

## CURRENT, GEORGE D

George D. CURRENT, local representative throughout eastern Indiana for the DeLaval Separator Company of Chicago and a substantial farmer and landowner of Richland township, this county, is a native son of Jay county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has resided here all his life. Mr. CURRENT was born on a farm in the Halfway neighborhood in Richland township on January 7, 1883, and is a son of William and Emmaline (BELL) CURRENT) the latter of whom also was born in this county. William CURRENT was but a small boy when he came to Jay county with his parents, the family moving up here from Henry county, this state, and he grew to manhood here and was married. He followed farming successfully and when the gas and oil field was opened here became also a quite successful contractor in that field, one of the best known figures in the gas and oil development in this section. He became the owner of 300 acres of land and was accounted one of the substantial citizens of the community in which he lived. William CURRENT died on February 7, 1914. He and his wife were the parents of six children, all of whom are living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Jessie F, J. Russell, Watson C., Agnes A. and Cora B. Reared on the home farm in Richland township, George D. CURRENT received his early schooling in the Halfway school house and supplemented this by two years in the Redkey high school. He early became associated with his father in the work in the oil field and was for ten years thus engaged becoming thoroughly acquainted with all phases of oil development hereabout. With the gradual subsidence of oil activities in this section Mr. CURRENT turned his attention to other matters and was for three years engaged as a salesman in the store of the Fulton Hardware Company at Portland. During this time he did much to promote the sales of the DeLaval cream separator throughout this section and presently accepted a position as traveling salesman and eastern Indiana representative of the DeLaval Separator Company of Chicago, calling on the hardware dealers throughout this section of the state, and has since been thus engaged, though continuing to make his home on his well-kept place in Richland township, he having inherited eighty acres of his father's estate in that township, and rents his fields, his chief attention being devoted to his commercial interests. On September 17, 1905, George D. CURRENT was united in marriage to Vida M. SHEPHERD, of this county, and to this union two children have been born, Eugene S., who is now attending Halfway school, and Marjorie, who died at the age of two years. Mr. and Mrs. CURRENT are members of the Methodist Episcopal church

at Redkey and are Republicans. Mr. CURRENT is a member of Redkey Lodge No. 383, Knights of Pythias. Mrs. CURRENT was born at Union City, Ohio, but was reared in Jay county, where she received her schooling, her parents, Levi D. and Emmaretta ( ISENHART ) SHEPHERD, having returned to this county, where both were born, when she was but a child. Levi D. SHEPHERD was a stationary engineer and was one of the best known men in this county. He and his wife were the parents of three daughters, all living, Mrs. CURRENT having two sisters, Desha and Ophe SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, pp.260-281. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut.