

SMITH G. RALSTON, M.D., was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, October 2, 1847. His father, James Ralston, was a native of West Union, Adams County, Ohio, and his mother, Mary Ann (Grubb) Ralston, of Lawrence County, same State. They were married in Lawrence County, and the father engaged in the mercantile business with his uncle, just across the line in Kentucky. He was a molder by trade. He died in Greenup, Greenup County, Kentucky about 1850. The mother died in Ohio in 1863. They had nine children, five boys and four girls, our subject being the eighth child. The mother remarried and came with her family to Adams County, leaving Smith G. and William, an elder brother, working out at whatever they could find to do, until the breaking out of the civil war. They enlisted, October 25, 1861, in Company A, Forty-seventh Indiana Infantry, and in 1863 re-enlisted as veterans, serving until the close of the war. Our subject participated in many of the famous battles. He was wounded at Brown's Plantation, August 11, 1862, by a gunshot in the shoulder, where the ball still remains. He now draws a pension. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Champion Hills, near Vicksburg, during the siege, after which he was paroled and sent North. He was afterward exchanged, and rejoined his regiment. He served as color-bearer of the First Division, Thirteenth Army Corps, two years, and has the flag of that corps still in his possession. He was in the Red River expedition under General Banks. He held his positions as color-bearer until his discharge. The brothers then returned to Adams County and the doctor attended school one year, then became a student with W. H. Vance, at New Corydon, Indiana. He then took a course at the Michigan State University, at Ann Arbor, during the winter of 1866-'67, then engaged in practice one year. After attending a course of medical lectures at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, he returned to New Corydon, and in the spring of 1872 settled in Geneva, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. He has a good practice, and keeps pace with all the improvements in his profession. The doctor is a bachelor.

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