

## **JAQUA, Frank B.**

Frank B. JAQUA, long recognized as one of the leaders at the bar of the Jay Circuit Court, with offices at Portland, where he has been engaged in the practice of law for nearly thirty years, was born in that city and has resided there practically all his life, thus coming to be one of the substantial and influential figures in the general life and affairs of the city and of this section of Indiana. Mr. Jaqua was born on September 21, 1871, and is a son of James B. and Eliza Jane (AVERY) JAQUA, the latter of whom was born in Nashville, Tenn., in 1829, a daughter of Daniel AVERY, The late James B. JAQUA, lawyer and banker, and in his generation one of the real leaders in the community in which his last days were spent, was born in Darke county, Ohio, in 1820, and became engaged in the practice of law at Portland in 1853, as is set out elsewhere in this work. He was one of the county's early school examiners, served as draft commissioner for Jay county during the Civil war, practiced law successfully for more than thirty years and found time to organize a bank as well as, to engage in other forms of enterprise, it being noted of him that "he had the happy faculty of being able to have several irons in the fire at one time and to successfully attend to all of them," and further that "he was endowed with that class of hard sense that led him to form an accurate judgment in any matter of importance."

Reared amid admirable home surroundings, Frank B. JAQUA early turned his attention to the study of stenography and at fifteen years of age entered a business college at Cincinnati, where he made a specialty of shorthand writing and upon his return home was appointed stenographer for the Jay Circuit Court, a position in which he served until he was twenty years of age, or until 1891, when he went to Chicago to take service with the Chicago Herald. In the meantime he had been pursuing his studies in law in such leisure as his active duties would permit and after two years of valuable experience in Chicago returned to Portland and was again appointed court stenographer. Upon his return to Portland Mr. JAQUA was admitted to the bar of the Jay Circuit Court and entered upon the practice of law. Two years later, in 1895, he resigned his position as court stenographer and ever since has devoted himself to his practice, with the exception of the year 1898, which he spent at Indianapolis, where he was engaged as law clerk and stenographer in the state Supreme Court. He is the general counsel for the Hawkins Mortgage Company, of which concern he also is the vice president. Mr. JAQUA is a Democrat and for years has been recognized as one of the leaders of that party in the Eighth district. He is a 32 degree, Scottish Rite, Mason, a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and also is affiliated with the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

On March 2, 1904, Frank B. JAQUA was united in marriage to Carrie E. TUTHILL, who was born in Washington, D. C., daughter of Charles H. and Lily T. (MORRIS) TUTHILL. and to this union one child has been born. a daughter. Anna Louise JAQUA, born on May 15, 1907, who is now a student at the Choate School at Boston, Mass. The JAQUA's have a pleasant home at 720 West Main street, Portland.

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