

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE VAN WORMERS



MR. AND MRS. VAN WORMER.

William A. Van Wormer and Sarah Haswell were married on May 25, 1861, in DeKalb county, where they lived till 1869. On their fiftieth wedding anniversary they celebrated the event at their home with a family reunion.

Mr. Van Wormer joined the union troops in 1862 as a member of the 100th Indiana infantry, serving a term of three years.

In 1869 they moved to Washington county, Kansas, where they lived until 1874, when they returned to Indiana, again making their home in DeKalb county.

The years from 1884 to 1888 they lived in Fort Wayne. In '88 they moved on a farm three miles east and two miles south of Roanoke, in Lafayette township, Allen county, where they still reside.

On Thursday, May 25, 1911, all of their

children and grandchildren gathered at their home and completely surprised their parents.

Seven children were born to this union, five of whom are still living, the other two having died in infancy. Their children, Mrs. Solomon Alwood, of DeKalb county; Mrs. W. R. Crabbs, of Fort Wayne; Mrs. J. S. Wilson, of Wells county; Mr. E. H. Van Wormer and Mrs. W. L. Gaskill, both of Fort Wayne, and their families, were all present, making five children, twenty-three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. This is the first time for eight years that Mr. and Mrs. Van Wormer have had all of their family at their home together.

The children presented their parents with a very pretty one-hundred-piece Haviland dinner set.

Mr. Van Wormer is now aged 71 years and his wife 62 years.