

SOLOMON MOSSER, a prominent agriculturist of Hartford Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, March 20, 1843, a son of Abraham and Catherine (Eicher) Mosser, natives of France and Germany respectively, the father born in 1793, and the mother in 1800. The father was a weaver by trade. He traveled in different parts of Europe, and was married in Germany. He came to America with his wife and two children, one child having died in Germany, and settled in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1827, where he engaged in farming. He removed his family to Adams County, Indiana, in 1854, and made his home on section 22, Hartford Township, till his death, which occurred March 25, 1876. The mother died in November, 1870. Fourteen children were born to them, seven sons and seven daughters. The parents were members of the Mennonite church. The father had but \$100 when he landed in America, and with this he bought eighty acres of timber land, which he improved and added to it, and sold it in 1853. He then bought land in Adams County to which he removed his family the following year, as before stated.

Solomon Mosser, the subject of this sketch, was but a lad when his parents came to Adams County, and here he grew to manhood on the old homestead, and in his youth received but limited educational advantages. On attaining his majority he began working the farm on shares for one year. March 9, 1865, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Schlatter, who was born in French Township, Adams County, October 28, 1846, a daughter of Joseph Schlatter, an old settler of French Township. He was born in Germany, coming to America with his parents when about twelve years old. After his marriage he came to Adams County, Indiana, and he settled in French Township, where he lived till his death. He and his wife in their religious faith were Mennonites. Their family consisted of five daughters.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mosser have been born fourteen children - Mary, David (deceased), Joseph, Catherine A., Lydia, Franna, Abraham (deceased), Solomon, John H., Elizabeth E., Barbara Rebecca, Christian C., Noah, and an infant unnamed. After his marriage Mr. Mosser bought the old homestead of his father on which he still resides, and cared for his parents till their death. He has improved his farm, making it one of the finest in the township, and in connection with his general farming he is extensively engaged in raising stock. He was the first man in his township to engage in raising thoroughbred stock, commencing this enterprise in 1877, and has now on his farm several head, some of which were brought from Kentucky. Mr. Mosser, like his parents, is a member of the Mennonite church.

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