

SAMUEL FUHRMAN.

Samuel Fuhrman, a successful and popular representative of the agricultural industry in Adams county, was born in Root township, this county, on February 12, 1862. He is the son of Charles H. and Caroline (Hellswarth) Fuhrman, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Mercer county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents were Christ and Barbara (Young) Fuhrman, who came to America in 1831 and settled in Starke county, Ohio, where they bought a farm, on which they lived until 1837, when they came to Indiana by ox team and entered three hundred and twenty acres of government land in Preble township, Adams county. Here they erected a small log cabin, in which they lived the remainder of their lives. They were financially successful through life and at the time of Mr. Fuhrman's death he was the owner of considerable real estate. He was a member of the Evangelical Association, as was also his wife, and they were well liked and esteemed by all those who knew them. Christian died in 1880 and his wife died some years previous. They were the parents of eight children: Philip, Jacob, Christ, Charles, Henry C, Mary and Sophia, all deceased except Henry C.

Charles Fuhrman was a mere child when he accompanied his parents to America . He was given the advantages of a good education and upon attaining manhood chose agricultural pursuits as his vocation. He met with abundant success in his calling, possessing at his death nearly three hundred acres of splendid land. He was the father of nine children: Margaret, the wife of Henry Reppert, a resident of Oklahoma; Joseph, deceased; Sophia, now Mrs. Hudnett; Samuel and John, who are twins; Mary, the wife of Noah Lock; Sarah, the wife of Frank Jackson; Clara, the wife of George Bailey; Louisa, the wife of Web Foreman, a resident of Logansport. The parents were members of the Evangelical church.

The subject of this sketch received the advantages of a fair common school education, and as he was of studious and regular habits he acquired a fair mental equipment for his future efforts. He is now the owner of one hundred and seventy-eight acres of excellent land, which is devoted to the raising of the various products best adapted to the soil and climate, while good buildings, fences, tiling, etc. indicate the energy and thrift of the owner. In connection with general farming he devotes some of his time and attention to the raising: of live stock, dealing to some extent in Hereford cattle.

In 1888 Mr. Fuhrman was united in marriage to Miss Drusilla Dutcher, who was born in Root township, Adams county, Indiana, the daughter of Almon and Brady (Wise) Dutcher. To them were born six children: Milton, Joseph, Beulah, Esther, Morris and Lois. Religiously the Fuhrman family are members of the Evangelical church. In politics Mr. Fuhrman votes the Republican ticket, while fraternally he is a member of the Order of Red Men, Tribe 203, at Decatur, Indiana.

Almon Dutcher was born in Benton county, Ohio . He died in 1903 and was the son of Samuel and Catherine Dutcher. He was a soldier of the Fifty-first Indiana Regiment and experienced many of the privations and hardships of army life. His faith religiously was that of the Lutheran church and he merited the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens.