

RALSTON, CALVIN

Calvin RALSTON, a well-known young retail meat dealer at Redkey, was born in that city and has lived there all his life. Mr. RALSTON was born on May 6, 1895, and is a son of Charles L. and Sarah (LYNCH) RALSTON, who are still living in Redkey. Charles L. RALSTON was born on a farm in the vicinity of Rockford, Ohio, to which place his father, John D. RALSTON, had gone when he came to this country from Scotland. Reared on that farm, Charles L. RALSTON started out as a shoe cobbler, but presently took up the butcher's trade and became engaged in business along that line. In 1894 he came to Indiana and located at Redkey, where he became employed in the meat shop of Henry DANIELS, some years later opening a shop of his own, the place now operated by his son Calvin. To Charles L. RALSTON and wife were born eight children, those besides the subject of this sketch being David, Lydia, Daisy, Abbie (deceased), James, Mina and Mary (deceased).

From the days of his boyhood Calvin RALSTON was a valued assistant to his father in the operation of the meat shop and for some time has been carrying on the business on his own account. He has a well-kept and up-to-date place of business and is doing well. In April, 1917, Calvin RALSTON was united in marriage to Ethel LIFE, who was born in the neighboring county of Randolph, a daughter of William and Sarah LIFE, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Phama M. Mr. and Mrs. RALSTON are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are Democrats. Mr. RALSTON is a member of the local lodges of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the Knights of Pythias at Redkey and takes an interested part in the activities of these bodies.

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