

Charles F. HARTLEY, one of Jackson township's well known and progressive farmers and landowners, was born in that township and has resided there the greater part of his life, the exception being a period during the '80s and '90s when he resided in Michigan. Mr. HARTLEY is a member of one of the pioneer families of Jay county, the HARTLEY's having been represented here since, the year 1845. He was born on January 12, 1862, and is a son of Enoch B. and Lydia H. (SHANKS) HARTLEY, the latter of whom was a sister of Gen. John P. C. SHANKS, the story of whose interesting career is told elsewhere in this work, together with further details concerning the SHANKS family, which was one of the first families in this section. The late Enoch B. HARTLEY, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Warren county, Ohio, and was seventeen years of age when he came with his parents, Samuel and Deborah (BORDEN) HARTLEY, of whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this volume, to Jay county in 1845, the family locating in Jackson township. In 1855 Enoch B. HARTLEY, who was the eldest of the eight children born to his parents, married Lydia H. SHANKS, daughter of Michael and Martha B. (CLEAVER) SHANKS, and established his home at Pennville, then Camden. He presently moved from here to Minnesota, but about a year later returned to Jay county and located on a forty-acre farm in Jackson township, where he was living when the Civil war broke out. In February, 1865, he enlisted his services as a soldier of the Union and was commissioned first lieutenant of Company G of the 153d regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served in the Army of the Cumberland until mustered out in the following September, the war then being over. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. HARTLEY returned home and resumed farming and black smithing, vocations he followed the remainder of his life, increasing his holdings until he was the owner of an excellent farm of 240 acres. He died on December 29, 1901. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, eight of whom are living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Ida, Mary, William, Alice, Louisa C., Martha Lulu. Ernest and Arthur, the two last named of whom served as soldiers during the time of the Spanish-American war.

Reared on the home farm in Jackson township, Charles F. HARTLEY received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remained at home until 1887 when he went to Michigan and took up farming in that state, where he presently married and established his home on an eighty-acre farm he had bought there. For seventeen years Mr. HARTLEY remained in Michigan and then, following the death of his father, he returned to Jay county and established his home on an "eighty" of the old home place, which he inherited and where he is now living, he and his family being very comfortably situated. It was in February, 1894, that Charles F. HARTLEY was united in marriage to Anna WOODWARD, who was born at Grand Rapids, Mich., and to this union seven children have been born, five of whom are living, Ruth, Esther, Agnes, Harold and Enoch, those deceased having been Mildred and Lawrence. Agnes HARTLEY married Howard HAFFNER, of this county, and has one child, a daughter, Mildred Maryanna. The HARTLEY's have a pleasant home and have ever taken an interested part in the social activities of the community in which they live. Mr. HARTLEY is a member of West Grove grange, No. 117, Patrons of Husbandry, and takes an active interest in grange affairs. In his political views he is "independent."

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