

SAMUEL MAURER, engaged in farming on section 18, Jefferson Township, where he has forty acres of choice land, was born in Seneca County, Ohio, November 2, 1828, a son of Daniel Maurer. When he was five years old his parents moved to Sandusky County, Ohio, and there he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the common schools of that county. He served an apprenticeship of three years at the carpenter's trade, which he followed for several years. He enlisted in the late war November 15, 1861, in Company B, Seventy-second Ohio Infantry, serving until February, 1863. He was at the battle of Pittsburgh Landing, where he received three slight wounds. He contracted rheumatism while in the army, and now draws a pension. After his discharge he returned to Sandusky County, and April 13, 1884, he came to Adams County, Indiana, and settled on his present farm, which he had purchased two years before coming to this county. He has been four times married. His first wife was Elizabeth Henricks, a native of Sandusky County, Ohio, born August 27, 1831. She died February 24, 1856, leaving two children - Salome and Rebecca. Mr. Maurer was again married May 22, 1858, to Miss Margaret Blyth, who died in 1860. He then married Miss Susannah Vantze, a native of Ohio, who died March 9, 1867, aged twenty-three years and five months. Two sons were born to this union - George B. McClellan, and William T. Sherman. Mr. Maurer was married the fourth time July 28, 1867, to Mrs. Ann (Burket) Selser, who was born July 19, 1832, in Perry County, Ohio, and to this union have been born four children - Phebe E., Sarah A., Mary C. and Emma N. Mrs. Maurer was first married to Joseph Selser, a native of Sandusky County, Ohio, his parents being early settlers of that county, and were of German descent. He died in Sandusky County. By her first marriage Mrs. Maurer had three children - William F., Joseph and Nettie J. Both Mr. and Mrs. Maurer are of German descent, and can speak the German language.

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