

BOWLER, THOMAS

Thomas BOWLER, one of Jackson township's well known and substantial farmers and landowners, has been a resident of this county since the days of his boyhood. He was born at Hartford City, in the neighboring county of Blackford, in June, 1870, and is the son and only child of John W. and Mary (KARNEY) BOWLER, the latter of whom was a member of one of the pioneer families of Jay county. John W. BOWLER was a native of Ireland and a veteran of the Civil war. He was born in 1829 and was but a boy when he came to this country, locating in Indiana, where he was living when the Civil war broke out. He at once enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a member of the 17th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until incapacitated by a bullet wound in the leg which crippled him permanently. Upon his return from the army he located at Hartford City and while living there was married. He continued to make his home there for some years and then came over into Jay county and established his home on a farm in Jackson township owned by his father-in-law and there he lived until his retirement and removal to the National Soldiers Home at Dayton, Ohio, where his last days were spent. Thomas BOWLER was but a lad when he came with his parents over into Jay county and he grew to manhood on the farm in Jackson township) receiving^l his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He inherited the farm of 118 acres on which he is now living in that township and after his marriage when twenty-five years of age established his home there. In addition to his general farming Mr. BOWLER has given considerable attention to the raising of livestock and has done well. He has a good farm plant and he and his family are very comfortably situated. He is a Democrat and is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Geneva. It was in 1895 that Thomas BOWLER was united in marriage to Mary C. TELLIS, who was born in this county, a daughter of Isaac and Jane TELLIS, and to this union eleven children have been born, Clyde, Mary C., Hazel, Grace, Dolly, Clarence, Cecil, Charles, May, Cora and Clem, the first four of whom are married. Clyde BOWLER married Ruth GLENDENNING and is now living in Illinois. He has one child, a daughter, Madeline. Mary C. BOWLER married Walter CROWELL and has two children. Wendell and Jeannette CROWELL. Hazel BOWLER married Raymond OGAN and has one child, a son, William OGAN, and Grace BOWLER married Warner HUNT. SOURCE, History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. I, pp.262. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut.

