

## MILLER, ALBE D

Albe D. MILLER, a well-known and substantial farmer and landowner of Jay county, proprietor of an excellent farm in Wayne township, where he resides, rural mail route No. 6 out of Portland, is a native son of this county and has resided here all his life. Mr. MILLER was born on a farm in Wayne township on December 3, 1854, and is a son of Daniel and Mary A. (WHIPPLE) MILLER, the latter of whom came to this county from Rhode Island with her brother when twenty-six years of age and was shortly afterward married here. Daniel MILLER was born in Maryland and was thirteen years of age when he came to this county with his parents, the family driving through in a covered wagon and settling on an eighty acre farm which his father had entered from the Government in Wayne township. Here Daniel MILLER grew to manhood and after his marriage established his home on a farm in that same township and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of six children, four of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Amy and Ada, and a brother, Sumner B. MILLER.

Reared on the home farm in Wayne township, Albe D. MILLER completed his schooling by attendance for three terms at old Liber College and remained at home, helpful in the labors of the farm, until his marriage when he bought an "eighty" in Wayne township, a part of the place on which he is now living, and has resided there ever since. Upon taking possession of this place Mr. MILLER entered upon a plan of improvement which in time gave him an admirable place and in 1906 he bought an adjoining tract of 120 acres, thus giving him a farm of 200 acres, which he still is successfully farming, carrying on his operations in up-to-date fashion. In addition to his general farming, Mr. MILLER has long given considerable attention to dairying. He is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Christian church at Salamonia.

Albe D. MILLER has been twice married. In 1885 he was united in marriage to Mary SPENCE, who was born in the neighboring county of Randolph and who died in 1888 leaving one child a daughter, Vera, born on April 13, 1886, who married Harry BERGER, a farmer of Pike township, and has three children, Glenn F., Evelyn and Ralph. On February 22, 1899, Mr. MILLER married Sophia PFIEFFER, who was born in Green Bay, Wis., but who was reared and educated at Madison, Wis., and who came to Jay county in 1898. Mrs. MILLER is a daughter of Anton and Dorothy (GARDNER) PFIEFFER, Europeans, born in the kingdom of Bavaria, who were married there and shortly afterward came to America. Anton PFIEFFER enlisted as a soldier in behalf of the Union cause during the time of the Civil war and at the battle of Gettysburg received a wound which ultimately caused his death. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, one son, Fred, who died at the age of sixty-one years, and six daughters, all of whom are living, Mrs. MILLER having five sisters, Mary, Minnie, Caroline, Emma and Amelia. The MILLER's have a pleasant and hospitable home and have ever done their part in general community service.

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