

BRAGG, Charles F

Charles F. BRAGG, proprietor of "Clover Leaf Farm" in Pike township and one of the best known agriculturists in that part of the county, formerly and for years a teacher in the public schools, was born in the neighboring county of Randolph but has been quite content to put in his lot with that of the people of Jay county. Mr. BRAGG was born on a farm in Jackson township, Randolph county, Indiana, February 2, 1873, and is a son of Wesley and Mary E. (MILLER) BRAGG, both of whom were members of pioneer families in that part of the state. Wesley BRAGG was born in Ward township, Randolph county, a son of Ephraim BRAGG, who had come up into Indiana from Tennessee in 1820 and had entered from the Government a quarter section of land in Ward township, in Randolph county, where he established his home, made a good farm and spent the remainder of his life, one of the useful and influential pioneers of that section. On that pioneer farm Wesley BRAGG grew to manhood, being well trained in the ways of farming. When twenty-one years of age he went over into Grant county with the expectation of settling there, but after two years returned to Randolph county and for five years thereafter was engaged in working the home place. He then bought a tract of eighty acres in Jackson township, same county, and on this place established his home and spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1897. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, all of whom save one, Sarah, are living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Daniel, Austin, Samantha, Ephraim, Lewis, John and Theodore. Reared on the home farm in Randolph county, Charles F. BRAGG supplemented the schooling received in the local schools by a course in the Central Normal School at Danville, Ind., and early became engaged in teaching, a vocation he followed for fifteen years, teaching during- the winters and farming during the summers. He married when twenty-five years of age and then made his home on a farm of seventy-five acres which he had bought in the neighborhood of his old home, and there he remained until 1914, when he disposed of his farm in Randolph county and moved up into Jay county, buying here the eighty-acre place, "Clover Leaf Farm" in Pike township, where he since has made his home and where lie and his family are quite comfortably situated, this place being on rural mail route No. 4 out of Ridgeville. It was on June 18, 1898, that Charles F. BRAGG was united in marriage to Ada CRAIG, who was born in Preble county, Ohio, and to this union has been born three children, Orval, Merl and Beatrice. Mr. and Mrs. BRAGG are members of the Reformed church at New Pittsburg and are Democrats. Mr. BRAGG is a member of the

Saratoga camp of the Modern Woodmen. He has a well-equipped farm plant and is carrying on his operations in up-to-date fashion. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, p.413. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut