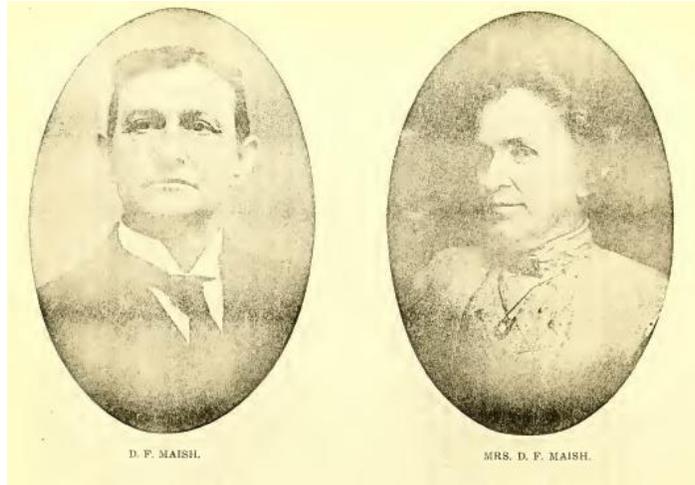


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David F. Maish. Prominent among the successful men of Clinton County, and one who is well known among the leading farmers throughout the state, is **David Fudge Maish**, farmer, dairyman, and lecturer, and eldest son of **Henry** and **Elizabeth Catherine Maish** of Center Township.

Henry Maish was a son of **David Maish, Sr.**, who was one of the pioneers of Clinton County, emigrating from Perry County, Pennsylvania, in 1836. **Henry** was a successful stockman and farmer

and rendered valuable assistance in the development of the county. He died at the age of seventy seven years at his home near Frankfort, July 30, 1908.

Elizabeth Catherine, first wife of **Henry Maish**, and mother of the subject of this sketch was a twin daughter of **David Fudge**, a pioneer Methodist minister and revivalist, who came from Green County, Ohio, and settled on the farm now known as the **Henry Maish** homestead. **Rev. Fudge** was known far and near as an efficient and ardent revivalist at camp meetings, and was called on to officiate at funerals and marriages over a large territory. His death occurred at Battle Ground, Ind., in 1847. **Elizabeth Catherine Maish** was a deeply pious and religious woman, always ready to assist her husband in his efforts to establish a home and rear the family aright. She died April 27, 1875, at the age of thirty-nine years.

The **Maish** family in Clinton County have a common origin in one **John George Maisch** (now spelled **Maish**), who immigrated from Württemberg, Germany, landing at Philadelphia, Pa., October 16, 1751. He was a wheelwright by occupation, but early records show that he moved westward from Philadelphia and settled on a farm in the north part of York County, where he married a lady named **Catherine Ulp**. Here, near the village of Lisburn, on the banks of Yellow Breeches Creek, were born **Joseph, David** and **Frederick Maish**, also **Dolly, Christina** and **Catherine**, daughters. From these sons came the three branches of the **Maish** family of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas and Arizona.

Joseph, eldest son of **John George**, also lived in northern York County, Pennsylvania, and married a lady named **Barbara Leidy**. To them were born four sons and four daughters as follows: **David, Joseph, Samuel** and **Frederick**, and **Barbara, Betsy, Catherine** and **Mattie**. **David**, the eldest son of this family was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who came here from Pennsylvania, in 1836, with his wife, **Hannah Tyson** Maish, and a family of ten children namely: **Sarah, George, Jacob, David, Matthias, Joseph, Catherine, Hannah, Henry** and **Frederick**. One child, **Lydia**, died in Pennsylvania, and four were added to the family after coming to Indiana, to-wit: **Mary J., Elizabeth, Martha** and **James P.** **David Fudge Maish** was born August 19, 1859, in Center Township, Clinton County, Indiana, and was reared on the farm

near his birthplace. His education was limited to that of the district school supplemented by private study, and three years of travel, in which he visited the principal cities of the east, west and south, gaining much knowledge of our country and its people and industries by personal observation. From ocean to ocean and gulf to lakes, he has traversed all of the principal states of the Union. Upon reaching his majority, **Mr. Maish** farmed on the shares upon his father's farm for two years, at which time owing to delicate health, he decided to take employment with the Western Publishing House of Chicago. In 1883, he traveled in central and southern Indiana for the Publishing house, having charge of a force of salesmen, and meeting with much success, he was engaged by an eastern firm to go to Massachusetts and Pennsylvania in the spring of 1884.

