 1858, to *Benjamin Gregory*, farmer, son of Selah Gregory, by whom she had four children—three sons and one daughter; James Henry, born May 28, 1859; Alice Melissa, born Feb. 11, 1861; John Hiland Fremont, born Oct. 27, 1862; and Augustus Callahan, born June 7, 1864; all of whom were born in Morrow County, Ohio. Her husband, Benjamin Gregory, was born in Addison County, Vermont, February 12, 1820. Their children are all industrious, and have good natural abilities, with indications of becoming useful members of society. They now (1880) live on their farm in Lincoln Township, Morrow County, Ohio. P. O., Bennington.

76. Deidamia Van Sickle, the fourth child of Lydia and Peter, was born in Green Township, Gallia County, Ohio, in the month of September, about the year 1829. She never married, but stayed at the farm, and took care of her mother. She now (1880) lives on the old homestead in Greene Township, Gallia County, Ohio, about six miles from Gallipolis.

79. LXVIII. John Waddell Van Sickle, A. M., M. D., Ph. D., the seventh and youngest child and only son of Lydia (Deyo) and Peter Van Sickle, was born in Green Township, Gallia County, Ohio, on the 28th of May, *Anno Domini*, 1835. He was named for John Waddell, Esq., one of the early settlers of Gallia County. In early life he attended school at the "Old Log School House" in his native town; and during the spring and summer spent much of his time in fishing in Raccoon Creek, of which pastime, like his father, he was very fond. In the autumn of 1848, he, in company with his sister Emily, was taken by his father to Central Ohio (Delaware County), traveling overland in a wagon. In the summer of 1850, he was apprenticed to learn the wagon-making trade, at which he worked about eight years. During the time that he was working at his trade, he attended Hesper Mt. Seminary.

He was twice married; first, in Peru Township, Morrow County, Ohio, on the first day of September, 1858, to *Eliza Jane*, daughter of Eliza (Van Duser) and Barton Whipple, of Peru Township, Morrow County, Ohio, with whom he lived about five years, when they were di-

voiced. He was next married at Columbus, Ohio, on the 30th of August, 1865, to *Ellen Maria*, daughter of Nancy (Lawrence) and Samuel Barrett, late of Ashburnham, Massachusetts. No children. He graduated at the "Capital City Business College" (Columbus, Ohio), August 1st, 1865; and the following year (June 28th, 1866), he graduated in the Scientific Course at the "Ohio Wesleyan University" (Delaware, Ohio). In the summer of 1866, he removed to Southern Ohio (Gallia County), where he was appointed County School Examiner; thence, in the spring of 1867, to Springfield, Clark County, Ohio; thence, the ensuing summer, to New Boston, Clermont County, Ohio; thence, in the summer of 1868, to Cheshire, Gallia County, Ohio; thence, in the summer of 1869, to Osgood, Ripley County, Indiana; and from thence, in December, 1870, to Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, where he now (1880) resides. He established his Business College at Springfield, Ohio (March 27th), in 1871. After the death of his father he purchased the homestead, which he now owns.

In connection with his school-room duties and scientific studies, he also pursued a course of medical studies; and in 1876 (June 28th), he received the degree of M. D. from the "Physio-Eclectic Medical College of Ohio," (now, 1880, the "American Eclectic Medical College of Ohio"); and from his *Alma Mater*, he received the honorary degree of A. M., in 1877 (June 28th). In 1880 (March 9th), he received the degree of Ph. D., and also that of M. D., from the Druidic University of New York. In 1878 he published his "Practical System of Book-keeping;" and in 1880, he published a "History of the Van Sickle Family in the United States of America." He is a natural violinist. The greater part of his life has been spent in teaching, and in literary pursuits, having always advocated a more practical system of education. In all matters pertaining to religion his views are liberal and progressive; and in regard to medical reform he is original, as *his theory of disease* adduced below indicates. (See page 13.)

The True Theory of Disease.

Naturalists recognize in Nature five *Physical Forces*; namely, Heat, Light, Attraction, Magnetism, and Electricity; all of which influence all bodies, both organic and inorganic. These five physical forces combined, constitute the *Vital Force*, or Vitality. When these vital forces are in equilibrium in the living body, perfect health is the result; and when the equilibrium of these forces is disturbed, or when the forces themselves are obstructed, disease and death ensue. Hence, *disease is a unit*, and all diseases have a common cause, viz: the disturbance of the equilibrium of the vital forces; consequently, in order to restore health, the equilibrium of the vital forces must be restored.

It is universally admitted that if heat is wanting in the human body, death is the inevitable result; that if the all-sustaining force of light is withdrawn, disease and death will follow; and if the attractive force of the particles of the body is weakened, or chemical decomposition begins, disease and death are imminent; while it must be admitted by all who understand the magnetic and electrical conditions of the body, that when these forces are deficient, disease and ultimate death are the consequence. Hence, in order to restore health, we must restore the equilibrium of the vital forces. For instance, if *animal heat* is deficient, apply artificial heat; if *light* is required in larger proportion, supply it; if de-

composition or mortification commences, arrest it with antiseptics; and if the magnetic and electrical forces are weakened, strengthen them by local friction, or by the galvanic battery.

