

CULL, GEORGE F

George F. CULL, one of the best known and most substantial farmers and landowners of Noble township, proprietor of an excellent place on rural mail route No. 3 out of Portland where he is living, besides other property interests, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. Mr. CULL was born on March 26, 1867, and is a son of Jacob and Magdalena (ZIMMERMAN) CULL, both of whom were born in Marion county, Ohio, where they were married. Jacob CULL was trained as a blacksmith in his youth and for some time followed that vocation. In 1866 he came to Indiana with his family and located in Noble township, this county, where he bought a farm of 130 acres and established his home. On that place he spent the remainder of his life, developing there an excellent piece of property. He and his wife had seven children, all of whom save two, Emma and Henry, are living, the others (besides the subject of this sketch), being Fred, John, Lucinda and Matilda. Reared on the home farm in Noble township, George F. CULL received his schooling in the Warnock school and remained at home, a valued assistant in the labors of developing the home place, until his marriage at the age of twenty-six years) when he began farming "on his own" as a renter. Five years later he bought a tract of 115 acres. In 1919 he bought the old CULL home place of 126 acres, but in 1921 sold thirty-six acres off this tract, leaving him now a total of about 200 acres, besides which he owns a dwelling house at Ft. Recovery, (Mercer County, Ohio) which he built in 1920, and other property interests. Mr. CULL's farm is well improved and his operations are carried on in up-to-date fashion. In addition to his general farming operations he gives considerable attention to the raising of livestock and is doing well. He is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church at Salamonia. On September 28, 1893, George F. CULL was united in marriage to Anna LEONHARD, of this county, and to this union five children have been born, all of whom are living save Howard G., who died at the age of two years and three months, the others being: Herman, John, Russell and Maurice, the two last named still being in school, Russell being a member of the junior high school, class of 1923. Herman CULL, a veteran of the World war, now farming in Noble township, married Inez THEURER and has one child, a son, Harold E. It was in September, 1918, that Herman CULL enlisted his services for the World war. He was sent to Ft. Benjamin Harrison, where he was honorably discharged in December of the same year, the war then being over. John CULL, who also is farming in Noble township, married Lura MITCHELL and has one child, a son, Robert. Mrs. Anna

CULL was born in Noble township and received her schooling in the Davis school (district No. 5). She is a daughter of John P. and Christina (THEURER) LEONHARD, the latter of whom was born in Marion county, Ohio. John P. LEONHARD was born in Wittenberg, Germany, and was twelve years of age when he came to this country with his parents, the family proceeding on out into Indiana and locating in Jay county. John P. LEONHARD grew to manhood here and after his marriage began farming on a rented farm. Not long afterward, however, he bought a tract of sixty acres in Noble township and there established his home. As his affairs prospered he added to his land holdings until at the time of his death he was the owner of 348 acres and was accounted one of the substantial citizens of that part of the county. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, those besides Mrs. CULL being Jacob, John, Christian, William, George, Henry, Mrs. Emma HALEY, Mrs. Elizabeth BOISLEY (deceased), Mrs. Harriet YOUNG (deceased) and Daniel (deceased). SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, pp.266-267. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut.