

Ewbank Land Title Company, Incorporated

Founded: 1885

Location: 114 West High Street, Lawrenceburg (1885– )

John Williams Ewbank established the Ewbank Abstract Office in 1885. Two years earlier Ewbank had come to town for the express purpose of opening an abstract office. He had spent the time between his arrival and the opening of the firm researching and recording land and business sales, lawsuits, and commissioners actions since 1803.

In 1910 John Ewbank's son, James H., joined the business, only a year before his father's death. James had learned the business a decade earlier during his father's bout with ill health, but after his father returned to health he left to pursue other interests. James continued an active interest in the company until 1961. He was a lawyer and a founder of the Indiana Land Title Association.

Gerald H. Ewbank continued the family tradition until 1979 when his wife, Eleanor, inherited the company, and his son, Robert, became associated with his great-grandfather's company. Gerald had joined the family firm after completing his tour of duty in the United States Navy during World War II. Beyond operating the family business he was active in a number of related activities. He was elected president of the Indiana Land Title Association for 1969–70 and served as president of the Indiana State Bar Association from 1974 to 1975.

Robert Ewbank continued his family's practice of involvement with the Indiana Land Title Association, serving as president in 1985. He attended Indiana University, graduating in 1975 with an undergraduate degree. Three years later he successfully completed his law classes and joined the family firm. By 1983 he was serving as the

prosecuting attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, a job he held for four years. In the mid-1990s his law firm handled work for four title insurance companies.