

CHARLES LARE is a native of Jay County, Indiana, and a representative of one of the pioneer families of Jefferson Township, where he was born May 28, 1840. His parents, Peter and Mary (Bost) Lare, were born, reared and married in the State of Pennsylvania, the father born in the city of Philadelphia, his parents being natives of Germany, where they lived until after their marriage. The mother of our subject was of Dutch extraction. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and plied that avocation in Mifflin, Pennsylvania, after his marriage until he came to Jay County, Indiana, in 1835. He came to the county a poor man, having forty acres on section 24, Jefferson Township, at Government entry, having but fifty cents left after paying for his land. His personal property consisted of a horse and wagon, and a few household goods, and with his family, then consisting of his wife and four children, he found shelter under a rudely constructed cabin made of poles and boughs until he had built their primitive log cabin. With strong arms and a stout heart, assisted by his excellent wife, who was one of the bravest and strongest of women, he commenced making a home out of the forest. The first year or two Mr. Lare was obliged to work for early settlers in Randolph County, to earn bread for his family, and the improvement of his homestead was slow, but before many years had passed they had made a good home, and added eighty acres to the original purchase. His wife was the working partner in improving the farm, taking her place in the harvest field, where she was able to bind after the fastest cradler to be found, and also cooked for her family and also the harvest help. They lived to see their land under excellent cultivation and will improved, and to have their children well settled in homes of their own. After a life of great usefulness the father died January 17, 1870, aged seventy-three years. His widow survived him several years, dying at the advanced age of eighty-two years December 29, 1883, in Steuben County, Indiana, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Hannah Kunce. The children born to them are as follows - Jeremiah, who died at the old home in Jefferson Township in his twenty-first year; Catherine, wife of Christian Smith, of De Kalb County; Hannah, wife of John Kunce, of Steuben County; Savilla, wife of William Sanders, of Pike Township, the above mentioned being natives of Pennsylvania; Charles, our subject, the first child born to them in Jay County; Josiah, was a member of the Thirty-ninth Indiana Infantry, in 1861, and died at the old homestead in Jefferson Township, aged twenty-one years; George P is now living in California.

Charles Lare, whose name heads this sketch, was reared at the homestead of his parents, his youth being spent in helping to improve the farm, and in attending the district school. When twenty-one years of age he began life for himself. He was married July 7, 1860, to Miss Eliza J. Bair, a native of Pennsylvania [bottom cut off page]

her marriage living in Jefferson Township, Jay County, a daughter of Samuel T. & Catherine Bair. Her father died at New Mount February 7, 1877, and her mother was afterward married to Jacob Kerns, and is still living in Jefferson Township. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lare five are living - George married Laura Barnes and lives in Jefferson Township; Samuel, Albert, William and Sarah. The two eldest children, William and Mollie, died young. Mr. Lare continued to reside in the vicinity of his birth-place several years after his marriage, where he improved and sold two small farms. He then bought a farm of eighty-six acres on section 12, Jefferson Township, where he lived until the spring of 1883. This place was well improved, and was sold by our subject for \$4,200, and the same year, 1883, he removed to New Mount Pleasant, remaining there almost one year. He then purchased his present homestead, on section 3, Jefferson Township, where he has eighty acres of well improved and well cultivated land. Mr. Lare has worked his own way in life, and by diligence and persevering industry has met with success. After leaving his home he worked more or less at the carpenter's trade for thirteen years, but of late years has devoted his entire attention to his agricultural pursuits. In politics Mr. Lare casts his suffrage with the Democratic party.

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