

Charles L. SANDERS, a well known building contractor at Portland, is a native son of the old Buckeye state, hut has been a resident of Indiana and of Portland for the past forty years and more. He was born in Clermont county, Ohio, September 24, 1864, son of John W. and Harriet B. (THOMPSON) SANDERS, both of whom were born in that same county, members of pioneer families there, and who many years ago became residents of Portland. John W. SANDERS early turned his attention to the building trades and was thus engaged when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and served with an Ohio regiment until the close of the war, after which he returned to his home in Clermont county and there became a building contractor. In 1871 he came to Indiana with his family and located at Marion, [Grant Co.] but two years later moved to Hartford City, [Blackford Co.] where he remained for about six years, at the end of which time, in 1879, he located at Portland, where he became a building contractor and thus continued engaged during the remainder of his active life, in that time doing a great deal of building hereabout. John W. SANDERS and wife were the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Emma, Alfred, Elmer, Frank and Fred.

Charles L. SANDERS was about seven years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents in 1871 and he received his schooling at Marion and Hartford City, attending the high school in the latter city. As a young man he became skilled as a bricklayer. This was after he moved to Portland in 1879 and he presently became there engaged as a building contractor, a line he ever since has followed and thus has for years been recognized as one of the leading contractors in the building line in this section of the state, much of the construction work hereabout during the past forty years bearing the marks of his skill. Mr. SANDERS is a Republican and is a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In 1891 Charles L. SANDERS was united in marriage to Jennie HOOVER, who was born in Delaware county, this state, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Meredith SANDERS, who married Freda SKINNER, who was born in this county, daughter of Milton SKINNER, of Portland. Meredith SANDERS enlisted for service in the radio division of the United States navy during the World war and after a period of training at the Great Lakes station was sent to France, where he was engaged on the construction of aerial towers, with the rank of master mechanic, and so served until finally mustered out at the close of the war.

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