

FENTERS, OTIS CLARENCE

Otis Clarence FENTERS, of the firm of Mills & Fenters, dealers in and shippers of livestock, at Pennville, and one of the best known stockmen in Jay county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. Mr. FENTERS was born on a farm in the vicinity of New Corydon, in Wabash township, December 25, 1888, and is a son of William and Clara (WOODROW) FENTERS, both of whom were born in Ohio, the former born in 1848 and the latter in 1856, and who are now living at New Corydon. William FENTERS grew up in his native Ohio and was married in Darke county. For some time after his marriage he continued to make his home there and then came over into Jay county and established his home on a farm in Wabash township, where he resided until his retirement and removal to New Corydon. He and his wife have four children, the Subject of this sketch having three sisters, Mrs. Mollie BUTCHER, Mrs. Martha MUTH and Mrs. Myrtle BUCKINGHAM. Reared on the home farm, Otis C. FENTERS received his schooling in the New Corydon schools and as a young man became engaged in the retail meat business at New Corydon and remained there for four or five years, at the end of which time, in 1908, the year following his marriage, he moved to Pennville and. opened there a retail meat market. For ten years Mr. FENTERS continued thus engaged, building up quite a business, and meanwhile became widely known hereabout as a judicious judge of livestock and a prudent buyer. In 1918 he formed his present connection as a member of the firm of Mills & Fenters and has since devoted his attention to the buying and selling of livestock, the firm's shipping point being Redkey. Mr. FENTERS is a Freemason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with the blue lodge at Pennville and the temple at Ft. Wayne. He is "independent" in his political views and he and his wife are members of the Christian church. It was on February 18, 1907, while living at New Corydon, that Otis C. FENTERS was united in marriage to Edith MUTH, who also was born in Wabash township, a daughter of Charles and Katherine (MARTIN) MUTH, both members of pioneer families in that part of the county, and to this union six children have been born, Robert, James, Sydona, Charles, Ruth and Esther. The FENTERS have a pleasant home at Pennville and take an interested part in ail proper social activities.

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