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CHARLES DORWIN PORTER, druggist, Geneva, was born in Decatur, this county, April 3, 1850, the eldest son of Dr. John Pomeroy Porter. He remained at home and attended the common school until sixteen years of age, then engaged in the drug trade at Fort Wayne, remaining in the business a few months, and removed to Decatur, where he remained until 1872. He then came to Geneva and established the first drug store in the place. He started with limited means, but by good management and economy he is able to carry a stock of \$6,000. Mr. Porter is a staunch Republican, and has been a member of the county central committee six years; has also served as treasurer of Geneva three years; is a member of the Masonic order, and of the Sons of Veterans, being a member of McPherson Camp, No. 11, Geneva, the G. A. R. post being named for his father, who was killed in the war. Mr. Porter was married April 21, 1886, to Geneva Stratton, a daughter of Mark and Mary Stratton, of Wabash, Indiana. She was born on a farm near North Manchester, in August, 1863; is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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**Snow's History of Adams County, Indiana, John Fletcher Snow, B. F. Bowen, Indianapolis, IN, 1907, p. 462 (image 943).**

**CHARLES DORWIN PORTER.**

Charles Dorwin Porter, cashier of the State Bank at Geneva, which responsible position he has held since 1893, was born on April 3, 1851, at Decatur, Indiana, and is the son of John Pomeroy and Elizabeth (Dorwin) Porter. The father was a leading physician and surgeon in his day and commanded the universal respect of not only his professional colleagues, but of the public generally.

The subject received a good education in the public schools and in 1868, at the age of seventeen years, he engaged in the drug business, which he continued until 1893. In that year he assisted in the organization of the State Bank at Geneva and upon the selection of the officials he was elected cashier. The State Bank of Geneva is one of the solid institutions and holds high rank in its line. Mr. Porter has won for himself a splendid reputation as a financier and has done much to not only uphold the credit of the institution with which he is connected, but also to advance the commercial interests of the locality. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Knights of Pythias and Sons of Veterans.

In April, 1886, Mr. Porter married Miss Gene Stratton and to them has been born one child, Jeanette. Mrs. Porter possesses considerable literary talent and is the author and illustrator of "The Song of the Cardinal" and "What I Have Done with Birds" published by the Bobbs-Merrill Company of Indianapolis. Among the latest of her productions is a book entitled "Freckles," issued from the press of Doubleday, Page & Co., of New York. It is a splendid story and has a wide circulation.