

CUPP, PERRY

Perry CUPP, one of Jay County's best known and most substantial farmers and landowners, formerly and for years a member of the teaching staff of the public schools of this county, proprietor of an excellent farm in Pike township and for years devoted to the best interests of that township as well as of the county at large, was born on the place on which he is now living and has lived there practically all his life, the exception being a period of three or four years during the days of his young manhood when he was farming another place in that same neighborhood. Mr. CUPP was born on March 8, 1863, and is a son of Jacob H. and Eleanor (BOPE) CUPP, both natives of Ohio and the latter of who is still living, now in her eighty-second year, making her home with her son Perry. Jacob H. CUPP was born in Perry county, Ohio, August 28, 1836, and was a son of David and Catherine CUPP, who had settled in that, county upon moving over from Virginia. David CUPP, who was a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, was a saw-mill man, who after operating a mill for some years in Perry county moved to Fairfield county (Ohio), where he became engaged in milling and also became a farmer and landowner and there spent the remainder of his life. Jacob H. CUPP was but a lad when he moved with his parents from Perry county to Fairfield county in the early '40s and in the schools of the latter county he completed his schooling, growing up well trained in the ways of the farm and the mill. On November 1, 1860, he was united in marriage to Eleanor BOPE, who was born in Fairfield County on April 17, 1840, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (BURY) BOPE, and immediately thereafter came with his bride over into Indiana and settled on a tract of eighty acres of un-cleared land in Pike township, this county, which he had bought prior to his removal here. On that place he put up a log cabin which served as a place of residence until he was able to erect a more substantial and commodious dwelling and settled down to the task of clearing and improving the place, in time having a well improved farm. On that place he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on July 11, 1895, he then being in his fifty-ninth year and his widow is still living there. To them were born two children, the subject of this sketch having- had a sister, Clara A., born on September 6, 1861, who died on April 20, 1901. Reared on the place on which he was born, Perry CUPP received his elementary schooling in the Bluff Point school and grew up familiar with the details of farm life. He completed his schooling- by attending one term at the Portland high school and in the old Portland Normal School and began teaching in the schools of his home township, a vocation he

continued during the winters for eight years, meanwhile continuing his work on the farm during the summers. Mr. CUPP married when twenty-seven years of age and then began farming on his own account on an "eighty" one mile north of Bluff Point. Three years later, upon the death of his father, he returned to the old home place and has since resided there, he and his wife and his mother being very comfortably situated. Mr. CUPP has been successful in his farming operations and is now the owner of a fine farm of 245 acres, besides which he continues to look after the operation, of his mother's "eighty." He has a well-equipped farm plant and in addition to his general farming has long given considerable attention to the raising of livestock. He is a Republican and has ever taken a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs, as well as in all movements having to do with the elevation of the general standards of living hereabout, but has not been a seeker after public office. Perry CUPP has been thrice married. On December 31, 1891, he was united in marriage to Cora L. DARBY, who also was born in Pike township, a daughter of Silas H. and Laura L. (STRATTON) DARBY, and to this union one child was born, a son, Errol D., who died on August 7, 1894, at the age of one year, eight months and fourteen days. Just one month later, lacking a day, the mother of this infant died she then being in her twenty-third year. On December 31, 1905, Mr. CUPP married Erma EVANS, who died on June 1, 1907, leaving an infant child, a son, Donald. On October 26, 1917, Mr. CUPP married Mary STRATTON, who was born in Texas. The CUPP's have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 12 out of Portland and their latch string is always out to their friends. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, pp.398-399. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut.