

PETER S. MEREDITH, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Montgomery County, November 5, 1808, a son of David and Rachel (Shoemaker) Meredith. His father was also a native of Pennsylvania, a son of Moses Meredith who came from Wales to America with two brothers, one of whom settled in North Carolina, and the other in New York, and the grandfather of our subject in Pennsylvania. Rachel Shoemaker, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of Peter and Hannah Shoemaker. Our subject was reared on the home farm until sixteen years of age when he went to learn the miller's trade, and after serving his apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman miller until 1835, when he came to Richmond, Indiana, with his father's family. His father purchased land three miles south of Centerville, where they resided several years, when he sold out and settled in Richmond, where the parents remained the rest of their days.

Our subject came to Jay County in an early day, and visited in the family of Samuel Griswell, where he formed the acquaintance of Maria Griswell to whom he was married September 7, 1843. She was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, October 11, 1821, coming to Jay County with her parents when thirteen years old. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith had born to them four children - Esther M., born March 26, 1846, married Andrew K Knuckols, and died November 9, 1865; Hiram G., born at Richmond October 30, 1847, and died April 23, 1848; Samuel G., born in Penn Township, May 29, 1849, married Carrie Smith, and died January 11, 1873, leaving one son, Wilber T. Meredith, and Eva Jane, born August 13, 1863, and died June 13, 1864.

Peter B Meredith continued following the miller's trade at Richmond after his marriage until the fall of 1848, when he removed to Jay County, and settled in Penn Township on a farm which had been entered from the Government by his father-in-law, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He subsequently removed to Pennville where he resided until his death, which occurred October ?, 1876. He was reared a Friend, and died in the faith of that society. In politics he affiliated with the Republican party. He was a member of the Odd Fellows order. He joined the lodge at Richmond, but changed his membership to Pennville. His son, Samuel G., was also a member of the Odd Fellows order; his widow is married and living in West Liberty, Iowa; she is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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