

JAMES WALKER LINTON, general farmer, residing on section 18, Jefferson Township, is a native of Darke County, Ohio, born September 17, 1836, a son of Samuel and Margaret (Walker) Linton, old settlers of Adams County. He was brought by his parents to Adams County in 1838, and here he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the common schools of his neighborhood. He remained on the home farm with his parents until his marriage December 26, 1858, to Miss Mary Ann Wheeler. She was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, September 21, 1836, a daughter of Amos and Rebecca (Hedge) Wheeler. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania. He came to Indiana when a young man, and helped clear the land where Indianapolis now stands. He subsequently went to Ohio, where he was married. He came to Adams County, Indiana, with his family and settled in Wabash Township in 1839, entering land on section 30, on which he lived till his death. He died in the spring of 1877, aged about eighty-five years. His wife died in the fall of 1876, aged seventy-five years. They were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Linton -Rebecca J., born February 3, 1861, died October 3, 1867; Charles Sylvester, born February 24, 1863; Samuel R., born March 18, 1866; Mary E., born January 18, 1868; John W., born April 2, 1870; James E., born March 24, 1872; Amos W., born December 13, 1873, and Joseph M., born June 29, 1878. Mr. Linton enlisted in the late war February 11, 1865, and was assigned to Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-third Indiana Infantry. He was taken sick with measles at Camp Carrington, at Indianapolis, and was discharged there May 23, 1865. After his marriage Mr. Linton engaged in farming on section 33, Wabash Township. Since that time he has owned and lived on several different farms, and in 1881 purchased the farm in Jefferson where he now resides, where he has seventy-two acres of choice land. Mr. Linton is a member of the German Baptist church. In politics he was formerly a Republican, but is now a Prohibitionist, and has held several local offices with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.