

along in the wagon of his benefactors, saying that his son had ruined himself by becoming one of those notorious Masons. On separating from his companions, they told him that, owing to the emergencies of their situation, they would probably have thought it necessary to abandon him, but out of respect for his son, who was a Mason, as they were themselves, they had rescued him at the risk of their own lives and comfort. Ever afterward he was an enthusiastic friend of Masonry, and on his return to Ohio desired to enter the lodge, and would have done so had he not been too old. He spent eighteen months in the mines, and then went home with about \$2,000 in gold. In 1853 he took another trip to the Golden State, but this time was gone only nine months. After dividing his farm among his children, he settled on a new piece of land in Goshen Township, two or three miles from his old home, but on the expiration of five years sold out, and in 1866 went to Kansas. He settled on a farm of prairie land, engaged in loaning money, and resided there until his death, which occurred in February, 1891, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, Margaret, had died twenty years before, leaving three children, the eldest of whom, William, is the only survivor. Catherine married Timothy Stillings; he died in the Rocky Mountains and was taken to Atchison, Kan., for burial. Lucinda, whose death resulted from consumption, was the wife of R. S. Latham.

William A. Kelly lived on his father's homestead until he went to California, in 1864, and early assumed the management of the place. He carried on the farm until it was divided, when he received the part on which he yet resides. March 26, 1852, on his twenty-sixth birthday, he married Miss Mary Henry, of Dudley Township, who died September 3, 1871. May 1, 1872, Mr. Kelly wedded Elnora J., widow of John Johns, of Kenton, where she had resided for several years. She was born in Gettysburg, Pa., August 15, 1825. By her first marriage she had three children: George Henry, a shoemaker of Kenton; Addie L., wife of Finley Kelly; and Lolo Floretta, wife of David Harvey, of Dunkirk, Ohio. To the first marriage of William Kelly

eight children were born, five of whom are living, namely: Finley S., who farms a tract adjoining the old home; Ella V., a seamstress; Lolo M., wife of Theodore Hullinger, of Wyandot County; Ida C., Mrs. Fletcher Baily, of Taylor Creek Township; and Gertie, who is clerking in Denver, Colo.

Since 1853 Mr. Kelly has resided on his present farm, and his first house stood on the site of his present residence, which he erected in 1870, burning the brick for it on the farm. The place contains one hundred and ninety-four acres, one hundred and fourteen of which were entered by his father over sixty-five years ago, and one hundred acres of which he has cleared himself. For thirty-five years he has been an auctioneer, and has a justly merited reputation for his ability in that direction. He is a Democrat, and has filled nearly all the township offices. At the age of twenty-three years he joined the Masonic order at Kenton, and in 1873 became one of the charter members of Goshen Grange No. 578, P. of H. He has filled all the chairs in that body, and has repeatedly served as Master of the County Grange, which office he is at present filling. He has been Deputy Organizer for the county, for several years has attended the State Grange, and was for a time Chaplain of the latter body. At the last session held at Dayton, a three-days meeting, about eight hundred and fifty members were in daily attendance, and every county in the state was represented. In the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are active members, and Mr. Kelly has served as Steward and Class-Leader.



ROBERT McC. DRAPER, who for fifty-seven years was a well known resident of Hardin County, was engaged in farm pursuits in Pleasant Township until his death. He was a native of Ohio, born in Holmes County, May 9, 1827, and was a son of Isaac Draper, a Virginian,