

JAMES D. FRANTZ, son of Jacob Frantz, was born March 30, 1870, in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong Co., PA. He received better educational advantages than his brother, attending school until sixteen years of age, when he entered the mill operated by his father and brother. He continued as an employee until 1888, when he was taken into the firm, the name being changed from Jacob Frantz & Son to Jacob Frantz & Sons. As before stated, in 1892, James D. and Thomas Frantz became sole proprietors of the milling property upon the retirement of the father, and the name was once more changed, becoming Frantz Brothers. This milling plant is one of the largest and best equipped in Indiana county, and an immense business handled annually. In addition to milling the firm deals heavily in flour, grain and feed, and owns and conducts one of the leading mercantile establishments in this locality.

The enterprise of the Frantz family is well exhibited in the various undertakings of the two Frantz brothers. They are good business men, who know their different lines thoroughly and how to operate them successfully. They have branched out more than their father, who confined himself to milling and farming, but they are imbued with the same honorable principles which characterize the older man, and their name stands for all that is upright and noble.

James D. Frantz is a Republican and is serving as assistant postmaster at Rossmoyne, but he is no office seeker. The Lutheran Church holds his membership, and Mrs. Frantz belongs to the same religious denomination. In 1891 Mr. Frantz joined the Odd Fellows lodge at Plumville, and is interest in its work.

On Oct. 3, 1895, James D. Frantz was united in marriage with Mary Annette Sprankle, of North Mahoning township, this county, daughter of M. S. Sprankle, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Frantz are the parents of one son, Carl Sprankle, who is attending school. Mrs. Frantz id devoted to her home and family. Mr. Frantz is a fine type of modern business man and good citizen. While his own affairs occupy his attention, he is never too busy to be interested in local improvements and lends his support to all which he believes will work for the ultimate good of the many.

All in all, Jacob Frantz and his two sons represent the class of men who have developed this nation, and established its prestige at home and abroad. Their interests are closely allied to the prosperity of their community, for they assist in creating it.