

RARICK, JOHN A.

John A. RARICK, a well-known and substantial farmer and dairyman of Wayne township and owner of a well-kept farm on rural mail route No. 6 out of Portland, is a native son of Jay county and has lived in this county and in the adjacent county of Randolph all his life. Mr. RARICK was born on a farm in Pike township on December 4, 1875, and is a son of Philip and Isabella (KINNEAR) RARICK, the former of whom was born in Darke county, Ohio, and the latter in Randolph county, this state. Philip RARICK was the owner of a quarter of a section of land in Pike township and he and his wife were the parents of five children, all of whom are living, the subject of this sketch having four sisters, Elsie, Rosa, Clara and Cora.

John A. RARICK received his early schooling in Jay county and completed the same in the schools of Randolph county, to which county he moved when he was thirteen years of age. He grew up acquainted with the ways of the farm and in turn became a farmer on his own account. When thirty-three years of age, a couple of years after his marriage. Mr. RARICK came back to Jay county and bought an "eighty" in Noble township. He established his home on that place and remained there for about six years, at the end of which time he sold that farm and bought the eighty-acre tract on which he is now living in Wayne township, just a convenient drive out of Portland. In 1914 Mr. RARICK added to his general farming operations a quite extensive dairy plant and has since then given his special attention to dairying, producing about forty gallons of milk daily for the Portland market. He has improved his place in Wayne township in up-to-date fashion, his house being equipped with bath, furnace, electric light and an air-pressure waterworks system and his dairy barn being "the last word" in adequate and modern equipment along that line, the general farm plant being regarded as one of the best in that neighborhood.

On April II, 1906, John A. RARICK was united in marriage to Josie HANLIN, of Wayne township, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Hazel P., born on February 26, 1907; Mabel M., November 3, 1909, and John O., June 2, 1912, all of whom are attending school at Portland. Mr. and Mrs. RARICK are members of the Friends church at Portland and are Republicans. Mr. RARICK is a member of Omega Lodge No. 281, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Portland. Mrs. RARICK is a member of one of the old families of Jay county. She was born in Wayne township and is a daughter of Anderson J. and Sophia (SHERMAN) HANLIN, who were the parents of five children, all of whom are living, Mrs. RARICK having four brothers, Orland, Charles, Earl and Willis HANLIN. Anderson J. HANLIN was a farmer and landowner of this county, owner of an eighty acre farm in Wayne township, and in the later years of his life was widely known hereabout as a dealer in livestock.

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