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ABRAHAM RAILING, a farmer of Washington Township, was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1831, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Railing, also natives of Pennsylvania, who reared seven children, four of whom are living - Joseph, Daniel, Jacob and Abraham. He spent his early life in his native State, and when in his seventeenth year came to Crawford County, Ohio, with his mother and other members of the family, his father having died when he was nine years of age. He resided in Crawford County about five years, and in 1853 came to Adams County, where he purchased eighty acres of land, in company with his brother, in Root Township. It was mostly woods, and he and his brother Daniel went to work to clear it. After a residence of twenty-two years in Root Township, he removed to Washington Township, settling on section 24, again in the woods. He built a plank house, and after living there seven years, had forty-seven acres cleared. In the spring of 1883 he removed to his present farm on section 25, Washington Township, where he owns 140 acres of land, ninety-two of which are in a good state of cultivation. He was married October 20, 1857, to Miss Martha J. Gesinger, a native of this county, and daughter of Samuel and Rachel Gesinger, early settlers of Adams County; the mother is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Railing have six children - Elizabeth A., Jacob S., Ulysses S., Salome E. and Millie T. Mr. and Mrs. Railing belong to the Evangelical Association and are respected members of society. Mrs Railing's parents had eleven children, several of whom are living - David, Susan, Rachel A., Sarah E., Porter, John. Her father entered eighty acres of land in Root Township. Mr. Railing is a Republican in politics.