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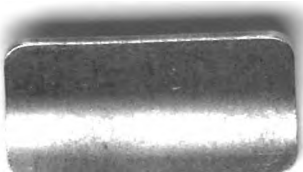








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# HISTORY

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**FROM THE EARLIEST TIME TO THE PRESENT; TOGETHER WITH SUNDRY  
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# BIOGRAPHICAL APPENDIX.

## LEWIS COUNTY.

William E. Agee was born in this county July 12, 1849, the son of Robert L. and Virlinda A. (Brown) Agee, natives of Virginia. The former, coming to this county in 1836, was a brick mason by trade, engaged in farming for several years near Monticello, came to Canton in 1845, and for thirty-five years followed contracting and building, and up to within eight years ago, built nearly every brick building in Canton. He retired from active business in 1879, and is now in his seventieth year, a highly respected pioneer of this county. The grandfather, Joseph Agee, came to this county in 1839, and bought a large farm near Monticello. He died in 1849, in his eightieth year. Jacob Brown, the maternal grandfather, was a pioneer near Canton. Our subject and Reuben M., the youngest son, are the only survivors of three sons and one daughter. William E. was educated at Christian University, and in 1866 entered the dry goods and general store of A. L. Richart, as clerk, remaining in his employ ten years, the last five years as buyer and general manager of the business. In 1876 he began his present business with his brother, Reuben, as special partner, which is now one of the largest establishments in Northeastern Missouri. They dissolved partnership January 8, 1887. Our subject now conducts the clothing and furnishing department, and Reuben M. the shoe and hat department. In 1869 he married Miss Ruth F. Henton. She died in 1872, leaving one son, now deceased. July 15, 1885, he married Miss Louise C. Cluskey, formerly of St. Louis, Mo. They have one child—a daughter—Grace Marie. Our subject is a Democrat, an encampment member of the I. O. O. F., and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Erasmus P. Allen, farmer, was born August 31, 1837, the son of Richard and Martha A. (Alford) Allen, natives of Kentucky; the former born in 1808. The grandfather, Erasmus, was a Virginian, and a pioneer of Kentucky. The father had few advantages, and was married at the age of twenty-four. He came to this township in 1834, and has since made it his home, where he is



one of the oldest and most respected pioneer farmers. He had nine children by his first wife, and by his second wife he had two children. The latter died in 1863. Both held the faith of the Christian Church. Our subject attended common schools, and in December, 1860, was married to America, the daughter of William and Alvira Stagg, and a native of Kentucky. Their children are John L., Charley P., Rosa, Lizzie, Anna D., William H., Nathan E., Wilbur, Cassie, Blanche and Hugh. He lived for a long time in Marion County, and spent two years in Company E, under Col. Porter, and afterward under Col. McCullough. He fought at Kirksville, Moore's Mill, Palmyra, and other places. After his return he went to Pike County, Ill., and after the war removed to Shelby County, Mo. Three years later he came to this county, and soon after bought eighty acres of his present farm. His estate consists of 200 acres of well improved land. He has been urged to become a justice, but has declined. He was formerly a Whig, and voted for Fillmore, but since the war has joined the democracy. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Williamson G. Allen, retired merchant, was born in 1819 in Garrett County, Ky., the son of Samuel and Mary (Lamb) Allen, the former of Scotch-Irish origin, born in Virginia in 1793. He was a farmer until his later years, in merchandising. He married in Kentucky, and in 1829 went to Marion County, Mo., and three years later, came to this county, with his nearest neighbor, thirteen miles distant. He died in 1838, after a year as merchant in La Grange. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and in the battle of New Orleans. The mother, of English origin, was born in Garrett County, Ky., in 1796, and died in 1832. Our subject, the fourth of eight children, was educated by a private instructor, and when nineteen years old, taught the first school in Knox County. In 1849 he married Providence Carter, of Dubuque, Iowa, born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1831. Their only child, Ida, was the wife of Robert C. Brennan. She died in 1852 in Texas, and in 1858 he married Susan J., a daughter of Robert Muir, born in 1835, in Henry County, Ky. Their children are Mamie; Eva B., the wife of J. E. Thompson; Maggie L., and Cora, the wife of Charles E. Blair. In 1849 he went to California, and mined for two years, going overland on a five months' trip. After a time in Dubuque, Iowa, he spent a year in Texas, and in 1857 located at Williamstown, this county, as a merchant. In 1870 he came to Monticello, was elected sheriff, and in 1882 was elected both sheriff and collector, serving altogether four years. He then resumed mercantile life until June, 1886, when he resigned the postmastership to which he

was appointed in 1877. Since then he has been a retired citizen. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Taylor. He is a Knight Templar, and the entire family are Free-Will Baptists.

William M. Allen was born in Kentucky in June, 1824. He is the son of William and Elizabeth W. (Baker) Allen. Our subject came to this county in 1834, and married Sarah J., a daughter of James and Ruth (Risk) Johnson. Their children are Sarah E., James W., John H., Mary F. (deceased), Robert M., Charles C. and Thomas L. James W. married Mary C., a daughter of George and Lucy Kerfoott; Robert M. became the husband of Sarah A., a daughter of Daniel and Eliza Roberts. Our subject is a Democrat and a granger. His wife was born in 1823, in Indiana, and came to Marion, Mo., in 1832; she died in Lewis County October 27, 1885. He and his wife have been members of the Christian Church for thirty years. He has a fine farm of 340 acres, on which he has made a specialty of stock raising. His son, Thomas L., was married in 1885 to Lillie, a daughter of Daniel M. Roberts.

W. W. Allen, D. D. S., was born in Waterloo, May 25, 1861, the son of Oliver P. and Augusta P. (Kendel) Allen, the former of English origin, born December 9, 1825, in Georgetown, Ohio, and the latter of similar lineage, born in Brown County, Ohio, August 7, 1829. The father's and mother's parents were natives of Virginia. Oliver moved to Waterloo in 1857, and from 1860 to 1863 was jailor. He then farmed for three years, and returned to Ohio, where he is engaged as a contractor for public works. June 4, 1846, he joined Company G, First Ohio Regiment, and was in the Mexican war at Monterey and Saltillo. He was discharged in 1847, at New Orleans. Our subject, the fourth of seven children, was educated in Ohio, and when nineteen began medicine under Dr. O. N. Beck. In 1882 he came to Kahoka, studied dentistry under Dr. F. M. Harrison, and in 1883 and 1884 attended the dental department of the St. Louis Medical College. He located in Canton, but since February, 1886, has been in La Belle, where he has a large practice as the first resident dentist of the place. December 17, 1884, he married Susie, a daughter of J. P. Hampton, of Canton, Mo., born in Alexandria in 1866. Their only child is Edwin H. The Doctor has a cane taken from Commodore O. H. Perry's flag ship, when it was raised, twenty-three years after the Lake Erie fight, in 1813. The ship was occupied by Capt. Perry, and on the cane is inscribed the following; "We have met the enemy and they are ours." The Doctor is a Republican and an Odd Fellow. He and his wife are Baptists.

Coleman R. Ammerman, farmer, was born in 1813, in Bourbon

County, Ky., the son of Joseph and Rebecca (Reed) Ammerman, the former of German and English origin, born in the above county in 1790, and the latter in Virginia, in the same year. The father was a farmer, and after his marriage settled in Harrison County in 1825. He died in 1849. The mother went to Kentucky with her parents when a child, and died about 1863. Our subject, the second of twelve children, was reared, from his twelfth year to his majority, in Harrison County. March 15, 1836, he married Cynthia A. Wilson, who was born in Kentucky in 1819. Their children are Joseph C., Thomas W., Mary R., Lucy A. and Susan C. A few months after his marriage he came to this county, and entered 240 acres of land. He soon traded this for a farm in Dickerson Township, and in 1841 moved to La Belle Township. In 1860 he went to Grayson County, Tex., and two years later to Tarrant County. In 1866 he moved to Franklin County, Ark., but two years later returned and bought his present estate of 257 acres. His wife died in 1859, and the following year he married Mrs. Elizabeth Fugate, widow of John Fugate, a daughter of Stephen Perkins, and born in Kentucky in 1821. Their only child is Wesley. Stephen P. and Zebulon K. Fugate are children of her first husband. Our subject has been very successful, and owned at one time 1,300 acres, most of which he has given to his children. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Harrison. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church, of which he has been a member for over half a century.

W. B. Anderson, A. B., M. S., president of Western Academy, was born in Verona, Boone Co., Ky., in 1857. He is the son of Thomas V. and Mary A. (Roberts) Anderson. The father is of Scotch stock, born in Boone County, Ky., in 1823. The mother is of German origin, a native of the same county, born in 1832. His ancestors came to America during the Reformation. The father was apprenticed to the wagon-maker's trade, under his father, William, at the age of seventeen. In 1854 he entered 260 acres near Edina, his present home. For eight years he was justice, and is an influential farmer. The mother, now fifty-five years old, reared three sons: Benjamin L., W. B. and Thomas B. Our subject was educated at the Kirksville Normal, graduating in 1881 in the classical course. He afterward studied languages and mathematics in Missouri University. In 1879 he became a teacher, and was principal of the Knox City High School. In 1882-83 his *alma mater* conferred the degree of M. S., and the same year he purchased Western Academy, which he has made one of the leading institutions of this region, and whose attendance he has doubled. He has students from various parts of the

country, and one from Asia Minor. June 8, 1882, he married Missouri A., a daughter of Eli and Elvira Lyon, born in Knox County in 1861. Rosco F. is the only child. His wife was educated at Oak Lawn College and Kirksville Normal, where she graduated in 1880. She taught in her fourteenth year, and continued ten terms, and is now general assistant in her husband's academy. The Professor is one of the leading educators of this section. In politics he is a Democrat, and is a Presbyterian, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Prof. Anderson is an original investigator in mathematics and languages. He has collected many literary curiosities, and has developed several principles in mathematics.

Judge John C. Anderson, lawyer, was born in Belmont County, Ohio, June 19, 1828, the son of Joseph and Nancy (Johnson) Anderson, natives of Huntingdon County, Penn., and Loudoun County, Va., respectively. The father came to Palmyra in 1835, and soon afterward to this county, where he died in 1847. He was an Old School Presbyterian minister, and a graduate of Jefferson College, Pennsylvania. He spent about half a century as a minister. The mother was the second wife of Joseph Anderson, and our subject, their only child, was an infant when she died. By his first marriage with a Miss Smith, he had two children: Mrs. Nancy Harris, of La Grange, and Elthiza S., of Monticello. Our subject secured a fair education, with some knowledge of Latin and higher mathematics, chiefly by private tutorship and his own efforts. His preceptors were Prof. J. R. Dayton and Rev. W. W. Whipple, now of Yonkers, N. Y. In 1850 he began law, securing considerable assistance from Hon. James Ellison, Hon. A. Reese and Hon. J. J. Lindley. He taught school to enable him to complete his legal studies, and in August, 1853, was admitted, and began practice at Monticello, where he lived until 1859. He was appointed circuit attorney in 1853, and served until 1856, when he was elected to the office for four years. In 1859 he moved to Memphis, Mo., and in 1860 was re-elected circuit attorney, and served for one year, when a war ordinance compelled him to relinquish the office. In 1862 he resumed practice in Monticello, and after the war removed to his farm. He again began practice in 1867, and in 1882 came to Canton, and has since been in partnership with F. L. Schofield. In 1874 he became judge of the Fourth District, serving six years. Eliza B. Pemberton, a native of Frankfort, Ky., became his wife September 12, 1853. Their children are Charles R. (deceased), Matilda P., John C., Jr. (deceased), and Linnie W. He is a Democrat, a Royal Arch Mason, and a prominent lawyer.

William L. Arnold, Sr., an old resident of this township, but



now of Columbia, was born in Boone County, in 1839, the son of Thomas T. and Lucy Owen Arnold. The former a native of Kentucky, and born in 1807. The father was a farmer, and served five years as sheriff in his native county. After his marriage, in 1831, he came to Lewis County, but soon removed to Boone County. Several years later he returned to Lewis County, and bought about 845 acres of land. He returned to Boone County again, a few years later, and died in 1873. Our subject is one of their six children, and was educated at Columbia. The father gave him about 220 acres of the old homestead, at his majority, and in 1861 he married Clarinda J., a daughter of F. Bourn, and born in Lewis County in 1843. Their children are William L., Jr., Thomas F. and James D. He at once began farming and speculating in stock, in which his shrewdness as a business man led to his being one of the largest land owners in La Belle Township, owning at one time about 1,100 acres. His home was known as "Hickory Grove." His wife died February 23, 1876, and the following year he married Jennie Dralle. They have one child—Annie M. In 1885 he divided his property among his sons, and moved to Columbia, where he now lives in retirement. Politically he is a Democrat, while in religion he holds to the faith of the Christian Church. William L., Jr., was born in 1863, in Lewis County, and was educated in Columbia. He was married April 27, 1887, to Cora, a daughter of B. C. and Mary (Blair) Roberts. She was born in Lewis County in 1865. The brothers now own 900 acres. Thomas F. was born in 1868, and James in 1872. William and his wife are members of the Christian Church, while the family are highly esteemed citizens.

John J. Bader was born in Lewis County, Mo., in 1838. He is the son of Joseph Bader, a native of Germany. The mother was also a German. After their marriage the parents came West, where the father was an engineer on the Mississippi River. He then went to Quincy, Ill., and engaged in the same business for a time, and also in farming on Mill Creek. It was about fifty years ago when he sold out and came to this county, and was a prominent farmer of this region for about thirty odd years. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion held to the Roman Catholic faith. Our subject received a good education, and lived with his parents until the age of thirty-three; he then married Matilda, a daughter of George Tuly, a farmer of this county. Their children are Emma E., George, Mattie E. and Henry A. Our subject has lived his entire life in this county, and now owns a fine estate. It embraces 220 acres, and is well stocked and improved. Politically he is a Democrat, while he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

William T. Baley was born in Overton County, Tenn., in 1811, and is the son of George Baley, a native of the same State, and of French descent. Our subject came to Missouri, and settled in Lewis County in 1856. His father having died in early years, his mother married again, and his new relations made it so unpleasant that our subject ran away to Indiana. He farmed there for several years, and was married to Jane T., a daughter of Solomon Osborne, of Martin County, Ind. Ten of their twelve children are living, and all married. His first wife died in 1885, and some time after he married America A., a daughter of H. H. and E. J. (Wellman) Watkins. Our subject owns a good farm of eighty-five acres. He is a member of the Masonic Order, and in politics is a Republican. The faith of the Methodist Church has been held by him and his first and second wives.

Willis T. Ball, revenue collector, was born in this county in 1840, the son of James T. and Margret P. (Smith) Ball, the former of Scotch origin, born in Virginia in 1810, and married in 1831. He was a farmer, moved to this county, and bought 240 acres of land. He was killed at La Grange by a militiaman, during the war. His widow, of French and Scotch descent, was born in 1816 in Virginia, and now lives on the old homestead. Our subject and John T. (living on the home place) are the only children living of six born to her. Willis attended common schools, and lived at home until of age. In July, 1861, he joined Company B, of Greene's regiment, and served at Athens, Lexington, Pea Ridge and other places, being discharged in 1862 at Abbeville, Miss. March 22, 1866, he married Hannah F. Snapp, who was born in this county August 18, 1844. Their children are Margret D., James M., Lulu, John T. and Charles. After marriage he began farming, the following year went to Knox County, and began his career as a merchant. In 1872 he established a drug store at La Belle, but was burned out December 27, 1884. The May following he began again, but in February, 1887, sold out. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Greeley. In November, 1886, he was elected to his present office. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. His wife is a Methodist.

O. S. Barker, furniture dealer and undertaker, was born in Grant County, Ky., August 21, 1834. He was reared and educated in that county; and followed the carpenter's trade until about 1862, when he engaged in his present business. He had come to La Grange in 1855, with his father, and at the latter's death, about 1875, he took charge of the business, and in 1883, added a line of furniture. He was married in 1857 to Sarah F. Smith, a native of this county. Their children consist of four daughters and three sons, two of the latter and one of the former

now deceased, as is also the mother. Their eldest daughter is a graduate of La Grange College. The father, Reuben L., was a native of Grant County, Ky., where he was born in 1813. He was a carpenter, and in 1855 came to La Grange, where the mother, Bertha (Brown), a native of the same county, is still living. They have three sons and two daughters. The paternal grandfather, Stephen, was a soldier of the Revolution, and died in Kentucky.

Hon. Jesse W. Barrett (deceased). Among those who figured prominently in connection with the public affairs of Canton and Lewis County is the subject of this sketch. Born May 6, 1822, in Luzerne County, Penn., he acquired a rudimentary education in youth, and later, by his own efforts, was enabled to graduate from Dickinson College. From 1854 to 1856 he officiated as superintendent of public schools of Lycoming County, Penn., and about this time turned his attention to journalism, and conducted successfully the *Independent Press*, of Williamsport. The fall of 1856 he emigrated westward, and for one year was in charge of the Lee Centre Academy, near Dixon, Ill. In 1857 he removed to St. Louis, where for two years he served as minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of that city. The year 1859 witnessed his permanent settlement at Canton, Mo., and for several years was in charge of Canton Seminary under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Through his efforts the *Canton Press* was established in 1862, and during the remainder of his life, he published and edited this paper, making it one of the first local newspapers of the State. He was elected the first president of the Missouri State Press Association, and presided at its regular sessions of 1868, 1869 and 1870. The latter year he was elected to represent Lewis County in the State Legislature, serving as chairman of the house committee on accounts, and member of the committees on printing, education and benevolent institutions. By appointment of Gov. B. G. Brown, he served as curator of the State University, and was favorably mentioned at different times as a candidate for the offices of secretary of State and State superintendent of public instruction. He served twice as mayor of Canton, and also served as one of the city board of education. His entire career as a public official, reflected honor and credit upon himself and constituents, and the same can also be truthfully said of his private life. In 1850 he became an Odd Fellow, in Lycoming, Penn., where he "passed the chairs" and became a Past Grand. Ten years later he became a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 44, at Canton, this State; was elected Noble Grand in 1862, but in 1866 had his membership transferred to Meriden Lodge, No. 162, of Canton. He served Meriden Lodge as Secretary until 1870,

and as Treasurer in 1872 and 1873. He became well known throughout the State as an exponent of Odd Fellowship, and in 1867 was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, of Missouri, serving one full term. Later he was elected State Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the United States, serving as such in 1868, and again by appointment of Grand Master, W. H. Graves, in 1869. Mr. Barrett professed religion early in life, and lived a consistent Christian until he was called to his reward above. His many acts of kindness and charity endeared him to his fellow men, and his unswerving honesty and universal courtesy established him as one of the foremost men of his day. He died September 9, 1886, leaving a widow (formerly Elizabeth C. Hooven, to whom he was married, May 25, 1846,) and two sons: Charles William and Harry H., who are the present proprietors of the *Canton Press*.

Charles William and Henry Hooven Barrett are the sons of J. W. Barrett, whose sketch appears elsewhere in these pages. Charles William Barrett, the elder of the brothers, was born in Beaver Meadow, Carbon Co., Penn., September 28, 1849, and, after living one year in Illinois and two years in St. Louis, came to Canton, Lewis County, in the fall of 1859, and has grown up in and with the place. He graduated at Christian University in 1871, and three years afterward received the degree of A. M. He was associated with his father in the publication of the *Canton Press* almost from its incipency, having taken the full typographical course, from rolling "devil" to foreman and "artistic" job printer. He was a partner about ten years before his father's death, which occurred in September, 1886. After that the firm was changed from J. W. Barrett & Sons to Barrett Bros., and C. W. assumed the business and editorial management of the *Canton Press*. He has had various opportunities for preference, but declined them, in order that nothing should interfere with his work of publishing a newspaper. He is deeply enamored with his calling, and is meeting with commendable success. Near Delaware City, Del., October 8, 1874, he married Miss Maggie W. Van Heckel. Mr. Barrett is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and has been Sunday-school superintendent for six years. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. The younger brother, Henry H. Barrett, was born in Williamsport, Penn., November 23, 1855, and graduated at Christian University of Canton, with the degree of B. L., in June, 1877. He was brought up in the printing office of his father, being a practical printer and experienced editor, and, since his father's death, has been junior member of the firm of Barrett Bros. December 28, 1881, he married Miss Nettie A. Bushman, of



Canton, who bore him one son—Jesse W. Mr. Barrett is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and of the I. O. O. F., and has always taken an active part in his Sunday-school and church.

Thomas A. Barr, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., in 1841, the son of Jerry B. and Eliza Ann (Dowell) Barr, natives of the same county. The grandfather, Adam Barr, was a Kentuckian, whose father, Adam, Sr., was a native of Maryland, and went to Boonesboro, where he was a follower of Daniel Boone. Adam, Jr., was a soldier in the war of 1812, and served under Gen. Jackson at New Orleans. The father was reared in his native county, and was married in 1839. In 1852 he went to Scotland County, Mo., and the following year removed to Hancock County, Ill. In 1861 he returned and located in Lewis County, but in 1863 removed to Marion County. Since 1883 he has been in Adams County, Iowa. He was justice for several years in Marion County. His second wife, Sarah Cochran, whom he married in Illinois, was a native of Pennsylvania, and is still living. His first wife died in 1856. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject received few educational advantages, and left home at his majority. In 1866 he married Anna L., a daughter of John Wesley and Jane Wright. Their children are Clarence I., Arthur T., Warden T., Adelaide J. and Edgar B. Our subject remained in Illinois until 1868, when he came to Marion County. Six years later he engaged in merchandising at Maywood, where he continued until 1879. Since that date he has lived on his present estate, a finely improved farm of 460 acres, near Maywood. He also owns a third interest in the Maywood Flouring Mill. Politically he is a Democrat, and his first ticket was for McClellan. He is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., and he and wife hold to the faith of the Christian Church.

Henry J. Bash was born in Clark County, Mo., December 7, 1842, the son of James and Mariah (Harris) Bash, natives of Kentucky. The father came to Clark County in 1839 and in 1863 came to his present farm in Canton Township. The mother died August 23, 1872. Henry received a common education at his country home, and November 20, 1866, he married Sarah M., the daughter of George S. Marks. He farmed with her father for seven years, and in 1873 removed to his forty-acre farm near that of her father. In March, 1887, he came to his present residence with Mr. Marks. He has the following children: Jennie M., Henrietta F., Mariah E. and Laura V. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, while his family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

James E. Bates, a farmer and stock dealer, was born in Troy, Ind., in 1845, the fifth of seven children of James B. and Elizabeth P. Bates, the former of Anglo-Polish ancestry, and born in Virginia. The father, William S., also of Virginia, was a soldier in the early war, and came to near La Grange at an early day. He died in 1859, about seventy-one years old, and his widow died in 1867. James, the father, came with his parents to this State, and afterward went to Troy, and engaged as a merchant. He continued until 1847, although he was married in Kentucky. He then came to this township, where he died in 1853. He was an influential farmer, and a justice of the peace. The mother was born in Kentucky, and now lives in Kansas, at the age of seventy-six; they both adopted the Baptist faith. Our subject attended the La Grange College for a time, and in his sixteenth year took charge of his mother's farm. He was married, in 1871, to Anna L., a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Prentiss, natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky, respectively. His wife was born in Illinois. Their children are Edward P., Harry S., Hattie and James F. In 1873 our subject moved to La Grange, and after two years in the milling business returned to the old farm. Since 1880 he has been on his present estate, a well improved farm of 280 acres. He has also been successfully and extensively engaged in stock dealing. He is a Democrat, and cast his first vote for Greeley. He has been a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity for some years, while his religious society, and that of his wife, is the Baptist Church.

John T. Bayne was born near Canton, Mo., February 26, 1840, the son of Thomas and Letty (Marshal) Bayne, natives of Nelson County, Ky., and Maryland, near Washington, respectively. The father came to a farm near Canton in 1835, and in 1847 moved to that city, but the following year located at the present residence of T. W. Bayne. He was a large slave holder, and owned a half section of the best bottom land. He died May 30, 1878, and in September of the following year the mother followed him. Their children are Sarah G., the wife of Rev. J. Penn; Richard W., of California; Mary A., the wife of L. C. Bevans; Joseph P.; Susan M., the wife of F. G. Browning, of California, and John T. Our subject secured a fair education, and July 24, 1862, he married Martha, the daughter of William Duncan, a deceased pioneer of this county. Her mother, Rhoda, was the daughter of Robert Easton. Since his marriage our subject has been successfully engaged at his present home in farming and stock dealing. His estate consists of 130 acres, nearly all fine bottom land under cultivation. His children are Thomas W. and Walter C. He is a Democrat, and has been school director for

twenty years, of which board he is now president. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject is one of the oldest members of the family bearing his name, and his present home was the place of his birth.

W. H. Beach, agricultural implement dealer, was born November 27, 1840, in Milford, one of eight children of Harvey H. and Isabella (Henry) Beach, the former of English origin, born about 1813, in New York, and the latter of Irish stock, a daughter of Hugh Henry, a descendant of Patrick Henry. She was born about 1826 in Marion County. Her father came to Knox County in 1837, and remained until his death in 1861, the mother having died five years before. Harvey H. was a farmer and a builder, was county judge and president of the county board, and was elected as a Whig in a Democratic county, of 600 majority. He went to California in 1849, but returned in 1851 in ill health. Our subject was fairly educated, and when of age took a trip to Halifax, by way of Boston. He then returned to the homestead in New York, and married and returned to Knox County. Three years later he went to Saratoga County, N. Y., where he was a farmer and teacher for eight years. He then came to Canton, and has since been in his present business. He is agent for the Springfield Threshing Machine Company and the Plano Manufacturing Company. Margret M., his wife, was born in August, 1842, in Saratoga County, N. Y., and was married October 20, 1862. Our subject is a Democrat, and first voted for McClellan. He is a Knight Templar in Masoury, and he and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church. The father was a lieutenant-colonel in the Missouri and Iowa boundary war, and was an adjutant in the Mexican war.

Ignatius Bevans was born in Maryland, December, 22, 1819, the son of Walter and Mary A. (Summers) Bevans, natives of Maryland, and of English descent. The father was a farmer, served in the war of 1812, and was in Baltimore when Ross was killed. He was a Whig, and in religion was a Roman Catholic. He lived half a century. The mother afterward came with her family to this county in 1842. She spent her last days with her son-in-law, George Black, and died in 1883 at the age of eighty-two, also a Roman Catholic. Our subject lived with his mother until he was twenty-seven, then married Sarah E., a daughter of Warren and Hannah (Hunsicker) Cooesey, natives of Virginia, and of French and German stock, respectively. Our subject's first farm contained 126 acres, on which he lived for thirteen years. This was near Canton. Since 1861 they have been at their present home. His 250 acres is well improved, and used largely for stock-raising purposes. His children are Jacob

L., George, Thomas, Mary, John, William and Annie. He, his wife and all his family are members of the Catholic Church.

Andrew Becker, farmer, was born in 1829 in Bavaria. When sixteen years of age, he came to America, and first located in Pennsylvania. There he learned the baker and confectioner's trade, and in 1850 came to La Grange, and followed that business for three years. His next move was to California, in 1859, where he engaged in mining for about three and a half years. He then returned to this county, and bought his present farm, which embraces 290 acres of fine land. He had married in 1855 a Prussian lady, by the name of Minnie Montag. She came to this country with her parents, and located in Adams County, Ill., in 1850. They have had three sons and three daughters, one of the latter being deceased. In 1865 our subject joined the Union Army, as a member of the Fourteenth Missouri Cavalry, and served through the rest of the war, as commissary sergeant. He is an Odd Fellow, a member of the A. O. U. W., and he and family hold to the Presbyterian faith, while in politics he is a Democrat. The father, Frank, also was a native of Bavaria. He was educated in his native country, and married a French lady, by the name of Catharine Ra Deere. They both died in Bavaria. Our subject is the fourth of six children, all of whom were reared to maturity. His eldest brother came to America, but soon returned again to Germany.

John H. Biggs, born in Belmont County, Ohio, August 8, 1837, is the son of John and Charlotte (Coleman) Biggs, natives, respectively, of Kentucky and Ohio. The father came with his family in 1840 to a farm near Canton, where he died in March, 1854, and the mother the following fall. Their children are Joseph L. Coleman, deceased; James D. deceased; William H., of Oregon (in the legislature); Lucinda C., the wife of T. Jeffries, and our subject. John H. was reared on the farm, and after coming to Canton, clerked for his brother in the wharf-boat and commission business. He was educated at the Cincinnati business college. During the war he was one of the H. E. M. M., and then was a freight agent at St. Joe. He clerked for three years on a steamboat of the St. Joe & Omaha Packet Company. In 1869 he returned to Canton, as bookkeeper for N. Wolfing, wholesale grocer, but in February, 1871, engaged in the retail grocery business, with the late E. A. Eagon. In 1881 he sold out, and engaged in his present grocery, provision and queensware business. He has a full and select stock, and controls a large share of the county trade. December 11, 1882, he married Eleanor T. McDaniel, a native of this county. Their children are Emma L., Mattie V. and James W. Our subject is an independent Republican, is also inde-

pendent in his religious convictions, and is a member of the encampment of the I. O. O. F.

James T. Billups was born in Franklin County in 1839. He is the son of Robert H. and Pliny C. (Davidson) Billups, natives of Virginia; the former of English-German, and the latter probably of English-Irish, origin. After farming several years in Franklin County, they came to Scotland County, and remained about twenty years. Since then they have been in this county. The father is a Democrat, and a member of the Masonic lodge. He and his wife have both held to the faith of the Baptist Church. When our subject was twenty-one years of age he married Margaret J., a daughter of William Billups, a pioneer of Van Buren County, Iowa. It is said that his wife was the first white child born in Keosauqua, Iowa. After marriage he made his home with his father, for several years engaged with him in the blacksmith and saw mill businesses. After the war he spent the winter in the Rocky Mountains, and after a few years blacksmithing in Scotland County came to his present farm. His place is well stocked and improved, and includes 160 acres. His children are Cynthia O., Johiel F., Sophia C., Charles P. and Rosellie. His wife died in October, 1884, a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject has followed his father in politics and religion.

Greenup Blackwill, farmer, was born May 27, 1815, in Clarke County, Ky., the son of John and Catharine (Hinson) Blackwill, both reared and married in Virginia. Soon after marriage they came to Clarke County, Ky., where they remained until our subject attained his eighth year. They lived in Shelby County, after that until their deaths; the mother died in 1833, and the father three years later. The father served in the Revolution, under Gen. Washington, at Yorktown. Our subject was educated in his native county. He was married at the age of twenty-one, and, in 1837, came by way of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to this county. He now owns a good farm of eighty acres, acquired in spite of considerable misfortune. He is one of the old pioneers, and well informed in his county's history. His wife, Narcisis A. Osborn, was born November 17, 1817, in Halifax County, Va., and came to Kentucky about 1826. They were married April 4, 1837. Their children are George W.; Mary C., the wife of A. Moore; Martha A., the wife of L. Robinson; Sarah E.; Marcus; Deo L.; John W.; James S., and Perlina A., the wife of J. Burns. Our subject voted for the Whig candidate in 1836, but since their dissolution has been a Democrat. His wife is a Missionary Baptist, and his children are mostly members of some church. His wife's parents, William and Mary Osborn, were Virginians, and spent their latter years in this county.

Josephus H. Bland was born where he now lives, July 13, 1833, the son of Isaac and Nancy (Floyd) Bland, natives of Kentucky. The father came to this county in 1828, and entered and bought 520 acres, which included the 300 now owned by our subject. He helped lay out the city of Canton. He died in 1840, and the mother afterward married G. K. Biggs, an old resident of Clark County; her death occurred in 1847. Our subject, the eldest child of two sons and two daughters, was reared on the farm, and attended common schools. When sixteen years old he went to California, and spent two years in the gold mines with success, and in 1852 returned home and bought some more land. February 22, 1855, Mary C. (Duncan) Early became his wife. He has been a successful farmer and stock raiser ever since, and he has from 160 to 170 acres of the best bottom land under cultivation. In 1856-57 he ran a saw mill on his place, but abandoned it. His children are Nancy E., the wife of John Granstaff; William I.; Elizabeth J.; Josephus H., Jr., and Robert M. His wife has one son by her first marriage, John D. Early, of Kansas. Our subject has always been a Democrat, and in 1886 was persuaded to become candidate for tax collector, but finally withdrew. For thirty years he has been a Master Mason, and his entire family are members of the Baptist Church. He organized the school of his district just after the war, and has been a director ever since. He is a progressive man as is shown by the fact that he used the first twine binder in this part of the county.

John H. Bland, farmer, was born in 1836 in Nelson County, Ky., the son of Bryant and Margaret (Bridwell) Bland, both of Irish and German origin, the former born about 1800 in Kentucky, and the latter several years later. After marriage they came to this county, and settled on the farm now owned by Joseph Bland. After the father's death, in 1841, the mother married John Devilbiss, and went to California where she died. Our subject was fairly educated, and when twenty-one began as a farmer, where he still lives, and where he has always remained, with the exception of about five years, on the old homestead. At the age of twenty-four he married Mary L., a daughter of John and Quiltinea (Thompson) Roberts. She was born in 1843, in Clark County. Their children are Mary E., the wife of J. W. Johnson, and Quiltinea. His wife died in 1881. In September, 1861, he joined Company A, Tenth Missouri Regiment, and served until June, 1865. His estate of 152 acres is improved and largely under cultivation. Our subject is a Democrat, and first voted for Buchanan. The Missionary Baptist faith has been held by our subject, his wife and daughter.

Joseph P. Bland was born in Kentucky in 1839. He is the son of Bryant and Margaret (Bridwell) Bland, natives of Kentucky. Several years after their marriage, their parents came to this State, and located in this county in 1839. The father was a farmer, and died in this county, while the mother's death occurred in the West, after her second marriage. The father was a Democrat, and both parents were members of the Baptist Church. Our subject, the second of three children, was a boy when his father died. He lived with his mother and stepfather until his majority, and then moved on the farm he had inherited. His estate now embraces over 200 acres. About 1850 our subject married Lizzie, a daughter of John Roberts, a prominent farmer of this county. Their only child is J. W. After his wife's death he spent some time in California. About eight years later he married Lutie, a daughter of Elisha Jackson. Their children are Eugene M., Lena B., Jennie B. and Guy P.; two children are deceased. Our subject served at the battle of Kirksville, under Porter. In politics he is a Jacksonian Democrat. His first wife held to the Baptist faith to which he belongs, and his second wife is a member of the Christian Church.

John P. Bowls, assistant cashier of the Monticello Savings Bank, was born in this county in 1842, the son of Joseph and Juda (Hinson) Bowls, the former of Scotch-German stock, born in Kentucky, where he married. He then came to this county, and settled finally in La Belle Township, and became owner of over 400 acres of land. He died in February, 1880. The mother, born in Kentucky, died in March, 1885, the mother of eight children. Our subject, the fifth, was educated at Christian University, in Canton, Mo., and when twenty years of age became a teacher in this and Knox Counties. October 25, 1877, he married Lizzie, a daughter of Benjamin W. Roberts, and born in 1852, in this county. Their only child is Guy. In 1861 our subject joined the Confederate Gen. Green's command, and was shot in the right arm, at the battle of Lexington, so that amputation was necessary. He was in service about two months. From 1872 he served as county treasurer twelve years, since the expiration of which time he has been in his present position. He is a Democrat who first voted for Greeley, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church, and are highly esteemed people.

William H. Bowles, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Marion County in 1845, the ninth of twelve children of Jesse and Judith (Schofield) Bowles, the former born in 1805, in Bourbon County, Ky., and the latter in 1808, in the same State. The

father was left with only a mother when he was but a child, and was reared in Marion County, where he spent the most of his life, excepting one year in Randolph County. He was a farmer and stone mason, and died in 1860. The mother survived him twenty-three years, and both were members of the Christian Church from their youth. William H. received a fair education, and was married in 1866 to Elizabeth E., the daughter of Frederick and Martha Benedict, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Kentucky, born in 1845. Their children are Sarah A., Minnie, Martha J., Lillie, Mary E., Addie and Ella. Our subject was a tenant farmer until about 1874, when he bought eighty acres of his present estate. His home now embraces 200 acres of finely cultivated land, near Steffenville, where he is engaged in farming and stock dealing. His first vote was for Greeley, and he has clung ever since to Democracy. He is a member of the Christian Church, while his wife is a Baptist.