The failure of many physicians of the "Old School" is mainly due to their false conceptions of disease; and, instead of aiding Nature, they give her double work to perform; hence, if there is not vitality sufficient to rally the corporeal functions, the patient succumbs to the disorder, and his death is attributed to the behest of Divine Providence. But, thanks to the progressive spirit of the last quarter of the nineteenth century, the absurdities of the past are fast vanishing away, like dew before the morning sun; the star of progress has risen in the West, and is shedding a light that puts to shame all quackish incongruities and groundless superstitions; the day is not far distant when intelligent beings will use, and not abuse, their God-given faculties, unrestrained by the trammels of a by-gone dogmatism—that deadly foe which clogs the wheels of thought and progress, and hinders the freedom and welfare of mankind.

Fifth Generation.

80. LXIX. Ann Amanda Van Sickle, the first child of Julia Ann (Pickard) and Peter, was born in Huron County, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1829. In 1839 she was taken by her parents to Stephenson County, Illinois, where she was twice married; first, May 7, 1848, to *John Galbraith*, clothier, son of William Galbraith, by whom she had four children; Eleanor, born May 6, 1849, who died Jan. —, 1865; Elnora, born Jan. 7, 1851, who married (Oct. —, 1873) Peter Binkley, harness-maker; Miranda Maria, born Jan. 30, 1853, who married (Aug. 30, 1874) M. Alonzo Lowver, harness-maker; and Charles John, born May 9, 1855, who married (Aug. 27, 1871) Imogene Wheeler. Her first husband, John Galbraith, was born Nov. 21, 1825, and died March —, 1856. She next married (June 7, 1860) *James Grounds*, farmer, son of Stephen Grounds, by whom she also had four children; Susie E., born May 8, 1861, who is now (1880) a school teacher; Essie M., born Oct. 2, 1863; Jesse James Thomas, born March 6, 1866; and Annie, born April 17, 1874, who died July 18, 1874. All her children were born in Stephenson County, Illinois. Her second husband, James Grounds, was born in Lincolnshire, England, June 18, 1819, and emigrated to America with his parents, when but a boy. In 1876 they removed to Iowa, and settled in Shelby County, where they now (1880) live on their own farm. P. O., Walnut, Pottawattamie Co.

81. LXX. Andrew B. Van Sickle, the second child and oldest son of Peter and Julia Ann, was born in Huron County, Ohio, November 10, 1831. In 1839 he was taken by his parents to Stephenson County, Illinois, where he was married on the 10th of November, 1859, to *Minerva S.*, daughter of Jonathan W. Brown of New York, by whom he had four children; I. Alta M., born Oct., 30, 1866; II. Andrew B., born March 20, 1870; III. Julia Ann, born Sept. 2, 1871; and IV. Peter W., born May 3, 1874. He is a dentist by occupation, and now (1880) resides at Fort Dodge, Webster County, Iowa.

82. LXXI. Sarah Van Sickle, the third child of Peter and Ju-

lia Ann, was born in Huron County Ohio, December 16, 1833. She was married in Stephenson County, Illinois, June 13, 1854, to *L. R. Train*, son of Thomas Train, by whom she had five children—all daughters; Rose, born Feb., 13, 1855, who is now (1880) a music teacher; Edith, born July 27, 1857, who is now (1880) employed in her father's printing office; Katy, deceased; Sadie, deceased; and Mattie, born about 1873. Her husband served in the war of 1861. After the close of the war, they removed to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where Mr. Train is now (1880) Editor of the "Fort Dodge Times."

84. LXXII. Jane Ann Van Sickle, the fifth child of Peter and Julia Ann, was born in Huron County, Ohio, March, 20, 1838, and was taken by her parents the following year (1839) to Stephenson County, Illinois, where she was married on the 9th of November, 1859, to *Emory Benson*, farmer, son of Leonard Benson, of Fitchville, Huron County, Ohio, by whom she had two children; I. a daughter, Ella Leola, born Sep. 16, 1862, who is now a school teacher; and II. a son, Clarence, born Jan., 1. 1870. In 1859 they removed to Huron County, Ohio, where they resided until 1865, when they removed to Iowa, and settled on a farm in Clayton County. In 1872 they sold their farm in Clayton County, and removed to Shelby County, (Iowa) three miles north of Walnut, where they now (1880) live on their own farm. P. O., Walnut, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

85. LXXIII. John M. Van Sickle, the sixth child and youngest son of Peter and Julia Ann, was born in Stephenson County, Illinois, January 30, 1840, and was married in the same county, February 19, 1863, to *Matilda*, daughter of Jonathan Mahana, of Stark County, Ohio. No children. He is a farmer by occupation, also a musician, and now (1880) lives on his own farm in Waddams Township, Stephenson County, Illinois. P. O., Lena.

