

HIRAM M. ASPY, physician and druggist, Geneva, was born in Wabash Township, this county, December 23, 1850, son of Mark and Elsa Aspy, early settlers of Adams County. He remained on the farm until he became of age, attending the common schools, and also attending Liber College in Jay County, two years, after which he engaged in the study of medicine, and commenced practice in Geneva in 1875, which profession he still follows. He received his medical education at Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, in the winters of 1874-'75-'76, of the allopathic school. He engaged in the drug business in 1885. Dr. Aspy was married October 23, 1879, to Elizabeth P. Burk, a native of Jay County, born October 25, 1856, daughter of William Burk, an old settler of Jay County; he afterward lived in Adams County about twenty years, and now lives just across the line in Jay County. Mr. and Mrs. Aspy have one child - Ivy Blanch, born July 7, 1882.

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H. M. ASPY, M. D.

The name of the subject of this sketch is one of the best known among the physicians of northeastern Indiana. He has been in active practice of his profession in Geneva, Adams county, for about thirty years and has gained enviable prominence and patronage. He was born in Wabash township, Adams county, December 23, 1850. He is the son of Mark and Elsie A. (Short) Aspy. His father was born in Rush county, Indiana, in 1823 and his mother, who was born in Virginia, came to Indiana with her parents when but three years of age. The elder Aspy was a farmer, who developed his land and improved it until it became one of the best and most productive tracts in the county. In addition to his profession of farming he manufactured coffins and conducted an undertaking business. The first coffins made in Adams county were manufactured on the elder Aspy's farm about three miles east of the present village of Geneva. A brother of Dr. Aspy still lives on the old farm of his grandfather. The death of the subject's father occurred July 2j, 1885, and he was mourned as one of the most respected residents of the entire community. He was the father of seven children, six of whom survive him. His wife lived until October, 1903, when she died at the age of eighty-two years. She was distinguished for having lived continuously on one farm for fifty-five years and one day.

Dr. Aspy was reared on his father's farm and obtained his early education in the common schools of the district. He decided to take up the medical profession and entered the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, from which institution he was

graduated in 1876. He returned at once to Geneva, where he began the practice of his profession. In this he has been engaged ever since and has built up a large and remunerative clientage. He is a physician who believes in keeping fully abreast with the developments and progress of his profession, and does this to a marked extent. However, although his profession has claimed a major portion of his time and attention, he has interested himself in other commercial enterprises. He is secretary and manager of the Geneva Telephone Company, which was organized in 1900 by Geneva people, where all the stock is held, and has done much to put this company on a paying basis. In addition he owns thirty-two acres of farm land, a part of his father's farm.

In 1879 he married Miss Elizabeth Burke, a daughter of William Burke, who came to Adams county from Ohio, and is one of the older settlers of the county: Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Aspy. They are: Blanche, who is in the millinery business at Geneva; Gladys and Floyd. The latter children reside with their parents.

Dr. Aspy is an enthusiastic Republican and has served as town treasurer and as a member of the Board of Health. He is a member of the Geneva Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was one of the first members the lodge initiated. He has a comfortable home and other property and is counted among the substantial men of Geneva. He and his family are popular and their home is one of the most delightful in the neighborhood.

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