

Samuel Garber

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SAMUEL GARBER was born May 8th., 1804, in York County, Pennsylvania. He was married to Catherine Leedy, September 7th., 1825, in Jefferson Township, Richland County, by Esquire Thomas Doty. She was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, on the 9th. of April, 1809, and her father was also born in Bedford County. Her mother's name was Elizabeth Kieth.

Mr. Garber's father, Samuel Garber, enlisted at York, Pennsylvania, for the war of 1812, and was never heard of afterwards by his family, and three boys were left in the condition of orphans, named respectively John, Samuel and David. Samuel, the subject of this sketch, worked awhile at shoemaking, but with that exception has always followed the industry and success of the occupation of farming.

Mrs. Garber's father, John Leedy, came into Richland County in 1810, and in June, 1811, located on Section 35. The bears, wolves, and Indians were their most frequent visitors, the latter the most friendly. Twelve children were reared by this pioneer, and some of them remember and narrate many thrilling incidents of the frontier times.

When the Indians went away from here to their reservation westward they shook hands, and even shed tears at parting with this excellent family. In the war of 1812, Mr. Leedy, Sr., stayed at home, though against his will, for he was north of the boundary line, considered a frontiersman, and *ordered* to stay at home. He sent a rifle, though, to the blockhouse at Mansfield, and his teams to Fort Meigs with provisions. Mr. Garber lived for thirty years on a farm, S.E. section 34, in the Leedy settlement, near the Knox County line. In 1861, he moved on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 13, about two and one-half miles from Bellville. About two hundred acres comprise his present beautiful homestead farm.

Their children, named in the order of their age, are John, Levi, David, Lewis, Jehu, Elizabeth, Jackson, Worthington, Theodore, Mary E., Benton and Mina. Of these twelve, all grew up to maturity excepting the youngest daughter, who died when ten months of age. All are now living in 1873, excepting Levi, who died April 27th., 1850, in his 22nd. year, and David, who died April 5th., 1865, in his 35th. year.
