

## GARRISON, MORTON

MORTON GARRISON, a well-known insurance underwriter at Portland, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Portland since 1912. He was born on a farm in Wabash county on January 16, 1862, a son of Elihu and Mary B. (SHELL) GARRISON, both of whom were born in Ohio, but who spent the most of their lives in Indiana. Elihu GARRISON was but a child' when he came to Indiana with his parents in 1839, the family settling in Wabash county, where he completed his schooling. After his marriage to Mary B. SHELL, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, he established his home on a farm in the vicinity of Wabash and became a substantial citizen of that community. He and his wife were the parents of three children, all of whom are living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Kenton GARRISON, who married Jennie V. and is living at Converse, Ind., and a sister, Rosa M., who married M. L. RAY and is living at Peru, Ind.

Reared on the home farm in Wabash county, Morton GARRISON received his schooling in the schools of Wabash, going through the high school course, and upon leaving school took up the work of the home farm, continuing thus engaged for five years, at the end of which time he became engaged in railroad work, first employed by the Wabash Railroad Company as a brakeman and presently was promoted to conductor. He transferred his services to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company and by this latter company was employed as a conductor. He continued thus employed until 1893, in which year he became engaged in association with his brother in the grain and milling business at Converse, this state. In 1904 he took up a special line of promotion work in behalf of the shippers of this state, in an effort to secure a more equitable regulation of the rates of transportation, and was for several months thus engaged, the movement in which he had thus interested himself eventually leading to legislation which brought about what is now known as the state railroad commission. In addition to their other line, the GARRISON brothers also were engaged in the real estate business at Converse and so continued until Kenton GARRISON's retirement from business in 1912, after which Morton GARRISON moved to Portland, where he since has been quite successfully engaged in the insurance business.

In 1887 Morton GARRISON was united in marriage to Lola M. FINK, who was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, and to this union two children have been born, namely: Hugh GARRISON, who married Edith CATTERSON, of Martin county, Indiana, and Bessie, who married Rollin W. HARMAN, of Jay county and has three children, Harry, Robert and Ruth HARMAN. Mr. GARRISON is a Freemason. In his political views he is independent.

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