

SEARS, BENJAMIN E.

BENJAMIN E. SEARS, proprietor of the SEARS Insurance Agency at Portland and one of the best known young business men in that city has been a resident of Portland since 1912 and has established himself firmly in the business life of that city. Mr. SEARS is a native Hoosier and has resided in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Daviess county on June 13, 1887, and is a son of John R. and Eveline (CUMMINGS) SEARS, both of whom were born in that same county, the former a farmer and carpenter and the owner of a farm in that county, and who were the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Homer, Elza, Cora, Walter and Sarah.

Benjamin E. SEARS was reared on the home farm in Daviess county and received his schooling in the schools of that comity. He was married when twenty years of age and continued mulling his home on the farm until he was twenty-five years of age, when, in 1912, he moved to Portland and was for about eighteen months thereafter engaged in traveling out of that city for the S. F. Baker company of Keokuk, Iowa. He then became engaged as an agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company and continued thus engaged for eighteen months, at the end of which time he entered upon business for himself, opening at Portland the SEARS Insurance Agency, which he has since been operating quite successfully.

It was on July 10, 1907, in Daviess county, Indiana, that Benjamin E. SEARS was united in marriage to Lora E. MYERS, who also was born in that county, daughter of Frank P. and Nancy MYERS, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Florice Fontella. Mr. and Mrs. SEARS are members of the Christian church and are Republicans. Mr. SEARS is a member of the local lodges of the Modern Woodmen and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

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