William Raney Bradshaw, farmer and stock dealer, was born in Marion County in 1829, the son of Lewis and Mary C. (Chambers) Bradshaw, the former of English descent, born in Kentucky in 1808, and the latter a native of the same place, born in 1811. His second wife, Salie C. Hayden, was born in 1823, and is now living on the old home place with her son Lewis. The father came to Marion County in 1828, and settled near Palmyra. He bought an estate of 200 acres in this county in 1836, and there passed his life. He died in 1881, one of the oldest pioneers. Our subject, the only living one of two children, was four years old when his mother died, and he continued with his father until twenty-eight years of age. December 23, 1857, he married Mary J., a daughter of Benjamin and Nancy D. (Baily) Bradshaw, and born in 1838 in Knox County. Her parents came to Marion County in 1835, and two years later to Knox County. Our subject's only child is Belle, the wife of S. R. LaRue, of California. In 1865 our subject located on his present estate of 280 acres, and has a fine home, erected at a cost of \$2,100. He is one of the oldest citizens of Northeast Missouri, and is a well informed man. In national affairs he is Democratic. In February, 1862, he joined Company K, Second Missouri State Militia Cavalry, and became orderly sergeant. After over two years he was discharged at Pilot Knob. He is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Christian Church.

William H. Bradshaw was born in Kentucky, June 9, 1830. He is the son of Benjamin and Nancy G. (Bailey) Bradshaw, natives of Kentucky, the former of English descent, and the latter of Scotch lineage. They were married in 1825, and ten years later came to Missouri. After a year in Marion County



they came to this county, where the father died near La Belle. The father was one of the charter members of the Masonic lodge. He was in the war of 1812. His political principles were Democratic. He died in 1852, at the age of sixty years, leaving a widow and four children. The mother makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw, and is now a hale old lady of seventy-eight years. She has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for over half a century. Our subject left home at the age of twenty, on account of the "gold fever." He spent three years in California, with fair success at mining, and then returned to his farm in Lewis County, in 1853. In 1862 he became a soldier, and served at Kirksville. In 1864 he was discharged on account of ill health, from which he has never recovered. In 1855 he married Catherine, a daughter of Cyrus McCracken, of Marion County, and they had the following named children: Cyrus M., William A., John, Ella, Edwin, Nannie D. and Thomas W. The mother of these children died in 1885. Our subject has a fine home of about 200 acres. He votes the Republican ticket, and in religion he and his wife hold to the faith of the Christian Church.

Joseph H. Bradshaw, presiding judge of the county court, was born in Kentucky in February, 1832, the son of Smith and Elizabeth (Chrisman) Bradshaw, the former of English origin, born in Kentucky in 1771, and the latter of German stock, native of the same place, born in 1787, and deceased in 1858. The father was a brick mason, and afterward a farmer. In 1832 he came to this county, entered 640 acres and bought 480 acres, and four years later brought his family and settled on the latter. He died in 1868. He was in the war of 1812, under Gen. Harrison, at the battles of Defiance, Miami and Fort Meigs, Ohio. He was on a scouting party of about thirty-five, who were, all but two, either killed or captured by Indians. Our subject, the seventh of eleven children, was four years old when they came to this county, and he remained with his parents until about the age of twenty. He and eight others then started for California on an overland trip, which took them about three months. He farmed for about three years, and in 1857 returned by way of Panama. February 8, 1863, he married Mrs. Sarah Rousseau, a daughter of William Kendrick, and born near Bardstown, Ky., in 1829. Their children are Mary (wife of Samuel Brooking), Hugh and James. Her children by her first husband are James and Fannie. After marriage our subject located on his present estate of 244 acres. He is a Democrat, and in 1880 became associate judge of the county court, and served until 1886, when he became presiding judge. He is an able man, and is a Mason, and a

member of the Christian Church. His wife holds to the Baptist faith.

H. M. Brosius was born in Lancaster County, Penn., on August 8, 1828. He is the son of Benjamin and Phoebe (Booth) Brosius, natives of Pennsylvania. They afterward came to Ohio, where they lived until their deaths in 1871 and 1875, respectively. Our subject left home at the age of twenty years, with a fair education. He first began farming in Ohio, and continued until 1859, when he came to this county. He continued farming for three years, and in 1863 became a merchant at Deer Ridge, the only merchant in the place. He has been very successful, and now has a stock worth about \$2,000, which is double the amount with which he began. He is also postmaster. In 1858 he married Jennie, a daughter of James Starr, of Ohio. Their children are Phoebe E., William S. and Charles H. Our subject has been a justice for several years, and a school director. He served several months in the home guards. His origin is German and Irish. He is a Republican.

William D. Briscoe is the son of Walter D., one of the earliest pioneers of this county, when it required pioneer hardihood to make a home in the forest. He located near Durham, where he became a well-to-do farmer. He was born in 1809, the son of Walter, Sr., a Virginian of German ancestry, who afterward moved to Kentucky. The father died in 1853. He had been married November 5, 1829, and in 1832 came to this county. The mother's name was Eliza A. Waggenner, who was born in Kentucky, January 9, 1813, and died June 20, 1864. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject, the third of seven children, attended common schools, and in 1861 married Nancy O., a daughter of John and Sarah J. (Haycraft) Fisher. He was then twenty-five years of age. Their children are John T., William D., Jr., Maggie L. (the wife of F. S. Ammerman), Anna E. and Sarah B. After some years on his mother's farm he came to this township, and since 1863 has been at his present home. His farm consists of 480 acres, which is one of the best in the county, and a small part of which is inherited. In 1863 he served in the Confederate Army at Kirksville, and for a few months after. He was a Douglas Democrat, and has never deserted that party. He and his family are members of the Baptist Church.

Dr. Robert S. Briscoe was born July 7, 1833, in this county, the son of William C. and Amanda (Slaughter) Briscoe, the former of Welsh origin, born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1807, and the latter of English stock, born in 1811 in the same county. He was married in 1833, and immediately came to this county, and

settled near Gilead. He owned 440 acres, one acre of which he gave for the Gilead Baptist Church. The mother died in 1838, and after 1855 the father lived with his son until 1887, since which time he has been with his daughter, Amanda, at Louisville. His children are Robert S.; Abbie, the wife of ex-secretary Bristow, of New York, and Amanda, who married J. F. Weller, of Louisville, Ky. Our subject was educated at a select school at La Grange, and at the Palmyra Baptist Seminary. When twenty years of age he became a teacher, and in 1855 began medicine under Dr. Dimmitt for one year, and then a year under Dr. Taylor. In 1857 he graduated from the St. Louis Medical College, and practiced in Monticello until 1865. He then spent four years in Canton, after which he remained in the county seat until 1875. He has since been in Lewiston. April 13, 1857, he married Belle, the daughter of John and Nancy (Lay) Mattingly, and born in Monticello, April 22, 1836. Their children are Lizzie, the wife of Dr. C. R. Ammerman, of Colorado City, Colo.; Nanie, the wife of H. N. Greene, of Ft. Scott, Kas., William and Bertie. The Doctor is one of the oldest resident physicians of the county, and has a large practice. He has sold out, however, and is to move to Colorado City, for his wife's health, where he will resume practice. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Buchanan. For several years he was president of the Lewis County Medical Association, and has also been president of Lewiston Creamery Associations ince its organization, March 10, 1884. He is a Knight Templar, and his family are members of the Baptist Church.

James Brooking, retired farmer, was born in Virginia, the son of Edward and Margaret (Andrews) Brooking, the former born in 1782, in Virginia, and the latter in Essex County, Va., in 1794. In 1833 the father came to near Maywood, in this county, and bought a farm near Lewiston, where he died in 1844. He was a soldier of 1812, and was a prominent man. The mother died in 1864. Our subject was seventeen years old when he came to this county, and the following year worked on a farm for \$10 a month, and then went to Mississippi, and after a few months of carpentering went to Little Rock, Ark. He then returned to this county, and bought forty acres, but in 1884 bought his present estate. In November, 1848, he married Sarah, a daughter of Joseph West, and born in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1826. Their children are Sarah E. (the wife of J. Russell), Robert, William, Samuel, John, Annie (the wife of R. Seaman) and David. He has now become one of the largest land owners in the county, with an estate of 1,300 acres, which he has given mostly to his children. He has disposed of his estate, and now lives a retired

life. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Van Buren. He and his wife are both members of the Christian Church, and are aged, respected citizens.

Benjamin B. Brooks, of the Canton Saw Mill Company, was born in Dalton, N. H., November 4, 1829, the son of Alvin and Lydia I. Brooks, both natives of New Hampshire, where they lived and died. Our subject was educated in his native State, and in 1849 went to California, and spent three years in the gold mines with success. In 1853 he returned, and bought a farm, upon which he remained until 1861, when he began merchandising. In 1872 he came to Canton with Mr. Cummings, with whom he has since been in the lumber business. January 26, 1858, he married Louisa F. Rix, a native of Littleton, N. H. They have an adopted child—Fannie L. He is a Republican, and an encampment member of the I. O. O. F. Charles E. Cummings, the other partner of the above firm, was born in Lisbon, N. H., February 28, 1847, the son of Greenleaf and Hannah (Gould) Cummings, natives, respectively, of New Hampshire and Vermont. The father died in October, 1863, and the mother still lives in Boston. Our subject was educated at Montpelier, Vt., and in the business college of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He was a bookkeeper in a bank in Wells River, Vt., and then followed merchandising until 1872, when he came to Canton, and engaged in the lumber business. He was largely instrumental in placing the company of which he is a member on its present basis. June 16, 1870, Ellen M. Ayres, a native of Canterbury, N. H., became his wife. Their children are Susan E., Carl G. and Albert E. He is a Republican, and a member of the encampment in Odd Fellowship. The present company was incorporated February 28, 1881, by B. V. Brooks, D. M. Hibbard, C. E. Cummings and F. M. Gifford. This company succeeded the firm Brooks, Cummings & Hibbard, who operated the mill from 1872. Mr. Hibbard sold out in 1882, and Mr. Gifford died in 1886 from drowning in the Mississippi River, so that the present stockholders are Brooks, Cummings and Martha G. Gifford. Mr. Brooks is president, and Mr. Cummings secretary and treasurer. The company owns twenty acres in Canton, where their mills and offices are located. The mill consists of a double circular gang edger, trimmer, and a full set of shingle and lath machinery, giving employment to about seventy men, during the running season. They handle about 7,000,000 feet of lumber per year, which they ship to the West, and whose material comes from Wisconsin. They own an interest in a raft boat.

Massanello M. Buford, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Lewis County, in 1836, the son of Henry and Eleanor (Hardy)

Buford, the former of French-Huguenot stock, born in Bedford Co., Va., in 1798, and the latter born in Maryland in 1800, and deceased in 1853. (His second wife was Eliza Merryweather, *nee* Dodd). The grandfather, Abraham, a native of Virginia was also a farmer, and a soldier of 1812. The father came to this county in 1834, after his marriage, and stopped near Monticello for two years. He then settled near where Colony now is, in Knox County, where he bought eighty acres of land. He passed his last years with our subject, and died in 1877. He was in the Iowa boundary war also. Our subject, the seventh of ten children, was reared in his native county with pioneer advantages, and lived with his parents until the age of twenty. In 1861 he joined the Confederate forces of Gen. Green, and served in the State guards twelve months as orderly sergeant and lieutenant. Then entered the Confederate service for a period of the war. The last six months he was a clerk in the quartermaster's department. He served at the battles of Athens, Shelbina, Lexington and Prairie Grove, where he was wounded in both legs and left hip. He was disabled for eighteen months, and surrendered at the close of the war at Mount Pleasant, Tex. In August, 1863, he married Elizabeth K. German, in Titus County, Tex. She was born in 1836, in Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of Raymond and Katharine German. After the war he spent six years in Hancock County, Ill., and then bought forty acres of his present estate, which embraces 152 acres. He first voted for Fillmore, and has since been a Democrat. He became township collector in 1870, and four years later became county assessor, and served four years. He is a Mason, and the entire family are Baptists, of which church he is clerk. Their children are Kate E., Mildred B. and Henry L.

W. H. Bumbarger, deceased, was born in Harrison County, Ky., December 22, 1817, the son of Michael Bumbarger, a Virginian, of German descent. The father was a farmer in later years. He was a Whig, and both parents were members of the Christian Church. Our subject, the eldest of four children, came to Northeast Missouri in 1870, engaged in the lumber business, and a year later settled permanently on his farm. His estate included 160 acres of land. Politically he was a Whig, but afterward a Democrat. He was a member of the Christian Church. August 21, 1849, Eliza J., a daughter of Coleman and Emily (Rodgers) Reed, became his wife. Her parents were natives of Kentucky, and were of Irish and German origin, respectively. Their children are Mary L., Emma, John C., Nannie, Hattie S., Clarence R. and Jennie L. Our subject died

in August, 1884. His widow still lives on the old place. She and all her children are Christians.

William M. Burford, farmer, was born in Amherst County, Va., April 11, 1817, the son of Daniel and Susan (Lyon) Burford, the former of English origin, born in the above county, and the latter a native of Virginia. The father was a carpenter and boat builder, and served in the war of 1812. Our subject is the fourth of eight children, left home at twelve years of age, and lived with his uncle. He received \$5 per month, and continued with him four years. At the age of seventeen he went to Kentucky, and in 1837 came to Clark County. Two years later he married Nancy Nunn, who was born in Cumberland County, Ky., in 1825. Their children are Elizabeth, the wife of W. Gregory; John; George, a lawyer; Mary, the wife of Mr. S. H. Throckmorton, and Richard. He then came to this county, and bought 200 acres, where he now lives. His wife died in 1858, and in 1860 he married Elizabeth Smith, the daughter of Thomas Throckmorton. She was born in Kentucky, in 1835. Their children are Thomas, Robert, Warder, Nannie, Lucinda, Louis and Addie V. Our subject had but \$100 when he came to this State, but, after rearing twelve children, now owns 600 acres of land, and a residence costing \$3,000. He at one time owned 1,200 acres. He has given seven of his children good homes. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Van Buren. He is a Mason, and has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for fifty-one years. His wife is a member of the Christian Church.

E. B. Burgess was born in Harrisonburg, Va., in 1856. He is the first son of James H. and Mary (Roller) Burgess, natives of Virginia. The parents have had seven children, all living but one, who became the wife of Charles Fowler. The father came to this county in 1869, and our subject with him. The latter received a fair education, and spent three years at the Kirksville Normal. He then was a teacher for several years in this county, but became weary of that life, and began his present grocery business in Williamstown. He has a large business, and is a promising young man. He is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Methodist Church. His political principles are Democratic.

Hon. Thomas S. Burnett, lawyer, was born in this county, October 14, 1854, the son of George G. and Mary (Stowers) Burnett; the former of Scotch-Irish stock, born in Henry County, Ky., in 1813, and the latter of German descent, born in the same county in 1823. Their ancestors were natives of Loudoun County, Va. The grandfather, Samuel Burnett, went to Henry County, Ky., in 1808, where he died in 1823. George G., the father, lived in Harrison County, Ky., until in November, 1836,

when he moved to this county, and entered 360 acres of land. He was married, January 30, 1840, and was one of the largest land owners of the county, having owned at one time more than 1,200 acres. He is now retired from a very active life of many years in Northeast Missouri; has been living for the last eleven years with his children, and fully merits all the esteem placed upon his honor and manhood. The mother was thirteen years old when her parents, William and Elizabeth (Grant) Stowers, came to this county. She was a woman universally admired for her social, kind disposition and charitable life. Her mother was a daughter of Gen. Grant, of Grant County, Ky., a second-cousin of Gen. U. S. Grant. She was also a niece of Daniel Boone. The mother died in 1876. Her children were Samuel, Elizabeth (deceased), Alexander (accidentally shot in Texas), William S., R. Grant, Washington J., Margret J. (the wife of J. Flowerree) and Thomas S. Our subject was educated at the seminary in Monticello, and graduated from Christian University with the class of 1877. During the last year of his course he was an assistant college teacher, and at the age of seventeen entered that profession for three terms. He then entered the law office of Blair & Marchand, in Monticello, and in 1878 was admitted to the bar. Having spent a time in the office of Hon. W. H. H. Russell, of St. Louis, he went to Dallas, Tex., and, after teaching a couple of sessions, began practice at Dallas, in December, 1879, and remained until August, 1883, when ill health compelled him to retire. In April, 1884, he came to Monticello, where he has since been one of the leading lawyers. He is an eloquent speaker, and highly esteemed as a man. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Samuel J. Tilden. He is an Odd Fellow, and has been a member of the Christian Church since fourteen years of age.

E. Burrows, nurseryman, was born August 7, 1836, in Delaware County, N. Y., one of seven children of David and Terressa (Lowry) Burrows, the former of English stock, born January 10, 1800, in New London, Conn., and the latter of similar origin, born at the same place a few years later. After marriage they moved to Delaware County, where they built a house, and engaged in manufacturing shoes. The mother died in 1838, and the father, about ten years later, married Cornelia, the daughter of Gen. James Knox, a soldier of the Revolution. She died about 1850, after which he married again, and this wife still lives. Our subject left home at the age of twenty-one, and came to Illinois, engaging in the nursery business at Bloomington, with F. K. Phoenix. In 1861 he enlisted in the Normal Regiment from Bloomington, and in 1863 joined Company I as a

lieutenant. He was mustered out in 1863, as a captain, at Vicksburg. He returned and resumed his old business as foreman, and in 1871 became superintendent for Haggard Bros., and continued five years. After a time, as superintendent for Spaulding & Co., at Springfield, he came to Canton, and began the nursery business for himself, and has built up a fine trade, having now forty acres under cultivation. He has so large a trade he is unable to fill his orders. In March, 1864, he married Isabelle I. Montgomery, who was born December 4, 1841, in Danville, Ky. Their children are Nellie L., William D., Jennie M., Major F. and Edith F. He is now a Republican, and first voted for Lincoln. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W. and G. A. R. In the first he is at present Vice Grand. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the eldest daughter of the Christian Church.

Robert S. Byers, farmer, was born in County Down, Ireland, February 17, 1829, the second of five children of William and Agnes (McKitrick) Byers, also of Ireland. The father died in his native country when R. S. was about nine years old. He was the son of David Byers, a Scotchman, and was a linen weaver. The mother came to Pittsburgh, in 1848, and afterward moved to Rochester, Penn., where she died about 1872. Both parents were Presbyterians. Our subject received a good business education, and when fifteen years old came to America. Among other things he learned the marble cutting trade, at which he worked about two years. In 1854 he went to Rock Island County, Ill. He ran on the river for awhile to New Orleans, as second steward. In 1859 he went to Pike's Peak, Colo., but soon returned to this county, where Elizabeth, a daughter of James Clayton, became his wife September 9, 1860. She was a native of England, and was nine years old when she came to America. Their children are Emma L. and Agnes E. In August, 1862, he joined Company D, of the Missouri State Militia, and operated in the northeastern part of the State; he was a sergeant, and served until the surrender. Since 1866, when he abandoned the life of a tenant farmer, he has been on his present estate of eighty acres of choice and improved land. He is a Republican, and his first vote for Lincoln was one of the only two in his precinct. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Capt. John Preston Caldwell, farmer and miller, was born in Bath County, Ky., in 1815, the son of Walter and Mary (Breckinridge) Caldwell, the former of Irish origin, born in Virginia in 1777. He was a farmer and speculator, and in his youth went to Kentucky, where they lived in Boone's Fort for a few years, and



afterward settled in Bath County. In 1818 he came to this State, where his brother, Samuel, was one of those who laid out the town of Louisiana, and afterward Palmyra, also. In 1827 Walter located at New London, where he owned a fine farm near by, and afterward died in May, 1842. He was a major of militia, and a county judge, several years. He was a Democrat, and in 1830 he and his son, James D., were rival candidates for the State Senate, the latter being a Whig. Their canvass is a part of history, and it is well known that the father was defeated. The mother was born in Virginia in 1778, and was a cousin of John C. Breckinridge. She died the year before her husband, leaving six sons and three daughters. Our subject, the eighth child, was eleven years old when they came here, and when he was fifteen became a carpenter, serving two years as apprentice and six years as a journeyman. In 1839 he erected a water mill on the Middle Fabius. February 22, 1841, he married Elvira C., a daughter of Silas Reddish, a pioneer, whose name was given to a certain township. She was born in 1823 in Kentucky. Their children are Oliver K., James H., Sarah C., Matilda J., Annie B., Emma J., Minnie and Robert B., some of whom are married. After three years with his mill, he began farming; he was engaged in milling afterward, but in 1861 enlisted in the Confederate service, but soon returned, and became captain of a company he had organized. In 1862 he was captured, and imprisoned a year, but was then exchanged, and remained in service until 1864. For the last eight or nine years he and his son, Robert, have been partners, and have remodeled their mill. He now owns 240 acres. In 1852 he was sheriff and collector, serving two terms, and in 1876 became collector another term. He is a Mason, and the family are members of the Christian Church.

John W. Cason, farmer, was born in 1837, in this county, and was reared on a farm. In 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate service, and continued until he was captured, during the same year. He was held a prisoner in St. Louis, and afterward in Illinois. In 1865 he returned to this county, and resumed farming. He was educated at La Grange High School in his younger days. He afterward married Mary A. Johnson, a native of Marion County, but reared in this county. Since 1877 he has been located on his present estate, near La Grange. They have had three sons and three daughters. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, while in religion he, his wife, three daughters and one son hold to the Baptist faith. The father, John, was born in Kentucky in 1812. He was married to Elizabeth G. Coleman, a native of Kentucky. He then moved near Monticello, this State, about 1836, and is still living in Highland Township. The

mother died in 1884. Three sons and one daughter are the only survivors of their children.

Henry C. Chinn, editor and proprietor of the *Canton News*, was born in Shelby County, Ky., October 15, 1841, the son of Achilles and Dorothy (Longest) Chinn, natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. He came to Louisville in 1850, where he commenced the printer's trade, at the age of twelve years, completing the same four years thereafter. He attended two sessions in Christian University, of Canton, Mo., in 1857-58. In 1859-60 he clerked in St. Louis, and until 1861 was in his native State. He then came to Canton, and in 1862 entered *The Press* office as foreman, and was with that paper from its first issue until April 1, 1878, when he purchased a half interest in the *La Grange (Mo.) Democrat*, in charge of its mechanical department, and eighteen months later disposed of his interest and returned to Canton, where he issued the first number of the *News*, February 13, 1880. It is the only Republican paper in this county, and one of the best periodicals in the State. Our subject is an Odd Fellow of twenty-five years standing, and has filled all the offices in both lodge and encampment. October 15, 1860, he married Bettie W. Cleneay, of Canton, and a native of Maysville, Ky. Their children are Lizzie B., Charles C., William H. G., Jesse B., Mollie T. and Julia C. The parents are members of the Christian Church.

D. W. and J. F. Christie, the former a farmer and merchant, and the latter a farmer, were born in 1837 and 1839, respectively, in Frederick County, Va., the sons of James and Elizabeth (Watson) Christie, the former of Irish descent, born in 1797 in the above county, and the latter born in the same county, in 1810. The grandfather, Robert, was a native of Ireland. After his marriage in Virginia, the father came to this county in December, 1855, locating on the farm now owned by J. B. Wallace. He died three years later. Since his death the mother has lived with her son, J. F. Our subjects, the fourth and fifth of six children, came to this county with their parents, and in 1861 D. W. enlisted under Gen. Martin E. Green, and was engaged in the battles of Shelbina, Glasgow, Lexington, Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, Pleasant Hill and Jenkins Ferry. He surrendered under Maj. Gen. Buckner, at Shreveport. In 1883 he married Mollie F., a daughter of Jerry Glenn, and born in Kenton County, Ky., in 1841. D. W. and J. F. worked together, caring for their mother and sisters, and after the former enlisted J. F. assumed the responsibility of their care. Since 1867 they have been in partnership on their present estate of 280 acres. In 1877 the Patrons of Husbandry organized a stock company and general store,

and three years later D. W. became their manager, but resigned in 1885 on account of ill health. In January, 1887, he was re-elected, and still holds the position. They are Democrats, and are members of the Christian Church, to which they have belonged since 1876. The wife of D. W. is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. D. W. is a Master Mason.

J. O. Clapp is a native of Lewis County, Mo., his birth occurring in 1848. He is the son of Lorenzo and Sophronia (Clark) Clapp, of Massachusetts, and of English origin. The father came to this county in 1844, and remained until his death. He died in 1861, leaving a wife and two sons; the family lived together until the mother's death in 1873. Our subject, soon after, married Margaret J., a daughter of Mathias Pugh, a prominent farmer of this county. Their children are Martha H., Emma S. and Elmer E., all of whom are living. Our subject is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He owns a fine estate of 1,200 acres, in this county, and 100 in Clark County, making him one of the largest land owners in this county.

L. L. Clapp was born in Massachusetts in 1842, the son of Lorenzo and Sophronia (Clark) Clapp, who are mentioned in the sketch of J. O. Clapp, and who are said to be descendants of pilgrims of Plymouth Rock. Our subject received the old home estate, and in 1876 was married to Nancy N., a daughter of N. B. and Nancy A. (Turner) McClu, natives of Kentucky. Their children are William A. and Albert A. Our subject has a fine estate of about 240 acres well improved, and one of the best in the county. During the war he served in the Home Guards, but was not in active service. He votes the Republican ticket, and he and his wife hold to the faith of the Methodist Church.

L. B. Clay was born in Bourbon County, Ky., October 27, 1820, the son of George and A. (Bainbridge) Clay, natives of Kentucky, the former of Irish and the latter of German stock. The parents were married in Kentucky, and in 1821 came to Warren County, this State. The father ran a tanyard for about ten years, then went to St. Louis, and followed boating until his death, in 1858, at the age of seventy years, and some years after the death of the mother. At the age of fifteen our subject ran away to New Orleans, with the intention of becoming a sailor. The father's vigilance brought him back, however, and he engaged in boating. He soon became an expert pilot, and was so engaged for about twenty-five years. During the winter of 1865 and 1866, he ran the "Cornelia" to New Orleans, and while at work, either as captain or pilot, was never idle. His last trip

was made in 1866. He at one time knew every man, woman and child that lived on the Illinois River. When he moved to Lewis County, Mo., the bushwhackers were numerous, and he was directed, by some prominent men, to send for help, if they became troublesome; he was not bothered, however. While boating on the Mississippi he was married to Barbara Davidson, an adopted child of William Jones, of St. Louis. Six of their nine children are living: Amanda, oldest living; Oliver C., prosecuting attorney; Thomas L.; S. W.; Ella and James H. Our subject was originally a Whig, but is now a Democrat of the Union stamp. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Hon. Oliver C. Clay, A. M., prosecuting attorney, was born in this county May 27, 1849, the son of Little Berry and Barbara Clay, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject, the third of seven children, had charge of his father's farm during the war, and after that conflict entered Christian University, and acted as janitor to pay his expenses. He graduated in June, 1871, with the degree of A. M. In his sophomore year he had two or three classes in mathematics, and the senior year he was a teacher of Greek and Latin. During a greater part of the course he boarded himself, as he was unable to do otherwise, and the small hour of 2 o'clock at night often found him at work. He became a teacher in 1871 in the country, but soon became assistant principal of the high school in Canton, and the following year was made principal. He became professor of mathematics in Christian University two years later, where seven years before he had begun as janitor. He resigned this chair three years later. June 25, 1877, he married Charlotte, the daughter of James Biggs. She is a native of Canton County. She also graduated from this university, and was valedictorian of her class, being the only lady who ever received the degree of A. M. in this institution. She taught in the schools of Canton several years. Their children are William G., Roxana, Horace B. and Mary. He went to Sedalia the day of his marriage, and delivered before the State Teachers' Association his address "The Public Schools our only Safeguard." He began law in 1874, was admitted in 1875, and has opened an office in Monticello. From 1883 to 1885 he was a partner of J. T. Lloyd, and since that time R. W. Ray has been his partner, and the firm have had marked success. He is a Democrat, and has served in his present office since 1882. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, having taken all the degrees of the latter. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church, of which he is Sunday-school superintendent.

Elijah Cole, farmer, was born in Fairfield County, in 1816,

the youngest of eight children of Stephen and Elizabeth (Gosage) Cole, natives of Maryland. They came to the above county where the father died in 1821. He was for many years the owner of a grist-mill and carding factory, and was also a farmer. By his first wife he had five sons. The mother died about 1853. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject was left fatherless at an early age, and so received, probably, but two months of school advantages. He has largely educated himself by private study, and at sixteen began for himself as a tenant farmer. In 1850 he married Lydia Rutledge, a Virginian, of German ancestry. Their children are William P., Louis E., and Mary E., the wife of B. Sickles. He came to this county about 1854, and has since been a resident of his farm and estate of ninety-nine acres. He has been a Methodist for about fifty-six years—thirty years as class leader, and twenty-five as Sunday-school superintendent. His wife was also a devoted Methodist. Politically he has been a Whig and a Republican, and first voted for Harrison.

James W. Collins, farmer and stock raiser, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1823, the son of James and Delia (Creagh) Collins, born in 1781 and 1803, respectively, and deceased in 1865 and 1839. Our subject, the eldest of eight children, worked on the farm, and in 1849 came to the United States, and here was employed on railways until 1851, when he came to Missouri, and two years later located in La Grange. In 1856 he married Nancy Blackburn, who was born in Kentucky in 1830. Their children are Mary (the wife of G. Westhoff), James, William, Julia, Daniel and Thomas. Our subject lived in La Grange for twelve years, and was engaged as a bookkeeper, and as contractor for grading the streets. In 1865 President Johnson appointed him assistant United States assessor for three counties. In 1869 he came to Canton, and resumed bookkeeping, in which capacity he ranks as one of the best in the county. His wife died in 1870, and four years later he married Nancy Roech, a daughter of William Bennett, and born in 1831, in Springfield. In 1875 he came to Dickerson Township, where he owns an estate of 704 acres. He also owns 220 acres in Clark County. He is a Democrat, and he and his wife are Roman Catholics.

Frederick Condit was born in Nauvoo, Ill., August 16, 1849, the son of Edward and Mary Condit, who are mentioned elsewhere. After moving East with his parents, our subject came with his father to Keokuk, Iowa, where he was educated. From 1861 to 1880 he was a steamboat pilot on the Mississippi for the Eagle Packet Company. In 1877 he began his present grocery business, which was conducted by his father-in-law until

1880, since which time our subject has managed it himself. Besides his grocery business, he has a very large shoe trade in both city and county. January 13, 1872, he married Hun Nichols, a native of Zanesville, Ohio. Their children are Edward P., Walter and Pansye. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the A. O. U. W. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Rev. J. F. Cook, LL. D. Concerning the honored president of La Grange College the following is taken from Duncan's "History of Missouri Baptists:" "Joshua Flood Cook was born in Shelby County, Ky., January 14, 1834. He professed religion, and united with the Baptists, in 1846. In 1852 he came to Missouri, and spent the next five years teaching and attending Howard High School; then entered Georgetown College, Kentucky, where he graduated in 1858, and was married to Miss Sue G. Farmer the same year. In 1859 he became president of New Liberty Female College, which position he held until 1861, when he went South, where he remained during the war. He filled the position of pastor at Eminence, Ky., in 1865-66. At the age of thirty-two he was made president of La Grange College, Missouri, for the term of twenty-six years. For him these years have been years of excessive toil and great anxiety. No more unfavorable time could have been found for establishing a college than in the fall of 1866. When he assumed charge of the college it was encumbered with a debt of \$10,000. The building was in the worst repair, and without a dollar in the treasury. He has expended over \$15,000 in paying debts for building and improvements, and the college has now assets to free it from all indebtedness. As an educator Dr. Cook has no superior in the State, as is fully attested by the many prominent men in various professions, whom he has educated. In addition to his college work he has preached almost every Sabbath, and often weeks at a time. His preaching is characterized by simplicity, boldness and 'the faith once delivered to the saints.' He stays in the old ruts of theology, and cares little for modern progressive ideas. He is a 'self-made man.' Intellectually and morally his individuality is strongly marked. He has a general air of frankness, straightforwardness and honesty. May he long be spared to carry on the good work. Since 1866 he has been actively identified with Baptist interests in the bounds of Wyaconda Association, as well as in other societies of the State. He wears very gracefully and modestly the merited title of Doctor of Laws." Dr. Cook has been continuously the president of La Grange College for twenty-one years, and bids fair to be there

as much longer. He is called the "prince of educators" by many capable of judging of his ability and work. Many of the most prominent men of Missouri have been educated under his tuition. The college is now entirely free from debt, has a surplus of several thousand dollars, a good geological collection, fair apparatus, and a library of 10,000 volumes. Dr. Cook's work in Missouri will live long in the future. He has raised an interesting family. His eldest son is pastor of a church in St. Louis, and bids fair to be more useful than his father. Dr. Cook has a beautiful home, where he entertains many friends, and is never more happy than when they are under his roof. He has educated many poor young men and women, and thus has done much to cause him to be honored and loved.

Jacob E. Cooksey, sheriff, was born in Fauquier County, Va., February 10, 1828, the son of Warren and Hannah (Hunsicker) Cooksey, the former of Scotch stock, born in Fairfax County, Va., in 1803, and the latter of German-English origin, born in 1805 in Virginia. The father married in 1826, and in 1835 came to this county and entered 160 acres in Canton Township. He worked at his trade together with farming, in 1841 moved to Tully, and for two years carried on the cooper business and a distillery. In 1843 he returned to the farm, and five years later moved to La Grange, but returned the next year, and died in December following. He owned 110 acres at the time of his death, and was a man who worked from fourteen to seventeen hours per day. The mother died in June, 1886, in California, where she had gone with her daughter in 1871. Our subject, the second of twelve children, was seven and one-half years old when they came to this State. Jacob remained at home after his father's death, and cared for the family until they matured. In October, 1858, he married Imeld, daughter of Dr. Loring and Mary (Smith) Lusk. She was born in Mercer County, Penn., in 1838. Their children are Warren L., John and Nellie. He erected a stave and barrel factory in Canton, in 1854, and for two years manufactured barrels, to the number of 200 per day, and shipped them to Quincy, Keokuk and Warsaw. After five years of dry goods clerking he followed butchering until 1864, and then was connected with a livery stable for two years, after which he bought a half interest, and continued until 1874, when he was elected constable, serving until his election as sheriff in 1884. He has served efficiently ever since. He is a Democrat, has been an Odd Fellow for thirty-seven years, having taken all degrees, and has been a Methodist since 1850. His wife died March 11, 1887.

N. M. Dacon, of Dacon & Hull, druggists and hardware mer-

chants, was born in this county in 1851, the son of John and Mary (Hamner) Dacon, the former of German-Irish descent, born in Bath County, Va., in 1811, and the latter a native of the same State. After his marriage the father came to this county some time in the "thirties," and a few years later bought an estate of 160 acres in Reddish Township. He died in 1857, four years after the death of his wife. Their children are Thomas and N. M. The latter was six years old at the death of his father, and was reared to his eighteenth year by L. A. Rodefer. When twenty-one he became a painter, and so continued four years. July 20, 1879, he married Mira, a daughter of William and Lucy (Caplinger) Fible, and born in Shelby County, Ky., in 1855. Their only child is Victor F. In 1878 our subject became a salesman in Lewiston, and in September, 1886, he and W. E. Hull established their present business. Mr. Dacon is the only registered druggist in Lewiston. In politics he is a Democrat, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. His wife is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Isaac W. Day, farmer, was born in Sangamon County, Ill., in 1828, the son of John and Sarah (Lycan) Day, natives of Culpeper County, Va., and born in 1786 and 1796, respectively. The father moved to Morgan County, Ky., in 1816, and with the exception of two years in Sangamon County, Ill., he lived there until his death in 1855. He was a prominent justice, and a sheriff of Morgan County two terms. The mother died in Moorehead, Ky., in 1883. Our subject, the eighth of twelve children, lived in Kentucky from his second year until his father's death, and in October, 1857, came to Adair County, and two years later to this county. In October, 1860, he married Martha, the daughter of William L. and Eliza J. (Dunlap) Graves. She was born in 1846 in this county. Their children are John W., Polonzo, Charles, George W., Samuel and Dora A. He then located on his present estate, where he has lived ever since, with the exception of five years in Williamstown. The farm embraces 180 acres of fine land. He is a Democrat, whose first vote was cast for Pierce. His wife has been a member of the Christian Church for the last sixteen years.

Dr. William B. Dement was born in Cincinnati in 1820, son of Richard Dement, a native of Maryland, of French origin. The mother, Catherine (McDaniel) is of Scotch stock, and a native of Maryland. The father spent thirty years of his life in the Government service. Both parents are now deceased. Our subject is the second son of eight children. The father went to Washington, where he was employed, and where our subject received a good education. William B. then came to this county,



and was a successful farmer for some time, and after his property was destroyed by fire he began reading medicine under Dr. Hughes, of Canton. Two years later he entered the medical department of the State University, and took a two years' course. Since a short practice in Iowa he has been in this county. He has a fine and lucrative practice, and besides owns a large tract of land. His estate consists of 200 acres in one body, and about the same amount in another, near Canton. Soon after his medical studies were finished he married Catherine, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Threlkeld, a Welsh family. After his wife's death he married her sister, Sarah A. Their children are Sue, William, John, Edward and Stonewall J. The Doctor is a Democrat, and a member of the Masonic lodge.

