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Editor’s Note:

The original of this 1898 booklet represents one of the best collections of both pictures and text describing Port Clinton, Put-in-Bay and Catawba Island at the end of the 19th century.

This reprint includes all of the original text and images. The text has been typeset anew to make it easier to read, and most of the images have been both enlarged and digitally cleaned.

The Port Clinton section focuses on the city and its buildings, while the Put-in-Bay and Catawba Island sections focus heavily on hotels and other buildings that provided tourist accommodations. The pictures are superb, and present a wonderful image of the area in the late 19th century.

In the back of the book, we have included all the original ads. These provide a good bit of “colorful” information about the tastes of the time.

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INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of issuing this Illustrated Souvenir is to promote the interests of all those represented. Free scope has been given to the photographer and engraver rather than the pen, and the success with which this has been accomplished will allow the Souvenir to speak for itself.

The photographs, with one or two exceptions, were made by Chas. E. Andrews, of this city, and J. W. Unser, of Monroeville, and much credit is due these gentlemen for the excellent engravings contained in this work.

The publisher takes pleasure in expressing his gratitude to those who so liberally cooperated with him, and trusts that this Souvenir will in every way meet their expectations. If this is done the aim and purpose of this work will have been accomplished.

B. B. KRAMMES,

Publisher.

Port Clinton, December 15, 1898.
Ottawa County.

Ottawa county, previous to its organization into a county by itself on March 6th, 1840, formed a part of Sandusky, Erie and Lucas counties. It comprises an area of 255.25 square miles, or about 163,340 acres of land.

Its name was derived from a tribe of Indians by the same name that lived on the banks of the Maumee river. The word "Ottawa" signifies "trader" and is applied to this tribe on account of their commercial transactions with the white settlers. Their principal trade consisting in furs and skins of the animals caught along its streams and lake of the county.

The surface is generally level, and the soil for the most part of a rich dark loam and exceedingly fertile. The western portion of the county lay within the limits of the black swamp. The eastern portion is what is known as the fire lands. These were so called by reason of the state of Connecticut donating half a million acres of land in 1793 to certain persons whose property had been destroyed by fire by the British during the Revolutionary war.

About 30,000 acres of land was originally prairie land. This lay six miles west and five miles east of the mouth of the Portage river, extending from the lake shore on the north, to Mud Creek and Sandusky Bay on the south.

Considerable marsh land also exists in the county, but in later years a great portion of this has been reclaimed by numerous ditches and waterways being cut through the lands and marshes. Just in the past year a tract of about 1,000 acres in Catawba Island has been reclaimed.

The land back of the low places is higher and slightly undulating, which for the most part was originally covered with a splendid growth of fine timber, notably black walnut, hickory, black and white ash, elm, sycamore, poplar, etc.

The soil of Ottawa County is well adapted for all kinds of grain, corn, wheat, oats, barley, etc., and yields abundant crops. The eastern portion, however, is well adapted to fruit growing, and this particular line of industry is carried on extensively here, although in
later years Portage and Bay townships have extensive orchards of peaches, plums, pears, etc., and thousands of bushels of fruit are raised here where in past years it was thought no fruit could be cultivated.

Extensive limestone quarries are also found in Danbury and Catawba townships as well as in Clay township, and thousands of tons of lime and building stone are annually shipped from these places. In fact the lime and stone industry forms one of the chief industries of the county, and especially is this so in Marblehead, Danbury township.

Gypsum is also found in large quantities in the county, and a great many people are given steady employment in this industry.

The fish industry which is extensively carried on here, gives employment to a large number of men. Possibly $200,000 are invested in essentials for carrying on this business, and the commercial value of the catch during the year amounts to many thousand dollars.

Within the past month it has become definitely known that large quantities of petroleum exist in the county. While the field has not been thoroughly tested, yet the test well that has been sunk on Catawba Island proves the existence of petroleum in supposedly paying quantities.

Ottawa county has comparatively few towns, and none of these very large. The leading towns are Port Clinton, the county seat, Oak Harbor, Genoa and Elmore.

After the organization of the county, the next step was to locate permanently the county seat. This was done by a commission appointed by the General Assembly, consisting of Wm. Rayne of Trumbull county, John Johnson of Coshocton county, and Joseph Auckeney of Holmes county, which after much care and deliberation, located the county seat at Port Clinton. This was done May 27, 1840. The population of the county at this time was 2,248. Immediately after the location of the county seat, the erection of a court house followed, which was placed on the present site, which was donated to the county for that purpose, by E. S. Haynes. The court house that was then constructed, and subsequently enlarged, is soon to be replaced with the handsome new stone building, a cut of which appears in this work. When this new building is completed it will be a building worthy the name, and one that will do justice and credit to the town and county in which it is located.
Port Clinton is the county seat of Ottawa County. It is a beautiful little city of about 3,000 inhabitants, and is situated on the shore of Lake Erie and the mouth of the Portage river. It is within seeing distance of the famous Lake Erie group of islands, of which Put-in-Bay forms the most prominent one, known far and wide as a summer and pleasure resort. It has the distinction of possessing the only harbor between Sandusky city and Toledo, and is provided with splendid docks, piers and government light house, all of which were constructed at a cost exceeding $125,000. It has wide streets with beautiful shade trees and boulevards. Commodious blocks line the business portion, and handsome residences dot the residence streets of the city. The city is well provided with sewers, water works, electric lights and telephone. In fact all modern conveniences are here enjoyed that form so essential a part in making it a desirable place of residence.
The schools are as good as can be found in cities much larger, and the church accommodations are ample to meet all the spiritual needs of the community.

