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CONTAINING

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF PROMINENT AND REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS, AND OF MANY OF THE EARLY SETTLED FAMILIES.

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JOHN SIEGRIST (deceased), who was one of the earliest settlers on Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, and a prominent grape grower, was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 2, 1825, and was a son of Leopold and Kate (Harmond) Siegrist.

John Siegrist was educated in his native land, engaged there in fruit growing, and learned the trade of stonecutter. About 1850 he left Germany for America, and coming to Ohio located in Sandusky, Erie county, where he resided for some years, and worked at his trade of stonecutter. Afterward he removed to Kelley's Island, and engaged in grape growing, in 1866 removing to Middle Bass Island, where he continued in the same occupation. In Sandusky on October 24, 1853,
Mr. Siegrist was united in marriage with Margaret Stoess, and they had nine children, as follows: Mary, born July 24, 1854, died March 28, 1860; Elizabeth, born August 31, 1856, died March 14, 1860; Magdalena, born July 15, 1858, died March 12, 1860; Conrad, born January 14, 1860, died August 12, 1861; Margueretta, born March 19, 1862, is the wife of Peter Lonz; Louisa, born July 8, 1863, is the wife of Jacob Scherer, residing in Sandusky; Lizzie, born March 18, 1865, died December 7, 1870; Anna, born August 20, 1867, died September 2, 1868; and Emma, born October 28, 1869. Mrs. Siegrist's parents, Godfrey and Louisa Stoess, were born in Germany.

After removing to Middle Bass Island, in 1866, Mr. Siegrist resided there up to the date of his death, January 5, 1882. His widow died January 30, 1893.

Peter F. Lonz, a grape grower on Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, was born March 5, 1857, in Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio, son of Peter and Mary (Werber) Lonz, who were born, respectively, in Prussia and in Baden, Germany; both are still living, having their home in Sandusky.

Peter F. Lonz was reared to manhood and educated in Sandusky, and has been engaged principally in agricultural pursuits since boyhood. In 1876 he came to Middle Bass, and has since been a continuous resident thereof, engaged in grape growing and wine making. On April 13, 1882, Peter F. Lonz was united in marriage with Margueretta Siegrist, and they have had four children, three of whom are now living, namely: Cora Rosa M., born August 31, 1884; George F. A., born January 12, 1887; and Louisa Anna, born January 15, 1889. Mrs. Lonz is a daughter of John and Margueretta Siegrist.

Mr. Lonz has served as a school direct-
CARL BUDDENHAGEN (deceased) was in his lifetime one of the extensive grape growers of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, of which locality he was one of the earliest settlers. He was born September 16, 1819, in Mecklenburg, Germany, and was a son of John and Hannah Buddenhagen, who were born in Germany and died there.

Carl Buddenhagen was reared to manhood and received his education in his native land, where he also learned the trade of a stone-mason. He was married in Germany, in 1845, to Maria Wardo, who was also born in Mecklenburg, and they had eleven children, five of whom are living, as follows: Caroline, wife of Peter M. Schnoor, residing at Oak Harbor, Ottawa county; Wilhelmina, wife of Nicholas Fox, of Put in Bay, Ottawa county; Louisa, born December 1, 1859, wife of J. H. Brady, living on Middle Bass Island; Anna, the wife of H. J. Sloat, residing at Milan, Ohio; and Carl Frederick, residing at Sandusky, Erie county.

In 1853 Mr. Buddenhagen embarked for America, came to Ohio, and settled in Sandusky, Erie county, where he followed his occupation of mason some twelve years. About 1862 he removed to Middle Bass Island, and was engaged in grape growing. He was a continuous resident from the date of his settlement until his death, which occurred March 21, 1872, and was intimately connected with all the early history of the Island. Surrounded by an intelligent and interesting family in his home, Mr. Buddenhagen was a devoted husband, and a kind and indulgent father. Among men he was genial and companionable, manly and fearlessly independent in character and thought, and consistent throughout. His social standing was high, his integrity incorruptible, and his memory will long be revered by those who knew him.

