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1. Transcribed from BIOGRAPHICAL MEMOIRS OF BLACKFORD COUNTY, IND.
Early Settlers

Jacob Stahl came from Pennsylvania in the fall of 1839, and bought land adjoining Hartford City on the east, where he resided until his death, fifteen years later. His son, Abraham Stahl, who had a family and was thirty years old, came with him. His other children who came with him were: Sarah, the oldest child; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Sealy Havens; Bethuel; Rebecca, who married Phillip Huffman, and Moses S. These were the children of his first wife Mary, who was the daughter of Bethuel Covault. These were the two children of the second wife (Eleanor Reese) namely: Jonathan and Mary L., who was the wife of S. L. Gadbury. Jacob and Catherine Hess came from Pennsylvania in 1842, and their children were: Abner, Jacob, David and Rebecca; also William C. Hess and Fanny Covault, his children by his first wife. In September, 1842 Jacob Covault, a son of Bethuel, previously mentioned, and his wife, Fanny, came and settled southwest of Hartford City. They had a large family of children. One of their children, Philip M., has been for some time in the jewelry business in Hartford City. Ephraim, Abner and Nathaniel were farmers for many years. In August and September, 1859, the Covault family has a terrible visitation of diphtheria. Five of Fanny's children died, and another partially recovered and died with consumption some three years later. Two of Abner Covault's children also died.