George O. Devilbiss, farmer, was born in Washington County, Md., July 21, 1813, the son of John and Mary (O'Ferrall) Devilbiss, whose sketch appears in that of Henry Devilbiss. He was reared on the farm, and when sixteen attended school at Winchester, Va. After studying law awhile, he went to Washington County, Md., and learned the tanner and currier's trade, at which he worked until 1839, when he came to Missouri, and continued at his trade for ten years. He then went to Carroll County, after marriage, and the following year returned to this county, and bought land now owned by the county. He followed farming and stock raising, and in 1872 came to his present farm, a fine estate of about 200 acres. In 1846 he married Elizabeth Barnett, a native of Hannibal, and who died December 22, 1881. Their children are Mary, Anna (wife of W. Beaudrew) and Rebecca. Our subject is a Democrat, and his entire family are zealous Catholics.

Henry Devilbiss, farmer, was born July 9, 1823, in Allegany County, Md., one of nine children of John and Mary (O'Ferrall) Devilbiss, the former of Swiss origin, born in 1775, in Maryland, and the latter of Irish stock, born in 1784, in Virginia. They left Maryland in 1839, and came to this county, settling where our subject now resides, and where they farmed until their respective deaths, in 1846 and 1847. Our subject assumed control of the farm, and at the age of twenty-seven married Amanthis E., a daughter of Lucien and Elizabeth (Bourne) Durkee. She was born in July, 1830. Their children are Louisa (the wife of C. Mays), Josephine (the wife of O. M. Towles), Francis M., Elizabeth (the wife of S. J. Mudd), Henry, Mary, Nellie, Katy and Julia. Our subject now has a fine estate of 360 acres, mostly improved. He has filled the office of justice for the past sixteen years. He is a Democrat, but was formerly a Henry Clay Whig. His family are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

F. M. Devilbiss, farmer, was born August 7, 1855, on the place where his father still lives. The sketch of his parents, Henry and Amanthis E. Devilbiss, appears above. Our subject was reared on the old homestead, and finished his education at the Franciscan College, Quincy, Ill. He then returned to the farm in 1876, and the following year began railroading in Saline and La Fayette Counties. In 1879 he returned home, and in 1881 was married, on October 20. His wife, Emma, the daughter of Elisha and Joanna (Bland) Cowgill, was born August 15, 1856, in Clark County. Their children are Joseph F. and Bernard C. His wife was a teacher of the Canton schools for four years, besides one year elsewhere. They continued on the farm until the spring of 1884, when they moved to the farm where they now reside. Our subject now owns a farm of 130 acres north of Canton. He is one of the prominent young farmers of his county. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Tilden. In religion he and his wife are devoted Catholics.

S. P. Doran was born in Iowa in 1853, the son of Simon and Susan (Spicknall) Doran, natives of Ohio. The parents were married in 1847, and the mother was a daughter of Rev. Richard and Annie (Miller) Spicknall, the former a prominent man in church affairs and politics. The parents moved soon afterward to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and in 1854 to Des Moines. The mother came to this county in 1875 with eight children, all of whom are now married. Our subject is the fourth son, and was twenty-two years old when they came to this county. He educated himself by paying his own way in college, and for several years was a successful teacher of Lewis County. He was one of the founders of the *La Belle Journal*, and is now owner and editor of the *Williamstown Banner*. He married Mollie, a daughter of Elisha and Sallie (Selsor) Hicks, natives of Virginia. Their children are Winfield, Elisha, Richard, LeRoy and Mollie B. Our subject became a Mason in 1876. He and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while his political principles are Republican.

Harrison Dowell, farmer, was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1826, the son of Elijah and Mary (Haden) Dowell, the former of English descent, born in 1800 in Virginia, and the latter of German stock, born in Pennsylvania in 1803. The father went to Meade County, Ky., when about ten years old, and, after his father's death, was reared by his brother-in-law, Robert Hall. After his marriage he moved to Hardin County, in 1859 came to Knox County, and in 1881 came to Lewis County, where he died in 1885. Our subject, the second of seven children, left home at twenty years of age, and worked as a carpenter. In 1848

he came to this county, and began his trade in Canton. He was married, in May, 1852, to Margret, a daughter of Howard and Margaret Brown. She was born in Nelson County Ky., in 1829. Their children are Annie, the wife of J. D. Million, and Bessie, the wife of J. R. Burgess. In 1853 he came to Knox County, and farmed and worked at his trade until 1865, when he bought 177 acres, where he now lives. His estate now embraces 337 acres. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Gen. Cass. He is a Mason, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having been so since 1863 and 1857, respectively. He is a trustee of the church, and a highly esteemed man.

E. A. Dowell, lawyer, was born in Knox County, in 1858, the son of Elijah B. and Elizabeth (Henry) Dowell, the former born in Wade County, Ky., in 1828, and the latter in Virginia, in 1835, the daughter of Hugh Henry. The father lived at home until twenty-seven years of age, and in 1855 married and went to Knox County. The mother died in 1866. The father bought an estate of 300 acres in Knox County, and in 1866 located near Williamstown, this county, and three years later married Susan Luckett. Their only child is Mary B. He now owns an estate of 327 acres. He served in the Confederate Army from 1862 till the close of the war, and also served in Shelby's raid of 1863, and Price's raid of 1864, and also served in the quartermaster's department. Our subject, the only child, was educated at Monticello Seminary, and at Kirksville Normal. In 1880 he became a teacher, and two years later was appointed deputy collector by J. T. Hutton. He began law in 1878 under O. C. Clay and J. T. Lloyd, of Monticello. He was admitted in March, 1884, and the following month became a partner with R. Minter, at La Belle. The latter attended to real estate and insurance, and the former gave his attention to law. He was the first attorney of La Belle, and in 1884, was made notary public. December 24, 1886, he married Minnie, a daughter of Joseph Glover, of Newark, and born in Knox County, in December, 1864. Our subject is a Democrat, a member of the I. O. O. F., and Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. W. Duncan (deceased) was born in Boone County, Ky., in 1833. He is the son of Hon. John Duncan, of Scotch origin, and a native of the same State. Our subject was educated at Georgetown College, and in 1853 began reading law under Senator J. Green. He returned to his native State afterward, and finished his studies at the Louisville law school. He then went to what is now Des Moines, Iowa, where he was admitted, and practiced about a year. During this time he married Mattie E., a daughter of Robert and Eliza (Price) Morris, natives of Ken-

tucky, and of Scotch and German descent, respectively. Her father afterward became one of the leading stock raisers of this county. He died in 1858, a member of the Presbyterian Church, while her mother is still living. Before the war our subject practiced law in Alexandria and Monticello. In 1861 he entered service in the Confederate Army, fell ill in Arkansas, and died in 1864. Their children were Joseph, deceased; Selden, a bank cashier, in Compass, Tex.; J. L., druggist, of Denison, Tex.; and Zeta, the wife of Harry Barkelew. Our subject's widow owns a small farm, where her nephew and his wife live with her.

Thomas L. Durkee was born in this county, April 7, 1834, the son of Chauncey and Lucy A. (Lewis) Durkee, natives of Vermont and Kentucky. The father, born in 1803, came to this State with his father, Roswell, in 1808, and located in St. Charles County, where he was killed by the Indians in 1812. He assisted in the surveying of the county, and was one of the company who laid out the town of Canton in 1845. He first helped to lay out the town of Monticello, and was a merchant there, and afterward a miller in this city. He was also a general in the Black Hawk war. His children are Napoleon B., of Lincoln, Neb.; Thomas L.; Julius E., of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Annie E., the wife of Mr. Tasker, of Tombstone, Ariz. The father died in December, 1853. Our subject was fairly educated; in 1846 became a clerk in Canton, and in 1854 established a mercantile business, which he conducted until July, 1861. He then joined Martin E. Green's Northeast Missouri Regiment, serving until September, the following year. In 1867 he became a partner with M. C. Hawkins & Bro., merchants, and in 1870 the firm became Hawkins & Durkee, but in 1876 our subject assumed entire control. He has occupied his present large storehouse since 1870, and has a large stock of staple and fancy goods, notions, hats, shoes, carpets, trunks, etc.; has one of the leading trades of the county, and is probably the oldest pioneer merchant of Canton. October 29, 1856, he married Annie M. Eads, a native of St. Louis County. Their children are Alice B. and Henry K. Our subject is a Democrat, a Knight Templar, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

L. B. Durkee was born January 9, 1842, near Wyaconda Creek, and is the third son of Roswell and Caroline (Hawkins) Durkee. The father was born in this State, and the mother in Kentucky. Our subject lives in this county, as does also one of his brothers; another brother lives in Indian Territory. Our subject lived with his parents until after the death of his father, in 1859, and then entered the Confederate service for three years. He received seven wounds at Oak Ridge, on account of his horse

being shot under him and falling on his leg. He offered to surrender, but the captain ordered them to kill him. They captured him, however, and he, with nine others, was in prison and sentenced to be shot. He cut through the wall with a concealed knife, and for four days traveled without anything to eat except hazel nuts. He is said to be the only man in the county who never took the oath of allegiance. He crossed the plains three times, and worked in the mines in Montana until 1866. In 1867 he married Lucy, a daughter of Nancy (Travirs) Baker. Their children are Pearly, John and May. Then for several years he engaged in the dry goods business, and also farmed from 1868 to 1882. Since then he has been a merchant at Williamstown, and carries a stock of over \$3,000. He has also one of the finest residences in this county. He is a Mason, and politically is a Democrat, while his wife is a member of the Christian Church.

William G. Ellis, farmer, was born in Louisville, Ky., in 1828, the son of William and Sarah (Casseday) Ellis, the former of Welsh origin, born December 27, 1804, and the latter of Irish stock, born in January, 1805. The father lived in Oldham County, Ky., after his marriage in 1827, and was engaged as a merchant there and at Louisville, but in 1836 came to Monticello, and resumed merchandising. He also owned an estate of 160 acres, now owned by J. H. Leeper. Before the war he came to Canton, and established a lumber yard. He followed this until a short time before his death, in 1879. In 1840 he was a member of the Legislature, and also in 1844. He became county judge ten years later, and was re-elected in 1862. January 31, 1830, he laid out the first addition to Canton. He was the first president of the La Grange College, which was organized in 1858. He was also a trustee of Christian University for several years. His wife died in 1874. Our subject, the eldest of eight children, was eight years old when they came here, and he lived with his parents until twenty-five years of age. He was educated at Monticello, and afterward made a trip to California. He drove a herd of cattle through, remained about a year, and returned by way of Panama. December 23, 1853, he married Susan F., a daughter of Howard Roberts, a county judge. She was born in 1832, in Harrison County, Ky., and came to Pike County, this State, in 1834. Their children are Joshua B., Mary K., Sallie M., Lorena G. (the wife of M. Kurtz), William H., John P. and James W. Since his marriage he has lived on his present estate, now increased from 240 acres to 404 acres, and is one of the oldest residents of the county. In politics he is independent. He is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been steward for the past

quarter of a century, while his wife belongs to the Church of Christ. He is postmaster at his home.

George Ellison, attorney at law, is the son of Hon. James Ellison, whose sketch appears elsewhere. He was born in this county December 9, 1841, and was educated at the Christian University of Canton. He read law with his father, and in 1866 was admitted to the bar. Since then he has been in successful practice. In 1874 he became judge of the probate court, and served four years, but declined re-election. He was elected as a Democrat, of which party he is a loyal member. July 10, 1866, he married Elizabeth (Bland) Duncan, who died August 29, 1877, leaving one child—Nillie.

William W. English, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1829, the son of Frosty S. and Nancy A. (Besser) English, the former of English origin, born in Fauquier County, Va., in 1787, and the latter a native of Culpeper County, Va. The father was a saddler and afterward a farmer. In 1833 he came to Ohio, near Zanesville, and eighteen months later came to Marion County, this State. The following year he came to Canton Township, and spent the last twenty years of his life near Williamstown. He died in 1865, and the mother in 1836. His second wife was a Mrs. Brown, *nee* Morrow, also deceased. Our subject, the third of six children, was three years old when they came from Virginia. He lived with his father until his majority, then became a farm hand, at a salary of \$10 per month. He continued this one year. February 16, 1853, he married Sarah A., the daughter of George and Nancy Tate, and born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1833. Their children are Mary C., the wife of W. Anderson; Nancy, A., the wife of B. Craig; Martha E., the wife of J. Glaves; Frances L., the wife of J. Thrasher; Sarah E.; William L.; Elisha W. and Eliza B. He then began farming independently, and since 1865 has lived on his present estate. He began with 160 acres at that date, and now owns 225. He is a Democrat, who first voted for Pierce, and is largely a self-educated man. He, his wife and six children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he has belonged thirty-nine years, and of which he is class leader and steward. He served in Gen. Green's and Gen. Price's commands, from June, 1861, and served six months at Lexington, Athens, and other places.

Hardin N. Eversole was born in Washington County, Mo., in 1822. He is the son of Abraham and Barbara (Dean) Eversole, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German origin. The family of Abraham Eversole, consisting of four boys and two girls, first came as far west as Indiana, and afterward to this State, locating

in Washington County permanently. Our subject lost both parents when quite young, but remained in that county twelve years after his parents died. While a mere boy he made his start in the world working for 25 cents a day, and saved the same till he had \$60, with which he purchased a pony he had long wanted; still worked at the same rates till he saved \$25, and purchased with it a saddle and bridle. He went, some time after, to what is now Texas County, and began hauling logs with an ox team; was afterward engaged in the saw mill business, which he followed till 1848, when he went to St. Louis, and the next year drove a commissary team to Salt Lake City, and after a winter in the saw mill business there went to California, and engaged in mining for two years, 1850-51. He then crossed the ocean, and returned to St. Louis, by way of New York City, in 1853. In 1854 he married Maria, daughter of Joseph and Francis (Bramble) Fleak, of St. Louis. They moved to Lewis County in 1855, and have from that time lived on his present farm, which consists of about 700 acres of well improved land. Their children are Georgie, the eldest, who in 1879 married W. S. Rodefer, of Lewiston, Mo.; Josie, the second daughter, in 1885, married J. R. Gregory, of Kansas City, Mo.; Willie H., the next in age, in the same year married Aggie Blair, a relative of ex-Gov. Blair. The two youngest of the family are still at home, namely, Nettie and Lula. Hardin N. Eversole, as was his father, is a Mason, also an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Anti-Horse-Thief Association. He is a Democrat, and he and wife and their two eldest daughters are members of the Christian Church.

J. W. Ewart was born in Summit County, Ohio, in 1839. He is the third son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Zerbie) Ewart, natives of Pennsylvania. He crossed the plains (to the Rocky Mountains) when eighteen years of age; after returning from the mountains went to Texas. After a short time in Texas he returned to St. Louis, and brought with him some Spanish cattle. After teaching awhile in the southern part of the State, he then went to Tipton, and to Syracuse, where he engaged in the lumber business. While in Syracuse he had charge of the business of McAlister & Beedies, while they were at St. Louis, and succeeded so well that he accumulated several thousand dollars to their credit, which was the beginning of his success. He then engaged in the lumber business at Sedalia, and at the breaking out of the Rebellion went to St. Louis. He then tried to find employment in Alton, Bloomington and Peoria, and finally succeeded at Ottawa, Ill. He then joined the Union Army (Company E, Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry), and reported at Camp Butler, where he was mustered in by Grant. He was sent out with another man to capture a de-

serter, but were themselves captured by the Confederates, held prisoners several months, and then paroled. He served at Corinth and Shiloh. He then went to Nashville, and was in the quartermaster's department, where he served until about the close of the war. He then went to Ohio, and persuaded his father to sell out and come to Missouri. He settled in Lewis County, Mo., where he has resided ever since, and married a daughter of Samuel Matlick, who came to this county in 1865; their children were Florence E., Thomas S., Shirley (deceased) and Claude H. He owns 260 acres of fine land, and pays particular attention to stock raising. He is a Republican, and a member of the G. A. R.

Charles P. O'Ferrall was born in Washington County, Md., December 25, 1814, the son of John and Alice (McKernan) O'Ferrall, natives of the above county and Ireland, respectively. Our subject was reared on a farm, with but little education, and in 1837 came to what is now the Long estate, where the father died in 1846, and the mother the year previous. Our subject is the eldest of four children, and after his father's death, managed the home farm with his brother until the latter's death in 1848. Our subject went to Old Tully, and was engaged in the livery and hotel business two years. He bought 700 acres of timber land in 1840, upon which he still has some valuable timber, and furnished steamers with fuel for four years. January 17, 1855, he married Mary A. Barnett, a native of Ralls County. Two years later he bought 160 acres where he now lives, and has been engaged in farming and stock raising. He has increased his estate to 455 acres, almost all highly improved. He also owns farms in Carroll and Livingston Counties. His children are John C., a Kansas City lawyer; Charles, a St. Joseph physician; Otho G., a real estate man of Kansas City; Alice, the wife of E. S. Monehan, of Kentucky, and Andrew L. and Peter S., farmers. Our subject is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Catholic Church. He is a well-informed man, and fluent in conversation.

N. Ford was born in Clark County, in 1859, son of William and Mary J. (Fretwell) Ford, both of whom were of English descent. The father was married at the age of twenty-four, and, of the ten children born to this union, there were three pair of twins, our subject and Jasper Ford being the second pair. The parents came from Kentucky, and settled in Northeast Missouri, at an early date, where our subject received a fair education. He remained under the parental roof until he reached man's estate, and then taught school for two years in Clark County. After this he engaged in business with his brother, Elijah, in a drug and grocery store at Williamstown, and at the end of three



years he bought out the latter, and has continued independently ever since. His store and a finely selected stock of goods are worth about \$2,500. Besides this he has a neat residence. He was married May 8, 1884, to Sarah R., daughter of David and Fannie (Richard) Hamilton, of Kentucky. Their only child is named William Raleigh. Mr. Ford is a Democrat in politics, is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Ford is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Hon. John W. Forman was born in Bourbon County Ky., October 18, 1818, the son of William and Nancy (Rice) Forman, natives of the same county. Our subject was reared in his native State, and received a good education. In 1836 the family came to near Monticello, and the next year to the "Cooper Settlement" near Memphis, Mo., where he resided until 1856, when he removed to Doniphan County, Kas., where the father died in 1859, and the mother eight years later. The father was the first post-master of Memphis, and for several years a justice. He was a Whig in politics, and he and his wife members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their children are John W.; James F., of Doniphan, Kas.; Harvey W., of Denver, Colo.; Mary L., the wife of Robert S. Kelley, United States marshal of Montana, and Martha A., the wife of Adam Brenner, of Kansas. In 1837 our subject was made deputy surveyor of this county by Judge Richardson, who was then surveyor, and did all the work of that office until 1839, when he became its incumbent and served four years. In 1842, after his marriage, he removed to a farm in Scotland County, and remained one year, when he went to what is now Kansas, in the employ of the Government as superintendent of the Indian Farm at Great Nemaha Agency, but two years later bought out the Indian trader, and engaged in that occupation here until 1854. He then went to Washington with the chiefs of the Iowas, Sacs and Foxes, to aid in making a treaty, and after his return settled on the present site of Doniphan. After ten years there successfully engaged in merchandising and grist milling, and the care of a quarter section of land he had pre-empted, in 1864 he went to Atchison, Kas., where he followed saw milling for five years, and was in the employ of what is now the B. & M. Railway as resident agent. In 1873 he went to Texas, engaged extensively in saw milling, and now has a controlling interest in a large business there of the firm of J. W. Forman & Co., which owns 10,000 acres of timbered land, with mills located on the Texas & Pacific Railway, at Big Sandy. He lived at Dallas, Tex., until 1879, when he came to his present beautiful country residence near Canton, where he spends the summers with his family. September 9, 1841, he married Mary J. Pemberton, a native of Frankfort, Ky. Their only child, Annie

E., is the wife of John Y. Henry, and is living at home with her father. They also have an adopted daughter, Lida E., the niece of Mrs. Forman. Our subject was originally a Whig, and in 1842 was appointed by Gov. Reynolds as judge of Scotland County. In 1855 he represented the First District in the Upper House of the Territorial Legislature of Kansas. In 1860 he was a member of the convention that formed the present constitution of Kansas, and represented a district in Doniphan County during 1862-63-64. Since the war he has been a Democrat. His public life was rather forced upon him than sought for, and of late years his entire attention has been given to his Texas lumber interests. His present farm of 100 acres near Canton gives him some occupation in the summer months as he pays some attention to stock raising. His son-in-law principally manages the farm. Mr. Forman is one of the pioneers of Northeast Missouri, and is justly regarded as one of the most successful, able and public spirited of men.

J. W. Forsee was born in this county in 1836, the son of P. N. Forsee, a native of Virginia. The father was of French descent, and the mother of Scotch-Irish descent, and born in Franklin County, Ky. The mother's maiden name was Gray, and after their marriage in Kentucky, where the father had come from Virginia as a child, they came to Clark County in 1835, and crossed the Mississippi in a cotton-wood canoe. The father lived there thirty years, removing to Adams County, Ill., in 1865. The parents lived with our subject after his marriage until their deaths, in 1877 and 1872, respectively. The father was reared a Whig, but afterward became a Democrat, and for forty years was a member of the Baptist Church, of which he served as clerk and deacon. Our subject began working for his father independently at the age of fourteen; four years later he began teaching, and continued four years in Knox and Clark Counties. January 19, 1860, he married Amanda T. Williams, daughter of Thomas Williams. After marriage he settled in Clark County for four years; then, during the war, spent fourteen months in Canada, and then, after a year in Iowa, went to Adams County, Ill. In 1872 he came to this county, where he now owns a farm of 200 acres and forty acres of timber. Their children are Eliza Tompkins, Maggie, Robert B. and Edward W. His wife died in August, 1872, and in April, 1875, he married Miss Georetta Wilson, a native of Cooper County. They had one son, who died at the age of five and one-half months. After this wife's death he married Johnnie, the daughter of E. G. Moseley, a native of Clark County. Our subject is a Democrat, and has been a member of the Baptist Church for over thirty years.

William Fible, merchant, was born in Shelby County, Ky., in April, 1833, the son of William and Melinda (Guthrie) Fible, the former of German descent, born in Oldham County, Ky., in 1806, and the mother of Welsh stock, born in Woodford County, Ky., in 1811. The grandfather, Joseph, a native of Virginia, went to Oldham County at an early date, where he was a farmer and merchant. He died in 1867, at the age of eighty-five. The father was a farmer in Oldham County, Ky., and died in November, 1832. Five years later his widow married G. B. Wigginton, of Trimble County. She died in 1871. Our subject, the only child, lived with his mother and stepfather till about seventeen years of age, when he left home, and went off to New Orleans with a stock trader. He soon returned, however, to Oldham County, where he did merchants' collecting, and acted as deputy collector for two or three years; married, at twenty years of age, to Lucy, a daughter of William H. Caplinger, in February, 1853. His wife was born in Oldham County, Ky., in 1833. After his marriage he taught school awhile in the same house in which he had attended school. They have six children living: Mira, Willis L., Nora, Annie, Herbert and Arthur. In 1859 he came to Monticello, Mo., and was salesman and bookkeeper for his uncle, Joseph Fible, for about ten years. He then assisted in organizing the Monticello Savings Bank, and served as the first cashier for three years. Since January, 1872, he has been a general merchant in Lewiston, Mo., where he was the first one in that occupation. He has two business houses and a residence in Lewiston, and two grain warehouses also. He voted for Fillmore in 1856, and has since been voting the Democratic ticket. He has, for twenty-five years, been a Baptist, while his wife has been a member of the same church thirty-five years.

Adolphus P. Fishback, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Barren County, Ky., in 1845. He was next to the youngest of nine children of John M. and Elizabeth (Button) Fishback, the former of German ancestry, and born in Virginia. The father went to Kentucky when a young man, and located in Barren County until 1850, when he came to Pike County, Mo. He died two years later, and the mother died at the age of sixty-five years. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Our subject was reared by his mother, and when seventeen began the management of the farm. He had only the ordinary school advantages. The mother came to this county in 1865, and bought a farm near our subject's present home. In 1872 Adolphus P. married Martha J., a daughter of John W. and Sarah A. Robuett. Their children are Anna N., Sarah E. and Walter A. His wife died May 15, 1878, and May 16, 1880, he married her sister, Hettie

M. Their children are William M., Charley and Mary L. He first located on his mother's farm, and in 1880 came to his present estate, which includes the former, making altogether 250 acres. He also owns forty acres of another tract. He is one of the leading farmers of his vicinity, and in politics is a Conservative Democrat. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Andrew Fisher, of Seaman & Fisher, general merchants, was born in Knox County, in 1848, the son of William and Susan (Holliday) Fisher, the former born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1815, and the latter, of German descent, born near Winchester, Va., in 1827. The father was a bookkeeper in the bank of Edinburgh, and in 1835 came with his father, Andrew, to Knox County, and bought a large tract of land. Andrew died in 1863, and William married, and located on the old place, where he owned 320 acres. He died in 1850, of cholera, while on his way to California, and was buried on the plains. The mother married her present husband, S. D. Fresh, in 1857; they live in San Jose. Our subject lived with his mother until of age, was educated at Johnson College, became a teacher in 1869, and afterward clerked in Newark. In 1879 he established a general store there, and sold goods for four years. Five years before, he organized the Newark Savings Bank, with a capacity of \$50,000, and became its cashier. He resigned three years later, on account of health, and returned to the farm. In 1886 he came to La Belle, and started their present firm; they carry a fine stock, worth about \$20,000. April 30, 1873, he married Laura M., a daughter of John and Mary Fresh, and born in Hannibal in 1849. Their children are Mary, Nellie, John H., Andrew M. and Frederick K. He is a Republican, a Knight Templar, and for several years has been D. G. M. of the Second Masonic District.

Phillip P. Gaines was born in Culpeper County, Va., April 12, 1831. He is the son of Richard and Delilah (Walker) Gaines, natives of Virginia, and of English-Scotch descent, respectively. The father was a millwright and machinist, and built some of the finest mills in Virginia. He came to this State in 1837. The father engaged in farming as well as his trade, in this county, and died in 1866, four years after the death of his wife. He was seventy-four, and his wife sixty-two at the time of death. The father left home at the age of twenty-two, and in 1853 drove an ox team to California; after spending three years there quite successfully he returned to this county. After ten years of farming he went to Montana on a prospecting tour, but two years later returned to his present home. In January, 1858, he married Nancy, a daughter of William Legg, who is said to be

the oldest man in the county. Six of our subject's eight children are living: Sarah F., John T., George T., Hattie M., Edmond P. and Mary M. Our subject is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

David Newton Graves, farmer, was born in Pendleton County, Ky., in 1821, the son of Michael and Patsy (Clarkson) Graves, the former of Irish ancestry, and born in Virginia, and the latter a native of Bourbon County, Ky., born about 1801. The grandfather, Michael, Sr., was a native of Ireland. The father came to Pendleton County, Ky., as a young man, and was married in 1819, and died only four years later. He was in the war of 1812. The mother came to this county in 1857, where she died in 1872. Our subject was reared by his mother, chiefly, and with few educational advantages. When nineteen he began farming independently, and caring for his mother. He was married in 1847, to Nancy, a daughter of Graham and Elizabeth Wallace, and a native of Harrison County, Ky. Their children are James H., Elizabeth, John N., Martha, William M., Robert G., and David J. (a lawyer, and present clerk of the State Senate). Our subject came to this county in 1857, and four years later bought 120 acres of his present farm, which now embraces 360 acres of finely improved land. He also owns forty acres elsewhere. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Polk, and is a prominent member of the Masonic order. He and his family are Baptists.

James R. Graves, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Pendleton County, Ky., in 1830, the son of Thomas T. and Elizabeth (Dance) Graves, the former of English descent, born in Virginia in 1792, and the latter of the same State, born in 1800. The father came to Pendleton County, Ky., in his youth, and died in 1843. The mother lived in Kentucky from infancy, and in 1864 came to this county, where she died November 6, 1884. Our subject, the fourth of seven children, educated himself, and lived with his mother from his twelfth year to his majority. At the age of eighteen he began learning the blacksmith's trade, and three years later began independently, excelling especially in horseshoeing. In 1855 he came to this county, and farmed with his brother. Olivia N., the daughter of Nimrod Walters, became his wife October 24, 1858. She was born in this county in 1842. Their children are John T., Mary A. (the wife of P. M. Day), William E., Sarah E., Emmet, Robert C., Charles N., Nimrod, Alma and Albert (twins), Archie, Daisy M. and Franklin P. He came—after six years in Highland Township—in 1863 to his estate of 160 acres, and in 1879 traded it for his present home. He has made four farms in this county, and erected many buildings; he owns at present 400 acres, and is an influential citizen.

He is a Democrat, and voted for Pierce. He is a Mason, and he and his wife and three children are members of the Christian Church, of which he is a deacon.

William M. Glaves, merchant, was born in Lewis County, September 9, 1858, the son of William M. and Mary A. (Wallace) Glaves, the former born in 1820, in Pendleton County, Ky., where he married in 1846. In 1851 he came to this county, and finally became owner of 560 acres of land, and died in August, 1881, as a prominent citizen. The mother, born in the above county in Kentucky, in 1827, has had eleven children. Our subject, the seventh, was educated at La Grange College, and lived at home until twenty-three years of age. January 31, 1884, he married Emma, a daughter of Walton True, and born in Knox County, Mo., in May, 1865. Their only child, Elbert V., was born February 14, 1885. Since April, 1884, our subject has been a merchant at Monticello, the only one in the place, and has met with marked success. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Hancock. He has been a steward and superintendent of Sunday-schools in the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving four years in the latter position. His wife is a member of the same church.

Robert G. Glaves is a farmer and stock raiser. He was born April 6, 1859, in this county, the sixth of seven children of D. N. and Nancy A. (Wallace) Glaves, the former of Scotch-Irish ancestry, born in Pendleton County, in 1821. The grandfather, Michael, was a Virginian, the son of Michael, Sr., a native of Ireland. The younger Michael went to Kentucky, where he married and had two children. He was accidentally killed by a horse, when D. N., the father, was about eighteen months old. The father was meagerly educated, and was married in December, 1847. In 1857 he came to this county, and since 1861 has lived on his present farm, which embraces 360 acres. Both parents are Baptists. Our subject attended La Grange College for one term, and was married December 24, 1884. His wife, Sallie T., is the daughter of John N. and Martha A. Turner, and a native of this county. He has since lived on his present farm which includes 160 acres on Oyster Prairie. He is a thorough business man, and has engaged largely in stock raising. He voted for Gen. Hancock, the candidate of his party. He and his wife are Baptists. The grandfather, Michael, was a lieutenant in the war of 1812, and his sword and watch are in possession of the family of the father, D. N. The watch has served as time-piece for two generations.

Maj. Albert D. Glover, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Mercer County, Ky. He is the youngest of eleven children of

John and Fannie (Taylor) Glover, natives of Virginia, and born in 1778 and 1788, respectively. The grandfather was a native of England, and came to the United States when a young man. The father attended school in his native State, and when a young man went to Mercer County, Ky. He married at the age of thirty, and in 1835 came to Missouri. After two years as a tenant he entered considerable land in Knox County. He served two years as quartermaster under Gen. Harrison, and was in the battle where Tecumseh, the noted chief, was killed. He was superintendent of the penitentiary at Frankfort, Ky., and afterward served four years as sheriff. He was a colonel of militia, and State senator for one term. He died in January, 1857, and the mother followed him September 13, 1865. Our subject was educated at the Masonic College, and began reading law under his brother, Hon. Samuel T. Glover, at St. Louis, and was admitted in 1856. He was practicing at the latter place, when he became captain of Company B, Third Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and in January, 1863, became major. He served in Missouri and Arkansas, and was wounded three times. His first wound at La Grange disabled him for several months. After three years of service his wounds compelled him to resign. In 1860 he was appointed United States commissioner for Knox County. After the war he located on the old homestead, and since 1885 has been on his present estate. After the demise of the Whigs he first voted for Lincoln, but has since been a Democrat. His marriage occurred April 28, 1862, and he has three surviving children.

Thomas A. Graves was born in 1812 in Culpeper County, Va., the son of James and Nancy (Martin) Graves, the former of English stock, born June 5, 1779, and the latter born in Orange County, Va., in 1780. The father married in 1803, in 1815 went to Fayette County, Ky., and in 1832 to Danville, where he lived a retired life until his death in 1857, the year of his wife's demise. Our subject and a brother are the only survivors of ten children. When he was four years old his parents made the removal to Kentucky. He began, when twenty years old, as foreman of a cotton factory in Danville for his father and James Oldham, and continued there about seven years. April 5, 1838, he married Mary Bruce, who was born in Lincoln County, Ky., in 1821. Their children are William H., Thomas, Laura (the wife of W. B. McRoberts), Alice (the wife of James Penn), Mollie (the wife of James Lloyd), James and Robert. In 1840 he came to this county, and bought 200 acres of land, where he soon after settled and has resided ever since. He lost his wife in August, 1863, and the following year married Mrs. Lucinda McRoberts, a sister of his first wife. Our subject now owns an

estate of 360 acres, and in politics is a rather independent Democrat. He is a descendant of Whig ancestors, and first voted for Harrison. He has been supervisor of registration, and township clerk. He and his wife are members of the Church of Christ, of which he has been a ruling elder for twenty years.

William H. Graves, mayor of Canton, was born November 24, 1840, the son of Thomas A. and Mary P. (Bruce) Graves, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The father came from Kentucky to this county with his wife in 1840, and located on his present farm. [See sketch.] Our subject was reared to manhood on the farm, and has been largely self educated. In March, 1863, he engaged in the drug business in Canton, without a dollar of his own, and for twenty years conducted it with unusual success. In 1882 he sold out, and became stockholder, secretary and treasurer of the Canton Planing Mill Company, his present occupation. September 10, 1863, he married Jennie, a daughter of William Montgomery, a native of Maryland. She was born in Ohio, but reared in Kentucky, and married in Bloomington, Ill. Their children are Mary B., William T., Harry B., Charles C., Carrie L., Leta and Virgie. He has been a prominent Democrat, and in 1876 was elected county collector, serving two terms, in which position he inaugurated and perfected the present system of bookkeeping and duplicate receipts, which has saved the county thousands of dollars. For seven years he was a member of the Canton school board. Since April, 1887, he has been an efficient mayor. He has served in Odd Fellowship as Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Master of the State, and Representative of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. He is now G. S. W. of the Grand Encampment. He is also a Knight Templar, having passed all the chairs in the lodge and chapters, and has been Captain-General in the commandery at Canton, since the organization. His high position as an Odd Fellow is due to his thorough knowledge of the order and his zeal in its behalf. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

William L. Graves, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Franklin County, Ky., in 1814, the son of John D. and Catharine (Thomison) Graves, the former of English origin, born in Maryland in 1776, and raised in Virginia, and the latter of Scotch-Irish stock, born in Scott County, Ky. The father was a carpenter, and afterward became a farmer. He went to Kentucky in his youth, and made the trip on foot, with a knapsack on his back. He died in 1848 in Franklin County, Ky. He was married four times, and had nineteen children. The mother was his second wife, and died in 1827. Our subject, the fourth child,



left his father at sixteen years of age, and began the carpenter's trade at Frankfort. In October, 1831, he came to this county, and split rails in part for a salary of \$100 for the first year. He carried the chain in laying out Monticello, and did the carpenter work on the first house of that place. April 16, 1835, he married Eliza J. Dunlap, who came to this county two years before with her uncle Benjamin Williams. She was born in 1819, in Jefferson County, Ky. Our subject's children are Elizabeth; Mary E.; Polonzo; Martha, the wife of Isaac Day; William; Anna E., the wife of J. P. Smith; Fannie, the wife of C. Wilson, and Lucretia, the wife of J. L. Thrasher. The following year he bought an estate of 240 acres, two years later he bought one of 360 acres, in La Belle Township, and in December, 1855, came to his present home, where he now owns 400 acres. He is one of the oldest pioneers of this region. He has led a married life of fifty-two years, and is a highly esteemed citizen. During the war he was unmolested by either side. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Van Buren. In 1854 he became justice, and served until the opening of the war. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church, to which he has belonged for forty-nine years, and of which he has been an elder all that time but seven years.

