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WILLIAM P. RICE, farmer, section 35, Root Township, is the owner of 235 acres of land, a portion of it lying in Washington Township and a portion in Root. He came to this state in 1835, with an older brother, Benjamin, and they went to work in the woods, on some land their father had entered from the Government the previous spring. This land was entered on section 14, Root Township. They first built a log cabin, one story high, with puncheon floor, clapboard roof, and an old-fashion wooden chimney, with the back and jams of mud. They boarded with a brother-in-law, Benjamin Pillers, who settled here the previous year. They took their dinners with them in a basket, and would return at night for supper and lodging. They lived in this way until the rest of the family came in the spring of 1836. There were six children with the parents, and three already here, making a total of nine children. In a few years the father built a better log house. It was a story and a half in height and built of hewed logs. Here the father died in 1848. He was born in Loudon County, Virginia, in 1789, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was married in his native State, and four of his children were born there. In 1827 the father and family removed to Stark, now Carroll County, living there until they came to Adams County, where they passed the remainder of their days. Their mother was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, in 1793, and died in 1854, at the age of sixty-one years. William P., our subject, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, January 1, 1820. He remained at home until he was of age, then went to work for himself, doing any thing he could find to do, principally clearing land, splitting rails and chopping cord-wood, until he earned money enough to enable him to enter forty acres of land. He worked for Mr. George A. Dent for \$11 a month until he could pay for it. He then built his shanty, cleared his land, married a wife and borrowed the money to pay the preacher for performing the marriage ceremony. He moved into his shanty, and was at a great loss to know how he could repay that borrowed money. He finally went eight miles away from home and worked half a month, splitting rails, to get \$5 to pay back. The following June he went to Fort Wayne and received \$1 per day and night for burning brick in a kiln. He did not sleep day or night until that kiln was burnt. He at last fell asleep while walking. When he went to housekeeping his household goods consisted of the following articles: three knives, three forks, six cups and saucers, six plates and two tin cups. Their bedstead was made of poles and logs, and the bed rope was made of bark. He was married in March, 1843, to Frances Rabbit, who was born in Virginia in 1823. When she was nine years old her parents removed to Carroll County, Ohio, and in 1837 they all came to Allen County, Indiana. Her parents were Joseph and Hannah (Black) Rabbit, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Virginia. The father died in this county at the age of seventy-one years, and the mother died the same year. Mr. Rice's grandfather, Jesse Rice, died in Virginia; he has no knowledge of his grandmother Rice. His parents' names were Sampson and Elizabeth C. (Thompson) Rice, both natives of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Rice have had nine children - Elizabeth H., Mary C., Joseph M., Sarah A., William F., Nancy J., Samantha F., James B., and Charles G., who died at the age of nine years, four months and sixteen days.