

BASH, JOSEPH S

Joseph S. BASH, one of the best known members of Jay county's excellent teaching staff, former secretary of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Jay county, former assessor of Noble township and the proprietor of a well-kept farm in that township, where he makes his home, has been a resident of this county since he was ten years of age and has been a teacher in the public schools for the past thirty years. Mr. BASH was born on a farm in Crawford county, Ohio, August 15, 1872, and is a son of Jacob and Caroline (WINTERHALDER) BASH, the latter of whom was born in Wyandot county, that same state. Jacob BASH was born in Crawford county, Ohio, and after his marriage continued to make his home there, engaged in farming, until 1882, when he came with his family over into Indiana and settled on a farm of 120 acres which he purchased in Noble township, this county, where he developed an excellent piece of property. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, all of whom are living save Caroline, who died at the age of twelve years, the others (besides the subject of this sketch) being Charles H., James F., Susan, Violet, Mary, Rebecca and Blanche. Joseph S. BASH was about ten years of age when he came to Jay county with his parents from Ohio in 1882 and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Noble township. He continued his elementary studies in the Mt. Zion school and supplemented this by attendance during two terms at the old Portland Normal School, after which he began teaching in the schools of his home township. For thirty years Mr. BASH has continued to occupy his position on the teaching staff of the county's public schools, all of this period spent in the schools of his own township, ten years of this time spent as a teacher in the Mt. Zion school, the school he entered upon coming to this county in the days of his boyhood. During this time he also has been engaged in farming and is the proprietor of an excellent farm. of fifty acres in Noble township, where he makes his home, he and his family being very pleasantly situated there. For two years after his marriage Mr. BASH continued to reside on the home farm and then he bought the tract on which he is now living. This was an un-cleared tract and all the improvements on the place thus have been made by him, everything being shipshape and up to date. Mr. BASH Democrat and has served one term as assessor of Noble township. He has ever taken a close personal interest in the general welfare movements of his home community and of the county at large and for four years served as secretary of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Jay county. On his twenty-fourth birthday, August 15. 1896. Joseph S.

BASH was united in marriage to Minnie M. MONEY, of Noble township, and to this union have been born four children, Lena E., Veda, William and Helen, the latter of whom is unmarried and at home with her parents. William BASH also is unmarried. He was graduated from the Portland high school and the eastern division of the Indiana State Normal School at Muncie and is now teaching in South Dakota. Lena E. BASH married Daniel MULLEN and has two children, Emogene and Wayne MULLEN. Veda BASH married Dayton SIMONS, an express man at Portland. Mrs. BASH was born in Wabash township, this county, but was reared in Noble township, her parents, Jacob and Angeline (DASHER) MONEY, having moved to the latter township when she was a child. Jacob MONEY was born in this county, a member of one of the county's real pioneer families, and became a substantial farmer and landowner in Noble township. His wife was born in Pennsylvania. They were the parents of four children, Mrs. BASH having a sister, Maria, and two brothers, William and Samuel MONEY. Mrs. BASH is a member of the Christian church. The family has a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 9 out of Portland and has ever taken an interested and helpful part in the general social activities of the community. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, pp.244-245. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut.