

PETER B. BLUE

Among those who first braved the wilds of Kosciusko County, when the Indians were still here and the wild animals were every-day sights in the dense woods, is Peter B. Blue. He was born August 29, 1829 and was brought here by his father in 1835. At that time all of northern Indiana was an almost unbroken wilderness, with a general covering of heavy timber, but here and there interspersed with small open tracts or prairies. When they arrived here the Pottawattomie Indians were as thick as birds' nests, their wigwams dotting the banks of every little stream in the county. They fished and hunted and always brought in many skins of the game they killed.

On August 6, 1855, he was united in marriage with Miss Minerva Millburn. One child was born this union, Elizabeth M., who became the wife of William Mollenhour, and died January 19, 1899. Mr. Blue's first wife died May 20, 1857, and after a time he wedded Elizabeth Grubbs, who bore him seven children as follows; William F., born September 23, 1860, died in 1873; Anstin, born in February, 1863, married Miss Sarber; Alonzo, born in May, 1865, wedded Miss Ollie Mollenhour; Benjamin, born 1868, married Miss Amanda Whetstone; James H. married Miss Ida Brewer; John, married Miss Pearl Rouch; Etta became the wife of Edward Halterman. The subject's last wife died September 20, 1893.

Peter's father, Benjamin Blue, was the first settler in this section of the county. Their land was wholly in the deep woods and the trees and brush had to be cleared off before a crop could be raised.\*

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