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JOSEPH S. LOWER.

Joseph S. Lower is a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and was born October 2, 1843. He is a son of William and Catherine (Munia) Lower. Both of his parents were born in Virginia. William Lower was born in Brook county, Virginia, in 1814. His father was Samuel Lower, who moved to Ohio and settled in Defiance, where he died. William Lower came to Indiana and settled in Adams county in 1852. He brought his wife and family with him and purchased land in Union township. He was an earnest member of the United Brethren church and in 1870 was ordained and licensed a preacher of this denomination. He continued to farm and preach until his death. He was a fine example of a Christian man and was an eloquent preacher. He and his wife became the parents of the following eight children : Esther Ann, Catherine, Martha, Joseph, William, Ammiste, Margaret, Joshua, John W. and Sylvester, both of the latter being ministers of the gospel. Another child, the third in order of birth, died in infancy. William Lower died September 10, 1877, and his wife survived until 1899. He was a Republican in politics.

The youthful Joseph Lower was but a small child when he accompanied his parents from Ohio to Indiana. He was educated in the common schools of his neighborhood and among the wholesome influences of his father's home. He lived on the home farm until he became of age. By this time he had saved some of the money he had earned, and with this money he purchased a farm in Union township. He continued to live on this farm with the members of his own family until 1887, when he sold his land and purchased a farm in Root township, on which he is still residing.

The marriage of Joseph Lower and Miss Rebecca Jane Congelton was solemnized in Root township in 1867. Mrs. Lower is a daughter of Daniel and Anna (Nelson) Congelton, and was born in Adams county. Her parents came to Indiana and settled in Adams county in 1848 and purchased land. Her father died in 1854 and his wife in 1892. They were the parents of the following children : David, Rachael, Theodore, Jane, Elizabeth, Perry, Hiram, Rebecca, Winfield, Mary, Emily and Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lower are the parents of three children : Nora A., the wife of Frederick Linn ; William, who married Dora Peterson, and Homer D., who married Ada Archbold.

Mr. Lower is counted among the strong and substantial men of his township. He is in every sense of the term a good citizen and is prominent in all movements that have for their object the betterment of the condition of the county and the

increase of its prosperity. He is a modern farmer and cultivates his fine tract of one hundred and sixty acres, and he has improved it until it has become one of the most attractive, most valuable and productive farms in the entire township. He is a Republican so far as is political affiliations are concerned, but although a consistent member of this political party and an earnest worker for its victories, he has never aspired to public office. Like his father before him, he is an earnest Christian, and with his wife and the members of his family, is a supporter of the United Brethren church. He is a trustee of the church of this denomination in his neighborhood. He is everywhere respected and his advice and counsel are frequently sought on matters of the greatest importance. Mr. Lower and Miss Congelton were married by Rev. J. W. Wagoner.