

Reuben C. CROWE, one of the best-known citizens of Jay county, a retired farmer and livestock dealer, now living on the farm near Pennville, has been a resident of this county ever since the days of his infancy, more than seventy years ago, and has done well his part of the general work of development that has wrought so great a change in conditions hereabout during that period. Mr. CROWE was born on a pioneer farm in Wabash County, this state, March 24, 1848, and was but a babe in arms when in the next year, 1849, his parents, Joshua and Phoebe (BOND) CROWE, came with their family to Jay county and settled in Penn Township. Joshua CROWE was a native of South Carolina, born on January 29, 1795, and his wife was born in Wayne County, in what then was Indiana Territory, February II, 1812, a daughter of Joshua and Ruth (COFFIN) BOND, the latter of whom was born in Grayson County, Virginia, in 1781, a daughter of Libini and Hepzibah (STARBUCK) COFFIN, both members of Colonial families, Libini COFFIN having been a son of William and Priscilla (PADDOCK) COFFIN, the former of whom was a son of William COFFIN and the latter a daughter of Nathaniel and Ann PADDOCK. Joshua BOND was born in Guilford County, North Carolina, November 23, 1781, and was a son of Edward and Ann (MILLS) BOND. On October 6, 1805, in Grayson County, Virginia, Joshua BOND married Ruth COFFIN. He continued to make his home in that county until in 1811, when he came into Indiana Territory and settled in Wayne county, where he set up a sawmill in the Middleboro neighborhood and established his home, one of the influential Quakers of that then growing settlement. There he remained until 1835, when he disposed of his interests in Wayne County and came into this part of the state and entered a tract of land in what in. the next year came to be organized as Penn Township, Jay County, and was thus one of the early settlers of this county. As is set out elsewhere in this work, Joshua BOND set up, in the spring of 1836, the first grist mill in Jay County and "there was much rejoicing in the vicinity when this successor to the hominy block was put in operation." Here he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on September 11, 1876. He was one of the leading Friends in the PennTtownship settlement and many of the meetings of the Society of Friends were held in his house until the meeting house came to be erected. His first wife died here on November 23, 1847, and he married Mrs. Mary (ALLISON) WALTON, widow of his cousin, Abraham WALTON. She survived him less than one year, her death occurring on April 17, 1877. Joshua CROWE was a member of one of the families of South Carolina Quakers who moved to Peoria, Ill., in an early date with his father, Reuben CROWE, later moving to Indiana and marrying Phoebe BOND on January 12, 1837. Joshua CROWE died on February 16, 1853, and Phoebe CROWE died on April 7, 1883. They were the parents of seven children, Ruth Ann, Daniel, Abel Lee, Abijah, Reuben C., Mary Deborah and Jesse, and thus the CROWE and BOND

connection in the present generation is a no inconsiderable one. Reuben CROWE was but four years of age when his father died. The mother kept the family together but he early was thrown pretty largely upon his own resources and for several years in his youth worked for Albert GRISELL. On January 4, 1870, he married Harriet T. GORDON, who was born at Dayton [Montgomery Co] Ohio, but had come to Indiana with her parents, James GORDON and wife, in the days of her childhood, the GORDON's having become residents of Jay County about the year 1852, and after his marriage established his home on one of the Albert GRISELL farms, where he lived for four years, at the end of which time he moved to a farm owned by Lewis GRISELL, where he lived until 1881, in which year he moved to Pennville and there became engaged in the mercantile business. Three years later he disposed of that business and moved to a farm in section 25' of Penn Township, which he had purchased a few years before, and there established his home, this being the farm on which his son, Albert B. CROWE, is now living, and thereafter gave his chief attention to the buying and selling of livestock. In 1899 he moved to Portland and continued to carry on his life stock operations from that point until his retirement in 1911, since which time he has been living practically retired, though various interests still agreeably engage his attention. To the original tract of seventy acres which Reuben C. CROWE bought in Penn Township he added until now he has 158 acres here and also owns a tract of 320 acres in North Dakota. To him and his wife four children have been born, Francis L., Roy A., Ora M. and Albert B., all of whom are living. Francis L. CROWE, former county superintendent of schools and former clerk of Jay County, now living at Indianapolis [Marion Co.], where he is engaged in state departmental work: married Alida JONES and has four children, Heber, Garth, Elizabeth and Gordon. Roy A. CROWE married Vera MORROW and has one child, Irma, now living in Ft. Worth, Texas, and Ora M. CROWE married Vannie WALTON and is now living in The Dalles, Oregon. Albert B. CROWE, a teacher in the Pennville schools and who also is operating the old home farm in Penn Township, rural mail route No. 2 out of Pennville, was born in that township on May 3, 1879. Reared on the home farm, he was given every advantage of schooling and after completing the course in the Pennville Schools took supplementary courses in the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute, the normal school at Marion and a term at Taylor University, and has for more than twenty years been engaged as a teacher in the schools of Jay county, during this period having taught eighteen terms of school, two of these in the Portland city schools. Mr. CROWE began teaching in 1900 and since 1908 has been connected with the Pennville Public Schools. In this latter year he rented 158 acres of his father's farm in Penn township, meanwhile having married, and has since made his home there, carrying on both his school work and his

agricultural operations, and has done well, giving particular attention to the raising of pure-bred Poland China hogs. Mr. A. B. CROWE is affiliated with the Christian church, is a Republican and is a member of the Pennville lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. It was on December 24, 1903, that Albert B. CROWE was united in marriage to Clara WHITE, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, daughter of Lewellen and Martha (MENDENHALL) WHITE, and to this union two children have been born, Dorothy V. and Fred R.