

and conducted a tavern and general store. This last venture not proving successful, he returned to Blenheim. He died in Romney township, at an advanced age. Mr. Wharram married Harriet Lawson, who died in Tilbury, and their children were as follows: Sarah Ann (now deceased) married Robert Fredericks, who died of starvation in a Southern prison during the Civil war, in the United States; Sophia married Henry Kilborne, of Bay City, Michigan; Henrietta married George Brown, of Grindstone City, Michigan; John is deceased; Francis A. is mentioned below; Hannah is the widow of Antoine Demau, of Port Austin, Michigan; Robert is of Romney township.

Francis A. Wharram was born on the Jonas Robinson farm, April 4, 1843, and was first sent to the Coutts school, on the Middle Road; he received instruction from Benjamin Marks and Mr. Foley. When sixteen years of age he began farm work in the employ of Joseph Robinson, with whom he remained six years, receiving the first year \$40, the second \$55, the third and fourth \$60, and the fifth and sixth \$75. All of this time he worked from daylight until long after dark, and was employed at potash making in addition to regular farm work. The next two years he was employed by John Robinson, and he then began to learn the trade of carpenter, at which he continued for five years. In time he was able to purchase 100 acres of Lot 14, Concession 1, which was then covered with bush, and he cleared this land and erected substantial buildings thereon. Later he purchased the other 100 acres of the same lot and fifty acres of Lot 15, and in addition to this bought other land in the township. In 1899 he erected a fine brick residence near the lake shore.

Mr. Wharram married Lucinda Robinson, and two children were born to them: Jonas, who now owns the north half of Lot 14, in 1903 erected a fine brick house upon it; he married Emma Featherstone, by whom he has two children, Lloyd and Harvey John. Capitola married John Walker, of Romney township, and has had three children, Vera, Bertha and Aletta.

Mr. Wharram began the battle of life without a cent of capital, but by untiring labor, enterprise and thrift he has accumulated a handsome property, and is recognized as one of the

leading men of Romney township. The family all attend the Methodist Church, in the work of which they are much interested.

HENRY MARCHETER, a cabinetmaker, millwright and carpenter of Wallaceburg, County of Kent, one of the substantial men of his city, was born at Three Rivers, on the St. Lawrence, June 5, 1837, a son of John and Sophie Marcheter, of Montreal, who were of French extraction. They died at Three Rivers, the father passing away in 1877, aged ninety-seven years, while the mother died when Henry was only eighteen months old. By occupation the father was a stonemason. Mr. and Mrs. John Marcheter had four children: Sophia, of Three Rivers, married John Lecroix, a brickmason; John is deceased; Terseal married William Hernois, of Three Rivers; Henry is mentioned below.

In August, 1858, in St. Clair, Ont., Henry Marcheter married Jennie Hawk, and they had children as follows: Jennie married Thomas Deloram, of Wallaceburg; Frankie, James and Sophia all died young. Mrs. Marcheter was born in Dover township, County of Kent, a daughter of John Hawk, of that county, who was a ship carpenter, and she died in 1888, aged forty-six years. In May, 1892, Mr. Marcheter married in St. Clair, Michigan, Mrs. Mary (Bourdon) Mayo, who died in 1898. There were no children of that union.

Until he was fourteen years of age Henry Marcheter remained with his parents, and then learned the trade of cabinetmaker. When he was eighteen years old he went to Vermont, U. S., and after two years' service as a journeyman went to St. Clair, Michigan, where he worked two years at his trade. After that he removed to Mooretown, Ont., and conducted a shop for seven years. An opening occurring in Wallaceburg in 1866, he located there, building a tow barge, which he operated five years, after which he returned to his trade, at which he has continued to work ever since, meeting with marked success. In 1873 he established the first planing-mill and lumber yard in Wallaceburg, which he sold in 1880. In 1893 Mr. Marcheter attended the World's Columbian Exposition, at Chicago, for the purpose of displaying his patent automatic car coupler. In addition to this he has an automatic contrivance for swing gates on bridges,