Fishing is carried on here on an extensive scale, and the largest lumbering interests in the county are located here. Two banking institutions look after the financial needs of the people, and a number of first-class stores supply the community the various kinds of merchandise. The hotel accommodations are all that could be desired, and sufficiently ample to meet all demands made upon them.

CITY HALL.

The City Hall and Engine House, which was built in 1875 at a cost of $4,000, is a good substantial brick building, and sufficiently large to meet the needs of the city for some time to come.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The school buildings comprise two handsome brick structures. The one now used for the primary grades was built in 1875, and high school in 1894. The cost of the two buildings was about $25,000.
SEwers.

The city is well sewered. It has 4 miles of mains, and about the same of laterals. The cost of the system was about $15,500.

Electric light.

The Electric Light Plant was built by a company of local capitalists in August, 1896. It cost about $14,000. The company has enjoyed a good patronage from its organization and at present has in operation 1,000 incandescent and 23 arc lights.

Paved streets.

Many of the leading streets are paved with brick and others will be as soon as the conditions will permit. The improvements made thus far have cost about $4,500, covering a distance of 1½ miles of paving.

Waterworks.

The water works built in 1895 at a cost of $43,158.07 is perhaps one of the finest and best little plants in the state: This plant has eight miles of mains, two duplex Gordon pumps with a capacity of 3,000,000 gallons of water per day; two 5 ft. boilers, 16 ft. long, engine
PORT CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.

house 36x36, boiler house, 24x24, and coal shed 18x36 ft. The plant has been self-sustaining since the second year. It is possibly the most economically conducted in Ohio. The receipts from all sources amount to $2,900, and the expenditures for all purposes only $2,350.

Taking it all in all Port Clinton is one of the prettiest little cities in the state. It is a delightful place to spend the summer, and there is no doubt when the projected Tiffin, Fremont and Port Clinton Electric Railway is once completed, that the people from the interior towns will find this city a desirable place to spend a few days of recreation and rest.
FRANK HOLT,
COUNTY TREASURER.

Frank Holt, the present efficient Treasurer of Ottawa county, is a native of Levertor, England, where he was born 71 years ago. He came to this county and located in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1850, where he engaged in the manufacture of lime, which vocation he successfully followed in the Forest City until 1856. He then removed to Toledo, Ohio, where he continued the manufacturing of lime until 1861, when he located at Genoa. Here he conducted the business on a more elaborate scale, made necessary by the increase in trade, and today the product is sold in most of the leading markets of the Central States.

During Mr. Holt's residence in Toledo, he served as Police Commissioner, which position he held until his removal to Genoa. Here he has been identified with every movement tending to benefit the town and community. So well were his services appreciated that he was frequently called upon to serve his fellow citizens in various positions of trust. In 1872 he was elected Township Treasurer, which position he has held at different periods for the past fifteen years. In the fall of 1896 he was elected County Treasurer by the Democrats, and when so chosen was serving as Treasurer of his township, and in a like capacity of the special school district of the village of Genoa.

Mr. Holt is now serving his first term as Treasurer of Ottawa county, and during this time has made a model official, and his renomination at the recent democratic convention, and his election in November is only a fitting recognition of his faithful services rendered to the tax payers of Ottawa county.

JAMES H. KRAEMER.
PROBATE JUDGE.

James H. Kraemer, the subject of this sketch (and son of Adolphus and Eliza Kraemer, who settled at Oak Harbor in 1834, six years before the county was organized, and in an unbroken wilderness) was born at his present homestead in Oak Harbor, March 18, 1845, and was brought up with the rest of the family in clearing up the forest home, and getting such education as the primitive times would afford, with a few months' finish in a commercial college. On January 1, 1869, he was married at Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Lottie Earl, and they began life on 40 acres of timber land near Oak Harbor, where he built a home and cleared up the farm. In 1872 he took an interest with his father, E. Say and others, in the Oak Harbor planing mill, which, owing to the panic of 1873, went to the wall in 1875, sweeping away his hard-earned accumulations, so he began again the tussle for existence on the farm.

In 1880 he took charge of the Ottawa County Exponent, which had been run by a number of tramp printers until it was practically worthless. When he had it fairly on its way to prosperity the entire plant was destroyed by fire, and by the neglect of the insurance agent, not a cent of insurance was received. Yet he at once secured new material and continued its publication without the loss of a single issue, and he continued to add to and build up until he has one of the finest newspaper and job office plants in the county. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and was elected a member of the first council of Oak Harbor, was a member of the school board and its clerk for a number of years, was Mayor of Oak Harbor for nearly five years, and resigned to take the office of Probate Judge, to which office he has been elected for the second time.

He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge, and his wife a member of the M. E. church. His family consists of himself and wife, and five children: De Wilton A., Thomas E., Maud E., Lloyd E. and Frank, all living at home, which is one of the pleasantest, with its surroundings in Ottawa county, and is the scene of many social gatherings, where the many friends of both the old and young members of the family gather in social and hospitable enjoyment and hearty welcome,
E. A. POWERS,  
COUNTY AUDITOR.

