

**D. R. ROBERTS**, a prominent and successful business man, and a valuable citizen of Portland, is a native of Darke County, Ohio, born in the year 1848, his parents, Tunis and Lucenia (Lawrence) Roberts, being natives of the same county. He was reared on the home farm until eighteen years of age, when he began life for himself, following the avocation of his youth until 1884. Although he had commenced farming for himself at the age of eighteen years he remained at home with his parents until attaining the age of twenty-two years, when he was married to Miss Sarah A. Billman, a native of Darke County, Ohio, born in 1853, and a daughter of John and Hester Billman.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are the parents of three children: Charles F., born in 1873; Laure E., in 1875, and Frank C. in 1877. Mr. Roberts came to Portland, Jay County, Indiana, in 1884, and purchased the saw-mill of John S. Wilt, which he has since operated, his mill being on Water street between Wayne street and Garfield avenue. He also owns the house and lot he occupies in Portland, and a fine farm of sixty acres located seven miles northeast of Portland which he leases. Mr. Roberts is a member of the Odd Fellows order. Both he and his wife are members of the Society of Friends, and are much respected by all who know them.

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