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To all those who have ever lived and whose memories carry them back to kindred ties and friendly associations in Hanover and surrounding community is this little volume dedicated.

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The Family Meeting.

We are all here!
Father, mother, sister, brother,
All who hold each other dear.
Each place is fill'd; we're all at home;
Today, let no cold stranger come;
It is not often thus around
Our old familiar town we're found;
Bless then the meeting and the spot;
For once let be every care forgot;
Let gentle Peace assert her power,
And kind Affection rule the hour;
We're all—all here,

We're not all here!
Some are away—the dead ones dear,
Who throng'd with us this ancient town,
And gave the hour to guiltless mirth.
Fate, with a stern relentless hand,
Look'd in and thin'd our little band:
Some, like a night-flash, pass'd away,
And some sank lingering day by day;
The quiet grave-yard—some lie there—
And cruel Ocean has his share:
We're not all here.

We are all here!
Father, mother, sister, brother,
You that I love with love so dear,
This may not long of us be said;
Soon must we join the gather'd dead,
And by the town we now are round,
Some other circle will be found.
Oh! then, that wisdom may we know,
Which yields a life of peace below;
So, in the world to follow this,
May each repeat, in words of bliss,
We're all—all—here!

CHARLES SPRAGUE.

Preface.

From a sense of love and admiration for the little old home town wherein my eyes first oped to the light of day and the perpetuating of the history of the town, nestled as it is amid the hills of western Columbiana county, has this volume been compiled and written.

For it we have but one apology, this, that pictures and a brief sketch of the lives of all who have in any way added to the material interest and weffare of the town could not be included therein. Much more could have been written; much of incident and history, we know, has been lost.

To those who have in any way contributed to the work, either in well wishes or deed, we cherish the most kindly feeling and regard.

THE AUTHOR.



A. V. JOHNSON
Present Mayor of Hanover.

History of Hanover

The township of Hanover, number 15, range 4, is one of the townships of Columbiana county still retaining the original fixed territory of six miles square. It is bounded on the north by Butler township, on the east by Center and Franklin, on the south by Franklin and county of Carroll, and on the west by West township. Within its limits were six villages or hamlets, Hanover, New Garden, Gillford, Dungannon, Adair and Kensington, the latter being the only one on a railroad, this being the Cleveland & Pittsburg; it crossing the southwest corner of the township. The town of Hanover lies a little south and west of the center of the township. The early settlers were from Hanover, Pa., and from the best information obtainable, gave their new habitations the name in honor to their old home town.

In 1804 David and John Staclah were the only settlers in the neighborhood. In the following spring, however, several members were added. Euos Ellis settled on this very land in 1805, building his primitive home on the spot where Herod Pearce lived for a number of years, the place being selected because of the spring of water near, a spring in that day being considered an indispensable requisite to a site for a home, in fact, a quarter of land destitute of good water was considered almost worthless.

James Milner settled on the quarter now occupied by the town, the same year, building his cabin where W. H. Dressler afterward lived. John James, the same year, located about half a mile east. These three families, Ellis, Milner and James, added to the two who came the year previous, made quite a settlement in the then woods, so much so that Robert Raley, passing through on a hunting expedition, concluded to leave his home in Pennsylvania, near Georgetown, and join them. In the fall of 1805 he built himself a cabin, then resigning it to the care of raccoons, possums and wild turkeys, returned to his home, the following spring moving with his family and taking possession. But as early as this the settlers were not lonesome, for the ring of the woodman's ax by day and the howling of wolves by night were cheerful sounds to those hardy grandsires of ours.

Robert Raley settled northeast of town, and during this same year, 1806, numerous other pioneers came to the neighborhood, so