E. A. Powers, County Auditor, is a native of Ohio. He was born at Woodville, April 7th, 1861, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Powers, who at the time of our subject's birth resided at Woodville, but later moved to Perrysburg, where he received his education. Mr. Powers' vocation is that of farmer and grain dealer, both of which he has successfully followed at his home in Genoa for the past 14 years. Mr. Powers' official life dates back to 1888, at which time he served for two terms as the efficient clerk of Clay Township, as well as member of the Genoa School Board and village Council. In the fall of 1893 he was elected County Auditor, which he is now successfully filling for a second term. In his public life Mr. Powers has shown himself to be a careful and painstaking official, and as such has made one of the best county auditors Ottawa county has ever had.

B. A. BORDEN,  
COUNTY RECORDER.

B. A. Borden, County Recorder, is a native of Ottawa county, Ohio. He was born in Port Clinton, May 7, 1852, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Borden, pioneer residents of the county. Mr. Borden, with the exception of eight years when he lived in North Dakota, has always resided in Ottawa county, and previous to his serving in his present capacity, he engaged in the mercantile and manufacturing business. His public life began in 1880, when he was elected Treasurer of Benton township, which position he acceptably filled for four consecutive years. In the fall of 1896, he was elected County Recorder, and is now serving his first term with great acceptance to the citizens of Ottawa county.

H. B. BREDBECK,  
COUNTY CLERK.

H. B. Bredbeck, County Clerk, was born in Danbury township, this county, December 27, 1854, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bredbeck, highly respected citizens of Ottawa county. Mr. Bredbeck followed the life of a farmer and fruit grower previous to his entrance into public life, and today owns one of the finest fruit farms in Danbury township. In 1891 he was elected Clerk of Danbury township, and in 1895 was appointed County Commissioner to fill an unexpired term, and in the fall of the same year was nominated and elected Clerk of the Courts, and again renominated September 24, 1898, and elected last November. Mr. Bredbeck is peculiarly fitted for the position he occupies, and his administration of the affairs of his office is unusually popular with the citizens of the county.

WM. GORDON,  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

William Gordon, Prosecuting Attorney, was born near Oak Harbor, December 15, 1862. He was educated in the public schools of Oak Harbor and the Toledo Business College, graduating from the latter institution May 7th, 1880. He engaged in teaching for a time, and acted as bookkeeper for his
father's lumbering interests at Oak Harbor.
In September 1887 he became Deputy County Treasurer under his father, who had been elected to that position at the previous November election, and served in this capacity for four years, when he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, graduating in June 1893. He at once entered upon the practice of law at Oak Harbor and in November, 1894, was elected prosecuting Attorney, being the only democrat elected in Ottawa county that year.
In August 1893 he was appointed County school examiner and is still serving in that capacity.
He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1896 from this Congressional district, and in the fall of 1897 was re-elected to the office of Prosecuting Attorney.
Mr. Gordon is not only a competent attorney and official, but a pleasing gentleman, and as such, has made many friends among all classes.

S. LEIMGRUBER,
SHERIFF.

S. Leimgruber, Sheriff, is a native of Baden, Germany, but has been a citizen of this country since 1871, at which time he became a resident of Sandusky, Ohio. In 1874 he located in Port Clinton, and has since resided here. After coming to this country he engaged in the butchering business, which vocation he followed until the spring of 1885, when he was elected Marshal of Port Clinton.

So well did he execute the duties of marshal that he was continued in that office for six consecutive terms, or until the fall of '96, when he was elected Sheriff of Ottawa county. On September 24, 1898, he was renominated for a second term without opposition and elected in November last.
Mr. Leimgruber has made a careful and painstaking official, and as such enjoys the confidence of the people.

CHAS. E. DEWITT,
COUNTY SURVEYOR.

Chas. E. Dewitt, County Surveyor, is a native of Erie county, Ohio, where he was born August 7, 1864. Mr. De. Witt was reared on the farm, but desiring to fit himself for a professional life he sought early to prepare himself for his future work. To this end he made careful preparation, attending school at Sandusky, Milan and Lebanon University, where he graduated with high honors in June, '88, with the degrees of B. A. and C. E. After completing his education he became assistant city engineer of Sandusky City, and also served as deputy county surveyor of Erie county, serving in these capacities for four years, from 1888-92.

In the fall of '92 he was elected Surveyor of Ottawa county, and again reelected in the fall of 1895, and renominated for a third term and elected without opposition in November last.
Mr. DeWitt is universally popular. He is obliging and courteous, and does at all times endeavor to serve the best interests of the people.

J. A. WONNELL,
MAYOR.

J. A. Wonnell, Port Clinton's popular mayor, is a native of Ottawa Co. He was born in Port Clinton, August 18, 1853, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wonnell, pioneer residents of Ottawa county. Mr. Wonnell obtained his education in the public schools of Port Clinton and Berea college.

He is a public spirited man and always seeks such improvements and conditions that will build up the city. For a number of years Mr. Wonnell has conducted a general insurance agency in which he has built an extensive business. In the spring of 1889 he was elected mayor of Port Clinton, and in which capacity he is now serving. Mayor Wonnell is a genial gentleman, and as Mayor has given the citizens of Port Clinton a splendid administration.
PROF. A. J. GARRATY,
SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

Prof. A. J. Garraty, the worthy superintendent of the Port Clinton public schools, is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, where his early life was spent, and where he received his preliminary education. His college education was obtained at Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, from which institution he graduated in the classical course with high honors in the class of 1894.