Returning from the east in the winter of 1885, **Mr. Maish** again engaged in farming with his father in 1886 and 1887. The winter of 1887-8 was given to an extended trip through the west, in which St. Louis, Plot Springs, Fort Worth, El Paso, Tucson, Riverside, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Salt Lake City and Denver were visited.

On Christmas evening, 1889, **Mr. Maish**, at the age of thirty years, was united in marriage to **Florence May Pauley**, daughter of **William** and **Elizabeth Pauley**, of Boone County, Indiana.

Mr. Maish now embarked in farming as his life work and chosen vocation, locating on a part of his father's land near Frankfort, which he afterwards purchased. Beginning with this small tract and with the use of rented land, **Mr. Maish** and his faithful companion have added one tract after another until the farm now known as "Clover Leaf Farm," comprises two hundred and fifty-four acres of fine land. Three large barns with commodious out buildings have been erected and valuable additions and improvements have been made to the dwelling. Fencing, drainage manures and commercial fertilizers have been given much attention, and but few farms in Indiana are better equipped for farm work. In 1896-7-8-9, the farm was largely devoted to small fruits—strawberry, raspberry, blackberry and grapes. Over one thousand bushels of blackberries alone were produced in each of the years above mentioned.

With added acres dairying was begun on "Clover Leaf Farm" in the year 1900, which has been the leading specialty from that date to the present time. A herd of some seventy high grade Jerseys has been maintained, the product being sold as both milk and cream in the local market. "**Maish's** pure milk" is recognized as the best and is the standard in the community.

In addition **Mr. Maish's** one farm, he has recently purchased a tract of five hundred and twenty acres of farm and timber land in Jasper County, Indiana. He also operates in the growing of live stock and the various farm crops needed to provide for use of the dairy herd, the Pauley farm of one hundred and ninety acres on Boone County, and forty five acres leased from his brother, near his house. Corn, wheat and clover in rotation, with all of the corn harvested and stored through the use of silos and the feeding of shock corn to beef cattle and bedding for use of dairy cattle in barns, and the use of all rough ___ farm, the residue of which is turned back to the land, is the system of farming practiced by **Mr. Maish**, which with the thorough system of under drainage he is continuously pushing forward gives highest results in crop production. Alfalfa is also grown upon the farm as a special forage crop and potatoes for a quick money crop.

In public life **Mr. Maish** has been a useful citizen and has given much of his time to the promotion of helpful enterprises and the advancement of associations designed to assist in the progress of improved agriculture and country life. He has also been a lifelong advocate of

temperance and sobriety, and has been liberal in his support of all legitimate efforts for the overthrow of the legalized traffic in strong drink.

For more than twenty years **Mr. Maish** has been identified with the farmers institute movement and has been a state lecturer at institutes and on corn, wheat, and dairy improvement trains, traveling in all parts of Indiana for over ten years.

During this time he served three years as president of the Indiana Corn Growers Association and is at the present time, president of the Indiana Federation of Agricultural Associations, and member of the advisory committee to State Experiment Station, representing the Corn Growers Association

In politics, **Mr. Maish** is a Bryan Democrat, although differing from his party's policy on the liquor question. In 1908-9 he represented his county in the State' Legislature, serving with honor and distinction. Measures affecting temperance, agriculture and rural schools were given his special attention.

In church relation, he with **Mrs. Maish** and daughters, are member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. **Mr. Maish** is a member of Dakota Tribe No. 42, Improved Order of Red Men, at Frankfort. He was state delegate to the Farmers National Congress in 1905 and 1907. He was also state delegate to the International Good Roads Convention in 1903.

Mr. Maish is the father of four daughters, three of whom are living, namely: **Mary Elizabeth**, **Kathryn Irene**, and **Elta May**, aged twenty-two, eighteen and sixteen years. **Louella Pearl**, second daughter, after a short illness, passed to the Spirit world, September 7, 1904, at the age of eleven years.

In all of **Mr. Maish's** effort it is due to note in this sketch, that his constant help and counsel has been the untiring efforts of his faithful wife and daughters. Of **Mrs. Maish** it can be truly said she has been a real helpmeet in the fullest sense of the word.

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