

JAMES H. DONAHEY, of Green township, Indiana county, is one of the well-known residents of his section having served in various local offices, the duties of which he has discharged efficiently. He is a farmer by occupation.

James Donahey, grandfather of James H. Donahey, was a native of Blacklick township, Indiana county, and in his early life became a farmer, cultivating land which he owned and upon which he lived until his death, as did also his wife. She was of the same family as Richard B. Clawson, mentioned elsewhere.

William J. Donahey, son of James, was born Sept. 23, 1825, in Blacklick township, where he remained until 1865. He then removed with his family to Green township, and in 1868 settled on the farm there where his son James now lives. There he died Sept. 22, 1889. He married Margaret Davis, who was born in Blacklick township Feb. 22, 1829, and died July 31, 1900. Her father, David Davis, was a native of Indiana county, lived at Blacklick township, where he engaged in farming, and died Jan. 31, 1855, on the old farm. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Donahey: Benjamin F., born Feb. 9, 1849, lives in Green township; Martha Jane, born March 3, 1851, is deceased; Sarah Ellen, born April 2, 1853, is the wife of William Beck Rice, of Green township; James H. is mentioned below; Edmund, born Nov. 25, 1857, lives in Grant township, this county; Frank D., born June 26, 1860, is a resident of Starford, Indiana county; Anna Mary, born May 30, 1862, died Feb. 26, 1865; Rachel Emma, born Dec. 6, 1864, is the wife of Wilbert Kidd, of Indiana county; William A., born March 4, 1867, lives at Wilkinsburg; Richard M., born Oct. 7, 1869, is a carrier in the rural free delivery service and lives at Lovejoy.

James H. Donahey was born Aug. 26, 1855, near Hopewell Church, in Blacklick township. He came with his parents to the farm in Green township where he now lives, and helped his father to clear the land. When a youth of eighteen he began to learn the trade of mason and plasterer, which he continued to follow for sixteen years. For three years he lived near Taylorsville, this county, returning in 1897 to the home farm, where he has since lived. He has been a successful farmer, and is considered one of the most substantial and reliable residents of his locality, being well and favorably known to his neighbors and fellow citizens generally, where he has served as supervisor and in other public positions.

On Jan. 1, 1889, Mr. Donahey married Lizzie Jane Myers, who was born in Green township, April 11, 1857, daughter of John and Sarua (Pifer) Myers, the former a native of Rayne township, Indiana county, the latter born in Ohio. Mr. Myers was a farmer all his life, and resided for some time in Green township, where he and his wife died. Mr. and Mrs. Donahey are members of the Brethren Church. They reared one child, Mollie McAlester, who lived with them from girlhood and is now the wife of Harvey Mumau; she has four children, Vera J., Helen, Carl and Donald. Another girl, Elsie Reed, lived with them from the age of ten until seventeen and a half years old.