

## FRANK W. LAMKINS

It is proper to judge of the success of a man's life by the estimation in which he is held by his fellow citizens. They see him at his work, in his family circle, in church, hear his views on public questions, observe the operation of his code of morals, witness how he conducts himself in all the relations of society and civilization, and are therefore competent to judge of his merits and his demerits. After a long course of years of such daily observation, it would be out of the question for his neighbors not to know of his worth, for, as has been said, "actions speak louder than words" In this connection it is not too much to say that the subject of this sketch has passed a life of unusual honor, that he has been industrious and has the confidence of all who have the pleasure of his friendship.

Frank W. Lamkins, who, as recorder of Monroe county, has earned a high place in the regard of his fellow citizens, is a native of the county in which he now lives and was born on July 4, 1869. He is the son of Andrew and Mary E. (Shields) Lamkins, the former of whom also was a native of Monroe county, while his paternal grandfather, James Lamkins, was one of the county's earliest settlers and pioneer citizens. The subject's father, who followed the vocation of farming, was prominent in the public life of the community and for several years served his county in public capacity. He was recorder of the county in 1898, was trustee of Salt Creek township for two terms and served a like period as assessor. His death occurred in December, 1910. His widow is still living and resides at No. 503 East Third street, Bloomington. They were the parents of two children: Belle, who is at home with her mother, and Frank W the immediate subject of this sketch. The latter received his elementary education in the common schools and later was a student in the Danville Normal School, where he prepared himself for teaching. During the following five years, he was successfully engaged in pedagogical labors and later took up farming. Eventually he engaged in the operation of a brick and tile factory, also farming, in Salt Creek township, in the operation of which he was successful, and which he continued up to the time of his appointment as county recorder. Mr. Lamkins was serving as deputy county recorder when, in 1907, the recorder died and he was appointed to fill the unexpired term. His performance of his official duties was so satisfactory that at the next election he was elected to the office, being one of two Democratic candidates for county office elected that year.

In 1898 Mr. Lamkins was married to Mattie Dodds, the daughter of Clelland F. and Mary E. (Orchard) Dodds, and to this union have been born four children, Clelland A., Ruth M., Nellie C. and Charles R.

Politically, Mr. Lamkins gives earnest support to the Democratic party, in whose councils he has been a prominent and influential figure, while, fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Lamkins resides in a comfortable and attractive home at No. 514 West Sixth street, and is held in high regard by his neighbors and friends, His life has been controlled by proper motives and he has been indefatigable in his honest efforts and business pursuits and in his official capacity he is coming up to the full requirements of his office; while his personal relations are such as to command at all times the esteem of those who know him.

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