

## **LUDY, WILLIAM H.**

William H. LUDY, telegraph operator for the G. R. & 1. Railway Company at Portland, Ind., was born at Winchester, Ind., September 16, 1868, the son of John W. and Olive ( ROOSA ) LUDY, both of whom were born in that same county, members of old families in that section of the state. John W. LUDY was reared in Randolph county and early became inclined to the mechanical trades, becoming both a cabinet maker and a machinist. He later became a farmer and still later became engaged in the real estate business at Winchester, which latter business he maintained until his death in 1905.

William H. LUDY received his schooling at Winchester and early learned telegraphy, his first employment in that line being secured, in the office of the Big Four Railroad Company at Winchester. For about two years Mr. LUDY served as operator there and then he became engaged in the contracting business, a line which he followed at Winchester for about a year, at the end of which time he became employed in a furniture factory, where he remained two years. He then became engaged with his father in farming, but after three years of farming, returned to the telegraph key and went to work as operator for the G. R. & L. at Winchester. In 1907 Mr. LUDY was transferred from the Winchester office of this company to the office of Portland and has since been engaged as operator at the local station. Mr. LUDY is a Freemason and he and his family is members of the Friends church.

On January 20, 1891, William H. LUDY was united in marriage to Flora L. STANLEY, who also was born at Winchester, and to this union have been born six children, John, Roger, Charles S., Mildred, Martha and Mary, the last two of whom are twins. Roger LUDY married Lucile FIGEL, who was born in this county. During the period of America's participation in the World war he went out with the first line of selective service men from Jay county and was sent to Camp Taylor, where he presently was made a corporal. Charles LUDY enlisted for service in the aviation corps and was sent to the field at San Antonio, Tex. He was mustered out as a sergeant.

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