

ANDREW IDLEWINE, farmer, section 30, Wabash Township, is a native of Ripley County, Indiana, born in July, 1842. His parents, Andrew and Susannah (Beckman) Idlewine, were natives of Germany, where they were married. They immigrated to America about the year 1836, and after stopping a short time at Louisville, Kentucky, they came to Indiana and settled in Ripley County, where they followed agricultural pursuits until their death, the father dying in 1880, at the age of sixty-nine years, and the mother in 1882, aged sixty-six years. Both were members of the German Methodist church. They were the parents of eight children, seven sons and one daughter. Andrew Idlewine, the subject of this sketch, was reared to manhood on the home farm in Ripley County, where he received but limited educational advantages, he being obliged from an early age to assist with the work of the farm. He remained at home until August 22, 1862, when he enlisted in Company H, Fifth Indiana Cavalry, and served his country until June 15, 1865. He was under Stoneman and Phil. Sheridan, and participated in many of the battles of the command, and was mustered out in East Tennessee. He now draws a pension on account of rheumatism contracted while in the army. He is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to John P. Porter Post, of Geneva. After his discharge he returned to his home in Ripley County, where he was engaged in manufacturing and shipping staves for two years. He then went to Missouri, where he remained from 1868 to 1870, when he returned to Indiana, spending one summer at Indianapolis. In the spring of 1872 he went to Vermillion County, where he remained on a farm until the fall of the same year, when he bought his present farm in Wabash Township, Adams County. He was united in marriage September 4, 1873, to Catherine Shingledecker, a native of Germany, born January 1, 1846. Her parents came to America when she was a year and a half old, settling in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they remained until about 1857. They then removed to Ripley County, Indiana, where the father died of cholera shortly after. The mother of Mrs. Idlewine is still living, making her home in Wabash Township, Adams County. They had born to them nine children, four sons and five daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Idlewine have five children - Susie E., Charles H., Estella L., Ruby J. and Carrie E. F. Mr. Idlewine has resided on his present farm since his marriage. His farm now contains eighty acres of choice land, forty-five under cultivation, with comfortable residence and out-buildings for the accommodation of his stock. Mr. Idlewine has filled several local officers since becoming a resident of Wabash Township. In his political views he affiliates with the Democratic party.

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