

Jacob H. DULL, former trustee of Jefferson township and one of the best known and most substantial farmers of that township, proprietor of an excellent farm on rural mail route No. 2 out of Redkey, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Indiana since the days of his childhood and of Jay county long enough to give him grounds for feeling "perfectly at home" here. Mr. Dull was born on a farm in Darke county, Ohio, February 9, 1865, and is a son of Martin and Mahalia (HINSEY) DULL, who later became residents of Randolph county, this state. Martin DULL was born in Randolph County, a member of one of the pioneer families in that section of Indiana, and there grew to manhood. As a young man he went over into Darke County, Ohio, to work as a farmer, and after his marriage rented a farm in that county and lived there for ten years, at the end of which time he returned to Randolph County and bought a farm of 120 acres on which he established his home. Two years later he sold that tract and bought a farm of 154 acres in Greene Township, in that same county, and on this latter place made his home until his retirement from the farm and removal to Redkey, where his last days were spent. Martin DULL and wife were the parents of twelve children, all of whom are living save one son, Oscar, the others, besides the subject of this sketch, being Levi, Dora, Elizabeth, Mahalia, Samuel, Charles A., John M., Edward L., Earl and William R. Jacob H. DULL was but a lad when his parents moved from Darke county, Ohio, to Randolph county and in the schools of this latter county he received his schooling. He remained at home, a valued assistant to his father in the labors of the home farm, until his marriage at the age of twenty-one, when he rented a farm owned by his father and started farming on his own account. Six years later he came up into Jay county and bought a farm of seventy-five acres in Jefferson township, a part of the place on which he is now living, and has since resided there. Since taking possession of that place Mr. DULL has made numerous substantial improvements on the farm and has increased his land holdings until now he is the owner of 187 acres and has one of the best farm plants in the neighborhood. Mr. DULL is a Republican and has for years taken an active interest in local civic affairs. For six years he served as trustee of Jefferson township and it was during this incumbency that the handsome township consolidated school was erected at New Mt. Pleasant, Mr. DULL having long been an ardent supporter of the movement to consolidate the district schools in one efficient central school, a movement the soundness of which has been effectively proved in this instance. On September 25, 1886, Jacob H. DULL was united in marriage to Jennie WHITACRE, daughter of Newton and Catherine (BALES) WHITACRE and a member of the pioneer WHITACRE family of this county, and to this union five children have been born, Arlie, Irma, Ray, Irvin and Cleitus, the two former of whom are married. Arlie DULL married Elva ROGERS and has two children, Roger A. and Elizabeth Jane. Irma DULL married Jay PARIS and has three children, Sarah Gwendolyn, Alice Louise and Jacob R. Mr. and Mrs. DULL are members of the Christian church at Powers and Mr. DULL is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Ridgeville. The DULL's have a pleasant farm home and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

