

## JOHN J. LIECHTY.

The records of Wayne county, Ohio, will show that in the early days of that commonwealth a number of families bearing the name of Liechty came from France and settled in that county. Numbered among these French families was that of Jacob and Catherine (Wenger) Liechty. The husband was a native of France and his wife was born in that section of the Swiss republic that borders on France. Jacob operated a farm in Wayne county for a number of years after his arrival in that part of Ohio and was then attracted by reports he heard of the richness of the land in the new state to the west of Ohio. He was influenced by these reports and decided to travel westward and locate in Indiana. This he did, and in 1842 brought his family to Adams county and settled on a farm in French township. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres, all of which were covered by a dense growth of timber and in no way improved. He built a log cabin, as did so many pioneer farmers, and established a home. He had learned the meaning of hard work on his place in Ohio and the forest-clad tract presented no new terrors to him. He began the work of clearing his farm. Days of the hardest kind of toil followed, but his spirit was determined and in time he succeeded in clearing all of his land and bringing it to a point where its cultivation was profitable. He was a man who took an active part in the affairs of his township and at one time served his fellow residents of Adams county in the capacity of a supervisor. He was a Democrat and an adherent of the Amish faith.

John J. Liechty was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1840, two years before his father came to Indiana. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm. He attended the poor schools of his neighborhood and obtained as good an education as the circumstances would permit. He grew to young manhood and assisted his father in clearing the family farm and learned the principles of successful agriculture.

In 1865 he married Catherine Liechty, a daughter of John and Barbara Liechty, who were among those who came to this country from France. Mrs. Liechty's parents reached this country in 1855 and lived for five years in Wayne county, Ohio, before pushing westward to Indiana. After coming to this state they bought a farm of eighty acres in Monroe township, Adams county, and were rewarded by seeing their farm cleared, dotted with substantial buildings and highly productive before death called them.

After his marriage John Liechty purchased eighty acres of land in Hartford township, to which tract he moved and erected a log cabin. His land was timbered and he faced the labor of clearing it. However, he had performed similar labor on his father's farm, and under his sturdy blows the farm, acre by acre, became clear. From time to time he added such improvements as were necessary, replaced the rude log cabin with a modern and handsome residence and erected a substantial and commodious barn and other outbuildings. He devoted his time to general farming. The result of his efforts is that today he owns one of the most productive farms in his township and has it well improved and fitted with the necessary buildings and the like conducive to highly profitable farming.

Eight children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Liechty. These children are: Amos, Emil, John, Christ, William, Ann a, Barbara and Catherine. All are living and William and Catherine reside at the family homestead. Mr. Liechty is one of the progressive men of his section of the state. He is keenly alive to the needs of his community and does all within his power to promote its general prosperity. Originally he was a Democrat in political faith, but four years ago he determined to give his support to the Republican party, which he now does. He is an exemplary citizen and is respected for his consistent and wholesome life. With his wife and the members of his family he gives his religious support to the Mennonite church.

**Snow's History of Adams County, Indiana, John Fletcher Snow, B. F. Bowen, Indianapolis, IN, 1907, p. 438 (image 895).**