

WILLIAM JACKSON is a native of Ohio, born in Wayne (now Ashland) County, January 16, 1823, a son of Henry and Emma (Hoch) Jackson, natives of Berks County, Pennsylvania, of English and German descent. His parents were married in their native State, and in 1822 moved to Ohio. They had a family of twelve children - Jacob, William, Isaac, Peter, Henry, Andrew, Daniel, Catherine, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah and Nannie. William remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age. When twenty-one years of age he started in life for himself, with the determination to live honestly and keep even with the world. One of his first efforts was to purchase eighty acres of land in Adams County, Indiana, of his father. December 30, 1846, he married Esther E. A. Spangler, who was born in February, 1828, a daughter of Jonas Spangler. Three years later, in 1849, they moved to Adams County, Indiana, where he bought another eighty-acre tract, adjoining the one he already owned. At that time there had been very little improvement made in his part of the county. There were no public roads, the highway that now runs east and west on the south side of his farm being cut out in 1851 by Mr. Jackson and four others, all without remuneration. He has always been a public-spirited man, liberal with both his time and money, and none of the old settlers are held in higher esteem than he. He has been a hard-working man, and by good management and diligence has secured for himself and family a competence. He now has 539 acres of unincumbered land, all under cultivation, his farm being one of the best in his township. He has always been a temperate man, the only times he was even intoxicated being once when a child, when he was given whiskey in the harvest field, and another time by drinking cider. Mrs. Jackson died August 2, 1885. She was an estimable Christian woman, and a true helpmeet to her husband. They had a family of seven children born to them, three sons and four daughters - Sophia, born November 22, 1847, was married in 1868 to Ervin Carter; Sarah Ann married Philip Koose, in 1875, and died November 24, 1877, the youngest of her two children dying three days before; Henry, born May 26, 1854, was married in 1875 to M. Strickler; Andrew, born April 22, 1856, was married February 25, 1877, to Nancy J. Bay; Mary Miranda, born July 17, 1861; Daniel, born March 12, 1863; Irena, born January 28, 1867.