

THOMPSON CREAMER has lived for over forty years on the farm on Muddy run, in Blacklick township, Indiana county, where he is now spending his years in retirement. He is a veteran of the Civil war.

Mr. Creamer is a native of the township, born July 4, 1839, and belongs to a family of German extraction. Adam Creamer, his father, was a native of Westmoreland county, this State, born Dec. 5, 1808. His father came from Germany, and settled in Westmoreland county. When a young man Adam Creamer came to Westmoreland county and located in Blacklick township, on the Charles Campbell farm of 100 acres, where he farmed for a period of a quarter of a century. Later he owned and operated the Campbell mills, on Blacklick creek, for sever years. His death occurred May 4, 1866, and he was buried in Hopewell cemetery, in Blacklick township. In politics Mr. Creamer was a Whig and Republican. He married May 14, 1828, Jane Thompson, who was born May 20, 1804, daughter of John and Nellie (Davis) Thompson, and died May 14, 1889; she is buried in Hopewell cemetery, and was a member of the Hopewell M. E. Church. Six children were born to mr. and Mrs. Adam Creamer: (1) George, born Aug. 24, 1831, died Feb. 9, 1858, in Blairsville. (2) Eleanor, born Feb. 2, 1834, married John Cowell, and died in Burrell April 8, 1864. (3) Margaret, born May 27, 1834, married Daniel Spires, and died July 25, 1895, in Lawrence county, Pa. (4) Thompson was born July 4, 1839. (5) Campbell, born July 18, 1841, died in Burrell June 6, 1908. (8) Mary Ann, born Feb. 1, 1844, married Richard Kelly, and died April 14, 1881.

Thompson Creamer attended school in Blacklick township, and during his youth and early manhood worked with his father on the farm and at the mill, until his enlistment, Sept. 6, 1862. He joined Company E, 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, under Capt. D. R. Coder and Colonel Jackson, was mustered in at Indiana, and served two years, nine months. He participated in the following battles: Fredericksburg, Dec. 13m 1752; Bristoe Station, Oct. 14, 1863; Mine Run, 1863; Wilderness, 1864; Laurel Hill, 1864; Weldon Railroad, Aug. 19, 1864. Taken prisoner Aug. 19, 1864, he was confined in Libby prison for three days, and then transferred to Belle Isle; where he remained until October, at which time he was removed to Salisbury prison. There he was held until February, 1865, after which he was confined at Richmond until March 10, 1865, on which date he was paroled, being exchanged in may, 1865, after being deprived of his liberty eight months. He went to Baltimore, Md., to hospital, where he was kept owing to his weak condition for six weeks. But desiring to get home, where he would be better cared for, his friend and neighbor James Dixon brought him back. After regaining his health he farmed for a period for James Dixon, and in 1869 settled on his farm on Muddy run where he has since lived. He became a very successful farmer, having extensive interests in his active years, and though he has worked hard he still enjoys good health and spirits. He has a fine memory, recalling dates and events accurately. Mr. Creamer is a stanch republican, but he has never been a politician. He is a member of the G.A.R.

On Sept. 25, 1861, Mr. Creamer married Sarah Ann Kelly, who was born in Blacklick township, daughter of Archibald and Mary (Clawson) Kelly, and granddaughter of Richard Clawson. They have raised a family of nine children:

Adam, born June 27, 1862, died Sept. 30, 1891; Mary Jane, born Feb. 25, 1865, married H. H. Rabe, and resides at Vandergrift, Pa.; U.S. grant, born Feb. 19, 1867, resides at Vanderdergrift, Pa.; Charles, born Dec. 1, 1869, is now farming the Gere Clawson farm; Elzora, born Feb. 14, 1871, married F. B. Pender, and is living in Blairsville; James Davis born April 29, 1873, lives in Blacklick township; Margaret Florena, born May 22, 1875, married William Kenler, and lives at Appolo, Pa.; Hannah Gertrude, born Sept. 8, 1878, married Benjamin Clawson, of Blacklick township; George W., born March 28, 1880, lives in Los Angeles, California.