

Henry Ayers, one of the enterprising and successful agriculturists of Pike Township, residing on Section 7, was born in Richland County, Ohio, the date of his birth being November 13, 1834. His father, George Ayers, was a native of Pennsylvania and a soldier in the War of 1812. He became a resident of Richland County, Ohio in the year 1810. For his wife he married Esther McCart, who was born near Troy, Ohio. They reared a family of three children, the subject of this sketch being the eldest child.

Henry Ayers was reared to the vocation of a farmer, receiving his education in the common schools of his native State. He was four years old when his parents settled in Auglaize County, Ohio, in which county he grew to manhood. He was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion, enlisting in October, 1861 in Company G, Seventy-First Ohio Infantry and with his regiment participated in the Battle of Shiloh. He served until August 31, 1862, when he was discharged in account of disability, and returned to his home in Auglaize County, Ohio. He was married October 5, 1862, to Miss Julia Ann Shafer, who was born in Auglaize County, a daughter of Peter and Catherine Shafter. They are the parents of nine children, Alice, Edward, Laura, Frank Elizabeth, Henry, Margaret, Juliette and Clifford.

Mr. Ayers resided in Auglaize County until the fall of 1881, when he sold his property in Ohio and purchased the farm in Pike Township, where he now resides. His farm contains 129 acres