

Frederick M. Antles, superintendent of highways for District No. 10, Jay County, and proprietor of an excellent farm in Bearcreek Township, where he makes his home, on rural mail route No. 2 out of Bryant, is a native son of Jay County, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has lived in this county all his life. Mr. Antles was born on a farm in Bearcreek Township on August 15, 1873, and is a son of David A. and Rebecca A. (Stanley) Antles, both natives of Ohio but who had been residents of this county since the days of their childhood, both having come over here with their respective parents in pioneer days, as is set out elsewhere in this volume, together with further reference to the Antles family in this county. David A. Antles, who was for years one of the best known residents of Jay County, a former justice of the peace in and for Bearcreek Township, was a good farmer and a man of influence in his community. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom but three are now living, the subject of this sketch and his brothers, Alfred A. and Frank Antles.

Reared on the home farm, in Bearcreek township, Frederick M. Antles received his schooling in the Old Higgins School House (District No. 10) and remained at home, a valued assistant in the labors of the farm, until his marriage at the age of twenty-five when he began farming on his own, renting a part of the home place. Six years later he bought the place on which he is now living in Bearcreek Township and has since resided there, he and his family being very comfortably situated.

Mr. Antles has a well improved farm of forty-nine acres, having erected a new dwelling house since taking possession of the place and remodeled the barn along modern lines. He has given considerable attention to under draining and has put in 1,200 rods of tile, and in other ways has brought his place up to standard. Mr. Antles is a Republican and is serving his second term as Superintendent of Highways in his district, his consistent advocacy of better roads having been helpful in promoting the good roads movement in that section of the county. He and his wife are members of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Protestant Church. On November 23, 1898, Frederick M. Antles was united in marriage to Lura E. Shepherd, also a member of one of the old families of Jay County, and to this union two children have been born, Alma E., born on February 25, 1900, and Ira A., June 14, 1901, the latter of whom was graduated from the Bryant High School with the class of 1921, Alma E. Antles, who was for five years a teacher in the schools of Bearcreek Township, married Emerson R. Wall, who is now farming in the New Corydon neighborhood, and has one child, a daughter, Arloein R.

Emerson R. Wall is a veteran of the World War and has a record of having served overseas for two years and nine days. He was attached to the Ammunition Supply Corps of the First Division of the United States Army. Mrs. Antles was born in Wabash Township and is a daughter of John and Catherine (Eis) Shepherd. She was reared in that township and her schooling was received in the Center School. The Antles have a very pleasant home in Bearcreek Township and have ever taken an interested part in the community's general social activities.