

medical colleges; he has also edited the Indiana Journal of Medicine, and is now editor of the Cincinnati Lancet and Observer. He has been married twice: In 1861 to Miss Lizzie Kerlin. She having died, he was married again, in 1864, to Miss Lizzie Reese, of Philadelphia. He has two children, both boys.

The doctor now resides at 253 South New Jersey street, near where he was born, and where, he tells me, he expects to live the balance of his life.

He seems to have more of a taste for medical literature and science than for the practice of his profession, as he is more engaged in that line. Doctor Stevens' opinions on medical subjects are universally referred to by the medical faculty.

He is rather below the medium size, quick and elastic in his movements, social and genial in manners, accommodating in disposition, with many friends and no enemies.

POWELL HOWLAND.

It is a difficult matter to find a starting point to give the reader a due appreciation of the many fine qualities and virtues of the well-known citizen whose name heads this sketch.

Powell Howland is a native of the Empire State. He was born on the 16th of October, 1799, at the old town of Saratoga, and within four miles of the scene of Burgoyne's defeat, and there remained as a farmer until the 17th of October, 1839, at which time he came to Marion county, and purchased of Benjamin Purcell the farm on which he now resides, containing then but one hundred and sixty acres. This farm is situated four miles north of the city, on the Noblesville road and Peru railroad. He added to this farm until it aggregated three hundred and fifteen acres.

Mr. Howland was never a chronic office seeker, yet he was selected as one of the county commissioners, and also represented the county in the House of Representatives of the State Legislature, and performed his official duties well. He was the first to propose and contribute for a public school in his neighborhood, and had a school house erected on his own land, donating a half acre for the purpose, where he has educated five of his children, one having been educated in New York. His daughter, Mrs. Clements, yet resides in Saratoga county, New York; one of his daughters is the wife of Oliver Johnson, a well-known farmer of Washington township, and a son of Mr. John Johnson, a pioneer of Marion county; another daughter is the wife of Resin R. Hammond, a



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Powell Howland



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farmer in the same vicinity; the eldest son is Morris Howland, a well-known farmer of Perry township; Elisha J., the second son, and Charles A. Howland, the youngest son, live in the immediate neighborhood of their father.

Mr. Howland has sold one hundred and twenty-one acres of his farm, fifty of which have been laid out as suburban lots of the city.

Mr. Howland has ever taken a lively interest in horticulture as well as agriculture, growing the finest varieties of fruits, making a speciality of grapes and pears. His farm and farm buildings are the pictures of thrift, industry and comfort. He was the personal friend of the late Governor Joseph A. Wright, who, with his family, for some time resided under his hospitable roof.

He was married in the county of his nativity on the 2d of September, 1823, to Miss Mahala Thurber, who is yet his helpmate; her portrait will be seen on the right of her husband's. Although he has passed the seventy-seventh mile stone in the journey of life, he is yet quite active, retaining his mental faculties as fresh as in youth. Nor is Mrs. Howland wanting in either of the above blessings. It is seldom that two persons live together over half a century and both of them possess so much mental as well as physical vigor as they do. Their house has been a favorite place of visiting of young people, both of country and city, ever since they have resided in the country; their hospitality is proverbial. It is but a few days since that a young couple signified their desire to be united in marriage under their roof, which was granted and a sumptuous repast provided.

Mr. Howland cast his first vote for General Jackson in 1824, and has strictly adhered to the party that sprung from his administration ever since.

When Mr. and Mrs. Howland shall be called home the county will lose two of her most worthy and respected citizens, and Indianapolis her most liberal patrons. And they can truly say with Byron,

"I die—but first I have possessed,
And come what may, I have been blessed."

EDWIN A. DAVIS.

Mr. Davis was born in Northboro, Worcester county, Massachusetts, on the 14th of July, 1830. He claims to have as much, if not more, of the Plymouth Colony Pilgrim Puritan blood in his veins as any man in Indiana, if not in the United States.