PHELPS, David Michael

Springfield Township

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David Michael Phelps, farmer, section 3, was born January 31, 1842, in St. Clair County, Illinois. His father, **Michael Phelps\*, who was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1797**, was married in September, 1820 or 1821, to Miss Ruth Lunsford, of St. Clair County, Illinois. They had thirteen children. Mrs. Phelps died June 2, 1862, and Mr. P. was again married February 8, 1867, to Miss Margaret Alexander, also of St. Clair County, Illinois. By the second union there was one son. David M. Phelps, the second son in his father's family, received but a common English education in youth, commencing life for himself at the age of nineteen as a farm laborer. He was married March 17, 1864, to Miss Louisa Moore, of Belleville, St. Clair County. Illinois. They have had four children, three of whom are living. In November, 1868, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps immigrated to Johnson County, Missouri, where he purchased a farm of 120 acres, remaining there for three years. He then came to Henry County and purchased the farm on which he now lives. Politically, he is a Democrat.

\*It is thought that Michael Phelps was born Michael Felps in Granger County, TN, part of which became Claiborne County, TN in 1801. Both are very near Knoxville, TN.