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* Includes building of the Congregational Church 1823

Biographical Sketch of Dr. P. Wright

Dr. Philo Wright, a son of Deacon Elizur and Rhoda (Hanmer) Wright, and was born in South Canaan Litchfield County, Conn Feb. 3rd, 1790. His father having exchanged his farm in Canaan Ct with the Brace Company for land in Town 2 Range 10 on the Western Reserve. His father came to Ohio in the fall of 1809 to see the land he had purchased. He was so well pleased with the country that he made up his mind that he would on his land, and that the town of Tallmadge should be his future home.

He accordingly made his arrangements, and left his native state with his family in May 1810 arriving in Tallmadge in June 30th, Philo being 20 years of age came to Ohio with his father. His father being a graduate of Yale College was capable of aiding his family in obtaining a superior education, of which Dr. Philo availed himself. Having made up his mind to practice Physics, he prepared himself for that profession.

He located as a Physician in the township of Burton in the county of Geauga O, this was in the year 1812. Here he had a severe attack of the inflammatory rheumatism from which he never recovered; he was an invalid the remainder of his life.

He went to the state of Georgia to try the effect of that climate on his health, he returned to Ohio in 1818. He spent some time with his sister Mrs. Upson who at that time resided in Worthington Franklin County Ohio. About 1821 he returned to Tallmadge and remained in his fathers family, his health began to improve he, married Mrs. Sally, widow of Dr. Anson Owen of Aurora in the county of Portage.

In the Western Courier a paper printed in Revenna is the following. Married in Aurora on the 20th of June 1827 by Rev. Wm. Hanford, Dr. Philo Wright of Tallmadge to Mrs. Sally Owen of the former place.

This union formed in mutual trust,
Cemented by their love,
May it remain untill they must,
From hence be called above, Com.

After his marriage he returned to Tallmadge purchasing the point of land adjoining the Center, which is now (1871) occupied by James E. Baldwin, and also the point now (1871) occupied by Homer S. Carter. Both of these points were bought of Asaph Whittlesey Esq. He afterwards bought of Mr. John C. Root, the land on the north side of the west road oposite his residence; he also owned a piece of land on the south side of the road running west of the center on which he built his house in 1831. He practiced in his profession for several years, but age and infirmities warned him that he must desist from his profession, which he did; and for several years he was not in active life. They had four children; 1st, Philo Elizur, born March 27th, 1828, resides in Detroit Mich is in comand of a steam boat on the lakes. 2nd - died in infancy. 3rd - Rhoda Hanmer, born Jan. 27th, 1831,

