

WILLIAM W. BUTCHER, a son of George W and Elizabeth (Nelson) Butcher, is a dealer in general merchandise produce, butter and eggs, etc. He established his business in 1872, and his annual sales amount to \$50,000. In his store may be ... and fancy groceries. [page cut off] He has a good trade and has secured the confidence of the people.

He was born in this county April 6, 1851. He was reared on a farm and attended the common schools of his father's district; also attended the Bluffton High-school in Wells County. He was married October 27, 1872, to Miss Samantha Mason, of Bear Creek Township, a daughter of Jacob Mason. They have four (sic) children - Luera, Irwin, Clara E., Laura May and Wilma. Politically Mr. Butcher is a Democrat. He owns forty acres of good land, has a story and a half residence, and other commodious buildings. Everything about the place indicates the thrift of the proprietor.

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