86. LXXIV. Julia P. Van Sickle, the seventh child of Peter and Julia Ann, was born in Lena, Stephenson County, Illinois, April 15, 1843, and was married at the same place on the 28th of April, 1866, to *Sylvester Shiney*, farmer, son of Augustus Shiney, of Lena, Illinois, by whom she had three children; I. Lester Clarence, born July 1, 1867; II. Emery Edgar, born March 25, 1869; and III. Charley Herbert, born Feb. 16, 1872. Her husband, Sylvester Shiney, was born in Franklin County, Vermont, December 15, 1842. His parents were French. He served over four years in the war of 1861, under General Sherman, in Company G, Fifteenth Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry, Second Brigade, Fourth Division, and Seventeenth Army Corps. While in the service he was taken prisoner and confined about eight months in Andersonville prison, Georgia. They removed to Kansas, and settled in Phillips County, where they now (1880) reside on their own farm. P. O., Republican City, Harlan County, Nebraska.

87. LXXV. Janette Van Sickle, the first child and only daughter of Mary (Stevens) and Noah, was born in Tompkins County, New York,

March 1, 1844, and was married in the same county on the 16th of June, 1858, to *Allen Grover*, farmer, by whom she had five children; Delilah, born July 28, 1860; Adaline, born June 12, 1863; Ira, born Feb. 27, 1867; Belle, born Aug. 19, 1874; and Mariam, born Dec. 6, 1877. They now (1880) reside at Dennis Hill, Potter County, Pennsylvania. P. O. Harrison Valley.

88. LXXVI. John Van Sickle, the second child and oldest son of Noah and Mary, was born in Tompkins County, New York, November 3, 1847. He was married in Steuben County (New York), April 18th, 1874, to *Melissa Daniels*, daughter of George Daniels, by whom he had one son, Lafayette, born Dec. 25, 1876. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) resides on his own farm at Dennis Hill, Potter County, Pennsylvania. P. O., Harrison Valley.

90. LXXVII. Philander Van Sickle, the fourth child of Noah and Mary, was born in Tompkins County, New York, June 13, 1852. He was married in Alleghany County (New York), January 20, 1866, to *Azubah*, daughter of Nathan Dennis, by whom he had one son, Albert, born June 12, 1868. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his own farm on Dennis Hill, in Potter County, Pennsylvania. P. O., Harrison Valley.

91. LXXVIII. Seymour Van Sickle, the fifth child of Noah and Mary, was born in Tompkins County, New York, June 5, 1854. He was married in Potter County, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1871, to *Della*, daughter of Jacob Quick. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his own farm at Dennis Hill, in Potter County, Pennsylvania. P. O., Harrison Valley.

93. LXXIX. Peter Van Sickle, the first child of Louisa (Stevens) and Abraham, was born in Huron County, Ohio, October 7, 1838. In the spring of 1853, he was taken by his parents to Eaton County, Michigan, where he was married on the 3rd of July, 1861, to *Maria*, daughter of Manning Bailey, by whom he had two children—both sons; I. Orrin, born Feb. —, 1863; and II. Peter, born Sept. —, 1865. He was a farmer by occupation. He served as private about two years in the late civil war, and died while in the service on Dunkin's Island in the Mississippi River, March 27, 1865. His widow married Edwin Stevens, who is a blacksmith by trade, but now (1880) lives on his own farm near Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan.

95. LXXX. Mary Ann Van Sickle, the third child and only daughter of Abraham and Louisa, was born in Huron County, Ohio, Feb. 18, 1842. In the spring of 1853, she was taken by her parents to Eaton County, Michigan, where she was married on the 12th of December, 1857, to Merton Griffin, farmer, son of Almon Griffin, by whom she had three children; Frances Louisa, born March 13, 1860, who married Eugene Scott; Mira Austa, born April 12, 1866, who died Dec. 29, 1878; and Alma, born Dec. 31, 1869, who died Dec. 16, 1878. She died December 20, 1878. Her daughter, Frances Louisa, who mar-

ried Eugene Scott, had one daughter, Orië Grace, born July 5, 1878, who died April 16, 1879. They now (1880) reside near Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan.

98. LXXXI. Marcus Van Sickle, the first child of Angeline (Robinson) and George, was born in Huron Co., Ohio, about the year 1841.

99. LXXXII. Henry Van Sickle, the second child of George and Angeline, was born in Huron Co., O., about the year 1843. He married *Emma Davidson*, by whom he had two children. He now lives in Michigan.

101. LXXXIII. Alfred Van Sickle, the fourth child of George and Angeline, was born in Huron Co., O., about the year 1847. He was twice married; first, to *Miss Minns*, and second, to *Anna Whittler*.

