

PRICE K. CRAIG, trustee of Jefferson Township, resides in the village of New Mount Pleasant. He was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, August 27, 1842, a son of Wesley and Sarah A. (Jones) Craig, natives of Pennsylvania, but married in Columbiana County, Ohio, where they lived many years. Later they moved to Stark County, Ohio, where they both died. Price K. Craig left home Christmas week of 1860, and came to Jay County, Indiana, to the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Finch, in Jefferson Township, with whom he remained until the following June, when in response to the call of President Lincoln for volunteers he enlisted for three months, in the Fifty-sixth Indiana Infantry, his service being in Kentucky. He participated in the battle at Richmond, that State. After his discharge he returned to the home of his parents in Ohio, and enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Infantry, hoping to thus procure the discharge of his father, who although over age had volunteered. He partially failed in this however, but served eighteen months, his father completing his term. After his service in the One Hundred and Fifteenth he returned to Ohio, and in the spring of 1864 visited the State of Illinois, and there enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Illinois Infantry, for 100 days, the most of his service being guard duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Soon after his last discharge he came again to Jay County and for fifteen years he engaged in teaching school during the winter, spending the summer in working on farms, or clerking in stores. From 1874 to 1876 he was deputy treasurer of Jay County, and while thus employed lived at Portland. He then taught a few terms of school, and then until 1885 was in the general mercantile business at New Mount Pleasant. In 1884 he was elected trustee of Jefferson Township, and was re-elected in 1886. He is an active public spirited citizen and has the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He is a prominent man in the councils of the Democratic Party, always upholding its principles with a firm hand. Mr. Craig was married October 15, 1870, to Miss Amelia Jane Graves, a native of Union County, Indiana, born April 27, 1847, a daughter of Layton I. Graves. To them have been born six children, but three of whom are living -Alverda, Arthur and Russell. Harrison died in infancy; Priscilla, aged four years and eight days, and Anna aged sixteen months. Mr. and Mrs. Craig are members of the Christian church.