

Richard Mount, one of the prominent men of Lincoln township, was born in Warren county, Ohio, June 14, 1827. His father, Ralph Mount, was a native of New Jersey, but removed to Rossburg, Warren county, Ohio, in the early days, and from there went to Knox county, Illinois, in 1844, where he bought and improved land, and died there in 1872. He was a religious man and a hard worker, and cleared from the stump one hundred and sixty acres in Ohio. Richard's mother was formerly a Miss Hannah Templeton, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and the daughter of Richard Templeton, a slaveholder at one time, but who gave them their freedom before the war broke out. He moved to Warren county, Ohio, where Mr. Mount's father became acquainted with and married his daughter. Richard Mount left home in 1848 and opened a farm in Knox county. He was married November 3, 1848, to Miss Harriet M. Belden, a sister of Joel W. Belden, and the daughter of Aaron and Sarah Belden. They have five living children—Seth W., married Minnie Barnett, and lives in Lincoln township; Albert C, who is in business in Des Moines, and who grows a large amount of corn; Joel W., in Des Moines, with his brother; Hattie, the wife of Charles Thompson; John P., living at home. Mr. Mount owns two hundred and forty acres of land in Lincoln township, on section 24, and an eighty acre farm in Harrison township, section 4. They are engaged in stock-raising and shipping, the farm being well adapted for stock-raising. Richard is a republican and works for the party's aggrandizement, and was a delegate to the late state convention. He served three terms as justice of the peace.