

History of Peoria County, Illinois, Containing a History of the Northwest — History of Illinois — History of the County Its Early Settlement, Growth, Development, Resources, Etc., Etc.— A Sketch of Its Cities and Towns, Their Improvements, Industries, Manufactories, Churches, Schools, Etc., Etc.— A War Record of Its Volunteers in the Late Rebellion — General and Local Statistics — Biographical Sketches — Portraits of Early Settlers And Prominent Men— Map of Peoria County Constitution of the United States — Miscellaneous Matters — Tables, Etc., Etc. Illustrated. Chicago: Johnson & Company. 1880.

Earnest, John, mechanic, 209 Floral Street, was born in Perry County, Penn., in 1824; is the eldest of ten children of **Daniel** and **Catherine Earnest**, both natives of that State. He was brought up on a farm, remaining there till twenty-four years of age; came to Peoria County in 1848; remained in the city one winter, then settled in Lancaster, Trivoli Township, engaging in the cooper business four years; in August, 1862, enlisted in the 86th Illinois Infantry; went out as sergeant; participated in most of the battles in which the Army of the Cumberland fought; was brevetted lieutenant in April, 1865, and was mustered out in June following. Upon returning home, settled in Peoria, and served as clerk in one of the county offices three years, in the winter season; was elected constable; held the office three years; then filled the office of justice of the peace four years. In 1851 **Mr. E.** married **Rhoda Galbrait**, a native of Pennsylvania. They have six children. **Lewis C.**, **Harriet E.**, **Rufus K.**, **Frank S.**, **Florence M.**, and **Edna L.** **Harriet E.** is now undergoing vocal culture, with flattering prospects of attaining a national celebrity as a prima donna. **Mr. E.** is a member of the National Blues, and is a Republican in politics.

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