

married Wm. Neu and resides in Phillipsburgh, Montana. Gay, the youngest girl, is living at home. Mr. Colvin was elected treasurer of Scott county in 1860, and in 1862 was re-elected, serving four years, the constitutional term. He came to Tolono township in 1866 and in 1869 was elected supervisor of that township and served seven years consecutively. He was elected and served as town assessor three years. Was elected and served eight years as justice of the peace. Was elected and served as police magistrate of Tolono three years. Was elected and served as school trustee of Tolono township three years and was appointed post-master of Tolono during President Cleveland's administration and made one of the best postmasters Tolono ever had. He also served, by appointment, fifteen months as village marshal of Tolono. In 1889 was elected president of the board of trustees of the village of Tolono. In 1891 he was re-elected and is now the president of the board of trustees of the village. In 1891 he was elected as supervisor of Tolono township to serve for two years. Mr. Colvin has had a busy life. He is a man of more than ordinary ability and has the confidence of the entire community as is shown by his frequent selection by the people to fill important offices all of which he fills in a conscientious manner and with satisfaction to everyone. He is and always has been a strong democrat yet he has the confidence of the members of all parties. Although advanced in years and in poor health there are few men who do more business than he. He is a firm friend and upright citizen and is honored and respected by all who know him.



PAUL W. WOODY.

Was born in Winchester, Randolph county, Indiana, August 30, 1852. His father, Dr. Robert Woody, was a native of North Carolina. His mother was Caroline Way, a sister of Wm. Way, of Champaign, a native of Randolph county, Indiana. Both father and mother were of Quaker parentage. The father died at Eaton, Ohio, in 1871; the mother in 1854. Paul W., at the age of nine years, came to Champaign and made his home with William Way. He attended the University of Illinois and was a member of the first class, viz: '72. He was then 16 years old. In September, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Margarette W. Schweizer, only daughter of John F. Schweizer, of Champaign. Three children have been born to them, viz: Way, aged 16, attending school; Jamie E., aged 14, and Paul W., aged 10. They are very proud of their children and have just cause to be as they are unusually bright and promising. In 1872 Mr. Woody commenced to clerk for J. F. Schweizer and was admitted as partner in the extensive clothing and merchant tailoring business in 1876. He has proved to be an excellent business man, doing much to bring the business up to its present high position. He has always been prominent in public matters and has satisfactorily filled the office of treasurer of the city of Champaign for four terms. Was alderman of the third ward one term and was elected mayor of Champaign by a handsome vote, filling the office with credit to himself and all concerned. Politically he was born a republican and has been active

in matters connected with his party ever since his majority.

In 1890 he was nominated by the republican party for county treasurer and was elected by a large majority, and is now filling that responsible position in a manner very satisfactory to the people. Few men in the county have a wider acquaintance. Whether occupying the position of alderman, mayor, or attending the responsible position of county treasurer, he is the same plain Paul Woody, a friend of everyone. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the order of Knights of Pythias. His pleasing address and obliging disposition make him a favorite with all who make his acquaintance.



JOHN F. SCHWEIZER.

Was born in Obersielmingau, O. Stuttgard, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, March 14, 1827. His parents, Jacob and Margaret Schweizer, were natives of that country. There were eighteen children born to them, fourteen boys and four girls. The father died in 1865. Two of the children, the subject of this sketch and his brother, George G., who is a resident of Philadelphia, came to America. John F. worked at home in his father's hotel until 21. He left home March 4, 1848, and arrived in this country June first, following. He worked on a farm in New Jersey for two months, afterwards went to Philadelphia. He went from there to Cincinnati where he obtained a situation in the wholesale clothing house of Mack Brothers and

remained there until 1856, after which he engaged in the dry goods and notion business on his own account until May 24, 1857, when he came to Urbana and opened a clothing house. He won the confidence of the people and was quite successful in his business. In 1862 he removed his store to Champaign, where he is still engaged in business. In October, 1855, at Cincinnati, he was married to Ann Barbara Herbstreit, a native of Germany. Two children were born to them, viz: Margarete W., who married Paul W. Woody, the present county treasurer, and a member of the firm of Schweizer & Woody, Champaign, and William F., who is a tobacconist in Champaign, also married. Mrs. Schweizer died in Champaign July 4, 1878, at the age of 43 years. She was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Schweizer is and always has been a sound republican. He cast his first vote for John C. Fremont in 1856. He has been eminently successful in business, owing to strict attention and fair dealing. His stock and buildings were twice destroyed by fire, but each time he redoubled his efforts and regained his foothold. He admitted his son-in-law, Paul W. Woody, as a partner in 1876, which has proven to be a wise step. In 1868 the business was enlarged and merchant tailoring added. In 1890, a handsome business building was erected by the firm and the largest plate glass front in the county put in. The building is a model clothing house and one of the finest in Central Illinois. The firm carry one of the largest stocks of goods outside of Chicago and do a corresponding large business. Although born in a foreign land, no one thinks more of his adopted country than he. He is especially proud of his palatial store-room, which is a justifiable weakness. Mr. Schweizer seems to be in the prime of life and as active and energetic in his business as when he came to this county in 1856. He is a firm friend, sociable, just and correct in all his dealings. No business man stands higher in the community than he, and no one in the county has more friends. With plenty of this world's goods, a good reputation and a growing business, he is enjoying life and laying up for his children.