

Jacob Wechter

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Jacob Wechter was born September 18, 1831 in Rochester, New York. Jacob is the son of George Wechter, and Francis (Hueder) Wechter. His parents immigrated to the United States in the 1820's from Alsace Lorraine, France. They first lived in Rochester, New York, and then later moved to Crawford County, Ohio. When Jacob was young he learned the carpentry trade and accepted work in St. Louis, Missouri. While working in Missouri he met his wife Mary Jane Clancy. Mary came to Missouri with her mother, and two sisters from Ireland around 1837. Her father, and brother had sent them ahead of them, and planned to join them when they saved the money. On the night her father and brother were meant to sail they were killed. Jacob and Mary had three children who were born in St. Louis. They're names are William, Frank C., and Annie M. During the Civil War he brought his family to New Washington, Ohio, so they could stay with his parents while he enlisted into the army. He enlisted in Company G, 191st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until he was honorably discharged close to the end of the conflict. While living in New Washington, Ohio, Mary, and Jacob had another son named John E. Shortly after being honorable discharged Jacob moved his family back to St. Louis only to find that his land had been ruined, because of the war. When Jacob was in the service a friend of his had bragged about how fertile the land in Adams County was, and Jacob was feverish to get there. In 1872 he purchased land in Bluecreek Township, Adams Co., Indiana. Jacob died in 1920, and is buried in Tricker Cemetery Decatur, Adams Co., Indiana.

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