

LUZADDER, GEORGE

George LUZADDER, who died at his home in Richland township more than twenty years ago and whose widow is still living there, very comfortably situated at her pleasant farm home on rural mail route No.1 out of Redkey, was for years one of the substantial and influential farmers of that section of Jay county and at his passing left a good memory. Mr. LUZADDER was a Virginian, born in Taylor county in what since Civil war days has been West .Virginia on March 24, 1839, and was a son of John and Sarah (BOLEY) LUZADDER, both of whom also were born in that section of Virginia. Of the seven children born to John LUZADDER and wife, two William and Nancy are still living. The others, besides the subject of this memorial sketch, were Aaron, Elizabeth, John and Moses.

Reared on a farm, George LUZADDER remained in Virginia until he was twenty years of age, when in 1859 he came to Indiana and became engaged in farm labor in Henry county. Two years later he married there and then began farming on his own account, presently coming to Jay county, where in 1866 he bought his first tract of land, a "forty" in Richland township, and there established his home. In that same year he bought an adjoining "forty" and twelve years later bought an adjacent tract of twenty-five acres, this giving him a farm of 105 acres, which he improved in excellent fashion and brought up to a high state of cultivation. As his affairs prospered Mr. LUZADDER added to his land holdings until he became the owner of 375 acres in Richland and Jefferson townships and was accounted one of the substantial farmers of that section. Mr. LUZADDER was a Democrat and ever gave a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, but was not a seeker after public office. He died at his home in Richland township on March 7, 1898, and his widow is still making her home there, renting her farm.

It was on December 19, 1861, in Henry county, this state, that George LUZADDER was united in marriage to Nancy J. LAKE, who was born in that county, a member of one of the pioneer families there, and had received her schooling in one of the typical log school houses of the time and place. Mrs. LUZADDER's parents, William and Mary (CURRENT) LAKE, were Virginians, born in that section of the Old Dominion now included in West Virginia, and came to Indiana some time after their marriage, driving through with a covered wagon and settling on a tract of forty acres which William LAKE had "entered" in Henry county. When they came to Indiana they had one child. Four others were born in Henry county. Of these children two are still living, Mrs. LUZADDER having a brother, Julius C. LAKE. Those deceased were James E., Jeremiah and Sylvanus. To George and Nancy J. (LAKE) LUZADDER seven children were born, namely: Nettie, Savannah (deceased), John W., Rebecca (deceased), Rosa, Miriam and Minnie (deceased). Nettie LUZADDER married Jerry JENKINS, a farmer of Jefferson township, this county, and has two children. Garnet and LAKE. Savannah LUZADDER, who died on April 4, 1919, married John STEWART, of Richland township, and had five

children, two of whom Lina and Ivy are living, the others having been Carl and Sarah and one who died in infancy. Rebecca LUZADDER, who died in March, 1910, was the wife of Charles SMITH, of Jefferson township. Rosa LUZADDER married George RETTER, a farmer, now living in Wayne county, this state. Miriam LUZADDER married Oscar SMITH, a farmer of Jefferson township, and has had two children, Trevah and Vina, the last named of whom is now deceased. Minnie LUZADDER, who died on December 10, 1899, was the wife of Park BURDEN, of Jefferson township. John W. LUZADDER is unmarried and continues to make his home on the farm.

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