



*Jacob Gaunt.*

Jacob Gaunt, section 26, Knox Township, is one of the enterprising, public spirited farmers of Jay County. When he was ten years of age his father, Joseph Gaunt, moved from Ohio to Jay County, and located on section 24, in Knox Township, where he was reared, his education from that time being obtained in the subscription schools. When they came to Jay County there were but six houses in Portland. When he was twenty years of age he began to teach school, and taught three terms in Greene Township. He remained on the old homestead until 1880, when he moved to the farm where he now lives, which contains 240 acres of Jay County's best land, 160 acres being land entered from the Government by his father in 1887. His farm is well located on the Redkey and

Camden pike, four miles north of the former town, and is under a good state of cultivation, and his building improvements are comfortable and commodious. He has a good orchard of bearing trees and a quantity of small fruit, everything about his place testifying to the thrift and enterprise of the owner. Mr. Gaunt was married June 23, 1853, at Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana, to Malvina F. Bennett, daughter of David and Margaret (Byers) Bennett. To them have been born nine children, six of whom are living--David Clinton, a prosperous farmer of Knox Township; Arthur Lee, Charles Dalton, George Wise, Harry Swain and Willard Warren. Viola V., Joseph R., and John F. are deceased, the two first named dying at the age of sixteen months, and the latter aged ten years. In politics Mr. Gaunt is a Democrat. He has served his township as clerk, treasurer and trustee. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and one of its most liberal supporters.

Jacob was the son of Joseph and Phebe Emily (Swem) Gaunt. He married Melvina Bennett June 23 1853 in Wells County, Indiana.

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