

J. ANDERSON BARTON.

Among the young men of Mansfield who are already prominent in business circles is J. Anderson Barton, who now occupies the responsible position of cashier of the Richland County Savings Bank. He was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1867, a son of William J. and Rachel Barton. His father died in 1897, having long survived his wife, who passed away in 1868, at their old home in Allenville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Barton of this review was reared in the state of his nativity and his literary education was acquired in the common schools and was supplemented by a business training in Eastman's Commercial College, at Poughkeepsie, New York. Hoping to benefit his financial condition by removing westward Mr. Barton came to Mansfield in 1886, a young man of nineteen years, ambitious, resolute and determined. Here he accepted a clerkship in the Citizens' National Bank and applied himself earnestly to mastering the principles of the banking business. His fidelity and capability soon secured him the more responsible position of bookkeeper and cashier for the Humphreys Manufacturing Company, with which he was connected until the spring of 1898, when he organized the Richland County Savings Bank, and in July of the same year was elected its cashier, in which capacity he has since served. He follows safe and conservative business methods and yet is progressive in his work. Under the guidance of Mr. Barton and the other officers of the bank the institution has gained high standing in commercial circles and receives the liberal support of the people.

On the 10th of September, 1891, occurred the marriage of our subject and Miss Hattie V. Au, a granddaughter of Samuel Au, who was one of the honored pioneers and influential and successful farmers of Richland county. Mr. Barton was a member of Tent No. 130, of the Knights of the Maccabees, and is a popular citizen, having a wide acquaintance in Richland county and enjoying the high regard of all with whom he is associated.