

MONTGOMERY, WILLIAM H.

William H. MONTGOMERY, one of Jay county's best known and most substantial farmers and landowners and proprietor of an excellent farm in Bearcreek township, where he makes his home, rural mail route No. 11 out of Portland, was born in that same township, a member of one of the real pioneer families of this county, and has resided there all his life. Mr. MONTGOMERY was born on December 22, 1875, and is a son of George G. and Sarah (GRIFFITH) MONTGOMERY, both members of old families in Jay county and further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, George G. MONTGOMERY having been formerly and for years a merchant, first at Westchester and then at Bryant, at which latter place he is now living retired, the store which he established there now being conducted by his son, I. A. MONTGOMERY. It was while his father was engaged in farming in Bearcreek township that William H. MONTGOMERY was born. He was about two years of age when his father became engaged in the mercantile business at Westchester and in that village he spent his youth, receiving his early schooling in the Westchester schools. This be supplemented by a three years course in the old Portland Normal School and a term in the Marion Normal School and was engaged for one term as a teacher in the schools of this county, teaching in the Haffner school in Bearcreek township. After his marriage at the age of twenty-two years, Mr. MONTGOMERY rented the home farm of 240 acres in Bearcreek township and there established his home. Three years later he bought the farm and has since resided there, in the meantime increasing his acreage by purchases from time to time of additional land until now he owns 662 acres in Bearcreek township and has one of the best improved farms in the county, his farm plant being up-to-date in all essential details. Mr. MONTGOMERY is a Republican and has ever taken a good citizen's interest in local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office.

It was on November 4, 1898, that William H. MONTGOMERY was united in marriage to Wilma ROSEBOROUGH and to this union four children have been born, Mabel, George, John and Frederick W., all of whom are at home. Mrs. MONTGOMERY, who is a daughter of John and Clara R. (McCOLLUCH) ROSEBOROUGH, was born and reared in Fulton county, Ohio. John ROSEBOROUGH was formerly and for years engaged in the practice of law at Elmira, Ohio. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, three of whom are living, Mrs. MONTGOMERY having two sisters, Cora and Alice. Mrs. MONTGOMERY is a member of the Westchester United Brethren church.

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