

20TH CENTURY HISTORY
OF
YOUNGSTOWN
AND
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
AND
REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS

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intendency of the Detroit, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and Jackson Railroad, for two years, subsequently becoming general superintendent of the Michigan Traction Company, with which he remained for a year and a half. Mr. Dill was then called to his present position as general manager of the Youngstown and Southern Railway. This line will have been completed as far as Leetonia, by the autumn of 1907, and will be fully equipped as an electric railway. A connection will be made at Leetonia with the Youngstown and Ohio River Railroad, thus connecting with Salem, Lisbon and East Liverpool, and cementing the transportation interests of Columbiana and Mahoning Counties.

In 1892 Mr. Dill was married to E. Janette Flood, of Boston, Massachusetts, and they have four children: Leland, Herbert, Robert and Grace Margaret. Mr. Dill has invested in real estate at Youngstown, purchasing a handsome home at No. 827 Michigan avenue. He is a member of the Masons and the Elks and belongs also to the Youngstown Club.

ABRAMHAM GREENAWALT, justice of the peace and prominent citizen of Damascus, has been a resident of this little city since 1892, when he removed from his valuable farm of 129 acres in Smith township, which he still owns. Mr. Greenawalt is also an honored survivor of the great Civil War. He was born February 23, 1834, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Conner) Greenawalt.

The parents of Mr. Greenawalt were natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they came to Ohio, in 1835, settling in Columbiana County, near Washingtonville. There the father engaged in farming for many years before his death. He was survived by his widow for some years. Of their five children, Abraham is the only one living.

Abraham Greenawalt remained on the home farm assisting his father, until he was 18 years of age, in the meantime securing a

district school education. He then learned the trade of bricklayer, one he followed for many years, but later, when he settled in Smith township, Mahoning County, turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. When the Civil War was precipitated on the country, the army was mainly made up, in the North, from a class of men who, previous to enlisting, had always lived quiet, peaceful lives. Among those who went out from this section of Ohio, was Abraham Greenawalt, who, in August, 1862, entered Company G, 104th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with cheerful courage until he was honorably discharged in June, 1865, at Greensboro, North Carolina. During this long period of hard marching and more or less continuous fighting, Mr. Greenawalt fortunately escaped injury, although he participated in some of the most serious battles of the whole war. His regiment was a part of the Army of the Cumberland and took part in the siege of Knoxville, the battle of Franklin, and the several days of fighting included in the battle of Nashville, and the campaign around Atlanta, being under fire the greater part of the time. The 23rd Army Corps, of which his regiment was a part, was at Raleigh, North Carolina, when the noted Confederate general, Joe Johnston, was compelled to surrender to the Federal forces.

After his honorable discharge from military service, Mr. Greenawalt came to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was paid off, and then lived for a short time at Salem, but settled, in 1866, on farming land he had purchased in Smith township. He there became one of the substantial, reliable citizens, took an interest in public affairs, served several years as township trustee, two years as assessor and in 1900, was appointed land appraiser in Goshen township. In 1892 he retired from farm labor and since then has been a leading citizen of Damascus, has served as an active promoter of the town's best interests, and since May 5, 1903, has been a justice of the peace.

Mr. Greenawalt was married (first) to Jane Miller, of Smith township and they had five children, the two survivors being: Emor

M., residing in Wichita County, Kansas, and John J., residing at Alliance, Ohio. Mr. Greenawalt was married (second) to Mary J. Phillips, who was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Nathan and Anna Phillips, who came from Pennsylvania when Mrs. Greenawalt was eight years of age. A granddaughter of Mr. Greenawalt, Blanche, daughter of Emor M., has resided with her grandfather for the past fourteen years, since she was four years old, and is a very amiable and engaging young lady. Mr. Greenawalt is one of the leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a valued comrade in John C. Fremont Post, G. A. R., of Alliance, Ohio.

MRS. SARAH RHODES, a most highly respected resident of Greenford, widow of Cyrus Rhodes, who died December 26, 1904, was born in Green township, Mahoning County, Ohio, November 4, 1830, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Baker) Bush.

The father of Mrs. Rhodes died in 1880. He was a native of Germany and had come among the early settlers to Green township. He was a weaver by trade and in connection with farming, worked more or less at his loom until his death. He married Mary Baker, who died when Mrs. Rhodes was small and she is the only survivor of their family of five children.

Mrs. Rhodes as a girl attended the public schools of Green township, and has always been considered a woman of great intelligence and excellent judgment in the ordinary affairs of life. On August 7, 1851, she was married to Cyrus Rhodes, who was born November 18, 1826, in Green township, Mahoning County, and was a son of Henry and Sarah (Cochel) Rhodes. The latter were natives of an eastern state and came to Green township at so early a period that they were obliged to make their own path through the unbroken forest, marking the trees on the way in order

to find an opening again to civilization. No children were born to Cyrus Rhodes and wife, but they reared two infants to maturity, both of whom became as dear to them as their own. Their adopted son, Lafayette Rhodes, residing in Green township, married Caroline Hively, of Green township, and they have two children, Sarah M. and Otis O. The adopted daughter, Eliza Parmelia, who died in the spring of 1899, married Dwight Kelley, residing now at Youngstown, and they had five children, namely: Ruby M., Ada M., Charles R., Clark L. and Honor D.

After their marriage, Cyrus Rhodes and wife settled on a farm in Green township, where Mr. Rhodes carried on general farming. He was a man of prominence in the county and served six years as infirmary director and a number of terms as trustee of Green township. He took an active part in town politics and his influence was always lent to advance the best interests of his community. He was a Republican. For many years he was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church at Greenford, in which he was a deacon. After a half century of happy married life, Mr. Rhodes passed away, a man who was beloved and revered in his family and respected and esteemed by his fellow-citizens.

Mrs. Rhodes still owns her farm of 100 acres, situated in Green township. She is a valued member of the Lutheran Church at Greenford.

MYRON I. ARMS, vice-president of the First National Bank at Youngstown, Ohio, and president of the General Fire-Proofing Company, also of Youngstown, is one of the representative business men of this city. He was born January 30, 1854, a son of Myron I. and Emeline E. (Warner) Arms.

The father of Mr. Arms was long one of the prominent business men of this section, a large iron manufacturer, with many and important interests. During the Civil War these were so large that on three occasions he paid