

Jacob P. MAY, a well known farmer and landowner of Jefferson township, this county, was born in the neighboring county of Mercer, over in Ohio, but has been a resident of Jay county for many years and thus feels himself perfectly "at home" here. Mr. MAY was born on August 12, 1865, and is a son of Christian and Mary (STUBER) MAY, who later became residents of Indiana, locating in Randolph county. Christian MAY was an European by birth, a native of the grand duchy of Baden, in Germany, and was twenty-two years of age when he came to America with his father, Kraft MAY, the family proceeding on out into Indiana and settling in Wabash township, this county. Kraft MAY rented a farm here for a while and then moved to Marion, Ohio, where he became engaged working at his trade, that of a cabinet maker, and there spent the remainder of his life. Upon coming to Jay county Christian MAY rented a farm in Wabash township and after his marriage established his home there. Two years later he moved over the line into Mercer county, Ohio, and there bought an eighty acre farm on which he lived for about thirty years, at the end of which time he disposed of his interests there and came back to Indiana, buying a quarter section of land in Greene township, Randolph county, where he made his home for some years, at the end of which time he retired from the farm and moved to Ridgeville. After the death of his wife there he returned to Jay county and made his home here with his son, George C. MAY. To Christian MAY and wife were born seven children, all of whom are living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Mary and Carrie, and four brothers, George C., John E., Robert and Henry MAY.

Jacob P. MAY was fourteen years of age when his parents moved from Mercer county to Randolph county and he grew to manhood on the home farm in the latter county, receiving his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood. He married when twenty-four years of age and then came up into Jay county and rented a farm of eighty acres in Jefferson township, a part of the farm which he now owns. His affairs prospered and he presently bought the "eighty." In time he bought an adjoining "forty" and now has an excellent farm of 120 acres and a well equipped farm plant. The MAY's have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 1 out of Redkey and have ever taken an interested part in the community's general social activities. They are members of the Christian church at Powers and for years Mr. MAY has been an active promoter of the principles of the Prohibition party.

It was on January 28, 1890, that Jacob P. MAY was united in marriage to Elizabeth DULL, who also was born in Ohio, a daughter of Morton and Mahalia DULL, and to this union three children have been born, Virgie, Obed H. and Marietta, the latter of whom is unmarried and at home with her parents. Virgie MAY married Mark BAUGHN and has two children, Bruce and Elva Alice. Obed H. MAY married Lenora STUMP and has one child, a daughter, Wanda Jean.

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