

CANNON, GREENBERRY C., retired merchant, of New Albany, was born at Georgetown, Kentucky, October 28, 1820. He is the son of John and Lurena Cannon, his mother's family being among the early settlers of Maryland. His parents removed to Bloomington, Indiana, when he was still a child, but afterward returned to Kentucky, residing at Shelbyville, and again at Georgetown, where they remained until their son reached his twenty-first year. In 1840 Mr. Cannon came to New Albany and engaged in the wholesale and fancy dry-goods trade. Here he has since continued to reside and do business, with the exception of about two years at Heltonville, Indiana. He has been eminently successful in all his undertakings. In 1852, after eleven years of business life in New Albany, his stock in trade was probably the largest and finest, in his line, of any in Southern Indiana. In 1875 he retired from active business, having accumulated a handsome fortune. During his long residence in New Albany, brought into the most intimate social and business relations with his fellow-citizens, he won for himself a high place in their esteem, and has contributed in no small degree to the prosperity of the place, being always ready to engage in any enterprise for its good. His domestic relations have always been of the pleasantest nature. He married, in 1851, Miss Mary Elizabeth Austin, of New Albany. They have had seven children, of whom five are still living. Although a believer in Christianity, he is not a member of any Church. His wife has been a Methodist from childhood, her father having been one of the founders of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Cannon is a member of the Masons. In politics he takes no active part, but is one of those men who believe in Democracy, and is a constant worker for his party. In 1868 he was chosen by the voters of his ward to represent them in the city council, filling that office for two terms. Mr. Cannon was one of the founders of the Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank, and a director in it during its existence. He was also a director in the New Albany Insurance Company. For the last four years he has been a director in the New Albany Banking Company, and has held the same office in the Waterworks Company since its organization. The Air-line Railroad found a most earnest advocate in him. He was elected by the directors of the road president of the company, an office he filled for some time, now holding that of vice-president. He was also one of the projectors of the Music Hall, in which he has been a director for fifteen years past. He has filled all these positions with the utmost satisfaction to the people; and now, surrounded by a happy family, and by all that makes life pleasant, he enjoys the legitimate fruits of a well-spent life.