

leading and active members of the Methodist church. He himself a farmer throughout life and, died November 1, 1896, upon his homestead of one hundred and twenty acres. His wife followed him August 15, 1903.

James M. Ringo was reared to manhood in Posey township and creditably completed the common school course. He has engaged in farming all his mature life with the exception of three years when he was engaged in the mill and feed business at Brazil, being during that period associated with W. W. Lathrop. At the present time he is engaged in his life avocation on a farm of forty acres. He is a Democrat but has never sought public office or advancement. He is also a Mason in good standing, belonging to Brazil Lodge, No. 264, A. F. & A. M. On October 13, 1886, Mr. Ringo married Miss Myra, Wilkerson, daughter of Urias and Penelope Wilkerson, of Cass township, this county. Their two children are Clifford W. and Cora E. Mrs. Myra Ringo died May 1, 1891, and January 12, 1893, Mr. Ringo married Miss Elnora Elliott, daughter of William and Chariot (Winters) Elliott The parents of his present wife were natives of Ohio, and came at an early day to Clay county, where Mrs. Ringo was born, reared and educated. The children born to this second union were: Hallie, Effie, Maude, Harvey Raymond, and Stanley and Wesley, twins.

JOSEPH A HERRON, a prominent and well known oil merchant in Brazil, has been identified with the business interests of this city for a number of years, first owning and residing on property in the northern part of the city. After five years there he sold and bought a house and lot at 24 West Logan street and began dealing in fire insurance, in which line he continued for a year and a half. On the 1st of January, 1884, he embarked in business as a retail oil merchant, delivering to customers in Brazil and vicinity, and he is now at the head of a large and remunerative business.

Mr. Herron was born in Perry township, Clay county, April 16, 1861. His father, James Herron, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1798, a son of John and Rebecca (Clark) Herron, both of whom were born in Ireland. In Ohio, in 1833, James Herron was united in marriage to Margaret L. Archerd, who was born in Clearmont county, that state, in June, 1814, a daughter of, John and Mary (McMichael) Archerd, natives respectively of England and of Scotland, In 1838 Mr. Herron came with his young wife via the Ohio and Wabash rivers to Terre Haute, Indiana, entering two hundred acres of timber land from the government in Perry township, which he partially cleared and improved. In 1851 he sold his farm there and bought one hundred and fifty acres in Posey township, four miles west of Brazil, where he spent the remainder of his life and died on the 10th of September, 1869. In 1901 Mrs. Herron sold the farm and moved to Brazil, where she died February 8, 1908. Of their family of eleven children eight are now living, three sons and five daughters, seven of whom are living in this vicinity, and the eldest son is in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Joseph A. Herron spent his boyhood days on the homestead, assisting his mother with the work of the farm until his marriage, which occurred on the 10th of July, 1881, Carrie Cook becoming his wife. She was born in Clearmont county, Ohio, a daughter of William and Sophia (Enlows) Cook, natives of Baltimore, Maryland, and a grand-