

JOHN FOOSE, a farmer of North Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born Aug. 30, 1837, near Hessen-Cassel, Germany, a son of John and Margaret (Rader) Foose.

John Foose, the father, was also a native of Hessen-Cassel, Germany, and a farmer by occupation. Like all loyal Germans he served in the German army, his period of service extending over five years. In 1847 he came to America, the trip consuming sixty days, and laded at Quebec, Canada, whence he came to Newcastle, Pa. After a visit with a brother who lived eighteen miles outside that city, Mr. Foose settled on a farm in Butler county, Pa., eleven miles west of Butler, where he secured fifty acres of land to which he later added thirty acres. It was all heavily timbered when he bought it, and his first work was in building of a log cabin to house the family. He and his wife, died on this property, after having cleared off their land and made it valuable through hard work. They had the following children: John; Casper, who is deceased; Rinehart, who is deceased; Adam, who is deceased; Margaret, deceased; Elizabeth, who lives in Allegheny, Pa.; Catherine, deceased; Mary, living in Allegheny, Pa.; Sarah, living in Allegheny; and Henry, also living in Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

John Foose, son of John Foose attended the German schools for three years completing his education in the common schools of Butler county, Pa. When he was seventeen years old he began working for himself, and in 1865 came to Indiana county, settling in North Mahoning township on the property that is still his home. He erected a log cabin and began clearing his land, later replacing the first house with a much more pretentious one. He owns 108 acres of valuable land and is a substantial farmer, a citizen who holds the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

Mr. Foose was married in 1865 to Mrs. Margaret (Glaser) Beam, widow of George Beam, who was born near Marchand, Pa., and died in 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Beam had three children: John, who is unmarried, is farming in North Mahoning township; George, a farmer of North Mahoning township, married Salome Pepper; Emma, married William Thoman, of Kansas. Mrs. Foose is a daughter of Casper and Catherine (Raeder) Glaser, of Hessen-Cassel, Germany, where Mr. Glaser died, his widow coming to America in 1851 to live with her children, who were as follows: Anna, John, Adam, Catherine, Margaret, Eva, Elizabeth and Katherine, all now deceased except Mrs. Foose and Elizabeth, the latter living in Kansas. Mrs. Foose was born June 24, 1837, in Hessen-Cassel, Germany. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Foose. Samuel, who is a farmer of North Mahoning township, married Wilhelmina Coon; William is at Home; Edward is at home; Albert is at home; Annie, who married George Bishop, resides near Rossiter, Pa.; Harry, who lives near Pittsburg, Pa., being with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, married Susan Embinger.

Mr. Foose has never desired public office. He has always voted the Republican ticket, and belongs to the Evangelical Church of Marchand, Pennsylvania.