

JOHN DETAMORE is one of the representative business men of Portland. He deals exclusively in live stock and is proprietor of the meat market on the east side of Meridian street. He came to Portland in 1883, and is now the principal stock dealer of the place. He was born in Preble County, Ohio, October 24, 1843, a son of Joseph and Barbara (Moots) Detamore, his father a native of Virginia, and his mother of Germany, her father, Peter Moots, coming to American when she was eleven years old, and setting in Preble County. In 1855 Joseph Detamore moved with his family to Jay County, Indiana, and settled on a farm on section 23, Greene Township, where the father died in June 1873. The mother now lives with her son in Portland. They had a family of five children, two sons and three daughters. One son, Samuel, died in 1869, aged nineteen years. A daughter, Mary Ann, is also deceased. The eldest of the family, Mrs. Elizabeth Reyburn lives in Miami County, Indiana; and Christianna is the wife of Ira Butcher, of Portland. John is the only son living. He was twelve years of age when her parents moved to Jay County, and was here reared, remaining at home until he enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in the fall of 1864. He was assigned to Company F, One hundred and Fortieth Indiana Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was with General Thomas in the Nashville campaign, and was at Raleigh, North Carolina, when the war closed. After the war he engaged in farming until 1883, when he moved to Portland, and still owns a fine farm in Greene Township, which included a part of his father's homestead.

He was married in Portland to Mary Jane Kinsey, a daughter of Henry Kinsey, an old settler of Jay County, and they have two sons - Charles Grant, and William Henry. They have lost two daughters - Flora Isabel and Luella Clark.

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### **DETAMORE, John**

John DETAMORE, the veteran livestock dealer at Portland and one of the best known men in this section of Indiana, is a "Buckeye" by birth, but has been a resident of Indiana and of Jay county since the days of his childhood. Mr. DETAMORE was born in Preble county, Ohio, October 24, 1843, and is a son of Joseph and Barbara ( MOOTS ) DETAMORE who became pioneers of Greene township, this county, and in whose honor the traction station of the Muncie& Portland branch of the Union Traction Company of Indiana, just southwest of Portland was given its name of DETAMORE. Joseph DETAMORE was a Virginian, born in Rockingham county on December 25, 1810, who had gone to Ohio as a young man and in Preble County, had married Barbara MOOTS, who was born in the kingdom of Wurttemberg, July 25, 1820. After his marriage he remained in Preble county until 1857, when he came over into Indiana with

his family and bought a tract of 104 acres in Greene township, this county, this tract formerly having been included in the Indian reservation which covered two sections of that part of the county. On that tract he established his new home and reared his family, he and his wife spending the remainder of their lives there, helpful and influential residents of that community. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch alone survives, the others having been Elizabeth M., born on November 18, 1839; Christina, June 30, 1841; Samuel, May 25, 1850, and Mary Ann, December 28, 1845.

John DETAMORE was twelve years of age when he came with his parents over here from Preble county and he took an active part in clearing the forest tract on which his father had located, hence he has many vivid recollections of pioneer conditions in that part of the county. He completed his schooling in old Liber College and as a young man gave his attention to the buying and selling of livestock, a business he thus has followed all his active life. For some time he carried on his operations from a farm of 145 acres which he had bought in Greene township, which he sold and later bought another of 100 acres, but years ago made his headquarters and shipping point at Portland, where he has long carried on a quite extensive business, shipping annually about 1,500 cattle, 10,000 hogs and such sheep as are brought in, the most of this stock going to the Buffalo market. Mr. DETAMORE is a Republican and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

John DETAMORE was united in marriage to Mary Jane KINSEY, who was born in Greene township this county October 19, 1848, daughter of Henry KINSEY and wife, pioneers of that section, and who died on September 29, 1915. To that union were born six children, of whom but three survive, these being, Charles DETAMORE, who married Ethel HUDSON and has three children, Anna Mary, Robert J. and Edward C.; Harry DETAMORE, who married Frances BRYSON and has one child, a daughter, Jane S., and William H. DETAMORE, who married Catherine KELLY and has two children, John and Margaret Jane. Though nearing the octogenarian stage of his career, Mr. DETAMORE is hale and hearty, vigorous in his activities, and continues to maintain a lively and progressive interest in affairs generally.

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