

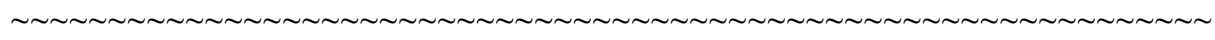
**JOHN D. NIDLINGER.**

John D. Nidlinger, who conducts a fine farm and occupies an enviable position as a progressive and successful citizen in Union township, Adams county, Indiana, was born in Root township, this county, on March 27, 1861, and is the son of Nathan and Jane (Walters) Nidlinger, natives of Pennsylvania. They were not married, however, until they came to Adams county, their union occurring on the 23d of December, 1847. They immediately settled in Root township, where they resided until their deaths. They were the parents of seven children: George, Sarah, the wife of Charles Baker; Rachael, the wife of Lafayette Baker; Mary, who died at the age of three years ; Elizabeth, the wife of J. D. Stultz; John D. and Elijah H. The father of these children died January 3, 1894, at the age of seventy-six years, and his wife died January 25, 1890, at the age of sixty-six.

The subject of this sketch was reared in Root township and educated in the common schools. During his early years he was inured to the labors incident to farm life, to which he has given his attention during the subsequent years. In about 1881 Mr. Nidlinger settled in Union township on his present place, which he has since successfully conducted. In connection with farming he has also given considerable attention to stock buying and breeding, and has been successful in all lines. His farm, comprising, as it does, one hundred and forty-five acres, is well improved in every respect and is considered one of the most valuable pieces of agricultural property in the township. He has erected a number of good buildings and keeps the place up to a high standard.

On December 15, 1881, Mr. Nidlinger was married to Miss Louisa J. Kline, daughter of William and Nancy E. (Mumma) Kline, who was born in Root township, this county, on May 23, 1861. To this union were born five children, namely: Elva M., the wife of Jacob D. Barkly; Earl W., Irene, Ruth, and Hugh. Mr. Nidlinger has held the office of township trustee for over four years and was at one time president of the Great Northern Indiana Fair for two years. He is now president of the State Fair Association, and has always taken an active interest in the agricultural affairs of the state.

Mr. Nidlinger is identified with the Democratic party and religiously is affiliated with the United Brethren church, in the activities of which he takes a prominent part.



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Jonathan D. Nidlinger is an Adams County citizen equally at home in town or county, and is a high class representative of the strictly business farmer. Mr. Nidlinger is prominent in some of the state and larger organizations representing livestock men, and all these associations indicate the success he has made since he began farming in Union Township thirty-five years ago. His farm in that locality is widely known as the Clover Leaf Farm.

Mr. Nidlinger is a native of Adams County, born in Root Township March 27, 1861, a son of Nathan and Jane (Walters) Nidlinger. His parents were both natives of Pennsylvania. His father came to Adams County, Indiana, in 1845, while the Walters family arrived here in 1846. Both names are therefore identified with the pioneer life of this section. Nathan Nidlinger and wife were married in 1847 and at once started building a home in Root Township, where they spent their industrious and worthy lives. The mother was an active member of the United Brethren Church. Nathan Nidlinger was a democrat and often concerned himself with the success of his party and with the good government of his community. He died in 1892 and his wife in 1890, both passing away in the month

of January. They had seven children: George W., born October 19, 1848, deceased; Sarah J., born February 2, 1850, wife of Charles H. Baker; Mary J., born May 16, 1852, died in infancy; Rachel A., born November 4, 1854, wife of Lafayette Baker; Elizabeth, born October 22, 1859, wife of John Stults; Jonathan D.; and Elijah H., born December 23, 1864, whose present home is at Winona Lake, Indiana.

Jonathan D. Nidlinger grew up at his father's home in Root Township. His education was a product of the district schools, and he remained a part of his father's home until he was twenty-one. On December 15, 1881, he married Miss Louisa J. Kline. About the time of his marriage Mr. Nidlinger moved to the farm in Union Township, where he is still living, and that one locality has been the scene of his laborious activities ever since. Clover Leaf Farm now comprises 135 acres, well cultivated, highly improved, and noted especially as the home of fine livestock.

Through his success with livestock Mr. Nidlinger has been honored with a number of offices in organizations of livestock men. He has served as secretary of the Indiana Swine Breeders Association, as president of the National Duroc Association of Dayton, president of the Great Northern Indiana Fair Association. Away from the farm he is active in business life at Decatur, and is one of the charter organizers of the People's Loan & Trust Company of that city and one of its directors. Mr. Nidlinger was elected and served four years three months as trustee of Union Township. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Decatur.

In the family are five children: Elva M., a graduate of the common schools, formerly a teacher and now the wife of Jacob C. Barkley; William E., who since leaving school has taken up farming in Union Township; Irene J., a graduate of the common schools and now living at Fort Wayne, Indiana; Ruth, who finished her school work at Bryan, Ohio, and is now the wife of John A. Cline of Bryan Ohio; and Hugh V., who has finished his education and is still at home.