

Thomas BOSWORTH, senior member of the firm of BOSWORTH, MARKLAND & SNYDER, is one of the leading members of the bar in Jay County. He is a representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of Jay County, a son of Dr. Jacob and Nancy (WESTLAKE) BOSWORTH, and is himself a native of the county, born in Wayne Township, July 31, 1836. He was reared on his father's farm, and was educated principally at Liber College, where he pursued a scientific course, and at Farmer's Academy. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion August 7, 1861, and was assigned to Company C, Thirty-ninth Indiana Infantry, which afterward became the Eighth Cavalry. He served his country two years, and participated in a number of the most important campaigns and battles of the war. He was at Shiloh under BUELL, and in the Corinth campaign which followed that desperate battle, his regiment being the first to enter that city. In May, 1863, the Thirty-ninth was mounted, and served under General SHERIDAN in the Tullahoma campaign. He also took part in the battle of Chickamauga, and in the Atlanta campaign, continuing with General SHERMAN's army as far as Dalton, Georgia, taking part in the battle of Franklin, Tennessee. He received his discharge at Louisville, Kentucky, in October 1864, when he returned to his home. Mr. BOSWORTH was married January 1, 1865, to Miss Theresa R. WEBER, a native of the State of New York, who died June 3, 1881, leaving four sons and one daughter -- Clarence, Richard, James, Herbert and Rocelia. Mr. BOSWORTH was one of the successful teachers of Jay County for many years, and from 1868 until 1871 he was county superintendent of schools. He began reading law in 1871 with Colonel J. W. HEADINGTON, and was admitted to the bar in 1873. He was associated in the practice of law with Colonel HEADINGTON for one year, and then practiced alone for three years. His next partner was General SHANKS, with whom he was associated for two years, when after an interval of one year he formed a partnership with O. H. ADAIR, which continued until [p 591] December, 1886, when Mr. ADAIR having been elected prosecuting attorney of this district the partnership was dissolved, and the firm of BOSWORTH, MARKLAND & SNYDER was then formed. Mr. BOSWORTH has been identified with the Republican Party since attaining his majority. On questions affecting the moral and social interests of the community he takes a decided stand, and on the temperance question especially his views are very pronounced. He is classed among the enterprising and public spirited men of Portland, and is much respected by all who know him."