J. H. Brady, who married Louisa Buddenhagen, was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada, went to Chicago, Ill., when a young man, and later removed to Toledo, Ohio, where he followed his occupation, that of contractor
and builder, and whence, in 1874, he came to Middle Bass Island. On November 8, 1875, he was united in marriage with Louisa Buddenhagen, and they have had eight children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: May E., August 8, 1876; Ella Anna, May 30, 1878; Alma Belle, December 3, 1879; Lillian, October 5, 1882; Carl F., November 15, 1884; Walter, September 12, 1886; J. Bertram, June 10, 1888, and Louis, October 30, 1893. A few days after his marriage Mr. Brady removed to Toledo, where he resided for three years. In 1878 he returned to Middle Bass, has since been a continuous resident of the Island, and is now extensively engaged in grape growing. He is Democratic in his political views, is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Sandusky, and the family are connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

JOHN H. REHBERG (deceased), who was connected with the earliest history of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, and was one of the extensive grape growers there, was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, January 15, 1827, and was a son of John and Christina Rehberg. Mrs. Rehberg died in the Fatherland, and John Rehberg on Middle Bass Island, Ohio, December 22, 1880.

Our subject was reared to manhood and educated in Germany, where he followed the butcher business, and in 1853 came to America. At Mecklenburg, Germany, in the spring of 1848, he was united in marriage with Sophia Varrnke, who was born in Mecklenburg August 10, 1825, and they had a family of fifteen children, nine of whom are yet living, as follows: Henry, born December 4, 1849, now residing on Point Pelee Island, Canada; Caroline, born September 16, 1854, wife of Henry Engel, residing in Michigan; William, born April 15, 1857, living on Catawba Island, Ottawa Co., Ohio; Frederick, born February 21, 1859, residing at Chagrin Falls, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio; Lena, born May 18, 1860, wife of Andrew Stoll, living on Kelley's Island, Erie Co., Ohio; Sophia, born November 13, 1861, wife of Charles Fisher, also of Kelley's Island; John, born April 30, 1864, a resident of Put in Bay, Ottawa county; Augusta, born July 14, 1867, and Edward, born August 22, 1872.

Having come to America in 1853, John H. Rehberg resided for about three years in Chicago, Ills., removed to Cedar Point, Hamilton Co., Ohio, where he lived two years, and then returned to Chicago, whence, about six months later, he removed to Indiana, where for six years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In the latter part of the year 1864 he removed to Middle Bass Island, and was a continuous resident of the Island, and closely identified with its progressive interests until his death on May 4, 1888.

For twenty-one years he held the office of school director, and also numerous other township offices, all of which he efficiently filled. He took a great interest in educational matters, and was ever foremost in promoting the welfare of the island. He was loved and revered in life, and in death many marks of respect were shown him by sorrowing friends and neighbors. Sadly they bore him to his last resting place, and, as the island breezes chant their requiem o'er his grave, loving hearts will entwine and bedew with tears an imperishable garland to his memory.
AUGUST SCHMIDT (deceased), who was among the earliest settlers of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, and who during his long residence here was extensively engaged in grape growing, besides following contracting and building, was born in Anhalt, Germany, October 7, 1825.

The father of August Schmidt died before his son was born, and the mother, Rosamond Schmidt, died when August was about twelve years of age, consequently very little is known regarding their history. When but a youth August Schmidt went to Berlin, and there grew to manhood, receiving his education, and learning the trade of a stone mason. In 1852 he came to America, and settling in Detroit, Mich., resided there and near
there for about twelve years, engaged in contracting and building. On January 17, 1854, Mr. Schmidt was united in marriage, at Detroit, with Christina Mueller, who was born in Hesse, Germany, May 26, 1830, and they had six children, five of whom are still living, as follows: August, born December 27, 1855, now residing in Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio; Elizabeth (Mrs. E. Wehrle), born May 13, 1859, lately living on Middle Bass Island, at present (December, 1895) a resident of Sandusky; Katherine, born September 29, 1861, Charles, born September 11, 1863, and Emil G., born January 3, 1866, all three also living in Sandusky.

In 1864 Mr. Schmidt removed to Middle Bass Island, where he resided up to his death, which occurred February 10, 1886. Mrs. Schmidt at present resides in Sandusky, Erie county, and the vineyard is rented out on shares. Mrs. Schmidt attends the German Evangelical Church, while of the children some attend the Presbyterian Church, the others the Congregational.
NATHAN DODGE (deceased), who was a carpenter and a farmer by occupation, and one of the most popular citizens of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, was born in Gainesville, N. Y., December 15, 1822, and was a son of Elijah and Lorena (Thayer) Dodge, who were both born in New York State.

