

## GEETING, WILLIAM W

William W. GEETING, former assessor of Madison township and for years recognized as one of the substantial and influential farmers and landowners of that township, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Jay county long enough to cause him to feel "perfectly at home" here. Mr. GEETING was born on a farm in Preble county, Ohio, May 5, 1860, and is a son of Adam L. and Mary (HICKSON) GEETING, both of whom were born in that same county, where they were reared and married. Adam L. GEETING was reared on a farm in Preble county and after his marriage established his home there. After the death of his parents he bought eighty acres of the home place and operated the same for ten years, at the end of which time he sold it to a brother and then came over into Jay county and bought an "eighty" in Bearcreek township. Here he made his home for three years, at the end of which time he traded this place for an "eighty" in Preble county and moved back into Ohio. After his wife's death on this latter place he retired from the farm and moved to Lewisburg, Ohio, where his last days were spent. He and his wife were the parents of six children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Laura, and a brother, Samuel GEETING.

Reared on the farm, William W. GEETING received his schooling in the schools of Winchester, Ohio, and from the days of his boyhood has been devoted to farming. When about twenty years of age he began farming on his own account, renting a farm of 160 acres from his cousin, John GEETING, in Preble county for three years. He then came over into Indiana and for a year rented 180 acres in Randolph county. He then went back to Ohio and rented from his uncle, Isaac HETSLER, a 200-acre farm in Darke county. There, at the age of twenty-five, he married and for nineteen years thereafter made his home on this farm. He then bought a quarter section of the farm on which he is now living in Madison township, this county, and moved over here and established his home. Since taking possession of that place Mr. GEETING has made numerous up-to-date improvements on the same and also has enlarged his holdings until he now is the owner of a fine farm of 210 acres and one of the best farm plants in the neighborhood. Of late he has been "taking things easy," at least easier than during the earlier years of his farm life, and is renting his fields to his sons, who are carrying on the operations of the farm in "snappy" fashion. Mr. GEETING is a Republican and has long given his active attention to local civic affairs. For six years he served as assessor of his home township, and there are few men in the county who have a more definite knowledge of land values hereabout than he.

It was on March 12, 1885, that William W. GEETING was united in marriage, in Darke county, Ohio, to Tracie HUMMEL, who was born and reared in that county, daughter of Sebastian and Anna HUMMEL, and to this union have been born seven children, Albert, Ona, Nora, Charles, Clyde, Eva and Anna, two of whom, Albert and Nora, are married, the others continuing to make their home under the old home roof. Albert GEETING, who is now looking after the affairs of his father's farm, married Nora KUDER and has four children; Vernie, Ralph, Robert and Mary J. Nora GEETING married Clyde CROXTON, now a

professor in the University of Illinois at Urbana, and have one child, a daughter, Mildred CROXTON. The GEETING's have a pleasant home on rural mail route No.10 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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