

**Henry Schulte.** As an active member of the well-known firm of Holthouse, Schulte & Company, Henry Schulte, of Decatur, is closely identified with the advancement of the mercantile interests of Adams County, and holds a position of note among the leading business men of his community, being recognized by his associates as a man of integrity and worth. A native of Germany, he was born in Hanover, January 18, 1869, and there spent his early life.

His father, Frederick Schulte, was born in Hunteberg, Germany, which was likewise the birthplace of his wife, whose maiden name was Louisa Snieder. A farmer by occupation, he was employed as a tiller of the soil in the fatherland until after the death of his wife, in 1881. In 1882, accompanied by his three children, Henry, Lena and Mary, and a stepdaughter, he sailed from Bremen on the good ship Elbe, in which he crossed the ocean, landing in New York. Making his way from there to Indiana, he located on a farm in Adams County, where he carried on general farming for many years. Now, at the age of seventy-four years, he is living retired from active labor, making his home with his son Henry, in Decatur. He is a staunch democrat in politics, and a member of the Lutheran Church, to which his children also belong.

A lad of twelve years when he came to Indiana with his father, Henry Schulte completed his studies in the public schools, and as a young man became a clerk in the store of John Eiting & Co., in Decatur. In 1889 Mr. Schulte accepted a position with Peter Holthouse, the leading merchant tailor of Decatur, and proved himself so efficient in a business way that in 1893 he was admitted to the firm as a partner. In 1901, the firm name became Holthouse, Schulte & Company, and the business was greatly enlarged, both in stock and in volume. In February, 1910, the business was incorporated under the same name, with a capital of \$10,000, Peter Holthouse being made president, W. P. Schrock, secretary, and Mr. Schulte, treasurer. Mr. Holthouse died in November, 1912, and a short time afterward Harry Helm purchased the Holthouse interest in the business. In 1916, Mr. Schrock sold his interest in the firm, and assumed the management of the A. J. Smith Company's affairs. The firm of Holthouse, Schulte & Company is one of the best known clothing firms in the county, and is carrying on an extensive business, the large and finely equipped building it occupies, at the corner of Second and Monroe streets, being well stocked with the latest and most approved styles of gentlemen's clothing and haberdashery. As merchant tailors, the firm endeavors to cater to the tastes and needs of all classes of people, and is extensively patronized in the city and the surrounding country.

Mr. Schulte married, in 1895, Emma Starost, who was born in Ohio, of German ancestry, but was brought up in Decatur, where her parents both died. Mr. and Mrs. Schulte have one child, Fred, born in 1906, now attending the parochial school. Mr. Schulte was confirmed in the Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Schulte in the Roman Catholic Church.

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