When Nathan Dodge was but a youth his parents removed to Carlisle, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, received his education, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until later in life, he removed to Wisconsin, locating in Windsor, Dane county, and there for seventeen years engaging in agricultural pursuits. On August 3, 1847, Nathan Dodge was united in marriage in Strongsville, Ohio, with Mary I. Carpenter, daughter of Caleb and Susan (Haines) Carpenter, and born in Strongsville, Ohio, June 4, 1826. They have had eight children, six of whom are living, as follows: Ellen Maria, born July 13, 1848, now the widow of L. R. Webster, and residing on Put in Bay Island, Ottawa county; Jennie, born April 9, 1850, wife of James H. Crowley, residing in St. Louis, Mo.; Louis C., born April 15, 1852, living on Middle Bass Island; James E., who is captain of the steamer "Ina," born February 17, 1854, and residing in Put in Bay Island; Emma C., born April 30, 1856, wife of Louis Edisson, and residing in Los Angeles, Cal.; John B., born March 22, 1858, a resident of St. John's, Mich.; Edith L., who became the wife of Robert L. Harris, and passed away at Nordhoff, Cal., March 6, 1894; and Harvey C., deceased at the age of five years.

About 1865 Mr. Dodge removed to Middle Bass Island, where he resided during the remainder of his days, dying October 9, 1870. He was a man of high moral qualities, and his character was beyond reproach. His kindness of heart and unselfish generosity were proverbial wherever he was known, none appealing to him in vain in a worthy cause. Many instances of his acts of kindness might be cited, showing his characteristic regard for the happiness of others. His great industry, unquestioned integrity, and unimpeachable moral character won for him hosts of friends, who with his widow and sorrowing family mourn their loss.
WILLIAM REHBERG. Prominent among the old settlers and esteemed residents of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, is found the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He was born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, January 10, 1825, son of John and Christina (Bohndorff) Rehberg, who were both born in Germany.

William Rehberg was educated, reared to manhood and learned the trade of machinist in his native land. On January 7, 1849, in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, he was united in marriage with Louisa Stevens, who was born in Mamaro, and they have had seven children, three of whom are now living, namely: Mary, born January 1, 1850, now the wife of John Runkle, of Middle Bass Island; Herman, born June 2, 1857, and residing on Middle Bass Island; and Ida, born July 3, 1863, wife of A. Smith, Jr., of Sandusky, Erie county.

In 1849 Mr. Rehberg left the Fatherland for America, and after his arrival in this country resided at Niagara Falls for a few months, then came to Ohio and located in Wyandot county, where he was engaged in the gunsmith business for two years. He then removed to Sandusky, Erie county, and for two years was occupied in fishing, in 1856 removing to Middle Bass Island, of which locality he has since been a continuous resident and one of its most progressive citizens, doing more, perhaps, than any other settler toward the progress that has been made on that beautiful island, and the growth of its material interests. Mr. Rehberg was the first purchaser of land on the island, and immediately after his purchase agreed to improve this part of the township by clearing and cultivating the land, and erecting substantial houses and other buildings. A few years afterward he began the cultivation of grapes, and later entered upon the business of wine making, in which he has since continued, his vineyard now being one of the largest and best cultivated on the island. In 1869 he built his large wine cellar, in 1879 his spacious Middle Bass Club hall, used for the accommodation of the club. He is owner and master of the fine steamer "Leroy Brooks," part owner of the steamer "Secord," which plies between Port Clinton and the islands during the summer months, and is also a stockholder in the Sandusky Fish Company.

In his political views Mr. Rehberg is
an active member of the Democratic party. He was the first trustee of Put in Bay township, and has also efficiently filled many other township offices. He is a member of Science Lodge No. 50, F. & A. M., of Sandusky, Erie county, and was a member of Erie Commandery No. 22, Sandusky, Ohio, but resigned in 1895; is a member of Commodore Perry Lodge I. O. O. F., of Put in Bay; and a charter member of Guttenberg-Hin Lodge No. 91, Druids, Sandusky. Few men have come more in contact with the growing interests of Put in Bay township, and none have commanded more completely the respect and confidence of the community than William Rehberg. He has risen by his own individual efforts, and may justly be styled a self-made man. Of gentlemanly demeanor, he always meets his associates, both in social and business circles, with a cordial and friendly bearing; as a public man he has discharged with painstaking fidelity the duties of every position in which he has been placed, and enjoys the respect and esteem of the people he has so faithfully served.

In 1882, after an absence of forty-three years, Mr. Rehberg paid a visit to his native land and town, and after pleasantly sojourning there for some six months with relatives and friends, returned to the United States and to Middle Bass in the fall of the same year. At the present time (December, 1895) he is in Florida, building a cottage in an orange grove.
GEORGE M. HIGH, one of the most prominent and extensive fruit growers on Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, was born in Springfield, Clark Co., Ohio, July 13,
1825, son of Hosea S. and Mary A. (McCormick) High. George McCormick, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was one of the contractors on the building of the first U. S. Capitol at Washington, D. C., which was destroyed by the British.

Hosea S. High, born January 3, 1797, at Bridgeton, N. J., was united in marriage with Mary A. McCormick, who was born November 21, 1801, at Washington, D. C., and they had eleven children, seven of whom are now living, namely: George M., the subject of this sketch; Charles G. and Martin V. B., both residing in Madison county, Ohio; Jacob, in Franklin county, Ohio; Fannie, wife of John G. Thompson, of Columbus, Ohio; and Jennie and Susan, in Columbus. Hosea S. High passed away in Franklin county, Ohio, in September, 1874, and his widow, Mary A., at Columbus, Ohio, in March, 1893, she being at the time of her death one of the oldest inhabitants and residents of Columbus. Mr. High was Indian agent for several years, and in 1837 moved the Wyandotte, Delaware and Sandusky tribes to their reservations in Kansas.

George M. High spent his boyhood days among the surroundings of a comfortable home, and received his primary education in the district schools, afterward taking a course at the Delaware College, at Delaware, Ohio. About a year after completing his studies he left home for Cincinnati, where in the winter months he was engaged in the pork business. During the first summer he was a tutor in a private family near Independence, Ky., and the second summer he taught the district school in the same neighborhood. For the eighteen years succeeding he was engaged in the pork business, purchasing in summer and slaughtering and shipping in winter.

At Pleasant Ridge, Hamilton Co., Ohio, on October 21, 1852, George M. High was united in marriage with Anna M. Kincaid, daughter of Blair and Mary (Lancaster) Kincaid, and born in Delaware October 30, 1834. They have had four children, as follows: Hosea and Fannie (twins), born June 29, 1853, of whom Hosea is still living at home, and Fannie is the wife of Curtis P. Gladding, residing at Hartford, Conn.; George M., Jr., born in Cincinnati, May 16, 1859, was formerly the editor and proprietor of the Evening Advertiser, a newspaper of Socorro, N. M., and now resides in Butte City, Mont.; and Carrie D., born February 4, 1864, resides at home.

During the winter of 1864-65 Mr. High sold out his interest in the pork business, and late in the spring of 1865 loaded up a steamer with $30,000 worth of provisions, with which he went up the Arkansas river as far as Fort Smith, disposing of the goods on the way. He then returned to Cincinnati, purchased another cargo, and returned up the river; but, owing to delays caused by business, he was late, and so established a store at Spadra Bluff, Arkansas, in connection with Col. A. D. King. In the fall of 1866 he returned to Springfield, Ohio, where he resided during the next four years, for three years of that time continuing his interest in the business at Spadra Bluff, which he sold in 1869. On July 13, 1870, he removed to Middle Bass, and engaged in fruit growing. He has now been a continuous resident of the Island for twenty-five years, and has probably set out more grape vines than any other man on the Island. Mr. High was the first in the West to introduce the spraying of grapes and other fruits, for mildew and insects that have destroyed so much of the fruits, and this system has produced highly satisfactory results wherever introduced.

In his political views Mr. High is independent, but leans toward the Democratic party. He is a prominent citizen, and a leader, especially in such good works as need sympathy, active work and benevolent contributions. To those who know him, it seems evident that he would...
have been as successful in almost any line of life he might have chosen as he has been in that which he did choose. He is well educated by schooling, reading, travel and experience; happy in society, in his own home and abroad; hospitable, thoroughly appreciated by all who know him; intelligent, possessing tact and generosity. He has a most charming home, situated close to the shores of Lake Erie; is happily contented with such reasonable hobbies as occupy his mind, is independent in his own pursuits, and able to provide abundantly for the comfort and happiness of his appreciative wife and family.
FREDERICK BRETZ, one of the prominent fruit growers of Middle Bass, Ottawa county, was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, February 8, 1843, son of John and Mary (Kulow) Bretz, who were both born in Mecklenburg, came to America in 1853, and located in Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio.

