

REICHARD. GEORGE D.

George D. REICHARD, one of the well-known farmers and landowners of Madison township, proprietor of a well-kept farm on rural mail route No. 3 out of Ft. Recovery (Ohio), was born in that township and has lived there all his life. Mr. REICHARD was born on January 25, 1886, and is a son of Henry G. and Elizabeth (THEURER) REICHARD, the latter of whom was born in Marion county, Ohio, and was ten years of age when she came to Jay county with her parents, John F. and Elizabeth (JACOBY) THEURER, the family settling in Noble township. Henry G. REICHARD was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1841, son of Michael and Fannie (GOSS) REICHARD, the latter of whom died in that state in the spring of 1849. Michael REICHARD in 1854 moved with his family to Ohio and two years later came over into Indiana and settled on a farm in Madison township, this county, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1880. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, five of whom grew to maturity. Two of his sons were soldiers of the Union during the Civil war and the eldest son, Israel G. REICHARD, died in service in a hospital at New Orleans in 1863. Henry G. REICHARD was fifteen years of age when he accompanied his father to Jay county in 1856 and he was living here when the Civil war broke out. In 1864 he entered the service of the Union army, a member of Company A, 41st regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and with that command was attached to the Army of the Cumberland. He took part in the battle of Franklin (Tenn.) and not long afterward was taken to a hospital at Nashville, where he presently was invalided and in June, 1865, received an honorable discharge on account of physical disability. Upon the completion of his military service Henry G. REICHARD returned home and resumed his place on the farm. After his marriage to Elizabeth THEURER he began farming on his own account and in 1881 bought the old Lotz farm of 160 acres in Madison township and established his home there, this being one of the very first farms opened in Jay county. He later increased his holdings until he became the owner of 240 acres and was accounted one of the substantial farmers of the neighborhood. He was a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Salamonia, had served the public as constable and as road supervisor and he and his wife were members of the Reformed church at Salamonia, in the faith of which their children were reared. On this old Lotz farm Henry G. REICHARD and his wife spent their last days, her death occurring on December 15, 1907, and his, April 26, 1916. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are living save John F., who died at the age of twenty-one years, the others besides the subject of this sketch being Mrs. Emma Caroline CULL, James J. and Noah W.

Reared on the farm on which he was born, George D. REICHARD received his schooling in the Lotz school (district No. 1) and remained at home until his marriage at the age of twenty-two, when he began farming for himself as a renter on his father's farm. Upon his father's death he inherited part of the eighty-acre tract on which he is now living and bought the remainder and has since resided there. Since coming into

possession of this place Mr. REICHARD has made numerous substantial improvements on the same and now has a well-equipped farm plant.

On October 8, 1908, George D. REICHARD was united in marriage to Lillie HALL, who was born in Pike township, this county, daughter of Lorenzo and Mary (BRICKER) HALL, and to this union five children have been born, Chella, Henry, Elgia, Hazel and Vivian, the four elder of whom are in school, attending the Lotz school. Mr. and Mrs. REICHARD are members of the Reformed church at Salamonia. They have a pleasant home and have ever taken an interested and helpful part in the social activities of the community in which they live. In his political views Mr. REICHARD reserves the right to be independent.

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