

SMITH, LOUIS A.

Louis A. SMITH, one of Penn township's well known and progressive farmers and the proprietor of a well-kept and profitably cultivated farm on rural mail route No. 4 out of Bryant is a native son of Jay county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in the immediate neighborhood of the place on which he is now living, August 30, 1876, and is a son of Dillwyn P. and Sarah (DUGDALE) SMITH, the former of whom was born in this county and the latter in dark county, Ohio. Dillwyn P. SMITH, who is now living, retired on his farm in Penn township, and of whom further mention is made elsewhere, grew up on a pioneer farm in this county and has been engaged in farming all his life. He owns a well improved place of eighty acres, which is now under the cultivation of his son Louis and has done well in his operations. To him and his wife were born five children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Eva, Marie, Charles and Anna.

Reared on the home farm in Penn township, Louis A. SMITH received his schooling in the local schools and from the days of his boyhood has been engaged in farming. After his marriage he rented the "eighty" where he is now living and there established his home. In due time he was able to buy the place and since coming into possession has made numerous substantial and up-to-date improvements, now having an excellent farm plant. Mr. SMITH also farms his father's "eighty" nearby and thus has 160 acres under his direction. In addition to his general farming operations he has for years given considerable attention to the raising of hogs and annually feeds out about sixty head. He is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Pennville.

Louis A. SMITH married Harriet MENDENHALL, daughter of William and Alice (VOTAW) MENDENHALL, and to this union have been born four children, Vera, Elva (deceased), Dwight and Lloyd. The SMITH's have a pleasant home and have ever taken an interested part in the community's general social activities.

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