

Carthage, where she continued to reside until her marriage and removal to Morristown. She is an affable lady of high character and many excellent qualities, popular with her friends and neighbors and moves in the best society; she is interested in all that makes for the good of the community along social, moral and religious lines, and, like her husband, stands for high ideals and noble purposes as the essential factors in every life that aspires to something above the mere fact of existence.

THE PATTEN FAMILY.

The family of which the Pattens of Shelby county are members are of old colonial and Anglo-Saxon stock along every line. The first one of the family in America was a Quaker, who came from the north of Ireland prior to the American revolution. He was in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in colonial and Revolutionary times, but probably took no active part in the war for independence because of his religious opposition to war.

William Patten, the first of the family whose presence in America is positively known, was born July 29, 1754. A tradition in the family says that he was brought over at a very early age, but there is no mention of his parents ever being in this country. He married Rachel Brown, an English woman, who was born November 30, 1758, and who died September 28, 1811. He was married a second time, June 2, 1813, to Sally Morris, a widow who owned some property. The record of this marriage, as well as the records of the marriages of many others of the early members of the family, is preserved in the archives of the Friends' meeting at Stillwater, Ohio. William Patten went to Georgia some years prior to 1800 and joined the Quaker colony in Warren and McDuffie counties, and lived there, a member of the Wrightsborough meeting of Friends, until 1802. This Quaker colony had been founded about the time of the Revolution by a number of men who had obtained a grant of forty thousand acres of land, and here they lived until the beginning of the nineteenth century, when their opposition to slavery caused them to seek another home beyond the influence of that institution. In 1802 William Patten and another were sent to look out a place for their new home. They went to the Northwest Territory, crossing the Ohio river near Cincinnati, going east, and finally locating land in what is now Warren township, Belmont county, Ohio, where a few Quakers had already settled the year before. Others soon followed, and in a few years not a Quaker was left in Georgia. An account of this migration is given in Week's "Southern Quakers and Slavery." William Patten lived on a farm which he owned near Barnesville, in the northeast quarter of section 9, township 8 and range 6. He died

October 15, 1840, in his eighty-seventh year. He was an active member of the Stillwater meeting of Friends, and from the organization of that meeting, soon after their coming to Ohio, until his great age prevented his active participation in their proceedings, his name appears in the minutes of almost every monthly meeting as a member of some committee, such as the committee on education, on church extension, or to select elders. He is buried in the Quaker burying ground at Stillwater. He was the father of four sons and six daughters, all of whom lived to mature years and reared families. They were: Isaac, born April 29, 1778, died in 1848; he reared thirteen children, and most of his descendants live in Ohio; a son and daughter once lived in Shelby county; John F. Lacey, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, long a member of Congress from the Sixth Iowa district, is his grandson. Mary, born February 27, 1781, died August 26, 1813, married Amos Vernon; and Ann, born March 9, 1782, died in June, 1810, married Robert Vernon; their descendants live in Ohio, Iowa and Missouri. Grace, born November 11, 1784, married Benajah Parker; they reared a large family in Henry county, Indiana. Mahlon, born October 15, 1787, left two sons whose descendants live in eastern Ohio and in California. William, born May 25, 1790, left many descendants, every one of whom has left Ohio, and who live in almost every state from Indiana to California. Rachel, born June 23, 1793, died in November, 1852, married Eli Griffith and left two sons, William and Collins. John, whose biography follows. Sarah, born April 18, 1799, died March 19, 1873, married John Thompson, and left descendants in Ohio and New York. Ruth, half-sister to the others, born March 10, 1814, died February 17, 1841, married John Bundy; her issue live in eastern Ohio and in Indiana.

John Patten, grandfather of the Pattens now living in Shelby county, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, February 27, 1796. He, like his father's children, was a birthright Quaker, and continued a member of that church until his death, January 2, 1863. He married Rebecca, daughter of Joseph and Zilpha (Hays) Stubbs, November 27, 1816, and removed at once to the new county of Morgan and bought a part of section 26, township 10, in range 12, near the Muskingum river. Here he reared a family of ten children. Of the sixty-one grandchildren of William Patten three of the children of John Patten are now living (1909). He was three times married; his first wife died November 2, 1839, and he married Mrs. Rachel Patterson, December 28, 1842; she died May 7, 1855, and July 29, 1857, he was married to Mrs. Mary Bundy, who survived him. He was a most devoted member of the Friends' church at Pennville, in Morgan county; he was an elder in the church, and for many years sat at the head of the meeting; he is buried in the Friends' burying ground at that place. He was a useful man in his community, the arbiter of disputes, the friend of all who needed his assistance, and the adviser and counselor of all who needed his counsel. His house,

