

ISAAC B. LOTZ, farmer, section 11, Madison Twonship, owns 183 acres of well improved land. He was born September ?, 1829, in Meigs County, Ohio, and in 1832 came to Jay County with his parents, who settled on the same section where Isaac now lives. The parents brought to this count the following children - Fidelia S., James G., who died July 5, 1862, leaving a wife and three children - Jeremiah C, Jacob E., Sarah M, Philissa A., Abraham, who died in infancy. The father, Abraham Lotz, was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, and died June 19, 1876, aged eighty years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and received a pension which continued until the mother's death. The mother, Nancy (Carpenter) Lotz, was born in Virginia, and died in August 1882, aged eighty-three years. She was reared in Meigs County, Ohio, and was married in that county. When the family came to this county the father had to cut roads to find his land he had entered. He entered the land where Isaac now lives, at Cincinnati. His family occupied a neighbor's cabin while he built one for himself. The house was 18 by 20 feet and one story in height. The family lived in this first shanty nearly thirty years, and it stood several years after he built the hewed-log house; the latter is still standing and occupied by Henry G. Rickerd, who owns the original farm the father entered. There is only one family living here now that was here when Mr. Lotz'a family came - Hugh Woten's. The father was justice of the peace fifteen years, and also served as commissioner. He sold his farm and purchased a residence at Fort Recovery, where he and his wife passed the remainder of their days.

Our subject helped to build the house where he first attended school. The seats and writing desks were of the most primitive style. He was married July 3, 1856, to Miss Thurza J. McDonald, who was born at Fort Recovery, Ohio, June 28, 1839, and died June 12, 1876, leaving six children - Milton, born October 9, 1857; William L., born September 16, 1859; Rinaldo E., born June 25, 1861; Charles A., born April 9, 1863; Otto P., born June 7, 1866; Nora D., born August 9, 1873; Harry M., born March 29, 1878; Thomas A., born August 17, 1879. [Typed exactly as written.]

Mr. Lotz was again married May 16, 1877, to Mrs. Amelia Marion, widow of Francis Marion, who was born in Ashland County, Ohio, August 14, 1837, and when two years old, came to Fort Recovery, Ohio, where she lived until she was married to Mr. Marion, September 30, 1865. Mr. Marion died in the service of his country during the late war. He left one child - Maude, born July 10, 1866. Harry and Thomas are children of Mr. Lotz's second marriage. Mrs. Lotz is a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Junod) Roop. The father was born in Snyder County, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1807, and is living in Fort Recovery. He is a shoemaker by trade, and has followed it in connection with farming during the greater part of his life. The mother was born in France, coming to America when seven years old. Her family were three months and eleven days in crossing the ocean. They located in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania and lived there until their decease. The mother is four years younger than her husband. She is still living.

March 9 1865, Mr. Lotz enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Indiana Infantry. Upon reaching Winchester he heard of the surrender of General Lee, and was discharged August 5, 1865, and returned home where he has since been engaged in farming. He is also engaged in stock-raising, making a specialty of horses.