

Joshua Simon, miller, McComb, was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, February 17, 1833, son of Henry and Catharine (Stempel) Simon, the former born in Pennsylvania, of German origin, the latter a native of Virginia, of English descent. His father, a farmer settled in Wood County in 1844, where he lived for many years. He was twice married, and reared a family of eleven children, Joshua, being the sixth born of his first wife. Our subject was reared on the farm, receiving a common school education, mostly in Wood County, Ohio. His first business venture was operating a saw mill, and in 1854, he came to Hancock County, continuing in same industry, but since 1863 he has lived in McComb, where he bought a grist-mill, which, after operating it for three years, he sold out, then speculated in real estate till 1878 when he bought his present mill, which he fitted up at great expense with the new process roller, etc., and here does a first class business.

Mr. Simon was united in marriage in 1856 with Clarinda, daughter of Nathan Stafford, and of Irish descent. Their children are L. J., married, a druggist by profession; Lanson and E. A., both millers; Maud, Maggie, Jennie, Guy, Harry, Hattie. Mr. and Mrs. Simon are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is trustee. He has been a member of the school board for twenty years. Politically, he is a Republican.