

## DERBYSHIRE, GRANT ELLSWORTH

GRANT ELLSWORTH DERBYSHIRE, superintendent of the Portland public schools and for many years one of the active factors in the development of the educational interests of this part of the state, is a Buckeye by birth, but has been a resident of Indiana since the days of his childhood. Mr. DERBYSHIRE was born on a farm in the vicinity of Wilmington, in Clinton county, Ohio, December 20, 1868, and is a son of Joshua and Florence ( DEWEESE ) DERBYSHIRE, both of whom were born in Ohio, members of pioneer families in Clinton county. Joshua DERBYSHIRE, a veteran of the Civil war, is now living in Delaware county, this state, which has been his home for many years. He served as a soldier of the Union during the progress of the Civil war, a member of C Company, Twenty-fourth regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, this service covering a period of more than four years. Upon completing his military service Mr. DERBYSHIRE became engaged in farming in Clinton county, Ohio, and was there thus engaged until 1875, when he moved with his family to Indiana and located on a farm in Delaware county, but presently left the farm and engaged in the mercantile business at Cammack, in that county, where he is still living. Grant E. DERBYSHIRE was but six years of age when he came with his parents to Indiana and he grew to manhood in Delaware county. Upon completing the school course there he entered a business college at Delaware, Ohio, and was graduated from that institution. He supplemented this by a course in the normal school, of Valparaiso University and for five years thereafter was engaged in teaching in the district schools of Delaware county. He then for six years was engaged in teaching in village grade schools in that county, in the meantime continuing his studies at Indiana University, and in 1901 was graduated from that institution, after which for two years he was engaged as principal of the township school in the village of Cowan. Following this service Mr. DERBYSHIRE was employed as principal of the Garfield school at Muncie for three years, at the end of which time, in 1906, he was called to become superintendent of the city schools at Portland and has since occupied that important position. Mr. DERBYSHIRE is a Royal Arch Mason and he and his wife are members of the Church of Christ. Grant E. DERBYSHIRE married Margaret RINKER and has three children, Chase, Leiand and Carmon. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, pp.55-56. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut