

CURRENT, WATSON C

Watson C. CURRENT, one of Richland township's well known agriculturists and stockmen and widely recognized as one of the leading breeders of pure bred Duroc hogs in this section, is a native son of Jay county and has lived here all his life. Mr. CURRENT was born on a farm in Richland township on September 13, 1884, and is a son of William and Emaline (BELL) CURRENT, the latter of whom is still living. The late William CURRENT, who died at his home in Richland township in 1914, was born in Henry county, this state, and came to Jay county with his parents in the days of his childhood. He became a successful farmer here, the owner of 300 acres of land, and also for years was one of the leading figures in the work of developing the local oil and gas field. He and his wife were the parents of six children, all of whom are living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Jessie F., J. Russell, George D., Agnes A. and Cora B. Reared on the home farm in Richland township, Watson C. CURRENT received his schooling in the Halfway school house and remained at home assisting in the labors of the farm until his marriage at the age of twenty-three years, when he went to Portland and became engaged as a salesman in the store of the Fulton Hardware Company. Three years later he moved to Redkey and for six months thereafter was engaged as a clerk in the hardware store of the Williamson Bros. He then passed the civil service examination for railway mail clerks and was engaged as a railway mail clerk for two years, at the end of which time he returned to the home farm and resumed farming, for seven years thereafter taking care of 160 acres of the place. At present Mr. CURRENT is farming eighty acres which he bought in January, 1922, and is devoting his attention largely to his livestock interests, with particular attention to the breeding of pure bred Duroc hogs for breeding purposes, and clears out from 150 to 160 head a year, his sales attracting much attention among discriminating stockmen throughout this section of the state and over in Ohio. Mr. CURRENT conducts a public sale of his stock each fall. It was on October 23, 1907, that Watson C. CURRENT was united in marriage to Bessie M. WISE, who was born in the neighboring county of Randolph, daughter of George and Carrie (MAY) WISE, and to this union three children have been born, Lucene W., who is now attending Halfway school, William G. and Carolyn Louise. Mr. and Mrs. CURRENT are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Redkey and Mr. CURRENT has been a member of the board of stewards of the same for the past six years or more. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co.,

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