

HON. EDWIN RUTHVEN WILSON, a prominent and influential citizen of Wells County, and member of the law firm of Wilson & Todd, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, the date of his birth being January 14, 1827. His father's family came from the northern part of Ireland, and his father, John Wilson, was a soldier with General Harrison on the frontier, and participated in the battle of Fort Meigs, on the Maumee River. His mother, Anna B. (Geary) Wilson, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, removing with her parents to Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1800, where her family resided during the war of 1812. Our subject's grandfather Geary was a soldier under Washington during the Revolutionary war. In the spring of 1840 Edwin R. Wilson came with his father's family to LaGrange County, Indiana, and there he attended the common schools for a time, and subsequently was a student for three years at the Asbury University at Greencastle, Indiana. He read law with ex-Governor Joseph A.

Wright, and began the practice of his chosen profession at Bluffton in the spring of 1851. He was elected and re-elected prosecuting attorney for the circuit extending as far as the Michigan line, serving in that capacity nearly four years, and while so engaged prosecuted several very important criminal causes, noted among these being the case against William H. Logan for the murder of John Fryback in Wells County, and Keifer, Madden and Romine for the murder of Dunbar in a lumber-yard at Fort Wayne. Mr. Wilson so well performed the duties of that office that, in 1858, he was elected circuit judge for six years, and at the expiration of his term of office he was appointed bank examiner for Indiana, serving as such two years. He removed to Jefferson County, Indiana, in the spring of 1867. In 1878 he was elected State Senator for four years, and at the end of his term, in 1883, he returned to Wells County, Indiana, and has since then been actively engaged in the practice of law with Jacob J. Todd under the firm name of Wilson & Todd. Judge Wilson is a man of strict integrity, honorable in all his dealings, and has by his genial manners made many warm friends, and is well respected throughout the community in which he makes his home.