Previous to his graduation he was identified with the Brecksville schools, where he served in the capacity of teacher for two years.

In 1894 he was elected principal of the Port Clinton high school, and one year later became its efficient superintendent, which position he has held ever since.

The high standard the Port Clinton schools have attained within the past few years is due to the care and efficiency of its worthy superintendent.

The citizens of Port Clinton can congratulate themselves in having so able a superintendent and educator, and we bespeak for him success wherever his lot may be cast.

CHAS. E. ANDREWS,
PHOTOGRAPHER.

Mr. Chas. E. Andrews, the enterprising photographer, is a native of Ottawa county, Ohio. He was born on Catawba Island, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Andrews, now residents of this city. The subject of this sketch has always resided in this county, and for the past 24 years has lived in this city.

Mr. Andrews learned the photograph business under Mr. Fred Windisch, a former photographer of Port Clinton, and about a year and a half ago he purchased Mr. Windisch's interest in the gallery and embarked in business for himself. His business career, though short, has been one of marked success. From a small beginning he has built up as large, if not a larger trade than any photographer in the city. This success is doubtless due to his care and attention to business. Mr. Andrews' motto is to please, and to do the best possible work for the least money.

Mr. Andrews has also had a great deal of experience in the view business, and several years were spent in this line previous to purchasing the gallery at his present location. In this line he has been very successful, and a large number of the exteriors for this work were made by Mr. Andrews.

Mr. Andrews also enlarges and copies pictures, makes pastelles and photo buttons and pins. The latter being the latest in the photographic art. In addition he carries a full line of picture mouldings, and in this line enjoys a large trade in picture framing.

Mr. Andrews is well suited for his line of work. He is popular and makes friends wherever he goes.

His gallery, which is located on Second street in the rear of the McMann block, has recently been improved and he is now better prepared than ever for high class photo work. The public is generally invited to call and see him if they need anything in this line.

GEO. HALLER,
PAINTER AND DECORATOR.

Mr. Geo. Haller, the painter and wall paper dealer, is a native of Sandusky, Ohio, but has been a resident of Port Clinton for a number of years. He is perhaps the oldest painter in the city, having followed the business for the past 25 years, and for 10 years has been located in his present location, where he carries a full line of wall paper, window shades, paints, oils, etc.

For two years, from 1892-94, he served as corporation clerk. He is a musician of rare ability, and has been the leader of the Port Clinton cornet band for 20 years.

Mr. Haller enjoys the confidence and respect of the people of the county, and his business success has been largely due to the excellent quality of his work.

His place of business is located on Madison street, between Second and Third streets, just north of the Lake Shore railroad. Anyone needing anything in his line should not fail to call on him.
THE POST BOY.

The steamer Post Boy, owned by Capt. Jas. E. Spaulding and others of Port Clinton, is the only boat running between Oak Harbor, Port Clinton and Put-in-Bay. This being the shortest distance between any port by boat to the Islands, makes this a most desirable route to take. The distance from Port Clinton is but ten miles, and the time required to make the trip about one hour. Parties desiring a boat ride to Put-in-Bay and the Islands, can select no better route than the one from this port. The boat makes connections with all trains leading into and connecting with the Lake Shore Ry. at Port Clinton.

The boat is under the management of Captain Spaulding, one of the chief owners of the boat, and a man of many years' experience as a lake captain. Parties desiring a delightful trip to Put-in-Bay and the Islands should not fail to take this route.
THE ISLAND HOUSE.

We herewith give a fine half-tone portrait of Mr. Conrad Gernhard, the popular and enterprising proprietor of the Island House, together with splendid exterior and interior views of that excellent hotel.

The subject of this sketch was born in Hessen, Germany, 46 years ago, and came to this country with his parents in 1856, locating first in New Jersey, and two years later came to Lorain county, Ohio. In 1860 the family removed to Ottawa county, and Mr. Gernhard has resided here ever since. In 1870 he opened up a restaurant to which after a time he added groceries and a meat market. He continued in this business until 1882, when he was elected Sheriff by the Democracy of Ottawa county, in which capacity he served with great acceptance to the tax payers of the county for two consecutive terms. Previous to being elected to the office of Sheriff he served eight years as Clerk of Benton township, and two years as President of the Board of Education of the same township.

In 1891 he was elected a member of the City Council, and in 1898 he was again called to serve in the same capacity, being at present one of the efficient members of that body. He is also a member of the Court House Commission, which together with the Board of County Commissioners, looks after the needs of the beautiful new court house now being erected in the city.

The Island House, which is Port Clinton's leading hotel, was built in 1886. It is fully equipped with all the modern conveniences pertaining to the needs and comforts of the traveling public. It is centrally located in full view of the harbor and lake, thus making it a pleasant and desirable place at which to stop. The table is the best the market affords, and the large patronage this house sustains is sufficient guarantee that the guests receive proper treatment.

Mr. Gernhard, who has presided over this popular house since its erection, was married in 1871 to Miss Augusta Wilke, who shared his companionship until Sept. 26, 1897, when she departed this life. To this union were born five children, viz: Clara, now Mrs. Wm. Souders; Elizabeth, Mrs. Wm. Gordon; William, Frank and Edward.
E. G. CLAPSEDEL,

THE
HOME CONFECTIONER.

