

LANGENHORST, FRANK B.

Frank B. LANGENHORST, former trustee of Wabash township and a well-known building contractor and landowner residing in that township, on rural mail route No. 2 out of Celina, Ohio, is a native of the Buckeye state, born on a farm over in the neighboring county of Mercer (in Ohio), but has been a resident of Jay county since the days of his early childhood. Mr. LANGENHORST was born on June 17, 1863, and is a son of Frank and Elizabeth (TOHEL) LANGENHORST, both natives of Germany, the latter of whom, born in Oldenburg, came to America in 1858 in company with a younger brother, the two locating at Dayton, Ohio, where not long afterward she was married. Frank LANGENHORST was born in the vicinity of the city of Berlin and there grew to manhood. In 1852 he came to the United States, making the voyage in an old sail boat which was two days less than six weeks in making the passage. His destination was Cincinnati, where some of his old country friends were then living, and after reaching that city he became engaged in day labor, but not long afterward became engaged in river traffic, making his headquarters at New Orleans, and was for three years thus engaged, working on the steam packets plying the waters of the Mississippi and the Ohio. At the end of this period he returned to Cincinnati and not long afterward went up to Dayton, where he presently was married to Elizabeth TOHEL. Having decided by this time to take up the life of an agriculturist he bought a tract of forty acres in Mercer county, Ohio, and there established his home, but presently became attracted to what was regarded as a better opportunity over on this side of the line and moved over into Jay county, where he bought a tract of fifty acres in Wabash township, the place on which his son Frank is now living, and there settled down to the farming operations which occupied him the remainder of his life. He also was the owner of an adjoining tract of fifty acres in Mercer county and created a good piece of property. Frank LANGENHORST died on February 26, 1892, and his widow survived him for more than eleven years, her death occurring on July 26, 1903. They were the parents of three children, two of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, John LANGENHORST, a carpenter, living over the line in Coldwater, Ohio. The one daughter of this family, Mary, died in 1875 at the age of fourteen years and two days.

Frank B. LANGENHORST was but a child when his parents moved over into Jay county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Wabash township, receiving his schooling in the old Staphon school (district No. 1). As a young man he learned the carpenter trade and presently became a building contractor, a vocation he ever since has followed, giving his particular attention to that line, though maintaining his interest in the operation of the farm, and for years has been widely known hereabout as a builder, much of the carpenter work in that neighborhood having been done under his direction. Mr. LANGENHORST married when twenty-one years of age and continued to make his home on the home place in Wabash township, fifty acres of which he eventually came to own by inheritance. To that he has added by purchase until now he is the owner of an excellent farm of 155 acres, twenty-five acres of which lies in the adjoining county of Mercer, and he thus is a taxpayer in two states. Since 1916 his eldest son, Adam LANGENHORST, has been directing the affairs of the farm, which under Mr. LANGENHORST's direction has been well improved, new and modern buildings giving it the appearance of having one of the best farm plants in the neighborhood. Mr. LANGENHORST is a Democrat and for four years and one month (1900-05) served the public as trustee of Wabash

township. He and his family are members of Holy Trinity Catholic church in Wabash township and he is a member of St. Bonifas court No. 1741, Catholic Order of Foresters, at New Corydon, to the affairs of which he has long given his active attention.

It was on September 15, 1884, that Frank B. LANGENHORST was united in marriage to Frances BUETEL, who was born in this county, and to this union have been born six children, Adam, Joseph, Eva, Gladys, Ambrose and Frederick, all of whom are unmarried and at home with their parents. The LANGENHORST's have a very pleasant home and have ever taken an interested part in the community's general social activities and good works.

Mrs. LANGENHORST was born in Wabash township on November 13, 1862, and is a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (REIMAN) BUETEL, the latter of whom was born in the vicinity of New Reigel, Ohio. Adam BUETEL was born in the Kingdom of Bavaria and there grew to manhood, becoming a skilled shoemaker. In 1854 he came to the United States and located at New Reigel, Ohio, where he established himself as a shoemaker and where he married. He continued to make his home there until the spring of 1859, when he came to Jay county and settled on a farm in Wabash township, where he spent the remainder of his life, becoming the owner of an excellent farm of 100 acres. He and his wife had twelve children, four of whom are still living, Mrs. LANGENHORST having three brothers, Joseph, John and Henry BUETEL.

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