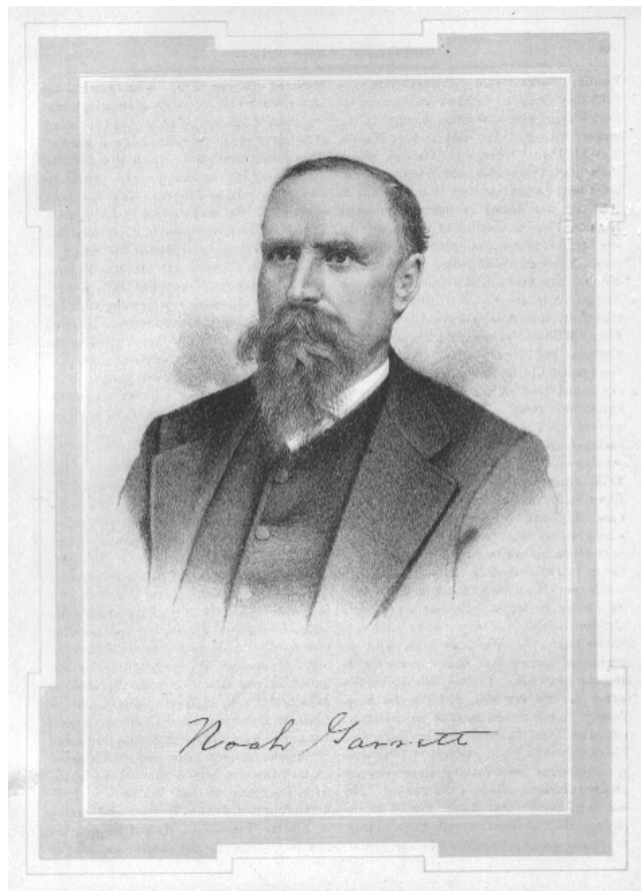


NOAH GARRETT, an enterprising farmer of Liberty Township, is a native of Ohio, born in Mahoning County, December 17, 1839, the eldest son of Joseph Garrett. He grew to manhood in Mahoning County, and at the age of sixteen commenced learning the carpenter's trade, at which he served an apprenticeship of six years, after which he followed contracting and building successfully in his native county until coming to Indiana in January, 1861. He was united in marriage December 25, 1860, to Miss Leah Funk, of Wayne County, Ohio, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Rouch) Funk, who were natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett are the parents of four children: I. V. Lester, Allie L., Frank C. and Walter O. I. V. Lester married Fannie Howard, and resides in Liberty Township. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church, and take an active part in all church and Sabbath-school work. He is a member of the Short-horn Association of Wells County, and takes pride in raising fine stock. Mr. Garrett came to Wells County in January, 1861, and purchased eighty acres of timber land, paying for the same \$800, \$300 in cash, and working at his trade until the balance was paid. In August, 1868, he brought his family to his land in Wells County, and in connection with improving his farm he worked at his trade for four years. He then turned his attention to farming and stock-raising, in which he has met with excellent success, owing to his industrious habits and good management. He still devotes considerable attention to raising a high grade of stock. He has acquired, by his own efforts, a fine property, his farm now containing 330 acres of well-improved land, which is under a high state of cultivation. He was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, enlisting October 30, 1864, in Company A, Fifty-third Indiana Infantry. He participated in the battles of Kingston and Goldsboro, North Carolina, and was at the surrender of Johnston's army, at Raleigh, North Carolina. He was in the service of his country until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, July 21, 1865. In politics Mr. Garrett affiliates with the Republican party. He and his family are members of and active workers in the Baptist church.



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