

COURTLAND C. MATSON

COURTLAND C. MATSON, of Green Castle, was born at Brookville, Indiana, April 25, 1841; is a graduate of Indiana Asbury University ; at the beginning of the war enlisted as a private in the Sixteenth Indiana Volunteers, and after one year's service in that regiment, entered the Sixth Indiana Calvary, (Seventy-first Volunteers,) and served in that regiment until October, 1865, filling different intermediate grades up to that of Colonel of the latter regiment; after the war he studied law with his father, Hon. John A. Matson; entered the practice at his present home, and has so continued , was three times elected as Prosecuting Attorney of different courts in Indiana; and was elected to the Forty-seventh Congress as a Democrat, receiving 17,411 voles against 16,496 votes for W. B. F. Treat, Republican.

Matson was elected as a Democrat to the Forty-seventh and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1889). He served as chairman of the Committee on Invalid Pensions (Forty-eighth through Fiftieth Congresses). He was not a candidate for re-nomination. He was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Governor of Indiana in 1888. He resumed the practice of law in Greencastle, Indiana. He served as member of the board of tax commissioners 1909-1913. He died in Chicago, Illinois, September 4, 1915. He was interred in Forest Hill Cemetery, Greencastle, Indiana.

MATSON, Courtland Cushing, a Representative from Indiana; born in Brookville, Franklin County, Ind., April 25, 1841; was graduated from Indiana Asbury (later De Pauw) University in 1862; during the Civil War enlisted as a private in the Sixteenth Regiment, Indiana Volunteers; after one year's service entered the Sixth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Cavalry (Seventy-first Volunteers), and served until October 1865, and was subsequently promoted to the rank of colonel; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Greencastle, Putnam County, Ind.; was three times elected prosecuting attorney of the county; chairman of the Democratic State central committee in 1878; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-seventh and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1889); chairman, Committee on Invalid Pensions (Forty-eighth through Fiftieth Congresses); was not a candidate for re-nomination; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Governor of Indiana in 1888; resumed the practice of law in Greencastle, Ind.; member of the board of tax commissioners 1909-1913; died in Chicago, Ill., September 4, 1915; interment in Forest Hill Cemetery, Greencastle, Ind.