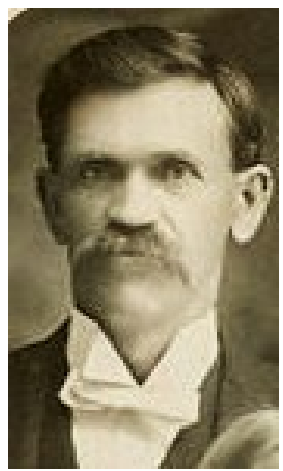


JOHN W. HENDRICKS, general merchant, and the present efficient postmaster of Monroe, is a native of Adams County, Indiana, born July 26, 1851, a son of Bazzel Hendricks. He grew to manhood on the home farm, being reared to agricultural pursuits, and receiving his education in the common schools of the county. When twenty-one years of age he began clerking in his father's store, which he followed about five years, when he purchased an interest in the business. Three years later he became associated with Mr. Hocker, and was engaged in the mercantile business under the firm name of Hendricks & Hocker until the fall of 1882, when he purchased his partner's interest, and has since conducted the business alone.



He carries a stock of goods valued at about \$2,500, and his annual business amounts to about \$12,000. Besides carrying on his mercantile trade, Mr. Hendricks is engaged in buying and shipping lumber, in which he has done an extensive business. For fifteen years he was exclusively engaged in this business, shipping most of his timber to Fort Wayne. During, the year 1876 he shipped 100 carloads of timber.

Mr. Hendricks was married November 18, 1876, to Miss Esther L. Walton, who was born in Monroe Township, Adams County, Indiana, June 28, 1858, and to them one child has been born, a daughter, Maud M., November 16, 1879. Mrs. Hendricks is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Hendricks is a staunch Democrat. He was appointed postmaster at Monroe, March 11, 1875, which position he filled until 1881, and August 21, 1885, he was again appointed to the same office, which he has since filled to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

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