

by his work and efforts plants the seeds of civilization that have brought forth the fruit of present progress and prosperity in this county. There was much arduous toil required to bring his farm under cultivation and the farm implements were very crude as compared to those of the present day, manual labor being then demanded, while now much of the labor is performed through the splendidly improved farm machinery. The household furnishings and equipments were also very few as compared to those of the present, so that both Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield did a large share of earnest labor, the former in the fields, the latter in the home. Although now far advanced in years, they still reside upon their farm, each performing daily tasks, for they retain excellent physical as well as mental vigor.

Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield have also reared a family of four children, the family circle yet remaining unbroken. These are: John Mansfield, who now resides in Montana and has three children living; Charles, a resident of Quincy, Michigan, and the father of one son; Helen M. Annin, of Butler, who has two children; and Mrs. Mary Mohn, of Butler, who has one child. Mr. Mansfield's children and some of their grandchildren reside near them and perform various services for them, but this worthy and venerable couple prefer to reside upon their own farm, which is a fine tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres, on which are good buildings and equipments. Mr. Mansfield does little of the farm work himself, but gives supervision to its operation and for many years he performed the active labor of the fields. He was influential and active in public affairs in the early history of Butler township. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of South Butler and is an earnest Christian woman. Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield have led a most congenial, happy married life, and still enjoy life together, for though the years are many they are young in spirit. They merit and receive the regard and friendship of all who know them, and their acquaintance is wide, and it is with pleasure that we present to our readers this history of their lives.

AMBROSE LAMPMAN, M. D.

Dr. Ambrose Lampman, who was formerly actively identified with the medical profession but is now giving his attention largely to agricultural pursuits in Butler township, was born in Greenville, Green county, New York, January 1, 1829. His father, Abraham P. Lampman, was also a native of that county, as was the grandfather, Peter Lampman. The former was married in Green county to Miss Mary Brandow, also a native of that locality. Both the Lampmans and Brandows had for several generations been prominent there and both families were of old Dutch ancestry. In the year 1848 Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lampman came to Michigan with their family, settling in Butler township, Branch county, where the mother died on the 18th of April, 1860, while the father's death occurred on the 30th of August of the same year. They held membership in the Presbyterian church, were earnest Christian people and were always true to their belief. Mr. Lampman gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits for many years and was also active in community affairs, serving as justice of the peace both in Michigan