

NUCKOLS, WILLIAM S

William S. NUCKOLS, a well-known and substantial farmer and landowner of Knox township, is a "Buckeye" by birth but has been a resident of Indiana and of Jay county since he was six years of age. Mr. NUCKOLS was born on a farm in Ross county, Ohio, September 29, 1852, and is the son of Lemuel and Mary K. (WILKERSON) NUCKOLS, whose last days were spent in Jay county. Lemuel NUCKOLS was a Virginian by birth and remained in the Old Dominion until he was thirteen years of age, when he went to Ohio and after his marriage settled clown in Ross county, where he was the owner of a farm of seventy-two acres. In 1865 he disposed of his interests there and putting his essential household belongings into a wagon drove through with his family to Indiana and settled on a quarter section of land he had bought in the woods of Knox township, this county. That quarter section was wholly unimproved when he settled there and he put up a house and proceeded to clear the place, in good time bringing it under cultivation, and there he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of four children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Jesse, Elizabeth and James L.

Having been but a child when he came to Jay county with his parents in 1865. William S. NUCKOLS received his schooling in the schools of Knox township and from the days of his boyhood was a helpful factor in the labors of developing the home place. After his marriage he established his home on that place and has continued to reside there, now the owner of the entire farm, a place upon which he has made many substantial improvements. Mr. NUCKOLS is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs.

William S. NUCKOLS has been twice married and by his first wife, who was Lydia WRIGHT, is the father of four children, namely: George, who married Ima ZEIGLER and has seven children; Allie, who married Luther ZEIGLER , a cousin of her brother George's wife, and has two sons; Francis, who married Sarah MAITLEN and has seven children, and Oscar, who married Amy RIDGEWAY and has three children. Following the death of the mother of these children Mr. NUCKOLS married Anna CURRENT, a daughter of James K. P. CURRENT and a member of one of the old families of Jay county.

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