102. LXXXIV. Lyman Van Sickle, the fifth child of George and Angeline, was born in Huron Co., O., about the year 1850. He now (1880) resides in New London, Huron Co., Ohio.

104. LXXXV. John James Van Sickle, the first child of Sarah M. (Olivett) and Selah, was born in Tompkins County, New York, March 25, 1848, and was married in the same county (at Etna) on the 27th of May, 1879, to *Mary Ann*, daughter of Philip Phinney. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) resides at Dryden, Tompkins County, New York.

105. LXXXVI. Margaret Ann Van Sickle, the second child and oldest daughter of Sarah M. and Selah, was born in Tompkins Co., N. Y., January 7, 1850, and was married at Ithaca, in the same county, July 23, 1870, to *Harry Phinney*, farmer, son of Philip Phinney, by whom she had five children; John Wesley, born Feb. 18, 1871; Sarah Jane, born April 20, 1872; Mattie Adaline, born Oct. 5, 1873; Harry, born April 6, 1876; and Hattie, born June 8, 1879, who died Feb. 17, 1880. They now (1880) reside at Dryden, Tompkins County, New York.

108. LXXXVII. Frances May Van Sickle, the fifth child of Sarah M. and Selah, was born in Tompkins Co., N. Y., September 10, 1856, and was married at Dryden in the same county, on the 13th of January, 1876, to *John Rickett*, farmer, by whom she had two children; Mabel B., born July 5, 1877; and Hiram J., born Sept. 11, 1878. They now (1880) reside at Virgil, Cortland Co., N. Y.

129. LXXXVIII. John Sidney Van Sickle, the first child of Sarah (Bonnell) and DeWitt Clinton, was born in Clayton County, Iowa, October 17, 1837. He served four years in the late civil war, one year of which time he was confined in a Rebel prison. He enlisted May 24, 1861, in Company E, 13th Illinois Infantry. He was captured by the Rebel Gen. Rody, at Madison Station, near Huntsville, Alabama, on May 17th, 1864, and was taken prisoner with others to Selma, where they remained about three weeks, when they were removed to Cahaba prison. There he had comfortable quarters for a while, until crowded by the arrival of other prisoners, when he was removed to Meridian, where

he succeeded in making his escape by crawling through a tunnel the boys had dug for the occasion, and came near losing his life by being drowned in the water in the tunnel. He succeeded, however, in getting out with no clothing except his pantaloons to protect him from the cold; thus he traveled for five days through the swamps of Mississippi, the weather cold enough to freeze ice an inch thick, trying to get within the Union lines. Being thus unprotected he made but slow progress, and was soon recaptured and taken back to Meridian, where the prisoners were exposed to the inclemency of the weather, and died off rapidly, while many of them were shot down for small offences. After remaining there awhile, he was removed to Cahaba, but the prison was so crowded that many were compelled to lie out of doors without clothing to protect their naked bodies, and to stand in water from two to three hours four feet deep, for four days when it was very cold, from the effects of which many died. From Cahaba the prisoners were removed to Selma, and from thence to Vicksburg, where they were paroled or exchanged. After being released from prison, he went to DeKalb County, Illinois, where he was married on the 13th of June, 1865, to *Aurilla*, daughter of Eli G. Nichols, of the same place, by whom he had two children; I. Ulysses S. Grant, born (in Clayton Co., Iowa) April 22, 1866; and II. David Clark, born (in DeKalb Co., Illinois) Oct. 7, 1871. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) resides in Scranton, Greene County, Iowa.

133. XC. *Lora Jane Van Sickle*, the fifth child of DeWitt Clinton and Sarah, was born in Clayton County, Iowa, June 12, 1842. She was married in Crawford County, Wisconsin, January 15, 1863, to *Joseph Knapp*. They removed to Chicago, Illinois, where she (*Lora Jane*) died soon after her marriage without issue.

134. XCI. *Ann Drusilla Van Sickle*, the sixth child of DeWitt Clinton and Sarah, was born in Clayton County, Iowa, June 8, 1844. She is married, and resides in the West.

135. XCII. *Lydia Mahala Van Sickle*, the seventh child of DeWitt Clinton and Sarah, was born in Clayton County, Iowa, October 11, 1846. She was married at Aurora, Kane County, Illinois, October 26, 1871, to *David Dows Schryver*, farmer, son of William Schryver, of New York City, by whom she had four children; Allen D., born Aug. 28, 1872; Effie J. and Jessie M., twins, born May 15, 1874—Effie J. died Aug. 31, 1874; and Minnie L., born Nov. 19, 1876, who died Dec. 15, 1878. Her husband, David Dows Schryver, was born in the city of New York, Oct. 2, 1840. They now (1880) reside at Little Rock, Kendall County, Illinois.

138. XCIII. *Hannah A. Van Sickle*, the tenth child and youngest daughter of DeWitt Clinton and Sarah, was born in Clayton County, Iowa, July 15, 1855, and was married in the same county on the 24th of October, 1879; to *John Henry Van Sickle*, farmer, the oldest son of Moses E. and Eliza W. (Butcher), of Clayton County, Iowa. No

children. Her husband, John Henry, was born in Clayton County, Iowa, August 7, 1852. They now (1880) reside near Elkader, Clayton County, Iowa.

141. XCIV. Eliza Jane Van Sickle, the first child and only daughter of Isaiah and Huldah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, April 25, 1836. She was married in White Pigeon, St. Joseph County, Michigan, May 30, 1855, to Oliver McGaffey, farmer, brother to Hannah, Seymour Van Sickle's wife, and son of William McGaffey, by whom she had seven children; I. Charlie, born March 9, 1856, who died March 14, 1862; II. Huldah, born Aug. 24, 1858, who died March 4, 1862; III. Hattie L., born June 17, 1861; IV. Leslie E., born Jan. 8, 1864; V. Nancy, born June 18, 1866, who died June 20, 1866; VI. Ella May, born July 21, 1867; and VII. George O., born June 25, 1871. In the month of December, 1857, they removed from St. Joseph County, Michigan, to Houston County, Minnesota, where they now (1880) reside on their own farm. P. O., Houston, Minnesota.

142. XCV. Volney Van Sickle, the second and youngest child and only son of Isaiah and Huldah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, February 13, 1838. He was married in Mottville, St. Joseph County, Michigan, December 1, 1858, to Mary A., daughter of Daniel D. Tompkins, of Tompkins County, New York, by whom he had six children; I. Almarion, born April 6, 1860, who died Dec. 8, 1878; II. Anna Eliza, born July 20, 1862; III. Lawrence Grant, born May 14, 1866; IV. Volney Carney, born Dec. 2, 1867; V. Bert, born Aug. 17, 1869; and VI. Huldah M., born Oct. 3, 1871. In the month of March, 1873, he removed from LaGrange County, Indiana, to Houston County, Minnesota, where he now (1880) lives on his own farm. P. O., Houston, Minn.

143. XCVI. Adolphus Van Sickle, the first child of Mary (Dunham) and Selah, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, December 6, 1835. He was married in Elkhart County, Indiana, November 2, 1871, to *Miss Cora J. Spangler*, by whom he had two daughters; I. Maud; and II. Grace. He is an artist and photographer by occupation, and is master of his calling. In 1873 he removed to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he now (1880) resides.

144. XCVII. Lucretia Van Sickle, the second child and only daughter of Selah and Mary, was born in Delaware Co., Ohio, February 26, 1839. She was married in Morrow Co., O., November 5, 1859, to *William Augustus Hance*, son of Blandiana (Westbrook) and Dr. William Hance, of Columbus, Ohio, by whom she had two children; I. Charles Clifford, born Oct. 27, 1860, who died May 1, 1863; and II. George Clifton, born Dec. 3, 1864. Her husband, William Augustus, was born at Galena, Delaware Co., Ohio, April 21, 1839. They now (1880) reside at Springfield, Clark Co., Ohio, where they have a shoe-store, and are doing a thriving business. Mrs. Hance's brother, F. E. Van Sickle, is a partner in the store, and the firm is known as "Hance

& Co." Mrs. Hance has developed a remarkable business talent, and is universally liked by her customers.

145. XCVIII. George Washington Van Sickle, the third child of Mary and Selah, was born in Delaware Co., Ohio, February 22, 1841. He served (over three years) as Corporal (in Co. G, 4th Michigan Cavalry) in the War of 1861. His Company was the one that captured Jefferson Davis. He received \$300 for his share of the reward, and secured some relics of the plunder. He was married at Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co., Mich., October 1, 1867, to *Miss Florence Jessie Geer*, daughter of Rachel and Shailer Geer, of Litchfield, Hillsdale Co., Mich., by whom he had a daughter, Nina L., born April 10, 1869. He is a saddler by occupation. In 1871 he removed to Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co., Mich., where he now (1880) resides.

146. Thomas Harlock Van Sickle, the fourth child of Mary and Selah, was born in Delaware Co., O., June 2, 1843. He served (in Co. I, 3rd Ohio Infantry) in the War of 1861, and saw much actual service. He is yet (June 19, 1880) unmarried and lives in the West.

147. XCIX. Selah Van Sickle, the fifth child of Selah and Mary, was born at Nauvoo—"the City of the Saints"—Hancock Co., Ills., September 16, 1845. He served as a private (in Co. M, 3rd Ohio Cavalry) in the War of 1861, and saw a great deal of actual service. In the spring of 1869, he went to Sioux Co., Iowa, where he was married on the first day of May, 1875, to *Mary E.*, daughter of William Marnee, of Columbiana Co., O., by whom he had three children; I. Claude W., born Aug. 10, 1876; II. Maud E., born June 2, 1878; and III. Clifford, born March 23, 1880. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives at Eureka, Clinton County, Michigan.

