

age of three; Katie E., who married Ellis Martin, living southeast of Pekin, in this county, and has two children, Hazel and Rolland, and Theodore, November 8, 1885, who lives on the home farm with his mother, managing two farms for her, married Earle Roby, and has four children, Florence, Lawrence, John and Harry. William H. Wire was a devout member of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Wire has many vivid recollections of her pioneer days and of the difficulties she was compelled to overcome during the early days of her housekeeping in the little cabin in the woods. She did her own spinning and weaving and wove hundreds of yards of linsey, jeans, blankets and the like. Though she had a crane in her fireplace, she always used a cook stove, but recalls well the first cook stoves brought to this county, her father having procured the second or third one that was used in his neighborhood.

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WILLIAM TOWNSEND PICKELHEIMER.

Seventeen years ago the Standard Oil Company established a supply station at Salem, in Washington county, for the distribution of its various products, in charge of William T. Pickelheimer, who has remained in that position ever since, rendering a service satisfactory both to his employers and to his patrons. Owing to the increased use of gasoline, oils and other petroleum products by automobiles and all internal combustion engines, Mr. Pickelheimer has, from year to year, handled an increasing volume of business.

William Townsend Pickelheimer was born on November 20, 1860, in Clermont county, Ohio, son of William H. and Sarah H. (Harris) Pickelheimer, both of whom were natives of Clermont county, Ohio. William H. Pickelheimer was the son of Moses Smith and Martha (Grant) Pickelheimer.

Moses Smith Pickelheimer was born on November 9, 1816, on what is now Sycamore street hill, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The locality was then all in woods and Cincinnati was only a small village. When a young man he moved to Clermont county, Ohio, and there, in 1837, he was married to Martha Grant, who was a native of that county and a relative of Gen. U. S. Grant. Moses S. Pickelheimer was a prominent man in his day and was a leader among men in the several localities where his lot was cast. He was elected to the Ohio state Legislature in 1856 and re-elected in 1858. In

1871 he moved to Lexington, Indiana, and in 1873 moved back to Cincinnati. Two years later he went to Osgood, Indiana, where he lived until about 1876, when he moved to Aurora, Indiana, where he spent the rest of his life. In 1890 Moses S. Pickelheimer was elected mayor of Aurora and served two years. Later he served as justice of the peace, and was filling that office at the time of his death, January 12, 1896.

William H. Pickelheimer was born on August 10, 1828, in Clermont county, Ohio. As a boy he attended the common schools and when he was a young man learned the carpenter's trade. On December 10, 1859, he was married to Sarah H. Harris, who was born on November 12, 1837, in Clermont county, Ohio, a daughter of John and Nancy Harris. In 1880 William H. Pickelheimer moved his family to Aurora, Indiana, where he worked at his trade as a carpenter. Later he moved to Washington, D. C., where he held a position in the government printing office until his death, on December 27, 1905. His wife, Sarah (Harris) Pickelheimer, died on September 27, 1886.

William T. Pickelheimer received his elementary educational training in the public schools of Clermont county, Ohio, and was about twenty years old when his father moved to Aurora. He assisted his father as a carpenter at Aurora until 1885, when they moved to Washington, D. C. There he secured a position in the supply division of the government postoffice department. On March 17, 1890, Mr. Pickelheimer moved to Evansville, Indiana, and lived there seven years. He then came to Washington county and spent one year on a farm in Madison township. In 1898 he moved to Salem and opened an office for the Standard Oil Company, and has continued as the manager of that supply station, which at the time of its establishment was the first oil supply station in Washington county.

In October, 1888, William T. Pickelheimer was united in marriage with Ida L. Trinkle, who was born in Madison township, this county, a daughter of John and Julia A. (Trabue) Trinkle. John Trinkle was born on April 17, 1838, in Madison township, this county, and now resides in the southwestern part of the county, between Hardinsburg and Livonia.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Pickelheimer are the parents of three children, namely: Howard Otho, born on February 13, 1890, in Washington, D. C.; Jerome Edwin, December 8, 1893, in Livonia, Indiana, and Bethel Etta, June 28, 1900, in Salem, Indiana. The children are all at home with their parents. Mr. Pickelheimer has a picture which he prizes very highly;

it is a group photograph which shows four generations of his family--his grandfather, his father, himself and his son, Howard O.

Mr. Pickelheimer is a Democrat. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He and his wife are both members of the Tribe of Ben-Hur. The family are all members of the Presbyterian church and take an active part in the affairs of that denomination.

DENNIS B. WESNER.

One of the best-known farmers and a man who has the respect of all in Jefferson township, Washington county, Indiana, is Dennis B. Wesner, who was born in Brown township, November 22, 1854, the son of William and Sarah (Legg) Wesner, natives of Brown township.

William Wesner was the son of Jacob Wesner and wife, the former of whom was born in Germany and came to America at an early date and located in the Twin Creek hills of Washington county, Indiana, where he operated a still house. Jacob Wesner was one of the most extensive distillers of the territory, and worked at this together with general agricultural pursuits, which he followed on his farm in Brown township. William Wesner, after his school days, became a farmer, living as a farmer in Washington county for the whole of his active life with the exception of two years, when he was a farmer of Missouri. William Wesner was a prominent Democrat of his locality and was an active member of the Free and Accepted Masons. William and Sarah Wesner were the parents of the following children: James B., Minerva Ellen, Angeline, Benjamin (deceased), Dennis B., Mary Ann, Alma, Ollie, John and Elmer, who died in infancy.

Dennis B. Wesner was educated in the township schools of Brown township, after which he became a farmer, working on the home place until his marriage, when he went to Jackson county, Indiana, and there farmed for two years, afterward returning to Washington county and renting a farm in Brown township, which place he cultivated for two years and then secured his present farm of one hundred and twelve acres in Jefferson township. Mr. Wesner has greatly improved his farm, has equipped the place with the most approved implements and conveniences and is now successfully engaged in general farming.

During the year 1876 Dennis B. Wesner was married to Hannah E.