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EZRA LISTER, of Washington Township, is one of the oldest living pioneers of Adams County. He was born in Ross County, Ohio, January 15, 1825, son of Joshua and Lydia Lister, natives of Maryland. The father's ancestors were of German origin and the mother's of Irish. In 1828 the family immigrated to Adams County, settling two and a half miles north of Decatur, where they lived until 1830, then removed to Carroll County, Indiana, where the father died in September, 1831. One year later the family returned to Adams County, where our subject was reared to the scenes of pioneer life. The county at that time contained but few families. He received a rudimentary education in the early pioneer schools, and has been a life-long farmer, enduring all the trials, hardships and privations of the early pioneer. He was married December 21, 1848, to Eliza J. Ball, a native of Indiana, and they had three children - Sarah F., wife of James M. Patterson, of Logansport, Indiana; Rachel S., wife of John Woods, also of Logansport. One child is deceased. Mr. Lister has been four times married. His present wife has one son, Thomas T. He has been a resident of Washington Township for many years, is a Democrat in politics, and an honest, representative pioneer.