

P. B. STOLTZ, one of the enterprising citizens of Bear Creek Township, was born in this county September 5, 1844. His father, Adam Stoltz, was born December 11, 1808, in Alsace, Germany. When twenty-one years of age he came to America and located in Columbiana County, Ohio, where he worked seven years at stone-cutting. He was also engaged as lock contractor for several years. He married Miss Sarah Brown, born December 19, 1816, daughter of Aaron Brown. The family came to this county in 1839 locating on the farm where our subject now lives. He first built a log house, 24 x 26, which was one of the best houses in the township. Adam Stoltz and wife had five children, three of whom are living -Martha Ann, Mary Margaret and Philip B.; two died when young. Mrs. Adam Stoltz died December 10, 1878, and her husband March 22, 1886.

Our subject was reared on the old homestead, and passed his youth in working on the farm and in attending the common schools of Jay County. During the Rebellion he enlisted, February 9, 1864, in Company K, Eighth Indiana Cavalry. He joined Sherman's army near Chattanooga, Tennessee, and participated in the Atlanta campaign, and was on Sherman's grand march to the sea and through the Carolinas. January 23, 1868, he was married to Miss Sarah Jane Hanlin, of this county, born in Jackson County, Ohio, January 28, 1844, daughter of Alexander and Jane Hanlin, who came to this county in 1856. In 1873 Mr. Stoltz removed to Kansas, locating in Anderson County, where he improved a farm and lived there until 1880, when he returned to Jay County and settled upon the old homestead. He owns 320 acres of as good land as can be found in the county. He also has a good residence and other farm buildings. Their children are - Loretta E., Gertrude J., Charles, Grant, George A. and Mary F. In politics Mr. Stoltz is a Republican.

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