

## **IRELAND, William M**

William M. IRELAND, one of Jackson township's well known and progressive farmers and landowners, is a native of Kansas but has been a resident of Jay county since the days of his boyhood. Mr. IRELAND was born on a homestead farm on the plains of Kansas on April 15, 1870, and is a son of Jacob and Martha (D'CAMP) IRELAND, both of whom were born in Ohio. Jacob IRELAND, an honored veteran of the Civil war, now living retired on his farm in Jackson township, this county, and of whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this work, was married shortly after his return from the army and then went to Kansas and homesteaded a farm, where he remained until the late '70s when he came back to Ohio and from there on over into Indiana and traded his Kansas homestead place for a farm in Jackson township, this county, and has ever since been a resident of this county, now living retired in his eighty-third year. To him and his wife were born five sons, the subject of this sketch having four brothers, Edgar, Albert, Charles and John IRELAND, all of whom reside in this county.

William M. IRELAND was nine years of age when he came to Jay county with his parents and he was reared on a farm here in Jackson township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He married at the age of twenty-two and began farming on his own account, renting a part of his father's farm, but a year or two later moved over into Bearcreek township and rented a farm of 160 acres there. A year later he moved, back into Jackson township and rented a farm of 120 acres there and established his home. Eight years later he bought an "eighty" of this place and has continued to reside there, in the meantime having made numerous substantial improvements on the place and now has an admirable farm plant. Mr. and Mrs. IRELAND are members of the Sugar Grove Methodist Episcopal church and are Republicans.

It was on October 10, 1892, that William M. IRELAND was united in marriage to Alice CHITTUM, who was born in this county, daughter of Joseph and Mahalia (BENNETT) CHITTUM, and to this union eight children have been born, Flossie, Milo, Nellie, Frank, Lena, Ray, Lucille and Reva, the last three of whom are at home with their parents. Flossie IRELAND married Harry HAFFNER, of this county, and has two children, Dorothy and Floyd. Milo IRELAND married Muriel LEWIS and has three children, Bernice, Naomi and Ladema. Nellie IRELAND married Leslie PENSINGER and has two children, a daughter, Maxine, and a son, Don. Frank IRELAND married Zorpha PENSINGER, a sister of Leslie PENSINGER, and has two children, Willard and Catherine, and Lena IRELAND married Ernest SHEWALTER, also of this county, and has one child, a daughter, Wilma.

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