

GAUSE, AARON C.—Section 8, P. O. Searsboro. Was born in Preble county, Ohio, on the 25th day of November, 1828, from which place his parents removed, when he was about five years of age, to the State of Indiana and settled in Henry county. His father was a physician, and after removing to Indiana, in addition to his practice, he conducted a farm and owned and run a grist mill. Here Mr. Gause was brought up to manhood, laboring on the farm of his father. In the fall of 1856 he removed to the place which he now owns and occupies, being then but twenty-seven years of age, and having been lately married. The country at that time was very new, Indians being quite plentiful in the spring and fall of the year. The land on which he settled was then in a wild state, some of which had to be cleared in order to reclaim. Mr. Gause, being young, had no family able to assist in this labor and was obliged to do this heavy work alone, a task from which young men of to-day would shrink, but having come from a timber country the task did not look so great to him, and it was undertaken and finished, and to-day one can hardly realize that this beautiful farm twenty-five years ago was wild woods. His farm is well calculated for grain-raising, as also for stock-raising, his land being rich, partly bottom and partly upland, with the Sugar Creek passing through the western side, and the groves of natural timber furnishing the finest shelter. He was married to Miss Elizabeth M. Parker, on the 22d day of November, 1854, who is still living, and by which union they have six children living, whose names are Amos O., Cyrus C., John E., Minnie Bell, Emma L. and Charles S.; besides two who are dead: Marietta and Abbie M. Mr. Gause has a splendid home on the road from Searsboro to Lynnville, surrounded by natural trees, and ornaments placed there by his own hands.