

LEVI D. MILLER.

Levi D. Miller was born in Hartford township, Adams county, Indiana, on December 10, 1850, and is the son of Daniel Miller, who settled early in the state and concerning whom mention appears in the sketch devoted to David Miller that appears elsewhere in this volume. The son grew to manhood on his father's farm and obtained such an education in the district schools of his neighborhood as the times afforded. With the exception of the weeks of the winter months spent in the school room Mr. Miller worked with his father on his farm and learned the lessons an active, out-of-door life in a farming community taught. In time he became a skillful farmer and was a great help to his father. In addition to his labors on his father's farm he operated a stone quarry, which he made profitable. On reaching manhood and his majority he decided to marry and set up a home for himself. In line with this idea he wooed and won Miss Mary Kirchhofer, a daughter of David and Barbara (Bixler) Kirchhofer. His wife's father was a native of Germany, being born in that European country October 19, 1809. Her mother's birth occurred in Wayne county, Ohio, October 6, 1822. Mrs. Miller's father came to America with an early tide of seekers after new homes in the new republic. He landed on the eastern shore with his parents in 1818. The family continued westward until the Ohio country was reached. Land was secured in Wayne county and there David Kirchhofer grew to manhood. He was married December 30, 1841, and seven children were born to this union. Four of these children, Abraham, Anna, Mary, the present Mrs. Miller, and Daniel, are living. Three others-Elizabeth, Jacob and Catherine-are dead.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Miller took place in 1881 and immediately following it Mr. Miller gave up his work in connection with his stone quarry and purchased a tract of eighty acres in section 34 of French township, Adams county. The major part of this land was cleared and under cultivation when it came into his possession. However, there were no substantial improvements and no house building. One of the first things done after the young people entered into possession of the land was the erection of a small cabin, which became their home for several years. Mr. Miller proved to be an industrious farmer and in the course of a few years he had his land improved, drained and properly fenced and at a profitable stage. Some ten years ago he erected a handsome residence on his farm and later added other modern buildings. Among this latter list was a fine modern barn structure, erected in 1902. Today his property is very valuable and ranks more than favorably with any other similar piece in the county. He does a general farming business and his crops have proved salable and remunerative from year to year.

One child, a son, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller. This young man, Milton Miller, is at present a student in a college at Angola. It is his ambition to take up the law as his profession and he contemplates a course at the State University at Bloomington.

The elder Mr. Miller is a fine type of the progressive farmer and is a man who is esteemed highly in his community. He takes an active interest in political matters and is a valued member of the Democratic party of his section of the state. Mrs. Miller is a member of the Evangelical church at Lynn Grove.

Snow's History of Adams County, Indiana, John Fletcher Snow, B. F. Bowen, Indianapolis, IN, 1907, (image 507)