

Miller Buirley, residing on Section 4, Wayne Township, was born in Shelby County, Ohio, the date of his birth being July 25, 1833. His father, William Buirley, was a native of the State of Pennsylvania, where he was reared and married to Miss Elizabeth Kizer. They subsequently moved to Ohio, both parents dying in Shelby County, at an advanced age. They reared a family of eight children to maturity, of whom five sons are yet living. Two daughters and one son are deceased.

Miller Buirley has followed farming and carpentering all his life, and is now the owner of his farm on Section 4, Wayne Township, which contains eighty acres of choice land. He has been a resident of Jay County since the spring of 1861, and since the year 1866 has resided on his present farm. He was married in Piqua, Miami County, Ohio, July 1, 1855, to Miss Mary Conner, a daughter of James Conner, the father of Irish descent and the mother of German ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Conner removed from Pennsylvania to Miami County, Ohio when Mrs. Buirley was about sixteen years old. Mr. Conner died in Shelby County, Ohio, in 1879 after which Mrs. Conner lived with her daughter, Mrs. Buirley, until her death.

Mrs. Buirley was the eldest of nine children, and of these only four are living – Mrs. Buirley, Mrs. Rebecca Nash of Portland; George and Clara, the youngest who is also living at Portland.

Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Buirley eight are living – James W., Francis M., Annie J., Amanda E., Samuel M., Mary H., Sarah E., and Clara E. Alfred A., the youngest son, died in his eighteenth year.

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