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Ira J(ames) Pomeroy, s. of James W. and Alice (Baughman) Pomeroy; b. in Seymour, Jackson Co., Ind., May 10, 1896.

James W. Pomeroy, s. of George Franklin and Amanda (Martin) Pomeroy, was b. in Glasgow, Ky. He later engaged in the railroad business. He d. in 1910. His wife, Alice (Baughman) Pomeroy, a native of Chillicothe, Ross Co., Ohio, d. in 1908. Her parents, Enoch and Alice Clark (Woodmansee) Baughman, were natives of East Germantown, Penn., and Chillicothe, Ohio, respectively, the birth of the former occurring in 1797. James W. and Alice (Baughman) Pomeroy were the parents of 4 children, Ira J. being the fourth in order of birth. The other 3 children died in infancy.

George Franklin Pomeroy, father of James W., was b. in Penn. He later engaged in the leather business in Ky. In 1854 he moved to Seymour, Ind., where he died in 1899. His wife, Amanda (Martin) Pomeroy, was b. in Glasgow, Ky.

The immigrant ancestor of the Pomeroy family in Am. was Eltweed Pomeroy, who emigrated with five bros. to Am. from Bury Pomeroy, Bury, England, in 1643. He settled at Cape Cod, Mass., and later moved to Salem, Mass. Descendants of the family subsequently resided in Delaware, Virginia, and the Carolinas.

Ira J. Pomeroy, the subject of this sketch, attended DePauw Univ., after which he became a train dispatcher for the Western Ohio Railroad Co. in Wapakoneta, Ohio. In 1923 he moved to Plainfield, Ind., where he purchased the "Plainfield Messenger," of which he served as editor and publisher until 1929, at which time he sold the newspaper. In 1934 he founded "The Friday Caller," a weekly, 8-page, all home print newspaper, of which he since has been editor. He also operates a printing business that does a complete line of commercial work. Mr. Pomeroy, who is a Republican, is a mem. of the following: Blue Lodge, F. and A. M., and Chapter; Hendricks County Chapter, Citizens Hist. Assn.; and Christian Ch. His favorite recreations are hunting, and fishing.

On Feb. 10, 1917, Ira J. Pomeroy married Connie Mercer, dau. of Cornelius S. and Alice (Borcherding) Mercer. Cornelius S. Mercer, a native of Guernsey Co., Ohio, is a descendant of