

JAMES C. PATTERSON, deputy postmaster at Decatur, is the youngest of the six children of James Patterson, who came to Adams County in 1839, and was born at Decatur, September 19, 1855. He lived at home until eighteen years of age, and was educated in the public schools of that place. He then learned telegraphy, and was employed as agent and operator by the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad Company from 1873 to 1881. For the next three years he was bookkeeper and assistant cashier in the Adams County Bank. He was elected city clerk in May, 1885, and appointed deputy postmaster by Norval Blackburn in July, 1885, both of which positions he now holds. He was also elected a director in the Eagle Manufacturing Company in 1886. He was married February 26, 1880, to Miss Lida Irwin, at Winchester, Indiana. Their two children are named Fred I. and Dora Marie. Mr. Patterson is a Democrat, and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

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**Snow's History of Adams County, Indiana, John Fletcher Snow, B. F. Bowen, Indianapolis, IN, 1907, p. 373 (image 765).**

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James C. Patterson, who occupies the responsible position of manager of the express business at Decatur, is a native of this city, where he was born on September 19, 1855. Mr. Patterson received a good education in the common schools and for eight years was an employe of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad as ticket agent at Winchester. He afterward became assistant cashier of the Old Adams County Bank, which position he retained for two years, and later was secretary of the Eagle Manufacturing Company, subsequently becoming manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company. He is a man of many fine parts and enjoys the absolute confidence and esteem of all who know him. In politics Mr. Patterson is an adherent of the Democratic party, and though not a seeker for public office, he was elected city clerk, which responsible position he held satisfactorily for two years, and also served as deputy postmaster of Decatur under President Cleveland. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 65, and religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian church.

In 1880 he married Miss Lydia Irvin, the daughter of Sylvester O. and Sarah Irvin. Mr. Irvin has been for a number of years proprietor of the Irvin House at Winchester, where he has lived during the past seventy-five years. To the subject and his wife have been born three children: Fred I., a graduate of the Indianapolis Dental College, now located at Terre Haute, Indiana; Marie, now deputy auditor of Adams county, Indiana, and J. Bruce, a student.