Hon. James Green, the most prominent character in the individual history of Lewis County, and whose name is so frequently mentioned in these pages, was born in Fauquier County, Va., February 28, 1817. With very limited opportunities he early acquired a good English education, and, later in life, without the aid of a teacher, he mastered the classics and became a good general scholar. When about eighteen years of age he left Virginia, and went to Alabama, where he remained but a short time. In 1836 he came to Lewis County, and a year or two later he and his brother, Martin E. Green, purchased a mill on the Wyconda, northwest of Canton, which they operated for some years, with but little profit. Throughout his early life, and even in later years, Mr. Green improved nearly all his spare time in reading. So industrious was he in this respect that he took up the legal profession, obtaining his books from the attorneys of Monticello and Canton, and in August, 1840, was admitted to the bar in the old courthouse at Monticello. He at once began to practice his chosen profession, and being a natural politician also embarked on that sea. His party admired him, and in 1844, when he was but twenty-six years of age, made him one of the presidential electors, and at twenty-nine he was nominated with enthusiasm for Congress, and triumphantly elected. In 1848 he was re-elected, but in 1850 was defeated, also in 1852. In 1853 he

was sent as minister of *charge d'affaires* to New Grenada. After a year at Bogota he became dissatisfied with his position, owing to the unhealthful nature of the climate, and resigning, returned to Missouri, and resumed his law practice in Monticello. In 1856 he was again elected to Congress, but upon the assembling of the Legislature the following winter, he was chosen United States Senator, to serve the four remaining years of the unexpired term of Hon. David R. Atchison, who had resigned. He at once sprang into prominence, and became a leader of his party in the Senate, and during the campaigns preceding the civil war, he took an active part in the political issues of the day, having allied himself with the different administrations. After Mr. Lincoln's election, in 1860, Mr. Green became a conditional Secessionist. Unless the constitutional guarantees for the security of slavery demanded by the South should be secured, he was for the dissolution of the Union and the formation of a Southern Confederacy to be composed of all the fifteen slave-holding States including Missouri. When it came to the election of his successor by the Legislature, that body did not deem it proper, owing to the pronounced views of Mr. Green, and the disturbed condition of the country, to re-elect him to that office, but instead selected Waldo P. Johnson as his successor. Upon the restoration of peace, Mr. Green removed to St. Louis, and there resumed the practice of law. His fortunes were broken, he had lost his former prestige, and he had a considerable family to provide for. Worse than all he had become a confirmed inebriate, caused by his former political associations in Washington. He died January 18, 1870, in St. Louis, and his remains were interred in the old cemetery at Canton. Mr. Green married Miss Elizabeth Reese, who proved to him a valuable helpmate through life. Hon. James G. Blaine says of him in his recently published book: "No man among his contemporaries had made so profound an impression in so short a time. He was a very strong debater. He had peers, but no master, in the Senate. Mr. Green, on the one side, and Mr. Fessenden (Republican), on the other, were the senators whom Douglas most disliked to meet in debate, and who were best fitted in readiness, in accuracy and in logic to meet him. Douglas rarely had a debate with either in which he did not lose his temper, and to lose one's temper in debate, is generally to lose one's cause. Green had done more than any other man in Missouri to break down the power of Thomas H. Benton, as a leader of the Democracy. His arraignment of Benton before the people of Missouri, in 1849, when he was but thirty-two years of age, was one of the most aggressive and most successful in our political annals."

W. D. Gregory was born April 1, 1837, near Canton, Lewis Co., Mo., and is the son of Inglefield Gregory, and the grandson of Abel Gregory. The father, Inglefield Gregory, is supposed to be of Scotch-Welsh origin, he was one of eight children born to his parents, viz.: Umbleton, Sandy, Inglefield, Smith, Burril, Nancy, Margaret and Lucinda. His first marriage was to Miss Bayne, who died shortly after marriage, leaving no issue. He next married Miss Margaret Davis, a native of Kentucky. Five children were born to this union, all deceased except our subject. The father took for his third wife E. Branum, who bore him three children, two now living: T. I. and D. E. Sandy Gregory was sheriff of Lewis County at an early day; Smith Gregory was sheriff of Johnson County in 1861 and 1862, and Umbleton was justice of the peace and judge about the year 1840. Our subject's paternal grandfather came from Virginia to this county at an early day, 1820, and was a prominent citizen.

William T. Griffith, farmer, was born in Virginia in 1835, the son of Jehu and Martha (Ingram) Griffith, natives of Virginia. The grandfather, Daniel, was a Virginian, of Welsh origin, and served in the war of 1812. In 1833 the father married. He had few advantages of education, and, in 1867, came to this county. He died in July, 1886. He was a prominent man, a farmer, and served as justice. He was elected to the Legislature under the old constitution, but the new constitution required a new election, and he was defeated. The mother was born in January, 1809, and is still living. She has been connected with the Baptist Church since her thirteenth year. Our subject received few advantages of education, and on reaching his majority became a tobacconist. In 1859 he went to Texas, and afterward served four years in the Confederate Company A, Nineteenth Texas Cavalry, under Col. Ben W. Watson, and served in the southwest. In one engagement his horse was shot from under him. After the close of the war he returned to Texas, and in 1886 went to Virginia, and married Julia A., daughter of Andrew J. and Caroline Syms. He started west, intending to go to Texas, but some of the family feared the southern climate, and decided on this county. Our subject left his wife here with his parents, and spent about two years in the Pacific and Rocky Mountain territory. He was successful in his mining adventure, and after his return he bought his present estate of 400 acres of choice land in 1881. Politically he is a Democrat, and voted for Buchanan. Their children are Walter and Blanche.

Frank H. Gross, jeweler, was born in Louisville, Ky., August 22, 1859, the son of Theodore and Anna Gross natives of

Germany. The former is still a resident of Louisville. Our subject was educated at that place, and also learned to read and write German. In 1872 he came to Canton, and learned his present trade, with his brother-in-law, Joseph Goessler. In November, 1882, he began business for himself in Canton, and has been in his present rooms about a year, the most handsomely finished ones of the kind in Northeast Missouri. He carries a large stock of solid and plated ware, watches, clocks, jewelry and diamonds, and makes a specialty of watch making and repairing. October 16, 1883, he married Lona Metz, of Quincy, Ill. Their children are Carl R. and Clarence E. He is a Republican of the liberal order, and a member of the Odd Fellow's fraternity.

James L. Grubbs, farmer, was born June 23, 1838, in Marion County, the elder of two children of Thomas M. and Louisiana (Roy) Grubbs, the former of English origin, born in June, 1808, in Virginia, and the latter of Irish stock, born in April, 1809, in the same State. They were married in Shenandoah County, and in 1833 came near the present site of Taylorsville. After farming ten years he sold out, and rented for about three years, when he bought a farm near Gilead. In 1865 he moved near La Grange, where they lived until their deaths in 1875 and 1877, respectively. Our subject was educated at the college of La Grange, and when twenty-three enlisted in Company B, of Green's cavalry regiment, but in 1862 was transferred to Company A, of the Tenth Regiment. He was paroled at Shreveport June 10, 1865. He was at Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove and on the Red River expedition. He served during the summer of 1862 east of the Mississippi, at Corinth and other places. He returned home, and in May, 1866, married Eunice, a daughter of Zachary and Elmira (Fish) Stevenson. He left the old home in March, 1884, sold out, and moved to his present residence. His wife was born September 18, 1843, in Kentucky. Their children are Thomas Z., William C., Florence and Everett S. Our subject has a fine estate of 168 acres, well improved. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Douglas. He is a member of the Masonic and A. O. U. W. lodges, and a trustee of the latter. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

John A. Guseman was born in Preston County, W. Va., in October, 1833. He is the son of Jacob and Christianne (Wolf) Guseman, the former a native of Martinsburg, W. Va., and of German descent, and the latter a native of Shenandoah Valley, Va., and of Dutch descent. The parents spent their lives in our subject's birthplace. The father was a man of various abilities, and was occupied with grist-mills, carding

machines, merchandising, farming, etc. The father was injured in the knee in early life, but succeeded notwithstanding. He reared and aided a family of nine children, and at his death left an estate of several thousand dollars. He was a Mason, and in politics a Democrat. The father and mother died at the ages of ninety-one and ninety years, respectively. Their son, Abraham, is the fifth of nine living children. He lived with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age, and was educated at Kingwood Academy, West Virginia. He lived in Preston County for about six years, excepting one year's travel in the Northwest. In 1858 he married Rhoda, a daughter of William and Mary Conner, natives of Preston County, W. Va., former of Irish, latter of Pennsylvania Dutch origin. Their children are Jacob O., Charles D., Mary C., Emma L., Elma C., Rosa M. and Floy R. In 1865 Abraham came to this county, where he has since lived.

Judge William Hagood was born March 3, 1799, near Rogersville, Tenn. He was reared on a farm, and learned the tanner's trade, and in his younger days served as constable in his native county. In 1826 he married Matilda Galbraith; they had two sons: Leonidas and DeWitt O., the latter deceased in infancy. In 1829 he kept a hotel in Hawkins County, and in 1830, with two other families, he went to Hannibal, Mo., by flatboat and steamer, the trip occupying from March 3 to April 17. He and his family were located in Marion County for two years, and in January, 1833, came to the vicinity of La Grange. He bought 160 acres of land, soon after entered forty acres, and purchased eighty acres, and finally 240 acres from the State. He was justice of the peace from 1834 to 1861, and was again elected in 1870, and served until 1874. He was also a judge of the county court from 1838 to 1846. From 1851 until the war, he was in the lumber trade, at La Grange. March 25, 1875, he lost his wife, and has since lived with his children, of whom there are three sons and one daughter living. The parents, James and Martha (LaMar) Hagood, were reared and married in East Tennessee, where the father died in 1840, and the mother during our subject's infancy.

Albert N. Hahn was born in this county in December, 1849. He is the son of Adam Hahn, who was born near the Rhine in Germany. The father came directly to this county, where he has lived over half a century as a farmer. His wife, Amanda S. (Tryon), is a native of Pennsylvania. Our subject was educated at a commercial school, and lived with his parents until twenty-seven years of age. He was then engaged on a farm five miles east of Williamstown, for about five years. Since that time he has

lived on his present estate, which is situated near Benjamin. It is a well-improved farm of 120 acres. He holds to the principles of the Republican party, and is a member of the Christian Church. His sister, Eliza S., cares for his bachelor home.

Nathaniel R. Hall, farmer, was born in New Albany, Ind., in 1821, the eldest of three children of Charles and Mary (Richardson) Hall, the former of Irish ancestry, and born probably in Kentucky, and the latter, a native of the same State, born in 1800. The father moved to New Albany, Ind., and worked as a carpenter for about one year, when he returned to Kentucky, and died about 1825. The mother survived him thirty years. In 1829 she married R. Reddish, and moved to what is now this county, and in 1854 located where our subject now resides. She was a pioneer, and a devoted member of the Christian Church. Our subject was fairly educated, and in 1855 married Mary J., a daughter of James and Elizabeth Christie, natives of Virginia, where she was born. She died about three months after marriage, and in 1859 Sarah, a sister of his first wife, became his wife. She was born in 1840. Their children are James C., Francis P., Charles L., Mary E., John D., Emma H., Eliza P., Malinda L., Nathaniel R. and Virginia. Our subject bought 400 acres of land, his present estate, at \$2 an acre, in 1840. Farming and stock trading have been his chief occupation, and he has succeeded remarkably in both. His farm is highly improved and cultivated. For six years he was deputy sheriff, and has been a lifelong Democrat. He first voted for Polk. He is a member of the P. of H., and he, his wife and two children are members of the Christian Church.

Carl Hamann was born in Holstein, Germany, in 1826. He is the son of Henry and Christianne Hamann, natives of Germany. Our subject came to this county in 1856, and brought with him his aged mother, and settled near Monticello. The mother died six years later, at the age of sixty-seven, while the father had died in Germany. Our subject then moved to Monticello, and began working at his trade as a brick mason and plasterer, and continued for some years. While on the farm he married Margaret E. Hudson, a native of Tennessee. Their children are John H., William F. and Carl W. The second son is preparing for the ministry, and the third is attending the Kirksville Normal. Our subject's wife died in 1868, and two years later he married Mrs. Rachel Johnson, the widow of Moses Johnson. Our subject is an excellent workman, and also has a fine farm of 320 acres, well stocked and improved. He is Independent in politics, and is a member of the Lutheran Church. His first wife was a Baptist, and his present wife and two sons are members of the Christian Church.

**J. Hamilton** was born in Harrison County, in 1828, the son of Andrew, a native of Virginia. The father was a stone mason in Kentucky, and in 1835 came to this county, where he resided until his death. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Christian Church. Our subject was seven years old when he came to this county with his father. When twenty-one he worked for his father and brother also, and lived at home until thirty-two years of age. He then married Sarah, a daughter of David Ragan, a native of Kentucky. Their children are William, Nancy, David, Andrew, Rufus, Margaret, Susan, Dora L. and Sterling. After six years in Dickerson Township he came to our subject's present home. He spent five months in the war under Col. Green and a brother-in-law, Capt. Newman. He now owns a fine estate of eighty acres. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Christian Church.

**Robert B. Hamner**, of the firm of Hope & Hamner, livery and feed stable owners, was born in Monticello in 1855, the son of Thomas and Martha A. (Dacon) Hamner, the former, born in Bath County, Va., in 1822, and the latter in the same county in 1825. The father was a shoemaker, and in 1838 came to this county, and resumed his trade at Monticello. He died in 1857, and his widow two years later. Our subject, the youngest of six children, was but three years old when his mother died, and was reared by Robert A. Beddow, of Monticello. In 1868 latter returned to his native county (Henry County, Ky.). Our subject lived with him until his ninth year, when he began working in a brick yard at 50 cents per day. He then became an apprentice to a carder and weaver, in Eminence, Ky., but four years later, on account of ill health, he gave it up, and at the age of fifteen returned to this county, where he began stage driving between Canton and Edina. For four years he worked on the Q. M. & P. Railway as brakeman and baggage master. In February, 1874, he married Melinda L., a daughter of David and Sarah Rodefer, and born in this county in 1855. Their only child is Florence P. After a few years of farming, and two seasons of dairy business, he became partner in his present business in November, 1885. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Tilden. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**John P. Hampton** was born in Fauquier County, Va., October 17, 1827, the son of James and Susan F. (Peyton) Hampton, natives of Virginia, and both deceased in our subject's childhood. John P. came with Henry Peyton, the maternal grandfather, in 1839, locating in Clark County, where our subject was reared. He served as deputy clerk six years, and as county clerk and circuit clerk, each for the same length of time.

In 1865 he engaged in the lumber trade at Alexandria, and since 1867 has been so engaged in Canton, where he has met with marked success. In 1855 he married Mary R. Musgrove, a native of May's Lick, Ky. Their children are William D., Thomas, Elizabeth, (wife of W. S. Pemberton, of Los Angeles, Cal.,) Susan P., Mary T. and Annie B. Our subject is a Democrat, but before the war was a Whig. He is a Master Mason, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Bigger J. Hardin was born on his present farm July 27, 1838, the son of Thomas A. and Nancy E. (Head) Hardin, natives of Washington County, Ky., where they were reared and married. The father came to this county in 1835, entered 160 acres of our subject's present land, and his family followed the next year. He was a successful deer hunter, and died in 1844, leaving a wife and six children. Our subject, the only son, was reared on the farm, the only support of his mother from the age of fourteen until her death in August, 1873. Her children were Elizabeth, the wife of R. W. Bayne, of California; Jane, the present wife of J. Kaster; Harriett, the wife of Levi Auker, of Sacramento, Cal.; Josephine, deceased wife of the late J. Naylor, of Illinois; Ann R., the wife of A. J. Stout, and our subject. Before his marriage the latter spent the years 1865-66 prospecting in the Northwest as far as the British possessions. November 1, 1870, he married Mary A., the daughter of John White; their children are James H., Lutie B., Mollie W., Nellie J. and Ann E. Our subject is an active Democrat, while his father was an old line Whig, and a magistrate. Our subject has been secretary of the school board for fifteen years, and overseer of roads for five years. He and his wife are prominent members of the Christian Church, of which he has been a deacon since the establishment of his congregation at Buena Vista. He is a Master Mason. He owns 244 acres, forty of which is rich bottom land, on which is one of the best residences in the county. He is a director and stockholder in the Bank of Lewis County. He has an itemized merchant's account, belonging to his father, dated June 20, 1837, and including some items of interest.

John Huffman Hardin, president of Christian University, was born November 1, 1848, in Trimble County, Ky. His parents were poor, and he received but little education in youth, but afterward acquired a collegiate classical education by his own efforts. In September, 1868, after having attended a high school in his own county for two terms, he taught a country school, and then spent three years in Kentucky University. He then became professor in Columbia (Kentucky) College, where he continued the



study of Greek and other branches under the president of the institution. He afterward further continued his studies in Missouri University. In August, 1864, he became a member of the Christian Church, and began preaching before he was twenty years of age. In 1871 he was ordained to the ministry, and served one year as evangelist for the Eighth Missionary District of Kentucky, and then was pastor at Columbia, one year. After two years at Madison, Ind., he was pastor for two years at Mexico, Mo. While attending Missouri University he was chosen Sunday-school evangelist for the Christian Church in Missouri, and continued in this position for four years. He resigned this work in 1882 to become pastor of the Christian Church at Hannibal, Mo., and in June, 1886, accepted his present position. The institution is already greatly improved under his management. December 8, 1870, he married Willie A. Doolin, of Lexington, Ky. Their children are Mattie C., William Q. and Allie L. *The Disciple of Christ*, a prominent church periodical published at Cincinnati, says, "Mr. Hardin is a constant reader and close student of the Bible, and most of his themes are suggested by the Scriptures themselves. His sermons are carefully written, for fullness of thought and freshness of phraseology, yet they are generally delivered without the aid of manuscript. His delivery is graceful, at least easy and natural. His style is plain, illustrative, sympathetic and hortatory. He has been quite successful as a preacher to children. He devotes much time to pastoral visitation, and considers it a great aid to his ministerial success." He is now approaching the prime of life, and in his chosen double work, that of preaching the gospel and the education of the young, he has before him a career of usefulness calculated to inspire the heart of any enthusiastic man to noble efforts.

Dr. Madison C. Hawkins was born in Bath County, Ky., July 19, 1818. At the age of twelve years he removed with his parents, Gregory and Sarah Hawkins, to Missouri, and settled near the town of Tully, in what is now Lewis County. Pioneer life afforded but little opportunity of developing the fondness for books, early evinced by the young subject of this sketch; his school education was accordingly limited to the curriculum of the log schoolhouse, from which he graduated at the end of a few midwinter terms. Circumstances, rather than any decided taste in that direction, led him to pursue the study of medicine under old Doctor Alfred Frazier, an early practitioner of Lewis County, who lived some seven miles south of La Grange. After attending the Lexington (Kentucky) Medical College during the years 1842 and 1843, he returned to his home in Lewis County,

where, within the few years of his practice here, he easily pushed his way to the front ranks in his chosen profession. In 1843 he was married to Miss Phebe E. Rees, in whom he found throughout the course of his subsequent life a helpmeet possessing in an eminent degree all those qualities of mind, graces of the womanly character, that stand as a tower of strength to further the husband's most cherished enterprises. Their union bore no issue, but an adopted daughter, now Mrs. F. L. Schofield, whom they reared and educated, shares with her, who still survives, the cherished memories of husband and foster-father. In 1847 Dr. Hawkins removed to Camden County, where he engaged in the practice of his profession some four years, during which time he also represented that county in the General Assembly of the State. In 1858 he returned to Lewis County, determined to abandon the profession; it afforded inadequate scope for his aggressive and enterprising spirit. At once launching important mercantile and manufacturing enterprises, he also commenced and pursued with great delight the study of the law. After a preparation of several years he attended the Cincinnati (Ohio) Law School, in 1853 and 1854, and, returning, practiced at the bar of Northeast Missouri with success and distinction, till within a few years of his death. Having accumulated a competency, he retired from the practice and from active business, about 1870, but not to devote his remaining years to aimless leisure. About this period new problems were engaging the scientific world, which, if solved after the formula then fast gaining popularity, must needs demand some important changes in the current interpretation of the Bible. Dr. Hawkins, profoundly believing that the Holy Bible and the book of Nature were but the handwriting of a single author, determined to dedicate the years that remained to him to labor on the side of those who maintained that science was indeed the handmaid of the religion of God, and between whom there was and could be no conflict. Here he pursued his studies with great zeal and devotion. His writings upon the subject were on the main fragmentary, a number of which were collected and published for private circulation after his death. Unfortunately, however, several of his most important and able papers were lost. While thus engaged he collected, at his own private expense, a museum of natural history for the college at Canton. He was a Democrat in politics, but aside from making a race for Congress at a time when there was no hope for electing a Democrat, the Drake constitution being in force, he never sought political preferment. He was a prominent Freemason, very active in church, in Sunday-school and educational matters, being president of the board of trustees of Christian

University, and of the board of education of the town of Canton, for a number of years. Public-spirited, far-sighted and courageous, he led in enterprises, public and private, and perhaps did more than any other one man in promoting local interests and building up his town. A prominent characteristic was his interest in a sympathy for young men, ever ready to aid with his counsel as with his purse; he placed many on the high road to a successful career, who must otherwise have utterly failed. The leading literary society in the university bears his name. He died April 15, 1872.

Felix A. Hawkins was born in Bath County, Ky., in 1820. He is the son of G. F. and Sarah (Cannon) Hawkins, both natives of Kentucky. They came to this State, and settled near Canton, where they lived until their death. Our subject followed farming for two years after he began independently, and then began brick-making with his uncle, Harvey Hawkins, and continued for many years. He has been on his present farm for some time. It is a fine estate of about 200 acres, and nicely situated. In 1849 he married Sarah E. Blessing, the daughter of David and Nancy (Tarter) Blessing, both natives of Virginia, who moved to Lewis County, Mo., forty-four years ago. To our subject and wife were born these children: Roswell H., James H., Susan I., Frances M., Perry M., William L., Jacob B., Milton G., an infant unnamed, Edward M. and John W. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and his estimable wife is a member of the Christian Church.

John W. Hawkins, M. D., was born in Bath County, Ky., May 15, 1828, the son of Gregory F. and Sarah (Cannon) Hawkins. The father came to this State in 1830, and located on a farm near Canton, where he died. Our subject attended select school, and for a time taught in the country. When eighteen he began reading medicine under the late Dr. M. C. Hawkins, his brother, and others. In 1854 he graduated from the American Medical College of Cincinnati. Since then he has been practicing with deserved success at Canton, where he stands high in his profession, and for the last twenty years taught anatomy, physiology and hygiene in Christian University, at Canton, Mo. September 20, 1853, he married Mary A. Coryell, a native of Indiana. Their children are Amy, the wife of N. J. Cameron, of Saline County; Sallie, the wife of J. H. Findly, of Harper County, Kas.; Mary L.; John J., a physician; Carrie A., the wife of W. S. Perrin, of Platte County; Elizabeth and Cornelia W., the latter being the wife of R. B. Preston, of Larned City, Kas. Our subject has been a Democrat since the war, but, before, advocated Whig principles. He has been a member of the County Medical Society for twenty

years, and is Past Master of Canton Lodge, No. 100. He and his wife and all their children are members of the Christian Church. The Doctor is the oldest male inhabitant of Canton and the township, and is a highly esteemed man.

Milton H. Hawkins, president of the Bank of Lewis County, was born in this county, October 11, 1834, the son of Gregory F. and Sarah (Cannon) Hawkins, already made mention of in above sketches. Our subject was reared with country advantages, and followed stock dealing for several years after his majority. During 1865-66, he was in Montana, mining and prospecting; he then engaged in merchandising and produce dealing for about five years—both together until 1872. In 1875-76 he was in California, but returned and resumed farming. In September, 1885, he came to Canton, to educate his children. He is one of the incorporators of the bank of this county, and has been vice-president since November, 1885. From May, 1887, he has been its president. October 18, 1870, he married Ellen (Devilbiss) Sublett, a native of this county. Their children are Hubbard A., Cora B., Ella C., Jessie D. and Milton H. Our subject is a Democrat, a Mason and an Odd Fellow.

Lowry W. Hawkins, postmaster, was born in Lewis County, May 30, 1846, the son of Lewis C., and Mary (Beard) Hawkins, natives of Woodford and Fayette Counties, Ky. The parents were reared and married near Lexington, and, in 1827, came to this State, and located on the site of Hannibal. They afterward came to this county, and settled near Lewiston, but, in 1864, the father finally became a lumberman in Canton. He was a Whig before the war, and a county judge of those times. He was county assessor also, several terms. He was a Democrat, a brother in the Masonic order, and a member of the Christian Church. The mother still survives him, now aged eighty-two years. Their children are Moses J., of Shelby County.; Oscar D., a newspaper man, of Harrisonville; Martha O., the wife of H. W. Purpin; David M., a cotton and commission merchant, of Cincinnati; and our subject. Lowry W. was fairly educated, and has spent the most of his life in the dry goods business, having been a salesman for over twenty years. He is a Democrat, and was appointed to his present office by President Cleveland, March 10, 1887. December 12, 1872, he married Mary W. Anderson, a native of Pike County. Their children are Mildred D., Emma W. and Harry J. Our subject is a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W.

Lewis Hawkins (colored), farmer, was born in Bath County, Ky., in 1829, the son of Jordan and Dorcas (Fletcher) Hawkins, natives of Bath County, where they were reared and married, and

where they died when our subject was about ten years old. The father was born a slave to William Ersmith, and the mother was owned by a Mrs. Wilson, until about fifty years of age. She then bought herself for \$400, by borrowing the money at 12½ per cent interest of a Mr. Mitchell, for whom she afterward kept house, at a salary of \$75 per year, until she paid both principal and interest. At this time she was living with her second husband, William De Shay. They removed to Missouri in 1867, where the mother died in December, 1885. Our subject was owned by Mrs. Wilson until sixteen years of age, when he was inherited by her son. He was afterward sold to a Mr. Johnson and a Mr. Fox, whose property he was at the emancipation. He was married, about 1854, to Angeline Travis, who was owned by Mr. Small, of Mason County, Ky. Their children are Mariah (the wife of J. Miller), Martha, Iowa, William, Lewis, Drusilla, Frederick, Angeline and Emma. In 1864 he moved to Brown County, Ohio, and the following year to Marion County, and farmed as a tenant for five years. He then bought forty acres of his present estate, which now embraces 146 acres of well-improved land. He is a man of business ability, has been very successful, and is recognized as a leader among people. He is a Republican, and cast his first vote for Gen. Grant. His entire family are prominent members of the Baptist Church.

Dr. Stephen E. Haycraft was born in Lewis County, in 1848, the second of eleven children of Capt. Samuel M. and Mary J. (Briscoe) Haycraft, natives of Elizabethtown, Ky., born in 1822 and 1827, respectively. The father was of English origin, the son of Rev. P. N. Haycraft, whose sketch appears in that of E. M. Haycraft. Samuel M. received a good education, and was a fair Latin scholar. He came to this county with his parents, and about 1842 located in Highland Township. In 1854 he went to Grundy County, and remained eleven years. He then came to this county, and at his death owned 600 acres. He was a strong union man during the war, and became a captain in the militia. He returned home in 1865, when he and a friend in the army were made rival candidates for Representative, and both agreed to use no personal influence on the election. He was defeated, however, and, it is said, by fraud. He was captain of an expedition of 150 men who captured the famous Ballou guerillas. He died October 14, 1886, of blood poisoning from an injury. Both parents were prominent Baptists; the mother is still living. The Doctor was educated at Lindley, this State, chiefly. In 1868 he married Alice, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Brookover, of Williamstown, W. Va., where she was born. Their children are Mary L., Hattie A., Ella B., Margaret E., Sallie, Gracie and Hal-

bert. He first spent about twelve years in Salem Township, when he entered the drug business at Steffenville. In 1884 he entered the Quincy College of Medicine, and graduated in 1886. He immediately began practice in Minneapolis, but the following year came to Steffenville, where he has already a large and lucrative practice, and is a promising young man. Greeley received his first vote, and he still holds to Democratic principles. For eighteen years he has been a Baptist. His wife was a graduate of Marietta College, Ohio, and died July 22, 1884. She was also a faithful member of the Baptist Church.

E. M. Haycraft, farmer and stock raiser, is the youngest of six children of Rev. Presley N. and Elizabeth (Kennedy) Haycraft, the former of English and Dutch origin, born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1797. The grandfather, Judge Samuel, was a Virginian, born September 11, 1752. He served in the Revolution as an orderly sergeant, and was engaged by the Government in boating for a time. While at Pittsburgh he married Margaret Van Metre, and in 1779 they all started for Kentucky, and settled in what is now Hardin County. He built a fort, which he used as a pioneer home. He served for many years as sheriff, judge of quarter sessions, and assistant judge of the circuit court, at Elizabethtown. In 1801 and 1809 he represented his county in the Legislature, and was one of the most highly respected pioneers. He died October 15, 1823. The great-grandfather, James, was a sailor in the British Navy, and as his vessel touched the Virginia shore, about 1740, he concluded to remain in the country. He and his wife died a few years after their marriage, leaving James, Samuel and Joshua, who were reared by Col. Nevil. Samuel began for himself at his majority, and served in the Revolution. The father attended common school, and was married September 3, 1818. Ten years later he moved to Scott County, Ill., where he remained until 1835. Since then he has been in this county, excepting one year in California, and since 1853 has been in Salem Township. He was a Baptist minister, ordained about 1834, and was engaged in missionary and pioneer ministerial duties, over forty years. His retirement was a great loss to the church. Our subject was born in Morgan (now Scott) County, Ill., in 1834, and since childhood has lived in this county. He was compelled to care for the family at an early age, and was deprived of educational advantages. In 1859 he went to Colorado, for eighteen months worked in the gold mines, and then returned. He entered the Confederate service in 1862, in Capt. Hicks' Company, and after about two months they disbanded, and he returned to Illinois, and a year later to his home. He was married, in October, 1877, to Rhoda,

a daughter of Hiram and Jane (Kincaid) Terrill, of Marion County. Their children were Rowena, Leona, Hermie (deceased), Edna A. and Kittie S. He has lived on the old homestead ever since, engaged as a successful farmer. The estate was originally 120 acres, and now embraces 300. He voted for John Bell, but since Whig times he has been a Democrat. He is a Mason, and he and his wife are Baptists.

George W. Heckrodt, farmer, was born in Adams County, Ill., in 1853, the fifth of eight children of Martin A. and Mary A. (Zange) Heckrodt, natives of Germany, and both born in 1820. They came to the United States, and were married in Adams County, Ill., at about the age of twenty-four. The father had learned the wagon-maker's trade, but followed farming chiefly. He died in 1882, and the mother still lives on the old farm. Both adopted the faith of Luther. Our subject attended common schools, and left home at the age of twenty-four. In 1878 he married Matilda, a daughter of Fred and Rachel Hufnagle, natives of Germany. His wife was born in Adams County, Ill. Their children are Lillie E., Charles E. and George H. He lived in Adams County until 1882, and since then has lived on his present farm, a well-improved estate of eighty acres, near Steffenville. His first vote was for Hayes, which indicates his Republican tendencies. His wife is a member of the Christian Church.

Oscar Helbig, M. D., was born in Saxe-Weimar, Germany, in 1834. He was educated at Jena, in a medical school, and in 1864 came to St. Louis, where he also attended medical lectures, and began practice soon after in Franklin County. A year later he went to Bay City, Mich., but in 1868 went to Dodge County, Wis., and spent two years. Since 1870 he has been in La Grange, where he has had a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the Lewis County Medical Society. In 1864 he was married to Louise Bockey, a native of Bavaria, and they have reared four sons and four daughters. The father, Godhold H., a native of Germany, was mayor of Neumark, Germany, for many years. He died in 1846, and the mother, Eva Jahn, also a native of Saxe-Weimar, died in 1884. They reared two sons and two daughters, one of the latter now deceased. The father's brother is at present a hotel proprietor in Bay City, Mich.

Elder D. P. Henderson, eldest son of James and Margaret (White) Henderson, was born in Fayette County, within three miles of Lexington, Ky., on May 18, 1810. His grandparents emigrated from the State of Virginia to Fayette County in 1782 or 1783, and the father of the subject of this brief sketch was among the first male children born in Lexington; probably the first. His ancestors on all sides were Scotch, some of whom set-

bled in the North of Ireland. He was placed in school at the age of six years, and at the age of seventeen his teacher gave him a certificate of qualification in all the branches of an English education, including geometry, trigonometry, engineering, surveying, navigation, etc. In January, 1829, he adopted the profession of a teacher, and continued teaching until failing health caused him to abandon the schoolroom. In company with his father and uncle, Archibald, he left Kentucky May 1, 1831, and arrived in Jacksonville, Ill., May 12. In the fall of 1831, with his father and family, he settled in Morgan County, near Jacksonville. Ill health caused him to return to Kentucky in June, 1832. In July he was baptized by Elder Barton W. Stone, near Georgetown, Scott County, and took membership in the Christian Church, in Georgetown, Ky. In September he returned to Illinois, in company with Elder B. W. Stone, and Dr. M. A. Feris. In October, 1832, the Church of Christ, in Jacksonville, was organized with eighty-seven charter members. He was one of the number, and commenced public speaking in November of that year, and from that day until the present his life has been devoted to the cause of Christianity, the salvation of sinners, and the up-building of the church. Having studied the elementary principles of jurisprudence, he entered the clerk's office under Dennis Rockwell, then clerk of all the offices in Morgan County, and for many years attended to the business. His fellow citizens, without his solicitation, presented him the office of judge of probate, which he accepted and filled for four years. He was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Smedley, in Jacksonville, by Elder Barton W. Stone, on January 19, 1837. In 1841 he became partner and associate editor of the *Christian Messenger*, a religious monthly, with Elder Stone, whose death in November, 1844, left him alone, to fill out the remaining time to their subscribers. In the month of May, 1848, he visited Missouri with his wife and adopted daughter, Mary Ellen Johnson, and preached almost daily in the counties of Marion, Monroe, Howard and Boone. During this visit he was invited to take the pastoral charge of the Christian Church, in Columbia, Boone Co., Mo. He accepted the invitation, and entered upon the work in February, 1849, remaining until the spring of 1853. He was the projector and chief laborer in obtaining from the Legislature of the State a most liberal charter for the Christian Female College, to be located in Columbia, Mo., to place females upon an equal footing with the males, so far as a liberal education was offered to the youth of the Nation. The subject of this sketch traveled extensively through the northern portion of the State, delivering lectures on female education, and



succeeded in raising funds to start the college on a firm basis. That institution is an ornament to the State, and a blessing to the females, hundreds of whom have received, meritoriously, their diplomas. Before leaving Columbia, in conjunction with able scholars and philanthropists, he determined to erect a substantial building for the co-ordinate instruction of the sexes, in which both male and female students could pursue the same course of studies, recite in the same classes, and be free from political and religious partyism and changes, which too often occur under legislative administrations. Canton, Lewis Co., Mo., was selected as the site for such an institution, and the building was completed in 1856. James Shannon, LL. D. the distinguished scholar, was elected president of the university, with an able corps of professors. The Legislature of the State having granted a very liberal charter for Christian University, located near Canton, Lewis Co., Mo., the subject of this sketch traveled and labored to build up the institution on a firm basis. For his labors and marvelous success he has never received a cent. "*Pro bono publico*" is his motto, and he looks for a heavenly reward. In 1853 he removed his family to Canton, and devoted himself to raising funds for the university, traveling, lecturing and preaching. As the president of the board of trustees, he chose Elder Jacob Creath, of Palmyra, to travel with him, and their success, both in Illinois and Missouri, was most gratifying. In 1855 he was called to be pastor of the Christian Church, corner of Fourth and Walnut Streets, in Louisville, Ky. During his pastorate, without solicitation, or his knowledge, he was nominated, and his name sent to the Senate of the United States, by the President, and confirmed consul to Carrara, Italy. He declined the honor, and remained at his post until the year 1868. He resigned his charge in Louisville, and was appointed corresponding editor of the *Christian Standard*, published in Cleveland, Ohio. On this mission he visited Washington City, D. C. The struggling band of Christians in that city was reorganized during the winter, and he remained there until June, the church having obtained his release from the *Christian Standard*. He left Washington City, met his family in Jacksonville, Ill., and accepted an invitation to become the pastor of the Christian Church in Chicago. He removed his family from Louisville, in October of the same year, and entered upon his pastoral labors. He remained in Chicago until July, 1870, when he returned home to Canton, Mo. While in Chicago he organized the Central Christian Church, and, soon after his removal to Canton, he was called to St. Louis, where he organized the Central Church, and preached for that church nearly two years. He was unwilling to

remove his family from Canton, and resigned his pastorate in St. Louis. Since then he has preached for many churches, holding protracted meetings, and spending nearly six months in Oakland and San Francisco, Cal. He was president of the board of trustees of Christian University for fifteen years, and resigned, having succeeded in raising in lands, bonds, notes and money, more than a million of dollars. But the civil war swept away the prospects of the endowment, and left only the building, apparatus, and campus. During the war he was secretary of the United States Sanitary Commission, one of the hospital inspectors, and labored day and night for the relief of the afflicted. His wife died January 7, 1875, in Canton. Her remains are interred in Diamond Grove Cemetery, near Jacksonville, Ill., where in youth she and her husband were married, and held their church membership.

