Joshua Burton Perdue was born in Miami County, Ohio, January 26, 1823 and died in Portland, Indiana, August 22, 1887, aged 64 years, 6 months and 26 days. He was converted and united with the Methodist Church when he was 19 years of age. He was married to Synthia J. Woods in 1844. He was married again to Louisa Longnecker, his present wife August 17, 1857.

He was the father of eleven children, six of whom are still living. In 1863, he moved to Winchester, Indiana and in 1872, he came to Portland. He was a member of the 44th Ohio Volunteers and served two years.

Rev. Semans preached the funeral sermon at the M. E. Church. The funeral services were conducted by the G.A.R. Post and Sons of Veterans of Portland and the interment was at the Old Cemetery.

Portland Commercial, Jay County, IN; August 18, 1887

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