

JOHN H. CRUM, Esq., of Banner City, was born near Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, January 14, 1848, son of Samuel and Mary (Brehm) Crum, also natives of Pennsylvania. John H. was an only child, and when his mother died he was but two and a half years of age. For his second wife Samuel married Elizabeth Shupe, and in 1863 the family came to Wells County, locating in Rock Creek Township, where the father still resides. After coming to Indiana Mr. Crum was again married, his third wife being Elmina Swartz, whose parents were natives of Pennsylvania, in which State she also was born. They have had four children, three of whom are living – Eli, Emanuel and David.

John was fourteen years of age when he came to this county. He has been educated here, and for several years has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, although he taught school for some time previous to his marriage. This event occurred in April, 1870, Miss Alice Gardenour becoming his wife. After marriage they came to the farm which was purchased by Mr. Crum in 1869, upon a portion of which the new town of Banner is located, and along which the Chicago & Atlantic Railroad passes. In 1884 Mr. Crum built his fine farm house, adjacent to the village of Banner. They have six children – Franklin, Charles, Delbert, Effie, Attie and Iva. In 1882 Mr. Crum was elected justice of the peace of his township, and re-elected in 1886. Mrs. Crum died January 9, 1887, and her remains were interred in St. John's cemetery, Union Township. For several months Mr. Crum has been engaged in the insurance business, which, with the duties of his office, keeps him busily employed.

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