

HENRY M. BOSWORTH

1912 - 1916

Henry M. Bosworth was born March 12, 1860, the son of Benjamin and Mary (Cloud) Bosworth. Henry was a pupil in private schools in Lexington and afterward entered the State College, now known as the University of Kentucky. He chose the occupation of farming as his life's work. He was a scientific breeder of pedigreed horses and was engaged in this business for many years, specializing in raising trotting horses.

Henry Bosworth's identifications with public affairs dates from 1899, when he was elected sheriff of Fayette County. During his tenure of office there was one of the most bitter political campaigns ever witnessed in Kentucky. William S. Taylor, the Republican candidate was elected on the face of the returns and was inaugurated governor. The election was contested by William Goebel and on the 30th of January, 1900, a test vote in the legislature indicated that he would be successful in his contest. But on that same day while on his way to the Capitol, Governor Goebel was shot. Both houses of the Kentucky legislature declared him elected to the office of governor. His assassins, Powers and Davis, were arrested by Henry Bosworth on the train as they were being taken from Frankfort under the protection of soldiers. He served four years and was one of the best sheriffs Fayette County ever had, fearlessly and conscientiously discharging his duties.

In 1903 he was elected to the office of State Treasurer, which he held for four years. In 1911 he was recalled to public office becoming State Auditor and served in that capacity until 1915. In 1923 he was named the First Assistant State Auditor.

On June 3, 1909, Henry M. Bosworth married Olive Fant.