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Richard Nash, Jr., was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1798, accompanied his parents on their various moves, and for a number of years in his younger life was engaged in running keel boats on the Ohio and tributary rivers from Pittsburg to New Orleans, a lucrative business in those early days. He was married in Adams County, Ohio, in 1821, to **Mary**, a daughter of **Robert** and **Isabell (Russell) Hastings**, both of whom were born in Ireland. In the same year of his marriage **Mr. Nash** moved to Fayette County, Indiana, where he entered and improved a farm, and remained there until the death of his wife, in August, 1827. In the following year he returned to Ohio and resumed his old vocation as a river man, continuing thus successfully until in 1832. While making a trip up the Ohio River to a salt works, sixty miles above Marysville, the boat was wrecked by a storm and half of the crew were lost. Shortly after this disastrous event **Mr. Nash** abandoned the river business and returned to his Fayette County farm, where he was later married to **Margaret Moffit**, of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, born in 1806. He then made a permanent settlement on his homestead farm and remained there until death claimed him in 1887, at a ripe old age. **Robert** was the only child by his first marriage. His children by the second marriage were: **William G.**, **Sarah**, **Isaac T.**, **Eliza**, **John S.** and **Oliver L.**

Robert Nash was born in Fayette County, Indiana, June 19, 1824, and grew to manhood on the old homestead farm there. He was married in 1854, and soon afterward located in Tipton County, where he entered and improved a good farm, while later, as able, he bought other surveys and became a large land owner and a prominent farmer and stock raiser. He helped develop Tipton County from its primitive state to a rich agricultural country, and throughout his business career he raised and handled good stock, for which he always found a good market at home. Joining the Quaker church, he lived a good and consistent Christian life, and was a staunch Republican in his political affiliations. He died at his old homestead August 12, 1902, and is yet survived by his wife, who resides on their old home in Tipton County. She is a daughter of **Benjamin** and **Barbara (Jones) Stiers**, respectively of Irish and German descent, and both were born in Ohio, and were there married. Coming to Rush County, Indiana, they took up their abode among the early pioneers and there reared their family. They were the parents of nine children: **Minerva**, **Mary A.**, **Ruhama**, **Joseph**, **Lucinda**, **Perry**, **John M.**, **Frank** and **Hester A.** All are yet living and are prominent citizens of their respective localities. Eight children were born to **Robert** and **Ruhama Nash**: **Darius A.**, the subject of this review; **Benjamin F.**, of Peru, Indiana; **William F.**, of Sharpsville; **Ida J.**, who became **Mrs. Parks** and is now deceased; **Charles** and **Oliver**, both of Sharpsville; **Arta**, the wife of **George Romack**; and **Effa**, the wife of **Mr. A. Rose**. The mother is a member of the Society of Friends.

Darius A. Nash was born in Fayette County, Indiana, July 17, 1855, and during his boyhood days received a good education in the common and high schools, and later he taught a few terms of school. Remaining under the parental roof in Tipton County until his marriage in 1880, he then purchased a farm and began agricultural pursuits for himself, but in the following year he moved to Fayette County, Indiana, and for many years thereafter gave his entire attention to his agricultural labors. In 1901, however, he sold his possessions there and came to Yorktown, where he erected a pleasant and commodious residence and has since lived retired from the

active cares of a business life. He is the owner of a large and well improved farm, as well as property in Yorktown which he rents, and his wife is also the owner of some valuable farm property in Mount Pleasant. **Mr. Nash** thus finds a pleasant and congenial task in looking after their various property interests.

In 1880 he married **Margaret J. Knott**, a native of Delaware County and a daughter of **James** and **Charity Knott**, natives respectively of Delaware County, Indiana, and of Virginia. The father was a prominent and highly respected farmer of this community, a Democrat in his political affiliations and a member of the Methodist Church. Unto **Mr.** and **Mrs. Knott** were born the following children: **John, Samuel, Mary, Minerva, Martha, William** and **Margaret J.** **Mrs. Nash** died in 1894 without issue, and in 1897 **Mr. Nash** married **Ellen Reed**, who was born and reared in Delaware County, a daughter of **Cornelius** and **Margaret Reed**, the father a native of Virginia and the mother, of Madison County, Indiana. They were prominent and well known farming people in Delaware County, where they spent the remainder of their lives, and the father gave his political support to the Democratic Party. One child blessed the union of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Reed, Ellen**, the wife of **Mr. Nash**. **Mr. Nash** has a birthright membership in the Quaker church, and affiliates with that denomination.

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