

Portrait and Biographical Album of Marshall County, Kansas, Containing Full Page Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens of the County, Together With Portraits and Biographies of All The Governors of The State, and of the Presidents of the United States. Chicago: Chapman Bros. 1889.

Lloyd K. Kistler. The model farmer, the public-spirited citizen and Christian gentleman, is admirably illustrated in the subject of this biographical outline. Providence has blessed him with a competence, and he has responded to the various calls upon him in aiding worthy objects, and is looked upon as one of the men in his community whom it could not well do without. His native place was Perry County, Pa., and the date of his birth Sept. 10, 1847.

Our subject comes from Pennsylvania stock from away back. His father, **David Kistler**, was a native of the same county as his son and born in May, 1827, being a little over twenty years of age at the time of the latter's birth. He is still living and a resident of Perry County, where he has followed agricultural pursuits all his life, and much of the time taught school during the winter season. He has held some of the minor offices and accumulated considerable property. Upon the organization of the Republican Party he identified himself with it. He is a strong temperance man and was an ardent advocate of the Prohibition amendment to the Pennsylvania State constitution. In religious matters, he is identified with the Lutheran Church.

John Kistler, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Bucks County, Pa., in January, 1800, and died Jan. 30, 1887, in Loysville, Pa. He followed farming all his life. His father was a native of Switzerland, and emigrated to America in time to serve as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was **Susannah Rice**; she was born in Perry County, Pa., about 1828, and died in 1863. Grandfather **George Rice** was a native of Juniata County, Pa., and traced his ancestry to England. His brother **John** served in the War of 1812, under Capt. Rogers. A cousin of his was the last survivor of those who participated in Perry's victory on Lake Erie. He died near Shelby, Ohio, a few years ago, at the age of ninety years. The **Rice** family are noted for longevity, the most of them reaching the age of eighty years and upwards.

To **David** and **Susan Kistler** there were born six sons and two daughters, namely: **Lloyd K.**, our subject; **John L.**, **Samuel J.**, **George R.**, **Sarah E.**, **David A.**, **William A.** and **Susan R. Lloyd K.**, like his brothers and sisters, was reared in his native county, and received an academic education. In 1804, when not quite seventeen years old, he enlisted as a Union soldier in Company F., 208th Pennsylvania Infantry, which was a part of the Army of the Potomac, and served until the close of the war, and participated in two regular engagements: the recapture of Ft. Steadman, March 25, 1865, and the taking of the works at Petersburg, April 2, 1865. Afterward he returned to his native county, resumed his studies, taught school and farmed until 1868; then going to Louisa County, Iowa, he occupied himself as a teacher the following year, and in 1869 came to this county, of which he has since been a resident. His finely cultivated farm embraces 160 acres of land, upon which there are substantial buildings and all the other appliances necessary for the prosecution of agriculture after the most approved methods. The present residence was erected in 1886.

Mr. Kistler makes a specialty of live-stock, feeding nearly all the grain he raises. He has held some of the minor offices, and is a member in good standing of the Lutheran Church. He is likewise identified with the G. A. R. Post, No. 260 at Waterville, and in politics is a strong Prohibitionist.

He was married, Feb. 23, 1871, to **Miss Arabella A. Smiley**. This lady was born in Carlisle, Pa., July 22, 1851, and is the daughter of **Samuel** and **Sarah A. (McMurray) Smiley**. The male members of the **McMurray** family participated in all the wars of this country from 1812 down. **Mr. and Mrs. Kistler** are the parents of three children, all sons, namely: **Charles R., Benjamin F. and George R.** **B.F.** is attending Midland Collage at Atchison, Kan.; **C. R.** and **G. R.** are at home with their parents.

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