

Jacob SCHOLER, a well known and progressive young farmer of this county, proprietor of: a well kept farm in Madison township, where he is living, rural mail route No. 6 out of Portland, was born on that farm and has' lived there all his life, representing the third generation of SCHOLER's who have owned the place. Mr. SCHOLER was born on July 10, 1883, and is a son of Henry and Anna ( WEUTHRICK ) SCHOLER, both of whom were born in Switzerland. Henry SCHOLER came to America with his parents, John SCHOLER and wife, in 1855. The family settled in Fairfield county, Ohio, but remained there only one year, at the end of which time, in 1856, they came to Indiana and located in Jay county. Upon his arrival here John SCHOLER bought a quarter section of land in Madison township and there established his home. Henry SCHOLER, his son, helped to develop that place and in 1868 went back to Switzerland and was there married. With his bride he returned to the home place in Madison township and ever afterward made his home there, in time becoming the owner of 127 acres of the farm, that portion of the original quarter section now owned and operated by his son Jacob. Henry SCHOLER and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, all of whom are living save Samuel and Noah W, the others (besides the subject of this sketch) being Henry, Elizabeth, John, Mary, Albert, Charles, Edward, Frederick, Ida A. and Walter.

Reared on the old home farm, where he was born, Jacob SCHOLER received his schooling in the Lockout school and from the days of his boyhood was a helpful factor in the labors of developing the farm. He married in his thirty-first year and after his marriage continued to make his home on the farm. In 1917, his parents meanwhile having died, he bought from the other heirs their respective interests in the place and has since been owner of the farm, a well improved and profitably cultivated farm of 127 acres, all of which is tillable save a tract of thirty-four acres which he maintains in woodland. Mr. SCHOLER is a Democrat. He is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Salamoniam and he and his wife are members of the Reformed church at Salamoniam.

It was on May 1, 1915, that Jacob SCHOLER was united in marriage to Iris E. CASTER, who also was born in this county, and to this union two children have been -born, daughters both, Elsie Elizabeth and Martha Ethel. Mrs. SCHOLER was born on a farm in Wayne township, a daughter of James and Maria ( WHIPPLE ) CASTER. She was graduated from the Portland high school and then took a course in Mrs. Blaker's School at Indianapolis and later a course in the Eastern Indiana Normal School at Muncie, after which she began teaching and had been thus engaged in the schools of this county for three years when she was married. Mr. and Mrs. SCHOLER have a pleasant home and have ever taken an interested and helpful part in the community's general social activities.

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