

## JOHN BROWN

Abraham Brown, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, and the first of his immediate family to come to this country, was a native of Scotland and emigrated to America and settled in Pennsylvania. He was an industrious, thrifty man and his successful life was an inspiration to his descendants. He had a son also named Abraham, who became the father of John Brown. Abraham married Mary Reed in Pennsylvania and moved with her to Ohio, where he entered land from the government. He followed the calling of a farmer and lived in Ohio until his death in 1863. His wife died the same year. He was survived by five of his family of ten children.

John Brown was born in Van Wert county, Ohio, November 23, 1853. He spent his youth on his father's farm and assisted in the labors incident to the operation and management of the farm. In 1870 he came to Indiana and settled on one hundred and five acres of land, which he purchased in Wabash township, Adams county. This land under his management and development has come to be a very valuable tract, and is still the home property of Mr. Brown. He improved his land and soon had it at a very profitable stage of cultivation. In addition to general farming he devoted his attention to the raising of stock for shipment to the markets. This work he has continued and has built up a business in shipping cattle, hogs and sheep that is one of the largest and most important and profitable in northeastern Indiana. As time wore on Mr. Brown added to his real estate holdings in the township until he has today four hundred and fifty acres of fine land all in one piece. This is situated about one and one half miles from Geneva and is one of the best improved in the entire county. All the improvements on the land were put there by Mr. Brown. A large part of his farm is under cultivation and the crops that are grown on the land are fed to the cattle and hogs that are raised. These grades of cattle and hogs are common grades, but under the experienced eye and management of Mr. Brown become excellent for marketing and are sold at the highest market prices in a number of localities. Mr. Brown sells all of his stock on foot and ships much of it to distant points. The estate owned by Mr. Brown is one of the finest in the county. He has erected a fine residence and large and commodious stock barns and sheds. The improvements that have been made are of the very best and in the operation of the farm the latest machinery and most improved and modern methods are employed. The place is well fenced and excellently drained.

March 31, 1876, Mr. Brown married Miss Nettie Martin, a daughter of William and Caroline (Fitzsimmons) Martin. Her parents were residents of Pennsylvania originally, but later came to Ohio and thence to Indiana. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown. These children are: Nora, the wife of John Love, an oil man; Hattie, one of twins born, now the wife of Wesley Dunboodie, who is a farmer employed by Mr. Brown; Emma C, Harry, one of the twins, and the husband of Blanche Michaels, and Harvey, still at home.

Mr. Brown is one of the most highly respected men of his community. He is interested in all movements for the improvement of the township and county and is a ready contributor to such movements. He is a Republican and votes with this party on all subjects. Although he has never aspired to or sought a public office, he served for five years as a township trustee. He is not a member of any lodge.

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