

I. G. Sims, M.D., one of the leading physicians of Portland, is native of the State of Ohio, born January 27, 1843, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Poff) Sims. The father was born, reared and married in the State of Ohio, and in 1856, came with his family from Fairfield County, that State, to Jay County, Indiana. He was a blacksmith, and followed that trade in Noble Township, Jay County, where he died in 1872. The mother of our subject was born in the year 1807. She is still living, making her home with her son, Dr. Sims, of Portland. They were the parents of five children, of whom one son and daughter are deceased. The three eldest sons are yet living – Hezekiah in Fairfield County, Ohio; Henry, also a resident of Fairfield County, and I. G., and the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Sims was nine years old when he came with his parents to Jay County, and here he grew to manhood, receiving his education at Liber College, and at the Ridgeville Free-Will Baptist College. He began the study of medicine at Ridgeville in the spring of 1871, and graduated at the Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio in the spring of 1875, when he engaged in the practice of his profession.

In April, 1883, he came to Portland, where he has established a good practice, which is gradually increasing. He makes a specialty of diseases of the eye and ear, and has attained to considerable distinction in the treatment of these organs.

Doctor Sims was united in marriage to Miss Rosella C. Whipple, a daughter of Olney Whipple, of Bear Creek Township, and they are the parents of two sons, named Frederick Leon and Lester Paul. The doctor is a member of the board of pension examining surgeons and is also a member of the State, County and District Medical Societies.

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