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JOSEPH E. MANN, farmer, section 19, Root Township, owns 152 acres of land on sections 19 and 30. He was born in Preble Township December 13, 1846, where he lived until he was twenty-six years of age, when he came to his present farm. His education was limited to the common schools of his father's district. His father, Joseph Mann, was born in Elyria, Ohio, September 26, 1811, and when a child his parents removed to Lorain County, Ohio, where he lived until eighteen years of age, when the family removed to Preble Township, upon a piece of wild land. They came to this county in 1829 or 1830, and were among the first in the township. The father took up 160 acres of land, and here the grandfather lived for a few years, then moved a few miles south, where he died in 1853. The step-grandmother died in Decatur in May, 1884, at the age of eighty-five years. Mr. Mann's own grandmother was killed in Lorain County by a stub falling upon her while assisting her husband in clearing some land. His mother, Sarah J. (MeWhorter) Mann, was born near Sandusky, Ohio. When she was twelve or fourteen years of age her parents brought her to Root Township, where she was married. There were seven children, six daughters and one son - Clements died when a child in Preble Township, and was buried at the Mann cemetery; Diana, widow of Charles Bly; Joseph E., Rachel, wife of August Streib; Caroline, who died at the age of four years; Susanna, wife of William Nahrwold; Delila, wife of Albert Butler. Joseph E. was reared on a farm, and has always been a farmer. He is now engaged in handling and feeding stock in connection with farming. He was married May 29, 1870, to Miss Louisa C. Kiess, who was born in Liverpool, Medina County, Ohio, July 17, 1851. She came with her parents to Adams County when she was seventeen years of age, the family settling in Preble Township. Her parents, John and Louisa (Betz) Kiess, are still living on that farm. They were born in Wurtemberg, Germany. The father was only six years old when he came to America, but the mother was eighteen. They were married in Liverpool, Ohio. Her grandparents, Frederick and Margaret (Wolf) Kiess, both died in Liverpool. Her maternal grandparents, Frederick and Catherine (Spieth) Betz, were born in Germany; the former died in Medina County, Ohio, and the latter died in the old country. Mr. and Mrs. Mann have seven children - Izora J., born February 14, 1871; John E., born September 10, 1872; Harlow W., born January 2, 1874; Susanna L., born September 24, 1875; Ethel S., born January 15, 1878; Nettie S., born May 8, 1880, and Robert J., born March 1, 1884. Mr. Mann's grandfather, Robert MeWhorter, died in Root Township in 1849. His grandmother, Diana MeWhorter, died February 26, 1872, at the age of seventy-nine years. Politically Mr. Mann is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.