

CHRISTOPHER BRINEY, farmer and Justice of the Peace; P. O. Delisle; was born Jan. 2, 1811, in Warren Co., Ohio; his parents were Adam and Euphemy Briney, who came from Pennsylvania at an early day, and located in Ohio; Squire Briney came to Darke Co. in 1835, being among the earliest settlers of the county. He was married in 1835, to Mary Mills, daughter of John V. and Elizabeth Mills; she was born in Pennsylvania in 1816, and emigrated to this county with her parents when quite an infant; to them have been born fourteen children, eight of them are now living, viz., Ellen, Emeline, Adam, Silas P., Herod M. and Israel (twins), Mary E. and Joseph M. Squire Briney lost his wife by death Sept. 15, 1874. In about three years after Squire Briney's marriage, being in 1837, they moved on the farm on which he now lives and commenced to open out a farm and make a home, with no capital but a few dollars; he has now 260 acres of land, and, his sons and daughters all being grown up and married, he has divided up and deeded a portion of land to each child, simply reserving a life estate and control of the same during his lifetime, thus giving each child a better start in life than he had when he commenced; this has all been accomplished by his energy and industry, and made from the wilderness, which then, in his early commencement, existed through this section, for which he deserves great credit, as one of the pioneers. Squire Briney has always been an active politician, and always held office since he lived in the township, such as Township Trustee, Clerk, Supervisor, School Director, etc.; has been Justice of the Peace for twenty-one years, thus showing the prominence and confidence he holds in the community in which he lives. He is now 69 years of age, and of course the most active part of his life is spent, but he has left a record and history of success and confidence for his children and future generations worthy of their imitation. *The History of Darke County, Ohio* published by W.H. Beers & Co., 1880.

Additional Information:

- List entry in dcoweb.org's *Darke County, Ohio Hall of Pioneers*:
BRINEY, Christopher (1811-____) m Mary Odelle MILLS (1812-____)
- Entry in *Darke County, Ohio – Marriage Consents*
December 1, 1845 – April 8, 1850:
Hunter, David to Mary Crow – 22 March 1848; consent for David by Elisha Hunter; Wit: Christopher Briney & Mary (her mark) Briney (They are witness to another couple giving consent for their son to marry.)