

C. L. Brentlinger. Among the able and prosperous agriculturists of Adams County is C. L. Brentlinger of Kirkland Township, whose well tilled land, comfortable dwelling, good barns, farm machinery, and stock, all bespeak the supervision of an intelligent and progressive business man, who knows by what means his possessions have been acquired, and properly realizes their value. He was born, December 20, 1844, in Auglaize County, Ohio, a son of Andrew and Margaret (Evans) Brentlinger. Neither of his parents are living, his mother having died in December, 1865, and his father in June, 1888. He has one brother, Philip, living in Ohio, and one sister, Mrs. Lavine McClure.

Mr. Brentlinger left his native state many years ago, coming to Indiana in search of cheap land. Locating in Kirkland Township, Adams County, he bought the farm he now owns and occupies. The country roundabout was then comparatively new, but the soil was good, yielding readily to cultivation, and in the course of a few years of intensive labor he had a well-improved estate, upon which he is now enjoying life.

Mr. Brentlinger married, March 10, 1871, Margaret Bedford. She was born in Ohio, and was there educated. Her father, Samuel Bedford, a native of Pennsylvania, was born and reared in Philadelphia, while his wife, Mary A. Bedford, was born in Ireland, and as a girl came with her parents to America. Mr. Bedford died in August, 1900, aged ninety-one years. His wife died in 1894. They had seven children, five living and two dead. Those living are: Sarah, Milton, James, William, and Margaret, now Mrs. Brentlinger. Six children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Brentlinger, namely: Flora, wife of Henry Drum, has five children, Dorphes, Effie, Noble, Opal, and Edna; Minnie, wife of Edward Barger. has two children, Grace E. and Theodore E.; Arthur married Ethel Smith, and they are the parents of four children, Frank L., Lee, Ruby, and June; Orville, who married Nona Deihls, has two children, Cleo and Lionel; Silvia, wife of Emanuel Miller, has five children, Nina Pearl, Mildred Pauline, Margaret Elizabeth, Dorothy Blanche and Golda May; Pearl, wife of Chester Booher, has three children, Russell, Raymond and Ruth.

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