

Paul R. Ayres, a well-known and progressive young lumber dealer at Dunkirk and one of the active factors in the business life of that place, was born on January 1, 1895, and is a son of Carey C. and Annabelle (Pollock) Ayres, of Redkey, this county. Carey C. Ayres, proprietor of the Ayres Lumber Company, of Redkey, was born in the neighboring county of Blackford, where he was reared and received his schooling. He early began work as a carpenter, but after a while became connected with the work of the Mercer Lumber Company at Hartford City and there became thoroughly familiar with the details of the lumber trade, a business to which he has since devoted himself, and not long afterward established himself in business at Redkey as head of the Ayres Lumber Company, the Dunkirk branch of which is managed by his son, Paul R. Ayres, the subject of this sketch. Carey C. Ayres and wife have had nine children, two of whom, Edna and Basil, are deceased, the others being James E., Blanche, Hazel, Edgar E., Paul, Marguerite and Leroy, all of whom are married save Blanche. James E. Ayres married Minnie Bradley, who was born in Canada. Hazel Ayres married Homer W. McDaniel. Edgar Ayres married Ada St Claire of Delaware County. Marguerite Ayres married Gordon E. Bradley, of Canada, and Leroy Ayres married Minnie Minsch.

In 1915, Paul R. Ayres was united in marriage to Opal E. Hunt, who was born in Adams County, this state, and to this union two children have been born, Robert Dale and Frances Marcelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayres are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are Republicans. Mr. Ayres is a Royal Arch Mason and an Encampment Odd Fellow at Dunkirk and a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Redkey.