

W.H. SHANKS

1924 – 1928

William Hocker Shanks was born at Stanford, Lincoln County, the son of S.H. and Fannie (Hocker) Shanks.

For four generations his family lived on the same farm in Lincoln County.

He attended private school in Stanford and graduated from Centre College in Danville. He entered the mercantile business in Stanford and later studied law. He had a lucrative law practice and also farmed.

A Democrat, he was a member of the House of 1908 and was re-elected without opposition. He introduced the bill providing for a system of uniform accounting in state, city and county offices. Likewise, he introduced legislation which pertained to the interests of farmers.

He served as the ranking member of the committee on rules; chairman of the judiciary committee; and was a member of committees on public utilities, appropriations, codes of practices, state prisons and houses of reform, juvenile courts and childrens' home.

He was married to Lena Baldwin of Madison County.