

## **CARTWRIGHT, LAWRENCE R**

LAWRENCE R. CARTWRIGHT, county attorney for Jay county, former chairman of the Republican county central committee and for years a member of the bar of the Jay Circuit Court, practicing law at Portland, is a member of one of this county's pioneer families. Mr. CARTWRIGHT was born at Portland on October 7, 1876, and is a son of William C. and Mary J. ( COULSON ) CARTWRIGHT, both of whom also were born in this county and the former of whom died at Indianapolis in the fall of 1921. William C. CARTWRIGHT was for years engaged in the mercantile business in Portland, a clerk in the CARTWRIGHT & HEADINGTON store, and was thus occupied until 1912, when he went to Indianapolis as the secretary-treasurer of the Midwest Crushed Stone and Quarry Company and in city spent his last days, his death occurring there on October 17, 1921. To him and his wife were born three sons, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Forest S. and W. Dale CARTWRIGHT. Reared at Portland, Lawrence R. CARTWRIGHT was graduated from the high school in that city in 1896 and then entered DePauw University, from which he was graduated in 1900 with the degree of Ph. B. He then accepted a position as instructor in Washburn College at Topeka, Kan., and was thus occupied for two years, at the end of which time he entered the law school of Columbia University and in due time received his A. M. degree from that institution. For about three years thereafter Mr. CARTWRIGHT served as law clerk to Judge Monks of the Indiana State Supreme Court and then, in 1911, returned to Portland and has since been engaged there in the general practice of law. For the past three years or more Mr. CARTWRIGHT has been serving as county attorney. He is a Republican, long having been recognized as one of the leaders of that party in this district, and has rendered service as chairman of the Republican county central committee. Mr. CARTWRIGHT is a Freemason, is affiliated with the college fraternity. Phi Delta Theta, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1907 Lawrence R. CARTWRIGHT was united in marriage to Vida WOOD, of Topeka, Kan., daughter of O. J. and Anna WOOD, and to this union have been born three children, Jane, Wood and Rachel. During the time of this country's participation in the World War, Mr. CARTWRIGHT was one of the leaders in the local work of the Red Cross. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, pp.53-54. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut