

WILLIAM HAMILTON LYDIC, a retired farmer of Washington township, Indiana county, belongs to one of the oldest families of that region, the family having been founded here by his great-grandfather, John Lydic, who came to this country from Holland. He settled at the stone fort in Indiana county and though he was driven off his land by the Indians twice, came the third time and remained. He cleared up a farm out of the wilderness, and made a permanent home for his family, and his sons settled in the vicinity. He married Mary May.

Patrick Lydic, son of John and Mary (May) Lydic, married Mary McHenry and they lived in Indiana county to the end of their days. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and a Whig in politics. To him and his wife were born eleven children: John, James, Isaac, William, Patrick, Samuel, Joseph, Mary, Nancy, Hannah and Margaret.

Patrick Lydic, son of Patrick and Mary (McHenry) Lydic, was born Jan. 8, 1806, in what is now Cherryhill, Indiana county, and died May 19, 1881. The principal part of his life was spent in South Mahoning township, this county, and he was always engaged in farming. He was active and prominent in local affairs, holding various township offices, was a Whig and abolitionist and later a Republican in his political views, and was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he filled the position of elder. He was instrumental in establishing the Plumville Church. He married Jane Hamilton, who was born Aug. 18, 1811, in Indiana county, daughter of James Hamilton, who was of Irish parentage. Mr. Hamilton spent his life near Indiana, Indiana county; his wife's maiden name was Sample. Fourteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lydic, namely: William Hamilton, mentioned below; Edward Turner, born Feb. 22, 1837; James, born March 8, 1839; John, born April 10, 1840; Mary Jane, born April 21, 1842; Sarah E., born Dec. 19, 1843; Samuel, born April 19, 1846; Benjamin F., born July 22, 1848; Silas C., born Dec. 15, 1850; Anna Eliza, born Oct. 16, 1852; and four who died in infancy unnamed.

William Hamilton Lydic was born April 18, 1835, in South Mahoning township, Indiana county. He moved to Washington township in 1870. Throughout his active years he was always engaged in farming, in connection with which he was extensively interested in stock raising. He retired in 1899. He was active and prominent in local affairs, holding various township offices, and in his political views adhering to the principles of the republican party. He has long been an active member of the Washington Presbyterian Church, being united with the church in young manhood, was elected ruling elder in March, 1876, and for a number of years served as Sabbath school superintendent.

On Sept. 30, 1858, Mr. Lydic married Jane W. Bell, who was born Sept. 19, 1836, and died Nov. 11, 1880. Three children were born to this marriage: Edward Turner, born Oct. 14, 1859, died Jan. 7, 1880; Ida B., born Oct. 29, 1862, married Feb. 11, 1886, Harry E. Mahan, now deceased, who was a farmer of Washington township, where she still lives; William Harry, born Aug. 8, 1866, married Sarah Martin Feb. 21, 1889, and died March 22, 1895.

On Sept. 6, 1883, Mr. Lydic married (second) Sarah J. Lockhart.

Samuel Lockhart, Mrs. Lydic's father, spent the greater part of his life in Indiana county, coming hither from Huntingdon county, Pa. His parents, Francis

and Magdalina (Kepheart) Lockhart, were always farming people. Their children were: Samuel, Henry, John, Francis, Jane, Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Samuel Lockhart married Hannah Lydic, who was born Sept. 21, 1811, daughter of Patrick and Mary (McHenry) Lydic, mentioned above, and died May 25, 1891. Eleven children were born to their union: B. Franklin, J. Harvey, Mary M., Sarah J. (Mrs. Lydic), Nannie A., John C., Theodore T., Cortland V., and three that died in infancy unnamed.