

ANDREW J. PYLE, one of the old pioneers of Adams County, Indiana, residing on section 34, Wabash Township, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1829, a son of Robert and Mary Ann (Leslie) Pyle. His father was a native of New Jersey and was of English descent, his ancestors coming to America with William Penn. The mother was also born in the State of Pennsylvania, living there till after her marriage. They removed to Wayne County, Ohio, about 1831, and in 1837 came to Jay County, Indiana, and settled in Wabash Township, where the father entered land, which he sold in 1850. He then purchased 300 acres of land in Wabash Township, Adams County, on which he resided until 1860. In that year he sold his Adams County property and removed to Rock Creek Township, Wells County, Indiana, where both parents died, the father in 1865, aged sixty-five years, and the mother in 1871, aged sixty-eight years. They had a family of six children, four sons and two daughters. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The father was a carpenter and mill-wright by trade, at which he worked in connection with his farming in pursuits. Politically he was first a Democrat, afterward an old-line Whig, and subsequently affiliated with the Republican party.

Andrew Jackson Pyle, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the home farm, receiving but limited educational advantages. He learned the carpenter's trade from his father, and which he followed till thirty years of age, and superintended the erection of Liber College, in Jay County, Indiana. After giving up his trade he engaged in farming and dealing in stock, which he still follows. For a time he followed mercantile pursuits at Jay City. August 19, 1855, he was married to Mary A. Sivbry, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, born February 25, 1837, a daughter of William and Mary A. (Kraner) Sivbry, natives of Maryland, her mother born in 1803. Her parents were married in Fairfield County, Ohio, remaining there till 1839, when they came to Indiana and settled in Bear Creek Township, Jay County, residing there their death, the father dying April 29, 1866, aged sixty-six years, and the mother January 26, 1873. They had a family of six children, four sons and two daughters. Mr. Sivbry was a minister in the United Brethren church, and traveled as a circuit preacher for several years. He was of Irish descent.

Mr. and Mrs. Pyle are the parents of five children - Martha A., born June 8, 1856, died December 14, 1859; William F., born November 22, 1858; Harvey E., born September 3, 1861; Jenette, born March 29, 1867; and Clara S., born August 20, 1877. Mr. Pyle has prospered in his agricultural pursuits, and has now a farm of 185 acres, 120 being under excellent cultivation, with a good comfortable residence and farm buildings for his stock. In politics he is a Republican with Prohibition sentiments. Mr. Pyle remembers of riding on the first railway cars, from Philadelphia to Bloomington, Pennsylvania, in 1833, the cars being drawn by horses. He is said to have killed the largest deer killed in Jay County, Indiana, using an old flintlock musket which had been carried by his uncle in the Revolutionary war. His grandfather was a soldier in the same war. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pyle are members of the United Brethren church.

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