W. H. Henderson was born in Augusta County, Va., October 23, 1816. He is the son of Robert and Hannah (McClung) Henderson, natives of Virginia, and of Scotch-Irish origin. The father was a carpenter, but made farming his principal occupation. He died in 1828, and the mother followed him several years later. Our subject began for himself at the age of twenty-three, and made a trip to Mississippi, where he spent the winter. The following spring he came to this county, and worked on the farm for \$15 per month. After about nine years in this way he purchased 300 acres of his present farm, which he has now increased to 460 acres. In 1842 he married Nancy L., a daughter of John McCuthan. Their children are Hanna E., Virgin A., Robert J., William S., Joseph, McC. and Nancy L. His wife died in September, 1854. On the 24th of April, 1855, he married Susan A. Montgomery, daughter of Nathaniel and Martha Montgomery, of Clark County. His children by her are Martha A., Nathaniel M., Helen T., James B., Ida L., Matilda F., Franklin W. and Mary S. This wife died in September, 1874, and on November 16, 1875, he married Sandusky Mitchell, of Pike County, daughter of John and Patsy Mitchell. He is a Democrat, and is a member of the Masonic order.

Walter B. Henton was born September 29, 1840, in this county, the son of Alexander K. and Mary (McHenry) Henton, natives of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively. The father came to this county in 1832, and was a prominent pioneer farmer for many years. He died in 1851 in California, and the mother in 1872. Their children were Elizabeth, the late wife of J. B. Kurtz; Mary J., widow of G. E. C. Marks, a Confederate officer; Amanda (deceased wife of G. A. Mayberry); John W. (M. D.), of Montana; Walter B.; Katharine (deceased wife of E. Bozarth);

Sarah M., the wife of J. A. Mitchel, and Alexander M., of Wichita, Kas. Our subject was fairly educated, and attended the La Grange College, and also the old seminary of Canton, and the public schools of Monticello. In 1861 he came to Canton as a merchant's clerk for five years, and in April, 1866, became a partner with W. H. Graves, in the drug business, continuing until 1880, when he conducted the business alone for a year. Having been instrumental in organizing the Bank of Lewis County, in 1884, he became its cashier, serving until the present in a faithful manner. September 25, 1866, he married Lizzie, a daughter of Perry Nichols, of Canton. Their children are William W., born July 3, 1867, a bookkeeper for F. R. Condit; Daisy M., born in November, 1871, and Ora L., born in August, 1882. Our subject is a Democrat, and has served in the city council and on the board of education. He is a Knight Templar, and a member of the I. O. O. F. He and his wife are Baptists. For two years he was State secretary of the Baptist Sunday-school Association, and has been local Sunday-school superintendent for sixteen years. He is recognized as a man of irreproachable character.

Joseph Hildmann, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Germany in 1858, the only child of Joseph and Sophia (Webber) Hildmann, who never left the fatherland. The father was born about 1837, and received a good education. He was married twice, his first wife being the mother of our subject. He was president of several manufacturing corporations, and was a leader of the fire department of Freiburg. He was prominently engaged in the oil business, and in agriculture. He died about 1877, and the mother, born in 1841, died when our subject was but two weeks old. Both parents were Catholics. Our subject was educated at the citizens' high school, at Freiburg, and when sixteen became bookkeeper in a large establishment, but after about two years he spent the same length of time as an employe on Bismarck's large farm. His knowledge of America led him to come here in 1878, and he at once went on a farm in Adams County, Ill., where, with exception of the year 1880 spent in his native country, he remained until 1882, when he came to this county, and bought his present estate of 160 acres. It is finely improved, and lies near Lewiston. He is one of the most promising young farmers of this region. In September, 1882, he married Marie C., the daughter of Charley and Marie Baugard, of Quincy, Ill. Their only child is Joseph. Our subject is a Democrat, and a Catholic, and his wife is a member of the Lutheran Church.

David M. Hibbard was born in Monroe, N. H., October 20, 1840, the son of Horatio and Johanne (Moulton) Hibbard, both natives of New Hampshire. Our subject was reared and edu-

cated in his native State, and for four and a half years was a sailor. In 1861 he joined Company G, Second New Hampshire Volunteers, and served two years. He then followed blacksmithing in New Hampshire until 1872, when he came to Missouri, and engaged in saw milling, at Canton, with Brooks & Cummings, until 1881. In 1883 he engaged in his present grist-mill business. The company is known as the Crescent Roller Milling Company, and was incorporated July 21, 1884, by D. M. Hibbard, A. B. Sipes, A. J. Smith, A. D. Lewis, A. F. Poulton and R. L. Agee. The two last have sold out, and Reuben Brown has become a stockholder instead. The first mentioned is president, the second, superintendent and miller, and the third, secretary and treasurer. This was the old Olive Mill, which was bought out by Hibbard and Sipes; and, in 1884, the present company put in seven sets of Stevens rolls, and furnished the mill with the Hungarian system, making it one of the best mills in the county. with a capacity of 150 barrels per day, and giving employment to seven hands. They have a large local market, and also ship to St. Louis. September 24, 1864, he married Sarah C. Fisk, of New Hampshire, and their children are Cleon M., George F., Josie L. and Fred C. Our subject is a Republican, a Knight Templar, and a leading man of his city.

George E. Hinson, farmer, was born in 1822, in Harrison County, Ky., the son of George and Jane (Williams) Hinson, the former of English-Scotch origin, born in 1776, in Fauquier County, Va., and the latter a native of the same county. The father made thirteen flat boat trips to New Orleans in his youth, and returned on horseback. In 1794 he went to Harrison County, Ky., and in October, 1835, located where his son George now resides. His death, in 1843, was caused by falling and striking the back of his head. The mother died in 1861. Our subject, the fifth of eight children, was thirteen years old when they came to this county, and lived with his parents until their death. March 13, 1849, he married Henrietta, the daughter of Morton and Tabitha (White) Bourn, born in Virginia in 1788 and 1790, respectively. Her parents came to Kentucky, and in 1830 settled near La Grange, Mo., where the mother died eight years later, and the father in 1856. His wife was born in 1828, in Kentucky. Their children are Amanda A., the wife of E. J. Thompson; Demarious, the widow of W. Robinson; Morton B.; William P.; Rebecca, the wife of T. H. Brightwell; Alma, the wife of R. L. Brightwell; Beauregard and Charles W. Our subject lived on the old home place, and bought out the heirs as he could, and now owns 275 acres, and has given 120 acres to his children. He and his wife are among the oldest pioneers. He

has been a Whig and Democrat, first voting for Henry Clay. He is a Mason, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church. He enlisted in the Mormon war of 1828, and in the Iowa boundary line war, two years later.

Robert Holloway was born in Virginia in 1822, the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hunsicker) Holloway, the former born in 1793, in Virginia, and the latter, of German origin, born in Virginia in 1803. The father was a farmer, and in 1834 came to a place now owned by his wife, Mrs. Sallie Holloway, in Canton Township. He was the owner of an estate of 220 acres, and was one of the early settlers of this county. He enlisted in the war of 1812, but was too late for service. He was noted as a hunter. After the death of his first wife, in 1855, he married Sallie Job, *nee* Edwards, also of Virginia. Our subject, the eldest of eleven children, was twelve years old when they came to this county. He left home at his majority, and went to Louisiana, where he engaged in raising cotton. In 1850 he went, by way of Panama, to California, but was compelled to go by land through Mexico, in a company of about 600 persons, and occupying about six months on the trip. After mining until 1853 he returned by water, and stopped in Louisiana as an agent for a large cotton plantation, receiving a salary of \$25. The war at this time made great havoc with his business, but after peace was declared he again resumed his work for three years. In 1860 he bought his present estate of 320 acres, and eight years later settled upon it. The place now includes 480 acres. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Polk. He is a member of the Grange.

John T. Holmes, loan and real estate dealer, of the firm of Agnew & Holmes, was born in Marion County, in 1848, the son of Thomas J. and Mary J. (Coons) Holmes, natives of Kentucky, and born in 1832 and 1825, respectively. Our subject lived at home until thirteen, and in 1862 went with his grandfather, T. J. Holmes, to Newark, and became a clerk in his uncle's store. In 1865 he hired to his partner, and in 1867 became a member of the firm. In 1870 our subject was at Kansas, as cashier and assistant bookkeeper for Bullne, Moores & Emery, and in 1871 he worked for T. J. Lycan, in Edina, and finally, in 1872, again became a partner with Mr. Agnew. They carried a fine stock, and a large trade, and for twelve years have done a large and satisfactory business. In September, 1872, he married Henrietta, the daughter of H. V. and Isabella Flagler, and born in Peoria, Ill., in 1853. Their children are Floreen F., Maisy B. and John T. He has been real estate and loan agent for the last three years. He is a Mason, and an Odd Fellow, and his wife is a member of the Christian Church.

Frank Homrighausen, farmer and stock dealer, was born in Prussia, in 1840, the son of Frank and Mary (Riedesell) Homrighausen, both born in 1806, and married about the age of twenty-one. They passed their entire life in their native country. The grandfather, Frank, was a well-to-do farmer. The mother died in 1874, and the father in 1876; they were both Presbyterians. Our subject received a good business education, and at the age of twenty-three entered the army as a corporal. He came to the United States in 1867, and for seven years was employed on a farm in Randolph County, Ill. He came to this county in 1873, and, excepting one year, has been remaining here ever since. In 1874 he married Mary, a daughter of Casper A. and Martha E. Steffen, natives of Adams County, Ill. Their children are Caroline and M. Kate. His wife died in 1880, and the same year he married her sister Caroline. Their children are Lewis F., Anna L. and George H. Since his first marriage he has lived on his present estate, which embraces 350 acres, and is one of the finest in all the county. He is a Conservative-Democrat, and voted for Greeley. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, while his wife is a Baptist.

John C. Hottel was born in Harrison County, Ind., in 1840, the son of Gideon Hottel, a native of Shenandoah County, Va., of German descent; the mother's maiden name was Kendle, and her native State, Tennessee. The father went to Indiana in an early day, and in 1845 moved to Lee County, Iowa; after six years there he came to Clark County, and spent twelve years, and in 1863 moved to California; he spent about twenty years in that State, and then came to this county. The mother died in 1885, at the age of sixty-nine years, but the father still lives at the hale old age of seventy-six years, and makes his home with his children. Our subject is the second son of four children, all of whom have lived to be married. He was but five years old when the family went to Iowa; he received a good education in Clark County, chiefly. At the age of fourteen he was kicked by a horse, which has affected him through life. He began as an apprentice in a plow factory at Athens, at the age of eighteen, and continued until 1861. The following year he entered the Confederate service, and after having a horse shot from under him in a skirmish he was detailed as a mechanic. After the war he moved to Bunker Hill, in this county, and followed blacksmithing for seven years with success. It was here he married N. E., a daughter of Washington and Harriet (Graham) Morgan, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Tennessee. After the birth of their child, Hattie B., our subject moved to California; two years later he went to live with an uncle in Iowa, and after the

latter's death, came to his present home, where he has been engaged in farming. Since 1886 he has been a judge, elected as a Democrat. He is a Mason, and a member of the A. H. T. A., while he and his wife are members of the Christian Church. His second and third children are Lena and Ada L. He has a splendid estate embracing over 360 acres.

Joseph Cyrus Hubbard, farmer and stock dealer, was born in 1838, the fifth of six children of Elijah and Nancy (West) Hamilton, natives of Kentucky. They were married in that State, and then removed to this county. The father was a farmer and merchant, and was twice married, his last wife being Sarah Bickett, to whom he was married in 1841, soon after the death of his first wife. He died soon after his last marriage. Our subject was early left an orphan, and was adopted into the family of Elijah and Polly C. Hubbard, by whom he was reared and educated, and whose name he bears. In 1861 he joined Col. Green's regiment of State troops, and, after nine months of service, ran the blockade from Quincy, and made his way to Chattanooga, where he joined Gen. Bragg's command, and after the fall of Vicksburg he joined the command of Gen. J. E. Johnston, and with him remained. He served at Championville, Vicksburg, Shiloh, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, in the Atlanta campaign, and many other places. He received eight gunshot wounds—in the right shoulder, back of the head, left side, right knee, right hand, right arm, right thigh and hip, the latter of which disabled him from further service, and from whose effects he has never fully recovered. After his return he began studying medicine, and in the year of 1866 he entered McDowell College, at St. Louis, and graduated three years later. He was then so improved in health that he preferred to return to his old calling as a farmer and stock raiser. He has been very successful, and now owns a farm of 275 acres. September 1, 1869, he married Mrs. Sarah S. Sublett (*nee* Barclay). She died in 1871, and three years later he married Matilda, a daughter of Andrew and Betsey Williams. She was born in this county in 1835. Our subject has been a Democrat since the demise of the Whig party, and first voted for Bell. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, which he joined thirty-two years ago. Our subject has lead a temperate life in every respect.

Louis Huebotter, farmer, was born in Germany in 1826. He is the third of seven children of Henry and Anna Huebotter, also natives of Germany, where they spent their whole lives. The father was born about 1797, and served under Gen. Blucher at the famous battle of Waterloo. He died in the prime of life, while his widow lived to an advanced age. Our subject received a

good education in his native land, came to the United States in 1847, and landed in New Orleans. He soon came to near St. Louis, where he worked on a farm for a time. He then went to Fort Madison, Iowa, and was married in 1849. His wife, Minnie Urban, was also a native of Germany. Their children are Minnie, the wife of A. Knapp; Lizzie, the wife of H. Meyer; Louisa, the wife of A. McElhiney; Lewis H. and Henry L. After a time at Fort Madison, in saw milling, he moved to Pontoosuc, Hancock, Co., Ill. He ran a saw and flouring mill for two years, and for seventeen years was proprietor of a hotel. In the meantime, he and Mr. Schramm built a large flouring mill at the cost of \$10,000. In 1871 he sold out and went to Quincy, where he again engaged in the same business. Since 1873 he has been in Lewis County, where he has adopted farming, and now owns over 340 acres of fine land. His estate is well improved, and shows an able manager in its owner. He is a Republican, who first voted for Fremont, and is a prominent Mason. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

W. T. Hull, of the firm of Dacon & Hull, druggists and hardware merchants, was born in Knox County, in 1858, the son of William M. and Lovina A. (Rowe) Hull, the former born in Pennsylvania, in 1826, and the latter in Dearborn County, Ind., in 1831. The father came to Hamilton County, Ohio, when five years old, and about 1850 settled on his present estate in Knox County, where he owns 300 acres. Our subject, the third of six children, was educated at Oak Lawn College, in Knox County. At the age of twenty he entered upon a career of six terms as a teacher. He was principal of the Lewiston graded schools, in 1886-87, and was very successful. March 19, 1884, he married Edda, the daughter of Samuel and Amanda (Buckner) Rodefer, and born in this county in 1867. Their only child is Rowland R. In April, 1886, he came to Lewiston, and established the hardware store, and in the following September, the present firm was formed. They have a fine stock of hardware, tinware, stoves, cutlery, barbed wire, pure drugs, groceries, cigars, tobaccos, etc. They have a large trade, and are a successful firm. Our subject is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William T. Humphrey, farmer and stock dealer, was born in Harrison County, Ky., in 1832, the second of eleven children of Henry M. and Rebecca (Wallace) Humphrey, natives of Kentucky, and born in 1809 and 1811, respectively. The grandfather, William, a native of Virginia, was born of Irish parents. Henry was married about 1830, five years later moved to Rush County, Ind., and in 1839 came to his present residence. The mother died



in 1875, and both were members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Our subject received pioneer advantages of education, and in 1853 married Elizabeth F., a daughter of William and Emily Smith. She died in 1858, and in 1859 he married Mary S., a daughter of David and Sarah Rodefer, and born in 1840, in this county. The children by his first wife are William H., Mary J. and James T., and by his last wife, David G., Alice, Jesse S., George W., John R., Rebecca E., Alexander R., Cora E., Mattie C. and Amelia B. Our subject has lived in this county, excepting a few months in Rush County, Ind., since he came with his parents. After renting, several years, he finally, in 1885, located on his present estate of 270 acres, which is highly improved, and on which there is a fine residence. In 1862 he joined Capt. Hicks' Company of Confederate Volunteers, served at Kirksville and Walnut Grove, and after an unsuccessful attempt to get south, they disbanded. He went to Quincy, Ill., where he was arrested by the Federals, and taken to LaGrange, and afterward to Palmyra, where he was paroled by the Provost-Marshal, on bonds to the city limits. He was afterward released by the Confederate troops, but he refused to leave until his bonds were released. The Federals occupied the city, and in retaliation for a supposed Confederate murder, selected ten men to be shot, and our subject was one of the number. The petitions of his wife and friends, however, and the payment of \$300 secured his release. For several years he has been president of the F. M. B. A. He has been a Whig and a Democrat. He is a prominent member of the F. & A. M., A. O. U. W., and P. of H. He and his wife have long been members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and for twenty years he has been Sunday-school superintendent, at Corinth.

John M. Hutchison, farmer, was born in Monroe County in 1846. He had four brothers and five sisters, and is the fourth child. His parents, Joshua and Ellen (Murphy) Hutchison, were natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively, the former of Irish origin, born in 1819, and deceased in 1873, and the latter born in 1822, and deceased in 1880. The father was married in 1840, and nine years later came to this county. He made this his home, with the exception of two years in Marion County and one in Clark County. He was a successful farmer. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The common schools furnished our subject with an education, and in 1867 he married Alzada, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Cason, and a native of this county. Their children were James R., Perlonzo C., Albert L. (deceased), Eva (an infant, deceased), Rufus E., John E. (deceased), William (deceased), Elizabeth

(deceased) and Milton. He remained in Union Township until 1870, since when he has been on his present farm, which consists of 160 acres, and which belongs to his wife and children, all being well improved and cultivated. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Seymour.

James T. Hutton, grocer, was born at Portsmouth, Ohio, May 27, 1832. In October, 1847, they came to La Grange, where he learned the marble trade. He followed this until about 1859. After several years of clerking he became deputy-collector, in 1877. He continued this for six years, when he became collector for a term of four years. In March, 1877, he began his present business. E. M. Hatten, a native of Marion County, became his wife in October, 1864. Their daughters are all living, and one is a graduate of La Grange College. His wife died in 1859, and he afterward married Mrs. J. V. La Fon, a native of Western Virginia. They have had two sons and four daughters. He is a member of the F. & A. M. and of the I. O. O. F. fraternities, while he and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. The father, James T., was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., where he was reared, and married Elizabeth Degear. They moved to Portsmouth, and then to Illinois, where they died in 1853 and 1854, respectively. The father's family was of Irish origin, while the maternal ancestry of our subject was French. The father served in the war of 1812.

William N. Jenkins, farmer, was born in Nelson County, Ky., in 1842, the son of George W., Sr., and Martha (Cravens) Jenkins, the former of Welsh-Scotch descent, born in Kentucky in 1809, and the latter of English stock, born in Nelson County, Ky., in 1820. The father left his native county after marriage, and lived in his wife's native county until his death in 1874. The next year the mother moved to Scotland County, near Memphis, and a year later came to this county, where she has lived with her children. Our subject, the eldest of ten children, was educated in Kentucky, and in 1861 came to Scotland County, where he lived until his father's death. In 1865 he went with his mother, brothers and sisters again to Scotland County, but, three years later, came to this county. In 1871 the brothers bought 254 acres in Lyon Township, and, in 1884, a division was made, giving our subject eighty acres. In March, 1873, Mary E., the daughter of John J. and Frances Board, became his wife. She was born in 1852, in Loudoun County, Va. Their children are Brisco, George J., Virginia B., Hattie, Renie and Leotte. In 1877 our subject settled where he now lives, and his estate embraces 260 acres. He is a Democrat, and first voted for McClellan, and is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

James Jenkins was born in Nelson County, Ky., in 1849. [A sketch of his parents appears in the history of our subject's brother elsewhere]. Our subject came to this State, and the following year located in Lewis County, where he has been ever since, excepting three years in the Nevada Mountains. He made two trips there, from 1872 to 1876. Since then he has been farming, and has been on his present estate since 1885. He was married in 1880 to Abbie A., a daughter of Warren Leslie, of Kentucky. Their children are Gertie A. and Maynard F. Our sketch is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

George W. Jenkins, farmer, was born in 1852, in Nelson County, Ky., the son of George W., Sr., and Martha (Cravens) Jenkins, who are mentioned in the sketch of William N. Jenkins. Our subject is one of ten children, as follows: William N., John, Franklin, Percilla, James, George W., Charles, David, Wesley and Mary. He was thirteen when they came to this State, and the following year located in this county. In 1876 he went to Nevada, but in 1880 returned. November 20, 1881, he married Lizzie J., a daughter of John Fisher, and born in this county in 1861. Their children are John F., Jesse B. and George W. In 1871 the Jenkins brothers bought 254 acres, and, in 1884, George W. received 154, on which he erected, in 1886, a good dwelling, at a cost of \$1,500; one of the most beautiful situations in this region. He is a Democrat, and he and his wife are Missionary Baptists.

D. B. Jeter, postmaster, was born in Marion County, October 14, 1850; he came to La Grange in 1858, and in 1872 graduated from La Grange College. He had charge of the Alexandria schools for three years, and, from 1875 to 1884, superintended the La Grange schools. He then entered the drug trade with J. B. Sudduth, and June 22, 1885, took his present office. He was married, August 1, 1878, to Dora P., a native of Alexandria, Mo., and a daughter of C. D. Eberhart, a grocer at that place. Our subject is an Odd Fellow; he and his wife are of the Baptist persuasion. The father, A. F., was a brother of the noted J. B. Jeter, a Baptist divine at Richmond, Va., and author of "The Baptist Mirror." He was pastor of the First Baptist Church at that place for thirty years. The father graduated from Hampden Sidney College, and also from Philadelphia and St. Louis Medical Institutions. He practiced in Virginia, and also at Palmyra, Mo., and in 1858 came to La Grange. In 1855-56 he represented his county in the Legislature. He had a large practice, and lectured before the Keokuk Medical School. He died February 3, 1862. The mother, Sarah B.

Dudley, was a native of Kentucky, and a relative of Col. Dudley, who was killed at Fort Meigs in 1812. She died July 14, 1886. Our subject is the only son in a family of three children. The Jeter family are of Scotch origin, and the Dudleys came from English stock.

Dr. W. S. D. Johnson was born in Scott County, Ky., in 1824, the son of John S. and Lucinda (Poague) Johnson, the former, of Irish stock, born in Scott County, Ky., in 1792, and the latter in Mercer County, Ky., in 1796. The grandfather, Joseph, was a native of Ireland, and served under Washington in the Revolution. He was an eccentric man, who never allowed laughing at his table, never became in debt, never wore boots, and although a Christian, did not belong to any church. In 1828 he came to Marion County, and died in 1842. The father located near Palmyra, and bought eighty acres, and died in 1862. His first wife died in 1838, and his second wife, Sarah F. (Haley), survives him. Our subject, the third of seven children, was educated in Marion County, and in 1845 came to this county, and engaged in teaching. He began the study of medicine under Dr. Polonzo Conduitt, January 6, 1846, and after four years with him, and a course of medical lectures at Jacksonville, Ill., and at McDowell's College, St. Louis, he graduated at the latter in 1850. December 19, of the same year, he married Rebecca, a daughter of Elisha and Sarah Williams, and born in Kentucky in 1830. Robert is their only living child. The doctor began practice in 1848 near La Grange, and in 1860-61 attended lectures at what is now Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tenn., and regraduated in 1861. His wife died in 1860, and March 2, 1865, he married Sarah F., a daughter of Rev. T. J. Starr, a member of the Missouri Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South, and born in Jacksonville, Ill., in 1839. He has been a successful physician at La Belle since 1871, the next oldest in the county. He bought 320 acres near and in La Belle, forty acres of which he gave to the railroad. He is a Democrat, a Mason, chairman of the First District Medical Association, member of the County Medical Association, and of the State Medical Association. He is steward and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to which his wife also belongs.

Hamilton Johnson was born in Culpeper County, Va., July 20, 1830, the son of Clayton and Mary (Miller) Johnson, natives of that State. The father came to Perry County, Ohio, in 1834, and there lived until his death. Our subject was reared near the home of the Shermans and Gen. Sheridan. At sixteen years of age he left the farm, and learned the tinner's trade,

which he followed in Canton from 1851 to 1854. He married then, and bought out Harlan & Son, his former employers, and conducted the business as Johnson & Co., with his father-in-law and brother-in-law. Five years later he began his present business, and since 1869 has occupied his present store room with a large general hardware and tinware stock. He controls a large share of the county's trade. Mary Clow, a native of Leeds, England, became his wife June 3, 1854. Their children are Allett D., Carrie J. (the wife of H. Ferguson) and Hattie L. Our subject was a Union Whig during his early years, but since the war has been a Republican. He assisted in recruiting a company for the Thirty-ninth Missouri regiment, and was a member of the home guards. He has served four terms as city recorder, several years on the city council, twice mayor of Canton, and in 1869 was an unsuccessful candidate for county tax collector, but ran 300 votes ahead of the ticket. He was an organizer of the first public school of Canton, and is now one of the board of education. He is a Knight Templar, is W. M. of the Masonic lodge, and has passed all the chairs in the I. O. O. F. Lodge. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is probably the oldest business man now doing business in Canton.

John W. Johnson, farmer and blacksmith, was born in Pendleton County, Ky., in 1833, the third of eight children of Jeremiah and Jane (Humphrey) Johnson, born in the above county in 1809, on October 5 and October 9, respectively. The grandfather, Nelson, came to this county in 1835, and located near Monticello as a farmer. The father was reared in the above county, and married in 1830. He removed to this county with his father, and in 1844, went to Canton, where he engaged in blacksmithing. He was a captain in the militia, and started to help to adjust the Missouri-Iowa boundary line question, but which was settled before his arrival. He died in January, 1849. He held to the Methodist faith, while his wife belonged to the Baptist Church. Our subject remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age, and received a good business education. In his youth he was the main support of his father's family. He was married in 1857 to Christenah, a daughter of William and Frances Cave. She was born in Marion County in 1836. Their children are Frances Mary, the wife of F. M. Wagner; Rebecca, the wife of J. S. Shackelford; Walter D.; Edna; William; Jerry; David and Abner. He lived for a time at Barr's mill, and since then has been on his present farm, with the exception of three years at Durham, where he has been engaged in blacksmithing. Farming has been his chief occupation, and he has also been suc-

cessfully engaged as a teacher. In 1878 he became a justice, but resigned about a year later. He was reared a Whig, but since the war has been a Democrat. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and he, his wife, and six children are members of the Baptist Church.

James H. Johnson, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Marion County in 1832, the son of James and Ruth (Risk) Johnson, the former of Irish stock, born in Scott County, Ky., and the latter of the same county, born in 1802, and deceased in 1881. The father, who was a farmer, moved to Indiana, and about 1830 came to Marion County, and bought 160 acres of land, where he died in 1840. The mother afterward married W. S., a brother of her first husband. Our subject, the fourth of five children, was about eight years old at his father's death, and remained with his mother until the age of twenty-nine. He came to this county when fourteen years old, and December, 1861, married Sarah E., a daughter of Elder John and Elizabeth F. Shanks. She was born in 1838. Their children are Bettie R., the wife of John C. Bumbarger, and James H. Since 1866 he has lived on his present farm, now increased from 120 to 460 acres. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Fillmore. He is a member of the Grange, and he and his entire family are members of the Church of Christ, he for the past twenty-five years, and his wife for thirty-nine years. He has been a deacon for four years.

Jacob C. Jones, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1828. He is the eighth of ten children of Capt. Asher and Mary (Coleman) Jones, the former of Welsh ancestry, and born in Virginia in 1785. The grandfather was a spy in the Revolution, and some years after settled in Ohio as a farmer. Asher went with him, and for several years was a keel boatman on the Ohio and Kenawa Rivers. He volunteered as a captain in the war of 1812, but, owing to sickness, did not serve. He located in Belmont County, and in 1843 came to this county, and spent the remainder of his life near Canton. The mother was born in Pennsylvania, and died January 7, 1886, in her ninety-second year. Our subject was fairly educated, and after the death of his father, the support of the family fell upon him and an elder brother. In 1850 he started with a cattle train to California, and was over five months on the journey. After some success at mining, he returned by way of Panama and Cuba. Soon after he and his brother-in-law and brother erected a flouring and saw mill, south of Canton, and familiarly called Jones mill. In 1856 Fanny E., a daughter of Obediah and Martha Koch, became his wife. She is a native of Monroe County, Ohio. (Her parents

were natives of Pennsylvania and England, respectively.) Their childrens are Mary M. the wife of W. Gordon; Fanny E., the wife of W. H. Turner; Charles A.; William H.; Addie M., the wife of J. W. Anderson; Lottie H.; Reuben J. and Jessie L. He soon sold his mill, and went to Moundsville, W. Va., where he had married, and engaged with his father-in-law in merchandising. After two years of this, and on a farm near by, he went to Ohio, and three years later bought a farm in Washington County. He has been in Lewis County since 1876, and is now the owner of 190 acres of valuable land, besides ninety acres in another tract. He took a course in bookkeeping, which has been of service to him, and during his travels he kept a journal. He is a thorough business man, and a successful farmer. Pierce received his first vote as a Democrat, but since the war he has been a Republican. He is a prominent Mason. His entire family, with two exceptions, are Baptists; one is a Methodist.

James Kaster was born near Hodgenville, Ky., February 13, 1824, the son of Nathan and Nancy (Gray) Kaster, natives of Kentucky, where the mother died in 1842. The father married again, and in 1855 came to Missouri, and died ten years later in Adair County. Our subject was reared with country advantages, and in 1853 came west to Missouri. He located in Schuyler County, where he bought land in 1854. He married Mary A. Henton, of this county, and settled on the above farm. In 1865 he came to this county and purchased eighty acres, where he has since lived, and has added land from time to time, until he now owns nearly a section of the best prairie land. His success is due largely to his ability as a stock raiser. He also has ninety-five acres in Adair County. His first wife died March 30, 1879, leaving the following children: Louisa D., the wife of J. A. W. Rogers; Mary J., the wife of T. A. Davis; Richard W.; Nathan P.; Minnie B., the wife of W. Bland; James W.; Cora A.; Alexander and Bettie. October 31, 1833, he married Jane Hardin Bowers, the daughter of Thomas Hardin, deceased. He and his wife are Baptists, as was also his former wife. Our subject is a Democrat.

Rev. William Kaylor, minister, farmer and mechanic, was born in Virginia, in 1812, the son of John and Sarah (Calvert) Kaylor, the former of German origin, born October 9, 1778, while his parents were *en route* to this country. He was left an orphan in infancy, and was educated in Little York, Penn. He also served as an apprentice to a gunsmith there, and afterward went to Harpers Ferry, Va., where he worked, and became inspector of the armory. In February, 1803, he was married at Little Washington, Va. In 1835 he left there, and came to Shelby

County, Mo., where he entered several acres of land, and settled permanently. He served as justice for several years, and died at the age of eighty-seven. He became a Baptist preacher in 1840, and exhorted more or less until his death. The mother was born in Virginia, in 1786, and died about the age of sixty years. Her father, John Calvert, was a direct descendant of Lord Baltimore, the founder of Maryland. Both parents were Baptists from their youth. Our subject was fairly educated, and came to this State with his father, and helped lay out the town of Newark, whose first building he erected. He learned the carpenter trade, and followed it for many years. His wife, Emmeline G., to whom he was married in 1836, is the daughter of Samuel and Delita (Griffith) Manning, and a native of Baltimore County, Md. She was born January 8, 1818, and distinctly remembers the first train that entered Baltimore, and which was run by her uncle William. Her family were early pioneers of Newark. Her children are Maggie, widow of John Fresh; Cecilious C.; Stephen G.; James B.; William F.; Mattie, the wife of W. Allen, of Newark; and Lulu. Since 1860 he has been on his present estate of 190 acres, which is well improved, and was bought when he was not able to pay down a dollar, but he has succeeded finely. He was an earnest Unionist, and furnished three sons, who served in the Federal Army. His eldest son, Wesley M., died in the Union service, at Pilot Knob, Mo., in 1863. Mr. Kaylor was a Jackson Democrat, but since the war has been a Republican. For fifty years he has been an active Methodist, and for twenty years has been a minister of that church. He assisted in organizing the first Sunday-school, in Newark, and was the superintendent. His wife was converted at the age of fifteen, at a meeting near Baltimore. Their children are also members of the same church. The fiftieth anniversary of their wedding occurred October 13, 1886, and was attended by four generations.

William Kendrick, farmer and stock dealer, was born in this county, in 1846, the elder of two children, Hon. William W. and Jane H. (Bradshaw) Kendrick, natives of Kentucky, and born in 1813 and 1823, respectively. The grandfather, William, also a Kentuckian, made his permanent home in this county, in 1835. The father came with his parents, after having received a good business education in his native State. He was married in 1843, and settled in La Belle Township, in 1867. After that, he spent the remainder of his life on our subject's present farm. He was an influential man of more than ordinary ability. In 1874 he was elected to represent this county in the Legislature, but died at Jefferson City, April, 1885, soon after the adjournment of that body. He was a prominent mem-



ber of the I. O. O. F. The mother is still living on the old homestead, and was the daughter of S. Bradshaw, an early pioneer of this county. Our subject finished his education at St. Paul College, in Palmyra. He was married in 1867 to Fanny, a daughter of Richard and Fanny Rousseau, a native of this county. Their children are Granville H., Jennie, William W. and Joseph R. With the exception of a short time in La Belle Township, he has been a resident of the old home farm ever since, and has increased its proportions from 200 acres to 645 acres. The estate has a fine residence, and is well suited for his large stock breeding purposes. He has the largest and finest herd in the county. He began his successful duties as a justice, in 1872, and has never had a case appealed. Politically he is a Democrat, and cast his vote for Seymour. He is a brother in the Masonic Order, and his wife is a sister in the Baptist Church.

George A. Kerfoot, deceased, was born near Winchester, Va. in 1814. He was the son of William G. Kerfoot, also a Virginian, and of English-Irish descent. Our subject came to this country in 1835, and settled in Clark County. Here he married Lucinda, a daughter of Leonard and Nancy (Timberlake) Fretwell, natives of Virginia. He then came to his place in Lewis County, and began life in a log-house. They have nine children living, six in Lewis and Clark Counties, and all married. Our subject died in 1881, soon after making his will. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Baptist Church. His widow was born in 1818, and lives with her son.

Lieut. William H. Kirschbaum, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Prussia in 1834. He is the eldest of seven children, and his parents were Henry and Gertrude (Springmann) Kirschbaum, also natives of Prussia, where they were married, about 1832. The father was a dissenter, and fearing persecution came to the United States in 1849, and landed in New Orleans, but soon went to St. Louis, where he remained until 1857. He then resumed mining, but removed to this county, near Tolona, also as a farmer. He died July 3, 1886, at the age of about seventy-six years. The mother had died April 17, 1883. Both were German Methodists. Our subject received some education in his native country, but his father's zealous assistance, in aiding others to come to this country, left the family without means on their arrival, so that our subject received no further education. He came to this county with his parents, and assisted on the farm until 1862. On January 5 of that year he married Catherine J., a daughter of Col. Charles and Nancy H. Dance, formerly of Kentucky. Two of their children are deceased, and those living are

Nancy E. the wife of Prof. D. W. Prichard; Martha; Rebecca, the wife of M. B. White; Charles H.; John W. and Harmon E. He soon entered Company D, Sixty-ninth Missouri Mounted Infantry, as Second Lieutenant, and served until the fall of 1865 in scouting and guarding on the Indian frontier. Since then he has been on his present estate, which is well cultivated, and embraces 280 acres of fine land. He is probably one of the most progressive farmers in the county, and has been very successful. He was reared as a Democrat, but since the war has been a Republican. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. George P. Knight was born in Monticello in 1852. He is the son of Dr. Z. T. Knight, a native of Maine, and of English descent, and for many years a prominent physician in Northern Missouri. The mother's maiden name was Rossiter, and her native State, New York. Our subject is the second son of three children, all of whom are living. One brother is a prominent physician near New Orleans, and the other train dispatcher at Hannibal. The father died in 1882, and the mother still lives at Canton. Our subject was educated at Christian University, and graduated in 1869. He then read medicine for three years in his father's office, after which he graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Iowa. He then spent four years of practice in Louisiana, but on account of his health returned to his native county in 1878. After eight years of successful practice at his birthplace, he chose the more central location of Benjamin, where he has since had a large and lucrative practice. While at Monticello he married Udocia, a daughter of T. M. Howard. Their only son, Z. T., is seven years old.