Manufacturer and Dealer
in Fine Candies, Cigars,
Canned Goods, Fruits, Oys-
ters, etc. Restaurant in
Connection.

HUBER BLOCK,
MADISON STREET.

INTERIOR OF E. G. CLAPSEDEL'S CONFECTIONERY
AND RESTAURANT.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.
W. O. McMAHAN.

The above engraving represents the exterior and interior views of the handsome McMahan block, together with a half-tone engraving of Mr. McMahan, the proprietor.

This building is by far the finest business block in the city, and is one that would do credit to towns many times the size of Port Clinton. It is built of pressed brick with stone trimmings, is three stories high and is 28 ft. front by 100 feet depth. The main business room is 26x55 feet. The second floor comprises a number of office rooms, and the third floor is designed for a lodge room. In the rear of the building are well apportioned living apartments, which are occupied by Mr. McMahan and family. The ceiling of the store room is of steel, beautifully painted, and the furnishings throughout are of quarter-sawed oak. The store room is also provided with a fire proof vault 8x10 feet, and the building throughout is equipped with electric lights and water works. This block is a beautiful structure, and Mr. McMahan can congratulate himself in being the possessor of so handsome a place of business. At present the store is just loaded in the jewelry department with watches, clocks, diamonds, silverware, etc., and in the china and queensware department can be found anything to suit the fancy and taste of the most fastidious. If you need anything now, or for the holidays, you should not fail to see the beautiful line of goods found at McMahan's.
The German American Bank commenced business in Fort Clinton, Ohio, March 12, 1891, and has continued to prosper until now it is the leading bank of Ottawa county. They do a commercial business and also have in connection with that, a savings department.

The board of directors as at present constituted, are O. J. True, Henry Bredbeck, J. V. Lutts, Geo. F. Meyer, Sr. and B. W. Wilson, with O. J. True as president, Henry Bredbeck vice president, B. W. Wilson, cashier and Geo. F. Meyer, Jr., assistant cashier.

Its stockholders comprise some of the wealthiest and most influential people of Ottawa co. and Sandusky, Ohio.
We herewith give elegant representations of the handsome dental parlors of Drs. Kern and Yingling, the enterprising dentists of this city, as well as fine half-tone engravings of the gentlemen themselves. This firm, though established less than a year ago in Port Clinton, has yet had a phenomenal success, This doubtless is due to careful preparation, as well as care and attention to business, They are both graduates of leading American dental colleges. Dr. Kern is a graduate of the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and Dr. Yingling of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. Dr. Kern is a native of Bellevue, Ohio, and is the son of Mr. Isaac Kern, a leading citizen of Bellevue, who later removed to Peabody, Kansas, where the Doctor graduated from the high school in 1891, and later attended the Emporia Normal College. He subsequently entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, from which institution he graduated in the spring of 1897.

Dr. Yingling is a native of Tiffin, Ohio. He is the son of Dr. Geo. S. Yingling, a prominent citizen of that city. He received his education in the city schools, Dennison University, and the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, from which institution he graduated in March, 1897.

Both gentlemen have had a professional experience of over three years, but have engaged in business for themselves only since last March, when both located here. In Jan. ’98 they formed a co-partnership, and have since successfully conducted the business under the firm name of Drs. Kern & Yingling.

While they do all kinds of dental work, yet they specialize in cast aluminum plates, crown and bridge work, gold fillings, etc., do painless extracting, and give special attention to the treatment of Pyorrhea Alveolaris, a disease of the roots of the teeth and surrounding tissue, causing them to loosen from their sockets, and subsequently the entire loss of the teeth. Anyone needing first-class dental work should not fail to call on them, in the McMann Block.
Mr. Samuel Kuesthardt, editor of the Ottawa County Zeitung, is a native of Arnsburg, Germany. He is the son of G. C. and Elizabeth Wollenhaupt Kuesthardt, the former a leading educator of Germany.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the Melsungen Seminary, Germany, from which institution he graduated with distinction in 1874. Following his graduation he came to America and took post graduate work at Mendota, Ill. Following this he engaged for 15 years in ministerial work, from '75-90. On Christmas day, 1890, he purchased the Ottawa County Zeitung, located at Oak Harbor, and on Jan. 1, 1891 took possession of the same. Mr. Kuesthardt continued the publication at Oak Harbor until 1893, when he removed it to this city. But previous to doing so, he put in a complete newspaper plant, as the material belonging to the paper at the time of its purchase was altogether inadequate for its successful publication. When Mr. Kuesthardt purchased the paper it had but 275 subscribers, which, however, was increased from time to time until it now has a list exceeding 1,500.

Ever since Mr. Kuesthardt took possession of the paper it showed thrift and enterprise. One success followed another, and in consequence one improvement chased on the heels of another, so that the fine new building, shown herein, was built in 1897, fully equipped with modern presses, water motor, electric light, and all the necessary prerequisites essential to successful newspaper work. Mr. Kuesthardt, while not an office seeker, has been frequently honored with positions of trust. While a resident of Oak Harbor he was elected a member of the School Board, in which capacity he served until his removal to Port Clinton in 1893. In 1896 he was similarly honored by the Democrats of this city, and is at present serving with great acceptance on that body and of which he is the efficient Clerk. Mr. Kuesthardt is an able editor as well as a successful business man. He is genial and affable in all his dealings, and in consequence he has the respect and esteem of the citizens of Port Clinton and Ottawa county.
This enterprising manufacturing company was organized in 1890, and is composed of Chas. W. Seufert, Frank Reichert and Christ J. Seufert, who are gentlemen of long experience and success in their line of business. Since the organization of this firm it has been the leading concern in Ottawa county devoted to the manufacture of buggies and all kinds of vehicles. It has a larger force of men in its employ than any similar concern in the county. Nothing but first class work is done here, and as an evidence of this, the goods manufactured by them finds a ready market throughout the entire country in competition with the best concerns in the United States. This firm challenges the world to produce a better fruit wagon than they build.

