

Henry MOSSLER's sons, **Mose and Fred Mossler**, proprietors of The Cincinnati Store, at Portland, one of the leading department stores in eastern Indiana, have been residents of Portland for thirty years and have been identified with the business which they are now so successfully carrying on ever since they came here, long recognized as among the leading factors in the commercial life of that city and of the county at large. Henry MOSSLER, the founder of The Cincinnati Store, in North Meridian street, had been engaged in the mercantile business at Indianapolis and at Lebanon, this state, before embarking in business at Portland and his ripe experience was brought to bear in the establishment of the commercial house which since his death has been carried on by his sons under the firm name of H. MOSSLER's Sons. It was in 1892 that Henry MOSSLER located at Portland and he continued actively engaged in business in that city, building up The Cincinnati Store, until his death on November 30, 1910. He and his wife, Sadie PFLAUM, were the parents of three children, two sons, Mose and Fred MOSSLER, and a daughter, Hattie.

The elder of these sons, Mose MOSSLER, was born in Indianapolis on January 27, 1871, and had acquired considerable mercantile experience under the careful direction of his father when he became engaged with the latter in business at Portland in 1892. He and his younger brother took an active interest in this business from its start and in time were able to relieve their father of much of the details of management, so that after the elder gentleman's death the business was continued without interruption or disturbance and has been greatly expanded since then. Mose MOSSLER as is his brother and as was their father before them, is a Republican. He is affiliated with the congregation of the Jewish church at Indianapolis and is a member of the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Eagles at Portland. He married Clara ADLER and he and his wife have one child, a daughter, Miriam, who married Ferdinand BADT, of Hartford City, [Blackford Co.] Ind.

Fred MOSSLER, the junior member of the firm of H. MOSSLER's Sons, was born at Lebanon, Ind., November 2, 1878, and was fourteen years of age when his father established the family home at Portland. He completed his schooling in the Portland schools and from the days of his boyhood took an active interest in the affairs of his father's store, ultimately becoming a member of the firm, as is set out above, and since the death of his father has, in association with his brother, been continuing the business. In 1912 Fred MOSSLER was united in marriage to Bertha R. ROSENBAUM, of California, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Frederick. Mr. MOSSLER is a member of the local lodges of the Elks and the Eagles at Portland and is affiliated with the Jewish congregation at Indianapolis. The MOSSLER's are wide-awake and up-to-date merchants and The Cincinnati Store has come to be recognized as one of the "landmarks" of the county seat town.

The founder of this concern, the late Henry MOSSLER, was born in the kingdom of Bavaria on September 20, 1842, and was ten years of age when he came to this country with his mother and settled at Cincinnati. He later became a resident of Ft. Wayne, [Allen Co.] Ind., and a few years later entered the clothing business at Indianapolis. Not long afterward, while on a business trip to Chicago, he met Sadie PFLAUM and on December 26, 1868, they were married, establishing their home at Indianapolis and in 1892 moved to Portland, where Mrs. MOSSLER is still living, she and her daughter being very pleasantly situated at 509 West High street in that city.

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