

EZRA REBER, one of the active and enterprising farmers of Kirkland Township, residing on section 24, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and when four years of age was brought by his parents, Henry and Nancy Reber, to Adams County, Indiana. He grew to manhood on a farm and still resides on the old family homestead in Kirkland Township. He received a fair common-school education by attending the schools of his neighborhood. December 25, 1878, he was married to Miss Mary E. Statter, a native of Allen County, Ohio, the date of her birth being December 27, 1859. They are the parents of three children - Marion, born September 11, 1880; Nancy E., born November 4, 1882, and Armeda, born November 11, 1885. Mr. Reber is the owner of 119 acres of valuable land, and in connection with his general farming is engaged in raising stock.

Henry Reber, the father of our subject, was a native of Hanover, Germany, born August 20, 1817, a son of Henry Reber, Sr. The latter was also a native of Germany, where he was reared and married, and there followed farming until 1830, when he came to America with his son Henry, then a lad of thirteen years. They settled in Fairfield, and when he had earned sufficient money, the father, Henry Sr., sent for his family whom he had left in Germany. They bought a farm in Fairfield County, where he and his wife died. Their family consisted of seven children, four sons and three daughters. Henry Reber, Jr., was reared on his father's farm, and was educated both in English and German. He left home at the age of eighteen years and learned the broom-maker's trade which he followed in connection with farming until his death.

He was married August 20, 1840, to Nancy Bibler, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, February 22, 1822, and of the five children born to this union only two are now living - Eli and Ezra, the subject of this sketch. Henry Reber settled with his family on section 25, Kirkland Township, Adams County, Indiana, in 1857, where he resided until his death. He as an active and public-spirited citizen, and was always interested in any enterprise for the advancement of his township or county. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church until her death, after which he united with the German Reformed church, of which he was a member till his death, which occurred May 18, 1886.

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