John Bretz was engaged in business for a number of years in Sandusky, Ohio, but during his declining years lived a retired life. His death occurred April 11, 1885, and that of his wife on December 15, 1893. They had a family of four children, all now living, as follows: Frederick is the eldest, and is the subject of this sketch; Lena is the wife of August Graves, residing in Danbury township, Ottawa county; Bertha is the wife of Henry Foster, a hardware merchant of Sandusky; and Louis resides in Sandusky. Frederick Bretz received part of his school education in the Fatherland, but when ten years old came with his parents to America, and completed his education in the schools of Sandusky. He then worked at agricultural pursuits, afterward learned the trade of mason and plasterer, and followed that occupation for about twenty years, being, for a part of the time, also engaged in fruit growing. In 1865 he settled on Middle Bass Island, has lived here ever since, and ranks to-day among the most prominent and honored residents.

At Sandusky, Ohio, May 17, 1866, Frederick Bretz was united in marriage with Caroline Burggraf, and they have had five children, one of whom died in infancy, four now living, as follows: Frederick, born May 29, 1867, residing in Cleveland, Ohio; Julia, born July 12, 1869, wife of John Rehberg, Jr., residing at Put in Bay, Ottawa county; Edward, born January 13, 1872, living at home; and Herman, born July 21, 1879. Mrs. Bretz's parents were Mathias and Maria Bruggraf. Mr. Bretz has served as trustee of Put in Bay township three terms,
also as school director. In his political views he is a Republican. The family attend the Lutheran Church.

ANDREW BECHSTEIN, a prominent grape grower and wine maker of Middle Bass Island, Put in Bay township, Ottawa county, was born in Hessen-Nassau, Germany, January 12, 1843, son of John and Martha (Mueller) Bechestein, who were both also born in Hessen, Germany. John Bechestein, who was a farmer by occupation, died in February, 1887, his wife on March 9, 1869. They had three children, namely: Andrew, the subject of this sketch, and George and Adam, both of whom are still living in Germany.

Andrew Bechestein was reared to manhood and received his education in the Fatherland. At the age of twenty he voluntarily joined the bodyguard of King William I, in Kassel, in which he served three years, and then returned to his trade as weaver, which he continued to follow together with agricultural pursuits, up to the time of his departure for America. In Germany, on April 24, 1866, he was united in marriage with Fredericka Horn, who was born in Hessen, July 11, 1845, and they have had five children, as follows: Mary Kathrine, born June 1, 1867, married to Frank A. Fischer September 6, 1888, at Detroit, Mich., and now residing at Middle Bass Island; Lawrence J., born January 10, 1869, was united in marriage with Bertha Steinle November 26, 1895, at Sandusky, Erie county, Ohio, where he now resides; Emil A., born November 15, 1872; Andrew C. J., born June 20, 1875; and Emma M. E., born February 1, 1881.

Mrs. Bechstein’s parents were Andrew and Sophia (Bechstein) Horn, the former of whom was born in Germany June 16, 1802; in 1822 he joined the Hunters Guard, and served ten years in Hessen-Kassel; in 1832 he was appointed Forester in Falkenberg, whence he removed to Dens, and at his own request he again returned to Rockensuess Hessen, where at his first home, he died April 2, 1879. His wife preceded him to the grave by many years, having passed away when the daughter Fredericka was but an infant. Mrs. Bechstein still has living two brothers and two sisters, the elder brother, John Horn, being teacher and composer of music at Louisville, Ky.; Lorenz Horn, the younger brother, is in the furniture business at North Amherst, Ohio; one sister resides in New Albany, Ind., and the other at their dear old home in the Fatherland.

In 1869 Andrew Bechstein came to America, locating in Detroit, Mich., where he resided two years. In March, 1871, he removed to Middle Bass Island, and engaged in grape growing, having been a continuous resident of the Island since. In politics he is a Republican. The family attend the Evangelical Protestant Church.
Nicholas Fox is a fruit grower and proprietor of a flour and feed store at Put in Bay, Sandusky county. Among the most prominent and influential residents of this locality there is probably no one more worthy of mention in this volume than the gentleman whose name is here recorded.

Mr. Fox was born in Bavaria, Germany, September 22, 1839, and is a son of John Adam and Eva (Parr) Fox, who were also natives of that country, and there spent their entire lives, the former dying in January, 1871, while the latter survived until April 24, 1878. By occupation the father was a farmer and weaver, and these two pursuits he successfully followed in his native land. In the family were ten children, five of whom became residents of the United States, namely: Andrew, who died in Brenham, Texas, in 1878; John A., who resides on Middle Bass Island; Nicholas, subject of this sketch; George A., who died in Texas, in 1887; and Catherina, who died in Brenham, Texas, in 1886; of the remaining five members of the family two died in infancy, and the others reside in their native land.

