

ALBERT GRISELL, a native of Ohio, and an enterprising and progressive citizen of Penn Township, Jay County, was born in Columbiana County, July 10, 1831, the fourth son of Samuel Grisell. When he was three years old his parents immigrated to Jay County, Indiana, locating in Penn Township, where his youth was spent in assisting his father clear and improve his frontier farm, and in attending the log cabin subscription schools of his day, where he received but limited educational advantages. He remained with his parents until he grew to manhood.

He was married July 7, 1853, to Miss Rachel Ann Starbuck, a daughter of Joseph and Grace (Lupton) Starbuck. Of the seven children born to this union only four are living - Ann, wife of Dr. William C. Hastings; Grace S., Arthur A. and Mary H. Martha H., a twin of Mary, died at the age of two years; James S. died aged six years, and Emma E. at the age of one year. After his marriage Mr. Grisell settled on an unimproved farm given him by his father and later his father gave him another tract of twenty acres, which he cleared and improved, living on it until 1871. He then sold it and purchased 128 acres of partially improved land on section 35, Penn Township, which he made into one of the best farms in the township. He resided on this farm until 1884, when he sold his land and bought his present home in the suburbs of Camden. In politics he affiliates with the Republican Party. In 1876 he was elected to the office of county treasurer, serving as such one term, with honor to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. Both he and his wife are members of the Society of Friends.

Joseph Starbuck, the father of Mrs. Grisell, was a native of Belmont County, Ohio, a son of Hezekiah Starbuck, who was born on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. The ancestors of Mrs. Grisell came from Wales to America about 1700, and settled on Nantucket Island to escape persecution on account of their religion, being Quakers. Several of the families were seamen, and when but twenty-two years of age the great-grandfather of Mrs. Grisell was made captain of a whaling vessel. He subsequently abandoned the sea, and with some of his cousins settled in Guilford County, North Carolina. His son Hezekiah removed from North Carolina to Belmont County, Ohio, where Joseph, the father of Mrs. Grisell was born, and when the latter was eight years old he settled in Logan County, Ohio. The mother of Mrs. Grisell was born in Champaign County, Ohio, a daughter of Solomon Lupton. She died November 7, 1836. Mr. Starbuck was again married to Miss Rebecca Lupton, a sister of his first wife, and to this union were born four children, three still living - James A., John M. and Joseph A. By his first marriage Mr. Starbuck had three children, of whom two still survive - Rachel Ann, now Mrs. Grisell, and Grace P., wife of Joad Somers. Mr. Starbuck died in March, 1844. The same year Mrs. Grisell and her sister were taken to Jay County by their maternal grandparents, remaining with them until their death, grandmother Lupton dying in 1846, and her husband in 1848. After their death the sisters made their home with an uncle until their marriage.

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