148. C. Francis Edward Van Sickle, the seventh child of Mary and Selah, was born in Delaware Co., O., December 16, 1851. He was married at Springfield, Clark Co., O., on the first day of January, 1880, to *Miss Carrie Belle*, daughter of Mary Jane (Robbins) and Cornelius Ludlow, of Springfield, Ohio. His wife, Carrie Belle, was born at Springfield, Ohio, April 14, 1853. He is a partner in the firm of "Hance & Co.," shoe-dealers, and now (1880) resides at Springfield, Clark County, Ohio.

149. Arthur Henry Van Sickle, the eighth child of Mary and Selah, was born in Delaware Co., O., May 3, 1854. He is a photographer by occupation, and now (1880) has a fine art gallery in Springfield, Ohio, where he resides. "It is due to the grandest combination of the science as well as to the needy study of the operator, which places the life-like representative of its object upon the card-board. The constant study of the photographer divulges new methods to the profession, and the improvements in this branch of industry have been as fully marked as in any field known to man's ingenuity." "The greatest triumphs can be seen in this direction by visiting his gallery."

150. Frederick James Van Sickle, the ninth child of Mary and

Selah, was born in Morrow Co., O., April 13, 1858. He is a school-teacher by occupation, and now (1880) resides at Springfield, Ohio.

159. CI. Lester Van Sickle, the first child of Sarah (Cave) and Levi, was born in Delaware Co., O., August 14, 1845. In 1853 he and his brothers were taken to the State of Iowa by their parents. He married (March 1, 1864) *Elizabeth*, daughter of Jessie Finch, of Delaware Co., O., by whom he had three children; I. Alfrida, born about 1866; II. Erminnie, born about 1869; and III. Julius G., born about 1875. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in Delaware County, O., in 1847. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his own farm in Massillon Township, Cedar Co., Iowa. P. O., Oxford Mills, Jones Co., Ia.

160. CII. Oscar Van Sickle, the second child of Sarah and Levi, was born in Delaware Co., O., April 19, 1847. He was married in Wheatland, Clinton Co., Iowa, March 25, 1875, to *Frances E.*, daughter of Abraham Williams, of Luzerne Co., Pa., by whom he had two children; I. Anna A., born Sept. 17, 1876; and II. Jesse C., born Aug. 8, 1878. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his own farm in Cedar County, Iowa. P. O., Massillon.

161. CIII. Jasper Van Sickle, the third and youngest child of Sarah and Levi, was born in Delaware Co., Ohio, Jan. 22, 1849. He was married at Massillon, Cedar Co., Iowa, March 26, 1874, to *Emma*, daughter of Ezra D. Morton, of Conn., by whom he had two children; I. Bertha J., born Feb. 22, 1875; and II. Nellie A., born Oct. 1, 1878. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his own place in Cedar County, Iowa. P. O., Massillon.

162. CIV. Margaret Van Sickle, the first child of Ann Mariah (White) and Hiland Hulbert, was born in Delaware Co., Ohio, Jan. 20, 1854. In the spring of 1856, she was taken by her parents to Michigan. She was twice married; first, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to *Albert Gibbs*. No issue. She next married (at Rochester, Minnesota) *Hiram Hoyt*, engineer, by whom she had a daughter, Maud. They now (1880) reside at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

175. CV. Adelpia Ellen Van Sickle, the first child and oldest daughter of Martha (McPherson) and Lyman, was born in Gratiot Co., Mich., March 27, 1857. She was married in Clinton Co., Mich., Dec. 31, 1873, to *Walter Blackburn Tripp*, farmer, by whom she had a son, Arthur L., born Jan. 6, 1875. They now (1880) live on their farm in Greenbush Tp., Clinton Co., Mich. P. O., Eureka.

176. CVI. Sarah Estella Van Sickle, the second child and youngest daughter of Martha and Lyman, was born in Clinton Co., Mich., September 4, 1859, and was married (at St. Johns) in the same county, on the 4th of March, 1878, to *Frank H. Hall*, mechanic, son of Lavalette Hall. Her husband, Frank H. Hall, was born in Washtenaw Co., Mich., March 24, 1854. They now (1880) reside at St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan.

181. CVII. Maria Cordelia Van Sickle, the first child and oldest

daughter of Mary Ann (Lott) and Isaac, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, December 14, 1833, and was married in the same county on the 22nd of March, 1857, to *Alfred Stephenson Van Sickle*, farmer, son of Elsie Ann (Lott) and William Garret Van Sickle, of Delaware County, Ohio, by whom she had an only son, Alfred Adelbert, born August 25, 1858, who married (March 10, 1880) Bertha C. Nussly. She died in Delaware County, Ohio, September 27, 1858. Her husband, Alfred S., next married (April 6, 1859) *Mary Jane Vincent*. (See pages 117 and 119).

