

WILLIAM H. TEEPLE

For a quarter of a century the name of William H. Teeple has been known throughout northeastern Indiana as an educator. For this period he taught school in Adams county and in Van Wert county, Ohio, and gained for himself a name as an able educator and a patient, capable instructor of youth. He was born in Saint Mary's township, Adams county, January 26, 1855. He is the son of John E. Teeple, who is still living, and his mother was Miss Catherine Smith. His father was born in Morrow county, Ohio, January 22, 1831. His mother was born in Saint Mary's township, January 1, 1835. After their marriage they settled in Saint Mary's township, where they continued to reside. Seven children came to bless their union: William H., Judson W, Sarah J., the wife of the Rev. J. E. Stoops: Zachariah T, Martha E., the wife of James L. Gay: Mary A., the wife of Jason L. Moser, and Benjamin B.

William H. Teeple was the eldest of his father's children. He was reared on the family homestead in Saint Mary's township. His early education was secured in the district schools of his neighborhood and he completed his school work at Northwestern Ohio Normal. He assisted his father in the improvement, clearing and cultivation of the homestead. He decided early in life to adopt the profession of teaching and he labored to fit himself for this calling. After he had completed his preliminary work he began teaching in 1873. He continued to teach in Adams county, Indiana, and in Van Wert county, Ohio, for a quarter of a century, and in this time taught thirty terms of school. He gave up his work as a teacher in 1901 and took up that of farming. In his long career as a teacher he gained a most favorable reputation as an educator and he was one of the best and most popular of his district.

He was married in Saint Mary's township, December 16, 1877, to Miss Rosetta Gulick, who was born in Saint Mary's township March 3, 1855. She is a daughter of Amos and Elizabeth (Acker) Gulick. Her father was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, February 29, 1824, and her mother was born in New York state, September 6, 1829. Her parents came to Adams county, where her father died January 20, 1888, and her mother September 11, 1896. They were the parents of seven children: Catherine E., who was the wife of Joseph W. Smith, and died October 31, 1874, in the twenty-eighth year of her age; Samuel, Rosetta, Eldora, who died in April, 1866, in her ninth year; James W., who died aged seven; Iva A., who was the wife of Willis Wagers, and died July 16, 1903, in her thirty-eighth year, and Amos W.

Mrs. William H. Teeple was reared on her father's farm and attended the schools of her home township. She was a teacher for four years preceding her marriage. Seven children, six of whom are still living, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Teeple. The living children are: William G., John A., Mamie P., Benjamin W., Anna A. and Don O. Jason D. died February 20, 1898, when he was three years of age. The two older sons are students at the Tri-State Normal at Angola, Indiana.

Mr. Teeple is one of the successful farmers of his district of the county. He is the owner of a fine estate of one hundred and seventy-five acres and has cleared sixty acres of this tract himself. The land is all highly improved and is at a high stage of cultivation. His home and other buildings are well adapted to their uses. He rotates his crops with excellent judgment and they are uniformly profitable and of a high grade. He is a man who takes an active and aggressive interest in the affairs of his county and attributes his success to his motto: "Honesty, Industry, Economy." In politics he is a Republican and is trustee of Saint Mary's township. He was a candidate for county superintendent of schools in 1879.

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