

RICHARD T. CHANDLER

28 May 1830 - 27 Sep 1893

R. T. Chandler, merchant, was the youngest of nine children born of Robert and Margaret (Hale) Chandler; he was born in Switzerland County, Ind., May 28, 1830, and was there reared and educated after which he was employed as clerk in a general merchandise house in Florence, Ind. After three years at this place, he purchased a trading boat, and for two years sold goods at different points on the Ohio River. In 1853, he located at Craven Rock, Ill., where he purchased a stock of goods and engaged in business two years, when he sold out. He engaged in various pursuits until 1860, when he located at Russiaville, engaging in the mercantile business a short time, after which he engaged in the drug trade until 1864, when he enlisted in Company E. Fortieth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was soon appointed Clerk in the Inspector General's office, which position he held until the close of the war. He then returned to Russiaville and engaged in his former business; he has since added groceries and drugs to his stock. Mr. Chandler is also proprietor of the well-known Chandler House, a thriving hotel in Russiaville; he was married in Russiaville, November 4, 1860, to Malinda Ratcliff, daughter of T. E. Ratcliff, of Ohio. Mr. Chandler is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

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