

Edgar FREEMYER, one of the best known and most progressive farmers and stockmen of Jay county and proprietor of an admirably equipped farm plant in Bearcreek township, where he makes his home, is a native son of Jay county and has lived here all his life. Mr. FREEMYER was born on a farm in Wayne township on June 24, 1872, and is a son of William H. and Elizabeth (ILIFF) FREEMYER, both of whom were born in this county, the former in Noble township and the latter in Bearcreek township. William FREEMYER, the owner of a farm of 160 acres in Wayne township and who for years was successfully engaged in farming and stock raising, retired from the farm in 1911 and is now living at Portland. To him and his wife seven children were born. Of these three are living, the subject of this sketch having a sister Jennie M., and a brother Fred O. FREEMYER.

Reared on the home farm in Wayne township, Edgar FREEMYER received his schooling in the Hanlin school and remained at home assisting in the labors of the farm until his marriage at the age of twenty-two years, after which he began farming on his own account, renting a farm of eighty acres. For six years he continued to rent land, his greatest acreage during that time being 220 acres, and he then bought an "eighty" in Bearcreek township. He kept this place but six months, at the end of which time he sold it and bought eighty acres of the tract which he now owns in that same township and has since resided on this latter place, meanwhile having enlarged his holdings to 200 acres. Since taking possession of this place Mr. FREEMYER has erected an entirely new set of buildings, including a modern dwelling fully equipped with modern appliances of water and electric light and a barn 72 by 46 feet in dimensions. He has his farm plant fully lighted by means of a Delco plant and a gas well on the place gives him an ample fuel supply. In addition to his general farming Mr. FREEMYER has long given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, feeding out about fifty head of hogs and twenty head of cattle a year, and is doing well. He is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Westchester United Brethren church.

On December 27, 1894, Edgar FREEMYER was united in marriage to Laura MONTGOMERY, who was born in Bearcreek township, daughter of George G. and Sarah (GRIFFITH) MONTGOMERY, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Wilma, who married Vernon HALEY, a farmer of Bearcreek township, and has two children, daughters both, Sarah L. and Mary E. The FREEMYER's have a delightful home on rural mail route No. 11 out of Portland and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

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