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*Amos Weedman*

PROMINENT among the early settlers of De Witt county have already in this work been noticed the Weedmans. Their contributions to the development of the county's latent forces have been a positive factor in the story of her progress. Amos Weedman, the present efficient sheriff of the county, was born in Perry county, Ohio, May 12th, 1826. His parents were John and Rachel Weedman. In 1830 the family all came to McLean county, where some of them have continually resided since; Amos obtained a fair common-school education amid the disadvantages attending early schools in this part of the country. His first teacher was Lieutenant Governor Moore. He was married to Mary J. McCord, December 16th, 1847. His wife, a most excellent lady, is of the pioneer family McCord. They have two chil-

dren, Rucker and Smith Y. both farmers. Amos Weedman by vocation is a farmer, but his talents have brought him to the front as an office-holder. In 1876 he was elected sheriff of the county, and so ably did he discharge the duties of the office that he has been twice re-elected since, and that too with increased majorities. He is a pronounced Republican in politics, and takes great interest in promoting the success of his party. He is a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows' orders. Of a popular family whose reputation he well sustains; of fine social qualities; and ever prompted in his actions by pure motives he is held in high esteem. His personal traits of character and long residence in the county have made him many warm personal and devoted friends.