

father was a cabinet-maker, and followed that calling until his early death, at the age of thirty-two years, in 1854. His father and mother were natives of Maryland and Virginia, respectively, and on the paternal side he was of French descent, while on the maternal side he was of German extraction. Mrs. Mahala Delauder is still living in Hardin County, Ohio, and is now in her seventy-fifth year. Her parents were born in Germany.

Our subject never knew what it was to experience the love and tender care of a father, for that parent died two months before young Lawson's birth. He was reared on the old homestead in Maryland and attended the common school until eighteen years of age. He then set about learning the wheelwright's trade, and was employed as an apprentice for a year or more. January 8, 1872, he arrived at Larue, Marion County, and for the next four years worked in his brother's wagon shop, after which he became a resident of Agosta, where he has since made his home.

October 3, 1876, the marriage of Mr. Delauder and Mattie A. Long, of Wyandot County, Ohio, was celebrated. Eight children were born of their union, namely: Ollie, who is a successful school teacher of this county; William H. and Lloyd, both of whom died when about two years of age; and Sallie Florence, Grover F., Lawson Rhea, Hershel M. and Frederick E.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Delauder are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The only fraternity with which our subject is identified is the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.



**H**ON. JOHN D. GUTHERY. \*Without a sketch of Mr. Guthery, well known as one of the most successful agriculturists of Marion County, this volume would be incomplete. A resident of Bowling Green Township for many years, he is the owner of one of the finest farms of the locality, which through excellent methods

of fertilization and proper rotation of crops has been brought to a high state of cultivation. The success which he has attained is especially noteworthy, inasmuch as it has been secured through his own unremitting exertions, aided by the efficient co-operation of his excellent wife. He has the distinction of being the largest land-owner of the township, his possessions aggregating probably eighteen hundred acres in this and adjoining townships.

During the residence of his parents in Pike County, Ohio, the subject of this notice was born, September 16, 1819, being the second of four children comprising the family of Joseph and Hannah (Dever) Guthery. William, the eldest, died in 1863, when forty-six years old. Isaac F. passed away in 1889, when sixty-eight years old. Joseph died in 1827, at the age of one year. The father of these sons was born in Greene County, Pa., and was taken by his parents to Ohio when seven years old. In August, 1827, he came to Marion County, and here he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred February 5, 1856. Politically a Democrat, he was a man of influence in this locality, and aided in the organization of the township. Soon afterward he was chosen Justice of the Peace, being the first incumbent of that office, and when after a service of nine years he resigned, his son, our subject, was elected to succeed him. For his services in the War of 1812 he received a Government land warrant. A kind-hearted, generous and hospitable man, he made many friends among the pioneers of this section, and was beloved for his probity of character. His liberal benefactions to those in need were often made at the sacrifice of his own interests, for he was generous even to a fault. Full of years and honors he passed to his reward, and his body was laid to rest in the family burying-ground on the old homestead. In religious belief he was identified with the United Brethren Church.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Guthery, was born in Scotland, and accompanied his parents to America in childhood, settling in Lancaster County, Pa., where he was reared and married. He was engaged in the dis-