



BARZILLAI MERRILL.



MRS. BARZILLAI MERRILL.

. HEMAN AND BARZILLAI MERRILL.

Heman Merrill came to the town of Dayton about the year 1815, and settled on lot 31, where he continued to reside until his death which occurred June 1, 1871. His wife's name before her marriage was Amelia Hawkins and she died Jan. 16, 1865. They had a large family of children all but three of whom are deceased. Mrs. Norman M. Allen was his youngest daughter. He was a farmer by occupation and followed that calling as long as he was able to work. He and his wife were both members of the Baptist Church and did as much as any others in the town to sustain the preaching of the gospel and the upbuilding of the Christian religion. He was an honest conscientious man, respected by all his neighbors and acquaintances. Poor people always found in him one who was willing to assist them in their struggles with poverty. He invariably acted what he thought and believed to be right and was respected for it. Many positions of trust were conferred upon him by the town among which was the office of Supervisor which he held for two years. His son Silas H. was at one time Superintendent of the Poor of Cattaraugus County, and was killed at the Ashtabula Bridge disaster December 29, 1876. Another son Barzillai, was born March 29, 1818, and was killed May 2, 1863, at Chancellorsville, Va. He married February 26, 1839, Ruba Cole, who died November 1, 1897, at Cottage. Their children were Eber W., born May 24, 1840, died June 14, 1841; Asa E., born October 8, 1841, died in infancy; Nancy A., born October 12, 1843, resides at Cottage; Alva C., born March 18, 1845, killed at Chancellorsville, Va., May 5, 1865; Irving, born October 20, 1850, married October 3, 1871, Eva Shults of West Perrysburg, and they reside on the homestead at Cottage.

Heman Merrill was loved, respected and honored by his neighbors.