

WILLIAM HASSON DICKIE, of Blacklick township, Indiana county, belongs to one of the old families of Scotch-Irish origin which have been settled in this section since pioneer days.

William H. Dickie, the found of the Dickie family in this region, was of Scotch-Irish extraction. Coming to Indiana county at an early period he located in Center township, on a farm about four miles from Indiana, now known as the Kauffman farm. There he continued to engage in farming for a number of years, later removing to Jacksonville, Indiana county, where he remained several years, and finally to the home of his son George on a farm in White township, spending the remainder of his life with him and dying there in 1865-66, at the age of eighty-five years, eight days. Mr. Dickie was a Whig and Republican in political sentiment but not particularly active in party affairs. He served as school director, however, after the establishment of the public schools. A member of the M. E. Church, he served many years as class leader and was also chorister for a long period. In fact he was widely known in the latter connection in this region, having taught singing for many years.

Mr. Dickie married Jane Allison, a native of Center township, daughter of Andrew and Sally (Barr) Allison, the former of whom served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war under General Washington. Mrs. Dickie died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Kauffman, and was buried in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana, beside her husband. Ten children were born to this couple; George is mentioned below; Hannah married Thomas B. Allison, of Marchand, Indiana county, who served as associate judge; Jane married Rev. J. Gordon, a minister of the M. E. Church; Ebenezer died at Rock Island, Ill.; Nancy married James Ayers, of Marion Center, Pa.; John died in Ohio; Mary (Polly) married Samuel Ray, of Crete, this county; Lavina married Jacob Kauffman; Elizabeth married John McMullen, of Center township, and later removed to Illinois; Ursula Toledo married John F. Henderson, and died in Illinois.

George Dickie, eldest son of William H. Dickie, was born Sept. 27, 1809, on the farm in White township, and obtained his education at the subscription school held in a near-by log house. He grew up on the farm and from his earliest boyhood was familiar with agricultural work, which he followed all his life, and in which he became very prosperous. He acquired over six hundred acres of land. He built a substantial brick house to replace the first one of logs, and made many other improvements on his property, which became quite valuable under his intelligent and energetic management. In addition to general farming he engaged somewhat extensively in stock raising, and drove to the eastern markets for many years. He made a specialty of the raising of fine sheep, his large acreage enabling him to keep great numbers. He died March 5, 1901, in his ninety-second year, after a busy and useful career, and was buried in Oakland cemetery. He was a lifelong member of the M. E. Church at Homer City, and served as steward. In political opinion he was a Republican.

On May 14, 1835, Mr. Dickie married Jane Dixon, who was born Sept. 8, 1811, daughter of Joseph Dixon, whose family sketch may be found elsewhere in this work, and they had a married life of over half a century, her death occurring Dec. 24, 1885. She, too, is buried in Oakland cemetery. They had a family of six

children: Mary Jane, born April 19, 1836, died Jan. 2, 1838; William H., born Dec. 11, 1838, is a farmer in Blacklick township; Joseph Dixon, born June 21, 1840, is a farmer in Center township, this county; Nancy H., born Dec. 4, 1843, is the widow of Capt. G. H. Ogden, of Homer City; Elizabeth, born May 7, 1846, married Frank Broskey, who died in Indiana; George C., born June 12, 1850, lived at Indiana, and died in February, 1912.