

Charles F. Losch, deceased, was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, November 24, 1833, a son of Charles and Julia Losch, who came to the United States when Charles was three years of age and made their home in Darke County, Ohio and in 1841 moved to Jay County, Indiana, and settled in Pike Township, where they both died.

Of their eight children, but five are living - Abraham and Joseph in Pike Township, and Elizabeth, Catherine and John in Illinois.

Charles F. Losch was reared on a farm and became one of Pike Township's leading agriculturists. September 1, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Thirty-Sixth Indiana Infantry and after serving faithfully nine months was honorably discharged on account of sickness. November 4, 1863, Mr. Losch was married to Miss Melinda E. Heister, who was born in Boundary, Indiana February 26, 1843, a daughter of Daniel Heister, a pioneer of Jay County. The spring following their marriage they went to housekeeping on the farm where the family still live. At that time they owned 120 acres, eighty acres being a present to Mrs. Losch from her father. Thirty acres had been cleared and a small house had been built, and from this beginning they by industry made a good home, adding to their estate eighty acres and at the time of Mr. Losch's death 100 acres were under cultivation. Five children are still living under the home roof - Daniel J., Mary E., John H., Charles E. and Louisa A. A daughter, Alice, died aged two years and two children died in infancy. Mr. Losch died May 30, 1879.

His life was a worthy and honorable one, and his name is worthy of mention of others who were influential in making Jay County one of the best in the State. He was a consistent member of the German Reformed Church and in politics he was identified with the Republican Party.

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