

PETER WESLEY KINTER, retired farmer, now living at Marion Center, passed all of his active years in Rayne township, Indiana county, where the Kinter family has been established for over a century. He was born there July 30, 1846, son of Peter and Margaret (McCall) Kinter, and grandson of Peter Kinter, the pioneer settler of the family here, who came from Huntingdon county, Pa., in 1808. He settled in Rayne township, where he followed farming the remainder of his life, becoming one of the well-known resident of the locality in his time. He was twice married, first to Mary Findley and later to Elizabeth Jackson, and had children by both wives, those of the first marriage being: Sarah, who married Josephus Osborn; Archibald, who married Catherine Hess and (second) Mary Colkitt; Peter; Mary, who married John Leasure; John, who married Margaret Riddle; Margaret, who married John Jameson. There were three children by the second union: Samuel, who married a Miss Layton; Catherine; and Jane, who married Samuel Knox.

Peter Kinter, son of Peter and Mary (Findley) Kinter, was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., accompanied his parents to Rayne township, Indiana county, and there made his home until his death, which occurred on the farm. By trade he was a blacksmith, and he also followed farming, owning the tract of 200 acres upon which he made his home. He was first a Whig in politics, later becoming a Republican, and in religion was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is buried in the cemetery of the old Washington Church. Mr. Kinter was married to Margaret McCall, daughter of John McCall, of South Mahoning township; she died on the farm in South Mahoning township, and is buried in the same cemetery as her husband. They had the following family: Hugh B., who married Emily Adelaide Warden, enlisted for the Union service during the Civil war, and died of smallpox while in the army; Jane married William Buchanan, and both are deceased; John T., who served in the Civil war and held the rank of lieutenant, now residing on the old homestead, married Sarah McGara; Mary E. makes her home in Marion Center; Henry L., a Civil war soldier, who died at Apollo, Pa., married Annie E Shields; Margaret A. married Samuel Stevens and resides in Armstrong township, this county; Peter Wesley is mentioned below; two sons died in infancy.

Peter Wesley Kinter grew to manhood in Rayne township, where he received a common school education. He did farm work from boyhood, and as his three older brothers entered the service during the Civil war he had to help at home as much as he was able. He continued to work with his father until the latter's death, after which he became owner of the home place, which he operated until his retirement, in 1906. That year he moved his home to Marion Center, where he put up a comfortable residence and is very pleasantly situated. Mr. Kinter has always been a citizen whose life commanded the respect of his fellowmen, and he is enjoying a well deserved rest.

On Nov. 15, 1877, Mr. Kinter married Mary Elisabeth Carney, who was born Sept. 15, 1855, in Rayne township, Indiana county, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Carney, and received a common school education. Mr. and Mrs. Kinter have no children. They are member of the Presbyterian Church at Marion Center, and in political association Mr. Kinter is a Republican.