

Edward L. Foreman, of Blue Creek Township, Adams County, is one of that great body of industrious and thinking producers who earn every cent they get by adding honestly to the wealth of the world. He represents an honored name in Adams County and the land which he has individually cultivated for so many years was originally part of his father's large estate, an estate built up during sixty years of family residence in this county.

Edward L. Foreman was born on the old homestead in Blue Creek Township, January 1, 1870, son of Joseph and Rebecca (Crandall) Foreman. His grandfather Henry Foreman was a native of Germany and was an early settler in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, where Joseph Foreman was born in 1817. About 1821 Henry Foreman took his family to Butler County, Ohio, and was one of the pioneers in that wilderness section of country. Joseph Foreman grew to manhood in Butler County, had only a common school education, and about 1849 came to Indiana. He was a man of few resources at the time and for a number of years depended on his bare hands as the best means to assist him to independence. In 1857 he came to Adams County, Indiana, and bought a tract of land almost completely covered by heavy timber. He did the pioneer work of clearing it up, and at the time of his death, which occurred in 1884, he owned an estate of 700 acres. He was rated as one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers in that part of Adams County. Politically he was a democrat. In 1850 he married Miss Rebecca Crandall, a native of Ohio but reared from girlhood in Indiana. Of their eleven children seven are still living: Elsie, wife of Isaac Emery; Amos, who is in the butcher business at Puyallup, Washington; Robert, of Grant County, Indiana; James, of Blue Creek Township; Frank, a barber at Berne; Edward L., and W. W. Foreman, a railroad man.

Edward L. Foreman grew up on the home farm in Blue Creek Township, had a district school education, and at the age of sixteen started out to make a living for himself. He followed various occupations, but after his marriage acquired part of the old homestead and has since given it his most methodical and careful attention, with results known to all residents in that community.

March 26, 1891, Edward L. Foreman married Miss Virgie C. Irwin. Mrs. Foreman was born in Licking County, Ohio. They have four living children: Claude M., who was cashier of the Western Oil and Refining Company and now in the United States Army at Camp Taylor; Charles E., a graduate of the Indianapolis Business College and now connected with the insurance department of the Knights of Pythias; Mamie, at home; and Minnie, wife of Frank Myers. Mrs. Foreman is a member of the Evangelical Church. In politics Mr. Foreman is a democrat.

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