

J. M BOSWORTH, a prominent physician and surgeon of Pennville, is a native of Jay County, Indiana, born September 28, 1843, the fourth and youngest son of Dr. Jacob and Nancy (WESTLAKE) BOSWORTH. His youth was spent in assisting his father clear and improve his farm and attending schools of his neighborhood, completing his literary education at the Farmers' Academy. He remained with his parents until the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, when he enlisted as a private in June, 1862, being mustered into the service August 28, in Company H, One Hundredth Indiana Infantry. His regiment was assigned to the First Brigade, Second Division of the Army of the Tennessee, and November 11, 1862, left Memphis, Tennessee. He participated in thirty-four hard-fought battles, besides numerous skirmishes. He was in the siege of Vicksburg and in the engagements in that vicinity. Then [he] went with SHERMAN to Jackson, where he remained until after the surrender of that place, July 11. He then returned to Memphis down the Lookout Valley and attacked General BRAGG on the left, arriving at Chattanooga November 22 following. November 25 he was in the battle of Mission Ridge. He was commissioned by Governor MORTON inspector of hospitals, but declined the position, remaining with his regiment. He was sent to Chattanooga and distributed the first thirty-two car loads of rations after the fall of Chattanooga, in charge of the sanitary department. He remained in the sanitary department until after the fall of Atlanta, and then served with his regiment until it was mustered out. He was with SHERMAN on his march to the sea, and took part in the grand review at Washington, D.C., at the close of the war. He was mustered out of the service July 16, 1865, and after the war he went to the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor, and graduated from the medical department in 1866. He began reading medicine at the early age of fifteen years, under the preceptorship of his father, and after graduating he began practicing medicine at his home, remaining there until 1868. He then came to Pennville, where he has since practiced his chosen profession, and has established a successful and lucrative practice and gained an enviable reputation. Dr. BOSWORTH was married August 13, 1868, to Miss Harriet A. HOPKINS, who was born in Owen County, Indiana, a daughter of Hezekiah H. HOPKINS, of Pennville, who settled in Jay County when Mrs. BOSWORTH was an infant. Mr. [sic] BOSWORTH died July 13, 1872, leaving one child -- Bertha Beatrice. The doctor was again married August 13, 1874, to Miss Lillie SHOAFF, a daughter of Samuel A. SHOAFF, and to this union four children have been born, named Hester Ann, Mary E., Thomas C. and Jacob. Mrs. BOSWORTH is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The doctor belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and is one of the charter members of James T. CARTWRIGHT Post. Politically he is an uncompromising Republican."