

DUGAN, WILLIAM H

William H. DUGAN, who is the proprietor of an excellent farm in Greene township and a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 1 out of Portland, where he has resided for years, is a native son of Jay county and has lived here all his life. Mr. DUGAN was born on a farm in Greene Township on May 1, 1858, and is a son of James and Julia Ann (STEPHENS) DUGAN, who were members of pioneer families in this county. James DUGAN was born in Licking county, Ohio, and was seven years of age when his parents, James DUGAN and wife, came with their family to Indiana and settled on an un-cleared "eighty" In Greene township, this county, where they established their home and spent the remainder of their lives, having been among the earliest settlers of that part of the county. The younger James DUGAN grew up on that pioneer farm and after his marriage to Julia Ann STEPHENS became a farmer on his own account and the owner of a well-kept farm of eighty acres in Greene township. He and his wife had nine children, five of whom are living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Alex and John, and two sisters, Margaret and Ida. Reared on the old home farm in Greene township, William H. DUGAN received his schooling in the schools of that township and of Jefferson township and as a young man was engaged in farming with his father. He married when twenty-three years of age and then bought a tract of eighteen acres from his father and built a home on that tract. Presently he sold that place to advantage and bought seventy-three acres of the place on which he is now living and has resided there ever since, having increased his holdings there to 139 acres, which he has improved in admirable shape. In addition to his general farming Mr. DUGAN gives considerable attention to the raising of livestock and is doing well. He is a Democrat and gives proper attention to local civic affairs but has not been a seeker after public office. It was on October 30, 1881, that William H. DUGAN was united in marriage to Sarah E. PETERSON, who also is a member of one of the old families in Greene township, and to this union four children have been born, two of whom, Charles and Fern, are living. Charles DUGAN married Echo SILVERS and has two children, William and Jay. Fern DUGAN married Charles STOLTZ and has two children, Harold and Glenier. Mrs. DUGAN was born in Greene township and is a daughter of John and Jane (WHALEY) PETERSON, both of whom were born in Ohio but who came to Jay county with their respective parents in the days of their childhood and were here reared. After his marriage John PETERSON began farming here on his own account and was a farmer the remainder of his life. He was twice

married and by his first wife, Jane WHALEY, had three children, those besides Mrs. DUGAN being James and Joseph PETERSON. Following the death of the mother of these children John PETERSON married Ellen NOREGON and to that union one child was born, a daughter, Ola. The DUGAN's have a pleasant home on their farm and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, pp.443-444. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut.