

SAMUEL STEELE (deceased), who was one of the old and prominent pioneers of Adams County, was born in Pennsylvania, and subsequently removed to Ohio with his parents, they locating near Wooster. He was married in Ohio to Miss Susannah Worley, who was a native of that State, and of Scotch descent, Mr. Steele being of German origin. To this union were born nine children, six sons and three daughters. In March, 1838, Mr. Steele settled in Adams County, Indiana, on section 9, Kirkland Township, where he lived till his death, which occurred about the year 1858. When he first settled in the county everything was in a state of nature, and here he and his family experienced many of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. His first dwelling was a rude log cabin which he erected, with puncheon floor and clapboard roof. Mr. Steele took an active part in the affairs of his township, and was a member of the board of trustees under the old organization, besides holding other local offices. During his life he was much interested in agriculture and fruit-growing, and was one of the principal actors at the first agricultural fair held in Adams County. Politically he was a Democrat. Religiously he was a Presbyterian till his death.

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