They manufacture all kinds and classes of buggies and vehicles for the retail and wholesale trade. New and improved machinery has been added from time to time to meet the growing demands of their business. It is gratifying to know that the trade of this enterprising firm is constantly growing, which is sufficient evidence of the superior quality of their work.

In addition to the manufacture of buggies, etc., they also do general blacksmithing and all kinds of repairing, and they do it right too. They have the best horse shoers in or out of the city, and in this particular line they make a special study.

When in need of anything in their line, call or address the Port Clinton Buggy Co., Port Clinton, Ohio.
The Ottawa County Republican, published at Port Clinton, is one of the brightest and best country papers in Northwestern Ohio. It is all printed at home. It is a vigorous fighter, and its merits are recognized by both friends and enemies. It never loses an opportunity to say a good word for the town, and is always on the side of those principles which stand for right. It enjoys a wide circulation, and the best advertising patronage of any paper published in the county. Its present owners and editors are A. G. Winnie and J. H. Faus.
E. H. FALL

One of the leading and most influential business men of Port Clinton is E. H. Fall, retail and wholesale dealer in lumber, coal, etc., and exporter of fine grades of timber. The subject of this sketch was born at Fremont, Ohio, 38 years ago, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Fall, now residents of this city.

Mr. Fall began his successful career in the lumber business when but 12 years old, at which time he entered the employ of Mr. A. Conche, a prominent lumber dealer of this city. He continued in the service of Mr. Conche until June 1887, when he became associated with his employer in the purchase of a one-half interest in the extensive retail part of the business. This relation continued until 1896, or until Mr. Conche's death, when the retail business was disposed of, after which he again engaged in business at his present location.

Besides during an extensive lumber and coal business, Mr. Fall does an extensive lumber trade, shipping walnut, poplar and birdseye maple, to all parts of Europe, reaching the leading markets of England, Germany and France. Mr. Fall's domestic and foreign trade has steadily increased, so that improvements and additions to his extensive plant were necessitated from time to time.

The plant as it now exists, embraces one tract 150x250 ft., one 80x400 ft., and one 100x100 feet. The shipping facilities are enhanced by 600 feet of track on his own ground, a two story warehouse 50x100 ft., and a coal shed 14x96 ft.

Besides attending to his own extensive affairs, he is the efficient Treasurer of the Board of Trade, and one of the originators of the Port Clinton Electric Light Co., of which he is also a director.

Mr. Fall is a prominent member of the M. E. Church, is a leading spirit in everything that tends to better the conditions of society and city, and enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. He resides on Jefferson street.
THE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

The United Brethren have the oldest church in Port Clinton, it having been erected upwards of 40 years ago; consequently is one of the landmarks of the place. However, it has been improved at different periods in keeping with the times, and during the pastorate of Rev. C. B. Fletcher, in 1895, was remodeled, and now presents a neat interior appearance. The church has a membership of about one hundred, a flourishing Sunday School, Young People's Society, and Ladies' Aid Society. The present pastor is Rev. Adam F. Light, who was assigned to this charge by the late session of Sandusky Conference. He is a minister of much ability, is well liked by the membership and people generally.

In 1893, during the pastorate of Rev. Joseph Keik, now of Rising Sun, O., who served this charge four years, the elegant parsonage was constructed. It is one of the best parsonages in this village, also among the best of the U. B. denomination in Sandusky Conference, and is a credit to the local society.

The Board of Church and Parsonage Trustees, which is duly incorporated, consists of the following representative citizens: A. B. Orth, President; J. H. Fans, Secretary; James Nash, Treasurer; N. W. Mackey, Frank D. Semon and James W. Floro.

The church is practically out of debt, and is in hopes, at no distant day, to build a new and more modern church building.
Catawba Island.

Catawba Island, so called, is not an Island, for it is connected to the main land by a narrow neck of land, also by bridge. The island is very much the shape of a pear lying alongside the main land with the stem touching a short distance below Port Clinton, where a shady road leads you through the most pleasant drive, a distance of eight miles to the point or the large end of the pear shape island, to what is called Ottawa City. There they have the Catawba Island post-office, telegraph and telephone connections, which gives everyone direct communications with all parts of the country, thus enabling the fruit grower to reach the leading market at any time desired. This is an essential need as Catawba Island is more generally devoted to fruit growing than any other part of the county. It is here where the industry, which has grown to such wonderful proportions, received its first impetus. Since the growing of peaches and other fruit here, the industry has spread over a large portion of the county, so that now no less than 12,000 acres are devoted to the culture of the various kinds of fruit, the peach, however, predominating. Catawba Island alone has 300,000 peach trees, 8,000 plums, 5,000 pears, and 50 acres of vineyard. The peach crop which is the chief fruit crop of the island, amounted this year to over 400,000 bushels, enriching the growers to the extent of about $300,000.

