

## CRING, GEORGE V

George V. CRING, M. D., a well-known physician of Portland was born in that city and has lived there all his life, save during the time spent away at college. He is a son of John and Margaret V. (HANLIN) CRING, the former of whom was an honored veteran of the Civil war and was engaged in business in Portland. John CRING was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, February 7, 1838, and was but two years old when he came to Indiana with his parents, who settled on a farm in Wabash township, this county, where they established their home and became useful and influential pioneers of the county. John CRING was reared on the farm in Wabash township and supplemented the schooling he received in the local district by a course in old Liber College, after which he entered Oberlin College and was in attendance there when the Civil war broke out. He relinquished his studies and enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union, going to the front in August, 1862, as a private in the 5th Indiana Cavalry. During this service Mr. CRING was captured by the enemy and was compelled to undergo all the horrors of imprisonment in the notorious rebel prison pens at Andersonville, at Belle Isle, and in the old Libby warehouse at Richmond, Va. After the war was over he returned home but soon went to Illinois where he taught school for two years. Returning to Ft. Recovery, Ohio, [Mercer Co.] he purchased the drug and general store of Dr. D. Milligan and continued in that business for eleven years. In 1879 Mr. CRING moved to Portland, engaging in the furniture business, in which he remained until his retirement in 1903. After his retirement, Mr. CRING continued to make his home in Portland where he spent his last days, his death occurring on January 28, 1919. He and his wife were the parents of four children: George V. CRING, Ella, Fanna and Adda. Doctor CRING received excellent schooling for the profession to which lie early devoted himself. He was reared in Portland and after completing the course in the high school in 1901 took a commercial course at Indianapolis. This he supplemented by a pre-medical course at Earlham College [Richmond, Wayne Co.] from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and after receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from that institution he entered the medical school at Harvard University and was graduated there in June, 1910. In July following his graduation, Dr. CRING began an eighteen-months hospital service in the Boston City Hospital, one of the country's best hospitals, receiving there much valuable practical experience. At the end of that time, in February, 1912, he returned to Portland and

opened a thoroughly equipped office and soon attained the large and choice practice which he merited. Since entering the practice of his profession. Doctor CRING has taken post-graduate work in 1915 and 1918 at the Harvard Post-Graduate School at Boston and in 1921 at the University of California Medical School of San Francisco, besides frequently attending clinics in various cities. During the time of America's participation in the World war, he was a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the United States Army. He served as county health commissioner of Jay county for four years, and has always been quite active in all matters pertaining to health and education. During his term as county health commissioner, Doctor CRING was able to aid materially in the establishment of a Visiting Nurse Association, medical school examination and child welfare activities. The Doctor is a member of the American Medical Association, the National Tuberculosis Association, the Indiana State Medical Society, the Tri-State Medical Society, the Muncie Academy of Medicine, and the Jay County Medical Society, He is also a member of the Phi Rho Sigma Medical fraternity. Doctor CRING is a Republican, a Knights Templar, a Thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner. He is also affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, at Portland. SOURCE: Milton T. Jay, M.D., History of Jay County Indiana, Historical Publishing Co., Indpls. 1922, Vol. II, pp.300-301. Transcribed by Eloine Chesnut