

Pioneer Medical Doctors / Chase S. Osborn  
Huntington  
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### **Marker Text**

Pioneer Medical Doctors. George A. Osborn, 1823-1902; Margaret Osborn, 1827-1914. Parents of Chase S. Osborn. The mother launched upon active practice here in 1860. The father practiced in Ohio before 1850.

Chase S. Osborn. Naturalist, "Iron Hunter," Author, World Citizen, Friend of the Indian, Governor of Michigan 1911 and 1912, born here in a log cabin January 22, 1860.

### **Report**

Most information on this marker was verified by an examination of U.S. census records from 1850-1900, Indiana death records from 1882-1920, and the *Directory of Deceased American Physicians* from 1804-1929, all of which can be accessed online through the Ancestry Library Edition at [www.ancestrylibrary.com](http://www.ancestrylibrary.com). Robert Wagner's short biography, *Chase Salmon Osborn*, available through the Indiana State Library, filled in the additional biographical details.

According to census records, George A. Osborn was born in Indiana in February 1823 and Margaret Osborn was born in Ohio in April 1827. According to Wagner, George and Margaret married in 1847 and left Ohio in 1848. They settled in Blackford County, Indiana, and ten years later, they moved to Huntington County. Together they raised eight children. Both husband and wife studied and practiced medicine, though George also worked as a carpenter and farmer. George actively participated in the abolition movement. According to Indiana death records, George died on November 5, 1902 in South Bend, Indiana. According to the *Directory of Deceased American Physicians*, Margaret died on January 29, 1914, also in South Bend.

Unfortunately, IHB found no sources stating when George began practicing medicine or when Margaret launched a practice in Huntington County. More research is needed. If this marker were rewritten today, it would include more contextual information on the medical practice at that time and would omit ambiguous and trite phraseology such as "World Citizen" or "Friend of the Indian." IHB would also look further into any abolition activity.