

William H. Parr

WILLIAM H. PARR, an enterprising farmer of Blue Creek Township, is a native of Licking County, Ohio, the date of his birth being May 5, 1847. His parents, Rev. John H. and Catherine Parr, were natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania, respectively, and were among the early settlers of Licking County. They had a family of five children - Thomas J., Margaret A., William H., Mary H. and Horace G. William H. Parr, the subject of this sketch, grew to manhood in his native county, where he was educated in the common schools. He was reared a farmer, and has followed that vocation through life. October 1, 1867, he was married to Margaret J. Foster, who was born in Licking County, Ohio, July 24, 1848, a daughter of Daniel and Miranda Foster, who settled in Licking County in an early day. The father of Mrs. Parr was born in the State of Vermont, and her mother was a native of Virginia. They were the parents of twelve children, six of whom are deceased. The names of those yet living are - Mary, Alice, Margaret J., James W., Harriet and Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Parr are the parents of five children - Bertram, Cora L., John M., Mary A. and Thomas M. In the fall of 1870 Mr. Parr came with his family to Adams County, Indiana, when he settle in Blue Creek Township on section 33. He began life without means, but by persevering industry and good management he has met with success in his farming operations, having by his own efforts acquired his present fine farm, which contains 200 acres of valuable land. Mr. Parr was a soldier during the war of the Rebellion. He enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio National Guards, but was not mustered into the service until May, 1864. He participated in the battle of John Brown's School-House, in Virginia, and received an honorable discharge from the United States service at Columbus, Ohio, May 1, 1866. In politics Mr. Parr affiliates with the Republican party. Mrs. Parr is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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