

## STRATTON, MELVIN

Melvin STRATTON, one of Jefferson township's well known and substantial farmers and landowners and proprietor of a well-kept farm on rural mail route No. 2 out of Dunkirk, is a native son of Jay county and has lived in this county all his life. Mr. STRATTON was born on the farm on which he is now living in Jefferson township on August 10, 1873, and is a son of Isaac H. and Jane (NIDY) STRATTON, who in their generation were among the best known residents of that community. Isaac H. STRATTON was born in Ohio, where he grew to manhood trained to farming. As a young man he came over into Indiana and after his marriage settled on a farm of eighty acres in Jefferson township. For some years he continued actively engaged in farming there and then became interested in the lumber business, a vocation which claimed his attention the remainder of his life and thus became one of the best known lumbermen in this section. He and his wife were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Alice.

Reared on the farm on which he was born, Melvin STRATTON received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and from the days of his youth has been devoted to farming. He married at the age of twenty-one and established his home on the old home place, where he is now living, and eighty acres of which he inherited, and has ever since resided there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Mr. STRATTON's place is well improved and he has an admirable farm plant, his operations being-carried on in accordance with modern methods. He is a Democrat and has ever taken a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs.

It was in September, 1894, that Melvin STRATTON was united in marriage to Mina B. WEAVER, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, daughter of John and Hannah WEAVER, and to this union five children have been born, Nellie, Clarence, Hazel, Forrest and Mable, all of whom save the first born are at home with their parents. Nellie STRATTON married Lewis DAVIS and is now living in Cleveland, Ohio. The STRATTON's have a very pleasant home and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

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