

DRILL, Jacob A

Jacob A. DRILL, a substantial retired farmer and former landowner of Richland township, now living at Redkey, is a native Hoosier and has resided in Indiana all his life. Mr. DRILL was born on a farm in the vicinity of Union City (Randolph county) on January 19, 1861, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (DOVER) DRILL, whose last days were spent in Dayton, Ohio. The senior Jacob DRILL was born in Frederick county, Maryland, and was but nine years of age when his parents moved with their family to Ohio, locating at Dayton. A few years later they came over into Indiana and settled near Union City, in Randolph county. In this latter community Jacob DRILL grew to manhood and became a substantial farmer, the owner of a farm of 150 acres in the immediate vicinity of Union City, on which he lived until his retirement and removal to Union City, where his last days were spent. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Charles W. DRILL, and a sister, Mary C. Reared on the home farm in the neighborhood of Union City, Jacob A. DRILL completed his schooling in the schools of that city and early became engaged in farming on his own account. As a young man he came up into Jay county and bought a tract of sixty acres just north of and adjoining the then village of Redkey and after his marriage established his home on that place. Mr. DRILL improved his farm in admirable shape and there continued to make his home until 1919, when he sold the place and moved into Redkey, where he is now living and where he and his wife are very comfortably situated. Mr. DRILL sold his farm for \$200 an acre, which is said to have been the highest price up to that time paid for farm land in Jay county. It was in 1884 that Jacob A. DRILL was united in marriage to Nettie REESE, who was born in Richland township, a member of one of the old families of that section of Jay county. Mrs. DRILL is a daughter of Joel and Rachel (DANIEL) REESE who were among the substantial and influential residents of Richland township and both of whose families had been represented here since pioneer days. Mr. and Mrs. DRILL are Republicans. Mrs. DRILL is a member of the Christian church at Redkey and Mr. DRILL is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias in that city. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, pp.116-117. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut