

THOMAS H. FRANTZ, fourth child of Jacob Frantz, was born Aug. 17, 1868, and until he was ten years old attended school, but since that time his educational training has been obtained through experience and observation. His services being needed in the mill, he was put to work early, and in return was given a good trade, learning milling millwrighting in all their details. When he was only twenty-two years old his father took him into partnership under the firm name of Jacob Frantz & Son, which was later changed to that of Jacob Frantz & Sons, when his brother James D. was admitted into the firm. This desirable association continued until 1892, when with the retirement of his father the two sons formed the firm of Frantz Brothers. In October, 1902, the mill was destroyed, entailing a loss of \$7,500, but undismayed the two energetic young men rebuilt the same year, and now have a fine plant, a three-story structure which was put up at the cost of \$13,000, and is fully equipped with modern machinery, roller process. The firm has also established a large store at Rossmoyne, where a full line of general merchandise is carried. In 1897, during the McKinley administration, Mr. Frantz was appointed postmaster at Rossmoyne, which office he has filled ever since. He is responsible for the suitable name of Rossmoyne, as he selected it for the new office, which is in the fourth class. He served very efficiently as school director for fifteen years, and is a local power in the Republican party. An Odd Fellow for over twenty years, he is interested in the work of that fraternity, has been a past grand for years and is also a member of the grand loge of the State. He also belongs to the Plumville lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knight of Pythias at Sagamore and the Owls at Punxsutawney. Mr. Frantz is one of the progressive business men of his township and stands very high in the public estimation.

On Oct. 30, 1888, Mr. Frantz was married to Melvina Lewis, who was born in Perry township, Jefferson county, daughter of John and Christina (Doverspike) Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frantz have had the following children: Ina, who married O. A. Good, and has one child, Marlin; Delbert G., who has charge of the store of Frantz Brothers; Alma, who died when seventeen months old; Edna; and Leland L.