

Alfred A. Antles, a well-known retired farmer and former stockman and a substantial landowner of this county, now living at Portland, where he has made his home for more than twenty years past, is a native son of Jay County, a member of one of the pioneer families of the county, and has lived here all his life. Mr. Antles was born on a farm in Bearcreek Township on February 10, 1851, and is a son of David and Rebecca A. (Stanley) Antles, the latter of who was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1829. David Antles was born in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1830, and was about eleven years of age when in the summer of 1841, he came with his parents to Indiana, the family settling in Bearcreek Township, this county. There David Antles grew to manhood and on April 7, 1850, married Rebecca A. Stanley, who was about nine years of age when she came to this county with her parents in the spring of 1839, the Stanley's settling on the south half of the section 14 in Bearcreek Township, where Grandfather Stanley died in March, 1849. David Antles followed farming all his life and was the owner of an excellent farm of 100 acres in Bearcreek Township, where he died on October 14, 1892. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, three of whom are still living.

The subject of this, having two brothers, Frank and Fred Antles; reared on the home farm in Bearcreek Township, Alfred A. Antles received his schooling in the old Center School House and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of the farm. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he began farming on his own account and after his marriage established his home on a farm and continued farming until December, 1898, when he left the farm and moved to Portland, where he became engaged in the livestock business, buying mostly for the Buffalo market. In this business he continued until his retirement in December, 1917. He continues, however, to give some personal attention to his farms, of which he owns two, one of 120 acres in sections 10 and II of Wayne Township and one of 100 acres in section 22 of Noble Township.

When he was eight years old, in the summer of 1859, Mr. Antles attended a summer school taught by Miss Alice Avery in a little frame house which stood on what is now the corner of Wayne and Walnut Streets in Portland. In the fall of 1885, in a house on that same corner he was married. In September, 1905, he bought that lot and the house which stood on it and he and his wife have since been living there, very comfortably situated. It was on September 6, 1885, that Alfred A. Antles was united in marriage to Addie Hanlin, who was born in Jackson County, Ohio, and who was but a child when her parents, James and Irena (Stephenson) Hanlin, came to Indiana with their family and settled on a farm in Wayne Township, this county. James Hanlin became one of the substantial farmers of that township and was the owner of a fine farm, of 240 acres. He and his wife had three children, two of whom are still living, Mrs. Antles and her sister, Jennie. Mrs. Antles completed her schooling at Ridgeville College and has ever given her thoughtful attention to the cultural affairs of the community.