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Among the highly respected citizens of Crawford County, Ohio, is **Leonard Starner**, who has been a resident of this county since 1841. Although Pennsylvania was the state of his birth, **Mr. Starner** has lived a long and successful life in Ohio, and is reckoned with her most esteemed and substantial citizens.

The parents of **Leonard Starner**, who is the subject of this record, were **Sharick** and **Ann (Ensley) Starner**, natives of Pennsylvania, who emigrated with their children to Ohio some time later than 1830, spending their first winter in Perry County. In the following spring **Mr. Starner** removed to Fairfield County, remaining there until 1841, when he came to Crawford County, attracted thither by the desirable lands of this favored portion of the state. Here he located on the Marion Road, some seven miles from Bucyrus, and here he farmed for two years, on rented land, later buying eighty acres near the Scioto Bridge. Seven years afterward **Mr. Starner** sold this farm and then purchased eighty-three acres where **Jacob Duncan** now lives, and upon that property he resided until the time of his death, at the age of sixty-three years. He was reared in the Democratic political faith, but after casting his vote for President Lincoln he remained in sympathy with, the Republican Party. To his first marriage twelve children were born, the four survivors being: **Leonard**, the subject of this sketch; **Emily**, the widow of **Mr. Buchmaster**, of Allen County, Ohio; **Minerva**, the wife of **Frank Harvey**, of Bucyrus; and **Ensley**, a resident of Missouri. **Mr. Starner** was married three months prior to his death, to a **Miss Kile**.

**Leonard Starner** was born in 1825 and accompanied the family when it came to Ohio and later when it located in Crawford County. He was given the best educational advantages that the time afforded, and at the age of twenty-one began life for himself. On May 13, 1852, he was united in marriage to **Miss Mary M. Warner**, who was a native of the state of New York, born three miles from Buffalo, and she was a daughter of **Joseph Warner**, who came to this county in 1838, settling in Bucyrus Township, later removing to Seneca Township, where he died.

After marriage **Mr. Starner** began farming on a tract of eighty acres which he had purchased, and this has been the family home ever since, twenty additional acres having been since added. A family of twelve children were born to our subject and wife, the eight survivors of this family being as follows: **Ranford**, of Nevada, Ohio; **Phoebe J.**, the wife of **Griffin Davise**, of Indiana; **Joseph L.**, of Todd Township; **John**, of Nevada, Ohio; **Edward**, of Nevada, Ohio; **Alfretta**, the wife of **Frank Shaffstall**, who is the home farmer; **Eugene**, of Todd Township; and **Luella**, at home.

In politics our subject has ever been one of the staunch supporters of the Republican Party and has taken an active and intelligent interest in all public affairs. Although not formally connected with any church organization, **Mr. Starner** contributes to the support of all; and although he has lived a comparatively quiet life it has been one of usefulness.

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