

## CHRISTIAN C. BEER.

Christian C. Beer is a native of Adams county, being born in that section of Indiana, August 30, 1866. He is one of the most highly esteemed and best known men, of his township. He is a son of Christian and Barbara (Dubach) Beer. His parents were born in Germany and emigrated to the United States and settled in Adams county when the county was but thinly settled. After reaching the United States they lived a few years in Ohio and followed the occupation of farming. However, they believed their fortunes would be bettered by removing to Indiana, and accordingly they came to this state. The father of the subject of this sketch followed farming all of his life in this country and in time he possessed a good farm, which he has cleared and improved. He is now living in Berne. His wife died in 1898. He and his wife became the parents of a family of eleven children and of this large family eight are still living.

The youth of Christian C. Beer was spent on his father's farm in Monroe township. He was educated in the common schools of the neighborhood, and was an apt and diligent pupil. He spent the winter months in the school and during the milder months of the year assisted his father in improving and cultivating his farm. He contributed his share to the work on the home farm from the time he was old enough to do any farm work. He was a dutiful son and took many of the cares and burdens of the farm from the shoulders of his parents. He lived on the home place until he grew to manhood.

The marriage of Christian Beer and Miss Sarah Ellenberger was solemnized in Adams county in 1888. Mrs. Beer is a daughter of Henry and Katie (Baumgartner) Ellenberger. Her father was a native of Adams county and with his wife settled in Monroe township among the first settlers to enter this section of the county. His wife's parents are still living in Berne. Mr. and Mrs. Beer have become the parents of twelve children: Harvey, Lavina, Caroline, Delia, Lillie Ruffina, Dora, Ermine, Roselle, Jesse, Edna and Elmer.

Mr. Beer has lived on his present place, which is located three miles north of Berne, for the last fourteen years. It is a good farm of eighty acres, seventy of which are under cultivation. The place is well improved and is a very productive estate. The land has been much improved since it came into the possession of the present owner, and he has added much tiling and bettered the buildings and fencing. His home is a fine brick residence that is a model of its kind, and his outbuildings are good and commodious. Recently he erected a large new barn on his place. In addition to a general farming business he is a buyer of stock and buys for Elmer Johnson, of Decatur. He has bought horses for the last four years and has been uniformly successful. He is a member of the Democratic party, but of no fraternal bodies. He gives his allegiance and support to the Reformed church of his neighborhood and is in all respects a model citizen. He is highly esteemed and has hosts of friends and acquaintances, who have entire confidence in his judgment and who admire his abilities.

**Snow's History of Adams County, Indiana, John Fletcher Snow, B. F. Bowen, Indianapolis, IN, 1907, p. 413 (image 845).**