Catawba Island's wealth does not all consist in her fruit industry, for she has splendid lime stone deposits, and almost at any point on the island a quarry could be opened, and taken therefrom, high grade stones for building and lime purposes. A new industry has just been established, chiefly under the care of the Union Fruit Co., which by the way is the largest of the kind in the state, viz., a distillery for the manufacture of peach brandy, which in time promises to be quite an industry. Catawba Island has other points of interest besides its fruit, etc. It is one of the quietest and most beautiful places on the lake to spend the summer. Boats plying between Buffalo and the upper lakes, pass in full view from the Point. From here can be seen a number of islands in Lake Erie, among them to the north are Green Island with its government red and white flash light, Put-in-Bay with its government stationary red light, and the lofty towers of Hotel Victory way above everything on the island. To the east Kelly's Island, and in the distance to the north-east, across the line, are Middle Bass and Pelee islands in the waters of Canada. Boating, fishing, and all manner of pleasure and recreation can here be indulged in to suit the fancy of the individual. The hotel accommodations are good and the rates reasonable. Catawba Island is especially favored in this particular and all the places that entertain summer guests are shown in this work, which are frequently required to send guests away for want of room to accommodate them. The roads here too are fine for wheeling and driving, and the bathing is one of the chief delights of the visitors.
THE POINT.

AUGUST RUT, Proprietor. Popular Summer Resort. Bowling Alley in Connection. CATAWBA ISLAND, OHIO.

THE COTTAGE.

Catawba Island, Ohio. Chas. Traub, Proprietor. Is located just up from the dock; newly built; has accommodations for a limited number of guests. Party Rooms and Dance Hall. Rates Reasonable. Headquarters for peach buyers. Choice Wines and Liquors, Foreign and Domestic Cigars. Lunches and Meals served at all hours.
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THE PITTSBURG HOUSE.

The Pittsburg House is pleasantly located within a stone’s throw of Lake Erie, where children can play on the gravelly beach with perfect safety. The House is always kept neat and in good order. The cuisine is an attractive feature. Barber shop, telephone and livery in connection. Boats and fishing tackle always convenient. All steamboats in sight of and but a short distance from the house. We will meet guests at trains at Port Clinton when notified.

You will find it desirable and very pleasant to make up parties of ten and upwards. Terms reasonable. Correspondence solicited. Always write or telephone or telegraph to make sure of rooms.

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SHADYNOOK.
RESIDENCE OF WALTER SMITH, PEACHTON, O.
CLUSTER OF PEACHES GROWN BY C. BROWN. CATAWBA ISLAND.

VIEWS OF THE OLD CAMP GROUND.

The above is now the property of R. W. Wilson, Cashier of the German American Bank, and is one of the most beautiful spots along Lake Erie.
HISTORICAL SKETCH.

Up to 1860, Put-in-Bay Island formed a part of Van Renssler township, Ottawa county, with headquarters at Ottawa City, now called Catawba Island. In 1860 the islands, comprising Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass, North Bass, and surrounding smaller islands, by petition of Valentine Doller and others, were cut off as a separate township. The first election was held in the spring of 1860, which resulted as follows: Justice of the Peace, V. Doller; Constable, L. Hams; Clerk, V. Doller.

Put-in-Bay Island, which is the largest of the group, comprises an area of about 1,700 acres, chiefly devoted to the culture of the vine. No less than 800 acres are devoted to grape growing, yielding annually fully 16,000 tons of grapes. Besides this, large quantities of pears, peaches, plums and other smaller fruits are grown on this island.

A part of Put-in-Bay Island has been set apart as a corporation, and is called Put-in-Bay Village. It has a well regulated village government, with mayor, councilmen, police department, city hall, fire department, opera house, and general stores. The town has a population of about 500 people and the island about 1000.

The island itself is a historic one, made so by the signal victory of Commodore Perry in the conflict with the British in the war of 1812, and one of the chief attractions here is Perry's willow, which marks the last resting place of the brave heroes fallen in the conflict.

Many beautiful landscape scenes are found along the beach, not only in Put-in-Bay, but in all the other islands of the group. Besides these beautiful nooks and corners here, numerous other attractions are present everywhere. There are wine cellars, large and small, of which the Golden Eagle wine cellar of Middle Bass, with a capacity of 500,000 gallons, is perhaps the largest, not only in the islands, but in the state. There are also bathing beaches, dance halls, and a beautiful grove along the lake front, affording a refreshing spot for picnic parties, suitably provided with benches and tables. Besides these attractions, there are also two wonderful caves, the one known as Perry's cave, and the other Crystal cave, both of which no one should fail to see while visiting the Island.

Anyone desiring to spend a few days or weeks of rest and recreation can find no better spot than Put-in-Bay Island. The hotel accommodations are ample, and the rates reasonable. A number of the more enterprising hotels are shown in this work, which the publisher takes great pleasure in recommending to the general public. Write for rates, etc.
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Mr. Reidling has been in business on Put-in-Bay Island for the past 6 years, and in this time, by careful attention to his work, and fair treatment, has established a large and lucrative trade. He has under his control 35 acres of vineyard and about 80 acres of orchard, and his wine product alone amounts to about 18,000 gallons per year.
He has the largest and best equipped cellar on the Island, its capacity being 25,000 gallons. The wines and brandies he manufactures have become deservedly popular, and by reason of their excellent qualities have found a ready market in all parts of the United States, as well as those of the Dominion of Canada. Anyone visiting Put-in-Bay should not fail to visit Mr. Reidling's place, as here they can regale themselves with the choicest brands of wines and brandies the island affords.

