

HARRIS, JOEL R.—Section 29, P. O. Tilton. His grandparents were English Quakers, and settled in Virginia, probably before the Revolutionary War. His father was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1808, and Joel was born in the same county the 18th of February, 1830. He worked with his father, who was a blacksmith, until he was twenty-four years old. In 1852 his father removed with his entire family to Morrow county, Ohio, where they remained until his death in the fall of 1871. Joel worked for the next two years at his own forge in his father's shop, when he erected a shop and carried on business for himself for thirteen or fourteen years. He then farmed in Morrow county for three years, when he emigrated to Iowa, reaching Dresden the last of September, 1867. Here he plied his trade for one year, and then rented a farm south of town, and the next year rented a farm southeast of the village, upon which he lived until he purchased his present place in March, 1874. Mr. H. married, in Morrow county, Ohio, on the 13th of October, 1853, Miss Samantha Hollingsworth, of Denmark, Ohio, who was born in Elk county, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1832. The result of this union has been: Zenis N. (born September 3, 1854), Amanda J. (born October 1, 1855; died November 9, 1856), Francis C. (born February 23, 1857), George A. (born February 6, 1859), Emma D. (born July 9, 1861; died August 23, 1862), Mary E. (born January 16, 1863), Clement L. (born December 23, 1865), James E. (born March 21, 1869), Nancy E. (born March 29, 1871) and Joel C. (born June 8, 1873). Mr. Harris owns 120 acres of land.