

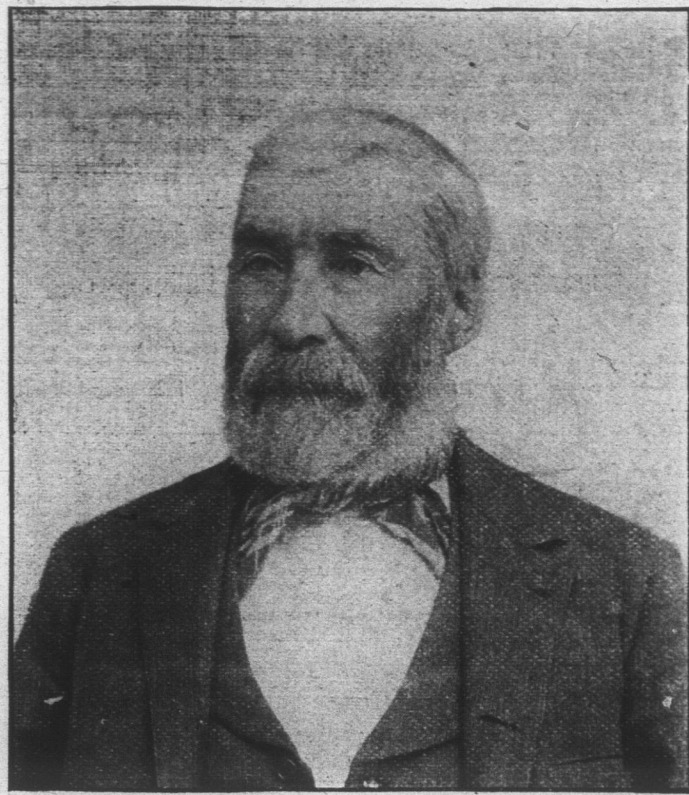
ADDISON PARKISON.

The president of the Commercial State Bank is a descendant of one of the early settlers of Jasper county, his father being John G. Parkison, a pioneer of 1837. He is the third child in a family of twelve. His mother was Matilda, daughter of Simon Kenton, the celebrated Indian fighter.

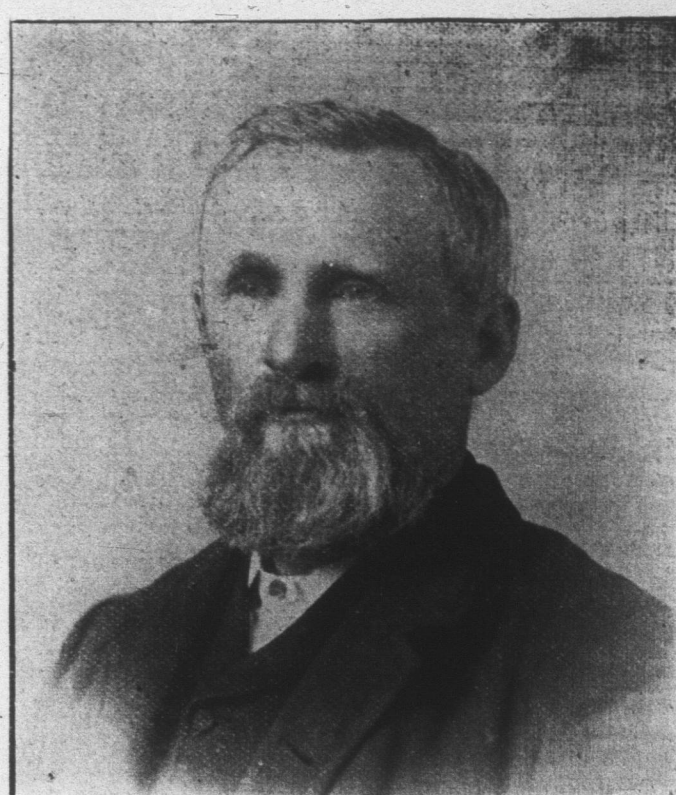
Mr. Parkison is a most enterprising and public spirited citizen, has acquired a handsome competence through conservative ventures, and the exercise of foresight in business matters, and his advice in transactions of importance is often sought by those friends who esteem his superior judgement. He was raised a farmer and was for years very successful in that calling and he still owns an excellent farm. He now lives in Rensselaer in the substantial brick structure illustrated below.

He served on the Drainage Commission with a meritorious record, and has for many years been an honored citizen, whose integrity was above question. He is one of the largest holders of stock in the Commercial State Bank.

Addison Parkinson was born May 22, 1822, at Jamesfield, Logan county, Ohio; married Barbara A. Kenton May 5, 1857; and they have three children living, viz: Mrs. Julia Moore, Mrs. Martha J. Wiley, and Miss Stella A., the latter living at home.



