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JOHN McCONNELL, deceased, was born in Butler County, Ohio, January 20, 1819, where he lived until ten years of age, when his mother removed to Darke County, his father having died a few years previous to their removal. His mother hired him out to drive oxen on a brick yard, for 6 1/4 cents a day, in order to teach him habits of industry. His parents were Jesse and Eliza (Mills) McConnell. His father, Jesse McConnell, was born in the County Antrim, Ireland, removing to Butler County, Ohio, in 1817. He died in 1825, leaving a wife and three children, of whom John was the oldest. One child died in infancy, and Sarah, the other child, married Samuel Davis, and died in June, 1884. The mother was born in Pennsylvania in 1793, and was taken by her parents to Ohio in 1802, where she lived until her marriage. She was three times married and outlived all her husbands. She died at Troy, Ohio, March 9, 1872, aged seventy-nine years. John, the subject of this sketch, drove oxen on a brick yard two summers, then learned the blacksmith trade of Henry Dillon, commencing at the age of seventeen years, at \$3 per month. He served three years, having been bound out by his mother. While he was learning his trade his mother again married and was again a widow. John returned home to assist his mother, and did not complete his trade. He came to Monroe Township, this county, and settled on Thompson's prairie in 1840. He secured 160 acres of land, part by entry and part by purchase July 10, 1845, he was married to Lucinda McDermeit, born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1822, and was reared in Greene County, that State. She came to Monroe Township, Adams County, in 1838. where she lived until her marriage. They lived in that township until 1850, then moved to Decatur, Mr. McConnell having been elected auditor the fall before. He served in that capacity nine years. He had previously served as county commissioner three years, from 1844 to 1847, and as clerk of the court four years. He was a township trustee at the time of his death, which occurred January 28, 1875. He died of typhoid pneumonia. He was elected to the Legislature in the fall of 1872, and served in the special and regular sessions with satisfaction to his constituents. He was a self-made man, having received but three months' schooling. He was a man that was loyal to his convictions, true to his family and faithful to the Democratic party. He was buried at Decatur, under the rituals of the Odd Fellows. He left an untarnished name and an unspotted character as a legacy to his children. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell had six children - Mark M., born April 23, 1846; Margaret M., born August 8, 1847, married John Blood, and died July 28, 1880; Joseph L., born February 13, 1849; George W., born June 24, 1851; Mary, born December 8, 1854, died August 24, 1855; Frank, born January 29, 1859, is living at home with his mother.