

FLAUDING, C OSCAR

C. Oscar FLAUDING, one of Jackson township's well known and progressive young farmers and landowners, is a native son of Jay county and has lived here all his life. Mr. FLAUDING was born on a farm in Bearcreek township, November 17, 1890, and is the son and only child of John V. and Jane Elizabeth (KESSLER) FLAUDING, the latter of whom was born in that same township, April 2, 1847, a daughter of Harmon and Sarah KESSLER, pioneers of that section of the county. The late John V. FLAUDING, who became one of Jay county's large landowners, was an European by birth but had been a resident of this country since he was fifteen years of age. He was born in the kingdom of Saxony, September 18, 1838, and was the only son of George A. and Barbara (SMITH) FLAUDING, who came to America in 1854 and settled at Buffalo, N. Y. In this city John V. FLAUDING grew to manhood. In 1860, not long after attaining his majority, he married. In 1866 he came to Indiana with his family and located on a farm of seventy-eight acres of timber land he had bought in Bearcreek township, this county. He proceeded to clear that land and make a farm. He was a good farmer and as his affairs prospered he added to his holdings until he became the owner of 500 acres of land in this county and was accounted one of its most substantial citizens. Mr. FLAUDING's parents accompanied him here in 1866 and both spent their last days here, his mother dying in the fall of 1874 and his father in the summer of 1877 and both are buried in Bloomfield cemetery. John V. FLAUDING also spent his last days here, his death occurring in 1909. He was twice married. His first wife, Julia Ann SOLOMON, whom he married in Buffalo, died in this county in the summer of 1880. To that union ten children were born. On September 18, 1883, John V. FLAUDING married Jane Elizabeth KESSLER, of this county, who died on February 14, 1913. C. Oscar FLAUDING, the only child of this latter union, grew to manhood on the home farm in Bearcreek township and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools; he was eighteen years of age when his father died. He married at the age of twenty and not long afterward took charge of the home place, farming it in behalf of the other heirs until final distribution of the estate was made. In this distribution he came in for a tract of forty acres in Jackson township, a part of the farm on which he is now living, and established his home there. Since then he has made numerous important improvements to the place and has bought an adjacent tract of sixty-nine acres, which he likewise has improved, and thus has an excellent farm plant. In addition to his general farming Mr. FLAUDING has given considerable attention to the raising of livestock and has done well. It was on Washington's birthday, in 1911, that C. Oscar FLAUDING was united in marriage to Bertha DILLAVOU, who was born in this county, daughter of William and Rosa DILLAVOU, of Bearcreek township, and to this union two children have been born, Grover William and Rosa Jane. The FLAUDING's have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 3 out of Bryant and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live. Mr. and Mrs. FLAUDING are members of the Sardinia Christian church and are Republicans.

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