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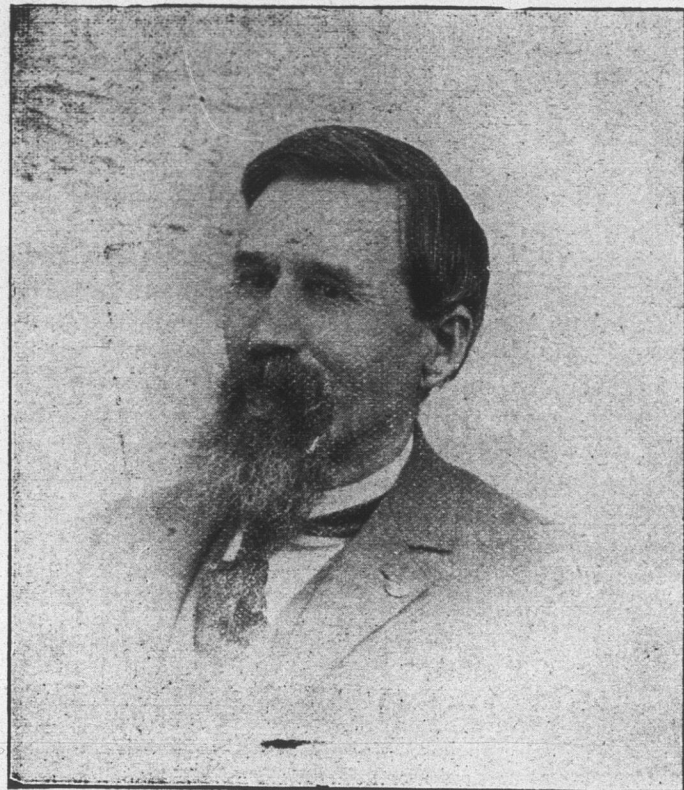
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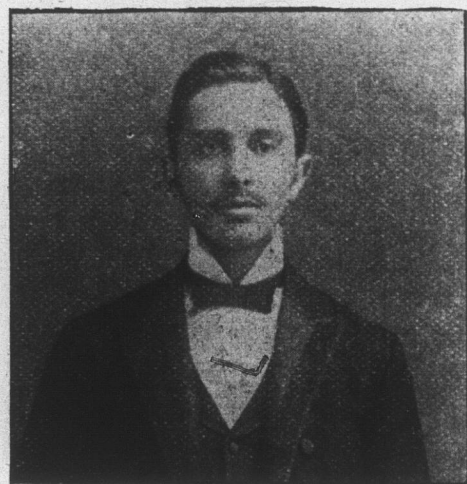
No citizen of Jasper county has greater reason to be satisfied with a well spent life. He has for many years been retired from the active management of his fine farm in Barkley township, and resides in Rensselaer in a beautiful home, as per illustration given below. His association with this institution, the Commercial State bank, adds much to its standing in the minds of the people. He has been a very successful business man and is one of the solid financiers of Jasper county. He served on the Drainage Commission for three years with credit to himself and great benefit to the people. He is prominent in the advocacy of all improvements; and liberal in his support of every worthy enterprise. He is a member and generous contributor to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Randle is a native of Hampshire county, West Virginia, and was born in 1831. His parents, Thomas and Nancy (Culp) Randle, came to Jasper county with the very earliest pioneers. James was the eldest of eleven children.

James T. Randle married Mrs. Ruth A. Harris, by which union they have five children, Robert, Thomas, John, Emeline and Edward.



CAPT. JOHN M. WASSON.
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL STATE BANK.



GEORGE K. HOLLINGSWORTH.
DIRECTOR OF THE COMMERCIAL STATE BANK.



EMMET L. HOLLINGSWORTH.
CASHIER OF THE COMMERCIAL STATE BANK.

GEO. K. HOLLINGSWORTH.

A biographical sketch of the above director of the Commercial State Bank is given on page seventeen, also an illustration of his very attractive and well kept home. The portrait which appears on this page, does the gentleman great injustice, but on account of an accident a large and better one could not be used. Mr. Hollingsworth is a holder of a large block of the stock of this institution and in his official capacity gives the affairs of the bank careful attention.

An error occurred in stating the names of his children in the sketch mentioned. They are Donald H. and Thomas. (Ed.)

EMMET L. HOLLINGSWORTH.

Mr. Hollingsworth was born Jan. 22, 1864, in New Lisbon, Columbia county, Ohio. He came with his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Hollingsworth, to Rensselaer in 1866. The family settled west of the Iroquois river, where the subject of this sketch still resides.

He received a common school education and after two years in the State University of Michigan, he began his business career in A. McCoy & Thompson's bank, of this town. He continued there until April, 1895, when he withdrew to take the cashiership of the Commercial State Bank.

He was married Dec. 31, 1887, to Miss Fannie M. Allen, of Kalamazoo, Mich. They have from this union three living children, Cecilia G., Lois Dorothy and Gerald Emery.

Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and have been energetic workers in its behalf. He is also an enthusiastic member of the Masonic fraternity.

An illustration of Mr. Hollingsworth's home is given on page twenty-eight.

JOHN M. WASSON.

