

Henry G. Reichard

Henry G. Reichard is one of the substantial member of the rural community of Madison township, whose opinion carry with them weight and conviction and are eagerly sought by his neighbors when confronted by difficult problems. He was born May 8, 1841, in Center county, Pennsylvania, which place was also the birthplace of his father, Michael Reichard, The mother, Fannie (Goss) Reichard, was also a native of the state of Pennsylvania, where she married. She died in Center county, Pennsylvania, in April, 1849. In 1854 the father moved to Ohio, and two years later moved to Jay county, Indiana. He bought a home in Madison township, the land having on it a log house, in which the family took up their residence. Michael Reichard cut the timber from this land and converted it into a fine farm, upon which he resided at the time of his death in 1880. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, five whom grew to adult years, viz.: Israel G., who enlisted in the war and died in a hospital in New Orleans in 1863; Catherine Ann, who died in Randolph county, this state; Michael G., deceased; Mary Ann, who resides on the old homestead; and Henry G., whose name heads this article.

Henry G. Reichard was reared in Center county, Pennsylvania, until his thirteenth year, at which time the family removed to Ohio. He also came with his father to Jay county, Indiana, in 1856, and has made this his home since. He assisted in developing the home farm and has always followed the pursuits of agriculture, buying for his own, in 1881, the Lotz farm, which was one of the first to be settled in this section, and on which was built the first hewed-log house in the vicinity, and the first Sunday-school held in the county was in this house. This is a splendid property and contains one hundred and sixty acres of tillable land, with good, convenient, modern house, barns, and other buildings necessary to a first-class farmer. He was drafted into Company A. Fortieth Indiana Regiment, for one year, mustered in at Kokomo, and assigned to the Army of the Cumberland.

He participated in the battle which was fought at Franklin, Tennessee, but soon after was taken seriously ill and removed to the hospital at Nashville, where he remained for some time, receiving an honorable discharge in June, 1865.

The lady who bears Mr. Reichard's name was formerly Miss Elizabeth Theurer, a native of the Buckeye state and daughter of John Frederick and Elizabeth (Jacoby) Theurer. Her father was born in Germany, but emigrated to America, coming first to Pennsylvania, thence to Ohio, and finally to Noble township, Jay county, Indiana. where he died. Her mother is still living on the homestead. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reichard, namely: Emma Caroline (Mrs. Cull), of Noble township; James Jacob, who is married and lives in Bellefontaine, Ohio; John Frederick, deceased; Noah W.; and George David. The family are members of the Reformed church at Salamonia, and are consistent Christian people. Mr. Reichard is connected with the Henry McLaughlin Post, No. 516, G.A.R., and was formerly identified with the Democratic party, but is more recently a convert to the principals of the Populist party. He has represented this township as constable and has also served as supervisor and in all his dealings has been above approach.

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