

George C. MAY, one of Greene township's well-known agriculturists and landowners, proprietor of an excellent farm on rural mail route No. 1 out of Portland, is a member of one of the old families of Jay county, his grandfather having settled here in pioneer days. Mr. MAY was born on November 17, 1858, and is a son of Christopher and Mary (STUBER) MAY and the second born of that parentage. There were eight children in this family, seven of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Mary, Carrie, John, Jacob, Robert and Henry. Christopher MAY was of European birth, born in the vicinity of the city of Baden, in the grand duchy of Baden, and was twenty-one years of age when he came to this country with his parents, the family coming on out into Indiana and locating in Noble township, this county. After his marriage Christopher MAY bought a farm of eighty acres in the vicinity of Ft. Recovery, over in Mercer county, Ohio, and remained there until 1881, when he came back into Indiana and bought a quarter section farm in Randolph county. On this latter place he made his home until his retirement from the farm and his last days were spent in the home of his son George in Greene township. During the progress of the Civil war he was drafted into service and served as a soldier of the Union during the last year of the war.

George C. MAY completed his schooling in the schools of Mercer county, Ohio, and from the days of his boyhood was an active assistant to his father in the latter's farm work, being the eldest son. He married at the age of twenty-six and then began farming on his own account, presently buying a forty-acre farm in Greene township, Randolph county. This place he farmed for three years, at the end of which time he disposed of it and moved up into Jay county and for two years thereafter was engaged in farming a rented place in Richland township. He then moved to the eighty-acre farm which he now owns in Greene township and has since resided there. Since taking possession of this place Mr. MAY has made numerous improvements on the place and now has a well-equipped farm plant. In his political views he is a Prohibitionist and he and his wife are members of the Union Methodist Episcopal church.

On February 26, 1885, George C. MAY was united in marriage to Georgetta THORNBURG, who was born in Wayne county, this state, daughter of George C. and Caroline Elizabeth (HATFIELD) THORNBURG, and to this union three children have been born, Goldie V., Everett E. and Flossie, deceased. Goldie V. MAY married Fred FREEMAN, of Portland, and has three sons, Myron G., Raymond E. and George A. Everett E. MAY married Florabelle FREEMAN, a sister of his sister's husband, and has one child, a daughter, Marjorie H. Flossie MAY, who married William HEISTAND, died on November 13, 1910. She was the mother of two children who died in infancy. Mrs. Georgetta MAY is the third in order of birth of the four children born to her parents, the others being Frank R., William A. and Mary. She received her schooling in Randolph county and at Indianapolis.

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