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**THE FIRE LANDS,**

COMPRISING

HURON AND ERIE COUNTIES,

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WITH

ILLUSTRATIONS AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

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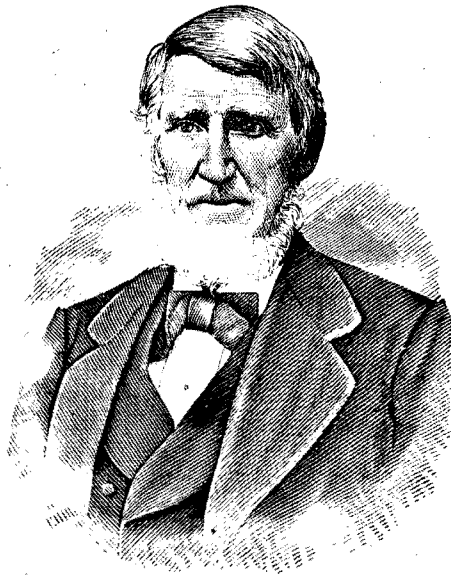
SOME OF THE PROMINENT MEN AND PIONEERS.

W. W. WILLIAMS.

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of the law, he is regarded as honest, energetic and competent.

Lyman Dunks, son of Daniel and Olive Dunks, was born in East Mendon, Monroe county, New



MR. LYMAN DUNKS.

York, February 18, 1812. His father died June 7, 1826, aged fifty-five years. His mother died September 5, 1854, aged sixty-eight years. Mr. L. Dunks was married to Almira Williams, November 26, 1833. They were the parents of seven children—five boys and two girls: Monroe, born February 9, 1837, and was married to Miss Martha Collins, November 1, 1864; Albert, born May 4, 1835, and married Ellen Russell, March 16, 1865; George W., born August 12, 1839, and was married to Adaline Murry, January 1, 1873; Caroline M., born March 18, 1841, and died July 23, 1865; Lyman F., born November 28, 1846, and died December 7, 1860, in his fourteenth year; Mary Sophia, born September 1, 1850, and married Mr. John J. Leindenau, January 1, 1874; John N., born June 22, 1854, and died December 22, 1874, aged twenty years and six months. Mr. and Mrs. Dunks came to New London from Mendon, in May, 1837. They bought out William C. Spaulding, and yet live on the same farm. Mr. L. Dunks has been, and now is township trustee; a kind, honest and respected family; are excellent citizens; beloved by all.

Henry C. Washburn, son of Henry Washburn, of Greenwich, came to New London in 1850; now lives on lot number seventeen, fourth section, and is distinguished as a breeder of thoroughbred short-horn cattle.

E. E. Townsend, son of John Townsend, and grandson of Hosea, married the eldest daughter of Samuel Curtiss, and lives on his grandfather's farm.

A. Peck's wife, who is the daughter of George Miner, and granddaughter of A. Miner, of early pio-

near fame, now lives on lot number seventeen, third section.

Hiram W. Townsend, son of Hosea, lives on lot twenty, first section.

Colonel George Bissell and wife, a daughter of S. Smith the first town clerk (and now living), resides on lot number thirteen, third section.

Jesse Perkins, an excellent farmer, resides on lot number two, fourth section (see sketch).

C. W. Breck, son of L. W. Breck, lives in the village, and is the spicy correspondent of the *Norwalk Chronicle*.

Among the more prominent inhabitants, residents of the township, should be named: B. B. Mead and Charles King, trustees of township; Captain A. C. Potter, Ambros Ketchum, A. S. Lilley, E. H. Day, O. S. Merrifield, J. R. Sutton, L. S. Foster, Henry Knowlton, S. S. Knowlton, H. D. Barritt, Bushnel Post, George W. Foot, John King, A. Miner, Walter Sutfin, Joseph Santley, John Cook, George O. Harry, I. L. Waterhouse, Leonard Golding; George Legget and Sons, brick and tile manufacturers; C. F. Barry, E. P. Barney, Ira Liggitt, S. Kilburn, C. Denham, Alexander Gibb, D. N. Bradley, George Jenney, E. G. Day, Amos Darbey, Z. Brundage, H. Park, William Wood and A. W. Purdy.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

### ISAAC P. AND TRACY CASE.

Isaac P. Case and Eunice, his wife, a daughter of Zaccheus Tracy, both of New York State, were the parents of four children previous to their emigration to Ohio, viz: Sophia, Philotha, Eliza and Tracy. The latter, the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Seneca, Ontario county, New York, August 13, 1806. He came to Ohio, when one year old, with his parents. They first located in Cincinnati about 1807, and from there went into Champaign county. They were not satisfied with this location, and soon after arriving there removed to Maumee City, which place they were obliged to flee from because of the Indians.

Isaac P. Case, when the war of 1812 broke out, went into the army as fife major, and served until peace was restored, when he returned to Champaign county, whither his family had again gone. He came to Huron county in 1815 and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in New London, which cost him two dollars per acre. His home was then in the midst of the forest, which he gradually cleared away, his son assisting him after he became old enough. It was here that his daughter Eunice was born, about three years after his settlement.

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