

## **WILLIS FRANK JOHNSON.**

Among the practical and successful farmers of Jefferson township, Adams county, Indiana, none command a higher degree of popular esteem and respect than he whose name heads this sketch. He is a native of the township in which he now resides, having been born on the 1st day of October, 1867. He is the son of James and Christina (Byers) Johnson. The father was born in Pennsylvania on January 20, 1820, and died in June, 1893. The mother was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1832, dying in January, 1892. They came to Adams county in 1843, entering government land, which now comprises the subject's farm, on which they lived until their deaths. The father was a hard worker and exercised great judgment in the improvement of his farm, so that at the time of his death it was a valuable piece of real estate.

Willis Frank Johnson attended the town ship schools in his youth and secured a good practical education. Upon attaining mature years he took up the labors of the farm, which he has since successfully conducted, and has proved himself one of the really progressive farmers of the locality. All but fifteen acres of this ninety-acre farm are under the plow and are devoted to the production of a general line of crops, such as are common to this locality. In addition to a general line of farming, he gives some attention to the breeding and raising of stock. In politics he is a Republican, while his religious affiliation is with the United Brethren church.

In 1892 Mr. Johnson married Miss Lena Myers, daughter of Henry and Barbara (Shank) Myers, the former an early settler of this county and one of the well-known early millers. To the subject's marriage have been born eight children: Ivan; Oro, deceased; Dora; Hobert, deceased; Lula; Lola, deceased; Herbert and Minnie.

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