

## DR. LEMUEL LEWIS MATTAX.

Dr. Lemuel Lewis Mattax was born in Adams county, Indiana, September 5, 1862. He is a son of William L. and Bersheba (Coverdale) Mattax. Both his father and mother were natives of Ohio. The former was born in Tuscarawas county in 1838 and the latter in Muskingum county in the same year. W. L. Mattax came to Indiana and settled in Adams county with his parents, who entered a farm in Monroe township in 1840. The parents are still living in Blue Creek township, Adams county. Dr. Mattax is one of two children of his father's family who are still living. A sister is the wife of Virgil Mercer, living on the old homestead. Two other children died in youth. These were Bertie and Lida.

Like almost every other country boy of the period, Dr. Mattax was reared on a farm and learned the meaning and responsibilities of a farmer's life. He attended the schools of his township and picked up as good an early education as was possible. He worked on his father's farm and assisted in cultivating this tract. After he had completed his studies in the common schools he read medicine in the office of Dr. Coverdale for three summers. This study gave him a decided preference for medicine as a profession, opposed to a farmer's life, and he entered the Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio. On March 7, 1891, he graduated from this institution, standing high in his class. He returned to his home at Geneva and at once took up the active practice of his chosen profession.

A year following his graduation he was married to Miss Sophia Eocher, a daughter of John and Louise (Seaman) Eocher. His wife's parents were born in Germany and came to Indiana and settled at Bluffton in an early day. Mr. Eocher followed the employment of a cooper. To Dr. and Mrs. Mattax have been born four children, all of whom are at their parents' home. These children are: Harold, John Lee, Louise V. and Lavone B.

Dr. Mattax has led an active life. He stands high in his profession and has taken an interest at all times in matters that meant the betterment of his community. He is a Democrat in politics and has served as town treasurer and as health officer. He is a member of Geneva lodge, No. 514, Knights of Pythias, of which he has been chancellor commander. He is public spirited and a man who believes thoroughly in progression.

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