

Grandpa Eddy 'THE POLAND CHINA MAN'

Elmer Eddy, one of the best of fellows and a genuine Apostle of sunshine, was in town recently; and gave us a delightful visit. He is so sunny and jolly that a bronze statue would enjoy a visit with him. Nature seems to have endowed him with an abundance of that trait of congeniality and companionship, as to make you feel better all over by having spent an hour with him. He told us a few real stories, and said he was out of politics-- no candidate. He was strictly in the hog and poultry raising business. Every hog and chicken knows him and in fact he stays and lives with them, excepting when he goes into his home to eat his meals. Thus he gets acquainted with Mrs. Eddy and the Junior Eddys.

He is one of the conspicuous breeders of the pure bred Poland China Hogs, and his herds have no peer anywhere in the state. He is an authority in the development and breeding of this stock, and his word is taken as to the quality and points in this famous breed of Porkers.

His annual sales, which he holds in his monster tent, are regarded as great events in the hog calendar; and no man is more conscientious in his assertion about his stock than Mr. EDDY.

Mr. Eddy is also an authority in the poultry lines, as a producer of the pure strain of Barred Rocks, and he claims to have the very best in this line in this part of the 'Show Me' state. As he knows the Poland Chinas so does he know the Barred Rocks.

On invitation of the officers of the Maitland Fair Association. Mr. Eddy will have charge of the poultry division of the Maitland Fair this year; which is splendid recognition of Mr Eddy as a poultry man.

Mr. Eddys home is in Liberty township and he said two great events occurred on April 2 1861--These were, the firing on Fort Sumpter and the birth of Elmer Percival Eddy. He came to Missouri, from Pierceton Indiana, to Hustle for himself by doing farmwork on the John Judy farm in the Le esome school district, and with the exception of cross line fence, on the James Griffith 240 acres, he never left the immediate place. Yes he's married, and has a fine wife and a good bunch of children

His wife was Mary, Daughter of Steven Lansdown one of the early settlers in Benton township. Elmer and Mary went up the home of Rev. Malotte on New Years day, 1884 and the preacherman declared them to be Husband and wife. They have 6 living children, Mrs, Luther (Edna) Nauman, Mrs Ray (FEROL) Steele, Frank Eddy, Fred Eddy, Mrs William (Grace) Lawrence Mrs. Jesse (Cora) Fleener. Mable Claire having passed away in April 1915 at the age of 21.

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