

MANN, PETER, merchant, of New Albany, was born in Ontario County, New York, May 15, 1812, and is the brother of John Mann, a sketch of whose life appears in another part of this work. He left his home at seventeen years of age and came to New Albany, where he found employment at various pursuits until he was twenty years old. He then shipped on board the United States government engineering and surveying boat, on the Ohio River. After remaining there about six months he returned to New Albany, and, being soon enabled to purchase a team, engaged in the occupation of teamster until 1835, at which time he had succeeded in saving five hundred dollars. With this he went into the saw-mill and lumber business, which he conducted safely until 1848, when he purchased the plat of ground now occupied by the Star Glass Works, on which he built a saw-mill. In 1849 Mr. John McCullough purchased a half interest in this mill, and they continued in partnership until 1855, when Mr. Mann sold to his partner and purchased the site of the present mill, on which he built a flour-mill with three runs of stone. This was destroyed by fire December 4, 1870, and by the following August he had erected a mill of double the capacity of the former, complete in every department. He has always enjoyed a very large and profitable trade, and is one of the most successful business men of this city. He is a Republican, but is little interested in politics. On the 24th of September, 1854 [sic], Mr. Mann married Miss Lydia Chew, of Floyd County. She died April 14, 1853, leaving two daughters, who are both married to highly respectable farmers of Clarke County. March 15, 1858, Mr. Mann married Miss Elizabeth B. Lightner, daughter of Jacob Lightner, of New Albany. Their three children are named, respectively, Eva B., James H., and Peter B. Mann. Mr. Mann is a member of the New Albany Third Presbyterian Church. He is still hale and active, and gives close attention to his business.