

STITZER, EDWARD

Edward STITZER, one of the well-known and progressive young farmers of the Como neighborhood in Jefferson township, proprietor of a well-kept farm on rural route No. 5 out of Portland, was born on that farm and has lived there all his life with the exception of a few years during which he was farming in Pike township. Mr. STITZER was born on February 9, 1881, and is a son of Charles and Sarah (HENIZER) STITZER, who in their generation were among the best know resident of the community. Charles STITZER was a native of Germany and was nineteen years of age when he came to the United States. After several years of residence in Illinois, where he was engaged in working as a farm hand, he came to Indiana and bought a tract of thirty acres in Jefferson township, this county, where he established his home. Ten years later he disposed of that place and bought the farm of seventy-one acres on which his son Edward is now living one and one-half miles east of Como, in that same township, and there spent the remainder of his life, creating there an excellent piece of property. Charles STITZER and his wife were the parents of seven children, six of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Caroline, Ella and Anna, and two brothers, Solomon and Ira STITZER.

Reared on the home farm in Jefferson township, Edward STITZER received his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and remained at home, a helpful factor in the labors of developing the farm, until his marriage at the age of thirty, after which he established his home on a farm which he rented in Pike township. Three years later he purchased his father's old home place in Jefferson township and has since been living there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Mr. STITZER is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Union Methodist Episcopal church.

It was on September 10, 1912, that Edward STITZER was united in marriage to Pearl EWING, who was born in the neighboring county of Delaware and who came with her parents, James and Cora EWING, to Jay county at the age of about eight years, and to this union two children have been born, Robert and Geraldine. The STITZER's have a pleasant home and take an interested part in the community's general social activities.

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