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Henry Frederick Linn.

Possessing not only much mechanical genius and ability, but undoubted business tact and judgment, Henry F. Linn, of Adams County, has achieved marked success as a contractor and builder, and acquired a place of prominence among the highly esteemed and respected citizens of Decatur, his home city. A son of the late Solomon Linn, he was born, September 14, 1863, in Sandusky County, Ohio, on both sides of the house coming from Pennsylvania Dutch stock.

Born in Pennsylvania in 1835, Solomon Linn migrated to Ohio when young, locating first in Medina County, and later in Sandusky County, where he followed carpentry several years. Soon after the close of the war, he came with his family to Adams County, Indiana, settling in Decatur, where he became actively identified with the industrial interests of the city as a carpenter. He did much building in the city limits, among other things having assisted in the building of the Evangelical Church, of which he and his wife were charter members. A man of strong individuality, he became active in the democratic ranks, and served ably as a member of the city council for one term. Fraternally he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He outlived the allotted three score and ten years of man's life, dying, in 1913, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary A. Miller, was born in Pennsylvania, and died in Decatur, a few months after he did, aged seventy-five years. Their union was blessed by the birth of eight children, as follows: Henry F.; Sadie, wife of A. S. Elsey, of Ossian, Wells County; Frank W., killed in an auto accident in Chicago; Elizabeth, wife of E. B. Kenn, living in Van Buren, Indiana; Charles E., of Clyde Park, Montana; Wall E., of Bakersfield, California; Edward W., died when but twenty-four years old; and Clyde D., engaged in business with his brother, Henry, as foreman.

But a small child when brought by his parents to Decatur, Henry F. Linn obtained a practical education in the city schools, and having as a boy exhibited great dexterity in the use of tools began quite young to assist his father in the carpenter's shop. Growing up in the trade, he was associated with his father in the erection of many buildings, among which is the Central School Building. A skillful and thorough workman, exhibiting much wisdom and excellent judgment in the execution of his plans, Mr. Linn has gained an enviable reputation as a contractor and builder, and is kept busy at all times. By means of thrift and industry, Mr. Linn has accumulated a fair share of this world's goods, having a fine property in the city, including the large, double stucco house, at the corner of First and Rugg streets, which he has just completed.

Mr. Linn married Miss Anora Lower, who was born in Union Township and is a sister of William B. Lower. Mr. and Mrs. Linn have three children, namely: Joseph, living in Decatur; William, who was graduated from the Decatur High School with the class of 1916, is in the employ of Vance & Hite Clothing Store; and Lawrence, attending the high school. Mrs. Linn is a member of the Evangelical Church, in which she is an active worker. A democrat in politics, Mr. Linn has rendered the city excellent service as a member of the city council, and takes great interest in public affairs. Fraternally he is a member of Decatur Lodge No. 65, Knights of Pythias, of which he became a member in 1884, and Mrs. Linn is a member of the Pythian Sisters.