

CHARLES J. JONES

Charles J. Jones, trustee of Blue Creek Township of Adams County, is not less a business man than a farmer. He possess the judgment and the energy to make farming pay and to give value to land, and though he has not the benefit of as many years of experience as some of his fellow citizens his career has been one of substantial achievement.

Mrs. Jones' (sic) election as trustee of the township was in the nature of a personal triumph. He has always been a straightforward republican in his political views, while Blue Creek Township has a majority of democrats conservatively estimated at about sixty. Mr. Jones was elected trustee by a margin of nineteen votes, and nothing more clearly indicates his standing and esteem in the community.

Mr. Jones was born in Van Wert County, Ohio, April 30, 1880, son of Benjamin and Mary (Dailey) Jones, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Indiana. The mother is still living in Van Wert County, Ohio. Benjamin Jones was a Union soldier of the Civil war, enlisting with the Forty-seventh Indiana Infantry and serving to the end of hostilities, though he was twice shot during his service. After the war he located in Van Wert County, married, settled down as a farmer, and there spent his active years. He was a member of the Grange and a republican in politics. Of the thirteen children born to him and his wife twelve are still living.

Charles J. Jones' early recollections are of the old farm in Van Wert County, where he grew up and received his education in the local schools. In 1900 he married Miss Ethel Siler, who was born in Mercer County, Ohio, and was also educated in the common schools. After their marriage Mr. & Mrs. Jones lived in Parker City, Indiana, for a short time, then spent a year in Mercer County, Ohio, where he was a railroad man, and coming thence to Blue Creek Township of Adams County occupied their farm of 175 acres, which has been rendered both productive and a highly attractive home through the excellent management of Mr. Jones.

Three children were born to them, two still living. Orville is a graduate of the common schools and is now in the second year of high school at Berne. The daughter is Esther Nettie.

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