

HISTORY

OF

WAYNE COUNTY,

INDIANA,

v. 2

TOGETHER WITH SKETCHES OF ITS CITIES, VILLAGES AND TOWNS,
EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS, CIVIL, MILITARY, AND POLITICAL
HISTORY, PORTRAITS OF PROMINENT PERSONS, AND
BIOGRAPHIES OF REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS.

—————
Vol. II.
—————

—————
ILLUSTRATED.
—————

CHICAGO:
INTER-STATE PUBLISHING CO.
1884.

De
977.201
97.3672
v. 2

Martha Sherry. They have four children—Mary E., Iva I., Lena L. and Ethel E.

Eli Kilmer was born in Berkley County, Va., June 5, 1827, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Sibert) Kilmer, natives of Pennsylvania, who located in Virginia, and subsequently, in 1840, in Wayne County. They had a family of twelve children, eleven of whom came to Wayne County and ten of whom are living—Daniel, John, Henry, Mary, Eli, George, William, Barbara, Thomas and Ann. Catherine and Elizabeth are deceased. Mr. Kilmer died in 1857. Mrs. Kilmer was born March 22, 1795, and died at the age of fifty-five years, two months and eighteen days. Our subject was reared a farmer, and in 1857 married Mrs. Hannah Hart, widow of George Hart. They have seven children—Elizabeth, Howard, George, Daniel, Charles, Etta May, and Mary E. Mrs. Kilmer's first husband's father, Daniel Hart, was a native of North Carolina, and came to this county with his wife and one child and settled on the place where Francis Hendrix now resides. He had a family of ten children—Sarah, Elizabeth, William, James, John, Melinda, George, Isaac, Rebecca and Samuel. George married Hannah, daughter of John Roper, Feb. 12, 1852. He died April 27, 1856, leaving two children—John W., and William S., a resident of Iowa.

Justus Krouskoff, farmer, section 21, Boston Township, was born in Butler County, Ohio, April 24, 1832, a son of Louis and Catherine Krouskoff, natives of Germany, his father born in 1780 and his mother in 1790. They came to America in 1819, and located in Cincinnati, and subsequently removed to Butler County, Ohio, where the father died in 1860, and the mother in 1866. Of their eight children Justus is the only one living in Wayne County, Ind. He was educated in the common schools and then entered the Farmers' College near Cincinnati, where he graduated in 1855, teaching in the meantime to defray his expenses. He taught school till 1865, a part of the time in the district schools and a part of the time was principal of graded schools. In 1865 he removed to Richmond and was engaged in the drug business till 1868, when he sold his stock and purchased the farm

where he now lives. He has eighty acres of well-improved land. In 1864 he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Ohio Infantry, and served four months. He was married Jan. 20, 1863, to Rocilla, daughter of F. S. Bowen, of Hamilton County, Ohio. They have four children—Kate, Ollie, Charles and Francis. Politically Mr. Krouskoff is a Republican.

F. M. Lamb was born in Centre, now Boston, Township, Wayne Co., Ind., in 1833, a son of John and Catherine (Boone) Lamb. His grandfather, James Lamb, was a native of Perthshire, Scotland, and when twenty years of age, in 1776, came to the United States, and after participating in the war of the Revolution settled in Bourbon County, Ky., where he married Hannah, daughter of Joseph Boone. In 1811 he removed to Indiana and settled near the mouth of Elkhorn Creek, in Abington Township, Wayne County. He bought 1,440 acres of land for which he paid \$2 an acre. He was a member of the Christian church. He had a family of nine children—Anna, James, William, John, Thomas, Joseph B., Elizabeth, Hannah, Jane and Catherine, all deceased but Mrs. Jane Spahr, of Abington. Mr. Lamb died in 1841, aged eighty-five years, and his wife in 1839, aged seventy years. He was a strong anti-slavery man, and left Kentucky on account of the evil influences of slavery. His son, John Lamb, was born in Kentucky in 1802. He married Catherine, daughter of William Boone, in Butler County, Ohio, and shortly after settled in Boston Township. They were zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church. To them were born nine children; but four are living—Mrs. Sarah Owens, F. M. and T. J., of Boston, and Hannah, wife of Obadiah Holler, of Union County, Ind. James, John, Stephen, John W. and Almira are deceased. Mr. Lamb died in 1860, aged fifty-eight years, and his wife in 1880, in the seventy-third year of her age. Our subject, F. M. Lamb, was reared a farmer, and his advantages for an education were meager. He was married in 1857 to Rachel, daughter of Thomas Laws. They have had a family of ten children—Thomas, William, Joseph, Harry, John W. and Frankie (deceased), Althea, Margaret, Mary and Mattie (twins). Mr. Lamb owns a fine farm of 196 acres, all well improved.