

STEWART, CHARLES E.

CHARLES E. STEWART, dealer in furniture and house furnishings at Portland and one of the best known merchants of that city, was born on a farm in Rush county, Indiana, November 17, 1882, and is a son of R. F. and Susan E. STEWART, both of whom were born in that same county, members of old families there. R. F. STEWART was reared a farmer and for a year or more after his marriage continued farming in Rush county, but then moved to Indianapolis, where he lived for years, then moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., where his last days were spent. Reared at Indianapolis, Charles E. STEWART received his schooling in the schools of that city and early became employed in a furniture factory there, continuing that employment for about twelve years, at the end of which time he enlisted for service in the United States Navy and spent four years in that service. Upon the completion of his naval service Mr. STEWART, in the spring of 1908, took up the sale of carpets by sample and located at Portland. He was successful in this venture and a year later opened the general furniture store and house furnishing establishment which he has since been conducting, and which he gradually has enlarged until now he occupies three floors and has one of the best stocked and most admirably equipped establishments of this sort in this section of Indiana. Mr. STEWART is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs. He is a Royal Arch Mason and is a member of the Church of Christ.

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