

JOHN LEWIS, farmer and stock raiser of South Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born on the paternal homestead in that township Nov. 20, 1840, son of Joshua Lewis and grandson of David Lewis, who had the following children: Joseph, Evan, Robert, John D., Sarah, Joshua, Nancy, Elizabeth, Samuel, David, George and Margaret.

Joshua Lewis, the father, was born in Sinking Valley, Blair Co., Pa., and at an early day settled in South Mahoning township, Indiana county, near the line of West Mahoning township, on a tract of 204 acres which was then in the wilderness. He built a log house and barn and made other improvements, and here spent the remainder of his life engaged in general farming, dying at the age of fifty-two years. He and his wife, Eleanor (Roush), who died at Smicksburg, are buried in the Mahoning Church cemetery. They were member of the Baptist Church. In political conviction he was a Whig and republican. They had children as follows: David married Susan Smiley; Gilbert married Margaret Keasey; Mary A. married Henry Knauff; Henry married Eleanor Stear; Eliza married Isaac Good; Catherine married Michael Knauff; Sarah Ellen married John Weir, (second) Simeon McMillen, and (third) a Mr. Schrecengost; John is mentioned below; Joshua married Elizabeth Luckhart; George married Maria Stiteler; Maria married Joseph Buterbaugh; Miles married Olive Calhoun; Rebecca married William Sink.

John Lewis received his education in the public schools. He was seventeen years old when his father died, after which he worked at home on the farm with his brother David until his enlistment, in August, 1862, in Company A, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Cummins and Colonel Sirwell. His brother Joshua was in the same company and regiment, serving until the close of the war. The regiment was sent to Louisville, Ky., and participated in the battles of Nashville. Laverne (Oct. 2, 1862), Stone River (Dec. 31, 1862 and Jan. 1, 1863), Hoover's Gap (June 24, 1863), Tullhoma (July 1, 1863), Dug Alpine (Sept. 11, 1863), Chickamauga (Sept. 19, 1863), Chattanooga (Nov. 23, 1863), Lookout Mountain (Nov. 24, 1863), Missionary Ridge (Nov. 25, 1863), Rocky Face Ridge (including Tunnel Hill, Mill Creek, Buzzard's Roost and Snake Creek Gap), Dalton (May 5 to 9, 1864), Resaca (May 13-16, 1864), Adamsville (May 17, 1864), Dallas (also called New Hope Church), Burnt Hickory, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Allatoona Hills (May 24, to June 24, 1864), Kenesaw Mountain (June 9-30, 1864), Peach Tree Creek (July 20, 1864), Atlanta (July 22, 1864), Pulaski (Sept. 27, 1864). John Lewis was discharged in August, 1865.

Returning home after his discharge from the army Mr. Lewis resumed farming, and in 1866 settled down to work for himself on a part of the homestead, having a tract of eighty-eight acres where he has since continuously resided-a period of forty-six years. He built the house and barn on this place and has made all the other improvements, which allow him to be an industrious and enterprising worker. He has carried on general farming and stock raising, and keeps up to date in his methods. The public affairs of the township have always interested him, and he has held a number of the local offices, having served efficiently as supervisor, assessor and inspector of elections. In political

connection he has been a Republican ever since he commenced to vote. Mr. Lewis has long been an earnest member of the Baptist Church and Sunday school, particularly active in the latter, in which he has long been a teacher, and he served a number of years as superintendent.

On Dec. 22, 1866, Mr. Lewis was united in marriage with Sadie E. Davis, who was born in march, 1844, in West Mahoning township, daughter of James and Sarah (Jones) Davis. She is also a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have had the following children: Bert C., who is engaged in farming in West Mahoning township, married Sadie Lowry; Lottie is married to Edward Richie, of West Mahoning township; Homer C., a minister of the M. e. Church, married Lizzie N. Haskell; Walter D., a teacher, now a professor in the seminary at Meadville, Pa., married Florence Wood; Merel died when eleven years of age.