

FRANK DOUGLASS, an enterprising citizen, a reliable business man and a prosperous merchant of Indiana, is a son of Barnabas and Elizabeth (Pales) Douglas and was born in Green township (near Cherry Tree), Indiana county, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1863. His paternal grandfather, Barnabas Douglass, was born in Ireland, came to Indiana county when a young man, and followed farming until his death, which occurred March 15, 1845, when he was seventy years of age. In 1823 he built, on the Susquehanna river, the Douglass grist and saw-mill, now known as "Garman's Mills." He settled in Geen township in 1825, when it was almost all woods, and wolves would chase their stock to the cabin door. His maternal grandfather, Stephen Oaks, was born in Maine and came from the "Pine Tree State" to western Pennsylvania in 1837, where he was engaged in farming in Indiana and Cambria counties until he died, in 1874, at seventy-eight years of age. He was the eldest of nine sons, and when a boy went with his father to what is now East Sangerville, Piscataqua county, Maine, where thirty miles from human habitations, they cleared out a farm. The moose was their principal dependence for meat. Barnabas Douglass (father) was a native of this county. He was a prosperous farmer of Green township, where he owned a farm of two hundred acres of land, and in connection with farming handled stock and followed lumbering. He was a democrat, a member of Cherry Tree Baptist church and died November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1875, ages seventy-two years. He married Elizabeth Oaks, who was born in Maine in 1822, and came with her parents to this county about 1837. She is an earnest, zealous and active member of Cherry Tree Baptist church.

Frank Douglass was reared on a farm in his native township. He received his education in the common schools and the State Normal school at Indiana. While attending the normal school he taught several winters in the common schools. In 1884 he formed a mercantile partnership with Barto Beringer, under the firm name of Beringer & Douglass, and they built the dwelling-house and store-room now occupied by Mr. Douglass, on Second street, near the normal school, Indiana, P. On December 5, 1884, they opened a store and the firm continued until February 23, 1888, when McLain Davis purchased Mr. Beringer's interest and the new firm of Douglass & Davis ran about six months. Mr. Davis was succeeded then by R. O. Barber and the firm of Douglass & Barber continued about six months, when Mr. Douglass bought out Mr. Barber's interest. Since that time Mr. Douglass has continued to gradually increase both his stock and his patrons,

October 31, 1889, he united in marriage with Bertha Neal, daughter of J. Milton Neal; of Jacksonville, this county.

In politics Mr. Douglass is a democrat. He is a pleasant and courteous gentleman and has a wide circle of friends. He has a neat and tasteful store-room which is well filled with a good stock of general merchandise, including special lines of dry-goods, groceries, boots, shoes and notions. He also deals extensively in country produce and pays out a considerable amount of money for the large quantities which he ships every year. He is noted for handling the best shingles in the county. He has the best shingles in the county. He has the agency of Indiana county for Lister's Agricultural Chemical works, of Newark, N.J., which fully explains the cause of his present large trade in commercial fertilizers.