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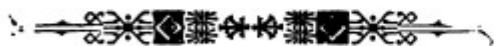
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Guernsey County,  
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Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens of the County,

Together with Biographies and Portraits of all the Presidents of the United States.

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**P**ETER HERBERT. An excellent example of sturdy enterprise, thrifty habits and persistent industry, characteristic of so many of our farmers, may be found in the life of Mr. Herbert, who is one of the wealthy residents of Wheeling Township, Guernsey County. He owns one hundred and thirty-seven acres of valuable land, the improved condition and orderly appearance of which furnish good evidence of his intelligent conception of the details of his vocation and his progressive spirit in all that pertains thereto.

Mr. Herbert, a native of Germany, was born May 30, 1834, to Conrad and Margaret A. Herbert, also natives of that country. The father was born August 12, 1782, and died April 15, 1869. His good wife, whose birth occurred January 3, 1792, departed this life January 22, 1862. Her husband had been married previously, and by his first wife had four children, three girls and one boy. Elizabeth stayed in Germany; Lizzie, Ann and Conrad came with their parents and our subject to America.

The father and mother were married in their native land in 1833, and of their union our subject is the only child. He was about three years of age at the time the ocean voyage was undertaken which conveyed them to their new home in America. The parents first landed in Baltimore,

Md., after a tedious journey of ten weeks, during which time the vessel was nearly lost. They remained in Baltimore but a short time, when they began the overland trip to this state, their destination being Zanesville. After a year's residence there they became residents of Wheeling Township, this county, where the father had purchased a small tract of land. This he increased as the years passed by and his means would allow, until at the time of his decease he was the possessor of a well cultivated estate of eighty acres. He became very prominent in the affairs of his township, being always willing to contribute his quota toward its advancement, and at the time of his decease the community lost one of its best citizens.

The subject of this sketch, like other farmer boys, obtained his education in the schools of the district, and when sixteen years of age began to earn his own living. He, however, remained with his parents until their decease, when he sold the homestead, and with the money purchased the farm on which he is at present residing, but which at that time contained two hundred and twenty acres.

In the year 1856 Mr. Herbert was married to Mary Gaumer, who was born in Coshocton County, this state, April 27, 1840. She is a most estimable lady, and the daughter of John and Magdalene Gaumer, the former of whom served in the War of 1812. To the latter couple were born the following children: Chester, now a retired farmer of this township, and at present living in Guernsey; John A., engaged in business in Iowa; Jacob R., also living retired in Plainfield, this state; Saloma, the wife of Val Zimmer, who resides in Muskingum County, Ohio; Elizabeth, Hannah and Susan, deceased; and Mary, the wife of our subject. The father of this family, who was a son of Jacob and Catharine (Schowash) Gaumer, was born in Pennsylvania, April 13, 1799, and died on his farm August 28, 1862. His parents were natives of Somerset County, Pa., and were farmers by occupation. Mrs. Gaumer, who was also a native of the Keystone State, was a daughter of Adam and Saloma (Swartz) Shirer, farmers, and was born May 20, 1803. She was eighty-four years old at the time of her decease. She and her hus-

band were people widely known in Coshocton County, where the remaining years of their life were passed, and by means of their sterling worth and strict integrity won the confidence and high regard of all with whom they were brought in contact.

Of the four sons and seven daughters born to our subject and his wife, the eldest, Chester, is deceased, as are also Mary A., Martha J., Saloma J. and Laura B. William is engaged in farming in Wheeling Township, this county; Eliza A. is at home; Jacob R. is a well-to-do agriculturist of Tuscarawas County; Maggie is the wife of William Ailer, a farmer of Muskingum County; and Charles H. is under the parental roof.

Mr. Herbert is a stanch Democrat, and boldly expresses himself without fear or favor. His first vote was cast for James Buchanan. He has been very popular in his community, and for over fifteen years was Treasurer of his township, and for a period of twenty years served acceptably as a member of the School Board. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has been Steward and Trustee for the past twenty years. He has been a very hard worker, and his fine farm proves his industry. He and his pleasant and entertaining wife are members of the best circles of society in the county.

