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HON. HENRY KRICK.

Hon. Henry Krick, around whom this sketch centers, was born near Reading, Berks county, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1845. His father was one of the earlier settlers of Pennsylvania, Berks county, and his mother, Elizabeth (Schlegel) Krick, was a native of Berks county. Both of his parents died in Berks county and are buried there. To this hardy pioneer couple were born six children, of which Henry Krick was the eldest. He was born on the family homestead in Berks county and lived at his boyhood home until 1865. His youth was spent in agricultural pursuits, in which, before his manhood, he gained proficiency. In the year 1865 he decided to move west and began seeking a favorable locality in which to settle. He finally decided on the state of Indiana and in January of the same year he came to Adams county. He was engaged in various kinds of employment for some time and then learned the tinner's trade, at which he worked for four years in Decatur. After the four years in the tinner's trade he embarked in the produce business, which business he followed until 1882. In this latter interval he was elected sheriff of Adams county and served the county in this capacity faithfully and intelligently for two terms, being re-elected after the completion of his first term of office. In 1882 he saw the advantages offered by the business of manufacturing brick and established a plant for brick making. From the start this venture was successful and Mr. Krick devoted his entire time and attention to the business of manufacturing brick for the succeeding ten years. In 1892 he enlarged his plant and embraced in his business the manufacture of tile. About this time the firm was reorganized and became known as Krick, Tyndall & Co., under which name the business is still conducted. The business has grown with remarkable consistency and the annual output has grown to more than a million brick and large quantities of tile.

The success that has attended the business ventures of Mr. Krick has been pronounced and has attracted the attention of his associates. He has long been considered a conservative and careful business man and in 1899 his friends in his county decided that he was a proper man to represent their interests in the state legislature. Accordingly he was nominated as a candidate for the office and elected on the Democratic ticket. He served with distinction one term in the state's legislative body and discharged the duties he had taken upon himself with rare judgment and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. Politics, as appealing to the betterment of the community in which he lives, and in which his business interests are centered, have held an interest for Mr. Krick. He has been active in party affairs and has served in various capacities. He served, for a time as a member of the Decatur city council. In addition to his political offices Mr. Krick has been connected with a number of public enterprises that have been brought forward in his city. He was a member of the directorate of the gas company while that concern was in existence and has been closely identified with other business ventures.

Mr. Krick was married at Decatur, June 19, 1874, to Miss Sarah Mangold, a native of Fairfield county, Ohio. She is a daughter of Abraham and Catherine Mangold, who came to Adams county from Ohio in 1864. Mrs. Krick's parents both died in Preble township, Adams county. To the subject of this sketch and his wife have been born six sons and six daughters, nine children of whom are living. Nellie, a former teacher, is the wife of J. R. Parish, of Franklin, Ind. The others are: Frank J.,

George M., Dessie, Catherine, the wife of Dallas Butler, a deputy sheriff of Adams county; Mary Agnes, S. Josephine, Virgil M. and Walter J.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Krick are active and esteemed members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Decatur and Mr. Krick has been a trustee of this religious institution for many years. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he was first elected to membership in 1869. Few men of his section of the state have gained such prominence as has fallen to the lot of Mr. Krick, and it may be said without fear of contradiction that none is more respected or more trusted than is the Hon. Henry Krick.