

ISAAC BROWN.

Isaac Brown can trace his ancestry back to a lieutenant who fought in the war for American independence. This ancestor was Adam Brown, his great grandfather. Since the days of the great grandfather the family has lived in the middle west. Isaac was born in Wayne county, Ohio, August 16, 1847. He is a son of John and Mariah (Sager) Brown and his grandfather was John Brown. His parents were both natives of Ohio. They were married in this latter state and lived on a farm in their native county until 1852, when they came across the state line into Indiana. After reaching Adams county John Brown purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. He cleared this land and made it productive before his death, which occurred December 24, 1902, when he was eighty-five years of age. His wife died June 3, 1899, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a Democrat in politics and both John and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. They were the parents of sixteen children: Martha, Joseph, Abraham, Benjamin, Isaac, Sarah Jane, William, Christian, Mary Ann, Drusilla, Amanda, Adam, John, Reuben, Clarissa and Victoria.

Isaac Brown was about five years of age when his parents left Ohio and came to Indiana. He spent his youth until his eighteenth year on his father's farm. He was educated in the common schools of his immediate neighborhood, and from the time he was old enough he assisted in the improvement and cultivation of the home farm. In addition to learning the lessons of agriculture, he learned the trade of a carpenter. After leaving his home he worked at this trade in various localities until the year 1871. In this year he returned to the home farm and engaged in its management and cultivation. He operated the home farm for a few years and then purchased a farm in Root township, Adams county. He lived on this farm in Root township for eleven years and then removed to his present place in the same township in 1893. He has lived on his present farm for fourteen years.

Mr. Brown has been married twice. His first wife was Miss Cassandra Hawn, a native of Union county, Ohio. Her marriage to Mr. Brown occurred in 1869 and she died in 1891. She bore her husband one child, a son, Samuel Elton Brown. This son married Edna Peoples, and he and his wife have become the parents of five children. The second marriage of Isaac Brown occurred in 1893. This time he was united to Mrs. Mary Ellen (Aber) Hauk, the widow of William Hauk. She is the daughter of Samuel and Mary Aber, who are numbered among the older settlers of Adams county. They are both dead. One child, a son, Carl Aber Brown, has been born of this second marriage.

The parents of the present Mrs. Brown, Samuel and Mary (Rice) Aber, as stated above, are among the old settlers of northeastern Indiana. He was a native of Ohio and his wife was born in Culpeper county, Virginia. They came to Adams county in 1842 and died in that county. They were the parents of five children: Sarah Jane, David James, William

G., John Ferguson and Mary Ellen. The father was a Democrat and served as a justice of the peace for a number of years and as a township trustee.

Mr. Brown is the owner of a fine farm of fifty-nine acres in Root township. The land is well improved and is profitable and the buildings and other equipments are substantial. In addition to his farm he is the proprietor of the Decatur Creamery at Decatur and has made this a profitable business and one largely patronized. He is a man who takes an active part in the affairs of his community, and is a leader in all movements for the betterment of the condition of his township. He has served as a trustee of Root township, being elected in 1887 and serving seven years, and in other ways demonstrated his public spirit. With his wife he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and gives this denomination his hearty and generous support.

Snow's History of Adams County, Indiana, John Fletcher Snow, B. F. Bowen, Indianapolis, IN, 1907,p. 380 (image 779).