CAMPBELL, FRANK E

Frank E. CAMPBELL, postmaster at Redkey and formerly and for years a painter and paperhanger at that place, one of the best known citizens of that part of the county, is a native son of Jay County and has lived here all his life. Mr. CAMPBELL was born on a farm in Knox township on December 2, 1868, and is a son of Edward T. and Catherine F. (DALY) CAMPBELL, natives of Ohio, the former born in Hamilton county and the latter in Warren county, who had come to Indiana with their respective parents in the days of their youth, the CAMPBELLs settling in Rush county and the DALY's in Randolph county. They were married in Randolph county and later came to Jay county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Edward J. CAMPBELL formerly was widely known hereabout as a general dealer in produce. He also had a good farm of 106 acres in Knox township to which he gave the greater part of his attention in the later years of his life. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom three are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, George and John CAMPBELL.

Reared on the home farm in Knox township, Frank E. CAMPBELL received his early schooling in the schools of that township, and this he supplemented by a course in the old normal school at Portland during the time Prof. George Sunman was principal of the same, and one term at the university at Valparaiso, Ind. Upon completing his school work Mr. CAMPBELL became engaged at Redkey in painting and paper hanging and became a general contractor in that line, which he continued to follow until his appointment in 1915 to the position of postmaster at Redkey. In 1919 his commission in that office was renewed and he is still serving, one of the most popular officials in that office the town has had. Mr. CAMPBELL was thus postmaster during the time of America's participation in the World war and had charge of the multiplicity of local details of war work that were carried on through the Post Office Department, his activity in that direction having done much to stimulate the general activities of the community served through the Redkey post office. He is a Democrat and has long been looked upon as one of the leaders of that party in this county.

On March 8, 1911, Frank E. CAMPBELL was united in marriage to Augusta A. KEHRER, who was born at Bellaire, Ohio, daughter of Charles and Augusta (MILLER) KEHRER, but who has been a resident of Jay county since she was fourteen years of age. Mrs. CAMPBELL is a member of the Catholic church at Redkey.

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