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History

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This is directly from the 1902 biographical History book of Knox County, Ohio.

Israel Lanning, was reared in Guersney County, Ohio until thirteen years of age and there began his education in a primitive log house, with rude furnishings and paper windows. He accompanied his parents to Coshocton County, where he assisted in the development and cultivation of the farm and also continued his education in another log schoolhouse. When he was sixteen years of age his father died, and soon afterward he went to the city of Coshocton to learn the trade of saddle maker, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He was then employed as a saddle maker in West Bedford, Ohio for a year, while living with an uncle near West Bedford. He then met Miss Susan McCoy and they were Married January 25, 1842. They rented a farm for two years, and then purchased a tract of land and cultivated it for another eight years. He sold that tract of land, and purchased a farm in the same county, and resided thereon until the civil war. He was appointed by Governor Tod to the position of enrollment officer until the close of the war. He enlisted hundreds of soldiers. His position was a hazardous one, having his life threatened many times. He recieved three dollars per day for his duties, and only charged the government for his actual time on duty. After the war, he resumed farming in Coshocton County until 1880, when he moved to Knox County, locating in Howard Township. He lived there until 1882 when he sold and moved to Union Township and bought a 156 acre farm. He was a member of The Masonic Fraternity.

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