

FLAUDING, JOHN E

JOHN E. FLAUDING, cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Portland and one of the best known bankers in this county, was born in Jay county and has been a lifelong resident of this county. He was born on a farm in Bearcreek township on June 21, 1876, and is a son of George and Rebecca (KESSLER) FLAUDING, the latter of whom (now deceased) also was born in Indiana, a member of one of the pioneer families of this part of the state. George FLAUDING, who is now living retired at Bryant, was born in Germany, where his mother died before he was three years of age. Following this bereavement his father came to this country, bringing his children with him and for a while the family was located in New York state, presently moving to Pennsylvania and thence to Indiana, settling in Jay county, where George FLAUDING grew to manhood and after his marriage rented a farm and began farming on his own account. His affairs prospered and he presently became the owner of a farm in Bearcreek township, a tract of 120 acres, on which he continued farming until his retirement and removal to Bryant, where he is now living. To him and his wife were born ten children, all of whom are living save Jesse, the others besides the subject of this sketch being Elias, William, Cora, Charles, Lawrence, Clarence, Frank and Elsie. Reared on the home farm in Bearcreek township, John E. FLAUDING received his early schooling in the local schools of that neighborhood, supplementing this by attendance at the Tri-State College at Angola and became engaged in teaching school, a vocation he followed during the winters for seventeen years, his summers being occupied variously, two of these summers being given over to work on the railway section. In 1916 Mr. FLAUDING became employed as assistant cashier in the Farmers State Bank at Portland and on June 10, 1920, was elected cashier of that institution, the position he now occupies. Mr. FLAUDING is a Democrat, is a member of the Portland grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the congregation of which he is serving as secretary of the board. John E. FLAUDING married Clara E. SHIMP, daughter of Tesse and Kate SHIMP, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Wendel. Mr. and Mrs. FLAUDING have a pleasant home at Portland and take an interested part in the city's general social activities.

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