182. CVIII. Myron Decatur Van Sickle, the second child and only son of Mary Ann and Isaac, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, August 6, 1836, and was married in the same county on the 29th of August, 1867, to *Eliza Amelia*, daughter of Fanny B. (Page) and David Brown, by whom he had a daughter, Estella May, born July 25, 1871. His wife, Eliza Amelia, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, March 17, 1849. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives on his own farm in Kingston Township, Delaware County, Ohio. P. O., Berkshire.

183. CIX. Sarah Orlinda Van Sickle, the third and youngest child of Mary Ann and Isaac, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, Sept. 22, 1838, and was married in the same county on the 10th of March, 1870, to *Fletcher Lewis Brown*, brother to Eliza Amelia, Myron D. Van Sickle's wife, and son of Fanny B. (Page) and David Brown, by whom she had two children; I. Burton Leon, born June 8, 1871; II. Ettie, born Dec. 16, 1873, who died Feb. 9, 1874. They now (1880) reside at Vermillion, Erie County, Ohio.

184. CX. Mary Charlotte Van Sickle, the only child of Alma Elizabeth (Price) and Marcus Van Sickle, was born in Delaware Co., Ohio, March 3, 1859. She was also married in Delaware County, Ohio, on the 20th of October, 1877, to *John Charles Wood*, farmer and school teacher, son of Theodore P. Wood, of Morrow County, Ohio. They have one child, a daughter, Bessie Estelle, born July 9, 1879. Her husband, J. C. Wood, was born in Morrow County, Ohio, September 7, 1859. They now (1880) live on their farm in Porter Township, Delaware County, Ohio. P. O., Kingston Center.

186. CXI. Levi Marcus Van Sickle, the second child and oldest son of Caroline O. (Denny) and William, was born in Will County, Illinois, April 3, 1840. He was married in Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, on the first day of October, 1865, to *Mary*, daughter of Alvah Wood, by whom he had three children; I. Cora A., born May 7, 1868; II. Alvah W., born March 7, 1873; and III. Orpha S., born Sept. 15, 1877. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives near Whitehall, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin.

187. CXII. Martha Ann Van Sickle, the third child of Caroline O. and William, was born in Will Co., Ills., Feb. 3, 1842. She was married in Trempealeau Co., Wis., May 6, 1865, to *Edward Reynolds*,

farmer, by whom she had one child, a son, Oscar M., born March 18, 1866. They now (1880) live on their farm in the town of Rapidan, Blue Earth County, Minnesota. P. O., Rapidan.

188. CXIII. Angeline Alice Van Sickle, the fourth child of Caroline O. and William, was born in Will Co., Ills., July 17, 1843. She was married in Trempealeau Co., Wis., August 26, 1860, to *James Hopkins*, farmer, son of John Hopkins, by whom she had four children; I. Florison D., born July 12, 1861; II. Fanny M., born March 1, 1863; III. James E., born Dec. 20, 1865; and IV. Frank W., born April 5, 1867. They now (1880) live on their farm in the town of Preston, Trempealeau Co., Wis. P. O., Blair or Whitehall.

189. CXIV. Elias L. Van Sickle, the fifth child of Caroline O. and William, was born in Will Co., Ills., June 7, 1845. He was married in Trempealeau Co., Wis., November 24, 1870, to *Murilla A.*, daughter of John P. Harris, by whom he had two children; I. Alta M., born Aug. 12, 1876; and II. Ida B., born April 30, 1878. P. O., Whitehall, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin.

190. CXV. William L. Van Sickle, the sixth child of Caroline O. and William, was born in Will Co., Ills., March 7, 1848. He was married at Ellsworth, Pierce Co., Wis., February 9, 1877, to *Mary M.*, daughter of Captain Hubert Augustus Seely, of New Brunswick, Canada, by whom he had one child, a son, Robert A., born Aug. 2, who died Sept. 2, 1879. P. O., River Falls, Pierce County, Wisconsin.

195. CXVI. Newton Van Sickle, the first child of Elizabeth (Sherman) and Orrin, was born in Morrow County, Ohio, April 15, 1840, and was married in the same county on the 12th of October, 1864, to *Phæbe*, daughter of George W. Harvey, of the same place, by whom he had three children; I. Albert, born March 14, 1867, who died Sept. 12, 1874; II. Orra Elizabeth, born Dec. 14, 1870, who died Sept. 21, 1874; and III. Freddie, born Sept. 14, 1874. His wife, Phæbe, was born Jan. 1, 1841. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) resides in Bennington Township, Morrow County, Ohio. P. O., Marengo.

196. CXVII. Huldah Van Sickle, the second child and oldest daughter of Elizabeth and Orrin, was born in Morrow Co., O., September 6, 1842, and was married in the same county (about 1861) to *Isaac Q. Dague*, wagon-maker, son of John Dague, late of Morrow Co., O., by whom she had one child, a daughter, Alberta, born Aug. 10, 1862. In 1866 they removed to Oceola, Iowa, where they now (1880) reside.

