

JACOB BROWN, who is following farming and stock raising in Burrell township, Indiana county, was born in Cherryhill township, this county, March 7, 1863, son of Jacob T. and Margaret (Deal) Brown.

David Brown, the paternal grandfather of Jacob Brown, was born in Germany, and came to America as a young man, settling first in Blair county, Pa., and subsequently removing to Cherryhill township, Indiana county, where he took up a tract of 150 acres and became engaged in stock raising and farming. He became known as a substantial agriculturist, as a raiser of fine horses, and as a prominent Whig and Republican politician, and died in 1863, advanced in years, and commanding the respect and esteem of his entire community. His wife, Barbara, was born in Blair county, Pa., and to them were born five children, as follows: Mary, who married Amos Farrier of Green township, Indiana county, and had seven children, the first two being Robert and Amos; Susan, who married Samuel Griffith, of Green township; Jacob T.; Elizabeth, who married Philip Bowen; and John, who married Margaret Potts, daughter of Samuel and Susanna (Soyster) Potts.

Jacob T. Brown, son of David and father of Jacob, was born in 1830, and died in November, 1862. He married Margaret Deal, daughter of David and Barbara Deal, natives of Germany and early settlers of Somerset county, Pa., and they had the following children: William, who married Maggie McKendrick, and resides on the homestead in Cherryhill township; Lizzie, who is buried in Manor Hill cemetery, in Cherryhill township; Florinda, who married Charles Hartman, of Green township, and has a family; Annie, who married Elias Learn, of Green township, and has four children; and Jacob.

Jacob T. Brown received his education in the district schools of his native (Cherryhill) township, and there grew to manhood on the homestead farm, where he became the owner of 100 acres. An industrious and hardworking farmer, he made extensive improvements on his property, erecting a large barn and a comfortable frame house, cultivating his land, and developing a valuable estate. Like his father he was content to devote his activities to his farming and stock raising interests, and never entered the field of politics, although he supported the Republican party as a voter and took a good citizen's interest in the matters that affected his community. His religious faith was that of the Golden Rule. He and his wife were laid to rest in the Manor Hill cemetery. Mr. Brown died in the prime of his life, and his death was not only a shock to his immediate family, but to a wide circle of friends who had been drawn about him by his strict integrity and many excellencies of character.

Jacob Brown, son of Jacob T. Brown, received somewhat limited educational advantages, as his father had died before his birth and the lad was obliged to go to work on the home farm as soon as he was able. He continued to work for his mother for some years. During this time he had industriously and thriftily saved his earnings, and was eventually able to purchase the Peter Barren farm of sixty acres in Burrell township, in 1894, since which time he has carried on general farming and dairying. He keeps good stock, and disposes of his dairy product at wholesale in Blairsville. Enterprising and progressive to a high degree, he has demonstrated his ability on more than one occasion, and at this

time "Ellwood Farm" is producing as much as many properties twice its size. In politics Mr. Brown is a Republican, and has taken an active and prominent part in township affairs, having served as school director for nine years, township clerk for two years, and member of the election board for sixteen years.

Mr. Brown was married to Ida Stephens, daughter of Giles and Catherine (Craig) Stephens, the former born in Huntingdon county, Pa., and the latter in Brushvalley township, Indiana county. This union has been blessed by two children: Paul Stephens, born May 16, 1894; and Gladys, born in August, 1902.