

HENRY CLAY TABER was born in Center township, Marshall county, Indiana, April 13, 1840, and his entire life with the exception of his services in the Civil war, was spent on the old Taber homestead in Marshall county. His name is indelibly inscribed on the pages of the early and much of the subsequent history of his community, and he was a man of the highest integrity of character. He was a son of Samuel Dennis and Jane (Pope) Taber, both of whom were born in New York, and from that state they moved to Pennsylvania, thence to Ohio and subsequently to Indiana. Their first home in this state was in Allen county, from whence they came to Marshall county in 1833. Samuel D. Taber was one of the contractors to build the Michigan road, he having constructed about twelve miles of this historic old highway, and in that same year his son Cyrus was born on the 26th of June, and it is stated that he was the first white child born within the confines of Marshall county. Samuel Dennis Taber was born April 19, 1798, and died April 22, 1864. He built the residence where so many years of the life of his son Henry Clay were spent and where his widow yet resides. He was married on the 1st of July, 1830, and in an early day they kept a country hotel on their farm, which he developed from a dense timber tract. Jane (Pope) Taber was born March 7, 1806, and died in Marshall county May 10, 1878. These honored pioneers became the parents of the following children: Cyrus, Mary Ann, Thomas Jefferson, Henry Clay, Sarah Frances, Oliver Perry, Lucyette and William Paul. The father was one of the prominent characters in Marshall county in an early day, serving in many of its minor offices. He was a justice of the peace and one of the early county judges, having for many years been prominently known as Judge Taber. He was first a Whig and later a Republican in his political affiliations, and both he and his wife were Presbyterians, although during the later years of her life she was a member of the Advent church.

Henry Clay Taber was reared on a farm and his life pursuit was agriculture. Owing to the poor condition of the schools of the pioneer days he received only a limited educational training. On the 8th of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Seventy-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, as a private, and was honorably discharged July 1, 1865, but he thereafter maintained pleasant relations with his old army comrades of the blue by his membership in the Grand Army post. Before his enlistment, October 13, 1860, he married Maggie Fife, who died November 17, 1866. She bore him one son, Herman Taber, now of Plymouth. On the 24th of October, 1867, Mr. Taber married Sarah Jane Blasingham, who yet survives him, and to this union were born Susan, Charles (deceased), John E., Nellie Dell, Henry Howard and Samuel Dennis. Mr. Taber affiliated with the Republican party, and the death of this honored old resident of Marshall county occurred on the 6th of January, 1906.

Mrs. Taber was born in Fayette county, Indiana, March 3, 1844, a daughter of John D. and Mary Susan (Stubblefield) Blasingham, the former of whom was born in Gloucester county, Virginia, September 29, 1815, and died in Marshall county, Indiana, April 21, 1850, a young man of thirty-five years, and the mother, born in Gloucester county May 10,



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1818, died in Marshall county August 10, 1900. She bore her husband the following children: Mary Frances, deceased; Thomas A., who served in the Civil war with Company D, Seventy-third Volunteer Infantry; Sarah Jane; John Hilliard; Francis Marion, and James C. The father died during the memorable epidemic of typhoid fever in 1850, leaving his widow with the care of five children. Their farm was then an undeveloped tract of woodland, their home a little log cabin, and under the most unfavorable circumstances the brave and faithful mother of his children set about to provide for her fatherless children with a fidelity worthy of mention. She performed a man's work in clearing the land and raising the crops, but her labors were well rewarded and she reared a family worthy of her honored name. She was possessed of the most sterling qualities of heart and mind, and God blessed her with many years, she having passed the eighty-second milestone ere death claimed her. She was for many years a faithful member of the Methodist church. On the 17th of January, 1859, she married Joseph Burden, by whom she had two children, Joseph Edmond and Eva Ellsworth, but the daughter is deceased, as is also the father, who died in 1897. Mrs. Taber has two (2) parchment deeds executed under the hand and seal of President Van Buren, March 20, 1837, valuable souvenirs in her home.

DANIEL R. MORLOCK, a farmer and stockman of West township, was born in Union township, Marshall county, Indiana, December 11, 1858, a son of George Adam Morlock, whose genealogy appears on other pages of this work. The son Daniel received his educational training in the township of West, and at his father's death he became an heir to eighty acres of the homestead farm, a part of which he has since cleared and placed under cultivation, and for twenty-five years he has maintained his residence on this farm.

Mr. Morlock married, in 1883, Fannie E. Crawford, a daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth Crawford, honored pioneer residents of West township, Marshall county. Mrs. Morlock was born in Ohio, but came with her parents to Marshall county in 1865, and she was reared and received her educational training in West township. Their three children are Cora, Claude and Lester, all of whom were born on the homestead in West township. The political affiliations of Mr. Morlock are with the Democratic party.

DR. HENRY A. DEEDS, dentist, councilman and one of the leading citizens of Plymouth, has practiced here throughout his professional career, covering a period of eighteen years. Dentistry is said to be unique among other occupations, for it is a trade, a profession and a business all in one, and it thus follows that in order to attain the highest success in it one must be thoroughly skilled in the theory of the art, expert in the use of the many tools and appliances incidental to the practice of modern dentistry, and must possess good business qualifications. In none of these qualities is Dr. Deeds lacking, and he has therefore attained a foremost position among the representatives of the profession.

The only living son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Moore) Deeds, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Ohio, and of German descent, he was