

JOHN P. LYDICK, general farmer and stock raiser of Cherryhill township, was born on the old Lydick homestead, on which he is now carrying on operations, Jan. 30, 1875, and is a son of Russell and Nancy Lydick.

John Lydick, the paternal great-great-grandfather of John P. Lydick, came to Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa., in 1760, settling on a farm. This rugged old pioneer, however, was forced to abandon his land on account of the hostility of the Indians, who massacred many of the early settlers in the vicinity, and for seven years he did not venture to return to claim his homestead. On coming back a fort was erected as a means of protection against the savages, and John Lydick continued to farm there throughout the remainder of his life.

Jacob Lydick, son of the pioneer John, and great-grandfather of John P. Lydick, was born on this land and continued to cultivate it after his father's death until he himself passed away.

Patrick Lydick, son of Jacob, and grandfather of John P. Lydick, like his father and grandfather was a tiller of the soil, receiving the old homestead, or a part thereof, at the time of his father's death, and continuing to cultivate it until he died.

Russell Lydick, son of Patrick, was born on the homestead in Cherryhill township, and in his turn received the old family property at the time of his father's demise. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his life, passing away Jan. 18, 1900, which his wife died May 30, 1882. They had a family of three sons and two daughters, namely: William; Harry; John P.; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Levi Houck, of Cherryhill township; and Ella, wife of Earl Long, residing at Indiana, Pennsylvania.

The education of John P. Lydick was secured in the McGaughey school in Cherryhill township, after leaving which he took up farming on the old homestead, where he has continued to carry on operations to the present time with marked success.

On May 10, 1905, Mr. Lydick was married to Elizabeth Kanarr, who was born in Grant township, Indiana Co., Pa., May 11, 1873, daughter of Jacob and Martha (King) Kanarr, early settlers of Grant township who subsequently removed to Rayne township, and are now living retired in Indiana, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Kanarr had three sons and five daughters: Thomas, who resides in White township, engaged in farming; Elizabeth, who married Mr. Lydick; Nannie, the wife of C. E. Henry, of Indiana, Pa.; Hester, residing at home; Mary; Ollie, the wife of Robert Helman, of Rayne township, on the old homestead; and Ira and Mortin, who are residing at home.