

Northern Kentucky
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Jonathan Johnson Bradford, M.D.

BRADFORD, JONATHAN JOHNSON, M. D., son of William and Elizabeth Bradford, was born January 5, 1808, in Bracken County, four miles from Augusta, Kentucky. His father was born in the North of Ireland, and, when eight years of age, was brought to America by his parents, who settled at Red Stone Fort, now Brownsville, Pennsylvania; he came to Kentucky when a young man; lived for a few years in Bourbon County; was married there, in one of the frontier fortifications known as Irish Fort; subsequently removed to Bracken County, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1830. His mother was a native of Maryland, and daughter of William Johnson, who was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, and a personal friend of Gen. Washington. Dr. Bradford received a good education, which he completed at Augusta College in 1827. In the same year, he commenced reading medicine at Augusta, under Dr. F. A. W. Davis; studied and attended lectures incessantly for three years; graduated in medicine, at Transylvania University, in 1830; and, in the same year, began the practice of his profession at Augusta, where he has since resided, actively engaged in the duties of a large and valuable medical practice; and ranks as one of the most successful and able physicians of Northern Kentucky. He is a man of splendid personal and social habits, and has been identified with all reformatory movements of his community; has been a persistent advocate of the temperance cause, lecturing and writing in its support; was elected and served five times as Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Sons of Temperance of his State, once as the Most Worthy Associate, and once as the Most Worthy Patriarch of the National Division Sons of Temperance of North America; has written some on medical subjects, and has been one of the most active and useful men of his community. He was identified with the Whig party until its dissolution; was an ardent Union man during the war of the rebellion, and is now a Republican. His distinguished younger brother, Dr. Joshua T. Bradford, was his pupil in medicine. Dr. Bradford has been twice married: in 1830, July 8, to Miss Amanda Thome, daughter of Arthur Thome, of Augusta; she died in 1832; and, November 20, 1834, to Miss Maria Louisa Stewart, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

