

## **BISHOP, GROVER**

GROVER BISHOP, cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Portland, former clerk of the Jay Circuit Court, and long recognized as one of the most active young business men of Portland, is a native son of Jay county and has lived here all his life, formerly and for some years a member of the excellent teaching staff of this county. Mr. BISHOP was born on a farm in Bearcreek township on February 1, 1885, and is a son of Adam D. and Rosa M. ( STONE ) BISHOP, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, the former born in Bearcreek township and the latter in Noble township. Adam D. BISHOP is the owner of an excellent farm of 160 acres in Bearcreek township, the original entry to which was made by his father during the Van Buren administration. To him and his wife were born three children, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Ward BISHOP, of Portland, and a sister, Mrs. Myrtle F. WILCOX, of Richmond, Ind. Grover BISHOP was reared on the home farm in Bearcreek township and his early schooling was received at the Antiville school house. This he supplemented by attendance at the Marion Normal School for a year and a half and then he began to teach school. Mr. BISHOP taught two years at the Antiville school, one year at Burr Oak and one year of the eighth grade at Bryant, and then he became engaged in the insurance business, to which he gave his attention for three years, at the end of which time he accepted the appointment of deputy to the clerk of the Jay Circuit Court, a position he occupied for eight years or until his election to the office of clerk of .court in 1916. Upon the completion of his four years term of service as county clerk Mr. BISHOP became associated with the local affairs of the R. L. Dollings Investment Company and was thus connected until in November, 1921, when he was elected cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Portland, the position he now occupies. On December 24, 1904, Grover BISHOP was united in marriage to Bonnie SPADE, who also was born and reared in Bearcreek township, this county, a member of one of the old families in that part of the county, daughter of George R. and Mary ( MILLER ) SPADE, and to this union three children have been born, Frances, Dick and Ralph, the former of whom is a member of the class of 1924, Portland high school. Mr. and Mrs. BISHOP are members of the Presbyterian church and are Democrats. Mr. BISHOP is a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, p.70-71. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut

