

## STRALY, SAMUEL

Samuel STRALY, junior member of the firm of STRALY Brothers, is a native of Ohio, born in Trumbull County. April 22, 1853, a son of George STRALY, one of the pioneers now deceased. Our subject was a mere infant when his parents came to Jay County, settling in the then wilderness of Wayne Township, where his boyhood was spent working on the farm and attending the common schools of the county. When seventeen years old he engaged in black smithing with his brother, in Bear Creek Township, following that avocation for seven years. From then until 1887 he operated a saw-mill and dealt in lumber and being a man of enterprise and good business ability succeeded well in his business.

He was united in marriage July 4, 1874, to Miss Rose E. ANTLES, a daughter of D. A. ANTLES [p 410] a prominent pioneer of Bear Creek Township. Mrs. STRALY died October 29, 1881, leaving at her death three children: Harry T.; Blanche A. and Frank A. Mr. STRALY was united in marriage a second time July 8, 1883, to Miss Caroline M. DeHOFF of Bear Creek Township, a daughter of Jacob and Lydia (WONDERLAND) DeHOFF. Her parents are deceased, her father dying in 1860 and her mother in the year 1882. Mr. STRALY is classed among the leading men of his township, and is active in all enterprises for the advancement of his township or county. His residence is comfortable and convenient, and his barn is a large, substantial building, the entire surroundings of his place show the care and thrift of the owner. He sold his interest in the mill to his brother Stephen, August 20, 1887. He now owns two farms, one in Bear Creek Township of fifty-eight acres and one in Wayne Township of forty acres.

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