Nicholas Fox was reared and educated in Germany, and resided upon his father's farm until twenty-four years of age, aiding in the labors of the field and becoming familiar with farm work in all its departments. In 1863 he bade adieu to home and friends and crossed the broad Atlantic to America, reaching New York City on the 29th of December. After a month he pushed on toward the West, and selecting Put in Bay as a suitable place to make his home purchased a good farm, and at once began the cultivation of grapes, having had considerable experience in that line of business in his native land. He now has extensive and valuable vineyards, and by energy and perseverance has acquired the success which crowns his efforts.

In Sandusky City, Ohio, November 9, 1869, Mr. Fox married Miss Wilhelmina Buddenhagen, a daughter of Charles and Marie (Wardo) Buddenhagen, and born in Mecklenburg, Germany, July 15, 1851. To this marriage have come four children, as follows: Henry, born August 2, 1870, is the present mayor of Put in Bay Island, a notary public and agent for the Detroit & Cleveland Steamship Line; George A., born April 19, 1872, is also a member of the firm of Fox & Sons, of Put in Bay Island; Louisa, born November 28, 1875; and Andrew N., born January 28, 1881. In his political views, Mr. Fox is liberal, voting for the man rather than for the party, and he has never sought office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests. In addition to his vineyards and store he is the owner of the finest dock and warehouses on Put in Bay Island,
and he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He would be a desirable acquisition to any community, and Ottawa county numbers him among its valued citizens.
JOHN LUTZ (deceased) was one of the pioneer settlers of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, and a prominent and progressive citizen, taking an active part in such matters as would promote the advancement of the interests of his community. He was a son of Christopher and Margaret (Snyder) Lutz, and was born August 15, 1827, near Canton, Ohio, where he was educated and reared to manhood.

In 1851, when it was still in its wild and uncultivated state, John Lutz settled on Middle Bass Island, where for a number of years he followed fishing and farming for a livelihood, and in later years devoted his attention more particularly to the culture of grapes, his extensive vineyards bespeaking good judgment and industry on his part. On July 3, 1860, John Lutz was united in marriage, at Sandusky, Erie county, with Victoria Delauria, daughter of Charles and Florence (Lisperans) Delauria, and seven children have graced this union, viz.: Albert, born February 24, 1862; Julia A., born November 7, 1863; Charles B., born May 18, 1866; Miles B., born February 27, 1870; Arthur J., born August 15, 1873; Sarah M., born November 12, 1877; and Frank F., born December 14, 1879.

Mr. Lutz was a perfect type of manhood, possessing unusual physical powers and endurance, and being endowed with mental vigor no less remarkable. Often he went beyond the requirements of the Golden Rule, and throughout his well-spent life was constantly doing for others more than he would have asked others to do for him under similar circumstances. In those early pioneer days, when the struggle for existence was so hard and the opportunities for lending a helping hand were so numerous, he often taxed his physical powers to their utmost in assisting his neighbors and friends, and would not hesitate to give his last dollar in cases of urgent need. He was active and indefatigable in every good work, and contributed his full share toward laying broad and deep the foundations of morality and good society that have given Middle Bass its honorable history. He passed away, honored by all who knew him, and to his life work and to the example of pioneers such as John Lutz Middle Bass Island owes a lasting debt of gratitude.

ALBERT LUTZ, eldest son of John Lutz, resides on Middle Bass Island, close to the homestead farm where he was born and reared to manhood. He is one of the young, progressive men of the Island, and is extensively engaged in grape growing. On December 9, 1894, he was united in marriage with Miss Etta Pelton, who was born in Syracuse, N. Y., daughter of David and Ann Pelton. In politics Albert Lutz is a Republican. He is a man of broad views, keen, quick perceptions, sterling integrity and a spotless reputation, qualities that have gained for him the confidence and respect of all who know him.
WEHRLE, the most extensive grape grower, and the proprietor of one of the largest wineries in Ohio, as well as the oldest settler on Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, was born in Baden, Germany, December 8, 1831.

The parents of our subject, Andrew and Mary (Mueller) Wehrle, were born and died in Germany. They had a family of seven children, three of whom are living, namely: Andrew, the subject of this sketch, who is the only one of the family who came to America, and Rosa and Monica, who still reside in their native land. Andrew Wehrle was reared to manhood on his father's farm, received his education at the public schools in the neighborhood of his early home, and in 1852 came to America. On reaching New York he at once proceeded to Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio, where he resided for about two years, and in 1854 removed to Middle Bass, engaging in farming and fishing.

