

CYRUS NUPP is one of the oldest residents of Green township, Indiana county, having lived on the farm he now occupies for over seventy years. The family is one of the most respected in this region, its members having an enviable reputation as industrious, thrifty and valuable citizens, and three generations have been represented in the service of their country as volunteers during war times. Mr. Nupp was born Jan. 3, 1836, in Somerset county, Pa., where his paternal grandfather lived at an early day.

Daniel Nupp, father of Cyrus Nupp, was born in Somerset county, and came to Indiana county in 1842, settling on the farm in Green township where his son Cyrus now lives. There he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1889. He married Leah Mossdoller, like himself a native of Somerset county, daughter of John Henry Mossdoller, who came to this country from Germany, settling in Somerset county, pa., where he passed the rest of his life. Mrs. Nupp died in 1872. She was the mother of nine children, six sons and three daughters, viz.: Alexander, who is deceased; George, deceased; Cyrus; Franklin, now living in Somerset county, who served in the Civil war as a member of Company D, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and took part in many battles; John Henry, who was killed at the battle of the Wilderness, while serving as a member of Company C, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Edward, deceased; Lovina, deceased; Mary Ann, deceased; and Anna M., wife of Elias Ruffner, now living in Oregon.

Cyrus Nupp was a young child when he came with his parents to Indiana county, and he has lived at his present home in Green township ever since. He received his education in the primitive schools of the boyhood days, held in log houses furnished with slab benches and other rude fittings, and began assisting his father in the arduous work of improving his land when a mere boy. He helped to clear the farm, which was in its wild state when the family located here, and the surrounding country abounded in deer, bear and other game. He has had a hand in all the improvements made on the property, watching it develop from a place in the wilderness to a valuable farming tract. During the Civil war he entered his country's service, enlisting from Indiana county in Company D, 78th P.V.I., under Colonel Sirwell, and he served three years, one month, twenty-four days. He was mustered out in November 1865, at Kittanning Pa., and returned to the home farm, which he bought and has since farmed. In spite of his seventy-seven years he is robust and active, enjoying good health.

On May 20, 1866, Mr. Nupp married, in New York State, Cynthia E. Kingsley, who was born in that State, daughter of A. L. Kingsley, a Methodist minister, who lived in Indiana county for nine years, engaged in preaching. Returning to New York State he bought a farm upon which he made his home until his death. Four children, two sons and two daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nupp: (1) Orin Ora, now a resident of Green township, was in the service during the Spanish-American war. He married Mary Bostick, of Indiana county, and they have ten children, Clyde D. (now in the United States navy), Wayne, Cyrus, Hazel (a school teacher at Dixonville, Indiana county), Lavina, Charlotte, Goldie, Stella, Loraine and Mabel (2) Luna O, is the wife of G. F. Rowe, of Parkwood, Pa., and their children are Zula (wife of Lisle Carnahan, of Parkwood), Ross, Erma (a teacher in this county), Bruce, Hale, Gay and Logan and Grant.

(3) Ervin H., of Green township, was a soldier in the Spanish-American war. He married Alice Houck, of Rayne township, this county, and they have six children, Ethel, Glen, Orpha, Merrill, Wilda and Ernest (4) Ella M. is the wife of John H. Wise, of Burnside, Clearfield Co., pa., and they have two children, Cyrus Nupp and William Morris, born at home.

Mr. Nupp is a member of the United Evangelical Church and Mrs. Nupp holds membership in the Methodist denomination .