

John G. Hoffman.

Representative of the business men of Adams County, John G. Hoffman is actively identified with the promotion of the agricultural and financial affairs of Northeastern Indiana, being a successful farmer, and a prominent banker of Preble. A native of Adams County, he was born, December 19, 1864, in Preble Township, a son of Jacob and Margaret Hoffman, the former of whom was born in Massilon, Ohio, while the latter was born, in 1834, in Zweibrücke, Germany, and came with her parents to America in 1849.

Coming from Ohio to Indiana soon after his marriage, Jacob Hoffman bought 160 acres of land in Adams County, and by energetic and persistent labor cleared and improved a good homestead. He subsequently bought two other farms of eighty acres each, and began their improvement. He died while yet in manhood's prime, his death occurring in September, 1877. His widow outlived him many years, dying February 29, 1908, at an advanced age. She reared four children, Daniel; Elizabeth, living in Nebraska; Mary, also a resident of Nebraska; and John G.

When ready to assume the responsibilities of life, John G. Hoffman purchased eighty acres of his father's estate, and began farming on his own account in Preble Township. He cleared thirty acres of it, and has since, by added improvements, each year increased its value. On March 1, 1913, he bought eighty acres of his brother's estate, and has cleared and improved ten acres of that, placing the land in a productive condition. In addition to superintending his farms, Mr. Hoffman, with characteristic enterprise and foresight, engaged in the banking business, organizing, January 7, 1915, in Preble, the bank of which he has since been president, it being capitalized at \$25,000, with resources amounting to \$130,000. Mr. Hoffman is likewise engaged in the general insurance business, being agent for the Preble Township Fire Insurance Company.

On May 5, 1889, Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage with Sophia Breiner, a daughter of John and Rebecca Breiner, of Adams County, and a sister, Mrs. Kate Schoenstedt, wife of Henry Schoenstedt, of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have six children, namely: Clara, wife of Louis Koldewey, of Union Township, Adams County; Charles; Louis; Oscar; Ella; and Selma.

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