

NICHOLAS WAGONER, one of the prominent farmers of Monroe Township, residing on section 9, is a native of France, born July 28, 1830, a son of John N. Wagoner, who was also a native of France. In 1831 he was brought by his parents to America, they settling in Fairfield County, Ohio, where the father bought a farm and there followed farming until 1843. The family then removed to Adams County, Indiana, and located in Washington Township where both parents died. They were members of the Roman Catholic church. They were the parents of five children, four son and one daughter.

Nicholas Wagoner, our subject, received but limited educational advantages, attending the common schools of Fairfield County for a short time. He grew to manhood in Adams County, Indiana, being reared to the avocation of a farmer, which he has always followed. He was married January 20, 1848, to Miss Mary Everhart, who was born in Harrison County, Ohio, November 20, 1831, a daughter of John Everhart and of the ten children born to this union seven are living - John, Samuel S., Mary J. Ira, Eli, Arminda B. and Ettie. In March 1848, Mr. Wagoner settled on his present farm, the land having been entered from the Government by his wife's father at \$1.25 per acre. When he came to the county the land was heavily covered with timber, and but few roads had been made. Game of various kinds was in abundance, and wolves were frequently seen in the yard of the old pioneer. Mr. Wagoner erected a log cabin 18 x 22 feet, with puncheon floor and clapboard roof, in which he lived until he erected his present frame residence in June, 1865. He has by persevering industry cleared and improved his land, and has added to his original tract till he owned about 500 acres, all of which he has given to his children except the home farm, which contains 160 acres. In June, 1888, he erected a large barn, which is one of the finest in the township. His log barn, which is still standing, has been used about thirty-six years. Mrs. Wagoner is a member of the United Brethren church.