

## **ROPP, JOHN B.**

John B. ROPP, former treasurer of Jay county, former-! trustee of Greene township, a substantial landowner of that township and a property owner in Portland, where he has made his home for the past ten years or more and of which he is a councilman-at-large, is a native of the old Buckeye state whose youth was spent in Iowa, but has been a resident of Indiana and of Jay county for the past thirty years. Mr. ROPP was born on a farm in Hardin county, Ohio, December 5, 1854, and is a son of John and Percella (ELDER) ROPP, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, who moved to Ohio with their respective parents in the days of their youth and grew up in Hardin county, where they were married. Some years later they moved with their family to Iowa, where they established their home and there spent the remainder of their lives. John ROPP and wife were the parents of eight children, six of whom are living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, William and Robert ROPP, and three sisters, Catherine, Caroline and Fannie.

John B. ROPP was but a lad when he moved with his parents to Iowa and he grew to manhood on the home farm in that state, receiving his schooling in the schools of the home neighborhood. He remained on the farm with his father until he attained his majority when he returned to Ohio and was there employed as a farm hand for about two years, at the end of which time he rented a farm and began operations on his own account. He married in 1881 and continued to make his home in Ohio until 1893, in which year he came to Indiana with his family and located on a farm of eighty acres which he had bought in Bearcreek township, this county. For three years he made his home on that farm and then traded it for a tract of 100 acres in Greene township, to which he presently added an adjoining fifty-acre tract, thus giving him a fine farm of 150 acres, which he still owns. Mr. ROPP is a Democrat and has ever given his thoughtful attention to local civic affairs. Not long after moving to Greene township he was elected trustee of that township and served in that capacity for one term. In 1910 he was elected treasurer of Jay county and moved to Portland, where he has since resided, owner of a very comfortable home in that city. In 1912 he was re-elected treasurer and thus served two terms in that important public capacity, and on November 8, 1921, was elected councilman-at-large for the city of Portland. Mr. ROPP is affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Portland and is also a member of the local lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

It was on December 29, 1881, that John B. ROPP was united in marriage, in Ohio, to Armina FOGLE, who was born in Hancock county, that-state, daughter and only child of Noah and Adaline (MOORE) FOGLE, the latter of whom also was born in Hancock county. Noah FOGLE was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, and was a lifelong farmer, a substantial landowner in his home county. To Mr. and Mrs. ROPP have been born three children, Bert, Walter and Freddie, the latter of whom died on May 14, 1916, at the age of sixteen years, nine months and fourteen days. Bert ROPP, who is now superintendent of an oil lease in Kentucky, married Nortinsa McKINLEY and has one child, a daughter, Agnes. Walter ROPP, now a merchant at Fiat, this county, married Myrtle HARTER and has two children, Harold and Virginia.

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