

LOT COULSON, section 1, Greene Township, is one of the best known men of Jay County. He was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, December 9, 1820, a son of Jabez and Anna (Van Horn) Coulson. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, of English and Irish descent, and his mother of New Jersey, of Dutch descent. His parents were married in Pennsylvania, and about sixteen years after their marriage moved to Ohio. They had a family of eleven sons and one daughter, our subject being the youngest of the family. The children all lived to maturity and all but two married and had families. But three of the family are now living -Anson, Saul and Lot. Anson lives in Jefferson Township, Jay County, and Saul, on the old homestead in Ohio. Lot Coulson was reared in his native county, remaining with his parents until twenty-seven years of age. He was married December 8, 1842, to Mary Walker, a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, born June 10, 1820, a daughter of John and Sarah (Rodgers) Walker. Mr. Coulson continued to live on the old homestead until 1848, and in October of that year moved to Jay County, Indiana, and located in Jefferson Township, where he lived six years. He then moved to section 35, Jackson Township, and he has since lived in that neighborhood, his residence for the past twenty-five years being on section 1, Greene Township. He has been an active, hardworking man, and has cleared and owned a large tract of land, at present, however, owning but a small portion of it. In addition to attending to his farm he has gained quite a reputation as an auctioneer, and has sold more property, both real and personal, at auction than any other man in his part of the county. In politics Mr. Coulson has always voted with the Democratic Party. In religion he accepts no creed or dogma, believing that to live uprightly is the duty of all men. Since 1861, with the exception of about eighteen months, he has served as one of the magistrates of Greene Township, and the continued confidence of his fellow townsmen is ample proof of his faithfulness and honesty. Mrs. Coulson died February 10, 1887, after many years of great suffering, which she bore uncomplainingly. She was a most estimable woman, a loving wife and mother, and a true friend and neighbor. To Mr. and Mrs. Coulson were born eight children -Lucy Ellen, died aged three years; Gilbert E., died in infancy; Henry Walker, lives in Kansas; Maria Teresa, lives in Kansas; Emily Ruth, Martin J., Trenton W. and Morgan A. are residents of Jay County.