

VEACH Family

ADAM C. VEACH

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Adam C. Veach, a native of Kentucky, born in Harrison county, May 28, 1824, married Miss Helen Swinford, August 11, 1845. He moved to Indiana in the fall of 1852, locating at Augusta, Marion county, where he resided four years, then went to Indianapolis, where he engaged in the lumber business. In 1858 he came to Clay county, locating in Posey township and engaging in farming. In 1859 he was elected township trustee, and re-elected in April, 1860. He was nominated by the Democratic party in 1862 for representative and elected, serving at the session of 1863; renominated and re-elected in 1864. In the spring of 1865 he was again elected trustee, and re-elected in 1866, then, after an interval of four years, was again elected, serving the people of Posey township in this capacity about eight years. Mr. Veach was an ardent friend and staunch supporter of our public school system, having taken an active part in the revision of the school law at the session of the general assembly in 1865. While trustee he built a number of new school houses, including the two-story brick house at Staunton, the first of its kind in the county. Much credit is due to his memory for his interest and influence in the advancement of the cause of popular education. Mr. and Mrs. Veach were both well informed, interesting and entertaining conversationalists. Both were members of the Christian church. To them were born six children—Oscar, Lucius, Victoria, Charles, Patrick H., and Maggie. Mr. Veach died December 4, 1889, aged sixty-five years, six months and six days, and was survived by his wife, who is now nearly eighty-six years of age.

DR. PATRICK H. VEACH

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DR. PATRICK H. VEACH, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Staunton, has attained prominence in the professional circles of Clay county. His professional career was begun as a school teacher, having previously passed from the district schools to the Central Normal, of which he is a graduate, and beginning in 1880 he taught in the district schools of Clay county for eight years. In 1886 he entered the drug business in Staunton, and after three years spent as a druggist he entered as a student the Medical College of Indiana and graduated with its class of 1891. Since that time he has practiced with ever increasing success in this city, enjoying a large and remunerative patronage. He was for a time a member of the U. S. pension examining board at Brazil, is a member of the State Medical Associations and in 1891 he was appointed the trustee of Posey township for a term of three years.

Dr. Veach was born in Jackson township, Clay county, Indiana, January 2, 1862, a son of Adam C. Veach, who was born in Harrison county, Kentucky, May 22, 1824. He was reared and educated there, and was later married there to one of the county's native daughters, Helen Swinford, who was born November 22, 1822, and they were of Scotch and German descent. They became the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters. In about 1855 Adam C. Veach moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, and embarked in the saw milling business, while later, in 1860, he came with his family to Clay county, and located on forty acres of land which he purchased near Staunton in Posey township, continuing as a farmer there until his death at the age of sixty-five years. From the Whigs of the early days he transferred his political allegiance to the Democratic party and became prominent in the public life of his community. From 1862 to 1864 he served his district in the legislature, and during twelve years he was a trustee of Posey township.

On the 30th of December, 1891, Dr. Veach was married to Miss Mattie N. Wardlaw, and they have three children, all born in Staunton, namely: Lester W., born February 8, 1893; Albert C., June 15, 1894; and Katherine E., October 13, 1903. Dr. Veach has membership relations with the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Red Men and the Knights of Pythias, and his political views are in harmony with the principles of the Democratic party. He owns considerable real estate in Staunton, and is numbered among the city's leading business as well as professional men.

An Office and a Wife on the Same Day.

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There is one instance and, presumably, the only one in the history of the county, of a well known citizen's getting an office and a wife on the same day. On Wednesday, the 30th day of December, 1901, Dr. Patrick H. Veach, of Staunton, made a trip to Brazil to take out his marriage license. Because of his intimate acquaintance and terms of friendship with County Auditor Mat R. Yocum, Veach called on him to accompany him to the clerk's office, to make any required statements touching his qualifications to contract and assume the marriage relationship. The license having been issued, Auditor Yocum invited Veach to accompany him back to the office, when he presented him the official notification of his appointment to the office of trustee of Posey township, made vacant by the death of Martin V. Miller on the previous Monday, the 28th day of the month. On the evening of that day (December 30), after his return to Staunton, Veach was joined in matrimony to Miss Martha Wardlaw, a daughter of Joseph J. Wardlaw.