Louis F. Koch, merchant, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, November 7, 1844. He was ten years old when they came to Muscatine, Iowa. They moved to Scott County, Minn., in 1856, and three years later came to Canton. They remained there until March, 1864, and since then have been in La Grange. At the opening of the war he joined Company A, Second Regiment Northeastern Missouri Volunteers, and served as aide to Col. Woodyard, and was mustered out in January, 1862. He served as city clerk of La Grange in the years 1865-66 and 1876-77-78. He has also been an alderman and notary public since 1867. From 1866 to 1868 he was enrolling clerk of the State Senate, and from 1868 to 1870 was also house clerk of the committee on internal improvements, and senate clerk of the committees on ways and means, banks and incorporations, and internal improvements. In 1871-72 he was house clerk of the committee on accounts. He was city attorney of La Grange in 1870, and mayor

in 1882-83. In all this time he has been in the general merchandise and real estate trade. In November, 1869, he married Elizabeth Werly, a native of La Grange. They had seven children, but four are now deceased. His wife died June 3, 1884. William, the father, was treasurer of Canton, and also had a fine mercantile trade there until 1864. He then came to La Grange in the same business, and also engaged in the fruit, vineyard and wholesale wine business until his death February 15, 1880. The mother, Catharine (Goll) Koch, died July 30, 1884. The father was a prominent member of the A. O. O. D., K. of H., A. O. U. W. and I. O. M. A.

Marcus L. Kurtz, druggist and book-seller, was born in this county October 19, 1860, the son of John B. and Elizabeth A. (Henton) Kurtz, natives of Kentucky. The father came to Missouri about 1848, and after a trip to California, located on his farm until 1864. Then he spent ten years in Clark County, farming, and after a residence of four years in Lewis County, went to Kirksville for the purpose of educating his younger children, Alice M., James M. and Walter Henton, and came to Canton in 1883, where he now lives. Our subject was reared in Clark County, and in 1876 came to Canton, and secured a fair education. He clerked for Graves & Henton, six years, and in 1882 built and established his present business house, in which he keeps a full stock of everything in the drug line and book department, and controls the leading trade. September 8, 1886, he married Lorena G., a daughter of W. G. Ellis. They have one daughter, Roxy Robbins. Our subject is a Democrat, and is secretary of the Masonic lodge of Canton. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Silas Lake, farmer, was born in Lewis County, Mo., December 8, 1855. He was reared on the old homestead, in the northern part of Marion County, and resided here until 1879, at which time he was united in marriage with M. B. Creasey, a native of Lewis County, and the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth P. Creasey, with whom they have lived ever since. Her father was a native Virginian, and died March 7, 1884. Her mother is now living. The father of our subject, S. K. Lake, is an old pioneer of Marion County, where he has resided the greater part of his life. He married Miss Elizabeth A. Wiseman, a native of Marion County, who died July 11, 1886. Of their family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, our subject is the eldest. He owns a tract of 200 acres of land, and is one of the county's enterprising and successful farmers. To this marriage were born two children, an infant daughter, deceased, and one son, born June 21, 1887. The paternal grand-

parents of our subject were natives of Ohio, and the mother's parents came from the "Old Dominion."

William T. La Rue, farmer and stock raiser, was born in 1839, the son of Jacob H. and Elizabeth (Thurman) La Rue, the former of French origin, and the latter born in Lincoln County, Ky., in 1801. Three brothers left France in the sixteenth century among the Huguenots, and came to Maryland. One brother came to Virginia, and then to Kentucky, and founded our subject's family. The father was born in La Rue County, Ky., in 1799, the county being named in honor of the family. Jacob went to Hardin County when a young man, and worked at his trade of blacksmithing in Elizabethtown. In 1838 he came to this county, and bought 300 acres now owned by his heirs. He died in 1884. Our subject, the eldest of three children, was educated in his native county, and in 1861 joined the Confederate State Guards, and fought at Lexington, Pea Ridge, Perry Grove and Helena, where he was captured and taken to Alton, Ill. In 1864 he was taken to Fort Delaware, and a year later to Richmond, where he was exchanged, and rejoined his army. In 1865 he taught school in Dallas County, Tex., but returned in September. November 1, 1866, he married Margaret C., a daughter of Charles H. and Lucinda (Williams) Stevens, and born December 19, 1842. Their children are Gustavus L., Jacob H., Charles S., Margret E. and Thomas L. After marriage he located on the home place, and in 1879 bought 160 acres of his present home, now increased to 200 acres. He is a public-spirited man, and is secretary of the Grange Store, and a stockholder in the Lewiston Creamery Association. He is a Democrat, but was formerly a Whig. Since 1882 he has been a justice. He is Past Master of the Masonic Lodge, and he and his wife are members of the United Missionary Baptist Church, of which he has been a member twenty-eight years, a deacon three years, and moderator one year.

Joseph Layton, retired farmer and stock raiser, was born in Cambridgeshire, England, in 1820, the son of James and Susan (Moore) Layton, natives of England, born in 1767 and 1770, and deceased in 1863 and 1855, respectively. Our subject, the youngest of eleven children, and the only living one, worked on a farm in boyhood, and in 1847 came to America, and became a teamster in Milwaukee, Wis. In 1851, under the influence of the "gold fever," he, with a friend, went to California by way of Central America. He spent eighteen months at mining, and returned by the way of New York; then went to Racine County, Wis., where he bought a farm of 160 acres. In 1856 he returned to his native place, and the following year married Emma, the daugh-

ter of William and Dinah Chapman, and born in 1833 in Cambridge, England. Of their eight children are living Louisa, the wife of R. Johnson; Eliza, the wife of J. Thompson; William; John and Annie. He at once returned to his Wisconsin farm, but in 1869 sold out, and went to Knox County, and bought an estate of 640 acres. Since 1883 he has lived at his present home, the possessor of 960 acres of fine land, a large share of which he has given to his children, retaining for himself 397 acres and two houses and three lots in La Belle. His brick residence is the only one in the city. He is independent in politics, and he and his wife and four children are members of the Baptist Church.

John H. Leeper, farmer, was born in 1834, in Marion County, the son of James W. and Nancy (Low) Leeper, the former of Welsh stock, born in 1810 in Harrison County, Ky., and a blacksmith. The father learned his trade in Cynthiana, Ky., when fifteen, serving six years, and then was three years a journeyman. In January, 1834, he married, and came to Marion County, and cleared a tract of eighty acres. In 1844 he rented his farm, and moved to Monticello, and resumed his trade until 1875. He is now retired, the owner of 320 acres, and a house and lot in town. His wife was born in Harrison County, Ky., in 1815, and was the mother of the following children: John H., Mary F., Anna E., Sarah C., Preston E., William G. and Susan M. Our subject lived with his parents until he was thirty-two years old, and in September, 1872, he married Hester, a daughter of William M. Davis, and born in Kentucky in March, 1843. Their children are James W., John S., Mary I. and Nannie L. In 1865 he bought 160 acres near Monticello, some of which he has sold. His wife died in January, 1882, and his sister, Mrs. Dunbar, with his niece, Jessie Roberts, is living with him. He is a Democrat, a Royal Arch Mason, and an Odd Fellow. His wife is a member of the Christian Church.

W. D. Legg, was born in Schuyler County, Ill., in 1840. He is the son of Harrison and Caroline (Bibb) Legg, natives of Kentucky. The grandfather was born in Georgia. Our subject came to this State in 1847, and after living about twelve years near Canton moved to Monroe County, where he died about three years later, leaving a widow and seven children. One of these, J. B., lives in St. Louis, and is the architect of the exposition building there, and of the State capitol. The mother died in 1868. Our subject is an enterprising farmer of this county, and also postmaster at Williamstown. He was fairly educated, and lived at home until his majority. He then served in the Confederate Army for two years. He afterward went west, but soon returned and settled on

the site of the old homestead. After several years here he began the grocery business in Canton. He again spent some time west, and returned to this county. He was married in 1867 to Alcinda, the daughter of Benjamin and Betsy Hunsucker, natives of Virginia. He has been a Mason since 1871. He is a Democrat, and became postmaster in 1885.

Warren Leslie, farmer, was born in Nelson County, Ky., in 1826, the son of David and Annie (Cravens) Leslie, the former of German origin, born in Pennsylvania. The father came in youth to Nelson County, where he married, and spent his life as a farmer. His wife, born in Virginia, died in 1862, aged sixty-four. Our subject, the fourth of ten children, lived at home until twenty-six years of age, and, after his father's death, in November, 1852, he married Sarah A. Neafus, born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1828. Their children are Beverly M., Abbie A., David H., Lizzie, Mollie, John T. and Alice. After marriage he came to Scotland County, and in 1865 bought 200 acres in this county, where he has since lived. He is a successful farmer, and now owns 340 acres. He is a Democrat, formerly a Whig, and first voted for Taylor. He and his wife are Missionary Baptists, of which church both have been members for forty-seven years.

A. C. Levengood was named in honor of Alexander Campbell. His birth occurred in Pendleton County, Ky., in 1843, he being son of Rev. Peter and Catherine (Orr) Levengood, natives of Bourbon County, Ky. The father was a minister of the Christian Church until his death in 1848, having spent his entire life in Kentucky. Our subject came to this State when he was about seventeen years of age, and, after ten years in Scotland County, he moved to his present home. His estate embraces 200 acres of fine land, well improved. He was married in Scotland County to Nancy, a daughter of James Hook, a native of Kentucky. Their children were Lillie M., Lizzie, Stella (deceased), Sarah C., Oral and Eva. Our subject is a Democrat, and is of Irish-German origin.

Aaron D. Lewis was born October 12, 1841, the son of Aaron J. and Nancy C. (Lovelace) Lewis, natives, the father of Virginia, and the mother of North Carolina. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Lewis, came to this State in 1818, and located in St. Charles County, and a year later in Marion County, where he helped build the first house in Palmyra. He was a farmer and gunmaker. The father came to Lewis County in 1836, and located near Canton, as a farmer, and died in 1863, aged sixty-four years. He owned a large tract of land. The mother, four sons and three daughters now survive him. Our subject was well educated, and, after studying law, graduated from the law

department of Kentucky University, at Lexington, Ky., in 1868. He practiced in Canton for ten years. After assisting in the organization of the Bank of Canton, in 1879, he became cashier in 1880, and still holds the position to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is also a stockholder in the Canton Ice Company, and the Crescent Roller Milling Company. June 12, 1873, he married Katie H., the daughter of B. H. Smith. She died October 22, 1882, leaving three children: B. S., Callie and Lura. January 1, 1884, he married his present wife, Luta, the daughter of John O. Wood. Their children are Mabel and James O. Our subject is a Democrat, and a Master Mason. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. He is an able and influential man.

James P. Lewis, city attorney, was born in Lewis County, Mo., December 10, 1846, the son of Aaron J. and Nancy C. (Love-lace) Lewis, who are mentioned in the sketch of A. D. Lewis. Our subject was reared in Lewis County, and graduated from Christian University in 1873. In 1874 he began reading law with his brother, A. D., and two years later was admitted to the bar, where he has met with deserved success from the first. He is a Democrat, and has been city attorney for ten years. He is a member of encampment I. O. O. F. November 1, 1877, he married Annie K. Knight, a native of Macomb, Ill. Their children are Howard M. and Helen A. He is a director and stockholder in the Bank of Canton, and is a lawyer of high standing.

Daniel Ligon was born May 3, 1845, in this county, Canton Township, the son of Daniel, Sr., and Priscilla (Head) Ligon, natives, respectively, of Virginia and Kentucky. The father, born December 22, 1799, left his native State at the age of fifteen, and, after traveling extensively through the south, engaged in the livery business at St. Louis. About 1833 he came to this county, and bought a tract of 1,920 acres, 1,160 in Lewis County, and 760 in Clark. He resided in Lewis until his death, July 30, 1885. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and was one of the largest land owners in the county. The mother was first married to Whitfield Browning, who died, leaving the following children: John B., Francis G., Dr. James H. W. and Mary J., the deceased wife of J. Bayne. The children by her second husband are Anne V., Daniel and Caroline C. E., the wife of Perry Munday. Our subject was educated in his native county, and February 11, 1868, married Isabel E., the daughter of Thomas G. and Cynthia J. (Hardy) Baker, early settlers from Kentucky. Since 1868 our subject has been farming and stock raising on his present farm, an estate of 320 acres. He also owns 240 acres of timber land in Clark County. Their children are Daniel T., Cynthia P.,

Richard H., Stonewall J., Neddie L. and Mary B. Our subject is a Democrat, and a prominent citizen of this county.

Elias W. and David S. H. Lillard, farmers and stock raisers, were born in this county in 1842 and 1846, respectively, the sons of Hamilton and Elizabeth A. S. (Thompson) Lillard, born in 1817, in Rappahannock County, and in 1822, in Fauquier County, Va., respectively. The grandfather, Benjamin, was born in 1767, in Culpeper, Va., and came to Marion County in 1836, and the following year to this county. He died in 1839, and his widow ten years later. The father came to this county when twenty years old, and in 1838 was married. His children were William B. (deceased), Elias W., Thomas J., David S. H., Lucy A. (deceased), James S. (deceased), Sarah N. (the wife of W. Lasswell), John A., Henry A. (deceased), Mollie E. (the wife of T. C. Wallace) and Ida Lee. The father located where he now resides, in 1852. The mother, deceased in 1874, was the daughter of Elias and Diana (Holloway) Thompson, and in 1880 the father married Mrs. Martha Washburn, a daughter of Benjamin Hill. She was born in 1838. The father's estate consists of 360 acres, and he is one of the oldest pioneers of this region. He has been a Baptist for thirty years, and for the last eight years a deacon. Our subjects were educated at La Grange College, and both became teachers at about the age of twenty. Elias taught in Clark County, and in Illinois, while David taught altogether in his native county. Anvira, a daughter of John and Mary (Dale) McReynolds, became Elias's wife in December, 1880. She was born in 1848, in Knox County. In 1875 David married Artie M., the daughter of Addison and Nancy (Thompson) Corder, and born in 1856 in Lafayette County. Their only child is Elias Addison. Since 1876 our subjects have been in partnership, and own a fine estate of 500 acres, on which they both have beautiful homes. Both are Democrats, and both families are members of the Baptist Church. Both our subjects are stockholders in the Bank of Lewis County; they are directors, and E. W. is vice-president.

Thomas J. Lillard was born in this county, in 1843, the son of Hamilton Lillard, a Virginian, of Irish descent. The mother, Susan, was a daughter of Elias Thompson, also of Virginia. The father was an early settler of this county, where he has been engaged in farming and stock raising. The mother died in 1874, after half a century's existence, while the father has passed the hale age of seventy years. His second wife was Mrs. Martha (Hill) Washburn. Our subject is the third son of ten children, and received a good education. In March, 1867, he began farming at his place in Clark County; he spent some time in traveling



through the South, and March 9, 1871, he married Maria L., a daughter of Robert and Eliza (Price) Morris, natives of Kentucky. He then moved to Lewis County in March, 1872. Their children were Cora B., James E. (deceased), Archie H., Elias W., Brinkley M. (deceased) and Grover C. Our subject was with Col. Porter during the war, but was not in active service. He is a Democrat, while he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He has a fine home farm of 200 acres, and 120 elsewhere.

Rev. James M. Lillard, a pioneer minister, was born September 27, 1806, in Mercer County, Ky., the son of Rev. David and Mary (Spencer) Lillard. Before the Revolution, three brothers came to Virginia, and John, the grandfather, was a son of one of them, and about 1785 settled in Mercer County, Ky. The father was born in 1784, in Orange County, Va., and from infancy to 1815 lived in Mercer County, Ky.; from then until his death in 1861, in Boone County. He was a first lieutenant in the war of 1812, and in 1816 was ordained a Baptist minister, whose duties he performed until within a few months of his death. The mother was born in Virginia, and died in 1824, the daughter of J. D. Spencer, a soldier of the Revolution, who died at the age of one hundred and seven years. Our subject, the third of ten children, was nine years old when they went to Boone County. September 7, 1827, he married Martha, a daughter of Samuel and Nancy Cox, of Grant County, Ky., and born November 15, 1804. Their children were Mary S. (deceased); Nancy C., the wife of Dr. Hubbard; Narcissa, the wife of T. Wallace; David S.; James M. (deceased); Artemissa, wife of Dr. Smith, a dentist at Pine Bluff, Ark.; Martha A.; and Virginia, the wife of J. Garnett. He left Gallatin County, Ky., in 1833, and bought his present estate of 360 acres. He is a pioneer minister of Northeast Missouri, and the first resident Baptist preacher of this county. He became a Christian at nineteen, and in 1826 he became a Missionary Baptist minister. His first preaching was in the groves, private houses and log schoolhouses; he traveled in the northeast counties of Missouri, organizing churches, and such work as leaves his impress upon the whole region. He has organized twenty-seven different churches, and baptized twenty-six different persons, who have become eminent ministers. He was a member for ten years of the Bethel Association, which embraces a membership of nine ministers. In one year he baptized 410 persons, and for many years averaged 100 annually. His chief work was as a missionary, but for a time he had charge of four churches. After the war he resigned his appointment, and for many years was a general missionary, wherever he could do the most good. He

restored many organizations that had died out during the war. His age and ill health have compelled him to retire partially. Such a career as his is a bright spot in the annals of mankind. He and his wife have lived together for sixty years, in happy wedded life, and are now nearing their end. David S., their eldest son, was born in this county in 1834. In January, 1864, he married Ellen, a daughter of Hiram Yates, and born in 1836, in Kentucky. Their children are James M., Mary G. and Minerva. In 1857 he bought eighty acres, and now owns an estate of 600 acres, with a \$2,700 residence built in 1882. He is a Democrat, and he and his wife are Baptists.

Jermiah V. Lillard, deceased, was born in Mercer County, Ky., in 1808. He is the son of David and Mary (Spencer) Lillard, natives of Virginia, and of English descent. The parents lived in Kentucky from their childhood, and the father was a prominent farmer and slave holder in Gallatin County, for many years. He was a devoted Baptist minister, and preached for over thirty years. He died at the age of seventy-nine. Our subject received a good education, and lived at home until manhood. At the age of nineteen he married Lovisa, a daughter of Baldwin and Nancy Bane, natives of Virginia, and of Scotch-English and English descent, respectively. Mrs. Bane was a sister of Gov. Thomas Reynolds, of Missouri. Our subject left Kentucky in 1834, and bought a farm ten miles north of Monticello, where he spent the rest of his life. He became the owner of several hundred acres of land, and a number of slaves. He was a Democrat, and held to the religious faith of the Baptist Church for many years. He died in 1863. All of his eleven children grew to maturity, and all but one are now living. His widow is still living on the old place, at the age of eighty-one years. Her youngest living son, Jermiah V., and her widowed daughter, Mrs. Carlisle, live with her.

Joseph Little was born in White County, Tenn., in 1825, the son of Hosea and Susan (Walling) Little, natives of the same county. The father was a farmer until his death in 1834, after which the mother moved with her children to her native county, where she married W. G. Gordon. They soon after came to this State, and during the war moved to Iowa, and then to Texas, where Mr. Gordon has lived since his wife's death. Our subject lived with his parents until maturity, and began life as a farm hand at \$6 per month; he continued until his marriage with Martha, a daughter of Jansing Elisha Jackson, a native of Kentucky. He rented land, but soon abandoned this for an agency. Two years later he purchased a farm in Pike County, which

he sold at the expiration of one year, and then moved to Lewis, where he has since resided. Their children were Andrew, Alice (deceased), C. M., L. B., Susan, H. P., Joseph and Harmon. Our subject now owns a fine estate of about 400 acres, on which he has some fine thoroughbred stock. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Christian Church, of which all but one of his family are members.

Charles M. Little was born in Tully, now Canton, in 1853. He is the son of Joseph, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of this county. Our subject lived with his parents, and received a good education, until, in January, 1876, he married Nannie, a daughter of John C. and Jane (Hardin) Henton, the former a native of this county, and of Irish-English descent, and the latter a native of Kentucky. Her father was a prominent stock raiser, and died in 1860. Her mother afterward married Jacob Bower, and after his death became the wife of James Kastor. The children of our subject are Bessie D., Walter L. and Lou E. Our subject owns a fine estate of about 240 acres. He is a Democrat, and a member of the A. H. T. A. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Jerimah Lloyd was born in Sussex County, Del., July 3, 1826, the son of Zachariah and Elizabeth (Spicer) Lloyd, natives of Delaware. The father came to Missouri in 1838, and the family followed two years later, and settled near the site of Christian University, where the mother died in 1854. The father died while with our subject, at his home, in 1876. Their children are our subject, John T. and Samuel M. Our subject learned the cooper's trade, and was reared on the farm. In 1850 he went to California, and spent five years in the gold mines, when he returned, and for a year followed his trade, together with teaming, in Canton, and finally, in 1860, rented a farm near that place, where he remained until 1866, when he bought his present estate of 200 acres. One hundred acres are highly cultivated, 140 are cleared, while the rest are chiefly in white oak timber. He married January 24, 1856, Frances, a daughter of the late William Jones. Their children are James T., a lawyer; Samuel R., also a lawyer, and Frisby L. (named in honor of Frisby McCullough, a Confederate colonel, who was court-martialed and shot by Federal soldiers, and also named after Gen. Lee, our subject's ideal military hero). Our subject, formerly a Whig, is now an earnest Democrat. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and an Odd Fellow, and his entire family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Martin L. Logan, proprietor of the Canton House, was born in Sangamon County, Ill., October 2, 1844, the son of James and Mary (Potter) Logan, natives, respectively, of Pittsburgh, Penn.,

and Kentucky. Our subject was reared in Sangamon and Morgan Counties, Ill., and secured a fair education. In 1863 he came to this county with his father, who afterward located in Chariton County, where he died in 1877, and where the mother still lives. Our subject followed farming until 1880, when he moved to La Grange, where he engaged in dealing in stock and hardwood lumber, together with farming. He took charge of the Tremont Hotel there in May, 1885, and successfully continued until the spring of 1887, when he bought his present hotel. He has so refitted it that it is now one of the best in Northeastern Missouri. It has free sample rooms, and a free "bus" to and from the depot. After the death of his first wife, he married on March 16, 1876, Sarah E. Mitchell, a native of La Grange. He is a Democrat, a Master Mason, and a member of the encampment, I. O. O. F.

H. L. Long was born in Hawkins County, Tenn., in 1825. He is the son of David and Jane (Larkins) Long, natives of Tennessee, and of German and Irish origin, respectively. The parents left their native State in 1836, and came to this county, and the tales of their pioneer hardships are interesting. The father was a farmer of this region for over twenty years, and reared to maturity a family of eleven children. The mother was first a member of the Presbyterian Church, but in her pioneer home she joined the Methodist Church. The parents died in 1853 and 1859, respectively, both aged sixty-seven at the time of death. Our subject, the only surviving son, remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age. He worked three years for his father before marriage. His wife N. E., is a daughter of John Galahar. Eight of their nine children are now living. Our subject has a fine farm of 320 acres. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Grange.

Nathan Longfield was born in Northumberland County, Penn., in 1826. He is the son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Acle) Longfield, both of German descent. They came to this country August 4, 1818, and went directly to the above county, where they settled on a farm. In 1835 they moved to Ohio, and in October, 1843, to Wisconsin. His wife died September 11, 1846, and he followed her November 3, 1853. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject received a good academic education, and at the age of twenty-one began for himself. Two years later he began running a threshing machine, and afterward about the same length of time was engaged in the lumber business in the pineries of Wisconsin. He also farmed until the fall of 1851, when he went to Jefferson County, Mo., and helped clear, break and fence a farm for D. N.

Hunt, and ran the farm for the proprietor until the fall of 1853, when he returned to Jefferson County, Wis. He attended school there, and in 1854 was married to Lucy J., a daughter of Lyman Johnson. Three years later he sold out and came to this county with his wife and two children: Orrilla M. and William H. Their later children are Mary M., Luvina J., Edwin U., Alvan L. and Rufus L. As there were but three schoolhouses in his township on his arrival, he became prominent in organizing schools. He owns a small but well-improved farm.

Hon. Francis L. Marchand, lawyer, was born in Armstrong County, Penn., June 12, 1840, the son of Dr. George W. and Isabella (Kerr) Marchand, the former of Huguenot descent, born in Westmoreland County June 4, 1813. He was a physician, and was educated at Greensburg Academy, Pennsylvania, and graduated in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. After his marriage, in 1853, he left Armstrong County, and began practice in Burlington, Iowa, but several years later located on his farm (160 acres), six miles from the city, where he died in 1864. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, two years, and was State collector of railway and canal duties for three years. His wife was of Irish origin, born in Washington County, Penn., March 9, 1823, and died May 13, 1877, the mother of eight children. Our subject, the eldest, was educated at the Baptist University of Burlington, Iowa, and after teaching, in his eighteenth year, he began law under Hon. W. F. Conrad, of the above city, and Hon. M. D. Browning. After two and a half years' study, he was admitted in 1862, and the following year came to Monticello, where he has since practiced, and has been a partner with J. G. Blair since 1875. Mr. Blair had charge of their Edina office for the last year. He is a Democrat, and first voted for McClellan. In 1869 he represented his county in the twenty-fifth General Assembly, in which he was on the committees on criminal jurisprudence, (special) revenue laws, blind asylum, and (special) bribery and corruption. March 27, 1865, he was appointed county attorney, and served two terms, and also one year as county counsellor. The firm are leading attorneys, and have a large practice. Our subject is a Mason. January 1, 1868, he married Susan M., a daughter of James W. and Nancy Leeper, and born in Monticello January 26, 1847. Their children are Ruby, George W. and Mary F. His wife is a member of the Christian Church; he is not a member of any.

George S. Marks was born in Loudoun County, Va., June 17, 1807, the son of George and Mahala (O'Neal) Marks, natives of the same county, and of German and Irish origin, respectively.

They came to this county in 1839, locating near the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, where the mother died September 19, 1856, aged sixty-seven years. The father died at the home of our subject, April 4, 1869, aged eighty-two years. Their children were George S., John N., Margaret J. (the deceased wife of M. E. Green), Matilda A. (the deceased wife of J. W. McDaniel), Isaiah, Letitia E. (the deceased wife of I. Johnson), Sarah M. (the wife John Rush) and George W. A. (deceased). Our subject secured a fair education in the country, and in 1833 came to Quincy, Ill., where he followed carpentering for two years. He then went up the Mississippi to Iowa, and a year later bought a farm in this township, where he has since been a successful farmer and stock raiser, as he was in earlier years a carpenter. March 12, 1829, he married Nancy C. Cunard, a native of Virginia, born February 27, 1809. Their children were George E. (deceased,) John W. (of Kansas), Ann M. (deceased), Henrietta D. (the wife of L. W. Summers, of Monticello), Luther M. (deceased), Sarah M., James M. and Elijah S. Mr. Marks first voted for "Old Hickory," and has always been a Democrat. He and his wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for over half a century, and both are hale old people yet.

John Neal Marks was born December 20, 1809, in Loudoun County, Va., the next youngest brother of G. S. Marks, whose sketch appears above. Our subject was reared in his native State, and in 1838 came to this county, and entered 160 acres of land. He worked at his trade of tanning for a while, and, later, he married Mary C. Brown, also a native of Virginia. Excepting eighteen months' residence near Canton to educate his children, our subject has lived on his present farm. He has added land from time to time until his estate has embraced 400 acres, partly divided among the children. His wife died July 8, 1868, leaving the following children: James M., Mahala E., Robert N., John N., Jr., and Hanson Isaiah, deceased March 24, 1874. Our subject is a Democrat, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which faith his wife also held. He is one of the oldest citizens of the county.

Robert F. Marks, Sr., was born in this county February 8, 1843. The father was born in Virginia, and came to this State in about 1838; the mother, Mary C. (Brown), was born in the same State, and died in 1868; their children are James N., Robert N. and John N., Jr. Our subject was reared on a farm, with few educational advantages. January 31, 1866, he married Susan P., the daughter of W. H. Durrett, of this county. He then bought his present farm, on which he has been engaged in stock raising and agriculture, and which con-

sists of 260 acres of fine land, mostly improved; he also owns 120 acres in Section 4. His children are Charles D., Mary E., Lattie P., Peachie N., William N., Ida L. and Oscar J. Our subject is a Democrat, and for several years has been school director and road overseer. He is a member of the Grange, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

William Marks, grocer, was born in England in 1841; he came to America in 1869, and located at La Grange, where he followed the carpenter's trade and contracting. He continued until 1880, when he embarked in his present business, in which he has met with marked success. He employs one clerk, and carries a stock worth \$1,600. He was married, in 1868, to Marianna Snow, also a native of England, and their family consists of three sons and two daughters. Our subject's parents were of England, where the father died in 1880, and the mother still lives; their family embraced six children, one of whom is deceased. Our subject and his brother John are the only ones that came to America; the latter is a carpenter and contractor at La Grange.

Simeon S. Martin, retired farmer, was born in Tyler (now Wetzel) County, Va., in 1813, the son of John and Millison (Manning) Martin, the former born in New Jersey, in 1757, and the latter also in that State. The father was about fifteen when they went to Virginia, and in 1849 moved to Van Buren County, Iowa, where he died in 1859, ten years after the death of his wife. Our subject, the seventh of eleven children, lived at home until twenty years of age. March 8, 1835, he married Dorinda, the daughter of Charles Wells, born in Virginia in 1815. Their children are Adeline, the wife of Richard Ewalt; Dorinda, the wife of C. Bows; Presley; Cynthia, the wife of S. Buckner; Lerh, the wife of H. Hawkins; Lot, and Ella, the wife of H. Koch. In 1848 Mr. Martin went to Iowa, but in 1857 sold out, came to this county, and bought an estate of 600 acres. Since 1880 he has lived at his present home in retirement. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Van Buren. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of ten years' standing, and are highly-esteemed people.

George W. Martin, farmer and teacher, was born in Marion County in 1844, the seventh of eight children—Louisa, James L., our subject and Leroy being the only survivors. The parents, William and Susan (Roy) Martin, were natives of Virginia, born in 1801 and about 1816, respectively. The former was of Scotch-Irish origin, the son of William G., a native of Scotland, who came to Virginia. The father was reared in his native State, and was married in 1832. He then settled permanently as a farmer in Marion County. He served

in the Black Hawk war, and died in 1877. The mother died in 1859, and both were members of the Christian Church. Our subject's education has been mostly by private study. He was the only one of his family who favored the Federal cause. He served in Company A, Third Missouri Cavalry, for thirteen months, and was discharged on account of disability. He spent some years in traveling in the North, after the war. In 1865 he began teaching, and has been successfully engaged during the winters for about fifteen years, chiefly in Marion County. He lived in the latter county until 1883, and has since resided on his present estate, which embraces about 100 acres of well-improved land. His chief occupation has been farming, and since 1886 he has been a justice. His first vote was given for Tilden, his party's candidate. His religion is to do all the good he can, with as little harm as possible.

Jacob Martin was born in Germany, March 31, 1837, the son of Peter and Charlotte (Kuhboers) Martin, both natives of Germany. The father came to the United States in 1849, and located in Pennsylvania. In 1856 he came to Hancock County, Ill., where he and wife died. Jacob came to Canton in 1858, and worked at the blacksmith's trade until the war. In 1861 he was a member of the Home Guards under Gen. Moore. Since 1862 he has been in the blacksmith business, together with wagon-making. In 1878 he added agricultural implements, and now carries a full line. He is also agent for the McCormick Self-binding Harvester, and the Studebaker wagon, and has a full line of buggies and carriages. He has been in business twenty-five years, and has established a large trade. December 13, 1861, he married Mary E. Schneider, a native of Maryland, but of German parentage. Their children are Henry W., George L. and Charles F. Our subject is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Samuel Porter McCrackin, farmer and stock raiser, was born where he now resides in 1837, the third of five children of Osborne and Sarah (Porter) McCrackin, born in Kentucky in 1794 and 1800, respectively. The father was of Irish ancestry, the son of Seneca M., a Virginian, and a brother of Capt. Virgil McCrackin, who was killed in the war of 1813, and in whose honor a county in Kentucky was named; it is supposed he was the first white person buried in Cincinnati. Seneca removed to what is now Franklin County, Ky., at an early day, and reared a family of seven children. Osborne was first married to a Miss Carter, and had two daughters. In 1831 his second marriage



occurred, and he soon moved to Marion County. In 1833 he went to Shelby County, and also entered land in this county. Since 1834 this has been his home. He was one of the earliest pioneers and largest land owners of his county, possessing about 1,000 acres at the time of his death. This event occurred in 1871, his wife having died the year previous. The father had been a Baptist deacon for about twenty-five years, and the mother was a member of the same church. Our subject's school advantages were ordinary, and at the opening of the war he joined Capt. McCullough's company, and served six months. The following year he served in Capt. Kendricks' company, of Gen. Porter's command. He received a wound at Kirksville, which disabled him from further service. He then went to Henry County, Ky., and in 1863 married Matilda, a daughter of Richard and Elvessa Johnston. They have had nine children, and those living are Katie, the wife of E. Bradshaw; Sallie, the wife of J. Haldeman; Elvessa D.; Earnest O.; Cyrus P. and William Porter. He left Kentucky in 1865, and has since been on the old homestead. His estate embraces 480 acres of well-improved land, on which he has engaged in stock dealing as well as farming. Two of his children have taken a collegiate course. Since the Whig days, when he voted for John Bell, he has been a Democrat. He is a Mason and a K. of H. For thirty years he has been a member of the Baptist Church, to which his wife also belonged. The latter was born in 1842, and was buried on the forty-third anniversary of her birth.

John A. McElroy, farmer, was born June 30, 1848, in Armstrong County, Penn., one of nine children of John and Julia (White) McElroy, the former of Scotch-Irish stock, and born in 1804, probably in Ireland, and the latter of English origin, and born in 1811 in Pennsylvania. The father came to America when about fourteen years old. He went directly to Pittsburgh, where he was educated, and became an excellent teacher. He was married in 1829, and then afterward moved to Armstrong County, and engaged in merchandising. At the opening of the war he devoted his time and money to the Union cause. He and his wife were prominent and devoted Presbyterians. Soon after the war they came to Clayton, Ill., where the father died in 1879 after a few years of retired life. The mother is now living with our subject. The latter was educated by his father, and graduated from Duff Commercial College, at Pittsburgh. He came west with his parents, but located at Keokuk, Iowa, where he served as bookkeeper for Ruddick, Kiser & Co., pork packers. He then went to Montrose, Iowa, and engaged with Wells, Felt & Spaulding, lumber dealers. Two years later he came to Can-

ton, and became general agent for the railroad company. In 1883 he came to his present farm, where he has been engaged in agriculture, and as bookkeeper for the Canton Saw Mill Company. His wife, Lillie W. Jones, was born September 25, 1862, on the farm now owned by our subject, the old homestead of her father, William H. They were married May 25, 1881. Their children are Jonn H. and Julia A. He is an excellent bookkeeper and a scientific farmer, with one of the best equipped farms in the county. He is a Republican, and served two years in Company M, of the Fifth Pennsylvania Battery. He was but fourteen when he went out, and was engaged against the guerrilla, Col. Mosby. He is a Knight Templar.

Dr. Joe McReynolds (deceased) was born in Buncombe County, N. C., in 1811. He came to Marion County with his parents, when a young man. He received a good academic education, and then began the study of medicine, and graduated at Keokuk, Iowa. He soon after located in Knox County, and began practice. About a year later, however, he came to this county, where he afterward resided. His children are Josiah R., Ruth A. and Joseph B. Our subject died January 6, two years ago. He and his wife long held to the Baptist faith.

