

**THOMAS G. LEWIS**, carpenter, Penn Township, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, October 16, 1833, a son of Enos and Margaret (Grissell) Lewis. He was reared in Jay County, Indiana, where his parents moved when he was a child. In this county he was reared, receiving his education in the subscription school of the early days. When fifteen years old he went to learn the carpenter's trade of his uncle, Insley Lewis, remaining with him two years, and received his board and clothes and \$5 in money for his two years work. In 1851 he went to Henry County, Iowa, and a year and a half later to Muscatine County, remaining there two years working as a journeyman. He then engaged in contracting and building until 1861, when he enlisted October 14, in the defense of Union and liberty and was assigned to Company H. Eleventh Iowa Infantry, Army of the Tennessee. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, where April 6, 1862, he was wounded, and was sent to the new House of Refuge, St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained three months. He then returned to his regiment at Bolivar, Tennessee, and participated in the battle at Corinth, when on account of disability, the result of his wound, he was discharged November 26, 1862. He returned to Iowa, but soon after returned to his home in Jay County, where for three years he was unable to attend to any kind of business. In the summer of 1865 he began work at his trade again. In September, 1865, he went with his brother Joseph to Kansas and Missouri, looking for a place to locate, and for a year and a half spent most of his time in hunting and trapping. In 1866 he located in Butler, Missouri, and engaged in the mercantile business, and worked at his trade until the following December, when he returned to Jay County, and has since been engaged in contracting and building. He also has a fine farm of 100 acres, eighty acres being land entered by his father, which he superintends in addition to working at his trade.

Mr. Lewis was married December 25, 1882, to Ella R. Hunt, a native of Penn Township, daughter of Mahlon and Deborah (Smith) Hunt. They have two children - Luke Monroe, born January 10, 1884, and Donloe Enos, born August 13, 1887. Mr. Lewis is a member of James Cartwright Post, No. 358, G.A.R. In politics he is a Republican.

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