198. CXVIII. John Van Sickle, the fourth child of Elizabeth and Orrin, was born in Morrow Co., O., July 1, 1846. He was married at Mt. Gilead (the county seat of Morrow County), Ohio, June 11, 1871, to *Matilda*, daughter of Lucius Hibbard, of the same county, by whom he had two children—both daughters; I. Myrtle May, born Feb. 7, 1872; and II. Rosa, born Oct. 8, 1875. His wife, Matilda, was

born in Morrow County, Ohio, March 9, 1853. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) resides in Peru Township, Morrow County, Ohio. P. O., Bennington.

201. CXIX. Norton Van Sickle, the seventh child of Elizabeth and Orrin, was born in Morrow Co., O., April 21, 1852. He was married in Iowa, and has one child, and now (1880) lives in the West.

202. CXX. Orrin Van Sickle, the eighth child of Elizabeth and Orrin, was born in Morrow Co., O., April 3, 1854. He was married at Columbus, Franklin Co., O., August 26, 1879, to *Rebecca Jane*, (who was born May 20, 1857), daughter of Edward Rambo. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) resides in Peru Township, Morrow Co., Ohio. P. O., Bennington.

207. CXXI. Sarah Jane Van Sickle, the first child and only daughter of Phoebe (Sherman) and Nelson, was born in Morrow Co., O., August 21, 1852. She was married in Marion Co., O., October 3, 1878, to *Corodon Bradley Morton*, farmer, son of Edmund M. Morton, of Morrow Co., Ohio. Her husband, Corodon B., was born in Morrow Co., O., Aug. 26, 1846. They now (1880) reside in Peru Township, Morrow Co., Ohio. P. O., Pagetown.

208. CXXII. Almon Van Sickle, the second and youngest child and only son of Phoebe and Nelson, was born in Morrow Co., O., October 7, 1854, and was married in the same county on the 17th of February, 1877, to *Mary Cynthia*, daughter of George Titus, of Delaware Co., O., by whom he had one child, a son, George Nelson, born Jan. 11, 1878. His wife, Mary Cynthia, was born in Delaware Co., O., January 25, 1858. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) resides in Peru Township, Morrow County, Ohio. P. O., Bennington.

209. CXXIII. Orlena Fatina Van Sickle, the first child of Ruth (Steward) and Ira, was born in Morrow Co., O., December 31, 1843. She was married in Wood Co., Ohio, March 29, 1866, to *Franklin G. Davenport*, farmer, son of David Davenport, by whom she had six children: I. Elwin Arthur, born Jan. 7, 1868; II. Amaretta, born June 28, 1867; III. Everett, born Feb. 11, 1871; IV. Marietta, born Oct. 25, 1872; V. Luella, born Aug. 7, 1874; and VI. Florence, born Aug. 29, 1878. They now (1880) live on their farm near Perrysburg, Wood Co., Ohio.

210. CXXIV. Mary Delia Van Sickle, the second child of Ruth and Ira, was born in Delaware Co., Ohio, November 10, 1845. She was married in Wood Co., Ohio, September 9, 1866, to *David Hatcher*, son of Dixon Hatcher, by whom she had three children; I. George Elmer, born Aug. 13, 1867; II. Alice May, born March 1, 1869; and III. Albert, born June 5, 1873. She died in Wood Co., Ohio, April 27, 1876.

211. CXXV. David Van Sickle, the third child and oldest son of Ruth and Ira, was born in Delaware Co., Ohio, April 21, 1848. He was married in Wood Co., Ohio, January 16, 1870, to *Cynthia Susan*, daughter of Henry Shoemaker, by whom he had two children; I. Ira

Leroy, born March 8, 1871; and II. Henry Sheridan, born Sept. 5, 1872. He is a farmer by occupation, and now (1880) lives near Perrysburg, Wood County, Ohio.

212. CXXVI. Clark Van Sickle, the fourth child and youngest son of Ruth and Ira, was born in Delaware Co., Ohio, January 22, 1850. He was married at Perrysburg, Wood Co., O., October 18, 1873, to *Mrs. Mary S. Cornell*, daughter of John Stelter, by whom he had three children; I. Bertha May, born June 15, 1874; II. Arthur DeWitt, born Sept. 5, 1876; and III. Addie Elnora, born Feb. 6, 1879. He is a farmer and carpenter by occupation, and now (1880) resides at Perrysburg, Wood County, Ohio.

213. CXXVII. Alwilda Van Sickle, the fifth and youngest child of Ruth and Ira, was born in Clinton Co., Mich., March 19, 1855. She was married in Wood Co., O., March 31, 1874, to *Adelbert La Forest Davenport*, brother to Orlena Fatina's husband and son of David Davenport, by whom she had two children; I. a son, Frederick Adelbert, born April 22, 1875; and II. a daughter, Effie Della, born March 22, 1879. They now (1880) reside near Perrysburg, Wood County, Ohio.

