

DR. ALEXANDER PORTER, deceased, who was one of the pioneer physicians of Adams County, was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in the year 1805. He grew to manhood in that county, receiving as good an education as the schools of that early day afforded. When a young man he went to Ohio and engaged in the practice of medicine at Mansfield, and afterward practiced in various parts of the State.

He was married in Ohio in 1829, to Miss Sarah Pomeroy, who was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in 1812, and to this union were born nine children, three sons and six daughters.

Dr. Porter came to Adams County, Indiana, October 5, 1847, and opened an office at Decatur and followed his chosen profession until his death, which occurred in October, 1860. He engaged in the drug trade in 1850, which he followed several years, when he sold out on account of failing health. His drug business has since changed hands a number of times, and is now carried on under the firm name of Dorwin & Holthouse.

The doctor made his home in Adams County from 1847 until his death, with the exception of two years spent in Ohio, and during his residence built up a large and lucrative practice, and gained the confidence and respect of all who knew him. Dr. and Mrs. Porter were of Irish and English origin respectively. Both were worthy members of the Presbyterian church.

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