

BRISCOE, THOMAS

Thomas S. BRISCOE was born in Kent County, Maryland, October 10, 1828, his parents being Samuel E. and Margaret Elizabeth (FRISBY) BRISCOE. Both his grandfathers were ministers, his paternal grandfather an Episcopalian, and his mother's father a Methodist. His father was a farmer, and died September 9, 1871, at the age of sixty-three years, at Galena, Kent County, Maryland, and his mother died at Centerville, Queen Anne County, Maryland, in August, 1851, at the age of about forty-five or forty-six years. Mr. BRISCOE was brought up to the hard work of the farm; but in the prime of young manhood he betook himself to the study of law, and was admitted to the bar November 4, 1852, at Centerville, Maryland. The next year he emigrated West, locating in Lyons, Clinton County, Iowa, and practiced law there and at Clinton for ten years; in 1862 was mayor of Clinton. In 1863 he moved with his family to Linnaeus, Linn County, Missouri, and lived there until August 24, when his wife died. He next returned East, and in 1865-'66 was employed in the claim agency office of the noted S. S. COX. During the latter year he came to Indiana and settle in Fort Wayne, where he practiced law four years. Next, in the employ of J.C. BOWSER, he laid the ties on the railroad from Bluffton to Hartford City, completing the job in September, 1870. Locating in this city, he practiced law until he took editorial charge of the "Telegram" in July, 1886. He was the president of the board of trustees of Hartford City in 1873, and State Senator from 1878 to 1882. Although brought up an Episcopalian, he is not a member of any church. Was made an Odd Fellow in 1854. Mr. BRISCOE was first married April 14, 1854, to Margaret Anna MACLAY, of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, and daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth MACLAY. (It is a coincidence worth noticing that both her and her husband's parents were named respectively Samuel and Elizabeth.) Mrs. BRISCOE's grandfather, William MACLAY, was at one time a United States Senator. The children by Mr. BRISCOE's first marriage were -- E. F. J. B., born in 1855, and Fannie Mary, both of whom are teaching school at Wilmington, Delaware; and Samuel MACLAY, at present the publisher of the Hartford City "Telegram." Mrs. BRISCOE died, as already mentioned, and August 24, 1871, Mr. BRISCOE was again married, this time to Miss Rachel A. HENLEY, of this county, a daughter of John M. HENLEY, of Wheeling, Delaware County, Indiana. BOWSER, BRISCOE, COX, FRISBY, HENLEY, MACLAY SOURCE: p.305 "Biographical and Historical Record of Jay County, Indiana," Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1887. Reprinted by Mayhill Publications of Knightstown, Indiana, 1974. This is the

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