

Joseph D.R.G. LOSCH, one of the active and public-spirited men of Pike Township, residing at the old village of Bluff Point, was born on the homestead of his parents in Pike Township, in the year 1846. He is a son of Charles C. and Julia A. (Volk) Losch, who were born, reared and married in Wittemburg, Germany. With their three eldest children, they came to the United States in 1836, and first settled in Darke County, Ohio, and in 1841 made their home in Jay County, Indiana, on section 35, Pike Township, where they commenced improving eighty acres of timber land. There they made a good home, adding to their original purchase until the homestead contained about 400 acres. The mother died in 1863, aged fifty-two years. She was a member of the Reformed church at Boundary. The father married for his second wife Miss Mary Gates, who died about two years after her marriage. He was again married to Mrs. Elizabeth Dodson, who now resides at the old homestead with her stepson, Abraham. The father died in 1872, in his sixty-eighth year. He was an energetic man, having come to the county poor, passing through all the trials and hardships of pioneer life, and by his own efforts accumulated a fine property, and what is still better, gained the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. The parents of our subject had born to them the following children - Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett, living in Montgomery County, Illinois; Frederick, who died in 1864, leaving a wife and two children; John, who was a faithful soldier in the Seventh Indiana Infantry, is now living in Bond County, Illinois; Josephus was a member of the same company, and died at his father's residence during the war; Joseph D.R.G., our subject; Abraham H., now living on the old homestead, and Julia A., who died aged nine years. The three eldest children were natives of Germany, the rest of the family being born in Jay County, Indiana.

Joseph D.R.G. Losch, whose name heads this sketch, remained on the farm until March, 1864, when he went to Randolph County and commenced working at the harness and saddle maker's trade, which he followed until twenty-eight years of age, with the exception of about one year, when in attendance at Liber College. May 29, 1873, he was married to Miss Mary E. Ware, who was born August 1, 1850, in Pike Township, where her parents, John E. and Susan Ware, still reside. At the time of his marriage Mr. Losch was engaged in harness making at Dunkirk, Jay County, and there he commenced housekeeping. He subsequently returned to Pike Township to the homestead of his parents. Since 1883 he has made his home in the village of Bluff Point, where he owns a very fine residence property. Politically he has always cast his suffrage with the Republican party. He has held the office of justice of the peace of Pike Township four or five years, and is now serving his second term as township trustee. Both Mr. and Mrs. Losch are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are classed among the best people of Pike township, where they enjoy the confidence and esteem of all.

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