William B. McRoberts, farmer and stock raiser, was born January 1, 1845, in Lincoln County, Ky., the son of Hayden J. and Lucinda R. (Bruce) McRoberts, the former born in 1810, in the above county, and of Scotch-Irish stock, and the latter of the same county, born in 1813. The father came to this county in 1853, and bought the present farm of Robert Holloway. He died in 1855. He was a member of the Kentucky Legislature, and was also sheriff of Lincoln County, Ky. His first wife, Martha J. Helm, died in 1842, and his second marriage occurred two years later. His widow, after his death, sold the farm in 1859, and four years later bought 180 acres in Lyon Township. She lived with her children here until 1864, when she married T. T. Graves. Her parents, William and Catharine Bruce, were natives of Virginia. The former was a soldier of the Revolution, a member of the Kentucky Legislature, the sheriff of his county for six years, and president of a national bank. He was also a prominent politician. Our subject, the eldest of five children, was nine years old when the family came to Missouri. Soon after his father's death he began farming the place, and after the mother's second marriage assumed full control. He then began to buy out his brothers and sisters, and in May, 1870, he married Laura, a daughter of T. A. Graves. She was born in this county in 1848, and was educated at Christian University, Canton, Mo. Their children were Mary L., Hayden J., Nora A. (deceased),

Archie V. and Edith B. His share was forty-five acres, but at present he owns 1,200, acres and is one of the largest land owner of his township. His occupation is that of general farming, but the leading feature of his business is that of growing and feeding cattle, and his experience is that the best grades of cattle are the most favorable for growing and feeding. He is a Democrat, and has been a member of the Church of Christ for the past twenty-six years. His wife belongs to the same denomination.

Ex-Judge T. H. Meriwether was born in Monroe County, Ind., in 1832. His father was a native of the Blue Grass State, and was a tanner by trade, which occupation he followed while living in Indiana. When a young man he crossed the Ohio River, going to Monroe County, Ind., where he was joined in wedlock to Miss Eliza Ann Dodd, a daughter of a prominent family of Monroe County, and here he resided for a number of years, engaged at his trade. In 1838 he removed to Northeast Missouri, locating in Lewis County, engaged in farming and opened a tan yard. While in Monroe County, Ind., he was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church. In 1841 he moved to Knox County with his family, where he resided the remainder of his days. His death occurred in 1847, his widow surviving until 1868. In February, 1888, our subject will have resided in this judicial district half a century. He was reared principally in Knox County, also in Lewis County. In May, 1861, he was joined in matrimony to Miss Henrietta Thompson, daughter of Jackson Thompson. From 1861 to 1886 our subject was engaged in farming and stock raising, at which he has been successful. He is a man of more than ordinary intelligence and enterprise, which qualities have been appropriately recognized by his fellow citizens. He has been honored with the position of county judge, three terms, and has served with high credit to himself. Previous to his becoming twenty-one years of age, he crossed the plains twice to California, and on the second trip was made the captain of a wagon train, a responsible and dangerous position. To himself and wife have been born three children, two of whom are living: Joseph W. and Henry B. Since 1886 our subject has been a citizen of La Belle, where he owns valuable property. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and was once Master of the lodge. He is now actively engaged in buying and trading in fat of all kinds. He has probably handled more stock than any other citizen of the county before him.

James M. Miller, circuit clerk of Lewis County, Mo., was born at Millersburg, Ky., October 19, 1829, the son of James and

Nancy W. (Baker) Miller, the former of Scotch-Irish stock, born in 1791, in Kentucky. The grandfather John, came from Ireland, about 1774, with two brothers and a sister, the latter and one of the former being killed by the Indians. John located on the site of Millersburg, Ky., in 1778, where he built the first brick house in the State. He erected the "Irish Fort," at the third settlement in the State. James came to this county in 1838, and bought 600 acres of land, but soon became the owner of 2,000 acres, and engaged in stock raising. He was a soldier of 1812, and his second wife, Rebecca Johnson (Trotter), still draws a pension. His first wife, Nancy W. (Baker), was born in Kentucky in 1793, and died in 1860; he died in 1878. Our subject, the seventh of eleven children, was nine years old when the family came to this county, and lived with his parents until twenty years of age. December 9, 1849, he married Elizabeth, a daughter of Francis Richardson, and born January 12, 1833, in Franklin County, Ky. Their children are John C.; Nannie, now Mrs. Frank Ransom; Fannie, the wife of Samuel S. Hyett; and Hettie, the wife of Joseph Offutt. Our subject was a farmer and stock raiser in Lyon Township, until 1870, when he moved to St. Louis, and became agent for Alexander & Patterson, in buying hogs, and for five years he was a partner in the firm of Miller & Allen, of Broadway Stock Yards. In 1876 he returned and settled in Canton County. From 1882 he was a circuit clerk eight years, elected over a popular opponent by a majority of 723 votes. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Pierce. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. His wife is a member of the Christian Church.

Judge James P. Mitchell, whose residence is in La Belle Township, near Lewiston, was born in Pennsylvania in 1815. He came to Missouri in 1841, read law, and was admitted to the bar, about the commencement of the war with Mexico, in which war he volunteered as a private, and was marched to New Mexico under the command of Col. Sterling Price. At the expiration of the time for which he volunteered, he came to Lewis County, and located and purchased a part of the lands on which he now lives, broke prairie, split rails, and commenced raising stock, in which he is engaged at the present time. He held the place of county surveyor, for twelve years; that of county justice, about the same length of time; was elected from this Senatorial District a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, which held its session in St. Louis in 1865. Judge Mitchell has the reputation of being a prompt and reliable man, and careful and correct financier. He is a member of the Christian Church, and in all respects appears desirous and qualified to spend the remainder of his days in peace and quiet.

L. D. Mitchell was born near La Grange in 1842. He was reared on a farm, and spent three years in La Grange College, and also a few months in St. Louis University. He has been a farmer and stock raiser since the spring of 1865. He came to La Grange in 1881, and the following year became an alderman. Our subject is a member of the I. O. O. F. The father, Erasmus W., was born in Prince George, Md., in 1808. In 1834 he came to near La Grange, where he lived until his death, January 28, 1877. The mother, Mary A. (Painter), was a native of Frederick County, Md. Our subject and Albert G. were their only children. The mother died in October, 1856, and Albert G. followed her the next year.

Gen. David Moore was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, July 3, 1817, the son of John and Sarah (Clark) Moore, natives of Ireland. The father came to Virginia about a century ago, moved to Ohio in after life, and died in 1840. He was a farmer, and a soldier of 1812. Their children were Martha, the widow of John Noftzgar; our subject and the late Dr. W. C., of Wooster, Ohio, who died in 1877. The father's first marriage was with Nancy McMunigle. She and a large family of children are all deceased. David removed to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1830, and learned the carpenter's trade until his eighteenth year. He was fairly educated, and entered the Mexican war, in what was known as the Wooster Guards. He was its captain throughout the war. In 1850 he came to Missouri, and engaged in farming and merchandising until the civil war. In 1861 he organized the first Northeast Missouri Reserve Corps, by order of Gen. Lyon. He was its colonel, and was at the battle of Athens, at Lancaster and other places. In February, 1862, he organized the famous Twenty-first Missouri Regiment, and was elected colonel, serving until 1865. He was then breveted brigadier-general, and in the following spring organized the Fifty-first Missouri Regiment, and commanded this and the post of St. Louis, and the First District of Missouri, until the close of the war. His gallantry and bravery are matters of history. He was wounded three times at the battle of Shiloh, from the effects of which he lost his right leg, but after only a ninety days' absence he resumed command. Since the war he has resided in Canton, Mo., leading a retired life. By his first marriage, with Diademia Schnabel, of Pennsylvania, he had the following children: William W., a physician; Eugene, an editor at Memphis, Mo.; John C., a lawyer at that place; Frankie, the wife of Col. Joseph Best; Charles A., a newspaper man, and Thomas, a Denver lawyer. The mother dying in 1865, Mr. Moore married his second wife, Mrs. Mary (Mattingly) Carnegy, a native of Union County, Ky. Their children were Katie (deceased); Katie D. (a gradu-

ate of St. Mary's Institute, at Quincy, Ill.), and Nellie. Mrs. Moore's children, by her marriage with J. W. Carnegie, resulted in these children: Barney K., Jennie, Mary M. (the wife of W. Eagon), Lucinda, Nannie B., and Stephen (deceased). Gen. Moore was originally a Democrat, but since the war has been a liberal Republican. Four years from 1869 he served in the State Senate with distinction. He is a Master Mason, and a member of the G. A. R.

Robert Morris (deceased) was born in Scott County, Ky., in 1810. His wife was born in 1815 in Fayette County, that State, and is of Scotch origin. Our subject was educated in Kentucky, and about 1834 was married to Eliza, a daughter of Thomas Price. They then became pioneers of this county, where they afterward lived. He was one of the leading stock dealers of the county, and at his death in 1859 left an estate valued at \$60,000. He was a Democrat in politics, and a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church. He had ten children, all of whom but one were living at his death. Those living are T. W., of California, the son-in-law of Hon. David McCoy; M. E., the widow of J. Duncan, a lawyer; M. L., the wife of T. J. Lillard; B., a wholesale druggist, at Fort Worth, Tex.; E., the wife of D. W. Ellis, a farmer and stock raiser, and L. E., the wife of L. Price. The widow of our subject now owns the old farm, where her son-in-law, D. W. Ellis, and wife, also make their home. She is a devout Christian, and has reached the age of seventy-three years.

Robert S. Morris was born in Howard County, February 28, 1826, the son of Robert W. and Catharine (Small) Morris, who died when our subject was a child. The father came to this State in 1818, and settled in Old Franklin. He was known as Capt. Morris. The mother, second wife of R. W., was a native of Kentucky. Our subject, the only survivor of four children, went to New Orleans in 1838, and lived with his uncle, Joel Small. He was in the commission business, and became a competent book-keeper. In 1844 he became clerk on a river steamer, and afterward captain. In 1849 he went to California, and came back in 1851. He joined the Confederate Army in 1861, and finally became one of Gen. Stein's staff, with the rank of major. He was in the infantry, cavalry and artillery, being a lieutenant in the latter, and afterward commander of a battery, and surrendered at Shreveport, La., in June, 1865. He then became a traveling salesman for Pratt, Fox & Co., of St. Louis. Two years later he returned to the river as agent for "The White Collar Line," but in 1870 came to his present home at Canton, and was engaged in civil engineering for a time, and afterward as a railroad agent. Since

1878 he has been a justice of the peace, and is also notary public. He is a real estate and fire and life insurance agent, representing among others the Masonic Life Association. October 23, 1851, he married Mary M., a daughter of Gen. T. D. Grant. Their only son is Willie M. Robert S. Morris is a radical Democrat. He is a Mason, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Prof. Jere T. Muir, lawyer, was born in Kentucky, in 1847. He came to this county in childhood. He was educated in the Illinois State University, in the years 1871-72-73, after which he returned to Lewis County, and taught the Monticello public schools. In February, 1874, he entered La Grange College, and graduated with the class of '77. While at college he had charge of one or more classes, and, in 1878, taught the department of mathematics. He then organized the Windsor public schools. After spending two years there, he returned to La Grange, and and has since filled the chair of mathematics in the college. He was admitted to the bar in 1882, and has practiced ever since, in connection with his other duties. He has been alderman and also city attorney. In October, 1879, he married Elma Hay, a daughter of Dr. J. A. Hay, and a cousin of Col. John Hay, one of the authors of the life of Lincoln, now appearing in the "Century" magazine. She has been a music teacher in La Grange College since 1882. The grandfather of J. T. Muir was named Robert. He was reared and married in Virginia. His wife was a relative of Valandingham. They afterward moved to Kentucky, where they lived until death. The father was born in that State in 1804, and after his marriage with Ann M. Bartlett, of Kentucky, he moved to this county, and from here to Illinois, in 1865. He died in that State in 1872. The mother is now residing with our subject. She was born in 1805. The maternal great-grandfather was born in North Carolina, and served throughout the Revolution. The maternal grandparents were also natives of North Carolina, but died in Kentucky. Our subject is the youngest son of five sons and two daughters. He had two brothers in the Confederate service, who were captured at Louisville, Ky. One escaped, but the other was in prison at Camp Chase and Rock Island, until released by President Lincoln.

C. W. Mulinex, proprietor of the *La Belle Star*, was born in Lake County, Ind., in 1857, the son of L. B. and Sarah (Peterson) Mulinex, the former of French stock, born in Scranton, Penn., in 1825, and the latter of Scotch origin, born in the same place. The father was a college man and a teacher, and in 1853 moved to Blue Island, Ill., and afterward to Porter County, Ind.

In 1856 he went to Lake County, that State, where he died two years later. The mother is now half a century old, and lives in Chicago. Our subject, the third of four children, was but a year old when his father died, and was reared until 1867 by H. W. Hulinger, of Lowell, Ind. His guardian died then, and his widow married J. Thorn, with whom he lived until his majority. His guardian mother died in 1879. He entered a printing office at the age of eleven, and after four and a half years began as journeyman, working chiefly on the *Chicago News*, and *Inter Ocean*, but from 1880 to 1882 he had control of the *Greene* (Iowa) *Press*. In 1882 he came to La Belle, and September 20 married Mattie, a daughter of William and Martha Zimmerman, and born in this county in 1864. Their children are Clio H. and an infant. After returning to Greene, Iowa, and working about seven months, he came to La Belle, and established his present paper April 14, 1883, and six weeks later had 400 subscribers. He now has a paying list of 550, gained without solicitation. His motto is "Our Aim—to work for Democracy, Lewis County and Cash—not Glory." He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Perry Munday, general trader and real estate dealer, was born June 24, 1846, in this county, the only child of Horace S. and Sarah (Huner) Munday, the former a native of Kentucky, born in 1812, and the latter of German origin, born in 1816, in New York. They were married in this county, where they had come with their parents, the former in 1835, and the latter a year before. They lived in St. Louis until 1849, when the father, after leaving the mother in this county, went to California, and engaged in mining until 1851. He returned and engaged in various things, such as shipping beef, ferrying across the river, and running stage lines by way of Memphis, Waterloo and West Quincy, until 1860. He owned the "Louis Adams" boat. He then farmed in Putnam County until 1864, when he started West, and reached Boise City, Idaho, September 5, 1864. Here he engaged in butchering, but in 1865 moved to a farm near Middleton. After a time at merchandising there he sold out, in 1867, and moved to Middleton, where he and our subject became merchants until former's death, May 14, 1868. Our subject continued the business, and added blacksmithing and wagon-making, ferrying and heavy teaming until 1875. Before this he had been a grain contractor through Idaho and Nevada, supplying the Northwestern Stage Company. He then exchanged his stock for 292 head of Spanish horses, and located at Munday's Ferry, which ferry he bought, and continued raising horses until 1879. In 1880 he returned to this county, and after



farming two years came to Canton to educate his children. He owns about 1,500 acres of land, and more city real estate than any other person. In February, 1871, he married Kate E., a daughter of Daniel Ligon, and born August 5, 1851. Their children are Horace, Bert, Missouri B., Emma and Fritz. Our subject is a Democrat. He is an Odd Fellow of the encampment, and has passed through all the chairs. His wife and mother are members of the Christian Church.

David E. Musser, liveryman, was born in 1851, in Holmes County, Ohio, the son of William P. and Malinda (Parsells) Musser, the former born in the above county in 1830, and a resident since 1859 of this county. In 1879 he became proprietor of the Lindell Hotel, in Monticello, and ran it for five years. He is a farmer now, and owns 120 acres. The mother, born in Holmes County, Ohio, is now over half a century old. Our subject, the eldest of four children, was nine years old when they came here. After five years of farming he was a teamster four years, and engaged in carrying the mail from Monticello to Lewiston, which he has also carried on the past three months. In 1879 he established his present stables, the only ones in the county seat, with an outfit of nine horses, one single, and four double buggies. He is a Republican. He owns a house and lot and stables in Monticello.

George B. Nelson was born in 1809, in Fayette County, Ky., the son of James and Elizabeth (Boone) Nelson—the former of English stock, and born in Fauquier County, Va., in 1769, and the latter born in 1776, in King George County, Va. The father lived in Fayette County, Ky., after 1807 as a farmer, until his death in 1827. The mother died in 1855 in this county, and was a distant relative of Daniel Boone. Our subject, the only one living of ten children, began the saddler's trade at the age of seventeen, and in 1829 he came to Marion County, and established his business in Palmyra. In 1830 he moved to Monticello, and, in 1836, began with a partner, Franklin Garrett, with whom he was engaged fifteen years. He then abandoned his trade, and bought his present estate of 240 acres, now increased to 280 acres. In 1848 he married Rosanah, the daughter of Francis and Sarah Richardson, and born in Franklin County, Ky., in 1827. Their children are William F., George C., James M., Emma (the wife F. J. Kluthe), John H. and Sterling D. Our subject has been a resident of the State for over fifty-eight years, and is an esteemed pioneer. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Jackson in 1832. He became sheriff in 1856, without opposition from his own party or political opponents, and two years later was re-elected. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

William H. H. Nichols was born in Lewis County, September 1, 1842. He is the son of Ninion and Mary (Bane) Nichols, both Kentuckians, natives of Grant and Boone Counties, respectively. The father was of German and the mother of Scotch lineage. They came to near Williamstown in 1835, where the father followed farming for about half a century. After marriage our subject began farming in Clark County, and in the fall of 1882 came to Lewis County. His farm is well improved and stocked, and contains 140 acres. Our subject is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. The names of their children are Cassius, Eugenia (deceased), Sarah F., Ninion, Mary E., Julia A. (deceased) and Lydia.

Dr. Joel Westwood Nixon was born in Loudoun County, Va., on the 13th of May, 1849, the son of Jonathan Westwood and Mary Nixon, the former of Scotch origin, born in Loudoun County, Va., on the 19th of December, 1807, and deceased in 1874. He (Jonathan Westwood Nixon) lived the greater portion of his life on his farm, containing 350 acres, seven miles north of the famous battle fields of Manassas, and ten miles south of Leesburg, the county seat. He was a man very retiring in his nature, quiet and unsophisticated; was often solicited to become a candidate for office, but preferred the quiet life of a farmer. He was a member of the order of Freemasonry, and a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. He was a brother of Lorenzo D. Nixon, who was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the son of Joel Nixon, who lived in Loudoun County, Va., for many years, and deceased in 1856. He came to Virginia when a small boy, from near the city of Philadelphia, with his parents. The wife of Jonathan W. Nixon, whom he married in Washington, D. C., was of Spanish origin, born in 1810, and deceased in 1864, the daughter of Edmond Castile, who owned a tract of land east of the Capitol building which made him a handsome fortune. Our subject, the only son of a family of twelve children, was educated at Dover Institute, in Loudoun County, Va., and graduated in 1866. He became a teacher at twenty years of age, and spent seven years in that work in Prince William County, and his native county. In 1875 he came to Monticello, Mo., and commenced the study of medicine and surgery, under the tutorship of Dr. R. J. Christie. In March, 1878, he graduated from the medical department of the State University of Maryland. He then commenced practice in his native county, in Virginia. He located in Monticello, Mo., January 1, 1880. In February, 1881, he married Bettie, a daughter of Jephtha D. Million. She was born May 3, 1856. Dudley Westwood, their only child, was born July 15, 1882. Our subject is

the only resident physician in Monticello except Dr. J. B. Marchand. He has a fine reputation for many miles adjacent to Monticello. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Horace Greeley. He has been secretary of the Lewis County Medical Society for four years, and is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

James W. Nunn was born in Adair County, Ky., in 1849. His father, John M., was of English-Welsh descent, and a native of the same county. The grandfather, John G., was a judge of this county for about twenty years. The mother, Jane C. (Breeding), is a native of Kentucky, and of English lineage. The father was but eight years old when they came to this county, where he lived to manhood. He then spent several years in his native State, where he was a farmer and merchant. In 1858 he and his family came to this county, where they still live; the father aged sixty-six, and the mother sixty-two years old. Our subject, the second of six children, received a good education, and at the age of twenty-three was married. His wife, Emma, is a daughter of David and Mary (Roberts) Johnson, natives of England and Kentucky, respectively. Our subject lived at his father's home, and taught school for several years. After renting land for four years he bought his present farm in 1879. It is a well-stocked estate of 160 acres, and well improved. Mr. and Mrs. Nunn have had five children, but the twins, Edda and Edith, are the only ones living. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

William G. Oldham was born in Danville, Ky., June 2, 1837. He is the son of James Oldham, a native of Maryland, of English and German descent. The father came to Kentucky at an early day, and married Lucy, a daughter of James Graves. They had three children, one of whom is now living—Mary A. His first wife died in 1833, and about a year later he married her sister, Mary E. They had two children: Mrs. L. Turner and our subject. His second wife died in 1837, and A. W. Clarkston became his wife about a year afterward. Their children are James, H. C., Sarah, Laura, Nannie, Julia and Carrie. The father was a cotton and carding mill owner for about twenty years in one part of Kentucky, and was engaged in a flour and carding mill for about ten years in another part. He then came to this State, where he died in 1874, and left a widow, who now makes her home with her children in Canton. Our subject received a fair education, by attending school, and clerking mornings and evenings for his brother-in-law, with whom he lived from his fifteenth to his eighteenth year. This brother-in-law was a merchant in Lincoln County, Ky. Our subject came to this county, was employed on

a farm, and soon became the heir of some property. About five years later he came to his present farm, where he has been ever since, with the exception of three years as a merchant at Benjamin. The farm embraces 150 acres. In 1858 he married Susan F., a daughter of Rev. John Shanks. Their children are John S., James E., Lou A., William H., Eliza E. and Nannie S. The entire family are members of the Christian Church.

John S. Oldham was born in this county in 1860. He is the son of William G. and Susan F. (Shanks) Oldham, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of this State. The father's ancestry was Scotch and Irish. The parents were married in this county, where they have lived for about thirty years. The father is a granger, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church. Politically he is a Democrat. Our subject is the second son of seven children, and made his home with his parents until the age of about twenty. He then married Nannie, a daughter of W. H. and Eliza (Reed) Bum-barger, natives of Kentucky, and of German and Irish descent. Our subject began by renting a farm for four years, and since that has been a blacksmith at Benjamin, where he has met with fair success. His children are Nannie G. and William C. Our subject followed in the political footsteps of his father, and is also a member of the grange. He and his wife are both members of the Christian Church.

Charles S. Orcutt, county treasurer and editor of the *Lewis County Journal*, was born June 10, 1855, in Wyoming County, Penn., the son of O. DeWitt C. and Lyda (Cook) Orcutt, the former of Irish descent, born in 1806, in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The father was for many years a teacher and cabinet-maker, and in later years spent a part of his time in shoemaking; and being a splendid scribe did much clerical work at the county seat. In 1850 he married in Pennsylvania, and in 1865 moved to a farm in Shelby County, Mo., and finally came to Monticello, where he died in April, 1870. The mother, of Welsh and Scotch origin, was born in Luzerne County, Penn., in 1826. September 12, 1872, she married G. Mcrton. Our subject, the third of five children, was educated at Monticello, and at his father's death was compelled to help maintain the family, which he did, assisting to educate a brother and sister at the seminary in Monticello. When fifteen years old he became an apprentice as a tinner, and three years afterward worked as a journeyman, until in 1874, he established a hardware store at Monticello. In 1879 he bought his present paper, and made his first issue September 10, and its large circulation since proves its success. He is a Democrat, and on December 30, 1886, was

made county treasurer, to fill an unexpired term. He is an Odd Fellow, and also a member of Canton Encampment No. 24. He is also a member of the Christian Church. His first vote was for S. J. Tilden.

George W. Patee was born near Auburn, N. Y., August 30, 1811, the son of Eliphalet and Sallie (Tripp) Patee, natives, respectively, of Vermont and Pennsylvania. Our subject grew up on the farm, was fairly educated, and at twenty years of age left his home in New York, where the father died in March, 1877, aged eighty-eight years, and the mother about two years previous. Our subject started out with \$2.50, and spent some time in selling fanning mills through Virginia and the Southern States, and also in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. In 1838 he came to Missouri, and established a manufactory for these mills at Cincinnati, this State. He was probably the first to introduce these mills in Northeast Missouri. In 1843 he came to this county and bought 240 acres, where he has since lived, one of the largest land owners and tax-payers, probably, in Northeast Missouri. By his first marriage, with Clara Dixon, his children are Mary, the wife of A. J. Miller; Naomi, the wife of W. C. Bradshaw; George E.; Frank H.; Lucien D.; Ella, the wife of W. Strickland, of St. Paul, Minn., and Wallace H. After her death he married Mariah L. (Brown) Black. June 26, 1877, after this wife died, he married Mary J. Beach, a native of Saratoga County, N. Y., and an intelligent lady. Their children are Rena, widow of Hon. J. J. Louthan, Clara C. and Elizabeth B. Our subject, originally a Whig, has been, since the war, a Democrat in his views. He has been a Mason for over forty years; his wife is a member of the Episcopal Church, which church he aided in establishing. Our subject is a self-made man, and very vigorous and hale for his years. He has spent most of his life as a farmer and stock raiser, with especial attention to breeding fine horses. He introduced the famous Bashaw stock. It should be mentioned that his cook-stove, buggy, piano and revolving horse-rake, which were the first brought to this county, created great curiosity for miles around.

Elijah S. Patterson was born January 9, 1859, the son of Joseph and Clarissa (Lewis) Patterson, natives of Kentucky and this county respectively, and whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject was reared to manhood in this county, and educated at Christian University, of Canton, and Christian Brothers' College, of St. Louis. He became a clerk in the clothing business in 1876, and in 1880 began in Canton, where he now has the largest establishment of the kind in the county, if not in all Northeast Missouri. He carries a large and well-selected stock

of clothing, boots, hats, and furnishing goods of all kinds. He is a Democrat in politics, and an encampment member of the I. O. O. F. He has some valuable real estate also in Kiowa County, Kas. He is also interested with the wholesale firm of Peter & Patterson Hat Co., of Quincy, Ill., of which he is vice-president.

David W. Peterson, farmer, was born in Luzerne (now Wyoming), County, Penn., in December, 1835, the son of Jarius and Hannah (Post) Peterson. At an early day three brothers came from England, and located in Orange County, N. Y. The father, a descendant of theirs, was born in 1803, in that county, and the mother in 1809 in Luzerne County, Penn. She died in 1854, and the father married Clarinda Sprague, who now lives in Lake County, Ind. The father was a farmer, and in 1850 left Pennsylvania, and went to the latter county. He died in 1869. Our subject, one of twins in a family of eleven children, lived in Indiana after his fourteenth year, but had lived with his grandparents from his eighth year. He worked at various things in Indiana, and in 1856 went to Iowa and the following year removed to this county. March 10, 1859, he married Mary E., a daughter of John and Annie E. Wright, and born in Scott County, Ky., in 1833. Their children are Eliza A. and James H. He then began farming in this township, where he bought property. In August, 1865, his wife died, and seven years later he married Eliza A., a daughter of G. B. Sharp, and born in Pendleton County, Ky., in 1850. Their children are Lucretia, Janie, Jarius, David, Ollie and George. She died in October, 1886. He had begun the carpenter's trade in 1865, which he has continued, until about three years ago. Since 1870 he has been on his present estate, which embraces 207 acres. He first voted for Bell, has since been a Republican. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and of the Anti-Horse-Thief Association.

William A. Pierce, farmer and stock dealer, was born in this county in 1845, the son of John D. and Matilda J. (Woods) Pierce, the former a native of Mercer County, Ky., born in 1820, and the latter of the same county, born in 1824. It was about 1842 when the father came to LaBelle Township, and six years later he entered 160 acres of prairie land. About 1858 he sold and went to the Lone Star State, but soon returned and bought a farm in Union Township. Nine years later he sold there, and bought 320 acres, where he finally settled. He was a successful stock dealer, and owned at one time 718 acres. He died in 1883. The mother has been living with her son for the past three years. Our subject, the second of eight children, was educated

at Palmyra, and in October, 1868, married Kate, the daughter of William W. and Jane (Bradshaw) Kendrick, and born in 1851 in this county. Their children are Cora, Fannie and Johnnie. Our subject has a fine estate of 400 acres, where he has lived since 1869. He deals in stock largely, and especially in the Shorthorn breed. He is a Democrat, and during the war was a member of the home militia. He is a Mason, and his wife and daughter, Cora, are members of the Baptist Church.

J. B. Pierce, druggist and grocer, was born in this county in 1858, the son of John D. and Matilda J. (Woods) Pierce, who are mentioned in the sketch of W. A. Pierce. Our subject, the fourth child, was educated at La Grange College. He was employed on the farm until 1882, when he came to Lewiston, and with D. G. Humphrey engaged in the livery and feed stable business here. A year later he bought the drug and grocery store of John James, and has ever since had a large trade, and carries a fine stock in both departments. His brothers and sisters are as follows: William A.; Ellen, the wife of T. J. Terry; Sarah J., the wife of S. R. Wright, and Nannie L. Politically he is a Democrat, and is a promising young business man.

James W. Porter, farmer, was born in Salem Township, in 1858, the fourth of ten children of William P. and Nancy W. (Robinson) Porter, the former a native of Franklin County, Ky., born December 10, 1815. The father, William, came to Missouri when a young man, and in 1840 purchased a farm in Salem Township. In early days he was an extensive brickmaker, but in later years he was a prominent farmer. He was married in 1851, and died August 1, 1874. The mother was born June 1, 1832, and died in April, 1880. Both were devout Christians, the former a Presbyterian and the latter a Baptist. Our subject was educated at Newark and at La Grange College. He then taught very successfully for two years. In September, 1880, he married Mary A., a daughter of John and Lucy Throckmorton, the former a Kentuckian, and the latter a native of this county. His wife was born in 1861, in Lewis County. Their children are Eola M., Edith M. and John W. He has since lived on the old homestead, which embraces 160 acres of well-improved land, besides which he owns twenty-five acres of timber. He is an excellent business man, and a good farmer. His first Democratic ticket was for Hancock, and his latter ones have been of a similar tenor. He is a Baptist, while his wife is a member of the Christian Church.

Alfred F. Poulton, lawyer, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, November 4, 1849, the son of Alfred and Lydia (Lyder) Poulton, natives of Loudoun County, Va. The father came to Pal-

myra in 1857, where our subject was reared to manhood; he was educated at St. Paul's College and Episcopal school of that place, under Dr. W. B. Corbyn. Our subject was deputy circuit clerk of Marion County for three years, and read law somewhat, but finally studied under Hon. W. M. Boulware, of Palmyra. Since he was admitted in 1870 he has been in successful practice at Canton, and made a specialty of real estate law, collections, and probate business. He was city attorney of Canton for two terms, and served as mayor for three terms, the debt of the city being placed on a sound basis during his administration. Our subject is a Republican, and in 1878 was their candidate for judge of probate court, and although he failed of election he ran 300 votes ahead of his ticket. He aided in founding the *Canton News*, and was its political editor in 1880. He has been chairman of the county Republican committee, and from 1874 to 1878 was United States commissioner for the Eastern District of Missouri, but soon resigned the office on account of private business. He is Past Master, a Royal Arch Mason, and Past High Priest of same, and Past Grand in the I. O. O. F. lodge. During his temporary absence from the county, in 1884, he was made the Republican candidate for representative, and requested his opponent to make a joint canvass of the county, but the latter declined. He lead his ticket, but his party were too much in the minority, and he was defeated. He has represented the county in several Republican State conventions, and is well known in Northeast Missouri.

G. H. Pratt was born in St. Louis in 1848. He is the son of Ezekiel and Harriet L. (Hequembourg) Pratt, the former a native of Boston, and of English origin, and the latter born in Albany, N. Y., of French stock. The parents were married in St. Louis. The father was an architect by profession. He came to this county in 1855, and purchased a farm. After his death the mother came to Canton in 1863 for the purpose of educating her children. She remained there for twenty-two years, and during that time she married M. W. Sweet, a carpenter and machinist. Mr. Sweet died in 1872, and the mother returned to the farm. Her children by her first husband are Sarah A., the wife of J. A. Barkelew, a carpenter and machinist; George H. and Harry W. The sons managed their mother's farm, a fine estate of 320 acres, and 240 elsewhere. The paternal grandmother was the daughter of ex-Gov. Lincoln, of Maine. The mother is a descendant of Samuel Morse, of electricity fame, and is also a descendant of the French Huguenots. Her father, Judge Hequembourg, was for many years, and until his death, a justice of the peace in St. Louis, and has now two sons in the city and



vicinity, both in Government employ until the last year: Col. Alex. and Maj. W. A. Hequembourg.

Prof. Alberto B. Price, superintendent of the city schools, was born in Huntingdon County, Penn., September 9, 1843, the son of John and Catharine (McElheney) Price, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Irish and German descent, respectively. In 1850 the father came to Fulton County, Ill., where he farmed until his death in 1866; the mother's occurred nine years later. Of their seven sons those living are John, Joseph and George R., all able farmers of McDonough County, Ill. Their daughter, Anastasia, is the wife of Louis Bottenberg, of that county. Our subject, the youngest, received the usual country advantages, and after a youth of studious habits prepared for college, and in 1869 graduated from Abingdon College, Knox County, Ill., in the classical course. He had taught two terms of district school in Illinois, and in 1869 came to his present position. In 1871 he was elected county superintendent, but resigned on account of ill health and went to Texas, where he spent five years in teaching at Lockhart, and seven years at McKinney. In 1883 he returned, and became professor of mathematics in Christian University for two years, when he resigned, and in 1886 became city superintendent of schools again. July 20, 1869, he married Ella, a daughter of Dr. Alanson Mosher. Their children are Albert R. and Benjamin B. Our subject is a Prohibition Democrat and a Master Mason, while in the Christian Church he is a leader and superintendent of the Sunday-school, which position he has filled for many years. His wife, a member of the same church, has been a fellow teacher with him ever since their marriage.

James Price, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Wales in 1844, the eldest of three surviving children of Robert and Jane (Thomas) Price, natives of Wales. They came to this country in about 1850, and located in Ohio, where the father has made his home, except a part of 1859, in this county. He lived in Columbus, but now lives in Licking County, Ohio, engaged in teaming and contracting. He has been married three times, and his first wife, our subject's mother, died about 1857. Both parents were Baptists, but the father is now a Presbyterian. Our subject received but few advantages, and began independently at sixteen on his farm. He has been in this county mostly since 1859, and in March, 1869, he married Aphia, a daughter of William and Mary Elston, formerly of Kentucky. Since that he has lived on his present farm, whose broad acres he has increased from eighty to 320. His estate is well improved and cultivated. He is a man of financial ability, and one of the leading stock men of his county. He served from 1862 until 1864 in Company I, Eleventh Missouri Militia,

and August 2, 1862, was captured and paroled. In 1864 he joined the Third Ohio Cavalry, and served in Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. He was one of the company that captured the Confederate President. With Republican principles he first voted for Lincoln. His wife is a member of the Christian Church.

James K. Price was born June 12, 1849, the son of James Price, and of English origin. The father came to Missouri in 1835 at the age of twenty-three. He has lived in this county ever since, with the exception of two years in Quincy, Ill., and has made his home with our subject. From a poor beginning he has acquired one of the finest farms in the county. The mother, Mary J., to whom he was married in 1843, was the daughter of Benjamin Roberts. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Christian Church. Our subject, the only child, was educated at the university at Canton. After some time farming he was engaged in the drug business at Sherman, Tex. After a year there he returned home and went to Quincy, where he kept a hotel for about two years. Here he married Lizzie, a daughter of John Costeel, a stock agent at that place. They have one child, an infant. Our subject now has charge of our father's farm, a fine estate of over 800 acres. His political principles are Democratic.

Parks Pruet was born in St. Louis County, Mo., in 1832, and is the son of James and Mary (Price) Pruet, natives of Missouri and Georgia, respectively. The mother died about 1872, and the father still lives in this county at the age of eighty-four years. Our subject is of French and Irish origin, and is the first son of seven children, three of whom survive. He was eighteen years of age when they came to this county, and at his majority married Susan, a daughter of Preston Burford, of Clark County. Their children were Mary L., the wife of R. Tucker; Alzaba (deceased) Malinda J. (deceased), Jefferson D., Walter L., an infant unnamed, and Ettie M. After his first wife's death, he married Emma, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hunsucker) Holloway, natives of Virginia. Their two children died in infancy. Our subject is a successful farmer, and owns a fine estate near Williamstown. He is a Mason, and holds the principles of the Democratic party. He and his wife and daughter are members of the church.

