

Adam E. LaFOLLETTE, one of Greene township's well known farmers and landowners, proprietor of a well kept farm on rural mail route No. 1 out of Portland, was born in that township, a member of one of the pioneer families of Jay county, and has lived there all his life. Mr. LaFOLLETTE was born on March 18, 1873, and is a son of Ebenezer and Ellen (ZEIGLER) LaFOLLETTE, both of whom were members of pioneer families in this county. The late Ebenezer LaFOLLETTE was born in Wayne township, this county, a son of William and Nancy (COLLIER) LaFOLLETTE, who had two other children. Ebenezer LaFOLLETTE was reared in Wayne township and from the days of his boyhood was devoted to farming. After his marriage he made his home on a tract of thirty-seven and one-half acres owned by his wife in Greene township and remained there until his retirement from the farm and removal to Redkey. Some years later he moved to Dunkirk and in this latter city spent his last days, his death occurring in February, 1919. He and his wife were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Emma, and a brother, William LaFOLLETTE.

Reared on the home farm in Greene township, Adam E. LaFOLLETTE received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and as a young man assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm. He married when twenty-three years of age and continued to make his home on the home place, his father retiring from the farm about that time. In 1901 Mr. LaFOLLETTE bought the home tract of thirty-seven and one-half acres and since then has increased his holdings until now he owns an excellent farm of 146- ½ acres, which he has improved in admirable fashion and has a well equipped farm plant. Mr. and Mrs. LaFOLLETTE are members of the Christian church at Redkey and are Democrats.

It was on October 26, 1895, that Adam E. LaFOLLETTE was united in marriage to Ruth STEPHEN, who also was born in this county, a daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (CRISSLER) STEPHEN, of Jefferson township, and to this union two children have been born, a son and a daughter, Leon and Constance, the latter of whom married J. A. SMITH and has two children, Jane Margaret and Ruth Ann. Mr. Smith is helping in the operation of the LaFOLLETTE farm. Leon LaFOLLETTE is unmarried and continues to make his home on the farm, associated with his father in the management of the same.

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