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WABASH COUNTY.

FORMER RESIDENT LAWYERS.

The first resident attorney of Wabash county, as near as it is possible to ascertain, was EDWARD MUNDY. He was a native of New Jersey, and became a resident of Wabash county as early as 1820, locating in what is now Friendsville precinct. He traveled the circuit and was considered a good attorney. He was elected to represent this district in the legislature in 1830. A few years later he moved to Michigan, where he afterward became very prominent in political affairs, being elected Lieutenant Governor and holding other important offices. An attorney, by the name of ELKINS, is remembered as early as 1826, having located in the county, remaining however, only a few years.

HON. O. B. FICKLIN, a gentleman so well known to the citizens of the Wabash country, became a practising lawyer at Mt. Carmel as early as 1830, and was elected from Wabash county to represent that district in the legislature in 1834. Soon after serving out his term in the legislature he moved to Charlestown, Coles county, this state, and from that district was elected to Congress in 1843, being four times re-elected, and for many years recognized as one of the leaders of that body. He is still an honored citizen of Charlestown.

A MR. PYLE, came to Mt. Carmel about 1833, remaining about three years.

JAMES McDOWELL, came in 1836, and practiced law at the Wabash bar until his death in 1866. He was for several years judge of the probate court, and was regarded as a sound attorney. Besides his profession he was also engaged in mercantile pursuits for several years in Mt. Carmel.

CHARLES H. CONSTABLE, was a native of Maryland and located at Mt. Carmel in 1839, and remained here until 1852, when he removed to Marshall county, Illinois, where he was elected to the office of circuit judge. He was a lawyer of ability. Died about the close of the late war.

JOSEPH G. BOWMAN, a Virginian, became a member of the Wabash bar in 1839. He was elected to represent the district in the legislature in 1840, and subsequently moved to Lawrenceville, and thence to Olney, where he still resides.

JOSEPH C. ORTH, native of Pennsylvania, located here in 1844, practicing his profession for three or four years, when he engaged in farming in this county until his death in 1857.

ROBERT W. DOUGHERTY, came here from Baltimore about 1848, practiced law for a short time and returned to the east.

VICTOR B. BELL, brother of Robert Bell, practiced at the Wabash bar from 1848 to 1855, when he moved to Chicago, and formed a partnership with Gen. T. E.

Ransom. He afterward moved to Washington, D. C., and from thence to New Orleans where he died in 1867. In 1852-54, he represented Wabash and Edwards counties in the house of Representatives.

PRESENT RESIDENT LAWYERS.

ROBERT BELL is the oldest resident lawyer of the Wabash county bar. He is a native of the county, and received his education in the common and select schools of Mt. Carmel. He began the study of law in the office of his brother, Victor B. Bell, and subsequently attended the law department of the Indiana State University, from which Institution he graduated in February, 1855. In the spring of the same year, he formed a partnership in law, with Lewis C. Keller, at Fairfield, Illinois, where he began the practice of his profession. After a residence of two years at Fairfield, he established an office in Mt. Carmel. In 1864, he formed a partnership with Edward B. Green, under the style of Bell & Green, which firm still continue, one of the strongest in southern Illinois.

In 1863, Mr. Bell was elected President of the Illinois Southern Railroad Company, which afterward merged into the Cairo and Vincennes Railroad Company. In 1869, he was appointed by the Governor, Judge of Wabash county, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge T. J. Armstrong. In the same year he was elected President of the St. Louis, Mt. Carmel & New Albany Railroad Company, serving in that capacity until the consolidation of that railroad into the Louisville, New Albany & St. Louis, in 1872. In 1876, he was sent as special agent of the U. S. Treasury, to California, to investigate alleged frauds in the International Revenue district of that State. In the campaign of 1878, he was the Republican candidate for Congress in the nineteenth district, making a vigorous fight, although the district was hopelessly Democratic. Was a member of the Republican State Central Committee at large, from 1878 to 1882, and was one of the U. S. Commissioners in 1881, appointed to examine the Atlantic and Pacific railroad in New Mexico.

Besides those more important positions, Judge Bell has held many other minor offices of trust, in all of which he performed his duties with credit and satisfaction. He is a sound successful lawyer.

EDWARD B. GREEN, who stands at the head of the Wabash county bar, is a native of Pennsylvania, born December 29, 1837. He obtained his early education in the common schools of his native State, and took a classical course in the Reimersburg Academy, after which he was for some time Professor of Languages, in the West Freedom Academy. Leaving that position, he came directly to Edgar county, Illinois, in 1858, and began the study of law in the office of Green & Eads, at Paris. Completing his course, he was admitted to the bar in June, 1860, and immediately afterward came to Mt. Carmel, and established himself in the practice of his profession. Four years later he formed a partnership with Robert Bell, under the style of Bell & Green.

