

FRANK KEENER, one of the young and promising members of the Indiana county bar and secretary of the Republican county committee, is a son of Johnston and Lena A. (Armstrong) Keener, and was born in Armstrong township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, January 24, 1862. The grandparents of Frank Keener on his paternal side were of German descent and became residents of this county, in which they afterwards died. The grandfather, Isaac Keener, was a native of Armstrong county, this State. He was a republican and a hard-working farmer, and died in 1877, aged seventy-five years. His son, Johnston Keener, was born in Armstrong township, where he was reared to manhood, after which he removed to White township, and engaged in his present occupation of farming. He is a republican, a member of the Indiana United Presbyterian church and a reliable citizen. He has served in nearly all of his township's local offices and is in the fifty-sixth year of his age. He married Lena A. Armstrong, who was born in 1836, and is a member of the same church as her husband. She is a daughter of John Armstrong, who is a native of Armstrong township. He is of scotch-Irish descent, was born in 1804 and belongs to the U. P. church. He is a republican in politics.

Frank Keener was reared on a farm until he was eighteen years of age. His early education was received in the common schools of his native township. He then took a three years' college preparatory course at the Indiana Normal school and entered the University of Wooster, Ohio, from which institution of learning he was graduated in June, 1887. During the winter of 1887-88 he was principal of Van Buren High school, Hancock county, Ohio, and also superintendent of the schools of the township adjoining Van Buren. In the spring of 1888 he commenced reading law with the legal firm of Watson & Telford and was admitted to the bar of Indiana county in November, 1889. After his admission to practice in the courts of the county he engaged in his profession at Indiana, where he has his office with Watson & Telford, with whom he read. He has secured a practice which is steadily increasing and is regarded as a safe counselor and careful pleader. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, an active republican and has been serving since June, 1889, as secretary of the Republican county committee. As a high school principal and superintendent he was very successful, and in the practice of law he bids fair to make his mark at a day not far distant in the future.