

SHIMP, GEORGE B.

George B. SHIMP, formerly and for years a teacher in the public schools of this county and a well-known farmer and landowner of Noble township, where he makes his home, is a native son of Jay county and has lived here all his life, save for brief periods in the days of his young manhood when he was teaching- in the neighboring counties of Adams and Wells. Mr. SHIMP was born on a farm in Noble township on March 26, 1863, and is a son of Jesse and Emily (HEISTAND) SHIMP, both of whom were born in the state of Ohio, where they were married. Immediately following their marriage Jesse SHIMP and his wife came over into Indiana and settled on a farm in Noble township, this county. They made their home in that township for about twenty years, at the end of which time Jesse SHIMP bought a "forty" in Bearcreek township and moved to that place, a tract which his son George bought in 1893. Jesse SHIMP and his wife were the parents of ten children, namely: Mrs. Laura KIMBLE, of Noble township; Mrs. Clara FLAUDING, of Portland; Mrs. Belle GILPIN, of Hanford, Cal.; Miss Grace SHIMP, of Indianapolis; Mrs. Margaret BOWEN, who died at the age of thirty-five years; George B., the immediate subject of this biographical review; Charles E. SHIMP, of Washington, Pa.; Thomas W. SHIMP, of Portland; Valentine T. SHIMP, of Van Wert, Ohio, and Alonzo SHIMP, who died at the age of thirty-eight years.

George B. SHIMP completed his schooling by attendance for three terms at the old Portland Normal School and four terms at the Normal School at Marion, Ind. meantime teaching school, and for twenty years u-as engaged as a school teacher, two years spent in the schools of Wells county, two years in Adams county and sixteen years in Jay county. During this period he also was carrying on farming operations, and in 1904 bought the farm of eighty acres on which he is now living in Noble township and on which he has made his home since 1906, this place being on rural mail route No. 3 out of Portland. In addition to this farm Mr. SHIMP is the owner of a farm of fifty acres in Adams county. He is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church.

On October 1. 1890, George B. SHIMP was united in marriage to Lida BURK and to this union three children have been born, sons all, Sumner B., born on June 3, 1895; Earl H., October 7, 1897, and Lowell P., November 18, 1903. Sumner E. SHIMP, who is now a draftsman in the offices of the Indiana Bridge Company at Muncie, Ind., married Irene SHIRLEY and has one child, Dorothy J., born on February 5, 1921. Earl H. SHIMP is a student in the mechanical engineering department of Purdue University, class oi 1924. Lowell P. SHIMP is a. member of the class of 1922, Ft. Recovery high school.

Mrs. SHIMP was born in Wabash township in the neighboring county of Adams and lived there until she was ten years of age when she came with her parents, William and Matilda (HALL) BURK, down into Jay county, the family locating in Wabash township here, where she completed her schooling in the New Corydon schools, grew to

womanhood and was married. William BURK was born in Pennsylvania and was but a lad when he moved with his parents to Ohio, where he grew to manhood and was married, shortly afterward coming to Indiana and buying a forty-acre farm in Wabash township, this county. On that place his first wife, Phoebe GORDON, died, leaving three children. Mr. BURK presently married Matilda HALL, who was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families of Noble township. and not long afterward sold his place in this county and township and bought a farm of 144 acres in Adams county, where he established home. In 1898 he sold that farm and moved to Geneva, Ind., here he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents six children, all of whom are living, save Harper, who died at the age of twenty-one years, and Alpha, who died at the age of thirteen years, the others besides Mrs. SHIMP being, Martin BURK, who is now clerk of his home county in Colorado; Miss Grace E. BURK, a teacher in the Mason City high school, and Ralph BURK, of Colorado. As noted above, by his first wife (Phoebe GORDON) William BURK had three children, all of whom are living, namely: James G. BURK, of Montana; Hiram BURK, of Missouri; and Elizabeth ASBY, of Geneva, Ind.

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