

McCOY, JOHN W.

JOHN W. McCOY, a retired baker of Portland, former member of the firm of Thomas, Huey & McCOY, and one of the best known men in the city, was born in Missouri but has been a resident of Portland practically all his life, his parents having been but temporary residents of Missouri at the time of his birth, their permanent home having been at Portland. It was on April 17, 1868, that Mr. McCOY was born and the place of his birth was Stockton, Mo. His parents were William and Catherine (LEONARD) McCOY, the former of whom was born in Jay county and was for years a lawyer, practicing at Portland. Catherine LEONARD was born in Ireland, but had been a resident of Portland since the days of her girlhood, her parents having come here with their family many years ago. William McCOY and Catherine LEONARD were married in Portland and were the parents of two children, of whom the subject of this sketch alone survives. Reared at Portland, John W. McCOY received his schooling there and as a young man became engaged as a clerk in the Eyman grocery store, where he remained for about three years, at the end of which time he transferred his services to the Wilson grocery store and was there engaged as a clerk for a number of years. He then for several years was connected with the operation of a restaurant in Portland and while thus engaged was attracted to the possibilities of the bakery business and presently became engaged in that line, a member of the firm of Thomas, Huey & McCoy, this connection continuing until his recent disposal of his interest in the business and retirement. On September 5, 1909, John W. McCOY was united in marriage to Jane TOUMEY and to this union three children have been born, John, Mary Catherine and Margaret Jane. Mr. and Mrs. McCOY are members of the Methodist church. Mr. McCOY is a Democrat and is a member of the local lodges of the Loyal Order of Moose and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Portland. Mrs. McCOY was born on a farm in Darke county, Ohio, daughter of Jeremiah and Margaret (HEIS) TOUMEY, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Germany, who have been residents of this country since the days of their childhood, having accompanied their respective parents to America many years ago. Jeremiah TOUMEY and wife are the parents of seven children, Mrs. McCOY having five brothers, Sylvester, William, Frederick, John and Leonard, and a sister, Mary.

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