

GEORGE CLINE, farmer, section 36, Root Township, is the owner of 135 acres of land. He came to Adams County in the fall of 1840, with his old neighbors, the Kings. He engaged in farm work, taking contracts, and one summer he worked in Fort Wayne in a boat yard to run on the canal. While in Ohio he worked at the carpenter's trade, and followed the same trade to some extent in this county. The second year he was here he bought forty acres of land, having earned enough to make the first payment. After working along awhile longer he was able to buy twenty-five acres more. He sold this farm and bought eighty-three acres where he now lives, and soon afterward bought twenty acres more. He has continued to add to this land until he now has 137 acres. He came here with a three-year old colt, a rifle and an ax. Money was very scarce. He sold his colt for \$60, bought him some clothes, and the following fall made a visit to his parents in Ohio. The latter, Jonas and Elizabeth Cline, were natives of Pennsylvania, and were probably born in Somerset County. The mother died when George was between two and three years old. She died in Tuscarawas County Ohio, in the winter of 1820. The father died before the war, probably in 1859 or 1860, and was eighty-two years of age. He died in St. Joseph County, Indiana. George was married in June, 1844, to Miss Margaret Crosier, who was born in Northern Ohio and who was a little younger than her husband. She died in July, 1845, leaving no children. She was a daughter of Samuel Crosier. August 9, 1846, Mr. Cline was married to Elizabeth McConnehey, who was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, September 7, 1825, and died May 7, 1871. She is buried at Alpha cemetery. Her parents were William and Catherine (Clever) McConnehey, natives of Pennsylvania, the father of Irish ancestry and the mother of German origin. The father died in 1851, and the mother in 1876. Both died in this county and are buried in Alpha cemetery. Mrs. Cline left four children, three of whom are living - Sarah C., born July 17, 1850, wife of A. R. Wolf; Mary A., born November 30, 1852, wife of William Spuler; Barbara A., born November 23, 1854, died February 5, 1887, and is buried in Alpha cemetery; George B., born August 13, 1858, died June 5, 1877. August 12, 1877, Mr. Cline was married to Rebecca Van Buskirk, widow of James Van Buskirk, who came to this county from Ohio. She was first married to Greenbury Baxter, who died leaving seven children, only four of whom are living. By her second marriage there were two children; one living. Mr. and Mrs. Cline are members of the United Brethren church, and Mr. Cline is a Republican. His grandfather Cline was American born. His grandmother Cline died at the age of over one hundred years. Mrs. Cline was born in Carroll County, Ohio March 22, 1825. She came to this county with her parents when she was about ten years of age. They settled near Monmouth, Root Township, being among the early settlers of Adams County. Her parents were William and Mary (Baxter) Pillers. Her father died in Root Township in 1863, and the mother died before the war. Both are buried in Alpha cemetery.

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