

## **RALSTON, AUGUSTUS**

Dr. Augustus RALSTON, of Wabash Township, came to New Corydon, this county, in April, 1880. He was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, September 1, 1845, where he remained until he was sixteen years of age. In 1861, when a mere boy, he enlisted in Company D, Thirty-third Ohio Infantry, for three years. After serving two years he was transferred to the marine service, and was on the B. G. Adams gunboat that ran up and down the Mississippi River and its tributaries. He was discharged in December, 1864, after having been engaged in twenty-two battles and skirmishes, including the siege of Vicksburg. He then commenced the study of medicine. He graduated at the business college at Delaware, Ohio, and then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated at the medical college in 1881.

Dr. RALSTON was a son of James and Mary Ann (GRUBB) RALSTON, the father a native of Adams County, Ohio, and died in Greenup County, Kentucky, when his son was quite small, leaving six children. The mother was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, and she also died young, leaving four children, the Doctor being the youngest of the family.

He was married December 3, 1883, to Rosetta M. ADAMS, who was born in Jay County, March 27, 1860, and has lived in the county ever since. Her parents were David W. and Harriet (JOHNSON) ADAMS, the father born in Columbiana County, Ohio, October 28, 1837, and the mother in Montgomery County, same State, April 6, 1844; both are living in Wabash Township on a farm. Doctor and Mrs. RALSTON have two children -- William, born August 1, 1884, and Augustus, born October 19, 1885. Mr. RALSTON's grandfather, Robert RALSTON, was of Scotch-Irish descent; he came to this country and died in Adams County, Ohio, where he probably settled when he first came to America. His grandmother, Isabella RALSTON, also died in Adams County. The Doctor first commenced his practice in Geneva, Adams County, remaining there one year then removed to this county where he has a large and successful practice.

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