prior to the War of the Rebellion, was a station on the "Underground Railroad," along which runaway slaves were helped to Canada. His children, all born in Morgan county, were: Abraham, born January 22, 1818; died October 2, 1846; buried in Henry county, Indiana; left no children. Rachel B., born October 11, 1819; died December 8, 1863; married David Sears; her descendants live in Iowa, Missouri and farther west. Rhoda, born March 16, 1822, died October 26, 1882, married James Bailey; her children live in Iowa and Nebraska. Joseph, born July 10, 1823, died in Brush, Colorado, in 1902, leaving children in Wisconsin, Missouri and Colorado. Sarah, born January 24, 1825; married, first, to John Talbott; second, to James Bryan; now lives at Ellsworth, Minnesota. William, the principal name of this sketch. John Quincy, born July 13, 1829, died October 9, 1853, and was buried at Raysville, Indiana; was not married. Richard, born October 7, 1831; lives at Whittier, Iowa; is a retired farmer. Isaac, born March 28, 1834; lives at Lewistown, Missouri; retired; was a mechanic. Rebecca, born March 9, 1837; died June 4, 1861; married Edwin Powers; she left no family.

William Patten (name usually signed William L.) was born March 3, 1827. He received the limited education available in what were known as private or subscription schools, conducted a few months each year, and in 1847 he left the old home in Ohio and came to Indiana, where he lived among the Friends in Wayne and Henry counties, earning his living as farmer and carpenter for a time; then he entered the employ of the old Madison & Indianapolis Railroad, later going with the now defunct Knightstown & Edinburg Railroad, with which he held the positions of brakeman, conductor and roadmaster. January 12, 1854, he married Eliza Jane, daughter of Seth M. and Fanny (Warren) Cole, New England people, whose ancestor, James Cole, had settled at Plymouth in 1633, and who had themselves moved to Hanover township in 1821. She was a native of Indiana, born January 21, 1829. A little more than a year after their marriage they removed to Wisconsin, settling on a farm in Green Lake county. Members of the Cole family had preceded them; they resided there for five years; there three of their children were born. It was a beautiful prairie country, and the fertile soil, without the labor and waste of time required to clear the forest, yielded large returns, and it was with regret that they left there. But in the spring of 1861 they returned from Wisconsin and bought the southeast quarter of section 6, in township 14 north, and range 8 east, in the northeast corner of Hanover township, and here he lived until 1892, when he retired from active effort and removed to Morristown, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying August 13, 1903. His wife died January 9, 1875, and he had married Asenath G. Spencer, of Iowa, at St. Clairsville, Ohio, July 29, 1880; she died in Cedar county, Iowa, August 17, 1882. She was a cousin of Senator Windom, of Minnesota, and had for seven years been a clerk in the War De-

partment at Washington. William and Eliza Jane Patten are buried in Hanover cemetery, where five generations of her family lie. William Patten was an upright, energetic and industrious man of frugal habits, always interested in the better things of life. He had been denied the opportunities for more than a limited education and, remembering his own lack of opportunity in that respect, he used his best endeavors to educate his children. He was born a member of the Friends' church, but was disowned for "marrying out." Late in life he joined the Methodist Episcopal church and continued a member until his death, though still adhering to the beliefs of the Friends in most things. He was a member of the Morristown Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, which he joined in 1872. He voted the ticket of the Free-Soil party before the organization of the Republican party, and from that date he steadily allied himself with that party. He never held or sought political office, and never failed to vote nor to attend the primaries and the conventions of his party.

William and Eliza Jane Patten were the parents of eight children, six of whom still live, two dying in infancy. Of these the oldest, John Quincy, was born in Morristown, January 10, 1855. He was educated in the district school and at Morristown. He spent the year 1879 in Kansas. He married Maria, daughter of George and Harriet (Steers) Bacon, September 8, 1880, and removed to Linn county, Iowa, where they resided four years, going thence to Reno county, Kansas. There he owns a fine, well improved farm of two hundred and forty acres in the Arkansas river valley, near Hutchinson. In 1893 he was elected Sheriff of Reno county and held the office two terms, from 1893 to 1897, receiving the largest majority of any candidate on his ticket. In 1908 he removed to Hutchinson in order to educate his only child, a son, Hiram B., born August 21, 1893. He is a member of a number of fraternal societies, including several of the Masonic bodies.

Charles S. Patten was born in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, April 19, 1857. He was educated in the public schools of Hanover township and Morristown, and took a business course in the Bryant and Stratton Commercial College. He received practical business training as an employe of business houses in Morristown and Shelbyville, and after some time spent in farming, in 1888, he joined himself with Alexander G. Mellis in the flour milling business in Freeport. They continued as partners for several years at Freeport and in the grain business in Morristown, when James W. Buckingham became a member of the firm. Later A. G. Mellis severed his connection with the partnership and Joseph A. Zike soon afterward succeeded J. W. Buckingham, Patten and Zike now owning what was formerly the M. C. Burt elevator, which had been purchased in 1893 by Mellis and Patten, and the grain elevator at Reedville. He is also president of the Morristown Milling Company, in which A. G. Mellis and others are stockholders; secretary of the

Northside Gas Company; a trustee of the Citizens' Gas Company, and the owner of real estate in Morristown, in Hanover township and in Fayette county. He has never refused to perform those civic duties that demand the time and attention of someone in every community, and since his coming to Morristown in 1893 he has held some town office almost continuously. At present he is president of the School Board and a member of the Board of Town Trustees. During his term of service as a member of the School Board, largely through his efforts, Morristown has improved and enlarged its school property and has received a commission for its high school. He is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church, a past master of Morristown Masonic Lodge, a member of Greenfield Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a past chancellor of Navarre Lodge of Knights of Pythias, and is a member of the Court of Honor and Modern Woodmen. He takes an active interest in politics and his affiliations are with the Republican party. He was married December 29, 1886, to Anna, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Parks) Hughes, and has two children: Hughes, born November 8, 1889, and Edith, born September 12, 1891. The former graduated in the class of 1909, and the latter is in the class of 1910 in the Morristown high school.

Juliet Patten was born in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, October 19, 1858. She attended the public schools and the Central Normal College at Danville. She was married May 6, 1885, to Frank H., son of William and Helen (Bromwell) Young, of Carthage, Indiana. He is engaged in the lumber business in Indianapolis and owns valuable real estate in that city. Their children are: Raymond A., born May 24, 1886, a graduate of the Manual Training high school. Bernice, born December 22, 1887, a graduate of the Manual Training high school, and now in the class of 1910 in Miami University. Helen, born October 22, 1889, now a student in Earlham College. Marie, born February 2, 1892, and Esther, born February 14, 1893, both in Shortridge high school. Frances, born October 14, 1900. They reside at 3541 North Meridian street, Indianapolis.

Rebecca Alice Patten was born in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, May 24, 1860. She was educated in the public schools and at the Central Normal College at Danville. She was a pupil of Dr. O. F. Fitch, as were all the others of the family. She was married November 14, 1888, to Garland B., son of Garland B. and Mary Allender, of Rush county, Indiana. He died September 5, 1896, leaving his wife and one child, Warren P., born October 17, 1890, now in the class of 1910 in the Morristown high school. After the death of her husband she and her father made their home together in Morristown, where she still resides and owns real estate. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Hiram B. Patten was born in Shelby county, January 4, 1867. His early education was received in the public schools of Hanover township and

Morristown; student at Central Normal College during the winters of 1883 and 1884 and the spring of 1887, graduating in the teachers' course the latter year; teacher in Hanover township, at Gwynneville, and at Morristown, 1885-8; student at DePauw University, 1888-90; principal of the school at Fountaintown, 1890-1; principal of the Morristown school, 1891-9; president Shelby County Teachers' Association, 1896; held a teacher's state license; editor Morristown Sun, 1892-4; studied law while teaching, and attended Indiana Law School, graduating in 1900; has practiced law in Indianapolis since 1900; is a past master of the Morristown Masonic Lodge, a member of Greenfield Royal Arch Chapter; a past chancellor of Indianapolis Lodge, No. 56, Knights of Pythias; treasurer and former secretary of the Society of Sons of the Revolution in the state of Indiana; a member of the Central Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, the Indianapolis Commercial Club, the Marion Club, and the Indianapolis Alumni Club of the Phi Delta Theta college fraternity; residence, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Vernon Cole Patten was born in Shelby county, December 12, 1870. He attended the public schools of Hanover township and Morristown; taught in Hanover township, 1888-9; in the lumber business in Arkansas, 1889-90; student at Butler University, 1890-1; a student at DePauw University, 1891-2; taught at Morristown, 1892-3; manager of the Ingalls Lumber Company, 1893-4; a student at Kansas City Medical College, 1894-5; student, Indiana Medical College, 1895-7; practiced medicine in Chicago, 1897-1901; post-graduate student at the Chicago Clinical School, 1901; physician at Morristown since 1901; joined with Dr. William M. Pierson, in 1906, in a partnership, which still exists; is secretary of the local Board of Health, a member of the Shelby County Medical Society, of the Indiana State Medical Association, and of the American Medical Association. He was married January 11, 1905, to Julia A., daughter of Henry P. and Margaret (Hoffman) Gordon. They have one child, Margaret Eliza, born December 7, 1906. He is the owner of real estate in Morristown; he is a member of Morristown Masonic lodge, and of the Modern Woodmen of America.
