

## **Andrew Hower**

Mr. [Milton E.] Hower's paternal grandfather, Andrew Hower, was born and bred in Pennsylvania, and as a young man ventured as far west as Ohio. In the early '40s, he came to Adams County, Indiana, locating on a tract of heavily timbered land in Kirkland Township. In common with the other pioneers of that day, he labored with unceasing toil to improve a homestead, at the same time being an important factor in developing the resources of the county. Wild turkey, deer and other game were abundant, helping supply the family larder, and the women of the household did their full share of pioneer work, raising the sheep, and carding, spinning and weaving into cloth the wool obtained, and by their own hands fashioned the clothes worn by the family, including the adults as well as the children. On the farm which he had cleared, Andrew Hower and his wife, formerly a Miss Buroaker, spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring when he was but sixty years old, and hers several years later. They were God-fearing people, liberal and open-hearted, and ever ready to lend aid to the poor and needy. They reared five children, as follows: Noah, now living, is married and has a family; John, died, leaving four children; Elizabeth Ann, widow of John Sovine, lives in Wells County and has sons and daughters; Adam, mentioned below; and Henry, who died in the west, leaving a family.

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