

George S. SCHWARTZ, a well known farmer and stockman of Greene township and proprietor of a well kept farm on rural mail route No. 1 out of Portland, was born on a farm in Jefferson township, this county, April 12, 1875, and is a son of Charles B. and Ann (ROWLS) SCHWARTZ, both of whom were born and reared in Germany, the former in Baden and the latter in Hanover. Charles B. SCHWARTZ was born on April 13, 1832, and in 1854, he then being twenty-two years of age, came to America and proceeded on out into Indiana, locating in Hamilton county, where for a time he followed his trade as a tailor and where in 1855 he married Ann ROWLS, who was born on September 14, 1843, and who was but a child when she came to this country with her parents. Not long after his marriage Charles B. SCHWARTZ came to Jay county and bought a farm of forty acres in Madison township, where he established his home. Not long afterward, however, he sold this place and bought a tract of sixty acres in Jefferson township, to which he later added until he had 183 acres there and one of the best farm plants in that part of the county. Mr. SCHWARTZ was living in this county at the time of the breaking out of the Civil war and he enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front with one of the Indiana regiments. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to his farm and the remainder of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, as is set out elsewhere in this volume, together with further details regarding the SCHWARTZ family in this county. Of these children, six are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mrs. Caroline HUDSON, and four brothers, John H., Charles, Dr. William D. and Oliver F. SCHWARTZ.

Reared on the home farm in Jefferson township, George S. SCHWARTZ received his schooling in the local schools and early began to teach school, a vocation he followed for three years, meanwhile continuing his labors on the farm. He married at the age of twenty-six and not long afterward went to South Dakota with a view to establishing his permanent home in that state. Not finding conditions there to his liking he moved up into North Dakota two years later and bought a tract of land on which for ten years he was engaged in raising sheep and cattle, feeding out annually about 300 sheep and 200 head of cattle. In 1916 Mr. SCHWARTZ returned to Jay county. He bought a tract of sixty-five acres in Greene township, the place on which he is now living, and has since resided there, he and his family being very comfortably and very pleasantly situated. Mr. SCHWARTZ is a Democrat and gives a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs. It was on June 15, 1901, that George S. SCHWARTZ was united in marriage to Sadie LARE, who also was born in this county, daughter of Charles and Eliza J. LARE, and to this union two children have been born, Lena and William D. The SCHWARTZ have a pleasant home and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live. When Mr. SCHWARTZ moved to North Dakota he bought a half section of land and later increased this holding until he became the owner of 1,000 acres of land in that state, which he still retains, renting the same, besides which he controls an adjacent tract of 1,500 acres by lease, which gives him a ranch of 2,500 acres for his extensive live stock operations.

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