

Charles NIXON, one of Jefferson township's well known farmers and landowners and proprietor of an excellent farm on rural mail route No. 5 out of Portland, is a member of one of the pioneer families of Jay county, his grandfather, John NIXON, having been one of the original land entrants in Jefferson township, where he established his home upon coming over here from Ohio not long after this county was organized. John NIXON and his wife, the pioneers, were the parents of twelve children, four of whom are still living, and the NIXON connection hereabouts is a considerable one. One of these children, William NIXON, father of the subject of this sketch, was born on that pioneer farm and there grew to manhood. He married Emretta ULLOM and then began farming on his own account, establishing his home on a twenty-acre tract he had bought in his home township. He made a good farm there and as his affairs prospered added to his holdings until he became the owner of 200 acres of land. He and his wife were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Albert NIXON, and a sister, Lurena.

Charles NIXON was born on the NIXON home farm in Jefferson township on December 13, 1872, and there grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued assistant in the labors of developing the home farm and after his marriage at the age of twenty-five years established his home there and has ever since resided on that place, now the owner of ninety acres of excellent land which he has improved in up-to-date fashion. In addition to this tract Mr. NIXON owns another tract of twenty-seven and one-half acres and also farms a tract of twenty-seven and one-half acres owned by his wife in that neighborhood and is doing well in his operations.

It was on September 4, 1898, that Charles NIXON was united in marriage to Cora STEED, who also is a member of one of the old families of Jay county, a daughter of John and Elizabeth STEED, and to this union two children have been born, Fay and Ney. The NIXON's have a pleasant home and take an interested part in the community's social activities. Mr. NIXON is a Democrat and is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Ridgeville.

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