

Chester P. REYNOLDS, a former soldier of the United States army, with a record of service in the Philippines, and a well known farmer and landowner of Jay county, residing on a well kept farm in Jefferson township, was born in this county and is the last born of the seven children born to George F. and Eliza (WILLIAMS) REYNOLDS. Of these seven children three are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, William M. and Jesse W. REYNOLDS.

George F. REYNOLDS, who is now living retired at Redkey, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, and was there reared. In 1869 he came to Jay county and began farming on a rented farm in Jefferson township. Not long afterward he bought a "forty" in Richland township and in time increased his holding there to seventy-five acres. On this farm he made his home until his retirement and removal to Redkey, where he is now living. The deceased members of this family were Charles, Franklin, Cora and one daughter who died in infancy.

Chester F. REYNOLDS was born on the home farm in Richland township and there grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He remained at home, assisting his father in the labors of the home farm until the time of the Spanish-American war, when he enlisted in the United States volunteer army for service in the Philippines and was sent to Ft. Snelling, Minnesota for initial training. He was attached to the 45th United States Infantry and after two months at Ft. Snelling was sent to the Presidio, California, and a month later sailed with his command for the Philippines, where he served for seventeen months, or until the return of the 45th to the United States. Mr. REYNOLDS was mustered out in 1901 and then returned to the home farm in Richland township, this county, and resumed his place on the farm, remaining there until after his marriage three years later, when he bought an "eighty" in that township and there established his home.

Four years later he moved with his family to the farm of 160 acres owned by his wife in Jefferson township, where the family now resides, and has since made his home there. Mr. REYNOLDS continues his possession of the eighty-acre tract in Richland township and is carrying on his farming operations in up-to-date fashion. He and his family have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 2. out of Redkey, Mr. and Mrs. REYNOLDS are members of the United Brethren church at Redkey and are Republicans. It was on December 31, 1904, that Chester F. REYNOLDS was united in marriage to Laura B. LACEY, who also was born in Jay county, daughter of Fernando and Nancy Ann (WHALEY) LACEY, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union three children have been born, Nilah, Anna and Evelyn, all of whom are at home.

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