In July, 1854, at Sandusky, Erie county, Andrew Wehrle was united in marriage with Miss Mary Mueller, who was born in Baden, Germany, in November, 1832, and they have had four children (three of whom are now living), as follows: Andrew, born March 9, 1855, now a wholesale coal dealer in Sandusky, Erie county; Louisa, born October 2, 1856, wife of George W. Reibling, residing in Detroit, Mich.; Charles, who died in infancy; and Herman, born December 19, 1858, who is a partner in his father's business.

In 1859 A. Wehrle, Joseph Mueller, William Rheburg and George R. Caldwell purchased all of Middle Bass Island and planted it in grapes. In 1865 Mr.
Wehrle built a winery and engaged in wine making, in 1871 building the large and commodious premises to which he has been making additions year by year, until now his winery has reached a capacity of five hundred thousand gallons, and ranks among the largest in Ohio. Besides this he has a large and spacious hall which is liberally patronized during the summer months by pleasure parties from all portions of this and adjoining States. His residence, situated on a slight eminence, and fronting on the lake, is one of the handsomest and most imposing in Ottawa county; the grounds are tastefully laid out in lawns and flower gardens, and all the surroundings betoken culture and refinement. Mr. Wehrle became a citizen of the United States October 16, 1857, and in his political views is a Republican. For twenty-nine years he has held the position of postmaster, having been appointed October 21, 1866, and having served efficiently ever since, and for twelve years he also held the office of township trustee.

In addition to his grape-growing interests Mr. Wehrle is identified with several concerns. He is president of the Sandusky and Island Steamboat Company, a large stockholder in the steamer "Arrow," manager and part owner of the steamer "American Eagle," and owns extensive wharf and warehouse premises. He stands prominent among the enterprising and most prosperous business men of Ottawa county, and has been so intimately connected with all enterprises, not only of Middle Bass Island, but of the county generally, that his name is closely identified with it; in fact very little has been planned or projected by the community without his counsel and aid. He is a man of remarkable vitality and strong and robust constitution. With willing heart and hands he has made a success of life, and accumulated a snug fortune, and his many sterling qualities have won and retained for him the respect and esteem of his neighbors and large circle of acquaintances.

Herman Wehrle, youngest son of A. and Mary Wehrle, and a partner in his father's business, was born December 19, 1858, and was educated in the public schools of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, and in the Buckeye Business College, Sandusky, Erie county. Since completing his education he has been connected with his father's business, and in 1888 was admitted as a partner. On June 6, 1892, in St. Louis, Mo., Herman Wehrle married Katherine M. Rauer, who was born in St. Louis June 27, 1860, daughter of Jacob and Kunigunde Rauer, who were both born in Germany. No children have been born to this marriage. In political affiliation Mr. Wehrle, like his father, is a Republican.
HENRY BURGGRAF. In a work devoted to the representative citizens and early settlers of Ottawa county none are more deserving of mention in this volume than the gentleman whose name begins this review, and who is one of the wide-awake and progressive fruit-growers on Put in Bay Island.

Mr. Burggraf was born on Kelley's Island, Erie Co., Ohio, June 2, 1859, and is a son of Mathias and Anna Marie (Schmidt) Burggraf. He was only a little more than a month old when his parents removed to the Island, and here he has resided continuously since. Its public schools afforded him his educational privileges, and from his boyhood days he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was early introduced to the labors of the farm, and has led a busy and useful life, until to-day he is ranked among the leading fruit growers and wine makers on the Island. On November 22, 1887, Mr. Burggraf was united in marriage with Miss Anna Marie Miller, who was born on Middle Bass Island, February 10, 1862, and is a daughter of Joseph and Helena (Rehberg) Miller. Three children grace their union—Carl H., born December 4, 1888; Frederick A., born November 28, 1890; and Ruth Helena, born May 19, 1894.

