

SCHOLER, JOHN

John SCHOLER, a member of the Noble township advisory board, one of Jay county's wide- awake and progressive farmers and stockmen and proprietor of a well-kept farm on rural mail route No. 6 out of Portland in Noble township, is a native son of Jay county and has lived here the greater part of his life, the exception being some years in the days of his young manhood when he was engaged in farming in Illinois and where he was married. Mr. SCHOLER was born on a farm in Madison township, this county, March 24, 1873, and is a son of Henry and Anna SCHOLER, who come to this country from their native Switzerland and had located in Ohio, presently moving from that state over into Indiana and settling in Madison township, this county, where they established their home and spent the remainder of their lives. Henry SCHOLER was a good farmer and was the owner of 127 acres, on which he had a good home. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, those besides the subject of this sketch (the fourth in order of birth) being Henry, Samuel, Elizabeth, Mary, Albert, Charles, Edward, Fred, Jacob, Noah, Ida and Walter.

Reared on the home farm in Madison township, John SCHOLER received his schooling in the Lockout school and remained at home until he had attained his majority when he went to Illinois and became engaged in farm work, remaining there for seven years. He then married and returned to Jay county and rented a quarter section of land in Jackson township, on which he settled down. For three years he operated that place and then bought a tract of eighty acres in Noble township, the place on which he is now living, and has since resided there, carrying on his operations in accordance with modern methods. Since taking possession of that place Mr. SCHOLER has made extensive improvements, including a new and modern house and barn, and has an electric light plant on the place. Eleven years after taking possession there he bought an additional tract of forty acres lying across the road from his eighty and thus now has a fine farm of 120 acres. In addition to his general farming he has for years been engaged in raising registered Shorthorn cattle for breeding purposes and has an excellent herd. He also feeds out fifty or sixty head of hogs a year and is doing well. Mr. SCHOLER is a Democrat and has ever given his thoughtful attention to local civic affairs, now serving as a member of the township advisory board. He is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Salamonina and is a member of the Reformed church at Salamonina. He is active in business affairs and is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers State Bank of Portland and a director of the Portland Equity Exchange.

On December 26, 1900, while he was living in Illinois, John SCHOLER was united in marriage to Mary E. THURMAN, who was born in Knox county, that state, and to this union have been born eight children, all of whom are living save Howard, who died at the age of three years, the others being Merle L., Millard R., Edward D., Florence E., Helen A., Dorothy and Ida D., the five younger of whom are still in school, attending

the Morehouse school. Merle L. SCHOLER is a member of the celebrated Howitzer Company of the 151st regiment. United States National Guard of Indiana, at Portland, and Millard R. SCHOLER is a member of the Howitzer Company of the 152d regiment. The SCHOLER's have a very pleasant home and take an interested and active part in the community's general social activities. As noted above, Mrs. SCHOLER was born in Knox county, Illinois. She is a daughter of Howard and Martha (HOXWORTH) THURMAN, the latter of whom was born in the vicinity of Harrisburg, Ohio, and was but a child when her parents moved to Illinois and settled in Knox county.

The HOXWORTH' s are an old Colonial family and are related to the Massachusetts Bay Hancock's, from which family came John Hancock of Revolutionary fame. One of Mrs. SCHOLER's cousins, S. A. HOXWORTH, served in Congress. Howard THURMAN, Mrs. SCHOLER's father, was born in Knox county, Illinois, his parents having been the first couple married in that county. He was a cousin of Alien G. THURMAN, former Governor of Ohio, former United States senator from that state and Democratic nominee for Vice President of the United States in 1888. Howard THURMAN and wife were the parents of seven children, five of whom are still living, Mrs. SCHOLER having two sisters, Florence and Elsie, and two brothers, Otis and Ulysses THURMAN.

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