

MARTIN, HENRY

Henry MARTIN, auditor of Jay county and formerly and for many years a merchant at New Corydon, this county, is a native son of Jay county) a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has lived in this county all his life. Mr. MARTIN was born on a farm in Wabash township on February 15, 1870, and is a son of George and Caroline (STOLZ) MARTIN, both of whom were born in the French province of Alsace and who had come here with their respective parents in the days of their youth. Mrs. Caroline MARTIN died in 1916. She and her husband had been married more than sixty-five years. George MARTIN, a substantial landowner of this county, died at his home in New Corydon on October 9, 1921, in his ninety-second year. For many years he had been engaged in the mercantile business at New Corydon, but retired in 1919, as is set out elsewhere in this volume, together with further details regarding the MARTIN family and the coming of Solomon MARTIN, father of George MARTIN, with his family to Jay county in 1846 and the establishment of the family home in this county, these details being carried in a biographical sketch of Frederick MARTIN, elder brother of Henry MARTIN and a well-known merchant of Portland, senior member of the firm of Martin & Botkin, and former treasurer of Jay county and former representative in the legislature from this district.

Henry MARTIN was reared in Wabash township, receiving his early schooling in the schools of that township and supplementing the same by a course in Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio. Upon leaving college he became associated with his father and brother in the management of the store at New Corydon and was there engaged in business for better than twenty-five years, or until his election, as the nominee of the Republican party, to the office of county auditor in 1918, since which time he has made his home in Portland, having entered upon the duties of his public office on January 1, 1920. As indicated above Mr. MARTIN is a Republican and has long been recognized as one of the leaders of that party in this county. He and his wife are members of the English Lutheran church, in which he has for years served as an office bearer, having been a deacon, an elder, a Sunday school teacher for near thirty years and for twenty-five years superintendent of the Sunday school.

On January 3, 1897, Henry MARTIN was united in marriage to Anna COOK, daughter of Frederick and Wilhelmina COOK, and to this union four children have been born, Emma Grace, Helen (deceased), Marjorie and George Frederick. Emma Grace MARTIN is a member of the class of 1922, Wittenberg College, and carried off junior honors in 1921.

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