It is interesting in this connection to note something of the family to which our subject belongs. His father, Mathias Burggraf, retired fruit raiser and wine manufacturer, is now living on Put in Bay Island. He was born June 2, 1825, in
the town of Wolfenweiler, Baden, Ger-
many, and is a son of Mathias and Anna
Marie (Kuechlin) Burggraf, both of whom
were natives of Germany, where the
father died in 1847, and the mother in
1876. Their son was reared and edu-
cated in the land of his nativity, and there
carried on agricultural pursuits and grape
growing until twenty-seven years of age.
He then determined to try his fortune in
America, crossed the Atlantic in 1852,
and for thirty-five years has made his
home on the Island, which is still his
place of residence. He was married in
Baden, Germany, June 2, 1847, to Anna
Marie Schmidt, whose birth occurred
there June 20, 1820. To this union
came five children, namely: Caroline,
born in Baden, May 18, 1848, who is now
the wife of Frederick Bretz, living on
Middle Bass Island; Mathias, born April
2, 1850; Frederick W., born in Huron
township, Erie county, November 20,
1856; Henry, born on Kelley's Island,
June 2, 1859; Anna Marie, who was born
February 14, 1863, and died September
1, 1870.

When Mr. Burggraf came to this
country he left his family in Germany
until he could make preparations to bring
them to America. In 1853 he took up
his residence in Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio,
where he was joined by his wife and two
children. The following year he removed
to Huron county, where he was engaged
in agricultural pursuits until the spring of
1856. During the succeeding three years
he was employed in the stone quarries on
Kelley's Island, and in July, 1859, he
took up his residence on Put in Bay
Island. It was thus he got a start in
life, and by earnest labor, perseverence
and good management he acquired a
handsome competency, which now en-
ables him to live retired. His wife died
January 11, 1893, and her departure was
deeply mourned by many friends as well
as her immediate family. The Burggraf
family is one of prominence in the com-
munity, widely and favorably known, and
well deserve mention in this volume.

When excavating for the cellar of his
residence, Mr. Burggraf dug into what he
supposed was a burial place of the Indians
many hundred of years ago, and unearthed
the skeletons of some extraordinarily
large (supposed) warriors which were in a
fair state of preservation. Curiosity
seekers have carried away most of the re-
mains, but Mr. Burggraf still has in his
possession some very interesting relics.
JOSEPH MILLER (deceased) was, during his busy lifetime, one of the prominent and successful grape-growers of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, and was one of the four original purchasers of that Island. He was born March 23, 1823, in Baden, Germany, son of Joseph and Anna Marie (Locherer) Miller, who were also born in the Fatherland, where they died.

The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood and educated in the Fatherland, where from early life he was engaged in grape growing, an industry followed by his father and grandfather before him. In 1854 he came to America, settling in Erie county, Ohio, where he resided three years, and in 1857 removed to Middle Bass Island, of which he was a continuous resident from that time for the remainder of his life. On May 14, 1861, in Sandusky, Erie county, Joseph Miller was united in marriage with Helena Rehberg, who was born at Plau, in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, April 8, 1843, daughter of John and Christina (Bohndorff) Rehberg, and their children are as follows: Anna, born February 10, 1862, is the wife of Henry Burggraf; they have three children—Carl, born December 4, 1888; Arnold, born November 28, 1890; and Ruth, born May 19, 1894. Mary, born March 30, 1864, was united in marriage with Ferdinand Sloat on September 4, 1888; they have had two sons—Gregor J., born June 11, 1889; and Frank Clyde, born July 25, 1892; they reside in Sandusky. Eliza, born Septem-
November 4, 1868, was married to Charles Bretz, November 12, 1890, and they have had two sons—Sherman Carl, born August 25, 1891; and Leslie Joseph, born December 25, 1893. Nellie J., born January 1, 1877, and Herman Joseph, born July 30, 1878.

The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Miller were as follows: William, who resides on the Island; John, who passed all his life there, dying May 5, 1888; Mary, wife of Albany Kubagh, of Sandusky; and Helena (Mrs. Miller). Mr. John Rehberg was again married, taking, for his second wife, Mary Prool, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, March 4, 1813, and they had children, as follows: Frederick, who lives in Sandusky; Henry, born October 4, 1854, who was united in marriage April 9, 1876, on Middle Bass Island, with Mina Kaphengst, who was born in Mecklenburg, May 7, 1853, and they have had one child—Clara, born February 22, 1889. Henry commenced in the hotel business in Middle Bass, in 1890; and Louis, who was born February 9, 1858, and died December 11, 1882.

Mr. Miller passed away June 24, 1884. In his political views he was a Democrat. He was repeatedly called to offices of responsibility and trust in his township, which he filled with fidelity and acknowledged ability, and the memory of his noble character will long be cherished. His widow, who is regarded highly in the community and admired for her many virtues, is now residing on the homestead.