

MARKER, JAMES

James MARKER, one of Jay county's well known and substantial farmers and landowners, proprietor of an excellent farm on rural mail route No. 2 out of Pennville, in Penn township, as well as a farm in the neighboring county of Blackford, is a native son of Jay county and has resided here all his life with the exception of about three years during which he was engaged in working in the oil fields of Blackford county. Mr. MARKER was born on a farm in Penn township on December 29, 1879, and is a son of Daniel and Mary (HAVERFIELD) MARKER, both of whom were born in Ohio but had come to Indiana with their respective parents in the days of their youth, the MARKER's settling in Wells county and the HAVERFIELD's in Blackford county. Daniel MARKER, who is now living retired on the old HAVERFIELD place in Blackford county, is a son of Daniel MARKER, Sr., who moved from Ohio with his family in pioneer days and established his home in Wells county, this state. Here the younger Daniel MARKER grew to manhood, well trained in the ways of the farm. After his marriage he bought an "eighty" in Penn township, Jay county, and there established his home. Some years later he sold that place and bought a "forty" in the same township. On this latter place he made his home until his retirement in 1907 and removal to the old HAVERFIELD place in Blackford county, where he is now living. To him and his wife were born four children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Earl, Elva and Pearl.

Reared on the home farm in Penn township, James MARKER received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remained at home helping in the labors of developing the farm until during the height of the oil development work hereabout he went over into Blackford county and was for three years engaged in working in the oil fields there. He then returned to the home farm and was there for some time, or until he rented the place on which he is now living, having married meanwhile, and established his home on that place. After a while he bought the place and has continued to make his home there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. In addition to the fifty and one-half acres Mr. MARKER owns here he also owns a tract of seventy-four and one-half acres in Blackford county and is farming both places. In addition to his general farming he gives considerable attention to the raising of livestock and is doing well. Mr. MARKER is a Democrat and is a member of the Montpelier lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men, in which lodge he has "gone through the chairs" and has represented the lodge in the Great Council of the order in Indiana.

James MARKER married Mary Elizabeth AULT, a daughter of Henry and Rachel AULT, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Thelma Mae, who married Hugh ROMINE. The MARKER's have a pleasant home in Penn township and have ever taken an interested part in home in the community's general social activities.

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