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John B Huff, son of David, son of Jesse Huff brother to Caleb Huff of Pike Co. Ohio.

John B Huff came to Hamilton County in January, 1867, and has since been a prominent resident and prosperous farmer of Fall Creek Township. He is a native of Ohio having been born in Rushville, Fairfield county. August 18 1833. His parents, David and Hannah (Turner) Huff, had a family of eleven children, of whom the following seven now survive: John B. of this sketch; Elizabeth L. widow of John W Bowles, of Marion County, Indiana; Joseph T a resident of Millerville, Marion County; Ruth I, who for thirty years has followed the profession of a school teacher; Andrew M, who resides in Oakland, Marion County; William H, whose home is in Malott Park, Marion County; and Josephine V., wife of John Noble, of Montezuma, Parks County Indiana

The father of these children, David Huff was a native of Somerset County, Pa and the only son of Jesse and Lydia Drake Huff. The family moved to Ohio when David was an infant, and resided in the Buckeye State for about fifteen years. In September, 1843, he came to Indiana and located at Malott Park, Marion County, where the remainder of his life was spent. He was a turner, chair maker and painter by trade, and followed these occupations in early life, but during his later years he engaged in farming. His death occurred at the age of sixty-eight. His widow is still living and is now (1893) 78 YEARS OF AGE.

The Huff ancestors, as we learn from the traditions of the family were of English birth, and in their religious views were Separatists. Being driven into Holland on account of their religion, they emigrated from that country to America in company with the Puritans many years prior to the Revolutionary War. They were numbered among the very first English families who adopted this country as their home. Their sturdy traits of character and earnest Christian lives made them prominent in every community in which they resided, and to their descendants they bequeathed the highest principles of morality and uprightness, as well as the heritage of an honored name.

The subject of this sketch spent his early life mostly in Malott Park, where he attended school in his boyhood and worked on the farm in the intervals of study. He contributed to the support of the family until he was twenty eight, when in January 1863 he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret E, the eldest of nine children born to the union of Robert and Elizabeth (Moore) Roe, of Marion County. They are the parents of three children, Dora, Ella and David, all of whom make their home on the farm where the father now resides.

In 1867, Mr Huff came to Fall Creek Township and settled on the farm where he now lives. Upon its one hundred and twenty five acres he engages in general farming pursuits, and also conducts a large business as a stock-raiser, having about twenty head of cattle and from twenty-five to forty hogs. The first stationary threshing machine introduced into central Indiana came to the farm of David Huff, our subject's father, about the year 1845, having been brought hither from the vicinity of Lancaster, Ohio. Our subject inherits the progressive qualities of his father, and having been engaged in farming during his entire life, has been uniformly successful in this occupation.

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