

a quiet, retired life until his death in 1870. Mr. Gromme was a fine citizen, a representative of the German element and an honest man. In the year 1841 he was married to Miss Loretta Albers, of Logan, O., a native of Germany.

REV. ABRAHAM RECK

Mr. Reck was born in Littlestown, Pa., January 2, 1791. He married Miss Louisa Motter, of Shephardstown, Va., May 22, 1820.

He was licensed as a Lutheran minister in the year 1812 at Carlisle, Pa. His first charge was at Winchester, Va., where he remained until 1827. Leaving Winchester, his energies were devoted to the organization of new churches, in which he was very successful. He seemed especially adapted to this work. In Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, and Indiana, there are many churches the fruit of his labor and self-sacrifice. Middletown, Md., Indianapolis, and Cincinnati were the most prominent points in his work. In Indianapolis he gave land for both church and cemetery. He was ably and nobly seconded in his work by a lovely Christian wife. They both inherited slaves, but immediately liberated them. Rev. Reck came to Lancaster in 1852 in broken health. Here he spent the last years of his life with his interesting family, occasionally supplying a pulpit. He was the friend of young ministers and gave them hope and encouragement.

A granddaughter is the wife of Jno. C. Wright, of Indianapolis, son of ex-Governor Wright, of Indiana. One of his daughters married Wm. L. Manson, son of Wm. Manson, the teacher, and deputy United States Marshal under his uncle, W. W. Sifford, during Buchanan's administration.