

CHRISTIAN G. EGLY.

Christian G. Egly, who is conducting a large business in hay and grain at Berne and who is also numbered among the most progressive and up-to-date citizens of this thriving county, is a native of Adams county, Indiana, having been born in Hartford township on the 10th of April, 1864. He is a son of Henry and Catherine (Goldsmith) Egly, the former a native of Baden, Germany, and the latter of Alsace, France. The father was born April 5, 1824, and the mother June 15, 1827. They were the parents of eight children, namely : Jacob, Magdalene, Henry J., Samuel, Joseph, Abraham, Christian G. and Catherine. The parents of these children came to the United States in 1837 and located in Butler county, Ohio, where they remained until 1849, when they came to Adams county and located in a woods in Hartford township. The forest was so dense it was almost impossible to erect even the log cabin which they did, but by dint of much labor a comfortable home was established, where they lived until 1865, when a frame house was erected. Henry Egly successfully followed farming and was also engaged as a preacher of the Defenseless Mennonite church for forty years. He was a man of the strictest integrity and highest sense of honor and commanded the absolute respect of his community. He died in 1890 and his wife in February, 1905.

Christian Egly was educated in the common schools of Hartford township, but his education ceased at the age of sixteen, when he went to work on a farm, at which labor he was engaged until 1898, when he came to Berne and engaged in his present business as a dealer in grain and hay. He is associated in business with C. A. Augsburg, but to the subject of this sketch is attributed the management of the business.

In 1886 Mr. Egly married Miss Anna Schenbeck, daughter of Daniel and Anna (Klopfenstein) Schenbeck, residents of Holmes county, Ohio. Her father was born in Holmes county, Ohio, and her mother's birth occurred February 12, 1834, in Germany. To the subject and his wife have been born three children, namely: Lillian M., Henry D., who is attending school at Berne, Indiana, and Catherine A. Lillian M. took a four years' course at a college in Bluffton, Ohio, and later took a musical course at Findlay, Ohio.

In politics Mr. Egly is a staunch Republican, though he has never held public office. Religiously he and his wife are members of the Mennonite church, of which they are faithful and active followers.

Snow's History of Adams County, Indiana, John Fletcher Snow, B. F. Bowen, Indianapolis, IN, 1907, p. 280 (image 573).