

## MORAN, MARK M

Mark M. MORAN, M. D., former president of the Jay County Medical Society and one of the best known physicians in this county, with offices at Portland for the past twelve or thirteen years, where he has been engaged in practice with the exception of the time spent in service in the Medical Corps of the United States Army during the time of America's participation in the World war, was born in Indiana and has lived in this state all his life. Doctor MORAN was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Adams on April 30, 1882, and is the last born of the nine children born to Thomas and Anna MORAN. Of these children, seven are still living, those besides the Doctor being Judge James J. MORAN, of Portland; John, Patrick, Bridget, Margaret and Anna. Thomas MORAN and his wife were natives of Ireland who came to this country immediately following their marriage, and after a brief residence in Preble county, Ohio, came over into Indiana and established their home on a farm in Adams county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Doctor MORAN was reared on that home farm. He supplemented his local schooling by attendance at the Tri-State Normal School at Angola, Ind., the Marion (Ind.) Normal College and Valparaiso (Ind.) University, meantime teaching school for four winters, his studies all the while being directed with a view to the eventual study of medicine, and thus prepared presently entered the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, a department of Valparaiso University at Chicago. After three years of study there he entered the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati, and after two years further study there was graduated in 1908. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor MORAN located at Fort Wayne, Ind., and was engaged in practice there for six months, at the end of which time he moved to Portland and opened an office there and has since been practicing in that city. On June 24, 1918, Doctor MORAN enlisted his services in behalf of the Medical Corps of the United States Army for service in the World war, and was sent to the officers' training camp at Camp Greenleaf. Seven weeks later he was transferred to Camp Gordon at Atlanta, Ga., and after eight weeks of intensive training there was attached to the staff of General Hospital 6, at Ft. McPherson (Atlanta), as registrar of the hospital and instructor in operating room technique and anesthetics. There he remained until mustered out on January 7, 1919, with the rank of first lieutenant, the war then being over. Upon the completion of his military service. Doctor MORAN returned to Portland and resumed his practice, and has for the past two years been connected with the United States public health service, his field being Jay county. The Doctor also served for four years as county health commissioner. He is a member of the Jay County Medical Society, of the Indiana State Medical Association and the American Medical Association, and has served as president of the county society. He is a member of the local post of the American Legion and of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Catholic church. Doctor MORAN married Alta Mary WARD, daughter of J. C. WARD, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Mary Ann. Doctor and Mrs. MORAN have a pleasant home at Portland and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of the city.

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