

B. J. MEIBERS, a merchant of Monmouth, came to Adams County in 1844, with his parents and five other children, who settled in Decatur and lived there till B. J. reached his majority. He was born November 11, 1839, in Hanover, Germany, and when six years of age came to America with his parents, who first settled in Decatur. The parents were born in Hanover, the father in 1800. He died in July, 1863. When he settled in Decatur he bought a lot with a log house right where the center of business now is, and he bought eighty acres of land where the mill stands that is now owned by Patterson & Pillers. The father built a saw-mill in partnership with Jacob Shearer, but the dam was afterward torn down and the mill abandoned. The mother was born in 1797, and died in 1882. Both parents are buried at Decatur. They were members of the Catholic church, and the father was a Democrat. When our subject was sixteen years old, he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed ten years. He then engaged in the mercantile business at Decatur, and two years later sold out, on account of ill-health, and est to work at his trade. He followed his trade several years. In 1865 he bought a farm, which he rented out until 1879, then went on it himself, and worked the farm till the spring of 1886, when he was appointed postmaster. He then opened a small stock for farmer's supplies. He was married March 12, 1861, to Miss Distena M Kerber. Her father died in Germany, and her mother again married, when the family came to America. Mrs. Meibers was born in 1842. Her mother died in Union Township, November 22, 1886, and is buried at Decatur. Mr. and Mrs. Meibers have four children - Titus I., Maggie M., Charles O. and Mary L. S. Both are members of the Catholic church, and politically Mr. Meibers is a Democrat. His parents, John and Christina (Drake) Meibers, were born in Germany. His grandfather, John Meibers, was born in Hanover, Germany and died at the age of seventy-nine years. His grandmother Meibers died before the father of B. J. left the old country. His maternal grandfather, Nicholas Brake, and his grandmother, Mary Brake, were born in Germany, and both died in that country. Mr. Meibers owns a farm of 100 acres in Root Township.

Maternal family name is either Drake or Brake; both appear in article.

Biographical and Historical Record - Adams and Wells Co. Indiana Lewis Publishing Co. Chicago, IL 1887.