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JOHN WOY, farmer, resides on section 22, Root Township, where he owns 120 acres of land. He came to this county in the spring of 1851 and settled upon farm he now owns and occupies. There were eighteen acres underbrushed and a log cabin had been built. It was 18 x 20, and it is still standing, being used for a stable. He lived in this cabin until 1858, when he built his present frame house. Mr. Woy was born in Carroll County, Ohio, April 13, 1829. His father died when he was a babe, and he lived at home with his mother until his marriage. His father, George Woy, was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1830, aged between fifty and sixty years. His mother, Catherine (Fredline) Woy, was also born in Somerset County, and was married in that State. They removed to Carroll County, Ohio, after five of their children were born. They settled in the wilderness and were among the pioneers of that county. The mother died on the farm where they first located in 1874, in her eighty-sixth year. Both are buried in the Emanuel Church cemetery. They were members of the Lutheran church. The father died from the accidental discharge of his gun. John was married November 29, 1849, to Miss Elizabeth Worley, who was born in Carroll County, Ohio, where she was reared and educated. She died July 5, 1859, leaving one child, Silas Luther, who was born September 19, 1851, and died in 1860. Both are buried in Monmouth cemetery. March 15, 1860, Mr. Woy married Hannah Dunlap, nee Bonbrake, who was born in Carroll County, Ohio, in 1836, where she lived until her first marriage with William Dunlap. They went to Hardin County to live, where Mr. Dunlap died. They had one child that died in early infancy. Mrs. Woy was a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Bowman) Bonbrake, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The father died October 12, 1878, in Stark County, Ohio, aged seventy-three years, eight months and twenty-nine days. The mother is still living in Stark County at the age of seventy-four years. Her grandfather, Daniel Bonbrake, was probably born in Pennsylvania, and he died in Huntington County, Indiana. Her grandmother, Sarah (Tedrow) Bonbrake, was also born Pennsylvania and died in Huntington County. Her maternal grandparents, Jacob and Hannah Bowman, were natives of Pennsylvania and died in Stark County, Ohio. They were probably of German origin. Mr. Woy has served as township trustee two terms, and is now serving as jury commissioner.