

Jacob March HAYNES, judge, jurist, publicist, banker and philanthropist, who died at his home in Portland in 1903 after a residence in that city of nearly sixty years, has ever been recognized as one of the most potent factors for good in the common life of this community, a strong personal influence ever operative in behalf of all things of good report, and it is but fitting that in this work commemorative of the centennial of white settlement in Jay county there should be presented some modest tribute to the good memory he left at his passing. Of English ancestry and of old colonial New England stock, Judge HAYNES was reared amid an environment that was stimulative of an intense interest in all that is best and noblest in the traditions of the Republic and when he settled here in the days of his vigorous young manhood, back in the days of the formative period of this now well established and progressive community, he brought with him a quality of equipment and a vigor of lofty intent that quickly placed him in the forefront of those who then were making history here. No wonder, then, that "the Yankee lawyer," as he came to be known in the growing community, was early recognized as a helpful force in that community and that his new neighbors placed reliance upon his judgment in matters affecting the civic development and welfare, his personality commanding even as his calmly expressed judgments inspired, respect for the opinions he was able vigorously to defend. And it was thus, even to the end of his' long and useful life, that Judge HAYNES was ever a trustworthy friend, counselor and guide, a man whose memory is still a continuing influence for good in the community of which he so long was a vital part.

Jacob M. HAYNES was born. in the town of Monson, in Hampden county, Massachusetts, April 12, 1817, and was a son of Henry and Achsah (MARCH) HAYNES, the latter of whom also of Massachusetts birth was a kinswoman of Bishop Chase, the first Episcopal bishop west of the Alleghenies and an uncle of Chief Justice Chase of the United States Supreme Court. Two of her brothers were distinguished physicians and surgeons, one of them, Alden MARCH, president of a medical college at Albany, N. Y. Henry HAYNES was born in Massachusetts in 1786 and was a son of David HAYNES, a soldier of the Revolution, who was a descendant of Walter HAYNES, the founder of the family in America, who came from England in 1636, fifteen years after the landing of the "Mayflower" pilgrims, and established his home in the Massachusetts colony. During the War of 1812 Henry HAYNES was a manufacturer of firearms at Monson, where he later operated a carriage factory and was a landowner. Reared at Monson, Jacob M. HAYNES completed his local schooling in the academy at that place and supplemented this by a course in Phillips Academy at Andover, preparatory to the study of law. Under the preceptorship of the Hon. Linus Child, of Southbridge, he became well grounded in law and in 1843 came to Indiana, locating at Muncie [Delaware Co.] where he continued his law studies under the preceptorship of Judge Walter MARCH, a kinsman, and in MARCH, 1844, was admitted to the bar. In the following December he came over into Jay county and opened an office for the practice of his profession at Portland, the county seat town which had been established on the banks of the Salamonie eight years before. In 1856 he was elected judge of the

common pleas court and by successive re-elections was continued in that judicial office until the abandonment of the common pleas court in 1871, after which he was elected judge of the circuit court, this judicial circuit then embracing the counties of Wayne, Randolph, Jay and Blackford. He was re-elected to the bench and thus served until 1877, his service on the bench thus having covered a period of twenty-one years, the best years of the formative period of this section of the state. In the meantime, in 1875, Judge HAYNES was elected president of the Peoples Bank, which had been organized at Portland two years before, the first bank in that city, and he was retained in this position the remainder of his life. From the beginning of his residence in Portland Judge HAYNES took an active interest in the development of the interests of the schools and in 1846 was appointed school commissioner. He afterward for four years, 1848-52, served as school examiner and in this latter capacity corresponding to the present office of county superintendent, rendered an invaluable service in behalf of the local schools, a service which is commemorated by the naming of one of Portland's chief public schools in his honor. During the period of the Civil war Judge HAYNES was one of the most tireless and useful factors in promoting the local activities incident to the vigorous prosecution of the cause of the Union forces. Upon leaving the bench he resumed the practice of law and was so engaged until failing health in 1886 compelled his retirement for a time and he spent a year or two in recreative travel in this country and in Europe. In addition to his banking and property interests in Portland Judge HAYNES was a large landowner, a keen judge of real estate values, and his judgment on business questions was always given respectful consideration. He was devoted to his home and its best interests and his eight children, six sons and two daughters, Walter M., Sumner W., Frank, Elwood, Calvin H., Edward M., Eleanor Josephine and Susan I. (Mrs. Charles F. HEADINGTON) were given the benefits of college training as a means further to fit them for the useful service afterward rendered in their various and respective walks of life.

Judge HAYNES was twice married. On August 27, 1846, less than two years after he had located at Portland, he was united in marriage to Hilinda S. HAINES, who was born in Clarksville, Clinton county, Ohio, in 1828, and who died at her home in Portland on May 11, 1885, the mother of the eight children above enumerated. In June, 1887, the Judge married Sarah WATSON. With firm devotion to the city whose development he had watched from the days when it was a straggling village he continued to make his home at Portland after his retirement from the more strenuous activities of his earlier years and it was there he died in 1903, being then in the eighty-seventh year of his age. Elsewhere in this work will be found other references to the helpful local activities of Judge HAYNES and to the lives and services of the sons who have continued to bring honor to the name of this useful pioneer.

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