

CHARLES C. MILLER.

Charles C. Miller, the subject of this brief sketch, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Lawrence county, that state, April 14, 1859. He is a son of Jacob and Mary (Reinhard) Miller. His father was born in Germany and came to this country when young, and his mother was born in Pennsylvania. His father died in Pennsylvania and after his death his widow married James G. Miller. Charles Miller was the only child born to his mother as the result of her first marriage. He spent the first sixteen years of his life in Pennsylvania. There were no incidents in his younger life that marked it apart from the lives of the average boys of the time and community. He was educated in the schools of his neighborhood and played his part in the cultivation of his father's place. When he was sixteen years of age he came to Van Wert county, Ohio, and remained in this county for the following five years. Then he removed to Adams county, Indiana, and with the exception of one year spent in Saint Mary's township has spent his entire life in Union township, where he resides.

After he reached Indiana he engaged in farming and has followed this occupation steadily since that time. He spent his life for a number of years in preparing for his present competency. He was an intelligent and progressive man and early saw the advantages of applying modern methods to his work and to using his brain as well as his hands. In time he was able to purchase land for himself, and increased his holdings as the years passed until today he is the owner of a fine farm of ninety acres, all under cultivation, and ranking among the more valuable and productive farms of his section of Adams county.

The marriage of Mr. Miller and Miss Theresa Springer was solemnized in Decatur, July 30, 1882. His wife is a native of Adams county, being born in Saint Mary's township, June 13, 1863. She is a daughter of Samuel and Pernetta (Pring) Springer. Both of her parents were born in Ohio and spent their youth in that state. After their marriage they removed to Indiana and were among the earlier settlers of Adams county. They purchased land in Saint Mary's township. Her father lived on and cultivated his farm in Saint Mary's township until his death, at the age of sixty-two. They became the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Miller was the fourth in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of four children. These children are: Francis A., Clarence N., Myla M. and Lewis C. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller are esteemed and faithful members of the Evangelical church of their neighborhood.

In addition to being numbered among the successful farmers of his township, Mr. Miller is considered one of the best citizens of the township. He is a progressive man and keeps in touch with the great movements of the country. He is a man well informed on public questions, and in matters that affect more particularly his own county and township his counsel is frequently sought. He is a good citizen and discharges the duties of his citizenship with judgment and fearlessness. In politics he is a Republican but has never aspired to public office.