

2. He was born in Tully township, Marion county, Ohio, October 23, 1848, and is of Irish lineage, for the name is of Irish origin. The family, however, was probably established in America at a very early day and the grandparents of our subject, Thomas and Nancy Kennedy, were both natives of Pennsylvania. In 1832 they left that state and coming to Ohio settled in Crawford county, where they spent their remaining days, passing away in Whetstone township. The journey to this state was made in a wagon, and during their early residence here they lived in true pioneer style. The grandfather died in the '40s, and the grandmother passed away in 1863. Their children were: William K., the father of our subject; Martha, who died in early womanhood; Margaretta, who is living in Marion county, Ohio; John, deceased; Nancy Jane, who has also passed away; Thomas, who died in Jasper county, Indiana, in 1900; Sarah, deceased; Samuel, who is living in Whetstone township; Mary E., who died in Marion county in 1901; and George Washington, who is living in Marion county.

William K. Kennedy was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, February 16, 1818, and when a youth of fourteen accompanied his parents to this state, being reared here upon the home farm. He acquired a good common-school education and for a few terms engaged in teaching school. He had a strong mind, was a man of good judgment and was well informed. For five years he worked as a farm hand, at eleven dollars per month, being thus employed on the plains south of Bucyrus. For his first wife he married Miss Margaret Shank, who was born in Pennsylvania, and was of Pennsylvania-Dutch descent, her ancestors coming from Holland. Her parents, Jacob and Lydia (Bush) Shank, settled in Crawford county about 1832. By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy the following children were born: Nancy, who died at the age of three years; Lydia Jane, the wife of Samuel Baker, of Dallas township; Thomas S., of this review; Martha, who died after her marriage; James W., who is residing in Marion county, Ohio; Emma, wife of Madison Roberts, of Marion county; Anzilla, wife of George Watts, of Marion county; Margaret, wife of John R. Hill, of Marion county. The mother died in 1861 and a few years later the father married Mary Lance, a native of Pennsylvania, who still survives him and is living on the homestead farm in Marion county. By the second marriage there was one child, Samira, the wife of Elsworth Jones, of Marion county. Throughout his business career the father followed farming. He located on the boundary line between Crawford and Marion counties, his farm lying in both counties, but his residence in the latter, and there he remained until his life's labors were ended in death. He

prospered and gained a good estate. He engaged in dealing in and raised large flocks of sheep and also handled other stock. Being an excellent judge of domestic animals he was enabled to make judicious purchases and upon his investments he realized a handsome profit.

Mr. Kennedy was reared upon the home farm and the labors of the field and meadow became familiar to him during the period of his youth. The common school afforded him his educational privileges and through the winter months he pursued his studies, again taking up the work of the farm with returning spring. In 1874 he was married to Hester F. Monnett, a daughter of Thomas Monnett, of Marion county, and their union was blessed with twelve children: Thomas Mervin, William C., Otho W., Orange D., Myron G., Amy E., James C., Ollie, Ralph, Myrtle, Almet and Jay. The last named died at the age of two years, but the others are all living, and three of the sons, Thomas Mervin, William C. and Otho W., have engaged in teaching in the district schools.

After his marriage Mr. Kennedy began farming in Whetstone township, Crawford county, where he remained for seven years, after which he removed to his present place of residence. Here he owns two hundred and eighty acres of land, and in addition he has eighty acres a mile west, forty acres in Whetstone township and one hundred and seventy-five acres in Marion county. In connection with general farming he raises cattle, sheep and hogs and also buys and sells others. His business interests are well conducted and directed along progressive and straightforward lines. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office, and he has satisfactorily served in a number of minor positions, but he has never been an aspirant for political office. In his political views he is a Democrat, and in religious faith is a Methodist. His life is honorable, his actions sincere, and his integrity unquestioned, and in Crawford county he has gained many warm friends who esteem him highly for his sterling worth.

ROBERT K. WARNER.

Among the honored pioneers who aided in laying broad and deep the foundations for the present prosperity and progress of Crawford county, who met the hardships and trials of pioneer life, yet continued an active factor in the work of reclaiming the wild land for purposes of civilization was Robert K. Warner. He was one of the representative men of the community, hon-