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have two children, Donald G. and Mary Irene. (3) Damon E., a physician in Columbus. He graduated from Harvard and Ohio State universities. He married Jean Williams and they have three children, Damon E., Jr., Gregory Lee, and Lynn Alyce.

**ADDISON BAIN** was born in Marion County, May 2, 1857, son of John and Eliza (Schribner) Bain. John Bain came to America from Dundee, Scotland, at the age of three with his family and settled in Marion County.

Addison Bain received his early education in the Bain country school and started to work at an early age. He was proprietor and manager of the Hepburn Resort before coming to Marion in 1905 to become superintendent of Marion's three newly acquired parks, Garfield, Lincoln, and McKinley. He remained in this position ten years, during which time he landscaped and developed the parks. He was market master of the old city market house and was health officer eight years. In 1915 he went to Toledo where he succeeded John Gunkle as president of Toledo Newsboys Assn. In 1921 he returned to Marion and served as township trustee and worked as special sales manager in Uhler and Phillips, Frank Bros., Crawbaughs, and Turners. He retired in 1945. Mr. Bain is active in fishing and hunting, being one of the oldest men in Marion County to take out a fishing and hunting license. He has one of the finest collections of old historic guns in the state, all of which have been gifts.

On Mar. 27, 1884, Mr. Bain married Emma Florence Miller, of Marion County, daughter of Beriah and Marinda (Cahill) Miller. She taught school for three years prior to her marriage. Mrs. Bain was the matron, for more than twenty-six years, of Marion County Detention Home at 182 Wallace St. in Marion where Mr. and Mrs. Bain now reside. Her work with delinquent, neglected, and dependent children convinced her of the need for the Child Conservation League which she was instrumental in organizing, first in Marion and then throughout the state. She was its first state president, in 1922. She is a member of Lydia Chapter O. E. S., W. C. T. U., and both she and Mr. Bain are members of Epworth Methodist Church. Mrs. Bain's interests are in helping children.

Children: (1) Dale F., a veteran of World War I, who died Sept. 8, 1939. (2) Harold H., who died in infancy. (3) Blanche L. (Mrs. A. Don DeLong) of Marion, who graduated from Marion High School, County Normal School, and Bowling Green. She has taught in Marion schools more than twenty years. (4) Forest W., of Redlands, Calif., who is in the furniture business.

**JOHN JONAS STAFFORD**, President of Home Federal Savings and Loan Assn., was born Oct. 27, 1886, at Caledonia, eldest son of Theodore Squire and Mary (George) Stafford. His grandfather, Jonas Stafford, with three brothers and a fifteen-year-old nephew drummer boy, served in the Civil War. His great-great-grandfather, Henry George, an old-school Baptist, was the first minister of the first church organized in the Chesterville settlement in 1816.

Mr. Stafford attended public schools and the Universalist Sunday school in Caledonia and at the age of sixteen went into the grocery and restaurant business in Caledonia. At twenty-one, he was elected by a large majority of votes as Clerk of Claridon Township, running on the Democratic ticket. With this office he also served as Clerk of the School Board and it was during this time that the centralized school system was introduced and the Claridon Centralized School was built. In 1909 he was appointed Deputy County Recorder and served two terms, after which he was elected recorder for two terms. He later served as safety director of Marion. From 1916 to 1919, Mr. Stafford was in the real estate business with Elmer J. Schoenlaub and for fifteen years he was treasurer and general manager of Credit Loan and Discount Co. He has served a number of years as a director of National City Bank. In 1933 he became president of Home Federal Savings and Loan Assn.

Mr. Stafford and his family are active members of Epworth Methodist Church, of which Mr. Stafford is a trustee. He and Mrs. Stafford are charter members of Marion Camp of Gideons. He is a member of Sojourners Lodge 653 F. & A. M. (charter member and past master), all bodies of Masonry including 32nd° Valley of Columbus, and Marion Rotary Club (charter member and past president). He and his son hold the first father-son membership in Marion Rotary. He is a trustee of Marion County Children's Home and was chairman for the Community Chest Drive in 1946. His favorite recreation is gardening.

On Sept. 3, 1908, Mr. Stafford married LaVerne Fell who was born in Caledonia Sept. 24, 1886, daughter of Edward T. and Josephine Adelaide (Bayles) Fell. Her father was a carpenter in Caledonia and did much of the finishing work on the Union Depot in Marion. Her maternal grandfather, George Bayles, the village shoemaker, was a soldier during the Civil War. Mrs. Stafford graduated from Caledonia High School and learned the millinery business.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford are the parents of two children: (1) George F., owner of Stafford Insurance Agency in Marion and a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University. He is a past master of Sojourners Lodge, a member of Marion Rotary Club, and a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve with which he served during World War II. He married Josephine Haley and they have two children, Roger and Kathryn Jane. (2) Mary Josephine, a teacher at Harding High School. She is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan and Ohio State universities.

**NELLIE BELLE EDWARDS IREY**, retired school teacher residing in Marion, was born in Columbus, Aug. 1, 1872, daughter of Robert W. and Mary (McDonald) Edwards. Her father taught school and later became associated with Hocking Valley Railroad, moving his family to Marion in 1882.

Mrs. IreY graduated from Marion High School in 1891. At the Harding High School Homecoming Game, Oct. 31, 1947, Mrs. IreY was presented with a watch in honor of being the oldest Marion High School graduate present. During her senior year in high school, Mrs. IreY did substitute teaching in a fourth grade class. In addition to many summer