

LITTLER, FRANK A

Frank A. LITTLER, assistant cashier of the First State Bank of Dunkirk and for years one of the best known figures in commercial circles in that city, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Indiana and of Dunkirk for the past thirty-five years and thus has long counted himself as much a resident of Jay county as though "native and to the manner born." Mr. LITTLER was born on a farm in Liberty township, Seneca county, Ohio, April 20, 1861, and is a son of Nathan and Mary (ENGLER) LITTLER, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Maryland, who had come to Ohio with their respective parents in the days of their youth and had grown up in Seneca county, where they were married and where they spent their last days. Nathan LITTLER, who died in 1884, was a well-to-do farmer, the owner of a well-kept place of 205 acres, and was a substantial citizen of the community in which he lived. He and his wife were the parents of five children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Austin C. and Chester J. LITTLER.

Reared on the home farm in Seneca county, Frank A. LITTLER completed his schooling by a three-years course in the normal school at Ada and was for about five years thereafter engaged in teaching school in his home county, where he remained until the spring of 1886, when he came over into Indiana and bought a drug store at Dunkirk, which he continued to operate for about eleven years, at the end of which time he sold the store and became a bookkeeper in the general store of J. W. WEAVER at Dunkirk, remaining there for six years, or until 1903, when he entered the First State Bank of Dunkirk as a clerk. Mr. LITTLER here found his forte and he was gradually advanced in the business of the bank until he was made assistant cashier, the position he now has held for several years.

On December 24, 1885, Frank A. LITTLER was united in marriage to Mary B. DUNLAP, who was born at Versailles, Ohio, daughter of the Rev. William and Anna DUNLAP, the former a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, and to this union have been born six children, five of whom are living, namely: Warren F., a teller in the First State Bank of Dunkirk, who married Marie ROOK and has four children, Harriet M., Frank P., Heber L. and Marian; Lorraine, who is a teacher in the public schools at Dunkirk; Frank G., production manager in the manufacturing plant of Ball Bros. at Muncie, who married Marjorie JONES, who died in December, 1919, leaving one child, a daughter, Pauline M.; Ernest D., a farmer of Jay county, who married Lillian M. STEWART, and Chester A., unmarried, who is at home. Mrs. LITTLER also had been a school teacher before her marriage. She was graduated from the high school at Bettsville, Ohio, and took supplementary courses in the university at Delaware and in the normal school at Ada, after which for two years or more she was engaged in teaching. Mr. and Mrs. LITTLER are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are Republicans. Mr. LITTLER is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Dunkirk.

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