

Rev. Enos W. POLLEY, a venerable clergyman of the Christian church, Disciples of Christ, and proprietor of a well cultivated farm on rural mail route No. 2 out of Pennville, in Penn township, is an Ohioan by birth but has been a resident of this county for many years, having located here two or three years after his entrance upon the gospel ministry a half century or more ago, and there are few men hereabout better known or more highly regarded than he. Mr. POLLEY's ministry has covered a period of more than fifty years and his services have been rendered in this behalf in the counties of Jay, Randolph, Delaware, Adams and Huntington. It was under his ministerial direction that the first church of the Disciples of Christ was erected in Portland. He organized the first congregation of this sect in Bluffton and during his long ministry has been the directing force in the erection of no fewer than thirteen houses of worship. During this time he has enrolled more than 1,600 new communicants in this faith, has married no fewer than 350 couples and has preached as many funeral sermons, a record of service rarely exceeded in the gospel ministry. Many years ago, not long after he took up the work of the ministry in this county, Mr. POLLEY established his home on a farm in Penn township and has built up a valuable piece of property there, his interest in the development of this place having been a useful diversion in his long life of ministerial service.

The Rev. Enos W. POLLEY was born on a farm in Darke county, Ohio, October 27, 1837, and was but four years of age when his parents, David and Anna (SPENCER) POLLEY, the former of whom also was born in Ohio and the latter in Pennsylvania, came over into Indiana with their family and settled in Randolph county. In this latter county Mr. POLLEY grew to manhood and received his early schooling. He early had devoted his life to the gospel ministry and in furtherance of this ambition entered the old Northwestern Christian University, now Butler College, at Indianapolis, where he took the three-year course and was well grounded in theology and the humanities. Following his ordination as a clergyman of the Disciples of Christ he was sent to Bluffton [Wells Co.] Ind., where he organized a congregation of that faith and where he remained for two years, in the meantime preaching as time and occasion warranted in widely separated communities throughout this part of the state, as the pioneer ministers had to do in carrying their message to the settlers. As a consequence of these missionary journeys he was introduced to the congregation of the Christian Disciples church in Penn township, this county, and when a call came to him to accept the pastorate of that congregation he was nothing loth to acceptance of the call, and thus he became a resident of Jay county and has ever since resided here, one of the best loved men in all the country roundabout.

Mr. POLLEY is a Republican and is a member of the Pennville lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Rev. Enos W. POLLEY has been twice married. His first wife, who was Rebecca L. DOWNING, daughter of Dr. Samuel DOWNING, died in September, 1874, leaving two children, Minnie, who married Jesse MIGRANT and has three children, Goethe, Tessie and Rosemond; and Elizabeth, who married George W. SHULL and has four children, Alva, Iona, Charles and Emily. Mr. POLLEY's second wife, Sarah Alice YOUNTS, is a daughter of Andrew YOUNTS. To this second union were born six children, five of whom are living, namely: Lula H., who married Jacob WALTZ and has one child, Vivian; David A., who married Sarah FENNIMORE and has one child, Bonine; John C., who married Ella HARTLEY and has three children, Dorothy, Aileen and Maxine; Cora, who married Roy WILKINS and has two children, Ray and Roy; and Edna, wife of Frank HASKMEYER.

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