

much true happiness. To them have been born fifteen children. Those living are Mary J., Mrs. Fowler; George, a veteran of the late war in which he served as a member of the Second Illinois Cavalry; Margaret, Mrs. Barnhart; Elizabeth, Mrs. Martin; James; Charles; Catherine, Mrs. Dresbach; Winfield S.; Nannie; John E. and Eliza, Mrs. Sellars.

Mrs. Weaver was Sarah Ann Neal in her maiden days, and she was born in Ross County, Ohio, October 15, 1819. Her father Samuel Neal was a native of Maryland and when a young man became a pioneer of Ohio. He married Miss Margaret Painter, a native of Virginia and a daughter of George Painter. After marriage he continued to carry on his occupation of a farmer in Ross County till 1843. He then moved from Ohio to this State, and he and his wife spent their last years in Piatt County. Mrs. Weaver resided with her parents till her marriage, and under her mother's instructions became a notable housewife. She learned to card and spin and for years after marriage made all the cloth used in the family and clad her children in homespun made by her own hands. For some years she did all her cooking by the fireplace.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver and their daughter Nannie are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal Church with which our subject and wife have been connected since 1840, a period of fifty years. Mr. Weaver has always enjoyed a high reputation for honesty and integrity and for good citizenship. As a pioneer of this county he worked faithfully in aiding its development and his name will always be associated with its upbuilding.



**A**MOS L. NORRIS, M.D. Among the well-known residents of Farmer City, De Witt County, Dr. Norris holds a prominent place. This is due to the professional skill and knowledge of our subject. During more than a decade Dr. Norris has been doing his utmost to alleviate suffering in and about Farmer City, and his zeal, carefulness and sympathy are duly appreciated by a large circle of patrons and friends.

A knowledge of the parental influences thrown around any man aid in understanding his character, therefore it may be well to note a few facts regarding the progenitors of Dr. Norris. His paternal grandparents were Pennsylvanians and pioneers of Ashland County, Ohio. Grandfather Norris died there when seventy years old and Grandmother Norris when about fourscore. Both belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and she was especially noted for her sincere piety. They reared several children, of whom Andrew S. was one of the younger sons. His native place was in the vicinity of Orange, and there he grew to manhood, studying medicine with a prominent local physician, Dr. J. P. Hall. The young man was graduated from Cleveland (Ohio) Medical College about 1843 and opened an office in Orange, where he remained until 1856, when he removed to Illinois, settling at Farmer City. He was conducting a successful practice when the breaking out of the Civil War roused him to a pitch of patriotic ardor that led him into the army ere long.

Enlisting in the One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Infantry, Dr. Norris became First Assistant Regimental Surgeon, and going at once to the South he was present during the campaign of Gen. Thomas to the Gulf, after the battle at Duke, Ky. He served from 1863 until the close of the war, enduring trials and exposure, and encountering many dangers while in the pursuance of his duty, but shrinking from nothing when he saw a chance to aid the suffering heroes who were hazarding their all for principle's sake. He proved his valor and his skill, and won the gratitude of his patients and the commendation of the beholders.

After peace was secured Dr. Norris resumed his practice amid peaceful scenes, continuing his labors as long as his health would permit. He had contracted asthma while in the service and was troubled by it ever afterward, but his death was from paralysis, from which he was a sufferer some time before his demise. He breathed his last at the home of his son, our subject, May 12, 1889, at the age of sixty-six, having been born September 8, 1822. He was not only well versed in his profession, but was a man of broad culture and extensive

information on topics of general interest. Reading was to him a great delight, and for several years prior to his decease he perused the Holy Scriptures in their entirety each year. Dr. Andrew Norris was not the only one of his father's sons who won renown. His brother Amos was a prominent attorney and served in the Legislature of Minnesota some years; a brother John, whose home is in Fostoria, Ohio, has been a member of the State Legislature for years.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Mary A. Weedman. She was born in February, 1820, in Perry County, Ohio, and reared there and in Ashland County, her wedding taking place in the latter. Her death occurred on the 22d of March, 1888. She inherited a fine character from her worthy parents, her mother especially having been of a noble nature and a true Christian. Her parents were Jacob and Catharine (Bishop) Weedman, natives of the Buckeye State and for many years resident in Ashland County. There Mr. Weedman died in middle life, leaving a widow and seven children. The former made her home with her daughters until her death, which occurred in De Witt County, this State, in the early part of 1890. She came of a long-lived race and reached the age of ninety-seven years.

The natal day of the gentleman whose name introduces these paragraphs was March 1, 1847, and his birthplace Ashland County, Ohio. He was carefully reared, in boyhood and youth being instructed in the literary branches in the common schools and at the Normal School at Normal, Ill., and for four years was engaged as a teacher in De Witt and adjoining counties. He studied his profession under his father's direction and attended lectures in Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he was graduated in the class of '72. He at once opened an office in the village of De Witt, but after three years of practice there removed to Farmer City.

Upon Dr. Norris the mantle of his father seems to have fallen. He has an excellent reputation extending over the eastern part of the county and the territory adjacent thereto, has secured a fine practice, and from a mind filled with facts and theories selects judiciously those adapted to

the case he has in hand. As a physician and surgeon he is equally skilled, and his large-hearted interest in and sympathy for suffering humanity, and manly bearing add to the esteem in which he is held. He belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities and is prominent in the social and benevolent movements of both. Politically he is a sound Republican.

Near the place of his nativity in the Buckeye State, the marriage rites were solemnized between Dr. Norris and Miss Augusta E. Carter, who was born in Ashland County October 21, 1852. Her parents, Leander and Nancy M. (Richardson) Carter, were born in New England and were descended from old Yankee stock. After their marriage they went to Ohio and lived on a farm in Ashland County. Mr. Carter died there in 1886, having lived to be about four-score years old. His widow still enjoys the earthly existence but is now eighty years old. She is an estimable woman, an earnest Christian, belonging to the Presbyterian Church. She and her husband were painstaking in the training of their children and Mrs. Norris acquired a useful knowledge of books and domestic arts, which makes her a sympathizing companion for the man to whom she gave herself in marriage. The happy union has been blessed by the birth of three children, but one died in infancy. The survivors are Carter and Verneal H. In the social circles of Farmer City the Doctor and his wife are popular and active, and by all who know them they are respected as they deserve.



**S**AMUEL S. OULREY was the owner and occupant of a well-improved tract of land in Sangamon Township, Piatt County, and had lived in this section since 1481, when a lad in his teens he came here with his parents. He well remembered the time when wild game was plentiful and during the winter he had seen as many as two hundred deer in a herd. He has killed many of those animals, often going out into the cornfield after nightfall and from his place of hiding behind a corn-shock shooting them by moonlight. The