

FRANKLIN OTTINGER. In these days, when so many accidents are occurring through ignorance and carelessness in the preparation of drugs and medicines, it is a matter of the greatest importance to the public to know where they can find reliable drug houses and competent pharmacists. One of the best qualified and most careful and attentive druggists of western Pennsylvania is Franklin Ottinger, of Parker City. He is a son of George and Elizabeth (Haines) Ottinger, and was born in Burlington county, N. J., July 2, 1848. As the name indicated, the Ottingers are of German origin, and the American branch of the family is traced back in its residence in Pennsylvania to Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, where Franklin Ottinger's paternal grandfather, Alexander Ottinger, was born, reared, lived and died. He was a farmer, and of his sons who grew to manhood, one was George Ottinger (father), who was born in 1812, and died in 1875, aged sixty-three years. When a young man he removed to Mt. Holly, the county-seat of Burling county, N. J., where he became the proprietor and editor of the Mt. Holly *Herald*, a democratic paper of considerable force and extended circulation. The events of the last war changed Mr. Ottinger's political opinions, and he affiliated with the republican party from 1861 to his death, which occurred in 1875. He was a prominent and useful member of the Baptist church, and married Elizabeth Haines, of Burlington county, N. J., who was reared in the Quaker faith, which she held until in the latter years of her life, when she united with the Baptist church. She was born in 1817, and passed away in 1882.

Franklin Ottinger was reared at Mt. Holly and in the city of Philadelphia. After obtaining a good English education he attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which institution he was graduated in 1868. Two years later he located in Pittsburgh, where he was engaged in the drug business until 1878, when he came to parker City and established his present drug house. He keeps a full assortment of fresh and pure drugs, chemicals and pharmaceutical preparations, all of which are up to the standard demanded by the United States Pharmacopoeia, besides toilet and fancy articles and proprietary remedies of established reputation. His drug house is complete in all its arrangements, and careful attention is given to the wants of a large and constantly increasing patronage.

In 1878 he married Ella S. Bair, daughter of William Bair, of Sharon, Pa. their union has been blest with two children: George B. and Sue H.

Franklin Ottinger is a member of Parker Lodge, No. 761, I.O.O.F., Parker Council, No. 179, Royal Arcanum, and the Older of Solon. He is a republican in politics, has held various borough offices, and frequently, although not a politician, serves as a delegate to State and county conventions of his party. Mr. Ottinger has been engaged for several years as an oil producer. He is a pharmacist of skill, has a wide range of practical experience, and conducts his establishment upon the principles integrity and correct business.