

STROBLE, ALBAN

Alban STROBLE, former member of the board of commissioners for Jay county, former president of the board of directors of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Jay county, and a well-known retired farmer and landowner of Noble township, now living in Portland, where he has made his home since 1912, is a native of Ohio, born in Hancock county, that state, September 12, 1855, a son of James and Elizabeth (BRIGGS) STROBLE, and the only survivor of the four children born to that parentage. James STROBLE was born in the state of Maryland, but most of his life was spent in Hancock county, Ohio, to which place he had moved when a youth with his parents. He was married in that county to Elizabeth BRIGGS, who was born in England, and after his marriage established his home on a farm and continued farming the rest of his life, a substantial landowner of Hancock county.

Reared on the home farm in Hancock county, Alban STROBLE received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and continued farming with his father until three years after his marriage, when he came to Jay county and bought a tract of thirty acres in Noble township, where he established his home. Five acres of this tract were un-cleared, and besides clearing the place he had to ditch the same and erect on the place a full set of buildings. As his affairs prospered, Mr. STROBLE added to his farm until he had 100 acres, a well-improved and profitably cultivated farm, on which he continued to make his home until his retirement from the farm in 1912 and removal to Portland, where he bought the home in which he is now living and where he and his wife are very comfortably situated. Mr. STROBLE is a Republican and served as a member of the board of county commissioners from his district for one term (1903-05). For nineteen years he served as a member of the board of directors of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company and for two years was president of the board. He is a member of Omega Lodge No. 281, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Portland.

On October 11, 1877, Alban STROBLE was united in marriage to Cynthia F. MILLER, who also was born in Hancock county, Ohio, daughter of Nathaniel and Rhoda (SCHAFFER) MILLER, and who lived in that county until she was ten years of age, when she went with her parents to Nebraska, where the Millers remained for six years, at the end of which time they returned to Hancock county. To Alban and Cynthia F. (MILLER) STROBLE eight children have been born, all of whom are living save the first born, Bertha, who died at the age of eleven months, the others being Harley, Charles, Nellie, Lottie, Ruby, Glennie J. and Hazel. Harley STROBLE, a farmer of Wayne township, this county, married Nellie WALDRON and has five children, Earl, Ralph, Dorothy, Paul and Roger. Charles STROBLE married Nell HEADINGTON and is now living at Princeton, Ind. Nellie STROBLE married Leo MITCHELL, who died on March 4, 1911. To that union two children were born, one of whom, Pauline, is living. Lottie STROBLE married John STUBER, now living at Spencerville, Ohio, and has one child, a son, Bob. Glennie J. STROBLE married Joy WILSON and is living at Portland. During the time of America's participation in the World war he enlisted, March 30, 1918, and was stationed at Camp Taylor, where he presently was attached to the 43rd Company of the 11th Training Battalion, 139th Depot Brigade, with which he was mustered out on March 1, 1919, with the rank of sergeant. Ruby and Hazel STROBLE are unmarried.

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