

JOHN TRAVIS, farmer, section 19, Harrison Township, was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, June 26, 1812, a son of William and Mary (Pierce) Travis. The father was a son of John Travis, who was born in England, and came to the United States previous to the Revolutionary war. The mother was a daughter of Thomas and Elsie Pierce, natives of New Jersey, and of German ancestry. Our subject was reared on a farm in Pennsylvania until eighteen years of age, when he went with his father's family to West Virginia, where he remained until he attained his majority. He was married September 11, 1833, to Miss Rachel A., daughter of John and Celia Huggins, of Greene County, Pennsylvania. After his marriage Mr. Travis worked on his farm, and also supplied steamboats plying the Ohio River with wood for a period of twenty-one years. In 1865 he came to Wells County, settling on section 19, Harrison Township, where he has since resided. Mr. and Mrs. Travis had no children, but they have reared

and educated ten orphan children, three of whom came to Indiana with them. He has furnished a farm for each, and has given them sufficient means to start them well in life. He has a fine farm of 273 acres, all improved and in a good state of cultivation. Mrs. Travis died in 1879, and in 1880 Mr. Travis married Mrs. Matilda Gierwick, whose first husband was Fred Gierwick. By her first marriage there were nine children. Her father was Peter Kiser, a native of Pennsylvania, who removed to Ohio when Mrs. Travis was a child. She came to Wells County after her first marriage. Mr. Travis has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for a period of fifty-four years. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party.

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