

JAMES J. LEE, farmer, section 13, Wabash Township, was born in Delaware County, Indiana, the date of his birth being June 27, 1852. His parents Aly and Emeline (Shamley) Lee, were native of Virginia and among the early settlers of Delaware County, Ohio, the mother living in that county until her death, which occurred about the year 1857 or 1858. The father settled in Adams County, Indiana, during the war of the Rebellion, and died in Wabash Township, April 27, 1877. He was three times married, and by his first wife had three children, two sons and one daughter, the subject of this sketch being the eldest child. For his second wife he married Lucinda Ausborn, who died in Delaware County, leaving one child. He was again married to Rachel C. Reed, and to this union were born three sons and three daughters. She still survives her husband, and is residing in Delaware County.

James J. Lee, whose name heads this sketch, was reared in Delaware County and Adams County, Indiana, receiving in his youth the benefits of the common schools. His father being a farmer, he was reared to the same avocation, which he has made his life-work. January 14, 1871, he was married to Miss Mary A. Johnson, who was born in Monroe Township, Adams County, September 25, 1854, a daughter of Benjamin S. Johnson, deceased, who was an old settler of Adams County. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have four children - Carrie A., Lula B., Chancey D. and Clifford A. Mr. Lee has filled several local offices, serving in all to the best interests of his township. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Lee purchased his present farm in Wabash Township in January, 1886, which contains forty acres of choice land.

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