

REISING, PAUL, brewer and merchant, of New Albany, was born October 5, 1819, in the city of Hoerstein, county of Alzenau, kingdom of Bavaria. His father, Francis Reising, was for many years burgomaster in his native city, and possessor of a small landed estate. His mother, Mary Reising, bore her husband four children, to whom she was much devoted. Paul Reising is the only one now living. He attended school, as is usual in his native land, from six to fourteen years of age. On October 5, 1842, he married Miss Susan Stadtmiller, of Hoerstein, who was then in her twenty-first year. She has borne him nine children, three of whom, Catharina, Mary A., and Emma R., are still living, the others having died in infancy. She is a tender mother and a good wife. Mr. Reising's domestic relations are of the happiest kind. With his family he belongs to the Roman Catholic Church, of which he has been trustee and steward for many years. He emigrated with his wife to this country in 1854, spent two years in Louisville, Kentucky, and then removed to New Albany, where he rented the old place on Main Street, then known as Metcalf's Brewery. At that time there was no lager-beer brewed in New Albany; and, after four years of industry at this brewery, Mr. Reising one day heard the call of the Floyd County sheriff, selling the last possessions of an unfortunate brewer, and offered the highest bid for the building he now occupies. On taking possession he found that the brewery was only twenty by sixty feet, with a capacity of but fifteen hundred barrels per year, and in 1866 he erected an addition to the building. He conceived the idea of manufacturing malt, and the venture proved successful. In 1876 he made further valuable improvements on his brewery, principally a new ice-house, constructed upon the most approved modern plan. This fine structure measures forty by sixty-three feet, and is capable of holding one thousand tons of ice. Opposite the brewery stands a magnificent residence, built in the most finished style. Here Mr. Reising has shown a knowledge of architecture, and has made his dwelling an ornament to the city. The ventilation is particularly fine throughout. Mr. Reising came to New Albany in moderate circumstances, and owes his success and present affluence to close application to business. No one stands higher in the community or is more generally respected.