

Frank MARTIN, junior member of the firm of MARTIN Bros., manufacturers of tile and hollow building block at Dunkirk, and further mention of which company's origin and operations in this county has been made above, has been a resident of Jay county since he was six months of age. He was born at Winchester, in the neighboring county of Randolph, March 6, 1878, son of Oliver and Julia (LIVINGSTON) MARTIN, who became residents of this county in that same year and whose last days were spent here, both dying in January, 1907, within one week of each other, at their home at Greene Post office, as is set out above, together with further details of the history of the MARTIN family and of the establishment at Greene of the MARTIN tile factory by Oliver MARTIN in 1878 and of its development into the present extensive plant of MARTIN Bros., at Dunkirk.

As noted above, Frank MARTIN was but a babe when his parents came to Jay county and he was reared at Greene, receiving his schooling in the Hopewell school. As a lad he began to be of assistance to his father in the operation of the tile mill and continued working at the mill after his elder brother, O. P. MARTIN, formed a partnership with their father. In 1902 he bought a fourth interest in the mill and in 1906 bought his father's remaining fourth interest, he and his brother thus becoming equal partners in the business, which has since been continued under the firm style of MARTIN Bros., all of which is set out above. In 1907 the operations of MARTIN Bros. were transferred from Greene to Dunkirk, where a modern plant was erected for the manufacture of tile and hollow building block and where Mr. MARTIN and his brother since have made their homes.

On November 20, 1903, Frank MARTIN was united in marriage to Blanche STRATTON, who was born on a farm in Jefferson township, this county, daughter of Cyrus M. and Lucetta (NIKON) STRATTON, who were the parents of five children, all of whom are still living, those besides Mrs. MARTIN being John, Montana, Nevada and William. Mr. and Mrs. MARTIN have two sons, Otho and Earl, both of whom are attending high school, the former a member of the class of 1922 and the latter of the class of 1923. Mr. MARTIN is "independent" in his political allegiance. He is a Mason, a member of the blue lodge at Dunkirk and of the council. Royal and Select Masters, at Muncie, and is also a member of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He likewise is a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and of the D. of A. at Dunkirk.

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