

LEWIS EDWARDS, one of the self-made men of Adams County, engaged in farming on section 15, Blue Creek Township, is a native of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, born April 2, 1815, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Traer) Edwards, natives of the State of Pennsylvania, the father of Welsh and the mother of English descent. Our subject's educational advantages were limited to the rude log cabin subscription schools of that early day. He was reared to the avocation of a farmer, which he has made the principal avocation of his life. He was engaged in making fanning mills for three years. In 1822 he was brought to Jefferson County, Ohio, by his mother, remaining there two and a half years. The family then removed to Guernsey County, Ohio, and there our subject grew to manhood, remaining on the same farm in that county for forty years. He was married in Guernsey County in 1838, to Elizabeth Wilson, who was born in that county February 27, 1819, a daughter of Jesse and Rachel (Reed) Wilson, who were of Irish and Welsh descent. To this union were born the following children -- Rachel E., born in 1839, is the wife of Samuel Hastings; Martha, born in May, 1842, died September 25, 1872; Elizabeth M., born April 4, 1845, died January 17, 1886; Hannah H., wife of William Nutt, was born in 1847; William, born in 1850; Mary C., born in 1853, is the wife of Henry Merriman; Samantha, wife of Martin Suhm, was born in 1856; Lewis R., born October 15, 1858, and Horace G., born in 1863. In 1865 Mr. Edwards came with his family to Adams County, Indiana, and has since been a resident of the county. He has held the office of justice of the peace for a period of nineteen years, and has also served as township trustee and school director. In politics he is Republican and Independent, voting for the man whom he considers best fitted for office. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church, and his mother in her religious faith was a Quaker.

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