

**D**AVIS, WILLIAM P., of New Albany, was born in Troy, Ohio, January 24, 1835, and is the son of John S. and Elizabeth (Stone) Davis. His father is at present Judge of the Circuit Court of the Twenty-seventh District. When William Davis was one year old the family moved to Indiana. He was educated in the city of New Albany, and for a short time attended Wabash College. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in the manufacture of hydraulic cement, at the Falls of the Ohio, and of woolen goods for the Southern market, at the Indiana state-prison. Believing, in the fall of 1860, that civil war was imminent, and his business relations being entirely with the South, he thought best to sell his factories. A short time afterward the war broke out. He raised a company for the three years' service, and just before being mustered in was appointed, by President Lincoln, agent for the Seminole Indians. He declined the appointment, however, and was mustered in with his company as captain, in the 23d Indiana Volunteers, but before leaving camp at New Albany he was commissioned major of the regiment. He commanded the 23d during two of its three years' service, and with it participated prominently in all the battles around Vicksburg, occupying, in the forty-seven days' siege of that place, Fort Hill, the most important position in the line. He was also in the campaign in Georgia; and was mustered out of the service at Atlanta, having served already beyond the term of his enlistment. Just previous to his discharge he received a flattering written testimonial of his services and those of the regiment, signed by Generals McPherson, Logan, Blair, and Gresham. He was appointed by President Johnson assessor of internal revenue for the district in which he resides. For three years he was president of the board of education of the city of New Albany, was deputy auditor of Floyd County four years, and is now trustee of New Albany township. He married, in October, 1857, Lucy M. Hale, daughter of Wicome and Catherine A. (Moore) Hale. The Hale family were among the first settlers of Maine and Massachusetts. Colonel Davis belongs to the Masonic Fraternity, and is one of the Knights of Honor. His family are all members of the Episcopal Church.