

DENNISTON, JOHN C

John C. DENNISTON, manager of the Earl Cartwright farm in Pike township and known as one of the most progressive agriculturists in Jay county, has only been a resident of this county for the past twelve or thirteen years, but in that time has established a well-defined place for himself in the estimation of those who have given large thought to the development of the agricultural resources and the livestock possibilities of this region. Mr. DENNISTON was born on a farm in Brown county, Ohio, May 23, 1873, and is a son of William M. and Elva (SAVAGE) DENNISTON, the former of whom was born in that same county and spent his life as a farmer there. He and his wife were the parents of four children, three of whom are living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Belle, and a brother, Henry DENNISTON. Reared on the home farm in Brown county, Ohio, John C.

DENNISTON received his schooling in the common schools of that county and supplemented this by a course in a commercial college in Cincinnati and there also learned telegraphy. After working at the key awhile he returned to the home farm and after operating that for a while went down into Kentucky and established himself on a farm in the vicinity of Lexington [Fayette Co.], where he remained for twenty-two years, or until in the fall of 1909, when he came to Jay county with his family and rented a farm in Pike township, where he lived for several years, at the end of which time he moved to a farm in Wayne township. Three years later he took over another farm in that same township and there lived for two years, or until he was put in charge of the Earl Cartwright farm of 240 acres in Pike township, where he since has made his home and to the operations of which place he has given his best attention. Mr. DENNISTON carries on his farm operations in accordance with up-to date methods, gives proper attention to the raising of livestock, and has the place cultivated in admirable fashion. On October 10, 1895, while living in Kentucky, John C. DENNISTON was united in marriage to Susan EVANS, who was born in Mason county, that state, a member of one of the old families there, and to this union three children have been born. Hazel, Allean and Harry, the two latter of who are still at home with their parents. Hazel DENNISTON married Russell LAKE, a young farmer of Greene township, and has one child, a son, Warren D. Mr.

DENNISTON is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Little Salamonia church. They have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 10 out of Portland. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, pp.422-423. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut

