

BIBLER, HENRY

Henry BIBLER, one of Noble Townships well known and substantial farmers and landowners, now living retired on his well-kept place on rural mail route No. 6 out of Portland, has been a resident of Jay county since the days of his early childhood and has by his own efforts built up an excellent piece of property in the community in which he lives. Mr. BIBLER was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, June 14, 1851, and is a son of Jacob and Anna (FRICK) BIBLER, both of whom were born in that same county but who later became residents of Jay county where their last days were spent. Jacob BIBLER was born on January 1, 1818, and grew to manhood in Fairfield county where he was married and where he resided until 1853 when he came over into Indiana with his family, driving through in a covered wagon, and settled on an eighty acre farm he had bought three-fourths of a mile south of Salamonia in Madison township, this county. He improved that farm and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring on January 25, 1890. She survived him a little more than a year, her death occurring on April 12, 1891. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Susanna, Mrs. Matilda STONER and Mrs. Mary K. CROWE and a brother, Jacob BIBLER. As noted above, Henry BIBLER was about eighteen months old when he came to this county with his parents in 1853 and he grew to manhood here, receiving his schooling largely in the subscription schools of the period and in the Atkinson School. From the days of his boyhood he was an aid to his father in the labors of developing the farm and continued those labors until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he bought a tract of forty acres in Noble township, the place on which he is now living, paying \$1,200 for the "forty," and proceeded to develop the same. It was in the spring of 1878 that Mr. BIBLER bought this place. He was married in the following fall and then established his home on the farm, to which he has added by purchase until now he is the owner of 117 acres and has an admirably equipped farm plant, including two sets of buildings, all these improvements having been made by him. It was on October 10, 1878, that Henry BIBLER was united in marriage to Olive STONE, who was born in Noble township, this county, and who died on May 28, 1917. Mrs. BIBLER was a daughter of William I. and Margaret (WARNOCK) STONE, who were among the early settlers of Noble township. William I. STONE was the owner of an eighty acre farm now owned by his grandson, Lewis STONE. To Henry and Olive (STONE) BIBLER were born twelve children, of whom nine are living,

William J., John W., Cora A., Charles E., Alva C., Pearle G., Clarence V., Henry E. and Lulu O., the latter of whom is unmarried and is at home with her father. Two of Mr. BIBLER's children died in infancy and the third deceased, Anna M., married Thomas SOMMERS and died on July 20, 1920, leaving five children, Ansel H., Leatha C., Laton G., Eva G. and Paul E. William J. BIBLER, eldest son of this family, now farming in Wayne township, married Ada CASTER and has had five children, three of whom, Arthur, Byron and Neolin, are living. John W. BIBLER, who is now farming in the vicinity of Greenville, (Darke County) Ohio, married Pearl JETTER and has two children, Olive and Lavon. Cora A. BIBLER married Orla JOURNEY, a farmer of Wayne township, and has four children, Garth, Doris, Olive and William JOURNEY. Charles E. BIBLER, who is farming in Pike township, married Ethel EHRHART and has four children, Charles, Robert, Louis and Jane. Alva C. BIBLER, who is farming in Noble township, married Ruth ARMSTRONG and has two children, Marie and Carl. Pearle G. BIBLER married Otto EHRHART, a mail carrier at Portland; and has two children, Lois and Roger EHRHART. Clarence V. BIBLER, who is a bookkeeper in the office of the drain tile works at Portland, married Grace GLASGOW and has one child, a daughter, Dorothy H., and Henry E. BIBLER, the youngest son, who is now attending- the medical college at Indianapolis, (Marion Co, Indiana) married Marie McFARLAND. ARMSTRONG, BIBLER, CASTER, CROWE, EHRHART, FRICK, GLASGOW, JETTER, JOURNEY, McFARLAND, SOMMERS, STONE, STONER, WARNOCK IN, Jay Co., Marion Co OH, Darke Co, Fairfield Co. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, pp.281-282. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut