



JOHN KAIN RINEHART, attorney at law at Bluffton, was born in the village of Ragersville, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, December 15, 1841. He is a son of David and Mary A. (Kain) Rinehart. His father was a native of Washington County, Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and was by occupation a farmer. His mother was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, of Irish ancestry. When young her parents removed to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where she was reared to womanhood, receiving her education principally at Beatty's Academy at Steubenville, Ohio. In 1850 the family removed to Wells County, Indiana, and settled in Union Township. They were the parents of six children, of whom four are now living, viz. — James Allen, now engaged in farming near Oskaloosa, Iowa. He was a member of Company H, Seventy-fifth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, and served some time as an orderly for General Joseph J. Reynolds, and remained in the service till the close of the war; John K., our subject; Daniel K., a manufacturer of

Bluffton, and Josephus C., who resides on the old homestead in Union Township. The mother died in Cincinnati, Ohio, while being treated for cancer, on the 27th day of July, 1882, at the age of sixty-five years. The father died at his home in Union Township December 22, 1885, aged nearly seventy years. Father and mother Rinehart were earnest and devoted members of the Christian church, and died loved and revered by all who knew them. Mr. Rinehart was reared a farmer, and until attaining the age of eighteen years attended the district schools, after which he attended the high school at Fort Wayne and the academy at Roanoke. From 1862 to 1869 he was engaged at Roanoke, Zanesville and Delphi, Indiana, as merchant's clerk, and in teaching in the schools of Wells and Huntington counties. In the spring of 1869 he began the study of law in the office of Hon. Henry B. Sayler, of Huntington, Indiana, and was admitted to the bar at that place in 1870. In the same year he entered the law department of the University of Indiana, at Bloomington, and was graduated therefrom in April, 1871, and in July of the same year he began the practice of his profession in Bluffton with Jacob J. Todd, with whom he was associated under the firm name of Todd & Rinehart until 1877, when the partnership was dissolved. He then practiced alone until 1879, when he formed a partnership with Homer L. Martin, the firm of Rinehart & Martin continuing until 1881, when Mr. Martin went to Texas. Mr. Rinehart then practiced law with Edwin C. Vaughn until 1883, when he accepted the position of deputy clerk of the Wells Circuit Court, which position he now holds. October 30, 1873, John K. Rinehart was married to Miss Martha J. Gregg, of Rock Creek Township, who died April 4, 1880, leaving one son, Fred Maynard Rinehart, born October 27, 1874. Two of their children died in infancy. She was a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Rinehart was again married December 9, 1884, to Miss Serelda A. Anthony, of Union Township. She died November 13, 1885. Their only child died in infancy. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics Mr. Rinehart affiliates with the Democratic party. In 1872 he was elected a trustee of the public schools of Bluffton, served for a term of three years, was again elected to the same position in 1880 and served two years, when he resigned. He is a member of Bluffton Lodge, No. 145, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Rinehart is a man of intelligence, is well read in his profession and in general literature, and is an efficient, painstaking, honest official. Fred Maynard is a bright, intelligent boy. In the past few years death has laid a heavy hand upon the family of our subject. His father and mother, both his companions and three children have been called away, leaving Fred M., his much loved son, as the only remaining member of his family. His hope and faith center in his boy and his life is devoted to his comfort, education and well being. Mr. Rinehart and son are inseparable companions.

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