

History of De Kalb County, Indiana, together with sketches of its cities, villages and towns... Educational, Religious, Civil, Military, and Political History, Portraits of Prominent Persons, and Biographies of Representative Citizens. Also a Condensed History of Indiana, Embodying Accounts of Prehistoric Races, Aborigines, Winnebago and Black Hawk Wars, and a Brief Review of its Civil and Political History. Illustrated. Chicago: Inter-State Publishing Co. 1885

Joseph Kirkpatrick, farmer, section 7, Richland Township, was born in Perry County, Pa., March 18, 1830, a son of **Joseph** and **Matilda (Murphy) Kirkpatrick**, natives of Pennsylvania, of Irish descent. When he was eighteen months old his parents moved to Richland County, Ohio. When he was thirteen years old his father died. He remained with and assisted his mother on the farm till he was eighteen years of age, and then went to learn the blacksmith's trade, but on account of his health was obliged to abandon it after working a year, and then learned the carpenter's trade at which he worked and was successful till 1857, when he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on land he purchased in 1853. His original purchase was 160 acres. This he cleared and improved, and in 1872 bought eighty acres adjoining, and now has one of the best farms in the township. **Mr. Kirkpatrick** was married Sept. 16, 1855, to **Elizabeth Marks**, a native of Richland County, Ohio. They have had eight children—**Francis M.** (deceased), **John R.**, **George W.**, **Matilda M.** (deceased), **William H.** (deceased), **Charles L.**, **Joseph E.** and **Sarah A.** **Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick** are members of the Protestant Methodist Church. Politically he is a Democrat.

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