

BRUNSON, BURTON

Burton BRUNSON, a member of the county council for Jay county and one of the best known and most substantial farmers and land owners of Jackson Township, living at his pleasant home on rural mail route No. 3 out of Bryant, was born in that township, a member of one of the pioneer families of Jay County, and has lived there all his life. Mr. BRUNSON was born on July 5, 1874, and is a son of Albert and Minerva J. (ROONEY) BRUNSON, both of whom were born in Ohio, the latter in Greene county, whence came so many of the early settlers of Jay county, and of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. Albert BRUNSON was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, and when twelve years of age came with his parents, Timothy and Sarah (JONES) BRUNSON, to Indiana, the family settling in 1857 in Jackson township, Tills county, and early becoming recognized as among the useful and influential members of that community. The BRUNSON'S are of English descent and of old Colonial stock, Timothy BRUNSON'S father having been a soldier of the Revolution, took part in the battles of Bunker Hill and Lexington, suffered with others of the patriot army during the dreadful winter at Valley Forge and was with Washington at the battle of Brandywine. Albert BRUNSON grew to manhood on the home farm in Jackson township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and was living there when the Civil war broke out. In 1864 he enlisted in response to the call for ninety-day service and was attached to Company B of the 138th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until mustered out in the following September. Upon his return from the army he resumed his place on the farm and lived there until his marriage in 1867, after which he made his home on a rented farm in that same neighborhood, the place on which his son Burton is now living, and presently bought the place, continuing to make that his place of residence the remainder of his life, his death occurring on July 6, 1920. Mr. BRUNSON was a good farmer and became the owner of a half section of land, which he had developed in admirable shape. He was an earnest Republican, long regarded as one of the leaders of that party in Jackson township, and for twenty years served the public as justice of the peace in and for his home township, as Squire BRUNSON being widely known for the justice of such rulings as he was called upon to make in his magisterial capacity. Squire BRUNSON and his wife were the parents of five children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Josephine, Harry, of whom further mention is made elsewhere, Jennie and Essie, the last named of whom died on February 2, 1894. Burton BRUNSON was reared on

the home farm in Jackson township and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. From the days of his boyhood he was helpful in the labors of the farm, and after his marriage rented a portion of the home place from his father and established his home there, the place on which he has since resided. He now owns 160 acres in that township and has an admirably equipped farm plant, his operations being- carried on in accordance with modern methods. Mr. BRUNSON is a Republican and is the present member of the county council from his district. He is a Freemason, a member of and present senior warden of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons at Bryant, and is a past master of the local grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. On September 8, 1894, Burton BRUNSON was united in marriage to Myrtle SISK daughter of J. L. and Anna (LUCAS) SISK, of this county, and to this union were born seven children, all of whom are living, save Irma, who died in 1910, the others being Wayne, Merle, Milo, James C., Anna Irene and Willard. Wayne BRUNSON married Cora RUPEL and has three children, Lillian, Clyde and Richard. Merle BRUNSON married Hazel JONES and has two children, Helen Marie and James Edmond. Milo BRUNSON married Ethel DYSOM and has one child, a daughter, Mary. Mrs. Myrtle SISK BRUNSON died on June 4, 1921. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and had ever taken an interested part in the work of the church. The BRUNSON's have a delightful home and have hospitably participated in the promotion of the community's social activities. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, pp.350-351. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut