

Irenios Vance Mattax

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Irenios Vance Mattax (1878-1943) was the son of Laban and Jennie (Burkholder) Mattax. He was born in Monroe Township, Section 26. This is now Washington Township. In Vance's early years he attended the Mattax School, which later became known as Jack School, as long as he was able. He obtained a chunk of land and a basic frame house, which was just north of the homestead. On February 18, 1905 he married Coral Myers (1888-1959), a daughter of Andrew J. and Mary Belle (Hendricks) Myers, of Adams County. A large bank barn (a barn built into a hillside) was completed in 1910, a landmark of those times. This barn was eventually torn down piece by piece in 1991 by Amish neighbors. It was reconstructed and it now stands one mile east and 1/2 mile south of the Mattax farm. He farmed was 120 acres and he also raised live stock. He became active in county affairs, and was a devoted Democrat, as was his grandfather. He was trustee for eight years and became well known for his beautiful penmanship. The entire family was active in the Spring Hill Church as they are today. Irenios Vance Mattax passed away in November of 1943 from unknown causes. He is buried in Backesto Cemetery located beside The Spring Hill Methodist Church.

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