

CHRISTIAN J. GERBER.

Christian J. Gerber, than whom no resident of French township, Adams county, stands higher, is a native of Canton Berne, Switzerland, where he was born in 1828. He received a good education in his native land and in 1853 emigrated to America, locating first in Wayne county, Ohio, but one year later came to Wabash township, Adams county, Indiana. For some years he followed carpentering and also farmed to some extent, eventually giving his sole attention to the latter pursuit. He is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of highly improved land, one hundred of which lies in Hartford township. During his active years he gave personal attention to every detail of his farm, while for the past fifteen years he has lived a practically retired life on his French township farm of two hundred and sixty acres, which he purchased in 1897. His place is highly improved and has upon it a number of substantial farm buildings and other accessories.

August 16, 1864, Mr. Gerber was united in marriage with Miss Fanny Spichiger, daughter of John and Fanny (Burkhalter) Spichiger. To them were born five children: Elizabeth, Aldena, Christian, Benjamin and John. Mr. Gerber is a staunch Democrat in politics, though not an aspirant for honor in the way of public office. Religiously he and his family are members of the Reformed church. Benjamin Gerber, who now lives on the home farm, carries on general farming and also gives some attention to the raising of Holstein cattle and Chester White hogs, in which line he has been successful. He married Miss Isabella Schwartz, daughter of Edward and Mariah (Suter) Schwartz, natives of Harrison township, Wells county, Indiana. Mrs. Christian J. Gerber died March 23, 1899. Christian, one of the sons, was killed November 13, 1896, by being thrown from a wagon.

Snow's History of Adams County, Indiana, John Fletcher Snow, B. F. Bowen, Indianapolis, IN, 1907, p. 382 (image 783).