

## **PYLE, ABE S**

Abe S. PYLE, one of Knox township's well known and substantial farmers and landowners, is a native son of Jay county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has lived here all his life. Mr. PYLE was born on a farm in Greene township, this county, June 20, 1865, and is a son of Abel K. and Nancy J. (HENRY) PYLE, who were among the early settlers of that township. Abel K. PYLE, a Pennsylvanian by birth, came to Indiana in the days of his young manhood and located in Jay county. He presently bought a tract of fifty-three acres of land in Greene township and after his marriage established his home on that place. There he resided for twenty years, at the end of which time he moved to Jefferson township, where he bought a small tract of land and where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom five are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Robert and George PYLE, and two sisters, Emma and Rebecca.

Reared on the home farm in Greene township, Abe S. PYLE received his meager schooling in the neighborhood schools and from the days of his boyhood was helpful in the labors of the home farm. He did not marry until thirty-five years of age and after his marriage he farmed as a farm hand one year. He then rented land until 1909, when he bought the farm of seventy-five acres on which he is now living in Knox townships and has since resided there. Since taking possession of this place Mr. PYLE has made numerous substantial improvements on the same and now has an excellent farm plant. In addition to his general farming operations he gives considerable attention to the raising of livestock and is doing well. He is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs.

It was in 1900 that Abe S. PYLE was united in marriage to Anna EVANS, who also was born in this county, daughter of John and Francine (RATHBURN) EVANS, and to this union six children have been born, George, Ola, Ethel, Howard, Henry and Lee (deceased). The PYLE's have a pleasant home and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

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