

## McLAUGHLIN, JACOB B.

Jacob B. McLAUGHLIN, formerly and for years a teacher in the schools of this county, but who is now and for some years past has been living on his well-kept farm in Madison township, is a native son of Jay county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has lived in this county all his life. Mr. McLAUGHLIN was born on a farm in Noble township on June 13, 1850, and is a son of William and Rebecca (GRAY) McLAUGHLIN, the latter of whom was born in Gallia county, Ohio, September 17, 1803, a daughter of James and Hannah (CLAYPOOL) GRAY. William McLAUGHLIN was born in Bath county, Virginia, March 23, 1803, and was a son of Hugh and Jane (WILEY) McLAUGHLIN, who later became residents of Meigs county, Ohio. In this latter county William McLAUGHLIN grew to manhood and was there married, September 17, 1833, to Rebecca GRAY. Six years later, in 1839, he came over into Indiana with his wife and the three children that meanwhile had been born to them and settled on an "eighty" he had entered from the Government in Madison township, this county, establishing his home there in a rude log cabin, and entered upon the serious task of making a farm out of the woodland tract. Ten years later, in 1849, he moved with his family to a farm in section 34 of Noble township and there established the home in which he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. He died on July 3, 1872, and his widow survived until in February, 1881. Of the nine children born to this pioneer pair the subject of this sketch was the last born. Three of these children are still living, Jacob B. McLAUGHLIN having two brothers, John McLAUGHLIN, of Portland, and George McLAUGHLIN, of Madison township.

Reared on the home farm in Noble township, Jacob B. McLAUGHLIN supplemented the schooling received in the district school by attendance for five terms at Liber College, and in the fall of 1872 received his first license to teach school, Simeon K. Bell at that time having been county school "examiner." Mr. McLAUGHLIN's first term of school was taught during the winter of 1872-73, and he continued-as a teacher each winter thereafter until in 1883, meantime taking two terms of instruction during the summers in the old Portland Normal School and one term at the normal school at Valparaiso, Ind. During this time he also was carrying on his farm work. In 1883 he retired from the school room and was out for seven years, at the end of which time he resumed teaching and was for six years thereafter thus engaged. Upon the death of his mother in 1881, Mr. McLAUGHLIN inherited a portion of the home acres and he bought a sufficient additional tract to give him possession there of seventy acres, which he farmed for a number of years. He then sold thirty acres of this tract and traded the remaining forty for a livery stable plant in Portland and also bought a dwelling house in Portland. In the follower year he traded the house in on eighty acres of the farm on which he is now living in Madison township, and not long afterward also sold the livery stable, with a view to giving his whole attention to farming and moved to Madison township, where he since has resided. To the original tract of eighty acres in this township Mr. McLAUGHLIN has added by purchase until now he owns an excellent farm of 130 acres which he has improved in up-to-date fashion, and on which he is living practically retired, renting the fields. This farm is located on rural mail route No. 3 out of Ft. Recovery (Ohio). Mr. McLAUGHLIN is a bachelor. He is a Democrat and has ever given his interested attention to local civic affairs, but has not been a seeker of public office.

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