

**JOHN R. COULSON**, section 30, Wayne Township, resides on the farm where his father, John Coulson, settled in 1860. John Coulson was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, March 30, 1816, and in 1842 married Rachel Rish, a native of the same county, born February 8, 1827. In 1846 they moved to Jay County, Indiana, and settled in Jefferson Township, and partially improved a farm, when on account of declining health he decided to give up farming. In the fall of 1850 he was elected auditor of Jay County, and in February following moved his family to Portland. He was elected for a second term, serving in all eight years. He then settled on a farm on section 30. He was subsequently elected county treasurer, and served four years. He died on his farm October 1, 1873, aged fifty-seven years and six months. He was a man highly respected and possessed the confidence of his fellow citizens as is evidenced by his being called at different times to assume responsible official trusts. He was well educated, and was for some time engaged in teaching school. He left at his death a widow, who still lives on the homestead, and six children, five daughters and one son - Harriet (wife of Seth Jones), Mrs. Martha Winters, John R., Mrs. Mary Jane Cartwright, Ruth (wife of Sumner B. Miller). John R. Coulson is the only son and third child of his parents. He was born in Portland May 17, 1851, and was reared on his father's farm. He was for some time a student at Liber College, receiving a liberal education. He now owns seventy-two acres of the homestead, which is well improved, and his residence and farm buildings are comfortable and commodious. He married Miss Sarah Votaw, who was born in Wayne Township, August 6, 1851, a daughter of Jonas Votaw. They have one son - Glenn, born August 15, 1885. Mr. Coulson is a portrait and landscape artist of considerable merit, having some excellent specimens of his work in this art.