

CARSON, WILLIAM

William CARSON, a pioneer of Bryant, was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1813, son of Samuel and Mary (KINNEY) CARSON. When he was six years of age his parents removed to Muskingum County, Ohio, where he lived until 1856. He early learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for many years. At the age of twenty-one years he married Ellen SWAIN, born January 19, 1814. In 1856 he removed his family to this county, locating in Bear Creek Township, and it was through his influence that the town of Bryant was laid out. He gave 100 feet for right of way, and also gave five acres for railroad purposes, besides ties and labor in building the side track. He assisted in locating and building the schoolhouse, and gave land for the church building. Mr. and Mrs. CARSON had three sons --Samuel, Hiram and Lewis. Mrs. CARSON died in 1876.

Mr. CARSON was for many years a member of the Christian church and a liberal supporter of the same. He was very active in the building of the New Corydon turnpike. He has a well improved farm, a good story and a half residence, and commodious barns and farm buildings. Eighty acres of his farm he entered from the Government in 1840, having visited Indiana that year, traveling at one time thirty miles without seeing a cabin.

Samuel CARSON, a son of the preceding, was born May 14, 1840, in Muskingum County, Ohio, and when four years of age, was taken by his parents to Coshocton County where he resided until 1856. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. He was married in 1870 to Miss Sarah Ann WATSON, daughter of George B. and Catherine WATSON. She was born in Wayne County, Ohio, May 11, 1845. Mr. and Mrs. CARSON have five children -- Cora Lee and Calla May, twins; John, Nora, and Kate.

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