

Sylvester REDMOND, one of the best known bachelor farmers of Pike township, was born on the place on which he is now living in that township, rural mail route No. 4 out of Ridgeville, and has lived there all his life. Mr. REDMOND was born on February 28, 1868, and is a son of Patrick and Mary (MURPHY) REDMOND, both of whom were natives of Ireland and the latter of whom is still living on the home farm, where she has resided ever since she came to this county, nearly sixty years ago. The late Patrick REDMOND was born in County Wexford, Ireland, and there grew to manhood. In 1852 he came to this country, landing at New Orleans, and after prospecting about for a couple of years returned to Ireland, but three years later the lure of America again drew him across the Atlantic. This time he landed at New York and presently made his way west and became engaged in steam boating on the Ohio, later taking up railroad work and helped build the Iron Mountain railroad. In 1861 he returned to Ireland and some time afterward married Mary MURPHY, who also was born in County Wexford, and in 1865 came with his wife to the United States and proceeded on out into Indiana and settled on a farm of forty acres which he bought in Pike township, this county, and there he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on November 21, 1915. Mr. REDMOND was a good farmer and as his affairs prospered he added to his land holdings until at the time of his death he was the owner of a good farm of 120 acres. To him and his wife were born five children, all of whom are living, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Ella, wife of George DAIL; Elizabeth, who is making her home with her mother, and Louicia, who married Lynn HOTTEL and has one child, Frances; and a brother, William REDMOND, who married Thresia DONAHUE and has four children, Lucile, William, Catherine and Ruth.

Reared on the farm on which he was born in Pike township, Sylvester REDMOND received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and from the days of his youth has been devoted to farming, ever remaining on the home place, which he helped his father develop and which he is now operating in his mother's behalf, who continues to make her home there. Mr. REDMOND also owns a farm of 100 acres of his own, which he operates in addition to the 120 acres of the home farm, and has an excellent farm plant, everything about his place being in shipshape order. He gives particular attention to the raising of pure bred big type Poland China hogs. He is a member of the local Farmers Federation, to the affairs of which he has long given his earnest attention, and is a Democrat. He is a member of the Catholic church, in which faith his parents reared their family, and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. The REDMOND's have a comfortable home and have done well their part in the labors of developing the community in which they live.

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