

GEORGE S. COTTER

George S. Cotter, superintendent of the Springfield Water Works, was born at Springfield, Ohio, in 1862, and is a son of the late James L. Cotter, who was born in Ireland, emigrated to Canada when thirteen years of age, and came to Springfield in 1847, where the rest of his life was passed.

George S. Cotter attended school until he was thirteen years old and then entered the machine shops of Warder, Mitchell, and Company and remained until he had learned the trade. When he was eighteen years old, he went to Aurora, Illinois, and worked in the railroad shops at that city for three years, after which he returned to Springfield and continued work as a machinist until 1884, when he became engineer of the city water works at the pumping station. He continued in that capacity for ten years and for four more years was superintendent there. In 1898 he left the city's employ and accepted a position as foreman of the machine shops of the Warder-Bushnell Company. When the International Harvester Company came into possession, he became mechanical engineer for a time and then resigned to accept the superintendency of the city water works again, and has had charge of this important municipal utility ever since. He takes an interest in politics, but only to the extent of promoting good government.

In 1891, Mr. Cotter was married to Jennie Bryant, who died on October 16, 1906, leaving four children, namely: Paul Bryant, Helen, Ruth, and George, Jr. Mr. Cotter is a member of the Elks. (from Twentieth Century History of Springfield, and Clark County, Ohio, and Representative Citizens)