

SKINNER, MALCOLM V.

Malcolm V. SKINNER, a member of the bar of the Jay Circuit Court, former prosecuting attorney for this county, former attorney for the city of Portland, former chairman of the Democratic committee for the Eighth congressional district and one of the best known young lawyers in this district, was born in Portland and has lived there all his life, a practicing attorney since he was twenty-one years of age. Mr. SKINNER was born on June 14, 1887, and is a son of Philip M. and Mary (STUMP) SKINNER, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families here, and who are still living at Portland. Philip M. SKINNER is a son of Lulathiel and Ameretta SKINNER, who came to this county from Ohio and settled on a farm in Pike township, where they reared their family. Reared on the farm in Pike township, Philip M. SKINNER received his schooling in the local schools of that neighborhood and spent his voting manhood on the farm, later becoming engaged in the cut stone and monument business at Portland, where he is still living. He and his wife have three children, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Hugh SKINNER, and a sister, Freda.

Reared at Portland, Malcolm V. SKINNER received his schooling in the schools of that city and upon leaving high school entered seriously upon the study of law, to which from boyhood he had given his thoughtful attention. He was admitted to the bar when twenty-one years of age and was immediately appointed a deputy to the prosecuting attorney for this county. In the following year he was elected prosecutor and by reelection served in that important capacity for two terms. Upon the completion of this term of service Mr. SKINNER was elected city attorney and for four years served in that capacity. From the days of his boyhood he has given his thoughtful attention to local political affairs, has long been connected with the work of the Democratic committees both in the county and district and has served as chairman of the district committee, as well as chairman of the city committee at Portland, one of the acknowledged leaders of his party in Indiana. Mr. SKINNER is an active member of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Country Club and is affiliated with the local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

In 1910 Malcolm V. SKINNER was united in marriage to Sarah A. ROSE, who was born at Harrisburg,, Pa., and to this union two children have been born, Frank R. and Jaqueline Rose. Mr. and Mrs. SKINNER have a pleasant home at Portland and have ever taken an interested part in the city's general social activities.

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