

GASKILL, GUY

Guy GASKILL, a well-known and progressive young farmer of Penn township and proprietor of a well improved farm on rural mail route No. 4 out of Bryant, was born in the neighboring county of Wells but has been a resident of Jay county practically all the time since he was six years of age, the exception having been a period of two years during which he was sojourning in the West. Mr. GASKILL was born on September 14, 1885, and is a son of James and Harriet (SUTTON) GASKILL, the latter of whom is a member of one of the old families of Jay county. James GASKILL was born in the vicinity of New Holland, Ohio, and was reared in that state. As a young man he came to Indiana and located in Penn township, this county, where he presently was married, afterward moving to Wells county, where he established his home on a farm and remained until 1891, when he returned to Jay county and rented the old SUTTON homestead farm. Not long afterward, however, he bought a tract of eighty acres and settled down on his own place. He and his wife have five children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Walter, Orlie, Ethel and Charles.

As is noted above, Guy GASKILL was six years of age when his parents returned to Jay county from Wells county and he received his schooling in the schools of this county. As a young man he went West on a general prospecting trip and was for two years engaged working on a horse ranch in Montana. Upon his return to Jay county he resumed farm work and presently was married, after which he bought an eighty acre farm in Jackson township on which he lived for two years, at the end of which time he traded that place for a general store at Nottingham and was for eighteen months engaged in business there. He then traded the store for a farm in Michigan and returned to Jay county and settled down on the place on which he is now living in Penn township. Mr. GASKILL has a well improved farm of eighty acres and is doing well in his operations, giving particular attention to the raising of purebred Chester White hogs. He rents an adjacent "eighty" and thus is operating 160 acres, carrying on his operations in up-to-date fashion.

Guy GASKILL married Eva CAMPBELL, daughter of Alonzo and Harriet (BRANER) CAMPBELL and to this union one child has been born, Vivian GASKILL. Mr. and Mrs. GASKILL are members of the Friends church and are Democrats. They have a very pleasant home and take an interested part in the community's general social activities.

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