Call on or address CHAS. G. REIDLING, Put-in-Bay, Ohio.
VALENTINE DOLLER.

The illustrations shown herewith reflect in no small degree the thrift, energy, enterprise, and subsequent success of Mr. Valentine Doller, one of the leading and most enterprising citizens of Put-in-Bay Island. Mr. Doller is a native of Germany. He was born at Bammenthal, Nov. 28, 1834, and came to this country in the fall of 1851, when located at Sandusky, Ohio. Here he resided until Sept. 6, 1859, when he became a resident of Put-in-Bay Island. During his residence at Sandusky he engaged in railroading up to 1854, and from that time until he removed to Put-in-Bay he was engaged as a clerk in the hardware business conducted by Barney & Co., of Sandusky. After coming to Put-in-Bay Mr. Doller embarked in the mercantile business in a small way, and the following year, 1860, commenced the raising of grapes, which has since developed into such a large and thrifty business here.

After the burning of the Put-in-Bay House, in 1878, Mr. Doller purchased the property, and five years later erected thereon a smaller hotel which bears the same name, of which Mr. Doller is proprietor and Mr. Frank Miller manager. This hotel is well known all over the county for its excellent accommodations and fine table.

In 1878 Mr. Doller erected the large block wherein are located his store, Wigand's restaurant, etc., and the telegraph office of the Put-in-Bay Telegraph Co., of which Mr. Doller is the chief projector and owner. In 1883 the palatial brick residence was built, which is one of the finest residences on the island.

In addition to the interests already enumerated, Mr. Doller is the possessor of about 60 acres of vineyard and 100 acres of land otherwise utilized. He is also the owner of his own electric light and water works plant, with which he lights and furnishes water for his hotel. He was the leading spirit in the establishment of the U. S. Fish Hatchery located here, and purchased the ground and donated it to the government for that purpose. In fact, Mr. Doller's enterprise is manifested everywhere, and there is scarcely any business projected on the island that does not find a ready response, as well as cooperation.
The above engraving is a good representation of Prof. Joel Calvin Oldt, Superintendent of the schools of Put-in-Bay and Mayor of Put-in-Bay village. The subject of this sketch was born at Beaver Springs, Pa., Feb. 15, 1865, and came to Ohio nine years ago, locating at Put-in-Bay, where he has since resided. Prof. Oldt was reared on the farm, but desiring a professional life he sought early preparation for his future work. After attending various state and county normal schools he entered Central (Pa.) College, graduating therefrom in the classical course as well as the commercial department of the same institution.

For two years he took post graduate work in Lebanon (Pa.) College, after which he engaged in the profession of teacher, which he has followed with marked success for the past 16 years. Seven years of this time was spent in public school work in the state of Pennsylvania and the residue at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, holding the position of Superintendent for the past eight years.

In April, 1898, he was made the unanimous choice of both political parties for Mayor of the village of Put-in-Bay, to which position he was elected without opposition, and is now serving as the very efficient Mayor of that village, as well as occupying the position of Superintendent of the public schools of the same place.

Prof. Oldt is a fine scholar and teacher, enjoys a good musical training, and holds a state life teacher's certificate for high schools in Ohio. He was also one of the founders of the Adamsburg (Pa.) Herald, is a member of the Reformed Church, is active in Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and Y. M. C. A. work.
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This wonderful cave of crystalline Strontian is one of the recent and most attractive features of Put-in-Bay Island. It is the property of Gustav Heinemann, and is located on the Electric Railway a short distance east of Perry's Cave. It was discovered in October, 1897, by workmen while excavating for a well of water, and while thus engaged the discovery was made.

It is undoubtedly one of the greatest phenomena in America, if not in the world. In fact, it is the only cave of crystalline Strontian known, and is by far the greatest attraction on Put-in-Bay Island. Anyone visiting Put-in-Bay should not fail to see it. It will be time well spent to feast the eyes on the beautiful prismatic formations of this wonderful cave. Do not fail to see it.
THIS well known institution and its principal are so intimately connected with Ottawa Co., in its growth and substantial success of many of its worthy sons and daughters, that a complete history of the county and its progressive citizens and institutions would fall much short of the design and the purpose of this souvenir without this sketch.

Mr. Bookmeyer, like most of our successful professional and business men, was a farmer-bred boy and learned the most valuable lessons in life following the plow and binding the grain. He availed himself most assiduously of all the advantages offered in the rural schools until he reached man’s estate, when he completed a college course. Through all he held on to the hard, practical ideas gleaned from tilling the soil. These practical ideas have been of inestimable value to him in building up and maintaining an institution that is the pride of our fair state and county, though located in Sandusky. Thousands of young men and women all over this land look back with hearts filled with thankfulness to him for what he and his school has done for them in placing them on the highway to success.
The chief industry of Put-in-Bay and surrounding islands is the cultivation of the grape and the making into wines. The oldest and largest is the firm of A. WEHRLE & SON, at Middle Bass Island. The annual capacity of this firm is 500,000 barrels. The following brands are shipped all over the country: Catawbas, Reisling, Clarets, Ives' Seedling, Port, Sherry, Concord, Delaware, Blackberry.

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BETWEEN SANDUSKY
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