

BENJAMIN P. COSAND

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Benjamin P. Cosand was born January 18, 1822, in Washington County, Ind. His parents, Benjamin Cosand and Penninah (Pritchard) Cosand, natives of North Carolina, were married in 1819 and in two years settled in Indiana. Benjamin P. was one of fourteen children, and was early taught to labor on the farm. His education was limited, for he was kept out of school much of the time on account of ill health. When he was twenty-one, he bought auction goods in Louisville, Ky., and exchanged them for country produce, which he sold in the city. He continued in this business two years, when he purchased a farm in Washington County, Ind., where he remained until 1851, when he came to Howard County, and located one and three-quarter miles east of Russiaville, on forty acres of good land. He still resides on this place, and has transformed it, by improvements and additions, into a fine farm, with a good house and barn, a splendid orchard and all modern conveniences. His farm now contains 173 acres of fine land. In 1869, Mr. Cosand was recorded a minister of the Gospel in the Friends' Society, and has spent several years in the South, engaged in this work. He has contributed largely to his denomination for the construction of meeting houses and school buildings. Mr. Cosand was married, February 12, 1846, to Elizabeth R. Overman, of Washington County, Ind. She was born August 12, 1825, and died November 30, 1866. to this union there were born five children - Malissa, Rebecca, Ann, Martha and Benjamin B., all deceased. Mr. Cosand was next married to Sarah Trueblue, September 17, 1868, by this marriage they have seven children - Penninah I. (deceased), Ludovic E., William T., Edman N., Almeda (deceased), Riley Lee and Joseph P.

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