

Levi Johnson, farmer and stock-raiser, Jackson Township, was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, February 28, 1818, a son of Jesse and Frances (Swallow) Johnson. He was reared a farmer in his native county, where he was given the benefits of a common school education. In 1836, his father died, and the same year the mother and her children came to Jay County and located on section 19, Jackson Township. In the winters of 1837 and 1838, Levi Johnson taught the first school in Penn Township, in a log school house, each scholar paying \$1.50 a term, and the teacher boarding around, in 1839, he taught in Jackson Township, being the first school in Jackson. He continued to make his home on section 19 until 1876, improving the farm and making it one of the best in the township, and in the latter year moved to his present home, which was improved by Daniel Register. Mr. Johnson is one of the prominent men of his township, and has served in several positions of trust and responsibility. He first was township clerk under the old law two terms, and was a justice of the peace twelve years, and in all cases brought to him the advice was given in an impartial manner, and peace was restored with as little trouble as possible. He has been assessor of his township five years, and in 1880 took the census. He is a member of the Christian Church, to which he is devoted, working earnestly to promote the interests of his church. In politics, he is a Republican.

Mr. Johnson was married March 2, 1845 to Harriet Rigby, daughter of Seth and Delilah Rigby. To them were born six children - Arthur (deceased), Elma M., Pluma Adaline, Mary Angeline (deceased), Riley C. (deceased) and Amy Jane. Mrs. Johnson died June 27, 1859. January 8, 1876, Mr. Johnson married his present wife. Her maiden name was Elvira Walton, a daughter of Abraham and Mary Walton. When she was seventeen years old she married Sylvester McCoy, who died December 24, 1860, leaving his widow with two children. The eldest, Marina M., died aged six years; Florence Geneva is living. January 15, 1870, she married Daniel Register, and to them were born two sons - Elmer E. and Wilbur L. She was again left a widow, and then became the wife of Mr. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one of the pleasantest homes in the township and their hospitable and cordial manners have gained for them many friends who are always sure of a welcome. Their benevolence and kindness to the poor has endeared their names to many, who will ever remember with gratitude the favors received at their fireside.