

**Osborn LUTES**, an honored veteran of the Civil war and one of the well known and substantial farmers and landowners of Greene township, became a resident of Jay county when fourteen years of age and with the exception of some years spent in Iowa and during the period of his four years of service in the Union army has resided here ever since. Mr. LUTES was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, November 9, 1839, and is thus in his eighty-third year. His parents were Jacob and Mary (HYDE) LUTES, who had two other children, both now deceased. Jacob LUTES was born in the state of Pennsylvania and after his marriage became a farmer and landowner in Coshocton county, Ohio. In 1853 he disposed of his interests there and came over into Indiana with a view of locating permanently in Jay county, but after a couple of years of residence in this county he moved to Iowa. Some years later, however, he returned to Jay county and here spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1870.

Osborn LUTES was fourteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Iowa and his schooling was completed in that state. He was twenty-one years of age when the Civil war broke out in 1861 and he lost little time in offering his services in behalf of the Union cause, going to the front in that same first fateful year of the war as a member of the 9th regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which first got into action at Pea Ridge and from then on until the close of the war was kept in pretty constant action. Mr. LUTES served with this gallant command until the close of the war in 1865 and upon the completion of his military service returned to Jay county and bought a tract of twenty acres in Greene township, a portion of the fine farm of 146 acres he now owns there. Two or three years later he was married, established his home on that place and has ever since resided there. He and his wife are members of the Christian church and have ever taken their part in neighborhood good works as well as in the general social activities of the community in which they have so long resided. Their home is a pleasant one on rural mail route No. 1 out of Portland.

It was on May 24, 1868, that Osborn LUTES was united in marriage to Mary E. BARNES, who was born at Camden (now Pennville), in this county, daughter of Michael and Christina (ENGLE) BARNES, both members of pioneer families here, and to this union ten children were born, four of whom are still living, namely: Ethel, who married Samuel DULL, of this county, and has two children, Virginia and Ira W.; Lottie, who is unmarried and at home with her parents; Charles, who married Ella STITZER and has five children, Paul, Fred, Darwin, Clarence and Dorothy; and Albert M. LUTES, who is unmarried and remains at home carrying on the operations of the farm in his father's behalf. Those deceased were Lula, Mamie, Bertha, Sarah and Emma.

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