

History of Fulton County, Illinois, Together With Sketches of its Cities, Villages and Townships, Educational, Religious, Civil, Military, and Political History: Portraits of Prominent Persons and Biographies of Representative Citizens. History of Illinois, Embracing Accounts of the Prehistoric Races, Aborigines, French, English And American Conquests, and A General Review of its Civil, Political and Military History. Digest of State Laws. Illustrated. Peoria: Chas. C. Chapman & Co., 1879

**Samuel. M. Ickes.** The subject of this sketch is the son of **Jonas** and **Mary (Duncan) Ickes**, and was born in Perry Co., Pa., March 12, 1836. His father, who is still living, was born in Montgomery Co., Pa., Feb. 3, 1793. He tells us the name **Ickes** was formerly **Ecke**, a Saxon word, meaning a corner. **Mr I.** erected Bloomfield Academy, Perry Co., and his son **Samuel** was educated in this institution.

Our subject moved to Warren Co., Ill., in 1856, went to Knox Co. in 1864, and came to this county in 1872. He was married Jan. 13, 1859, to **Miss Elizabeth J. McCartney**, who was born in Perry Co., Pa., not over 10 miles from where he was, yet they never knew one another until they met in Warren Co., Ill. This union has been blessed with 6 children, 5 boys and 1 girl. **William** and **Robert** are running the farm. Both **Mr.** and **Mrs. I.** are members of the M. E. Church. The great-great-grandfather of **Mr. I.** came to Pennsylvania under Wm. Penn, and built a stone house in Montgomery County in 1717 on the 1,000-acre farm which he settled upon. This old building stands to-day in good condition. **Mr. I.** farms during the summer and teaches during the winter. He taught seven years at Gilson, Knox Co. P. O., Smithfield.

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