

THOMAS P. HOLLINGSWORTH, farmer, residing on section 13, Wabash Township, where he has forty acres of choice land, was born in Randolph County, Indiana, March 11, 1840, a son of Pierce and Martha (Massey) Hollingsworth, natives of South Carolina and North Carolina respectively. They were married in North Carolina and subsequently went to South Carolina. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the father being a minister of that denomination for nearly fifty years, or until his death. The family were of English descent. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Hollingsworth was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving from its beginning until its close. Her father, William H. Massey, and the grandfather of our subject, was a soldier during the war of 1812. He afterward accumulated a large property in Texas, where he was extensively engaged in stock-raising. His death occurred about 1840. Pierce Hollingsworth, the father of our subject, immigrated with his family to Randolph County, Indiana, in 1819, and entered 160 acres of land south of Winchester, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. Thomas P. Hollingsworth, whose name heads this sketch, was reared on his father's farm in Randolph County, receiving his education in the common schools. He was united in marriage September 26, 1861, to Miss Sarah Odell, who died May 10, 1877, leaving six children - William, Ella, Maggie, Frank, Oran and Charles. For his second wife Mr. Hollingsworth married Miss Margaret Mann, a native of Randolph County, Indiana, born August 18, 1851, and to this union have been born six children - Wilson, James, Della, Harlan, Netta and Alice. Mrs. Hollingsworth is a member of the Disciple church. Mr. Hollingsworth was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, enlisting at the first call for 75,000 volunteers, and was assigned to Company E, Eighth Indiana Infantry. He participated in the battle of Rich Mountain, West Virginia, and at the expiration of his term of service he returned after his discharge to his home in Randolph County. In 1862 he re-enlisted in Company E, Sixty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and was assigned to the Western Department, Thirteenth Army Corps, under General Grant the greater part of the time. He took part in the battle at Richmond, Kentucky, where he was taken prisoner. He was paroled and returned to Camp Wayne, Indiana, where he remained until exchanged about two months later. He took part in the siege of Vicksburg, and the battle of Arkansas Post, besides other battles and skirmishes, participating in eleven hard-fought battles. At Thompson's Hill, Mississippi, he sustained injuries, dislocating his hip, and now draws a pension. While in the service he was promoted from Sergeant to Second Lieutenant of his company. After receiving his discharge he returned to Randolph County and engaged in farming. In February, 1874, he came to Adams County, and after buying two farms which he afterward sold, he bought his present farm, to which he removed in February, 1886, and has since been engaged in general farming. Mr. Hollingsworth is a member of John P. Porter Post, No. 83, G. A. R., and of the Odd Fellows order.