Capt. Wasson was born on a farm near Union City, Drake county, Ohio, May 16, 1833. His mother was a native of Virginia, of English ancestry and is now in her eightieth year. His father was born in Miami county, Ohio, January 11, 1811, of Irish parentage. Captain Wasson, worked on the farm during the summer, attending the county schools in the fall and winter. In the winter of 1858-9 he taught school. He enlisted in Company G, 40th O. V. I., September 25, 1861; took part in many skirmishes and battles, including the battle of Chancellorsville; was taken prisoner September 22, 1863; spent seven months in Libby prison and escaped through the noted Libby prison tunnel February 10, 1864. Was mustered out of the service April 10, 1865. The Captain married Miss Martha J. Wood of Rensselaer, October 19, 1865. They commenced keeping house Christmas day, 1865, on a farm four miles south-east of Rensselaer, where they resided until Nov. 1, 1889, when they moved to Rensselaer. Their children are Mrs. Nellie Coen, Mrs. Cora Nowels, and the Misses Pearl and Gail.

Captain Wasson is a member of the M. E. church and prominent in the councils of the G. A. R. His was an eventful military career; entering the ranks as a private he was promoted to a captaincy. They reside in their very pretty home in Rensselaer, as per illustration below.



COMMERCIAL STATE BANK.
RENSSELAER, IND.

Commercial State Bank.

Upon the announcement in March, 1895, of the contemplated discontinuance of the Citizens' State Bank, the only organized banking institution in the county, the idea was conceived of forming a new bank under the very efficient banking law of Indiana. The promoters of this enterprise lost no time in securing their charter, which was granted Apr. 2, 1895, and the bank opened at 9 o'clock of the same day, duly equipped for business.

At the close of its first three months' business the Commercial State Bank had deposits of over \$70,000, and their business since then has shown a steady increase.

The bank is situated on Washington street, fronting the court house park, and has most complete and commodious banking rooms, neatly and substantially furnished. The fire proof vault is provided with a first class screw door burglar proof safe. Safe deposit boxes are provided for the accommodation of patrons who have deeds, notes, wills or other valuable papers to deposit for safe keeping.

The bank does a general deposit, discount and exchange business, receiving deposits payable on demand, or on time, with interest. Drafts on all the principal cities of America and Europe bought and sold. Special attention paid to the sale of Eng-

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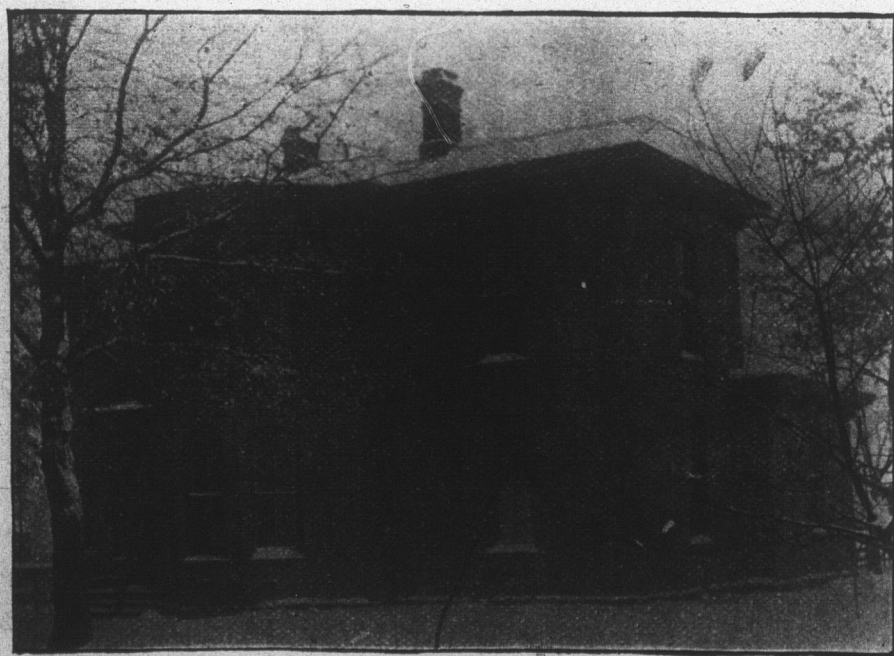
DIRECTORS.

All of the directors and stockholders are prominent and substantial citizens of our own town, and are foremost in promoting its interests and welfare. They are all solid in a financial way, and noted for their conservative methods of business. Their connection with this, the only state bank in the county, gives it unquestioned strength, and it will grow with the town, and merits the growing confidence of our people.

Among the stockholders are the following: Addison Parkinson, John M. Wasson, George K. Hollingsworth, James T. Randle, Emmet L. Hollingsworth, George E. Murray, Hon. Geo. H. Brown and Simon P. Thompson.

The stockholders at their first meeting elected the following directors: Addison Parkinson, president; George K. Hollingsworth, vice president; John M. Wasson, vice president; Emmet L. Hollingsworth, cashier, and James T. Randle. About this time Emmet L. Hollingsworth severed his connection with the McCoy bank to take the management of the Commercial State Bank.

Mr. Hollingsworth has had twelve years experience in the banking business in this county, and now has the active assistance and counsel of a board of directors who are known for their correct business methods, and ample means.



RESIDENCE OF ADDISON PARKISON.



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