

ENOCH F. LEWIS, an honored citizen of South Mahoning township, Indiana county, farmer, former justice of the peace, and veteran of the Civil war, has a record of usefulness in his community of which he and his family may well be proud. He was born July 9, 1838, on the old Lewis homestead in South Mahoning township, son of Ephraim E. Lewis and grandson of Joshua Lewis. The Lewises are of Welsh extraction. David Lewis, the great-grandfather, had a large family, namely: Evan, Robert, John D., Sarah, Joshua, Nancy, Elizabeth, Samuel, David, George and Margaret.

Joshua Lewis was in what was then Mahoning township as early as 1806, settling on the farm now owned by John B McCormack, where he built a stone house which is still standing, and which has been remodeled by Mr. McCormack. Here he spent the rest of his life engaged in farming, dying in 1828. He was a Presbyterian in religious connection, and is buried in the cemetery of the Gilgal Church. He served four years as associate justice of Indiana county. His widow, Nancy (Kelly), died in 1841, aged sixty-nine years. They were the parents of twelve children: Isaac, Lydia, Rebecca, David, Joshua, Keziah, Ephraim E., John, Lydia (2), Nancy, William H. and Mary E.

Ephraim E. Lewis, son of Joshua, was three years old when his parents moved to what is now West Mahoning township, and there he received a common school education in the subscription school and later in public school, but made farming his principal occupation in life, following general agriculture and stock raising, having purchased improvement rights of a tract of land lying on the waters of the south branch of Plum creek, in what was then Mahoning (now South Mahoning) township. It contained 215 acres, surveyed by warrant dated July 9, 1838, and letters patent were granted to E. E. Lewis, bearing date the 2d day of February, 1849. The last twenty years of his life were spent on a farm he purchased near the homestead, which under his management and care increased greatly in value and appearance, having a comfortable home there until his death, which occurred April 13, 1892, when he was eighty-seven years old. He is buried in Gilgal cemetery. Mr. Lewis was originally a Whig in political conviction, later a Republican, and he took a keen interest in the success of his party and in the administration of local public affairs, serving South Mahoning township as overseer of the poor and school director, and for twenty years as justice of the peace.

Mr. Lewis was twice married, the first time, in 1830, to Margaret H. McPherson, who died in 1833, the mother of two children; Agnes, who died in 1873, and Margaret M., who died Jan. 31, 1899. On April 19, 1836, Mr. Lewis married (second) Susanna Irwin Farnsworth, daughter of John Farnsworth, of Blair county, PA. Mrs. Lewis died in 1872, and is buried in Gilgal Church cemetery. She was a member of the Mahoning Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had children as follow: David R., now of Indiana, PA., a veteran of the Civil war, was formerly register, recorder and clerk of the Orphans' court, holding that office for two terms; he married in 1868 Susan W. Lemmon. Enoch F. is mentioned below, Jane H. died in 1847. Elizabeth D. died in 1847. Eliza H. died in 1861. Lydia W. married Capt. Evan Lewis, of Smicksburg, and died Jan. 28,

1903. Mary M. married William I Work March 10, 1891. Jane E. married Theodore Lockhart, June 8, 1880, and died Feb. 12, 1886.

Enoch F. Lewis obtained a public school education, partly under his father's tuition. He worked at home with his father during his younger manhood, and farming has always been his occupation. The 102 acres of the homestead place which came into his possession have been great improved under his intelligent care, his labors in the line of general agriculture and stock raising being quite successful.

Mr. Lewis is a veteran of the Civil war, having entered the service as a member of Company I, 102d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 2d Division, 6<sup>th</sup> Army Corps. He was promoted to corporal and later to sergeant. Wounded in the right thigh by a minnie ball in the battle of Cedar creek, Oct. 19, 1864, when discharged from the U. S. General hospital, Pittsburg, Pa., he returned to his regiment in front of Petersburg, march 27, 1865, taking part in all subsequent engagements until the close of the war.

On Jan. 15, 1867, Mr. Lewis married Mary Jane Shields, of Plumville, this county, daughter of James and Margaret (Getty) Shields, and they had children as follows: Annie M., M. Elizabeth, Laura B. and Maude L.

Mr. Lewis has been honored by his fellow citizens with election to numerous offices of trust. He was justice of the peace for fifteen years, and was elected for a fourth term, but declined to serve. For years he was school director, has held the office of auditor and other township offices, and in every capacity has discharged his duties faithfully, never disappointing his constituents by lack of interest or efficiency. He is a Republican in the political principle. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Plumville, of which he has been a trustee for years. He is highly respected wherever known.