

MYERS, SOL

Sol MYERS, a well-known retired farmer and landowner and former building contractor, of Wayne township, this county, living on rural mail route No. II out of Portland, is a Buckeye by birth, but has been a resident of Jay county for the past thirty-seven years. Mr. Myers was born on a farm in Harrison county, Ohio, September 13, 1845, and is a son of Adam and Catherine (BINGER) MYERS, both of whom also were born in that state. Adam MYERS was a well-to-do farmer and he and his wife were the parents of twelve children, two of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, William MYERS, living in Hancock county, Ohio. Sol MYERS was reared on the home farm in Ohio and received his schooling in the neighboring district schools. As a young man he for several years worked as a farm hand and then took up carpentering and at the age of twenty-five years began on his own account as a building contractor, many years ago taking up his residence in this county. In 1885 he bought the farm of ninety-nine acres which he still owns in Wayne township and made substantial improvements on the same, erecting all new buildings and otherwise putting the place in its present up-to-date shape. Mr. MYERS bought this farm in behalf of his sons, who have looked after its operation and it is at present being farmed by his elder son, George W. MYERS. Upon coming to Jay county Mr. MYERS continued active as a building contractor and so continued until his retirement in 1916, during that time having built many of the houses and barns throughout the central part of the county. Mr. MYERS is a Democrat and the members of his family entertain the same political views. In December, 1867, Sol MYERS was united in marriage to Harriet ANDERSON, who was born and reared in Hancock county, Ohio, a daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth (CAMPBELL) ANDERSON, and to this union have been born five children, four of whom are living, namely: George W., Martha E., Henry W. and Delia. George W. MYERS, who, as noted above, is farming his father's place in Wayne township, married Gertrude PETERS and has had four children, of whom two, Paul Leroy and Harold, are living and two, Francis H. and Ruby, are deceased. Martha E. MYERS married T. H. ALEXANDER, a farmer of Wayne township, and has had four children, Charles, Donn and Mary Helen living, and Elmer, deceased. Henry W. MYERS, who also is farming in Wayne township, married Ella COOPER.

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