

Israel Macklin, farmer, section 2, Bear Creek Township, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, April 30, 1837, son of Jacob Macklin. The family came to Jay County in 1838, and located on section 1, Bear Creek Township, in the wild, unbroken forest. Our subject was reared on the farm and received a limited education in the pioneer subscription schools. September 15, 1861, he married Miss Lucretia Ann Rogers, born in Darke County, Ohio, February 27, 1841 and daughter of Byron C. and Alletha (Billis) Rogers. She came to Jay County in 1860. After his marriage, Mr. Macklin located on the farm where he now resides, which was partly improved. During the late war, he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-Third Indiana Infantry, and served until the close of the war. While in the service he contracted a disease from which he has never recovered. His first purchase of land was sixty-eight acres. He has since added to that amount until he now owns 380 acres of Jay County's best soil. He has a good story and a half residence, built in modern style and well furnished. His barn is 36x60 feet and is one of the best barns in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Macklin have six children - Martha Elizabeth, Susan Lucinda, Dora Alletta Jane, Ada May, Roger Culver and Jacob Israel.

In politics, Mr. Macklin is a Democrat. He never asked for office, but the citizens of his district saw fit to elect him supervisor several terms. He, his wife and four of their children are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, of which he has held all the official offices, and he has been elected delegate to the annual conference several times. He is a member of John P. Porter Post, No. 42, G.A.R. of Geneva, Adams County.