

Frank Alberson, proprietor of the Alberson Hotel and Cafe in West Main Street, Portland, and one of the best known residents of that city, has been a resident of Jay County since the days of his childhood. He was born at Champaign, Ill, in January, 1875, and is the son and only child of James and Catherine (Williamson) Alberson, the former of whom was born and reared in Adams County, this state, later becoming a resident of Orange County, where he is the owner of a farm of 120 acres.

Frank Alberson was reared at Bryant, this county, and received his schooling in the schools of that village. From the days of his boyhood he had been a fancier of fine horses and as a young man became engaged in the work of training horses for the track, a vocation he followed for years, becoming one of the best known figures in racing circles in this part of the state. In 1905 Mr. Alberson gave up the work which had for so many years interested him and bought the hotel and cafe which he since has been operating at Portland.

In 1907, Frank Alberson was united in marriage to Edith Hanks, who was born in Jay County, daughter of Frank and Ella (Journey) Hanks, and who died on September 12, 1920.

Mr. Alberson is a member of the Portland Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.