

## FRANKS, HARVEY

Harvey FRANKS, a well-known and substantial farmer and landowner of Madison township, proprietor of a well-kept and well improved farm on rural mail route No. 1 out of Union City, Ind., is a native son of Jay county and has lived here all his life. Mr. FRANKS was born on a farm in Noble township on October 20, 1855, and is a son of Chris and Sarah ( MINNICH ) FRANKS, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, where they were married. In the early '40s they moved to Ohio and settled in the Greenville neighborhood, but not long afterward left there and came over into Indiana. Chris FRANKS entered a tract of 120 acres of land in Noble township, this county, paying the Government \$1.25 an acre for the same, and there established his home and proceeded to make a farm out of the place. There he spent the remainder of his life and got a good piece of property around him, coming to be the owner of 240 acres. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, of whom four are still living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Mrs. Sarah A. WEAVER and Mrs. Harriet V. HARTZELL, and a brother, Andrew J. FRANKS. The eldest brother, William FRANKS, died while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war. The other children of this family were Samuel, Henry, Caroline, John J., Leonard, Levi and Mrs. Margaret TULLIS. Reared on the pioneer home farm in Noble township, Harvey FRANKS received his schooling in the old Premer school (a log school house) in that neighborhood and from the days of his boyhood was a helpful factor in the labors of developing the farm. He married in his twenty-first year and then began farming for himself on a tract of forty acres in Wayne township which he had secured in a trade for his share in the home place and there remained for about twenty-five years, meantime clearing all but six acres which he left for a wood lot. In 1899 Mr. FRANKS bought the farm of eighty acres on which he is now living in Madison township and moved to this latter place, selling his Wayne township farm in the following year. In 1911 he retired from the farm and moved to Salamonia, where he remained for five years, at the end of which time he returned to his farm and resumed management of the same and has since then been engaged in directing affairs there. Mr. FRANKS has erected on this place since taking possession of it a whole new set of buildings and has made other up-to-date improvements, now having a very well equipped farm plant, and he and his wife are very comfortably situated. It was on July 30, 1876, that Harvey FRANKS was united in marriage to Nancy E. FENTON, who had then been a resident of this county for four or five years. Mrs. FRANKS was born in Preble county, Ohio, November 27, 1857, and was about seventeen years of age when she came to Indiana with her parents, Stacey and Susanna ( NEARON ) FENTON, who settled in this county. Stacey FENTON was a substantial farmer and he and his wife were the parents of eight children, five of whom are still living, Mrs. FRANKS having a sister, Mrs. Olive A. PORTER, and three brothers, James, Isaac J. and Roy FENTON.

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