

Elwood M. Hiatt, one of Jefferson Township enterprising citizens residing on Section 1, is a native of Indiana, born near Linnville, in Randolph County May 22, 1841. That same year his parents, William and Martha (Jackson) Hiatt, made their home in Greene Township, Jay County, where they now live and besides our subject, they have three sons and two daughters, residents of Jay County – Jasper N., of Penn Township; Jahne E., William P. and Mrs. Mary A. Kinley, of Greene Township, and Mrs. Martha E. Strohl of Knox Township.

Elwood M. Hiatt has lived in Jay County since early childhood, with the exception of the time spent in the service of his country and until his enlistment lived at the home of his parents. In 1864, he became a member of Company F., One Hundred and Fortieth Indiana Infantry. He was in the second engagement at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and while in the Twenty-Third Corps under General Schofield, he joined Sherman's Army at Goldsboro, North Carolina and was present at the surrender of General Johnston and his rebel army. After receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to his old home in Jay County.

In the year 1865 he was married to Miss Mary C. Lacy, and to this union was one son, William L., who died at the age of three years. Mrs. Hiatt died about two years after her marriage. She was an estimable woman, a devout Christian, being a consistent member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Hiatt was again married in 1875 to Mrs. Rhoda Taylor, a native of Randolph County, Indiana and a daughter of John and Phoebe Taylor, now of Redkey, they being pioneers of Randolph County. By her first marriage with Ralph Wilson, Mrs. Hiatt had one son, Elmer, who is now living in Illinois. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt, five are living – John F., George M., William P., Anna May and Martha E. Their second child, Charles, died in his second year.

Mr. Hiatt has resided on his present homestead in Jefferson Township since his marriage, commencing on a tract of eighty acres of which but a few acres had been cleared. His farm now consists of 130 acres under good improvement and drainage, a fine residence erected in 1886, and good farm buildings, the entire surroundings showing care and thrift. Politically Mr. Hiatt is identified with the Republican Party.

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[Died 4/3/1900 and is buried in Green Park Cemetery]