

BADDERS, James W

JAMES W. BADDERS, sheriff of Jay County and formerly and for many years occupied in running a dray line in Portland, one of the best known men in that city,, as well as throughout the county, is a native son of Jay County and has lived here all his life. Sheriff BADDERS was born in Jefferson Township on May 1, 1858, and is a son of William H. and Sarah Ann (BURNS) BADDERS, the latter of whom was born in Virginia and had come to Indiana with her parents in the days of her girlhood. William H. BADDERS was born in Kentucky and was but a child when he came up into Indiana with his parents, the family settling in Delaware County and presently moving to Jay County, where he grew to manhood and was married, reared his family and spent the remainder of his life. He was a weaver and followed that vocation all his active life. He and his wife were the parents of four children, all of whom are living save one, Sheriff BADDERS having two sisters, Margaret and Sarah Jane. James W. BADDERS was but three years of age when his father died and was twelve when he was further bereaved by the death of his mother. He was taken care of in the home of John DETAMORE and his schooling was received in the schools of that neighborhood. He worked for Mr. DETAMORE until he moved to Portland and became engaged there in operating a dray line, a business in which, he became quite successful. For years Mr. BADDERS has taken an interested part in local civic affairs and in 1900 received the Republican nomination for sheriff of Jay County. He was elected in the following election and is now serving in that important office, one of the best known and most popular men about the court house, having taken office on January 1, 1921. He is affiliated with the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, and takes a proper interest in the affairs of that organization. Sheriff BADDERS married Mary E. FITZPATRICK daughter of James T.FITZPATRICK, and to this union have been born three children, Charles W., Cloyce and Harry Raymond. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls.1922, Vol. II, pp.52-53. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut