

BRINCKERHOOF, WILBUR W

Wilber W. BRINCKERHOOF, a well-known and progressive young farmer of Noble township and proprietor of a well-kept farm on rural mail route No. 6 out of Portland, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. Mr. BRINCKERHOOF was born on December 29, 1894, and is a son of Samuel and Harriet A. (HEARN) BRINCKERHOOF, the latter of whom was born in that same township, a member of one of the pioneer families of Noble township, and completed her schooling by attendance at old Liber College for three years. Samuel BRINCKERHOOF was born in Mercer county, Ohio, and was but four years of age when he came with his parents to Jay county, where he received his schooling and grew to manhood. He followed farming and carpentering and became the owner of an eighty acre farm in Noble township, the place on which his son Wilber now lives and thirty-eight acres of which he still owns. Mr. BRINCKERHOOF also was for some years engaged as an appraiser in behalf of the Jay County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. To him and his wife were born five children, four of whom are living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Richard E. and Clarence E. BRINCKERHOOF, and a sister, Mary A. Reared on the home farm in Noble township, Wilber W. BRINCKERHOOF received his primary schooling in district No. 4 of that township and supplemented this by a four-year course in Huntington College at Huntington, Ind., and a course in the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute. In boyhood he was well trained in the ways of the farm and after his marriage at the age of twenty-one began farming on his own account, renting the home place of eighty acres. A year later he moved from there and rented two neighboring farms, which he operated for two years, at the end of which time he moved back to the old home place, where he is now living, and bought forty-two acres of the tract, which he is now farming as well as the remainder of the eighty. In addition to his general farming Mr. BRINCKERHOOF is giving a good deal of attention to the raising of livestock for the market and is doing well. In his political allegiance he was an ardent Prohibitionist until the accomplishment of that party's objective and since then has been a supporter of the Democratic party. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church at Bellefontaine. On June 20, 1915, Wilber W. BRINCKERHOOF was united in marriage to Montez ADAMS, who was born in the neighboring county of Randolph, daughter of Rufus E. and Emma E. ADAMS, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Mary T., born on May 21, 1916, who died on May 19, 1921. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana,

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