

RESUR, LEWIS S.

Lewis S. RESUR, who died at his farm home in the immediate vicinity of Como, in Jefferson township, in the fall of 1919, was one of the substantial and energetic farmers and landowners of that neighborhood, widely known throughout Jay county, and it is but fitting that there should be here carried in the history of the county in which all his life was spent some modest tribute to the good memory he left at his passing. Lewis S. RESUR was born on the farm on which he died on November 18, 1870, and was a son of Cyrus and Mary (WEST) RESUR, who in their generation were among the best known and most influential residents of that neighborhood. Cyrus RESUR was a Pennsylvanian by birth and grew to manhood in the old Keystone state, where he was trained to farming. As a young man he came to Indiana and located in Jay county. After his marriage he established his home on a tract of eighty acres three-quarters of a mile east of the village of Como and here spent the remainder of his life, creating there an excellent piece of property. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, four of whom, Ruth, Orphia, John and George, are still living.

The late Lewis S. RESUR was reared on the farm where he was born in the Como neighborhood and where his widow is now living, and from the days of his boyhood was a helpful factor in the labors of developing the home place. He received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and after his marriage continued to make his home on the old home place, which, after the death of his father, he bought from the remaining heirs, and on that place spent his last days, an industrious, progressive farmer, his death occurring on October 21, 1919, he then being in his forty-ninth year. Mr. RESUR was a Republican, a member of the Christian church, as is his widow, and was a member of the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Portland.

It was on November 26, 1903, that Lewis S. RESUR was united in marriage to Maud METTIER, who was born in Darke county, Ohio, daughter of Daniel and Mary METTIER, and to this union six children were born, Teddy, Ralph, Harry, Marjorie, Ada and one who died in infancy. Since the death of her husband Mrs. RESUR has continued to make her home on the farm, where she and her family are very comfortably situated. The RESUR's have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 5 out of Portland and have ever taken an interested and helpful part in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

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