

and died in Van Buren township; Samuel M., a resident of Monroe township; Delilah, the wife of our subject; Jacob, who married Sarah Shonck and lives in Brookville, Montgomery county; David, who married Sarah Grant and also lives in Brookville; Tensa, the wife of George Overholser, of North Manchester, Indiana; Lydia, the wife of Lewis Koehler, of Dayton, Ohio; and four who died in infancy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bristly were born the following children: Levi, born April 22, 1868, married Cora Fritz and resides in Twin township, this county; Sarah is the wife of Lewis Fryman, of Monroe township; Samuel married a Miss Robinson and lives at home; and five children died in infancy.

For a year after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bristly lived on her father's farm near Arlington, and then moved to their present farm, which was given her by her father. This place, consisting of eighty-two acres, was then an unbroken forest, on which had been built a log cabin, and into it the family moved March 3, 1857. Mr. Bristly also owns another farm of fifty-five acres in Twin township, and in connection with the cultivation and improvement of his land he has always engaged in contracting and building and has erected many of the houses and barns in his section. His present home of red brick was built in 1872, and good and substantial outbuildings have also been erected, so that the farm is one of the best improved in that locality. By his ballot Mr. Bristly supports the men and measures of the Democratic party, and has filled the offices of school director twenty years and township trustee three years. In 1850 he united with the Lutheran church and has since been one of its consistent and earnest mem-

bers, as well as one of the most highly respected and esteemed citizens of Twin township.

#### JOSEPH JOHN BULCHER.

Darke county has a no more enterprising, energetic and progressive business man than Joseph J. Bulcher, who now makes his home on section 25, Patterson township. He was born in Shelby county, this state, two miles east of Versailles, November 26, 1854, and is a son of Francis Peter and Celestia (Foisinet) Bulcher, who are now living a retired life on one of their three farms. The father was born in Alsace, France, July 1, 1822, and in the fall of 1846 came to the new world, bringing with him his wife and one child. It was a long and tedious voyage from Havre to New York, and by canal they proceeded to Buffalo, by lake to Toledo, and by canal to Berlin, Ohio, where they arrived in the woods. By ox team they came to Wayne township, Darke county, and the father purchased forty acres of land just over the line in Shelby county, for which he paid three dollars per acre. He prospered in his new home and is to-day one of the most substantial citizens of his community. Of his twelve children, eleven—three sons and eight daughters—grew to manhood or womanhood, namely: Rosa, the widow of Julius Moyoto; Lucy, who married August Henry and died in middle life; Cecil, who married Frank Smith and died at the age of forty-eight years; Celina, the wife of a Mr. Harrison; Joseph J., our subject; P. Elizabeth, the wife of Joseph Alexander, of Wabash township; Mary, who married Henry Couchot and died young; Frank P., a farmer of Patterson township; John, who died un-

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