

## GARRITY, WILLIAM

William GARRITY, grocer at Dunkirk and one of the best known merchants of that city, proprietor of an up-to-date grocery store on East Center street, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Indianapolis, in Marion county, September 10, 1849, son of William and Eliza (KASEY) GARRITY, both of whom were born in Ireland and who were the parents of seven children, of whom William GARRITY now is the sole survivor. Mr. GARRITY's mother died when he was three years old and his father died when he was seven. Thus early doubly orphaned he was looked after by the older children of the family and upon completing the course in the district school in the vicinity of his home assisted his eldest brother, John GARRITY, in the operations of the farm and remained with him until he had attained his majority, after which for about five years he was engaged as a farm hand. He then rented a farm and began operations on his own account, continuing as a renter for ten or fifteen years, at the end of which time he bought a forty-acre farm in Blackford county, this state, and there established his home. About six years later, however, he sold this farm to advantage and moved to Dunkirk, where he became engaged in the real estate business. For about seven years Mr. GARRITY was thus engaged and then he bought the grocery store on East Center street, where he since has been quite successfully engaged in business. Upon taking over this business Mr. GARRITY made extensive improvements to the place and has a well-stocked and modern store, the details of which are looked after in ship-shape fashion.

Mr. GARRITY has been thrice married. His first wife, Sarah D. CREIG, lived about fifteen years after her marriage and left three children, Carrie E., Mary A. and Harry W., all of whom are married. About seven years after the death of his first wife Mr. GARRITY married Mrs. Mary F. (TALBOTT) DICKINSON, who died in 1915. On November 5, 1919, he married Mrs. Martha E. (KELLY) THOMPSON, who was born at Winchester, this state. Mr. and Mrs. GARRITY are members of the Congregational church at Dunkirk. Mr. GARRITY is a Mason, a member of the blue lodge at Dunkirk, and is a charter member of the local lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men at Dunkirk.

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