

## **MALCOLM ALONZO RIPLEY.**

Malcolm Alonzo Ripley, who owns and operates a well-cultivated and highly productive farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Blue Creek township, Adams county, Indiana, was born in Mercer county, Ohio, on the 19th of December, 1866, and is the son of John F. and Elizabeth M. (Edwards) Ripley, both also natives of Ohio. The father, who was born in Tuscarawas county, operated a saw mill after his removal to Mercer county. His death occurred on the 14th of February, 1876, and his wife died on the 4th day of July, 1886. Five children were born to this union: M. A., the subject of this sketch; Wildas, Benford, Giles and Ethel, the last named being deceased.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the common schools of Adams county and was reared to the life of a farmer, which pursuit he has consistently followed since. His farm is all under cultivation excepting seven acres of timber land and he gives practical and careful attention to every detail of the work. The farm bears many evidences of the owner's practical judgment, possessing splendid fences and large and commodious buildings. Aside from farming he also gives attention to the raising of Duroc hogs and a good grade of cattle.

In politics Mr. Ripley assumes an independent attitude, refusing to be bound by party dictates. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge as Willshire, Ohio.

On April 11, 1893, the subject married Miss Lillie Hopf, a daughter of Michael and Sarah (Kline) Hopf, natives of Germany and Tuscarawas county, Ohio, who after marriage settled in Mercer county, Ohio, where they followed farming. To the subject and his wife have been born five children: Earl, Forest, Fay, Leland and Dorothy. Mr. Ripley takes an active interest in public affairs of his community and is regarded as one of the leading and successful citizens.

**Snow's History of Adams County, Indiana, John Fletcher Snow, B. F. Bowen, Indianapolis, IN, 1907, p. 396 (image 811)**