

George Parsons, farmer, sections 21 and 22, Noble Township, came to Jay County with wife and two children March 27, 1855, settling on the farm where he now resides. He bought land of Samuel Noney and forty acres of Jerry Walling. There was an old log cabin on the place and forty acres had been plowed. He lived in that cabin two years, and then built a small frame house in which he lived until he built his present fine brick home in 1872 at a cost of \$2,000, besides his own labor. He built his barn in 1862. At one time he had one of the largest and best orchards in the township; but the cold water of 1882 injured his trees very materially. He now has 140 acres of improved land.

Mr. Parsons was born in Perry County, Ohio, December 25, 1820, and when fourteen years of age went to Morrow County, same state, where he lived ten years. He then went to Marion County where he was married and soon afterward went back to Perry County and worked on a small farm left by his father. He lived there nine years, then sold out and came to Noble Township, settling upon his present farm. During the late war he was drafted twice. The first time he procured a substitute and the second time he was exempt.

He was married January 1, 1845 to Miss Sarah Holman, who was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1823 and when twelve years of age was brought to Wayne County by Christian Franks, where she was partly reared. She was a daughter of Daniel Holman and Rose (Johnson), who were born in Perry County, Pennsylvania. Her father died of cholera when she was quite small and was buried on an island in Lake Erie. The mother married and died in Perry County in 1837.

Mr. Parsons' parents were Joseph and Nancy (Fluckey) Parsons. The father was born in Highland County, Ohio, September 27, 1797. His mother died and his father again married, and he was bound out, and when old enough to learn a trade he was apprenticed to a blacksmith. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He died in 1823 in Perry County, Ohio, leaving a wife and two children – George and Joshua; the latter died in Grant County, Indiana in 1869, at the age of forty-six years, leaving a wife and eight children. The mother was born in Huntington County, Pennsylvania, in August, 1797 and when twelve years of age removed to Perry County, Ohio where she was first married. Her second husband was John S. Nixon, and they had five children – Margaret, Catherine Joseph, Sarah and Levi. Joseph and Sarah are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Parson have had eight children, only two of whom are living – Elnorah J. born November 28, 1845, died November 8, 1846; Julia A., born February 25, 1847, married Nicholas Money; Nancy E., born March 7, 1849, married Harvey Drake; Charles E. born July 25, 1851, died August 17, 1853; an infant unnamed, died January 18, 1853; Sarah E., born October 7, 1856, died September 18, 1860; Margaret J., born February 10, 1859, died September 10, 1860; Lola M. born July 20, 1861, died August 21, 1878.

Mr. Parsons was elected township trustee two terms and served as township clerk six years under the old law. His grandfather, Joshua Parsons, died at Marion, Grant County, Indiana and his grandmother Parson died in Highland County, Ohio. His grandfather Fluckey was born in Hesse, Germany and came to America as a British soldier in the Revolutionary War and deserted to the American Army. He was married in Philadelphia to Miss Margaret Stotz, who was born in Germany; both died in Morrow County, Ohio. He was ninety-six years old at his death and his wife was ninety-three.

Mrs. Parsons' grandparents, William and Catherine Johnson, died in Perry County, Pennsylvania. The Johnsons were of English ancestry.

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