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BRUCE, JOHN W.

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John Bruce was born January 27, 1844, in Montgomery county, Indiana. He remained here until August, 1861, when he enlisted in the 29th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was one and a half years here and then transferred to the Eighth Indiana Cavalry and was discharged at Madison, Indiana, in May, 1865, for disability caused by wounds received in service.

In 1865, he came to Sauk Centre on a visit. In 1867, he settled here permanently. He was engaged in freighting until 1870 when he moved to Ashley where he farmed until 1873.

In 1873, John Bruce moved to Westport, Pope county where he engaged in a flouring mill and farming until November, 1880. He then became a proprietor in the Novelty Wood Works.

In 1868, John Bruce married Mary Nideffer of Lawrence county, Indiana. They had three children but only two lived, William R. and Etta F. were living in 1881.

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