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was a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Ohio. Jacob Cox when four years old accompanied his parents from Pennsylvania to Ohio, where he lived to the age of seventeen, and then came to Kosciusko County. Kosciusko County was at that time almost a wilderness. The family made the journey in a wagon and crossed through the Black Swamp. After a year's stay near North Webster Mr. Cox returned to Ohio and on coming back to Kosciusko County walked the entire distance. He was a poor man and made his living by working at monthly wages until he was about twenty-eight years old. He did much of the heavy pioneering work, such as splitting rails, grubbing stumps, as well as the usual routine of a farm. His wife, Mary A. Mock, was the daughter of Michael and Catherine Mock. She accompanied her parents to Kosciusko County when seven years old and there she grew to womanhood. After their marriage Jacob Cox located on the homestead farm three-quarters of a mile north of North Webster and cleared and improved that and made it his home the rest of his life. They had four children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: George; Lucinda, wife of Sylvester Middleton; and Franklin, who lives in Wisconsin and married Edith Fiddler.

Mr. George Cox has spent all his life in Tippecanoe Township and was educated partly in the North Webster schools and partly in the Lindamood school. As a boy he also shared in some of the hard labor of his time by splitting rails and clearing land. In September, 1876, he shot and killed the last wild deer known to have been in Kosciusko County. This occurred a quarter of a mile west of North Webster.

January 9, 1881, Mr. Cox married Miss Mary Jarrett, who was born in Turkey Creek Township of this county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cox lived at Boydston Postoffice a year and a half, and then moved to his present farm home. In 1905 he bought the old homestead and occupied it as his residence seven years, when he returned to his present place.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox have two children: Lizzie, born June 26, 1882, spent two years in the high school at Warsaw and is now the wife of John Garber. They live on the old Albert Garber farm and have one son, Robert F., born May 22, 1913. Clinton Cox, the second child, was born February 3, 1889, and married Zeffa Baugher, daughter of William Baugher. They have one child, Dallas E., born March 15, 1916. Mrs. Cox is a member of the Church of God at North Webster. Politically Mr. Cox is a democrat.

AUSTIN BLUE. A brief inspection of the farm of Austin Blue, a mile south and a half mile west of Mentone in Franklin Township, bespeaks the enterprise of its owner and is one of the many testimonials of his good citizenship and effective service in that community, where he has spent most of his life.

Mr. Blue was trustee six years of Franklin Township. He was born in that township December 3, 1863, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Johnson) Blue. His father was born in Fayette County, Ohio, and the mother was a native of the same state. Peter Blue came to Kos-

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ciusko County when six years of age, grew up here, and had only a common school education, but gained a thorough knowledge of business and practical affairs after his marriage. He was a democrat in politics and his wife was a Baptist. Of their six children Austin, Alonzo, Benjamin, James and Etta, wife of Edward Henderson, are still living. John died when about thirty-four years old. *HALT-ERMAN*

Austin Blue grew up on his father's farm, attended the public schools, and remained at home until the age of twenty-one. On March 5, 1887, he married Nettie Sarber, daughter of Christian Sarber. She was born in Harrison Township in this county and was educated in the common schools and in the schools at Mentone. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Blue located on the farm where they now live, and for thirty years have given it the best of their energies and abilities. For a time they lived in a log house, and later Mr. Blue constructed the modern home where he now lives. They have two children: Estey Ern, a farmer at home, was educated in the common schools and married Gerne Bettleman. Delta, a graduate of high school, is the wife of A. O. Miller, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The family are members of the Methodist Church at Mentone, and Mr. Blue is one of the church trustees. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Mentone and he and his wife are actively identified with the Eastern Star Chapter. Another fraternity with which he is affiliated is the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Blue is a democrat, and it was on that ticket that he was elected trustee of his township. His farm comprises 120 acres, devoted to the staple crops and good live stock. He is a breeder of Poland China hogs, pure-blooded Hereford cattle, and has a fine flock of Orpington chickens.

JOHN H. MILLER is one of the well to do farming men of Kosciusko County and has reached a position in life where he can be classified as independent, though he is still doing a patriotic part as active manager of his farm in Tippecanoe Township, adjoining Yellow Bank. His farm there comprises ninety-eight acres of good land.

Mr. Miller represents one of several Miller families in Kosciusko County and his own people have been identified with the best citizenship here for more than half a century. He was born in Tippecanoe Township July 2, 1867, a son of Emanuel and Nancy (Maurer) Miller. His parents are still living. Emanuel Miller, whose home is three miles southeast of North Webster, was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, December 9, 1838, and is now in the shadow of his eightieth year. His parents were John J. and Elizabeth (Crow) Miller, both natives of Ohio, where they grew up and married. John J. Miller on moving to Indiana located in Kosciusko County, northwest of Webster, but after a short time went to Elkhart County as a pioneer and was a farmer in that locality during his active life. He finally sold his farm and moved to the vicinity of New Paris, in the same county, and died there. He was an active member of the German Baptist Church. Of the twelve children of John J. Miller and wife ten are still living: Emanuel C., Catherine, Nancy, Sarah, Enos, Isaac, William, Lizzie, Louisa and Lewis.