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In 1877, he was the Republican candidate for Judge of the second judicial circuit. Two years later he became a candidate against John H. Mulkey, for the Supreme bench. In 1882, he accepted the Republican candidacy for Congress, against Aaron Shaw, and notwithstanding the large Democratic majority in this district, Mr. Green made a vigorous and creditable contest. Mr. Green is a man of fine talents, and one of the ablest and most profound lawyers in southern Illinois. He has a practice that extends to all adjoining counties, and his cases in the Appellate and Supreme courts are numerous.

S. Z. LANDES is a native of Virginia, and with his parents emigrated and settled at Paris, Illinois, in 1856. He acquired his preliminary education in the common schools of Edgar county, and afterward attended the Edgar County Academy. He entered upon the study of law in the office of Robert N. Bishop, and after completing his course, was admitted to the bar in August, 1863. The next year he opened an office in Mt. Carmel, and began the practice of his chosen profession. In 1870, he was elected City Attorney, and served in that capacity for three consecutive terms. In 1873, he was chosen as State's Attorney for the county of Wabash, and by re-election has held that office ever since. Mr. Landes is a hard student, a sound lawyer, a vigorous prosecutor and excels as an advocate.

SAMUEL R. PUTMAN, was born in Wabash county. He began the study of law in the office of Bell and Green in the spring of 1868, and was admitted to the bar in the spring of 1870. Soon after being admitted he went to Kansas, where, in Eurcka, he engaged in the practice of his profession for two years, returning to Mt. Carmel. In 1874, he formed a partnership with A. B. Mathews, which firm continued for one year, when Sylvester Greathouse came in, the style of firm being Mathews, Putman and Greathouse. Mathews retired from the firm in June, 1879, and Putman and Greathouse continue still in partnership. They are engaged in a good general practice.

SYLVESTER GREATHOUSE, is also a native of this county. He read law in the office of Mathews and Putman, and was admitted to the bar in 1875, and immediately entered upon the practice in partnership with the firm above named. Prior to his adopting the profession of law, Mr. Greathouse served the people of the county in the capacity of Treasurer, being elected in 1865, and re-elected in '67. In 1869 he was elected to the office of county clerk, and served one term.

M. F. HOSKINS, is a native of Indiana. He read law with Bell and Green, and was admitted to the bar in January, 1876, and opened an office in Mt. Carmel and began the practice by himself. In 1877 he was appointed city attorney, and in 1879 was elected to the same office.

M. H. MUNDY, was born in Wabash county, where he

received his rudimentary education, and attended the Western Central college, at Warrenton, Mo. He began the study of law in the office of Judge F. D. Preston, at Olney, Illinois, in the spring of 1876, and was admitted to the bar in 1878. He first practiced in Olney, about one year, then came to Mt. Carmel, where he has since been engaged.

WILLIAM R. LANDES, brother of S. Z. Landes, student in the office of the latter, was admitted to the bar in 1882, and practices with his brother, but not in partnership.

The list of prosecuting attorneys of these counties will be found in the chapter on civil history.

CHAPTER X.

THE PRESS.

The Pioneer, Albion Journal, The Bumble-bee, Egyptian Republican, American Sentinel, Star Spangle Banner, American Banner, Lawrenceville Banner, Western Globe, Lawrence County Globe, Lawrence County Journal, Lawrence County Courier, Rural Republican, Lawrence County Democrat, Farmers' Union, Democrat Herald, Lawrence County Press, Sunner Press, Sumner Democrat, Bridgeport Times, Mt. Carmel Sentinel and Wabash Advocate, Mt. Carmel Register, Wabash Republican, The Greenbrier, The Plowboy, Wabash Democrat, Temperance Leader, Mt. Carmel Leader, Mt. Carmel Republican.

THE press, the great luminary of liberty, is the handmaid of progress. It heralds its doings and makes known its discoveries. It is the advance courier, whose coming is eagerly looked for, and whose arrival is hailed with joy as it brings tidings of its latest achievements. The press prepares the way and calls mankind to witness the approach and procession of the triumphal car of progress as it passes on down through the vale of the future. When progress stops, the press will cease, and the intellectual and moral world will go down in darkness. The press is progress, and progress the press. So intimately are they connected that one cannot exist without the other. The history of this great discovery dates back to the fifteenth century. Its discovery occurred in the following manner: Laurentius Coster, a native of Haarlem, Holland, while rambling in the forest contiguous to his native city, carved some letters out of the bark of a birch tree. Drowsy from the relaxation of a holiday, he wrapped his carvings in a piece of paper and lay down to sleep. Dampened by the atmospheric moisture, the paper wrapped about his handiwork had taken an impression from them, and the surprised burgher saw on the paper an inverted image of his engravings. The phenomenon was suggestive, because it led to experiments that resulted in establishing a printing office in the old Dutch town of Hærlem. The discovery of Coster's wood blocks, on which the pages to be printed were engraved, was made some time between 1440 and 1450. Peter Schoeffer's improvement, by casting the type by means of matrices, was made about 1456.

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