Matthias Pugh was born July 4, 1820, the second son of John and Jane (Moody) Pugh, the former of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Virginia. They came in a four-horse wagon from Ohio to Monticello in 1840, and after renting a farm for about a year came to the west part of this county, where they died at the ages of sixty-five and eighty-one, respectively. Our sub-

ject was but a boy when they came here, and continued to live with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age. After about three and a half years in the lead mines of Wisconsin he returned with his accumulated money, and bought land in Lewis County. He made his home with his father until 1852, when he married Hannah, a daughter of James and Susannah McWilliams, natives of Kentucky. Their children are Margaret J., Martha E., Sue and Mary E. (deceased), Sarah F., John J., Sophronia A., Emma, Aaron (deceased), and David W., two of whom are married. Our subject was in the militia from 1861 to the close of the war. He is a member of the grange, and of the A. H. T. A. Previous to the election of Lincoln he was a Democrat, but has since been a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. His estate consists of 500 acres, well stocked and improved.

John Quinn was born July 27, 1823, in Franklin County, Ky. His father died when our subject was but a week old, and two weeks later the mother also died. About the same time his grandfather, Benjamin Quinn, and eight of his thirteen children died. Our subject was one of a family of five children, who were left helpless, the eldest one being only ten years of age. They were taken in charge by their maternal grandfather, Rev. Mordecai Baulware, who thought it best to go to another country with his own large family, now increased by the addition of his daughter's children. He disposed of the principal part of his own and his grandchildren's property, and moved to Missouri in 1825, settling seven miles north of Palmyra, Marion County. He entered part of the land where our subject now resides, in 1828. Mordecai, the eldest brother of our subject, settled on this land in 1837, and two years later, in August, he married. He died in January, 1840. Our subject lived with his grandfather until fourteen years of age, and as there were no schools in this new country, the grandfather would teach school during the winter in his own house, and the neighbors' children attended free of charge. From the age of ten to seventeen our subject attended school most of the time, living one year with his brother, Mordecai, and two years with his uncle, Hon. John N. Boulware, now of Clark County. In 1842 our subject went to Wisconsin, and tried his luck for three years in the lead mines, meeting with only moderate success. In 1845 he located where he is now residing, and in 1849 he went to California, and joined his brother, Franklin, who had been a resident of that State for seven years. In 1852 he returned to his farm, and in September, 1853, he married Miss Margaret A. Murrell, the eldest daughter of Abner Murrell, a native of North Carolina, but a pioneer of Lewis

County. Two children, James A. and Mary A., were born to our subject's marriage. Mary A. died in infancy. James A. lives with his father, and has charge of the farm, which consists of 600 acres, and all the business. He has been married nine years.

Mordecai Quinn, farmer, was born March 22, 1842, the first born of Benjamin Quinn's family. He was reared on the old homestead, near La Grange. In 1869 he married Elizabeth, the daughter of H. P. Wood, whose sketch appears elsewhere. After marriage they located on their present estate of 160 acres, a few miles from La Grange. They have had one son and five daughters, but two of the latter are deceased. Our subject is one of ten children, six of whom are sons, and but three of whom survive—our subject, John and William. The father was born October 13, 1817, in Franklin County, Ky., and when a young man came to Marion County, this State. In 1841 he married Annvira Gash, and the same year located on the farm where the mother still resides. He was a successful farmer until his death, December 19, 1880. He was a respected citizen, and a member of the Baptist Church. Politically he was a Democrat. The paternal grandfather, John, was born in North Carolina, and after his marriage to Leah Culbertson, they moved to Marion County, this State, where they spent their lives.

Silas Ramsey (deceased) was born in Woodford County, Ky., in September, 1806. He is a descendant of Seth Ramsey, of Culpeper County, Va. Our subject was employed as a mechanic in his native county until he was twenty-four years of age. He was twice married, and had a numerous family. After his first marriage he came to this county near to what is now Canton. He made the boards that were used to build the first clerk's office. In 1837 he bought the P. G. Womack farm, whose papers of entry are now owned by his son, Silas M. Mr. Ramsey lived there for about half a century. His children now living are John B., Martha, Robert L., Samuel H., Silas M., James W., Mary H. and Newton. Silas M. married Mary A., the daughter of Henry A. Barkelew, and she died, leaving four children: Francis M., Archie B., Florence and Zetie A., who are living with their father at the old place. Our subject died in 1887 at the age of eighty-one years. He was a devoted Christian, and left a widow at the age of seventy-three. She and her son, Silas M., live together at the old place. The estate is a large one of 240 acres. Silas M. is a Democrat, and a member of the F. & A. M. and of the A. H. T. A.

Robert L. Ramsey was born in this county in 1836, the son of Silas and Elizabeth (Brown) Ramsey, natives of Kentucky. The father came to a farm near Canton about 1830, and in 1837 settled

permanently on a farm near Monticello, where he died February 8, 1887, aged eighty-one years; he was a Baptist. The mother died when Robert L. was about five years old, and the father married Henrietta (Baker) Swartz, who with her four children survive him. By his first marriage the children living are John B., of California; Martha, the wife of A. Nesbitt; our subject and Samuel H. Robert L. grew up with country advantages, and was a successful farmer in this county until 1868, when he came to Canton. Since 1873 he has been a successful grocer, and since October, 1886, has been in his present large store room, with a full stock of groceries and provisions; is also engaged in packing and handling a large amount of pork and salt meats. February 3, 1858, he married Sarah E. Ray. Their children are M. Beatrice, a graduate of La Grange College in 1879, since a successful teacher in Canton public schools; Lula E., a graduate of Christian University, in 1886, and married to W. H. Wells March 23, 1887; Sarah and Bettie (Pet and Pone, twins). Our subject is a Democrat, and a R. A. M.; he and his wife are Baptists.

J. W. Ramsey was born in 1848 near Bunker Hill, in this county, the sixth son of Silas and Henrietta (Baker) Ramsey, of Kentucky. The father came to this county in 1829, and was one of the oldest pioneers. He was a successful farmer, and died at the age of eighty-one years. Our subject is one of eleven children, and received a fair education. He left home when twenty-seven years of age, and began the grocery business. He followed that for a few years, and then began farming again. He soon after returned to Williamstown, and since 1882 has been a successful merchant with a large business. He was married in December, 1872, to Mary D., a daughter of Samuel and Elisabeth (Pile) Athey, formerly of Kentucky. Their children are Lillian A., Robert M., Lucy L., Fannie P., John P., James R. and Henrietta E. M. Our subject is a Mason, and is a follower of the Democratic party. In religion he, his wife and two children hold to the faith of the Christian Church. The family is of Irish, German and Scotch descent.

W. L. C. Ratherford was born in East Tennessee, October 24, 1836, and was left an orphan when an infant. His mother's maiden name was Lucinda Rogers, and otherwise he was left with no knowledge of his parents. After his father's death his mother came to Jefferson County, Ill., and he came to Lewis County in the fall of 1855. He soon after came to Deer Ridge with G. F. Baltzell. Since then he has been engaged as a mechanic, and with fair success. He was married to Elizabeth Seaman, of Knox County, Mo., on June 10, 1858. Elizabeth Seaman was the eldest daughter of Harrison and Louisa A. Seaman, of

Knox County, Mo. W. L. C. Rutherford and Elizabeth Rutherford's children are Ida L., Harrison S., Lizzie E., John L. and William W. Our subject served in the militia for several weeks, and has served as justice for ten years, and school director for thirteen years. He is a Mason, a member of the grange, and a member of the Anti-Horse-Thief Association. His ancestry is Scotch-Irish.

J. P. Richards was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1835, the son of Samuel and Mary (Livingston) Richards, natives of Loudoun County, Va., the former of German and the latter of English origin. The parents came to our subject's birthplace in 1831, and lived there until their deaths, in 1852 and 1876, respectively, the father at the age of fifty-nine, while the mother reached the years of seventy-eight. Our subject began for himself at sixteen years of age, and at twenty engaged in clerking. He soon went to Adams County, Ill., where he taught one winter, and afterward clerked for a time at Quincy, Ill. About the beginning of the war he was married to Lou, a daughter of Robert Thompson. He then served in the war for three years, and was at Vicksburg, Pea Ridge and other places. His wife died in 1865, and three years later he married Maria E., a daughter of John Richards, of Adams County, Ill. He then moved to Lewis County, Mo., in 1869. He is a member of the F. & A. M. and the A. H. T. A., and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Moses M. Risk was born in Scott County, Ky., November 25, 1804. His father, John Risk, or Risque, as the name was spelled in Scotland, was a native of Virginia, a soldier in the Revolution, a surveyor of land, who immigrated to Kentucky, settling among the Indians, and whose life was full of adventure and peril. Moses M., the youngest son of a large family, was brought up to the tailor's trade, and spent his early life as a merchant tailor in La Grange, Ky. After marriage he and his brother, William, bought a mill on Elkhorn, selling their flour in Frankfort. Finally he bought a farm near Versailles, Ky., and cultivated it until he immigrated to Lewis County, Mo., in May, 1842, settling near Antioch Church, where he secured a farm of 600 acres, and raised grain and stock for thirty-three years. Mr. Risk was a deacon in the Christian Church at Antioch, a good neighbor and useful citizen. In politics he was a Whig; was greatly annoyed during the war, and after it voted with the Democratic party. He was a Freemason, a member of the grange, and hospitable and social to a fault. He was fleshy, had dark hair, which became quite gray, and was a well favored gentleman. In his seventy-first year, January 13, 1875, he

went alone to a stream near his home, in his usual health, to cut the ice for his stock to drink. His family had gone on that day to visit a married daughter. When they returned in the evening he was not to be found. His wife and daughter gave the alarm to the neighbors, when he was found, about 10 o'clock at night, dead, lying partly on the frozen stream, with his hat under his head. He probably had dizziness of the head, occasioned by a heart trouble. His children are John C., William H., James T., Ferdinand G., Robert C., Henry C., Mary F., Annie E., now living, and Charles Edwin, deceased. His widow, Mrs. Fannie Risk, is a daughter of John and Nancy Crosby, natives of Fauquier County, Va., who removed at an early day to Shelby County, Ky., where she was born January 31, 1813, and married, October 1, 1829, in the seventeenth year of her age. She is a woman of remarkable industry, and a consistent member of the Christian Church at Antioch. She governed her family with wonderful ability, and now, in her seventy-fifth year, slender in form yet in good health, resides on the old farm, a noble, hospitable mother in Israel, beloved of her kindred, brethren and neighbors. James T. and Miss Mary F. Risk, who authorize this publication, reside with their mother at the old home, are members of Antioch Church and of the grange, and are highly respected and honored in the community. James spent several years in the gold mines of Montana, but returned, at the death of his brother, Edwin, and took charge of the farm. He has occupied responsible positions in the grange and in the county. This is one of the sweet homes of Lewis County, honored of God and respected of men.

Dr. R. C. Risk was born in the blue-grass region, in Kentucky, the fifth son of Moses M. and Frances (Crosby) Risk. The father was a merchant tailor, and afterward became a farmer in Woodford County, Ky. He came to Lewis County in 1842, and died in 1875, at the age of seventy years. He farmed during his later years. He left a family of eight children, all of whom are living but one. Our subject has been in this county since infancy, and attended Christian University, at Canton, and then graduated from the Christian Academy, at Hustonville, Ky., in 1861. He then returned to Missouri and afterward to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he graduated from the medical department of the university. After five years of practice near Williamstown, he moved to the latter place, where he has since practiced and carried on a drug store. He does nearly all the business of his profession in that place. He is a Mason and a Democrat.

John Calien Risk was born in La Grange, Oldham Co., Ky., October 14, 1830. His father, Moses M. Risk, was of Scotch de-

scant, a native of Scott County, Ky., and his mother, Fannie (Crosby) Risk, was reared in Shelby County, Ky. His parents moved to Lewis County, Mo., May, 1842, and settled on a farm near Antioch Church, where they raised a family of nine children. J. C. Risk, the eldest, was trained to farming, but during leisure seasons of the year was kept in the country schools, and at the age of twenty entered Missouri University, at Columbia, where he graduated July 4, 1855. During his first session, 1851, he joined the Christian Church, under the preaching of President James Shannon and Elder D. P. Henderson, and studied the Bible as opportunity offered through his college course. The vacation after graduating, at the solicitation of President Shannon, he taught a private school in Columbia. In September, 1855, he was chosen by President John A. Williams as a teacher in Christian Female College, Columbia, Mo. A year later he returned to Lewis County, and founded Monticello Institute. In 1858 he took charge of Christian Academy, Hustonville, Lincoln Co., Ky., which he successfully conducted for three years, until the academy was interrupted by the civil war. Mr. Risk removed to Harrodsburg, Ky., and spent a year studying the Bible under President J. A. Williams, in Daughters' College. In July, 1861, he was ordained to the Christian ministry by President Milligan and Dr. Richardson, in the Bible College of Kentucky University. In 1861 he returned to his father's home, in Lewis County, and devoted himself to preaching the gospel, which he had been doing, as opportunity offered, until the close of the war. In September, 1864, he located in Canton, Lewis County, and took charge of De Soto Institute, a female school, and continued in it for three years. Mr. Risk was chosen trustee of Christian University, located at Canton, and was made its financial agent, and for years has been its secretary. At his suggestion, De Soto Institute was united to the university, and became the female department. In 1872 he was chosen principal of the Canton public schools, and in 1873 was elected to the chair of English language and literature in Christian University; but he finally gave up teaching, and devoted himself to preaching the gospel. He has since lived in Canton, and has preached for churches in the county, has organized congregations, has secured the building of meeting houses, and has been engaged in other ministerial work, having baptized 424 persons, and has received by letter, and otherwise, many others. He has also married 137 couples, has been president of the county and district Sunday-school conventions, and is actively engaged in temperance work, now hoping to secure local option in the county. He has devoted himself to missions, having taken a life membership in the State, the



general and foreign societies, and has for years been secretary of the county missions. He has written considerably for the press, and is the author of several pamphlets on the church and the gospel. Elder Risk was happily married, February 4, 1885, to Mrs. Eliza F. Bumbarger, an estimable Christian lady, widow of Judge John F. Bumbarger, and daughter of Elder John Shanks. They have a comfortable home, are in good health, and can say that "goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our lives."

John E. Roberts, Jr., farmer, was born in this township in 1851, the son of Quiltincy (Thompson) Roberts, the former born in Baltimore in 1808, and the latter in Virginia in 1824. The father was a teacher, and merchant, and afterward a farmer. In 1837 he came to Clark County, and became a merchant at Waterloo. In 1839 he married, and about 1850 came to this county. His estate in Union and Canton Townships embraces 280 acres. He died in 1873, and the mother in 1879. Their children are John E., James A. and Julius W. Our subject left home in 1877, and was educated at La Grange College. He began teaching at the age of twenty-five, and continued six sessions. In 1872 a severe accident befell him, so as to disable him for several years. February 10, 1876, he married Demarius B., the daughter of George H. and Mildred B. (Thompson) Sheckells, and born May 22, 1856, in this county. Their children are Edgar S., Roy E. and Jesse J. After marriage he remained on the home place three years, and in 1884 bought eighty acres of his present farm. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Greeley. He is a member of the grange, and for the past twenty-seven years has been a Missionary Baptist, while his wife has been a member within ten years of as long. He is an esteemed man.

James Addison Roberts, farmer and broom maker, was born in Union Township in 1855, the son of John Roberts, whose history is mentioned in the sketch of J. E. Roberts. Our subject, the fourth child, left home when of age, and February 24, 1876, married Anna, the eldest daughter of William and Mary (Cowgill) Turner. She was born in England in August, 1854, and came with her parents to Canton at the aged of three years. Their children are Arthur Addison, aged ten, and Maud Musa, aged five. In 1881 he bought Locust Shade, a farm of 102 acres, where he has since resided. He began the manufacture of brooms in the winter of 1886-87 in connection with his farming. He has made about ninety dozen up to the present, and has on hand at the present time ninety dozen brooms. He is a Democrat and first voted for Tilden. He is a granger, and he and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, having

joined thirteen years ago. He was ordained as a deacon in 1886. Since 1883 he has been school trustee, and is a promising young citizen.

Benjamin W. Roberts was born in Harrison County, Ky., in 1830, the son of Benjamin, Sr., a Virginian, and Sarah (Henry) Roberts, a Kentuckian. The father went to Kentucky at an early day, and in 1833 came to this State. He settled in Marion County, where his wife died in 1834, a devoted member of the Methodist Church. After several years of carpentering, and living with his sister, he died in Canton at the age of sixty-five. He was both a Whig and a Democrat. Our subject, the youngest of six children, was but three years old when they came to this State, and after the mother's death, when the family broke up, he went to live with his sister, Mrs. A. Smith. Eight years later she died, and he then went to live with another sister, Mrs. Price. With her he received an education, and worked on the farm until he accumulated enough to buy a land warrant from a Mr. Sears. That purchase was his present land. During this time he married Jane E., a daughter of Rev. John Shanks. Their children are Sarah E. (the wife of J. P. Bowles), J. J., E. J. (the wife of J. Bruner), W. H., Minnie S. and Benjamin A. Our subject's estate consists of 260 acres of well-improved land. Politically he is a Democrat, and he and his wife and four children are members of the Christian Church.

Prof. George Root, the Missouri weather prophet, was born within 100 miles of Paris, France, April 11, 1837. He secured a good education in his native land, and made a specialty of meteorology and astronomy. In 1848 he came to New York, where he followed veterinary surgery until the late war. He enlisted in the Twenty-fourth New York Infantry, and served three years in his professional capacity most of the time. He then began his extensive weather observations, and in 1865 located in this county on a farm. Ten years later he bought his present estate of 120 acres, where he has since resided at his home, Pleasant Grove. He has devoted his entire time to making planetary and weather observations and forecasts, which have been published extensively in the metropolitan press of the United States. He was employed in 1883 by the Government as a tornado reporter. It may be said that all his prognostications have been fulfilled, notwithstanding the fact that he forecasts for a whole year in advance. The *St. Louis Republican* of April 21, 1887, contains a very interesting interview on this subject, in which the Professor states some excellent facts. By his first marriage, with Eliza Nicholson, he had two daughters, both deceased. She died ten years before the death of her children. Prof. Root married his present wife, Sarah

Powers, in 1886. He is a Democrat, but of an independent order. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is recognized as very prominent in the sciences of meteorology and astronomy.

Dr. Robertson M. Royalty was born in Washington County, Ky., September 1, 1824. His father, Thomas Royalty, was born July 4, 1797, and August 19, 1821, he was married to Margaret Robertson. In 1834 he immigrated to Illinois, and remained there until 1853, when he came to Missouri. He died in the autumn of 1862, the mother in the fall of 1871. The grandfather, Thomas Royalty, Sr., a Virginian of English lineage, was one of the early settlers of Kentucky, and lived to an advanced age. The maternal grandfather, George Robertson, was of Scotch parentage, and brought up a Presbyterian. He was a native of Pennsylvania, but was educated in Virginia, where he married, and settled on a farm. After a few years he with his family set out to make the trip overland to Kentucky; but the snowstorms of the memorable hard winter overtook them, and they were obliged to encamp in the wilderness. On the breaking up of winter, his horses and cattle were all swept off by the floods, except one small horse. With his wife and three little ones mounted upon the horse, and himself on foot, he finally reached "Astin's Station," where he met his brother, Alexander, who had come out the preceding year. Some time after this the two brothers, while out on an exploring trip, were surprised by a party of Indians. Alexander had his elbow shattered by a bullet, but escaped, and reached the settlement. George's horse was shot dead under him, and an Indian instantly struck him on the head with his tomahawk, and was in the act of scalping him, when the wounded man grasped the savage by the throat, and held him until the chief came up and released him. From motives of future reward and admiration of the white man's courage, perhaps, the chief resolved to hold him captive. After suffering incredible hardships he was delivered to the British in Canada, and held a prisoner of war until the close of the Revolution. The father then, completely broken down, returned to his family in Kentucky, where he died in the early part of this century. Our subject was largely self-educated, and in early life was a successful teacher. He began reading medicine with Dr. Witty, at Mount Sterling, Ill., in 1847, and in 1850 entered the medical department of the University of Missouri, and the following year, located at Versailles, Ill. He came to Missouri in 1853, but in 1855, his health failing, he accepted the position of editor of the *Democrat*, at Macomb, Ill. The following year he founded the *Macomb Eagle*, but soon sold his interest in that paper, and came to Mar-

ion County, where he subsequently resumed the practice of his profession. In March, 1874, he married Mary E., a daughter of William and Elizabeth Yarbrough. She was born in Indiana, in December, 1844. Their only child is deceased. Early in the summer of that year he located at Maywood and entered at once upon an unusually large practice. In 1879 he removed to Durham, but has for several years been on his farm near the latter village, to the superintendence of which he devotes his principal attention. He is a Democrat of the old school, and cast his first vote for Lewis Cass. He is a member of the Christian Church, but his wife is a Baptist.

Emilius Kitchel Sayre, A. M., LL. B., farmer and stock raiser, was born in Battle Hill (now Madison), N. J., in 1810, the son of Baxter and Elizabeth (Kitchel) Sayre, both of English descent. Her ancestor, Robert Kitchel, one of the first settlers of Guilford, Conn.; he came with Rev. H. Whitfield, in a company of Puritans, in the first vessel that ever landed at New Haven. His son, Samuel Kitchel, was one of the first settlers of Newark, N. J. The father, a descendant of Joseph Sayre, one of the first settlers of Elizabethtown (now Elizabeth), N. J., was born in 1786 in Battle Hill. Moving to New York in 1828, he was one of the active builders of Chatham Street Chapel. He returned to New Jersey after a ten years' residence in that city. He was a zealous and active temperance and anti-slavery advocate, and a most earnest Christian worker. He was one of the first voters with the liberty party. He moved to Rock County, Wis., in 1851, and died in 1857, on a visit to his birthplace. The mother, born in Hanover Neck, N. J., in 1786, died in Wisconsin in 1854. Her father was Aaron Kitchel, a member of United States Congress, from New Jersey, from 1791 to 1793, from 1794 to 1797, and from 1799 to 1801; voting for Jefferson against Burr, and United States senator from New Jersey, from 1805 to 1809, when, his wife dying, he resigned. Our subject is the eldest of nine children; was educated at the common schools of his birthplace, and at the private schools of Moses Smith, in Elizabethtown, N. J. He joined the junior class of Amherst College, in October, 1826, and was graduated in 1828, third in a class of forty-two. He then served for three years as professor of Latin, geography and arithmetic, in Washington Institute, New York. He graduated from the law department of Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., in 1833, was admitted to the bar there, and remained in active practice, in all the courts, State and Federal until July, 1852. He came to Monticello, in April, 1836, purchased about 3,500 acres of land, and commenced the extensive improvement of it. He moved his family upon it in July, 1852, and engaged in farming

and stock raising. In 1874 he lost his estate by loaning the use of his name to a firm of pork packers in St. Louis. Through the kind and wise providence of his uncle, David A. Sayre, of Lexington, his family now reside upon a part, about 1,500 acres, of his old farm. In 1861 he was a delegate to the State constitutional convention, voting against secession, but for active resistance to the war measures of the Government. In June, 1844, he married Elizabeth Pierson, born in 1823, daughter of Elijah Pierson, of New York, a descendant of Abraham Pierson, son of the first president of Yale College, from whom also her husband is descended through his daughter Grace Pierson, and of Col. Ebenezer Condict, of Morristown, N. J., who died there of small-pox in 1779, while in command of his regiment, in active service under Gen. Washington. Their children are Charlotte J., the wife of Thomas H. Boorman, of New York; Elizabeth S., the wife of William Frank Smith, of this county; David E., of Arkansas, who married a daughter of Gen. Joseph Porter; Emilius K., Jr., who died, a member of the St. Louis bar, in 1875; Thomas Dolan, resident of this county, on the old farm; John S., named after his maternal great-grandfather, Dr. John Stanford, of New York, assistant-surgeon in United States Navy; Hannah Meeker, and Farrand, second lieutenant of the Eighth United States Cavalry.

Samuel Sayer, retired farmer and stock dealer, was born in Miami County, Ohio, in 1829, the son of James and Eleanor (Goodin) Sayer, the former of Dutch stock, born in Washington County, Penn., in 1798, and the latter a native of Tennessee, and born in the same year. The father went to Miami County, where he married, and in 1841 moved to Lee County, Iowa, where he bought an estate of 300 acres; his wife dying in 1863, he married Mrs. Mariah Hamlin. He died in 1880. Our subject, the fifth of nine children, received a common-school education, and in 1852 married Nora Dodds, the daughter of John and Susan Dodds, she being born in Jefferson County, Ill., in 1833. Their children are V. N., mayor of the city of Richfield, Kas.; Ida, the wife of Judge B. F. Thompson; Emma, who died in her twenty-fourth year, and D. D., attorney at law and probate judge of Morton County, Kas. Our subject bought 120 acres in this county in 1857, and now owns 350 acres adjoining and near the town of La Belle. He has practically retired, but gives some attention to stock raising. He was one of the charter members of the La Belle Savings Bank, and one of its directors for several years. Politically he is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Louis Schneider, merchant, was born in Prussia in 1852. The

family came to America in 1853, and located at Quincy, Ill., and, in 1865, moved to La Grange. After a few years' attendance at school, he entered his father's store, and in 1876 became a partner. Eight years later his father's death occurred, and he soon controlled the business. In February, 1887, his growing business caused him to have a separate room for his clothing department. He has served as mayor for two terms, and held the offices of city clerk and auditor, one and two years, respectively. He was married in 1882 to Carrie Strouse, of Quincy, Ill., by whom he has one son and two daughters. He and his family are members of the Hebrew Church, and he is a member of the F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., and A. O. U. W. fraternities. The father, Oscar, was mayor of La Grange three years, and the mother, Theresa Samuels, is still a resident of this place. Our subject carries a stock of about \$20,000, and employs six clerks.

August Schoppe was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1840. His parents came to St. Louis in 1845, and after three years moved to Hannibal. A year later they came to La Grange, where he was educated in the public schools. At the opening of the war he entered the Third Missouri Cavalry, and two years and four months afterward he was discharged on account of disability. He was elected county assessor at the close of the war, and served four years, and in 1866 also became a grocer. In 1868 he began dealing in grain, and continued three years. From that time until 1883 he was engaged as a merchant, and then built his present grain house, and has since been buying grain hay, etc. Hannah M. Fletcher became his wife in 1864. She is a native of Kentucky, but was reared in this county. They have one son and two daughters. Our subject is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the A. O. U. W., of which he has been financier since its organization in 1877. The father was born in Hanover, Germany, and after his marriage followed the cooper's trade until they came to St. Louis. After living in Lewis County from 1849 to 1864 he returned to St. Louis, and died the same year. His wife had died in 1859. He had been, in Germany, an officer corresponding to our justice of the peace. Our subject is one of a family of four sons and one daughter.

John F. Schulz, of the firm of Schulz & Carroll, grain dealers, and dealers in hay, seeds and live stock, was born in Prussia in June, 1835. He came to the United States in 1854, and worked at manual labor in Wisconsin and Nebraska until 1861. He was a Confederate soldier, and after the war came to Canton, and farmed three years. He was a merchant until 1880, when he became a fruit grower, but two years later began the present business, the success of which has been largely due to him.

He lost his first wife and child by death, and December 10, 1874, he married Ursula (Werly) Weber, a native of Switzerland. Their children are Ella C. and Clara E. By her first husband, John Weber, her children are Charles W. and Anna C. Our subject is a Democrat, and has been a member of the city council and school board. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the I. O. O. F. He was reared a Lutheran, while his wife is a Methodist. William F. Carroll, the other partner, was born in Canton, February 1, 1858, the son of Patrick and Mary J. (Withington) Carroll, whose sketches appear elsewhere. Our subject was reared on the farm, and attended country schools. In 1879 he began dealing in live stock, and in February, 1884, came to Canton, and engaged in his present business. The firm succeeded Friend & Schulz. They have a fine large brick warehouse 50x100 feet. They are agents for the St. Louis & St. Paul Packet Company, and have exclusive use of the company's property at Canton. They do as large a business as any firm in Northeast Missouri. April 29, 1884, he married Cora D. Northcraft, a native of Hancock County, Ill. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

Granville Scott was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1824; where he lived until twenty-eight years of age. He was educated in the pioneer log schoolhouse. After renting a farm awhile in Kentucky he came to this county, and rented sixteen acres of land. He again returned to Kentucky, and soon after settled upon the same place he had entered, which now embraces 600 acres of fine land, one of the finest estates in the county. In February, 1855, he married Ellen, a daughter of Francis and Emily (Laswell) McMillan. Their children were Georgian, Cicero, Rhoda E., Emma A., Louisa (deceased), Laura E., Mary A., William, Felix and Ida M. Our subject is a Republican. His ancestry is English.

Robert H. Seaman, of Seaman & Fisher, general merchants, was born in Knox County, in 1856, the son of Harrison and Louisa (Bates) Seaman, the former of English stock, and born in Ohio in 1812, and the latter born in 1815 in Virginia. The father went to Indiana with his parents, and afterward to Missouri. When twenty-five years of age he came to this county, and in 1842 moved to his present estate of 400 acres in Knox County. The mother was sixteen years old when her father came to this State. Her children are Elizabeth, the wife of L. Rutherford; Hulda, the wife of J. Rouse; William; John; Annie, the wife of H. B. Beckner; Robert H. and Lucy. Our subject was educated at La Grange College; in 1878 became a clerk for Agnew & Holmes, and in April, 1884, began his present

business, in which Mr. Fisher became a partner in 1886. They have a fine general stock, and a large trade. January 3, 1883, he married Annie L., a daughter of James and Sarah Brooking, born in this county in 1862. Their children are Nina and Adella M. He is a Democrat, a Mason, and his wife is a member of the Christian Church.

Albert W. Selway was born in Clark County on the 6th of August, 1858. He is the eldest son of Napoleon and Ann (Walker) Selway. The father was born in St. Louis July 5, 1826. His parents were Joseph and Theresa (DaZotell) Selway. The father was left an orphan at the age of nine years, and received a limited education in St. Louis. At the age of twenty-one he went to Bridgetown, and followed blacksmithing; two years later he returned to St. Louis, and worked in the foundries. He then soon came to Lewis County, and three years later married Ann, the eldest daughter of John and Tamer (Tummonds) Walker. Their children are Albert W., Charles H., Walter W., Archibald G. and Arthur E.; the deceased are Tamer, John S. and Oscar. He is a Methodist, a member of the G. A. R., and is a Republican. Our subject, A. W. Selway, left home at the age of twenty-three years, when he married Julia, a daughter of Elijah and Mary (Bowen) Loafman, of Greene County, Penn. After a short time at farming he became a clerk in the grocery and hardware business for W. T. Morris, at Williamstown, but soon after commenced business for himself in the same place, and is now doing a good trade in groceries, glass and queensware. He owns a residence in the west end of town, and is counted one of the stanch men of the place. His children are Claude R. and Wilbur F. He is an Odd Fellow, a Republican, and he and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Charles A. Shackelford, who died in February, 1884, was born in Kentucky in 1826, the son of John and Elizabeth Shackelford. Our subject, the fourth of seven children, was seven years old when the parents came to Palmyra and engaged in the hotel business. July 19, 1846, our subject joined Company I, of Capt. David Willock's battalion, and served until October, 1847, in the Mexican war. He then came to this county, and lived with his brother near Durham. In 1849 he went to California with an ox team, and spent two years in the gold mines. April 8, 1855, he married Mary Rebecca, a daughter of Colman R. and Cynthia A. Ammerman; and born in 1839 in this county. Their children are Susan A., the wife of G. W. Wallace; Thomas R.; Mary H., the wife of A. P. Wallace; Joseph W.; Sarah E.; James R.; Lucy B.; Edward H. and Nat H. He lived on his estate of 200 acres in Salem Township until 1860, when he moved



to near Fort Worth, Tex. He was in the Confederate service for three years, and was captured at Arkansas Post, and sent to Fort Douglas. Three months later he was exchanged, and continued to serve until the surrender. He was at Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. He returned to Texas in 1865, and three years later came to this county and bought the present estate of 200 acres. He afterward increased his farm to 610 acres. He was a member of the Christian Church for ten years, of which church Mrs. Shackelford has been a member for thirty-three years. Since his death his widow has been on the old place with her children.

John S. Shackelford, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Palmyra in 1836, the eldest of nine children of John B. and Sarah (Abell) Shackelford, natives of Kentucky, and born in 1815, the former in January, and the latter in October. The grandfather, John, was a pioneer of Palmyra, where he was a hotel proprietor, and spent his later years. The father was reared in Kentucky, and married in 1835. He then came to this State, and after a year at Palmyra came to this county. The following year he bought several hundred acres of land near the site of Durham, where he became an influential farmer. He died February 1, 1881, and the mother followed him October 9, 1886. Both were members of the Baptist Church. The common schools gave our subject few school advantages, and in 1858 he married Mary, a daughter of John and Julia Wallace, formerly of Kentucky. She was born in 1838, in this county. Their only child, Sarah, is now Mrs. Quinn. Our subject has been on his present estate since 1869. It comprises 520 acres of well-improved land at his home, and 160 acres not far distant. He has been a successful stock raiser as well as farmer. He was on Porter's raid in Northeast Missouri, was captured in 1862, taken to Palmyra and St. Louis, and finally imprisoned at Alton. He has always been a Democrat, and he and his family are members of the Baptist Church.

Elder John Shanks, Sr., was born in Lincoln County, Ky., in 1808, the son of John and Sarah (Gaines) Shanks, the former of Irish origin, and the latter a native of Virginia, both deceased in about 1811 and 1814, respectively. They were pioneers of Lincoln County, and our subject is their only living child. He was but three years old at the death of his father, and when his mother died he lived with an uncle, William Whitey, three years, and was nine years old when he went to live with his uncle, David Shanks. May 1, 1828, he married Elizabeth Farris, who was born in Lincoln County in 1811. Their children are William, Eliza (the wife of John Risk), Jane (the wife of B.

Roberts), John, Susan (the wife of W. Oldham), Sarah (the wife of J. H. Johnson), James H., Issachar, Cyrus and Joseph. Our subject left his native county in 1834, when he came to this township, and bought his present estate of 800 acres, for which he paid \$1,000. Our subject was one among the first white settlers in Lyon Township, and has seen the country transformed from a wild prairie to its present condition. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding May 1, 1878, and all their descendants, down to their great-grandchildren, were present. The company formed a group of sixty-three, and had a picture taken. They have thirty-five grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren, forming the largest family in this county. Our subject has been an expert hunter and fisher, having killed, the first year of his arrival, 200 deer, and, for the first fifteen years, he averaged 100 per year. About 1839 he, J. Lillard, D. Lillard, N. Nichols and H. Black were out on a bear hunt, and during the day secured a bear, a panther, and several wild cats. Our subject now owns an estate of 530 acres, besides having aided his children. In 1837 he became a member of the Church of Christ, and in 1839 was ordained as their minister, and for forty years was actively engaged in that work. He traveled over a radius of seventy miles in organizing churches, and in doing the other duties of a minister. He and his wife have both been devoted members since 1837, and have lived to see all their children members. In politics he was formerly a Whig, but is now a Democrat.

John Shanks, Jr., was born in Lincoln County, Ky., in 1834. He is the son of John and Elizabeth Shanks, natives of Kentucky. The father came to this county in 1834, and spent over half a century as a farmer and stock raiser. He has reared eleven children, all but one of whom are living and married. Our subject is the second son, and graduated from Christian University in 1857, in the classical course. He taught for several years in Kentucky, and in this county. About 1864 he married Susan L., a daughter of John Bayne, a native of Kentucky, who came to this region in 1829. His wife graduated in Canton, from the De Soto Institute. After marriage he continued teaching for some time, in connection with farming, but soon devoted himself entirely to the latter. In 1857 he was ordained as a minister, and has baptized a large number, among whom is the present judge of this county. His children are Elizabeth, Madison H., Anna L., Grace S., John Milton and Cyrus R. Our subject was administrator for about eight or ten years. His political principles are Democratic.

James H. Shanks was born in this county in 1840. He is the

son of Rev. John Shanks, Sr., whose sketch appears above. Our subject lived with his father until his majority, and received a good education. In 1861 he moved to a farm which he had partly inherited and partly purchased, and the following year married Amanda, a daughter of L. B. and Barbara (Davidson) Clay, natives of Kentucky. After a year with their father, they came to their present home. Their children are John C., Mamie, Eugene, Elizabeth E., Carrie S. and James H. Our subject's home embraces 180 acres of fine land, which is well stocked and improved. He holds to the principles of Democracy, and is united with the grange society. His entire family except the youngest child are members of the Christian Church.

Joseph W. Sharp, farmer and stock dealer, was born in Nicholas County, Ky., in 1844, the eldest of four children of William and Eliza A. (Shannon) Sharp. The father was born in Fayette County, Ky., about 1820, the son of James, also a Kentuckian, who was the son of William, a Virginian and a soldier of the Revolution. The grandfather died when William was quite young. The father was a shoemaker's apprentice from his thirteenth to his twentieth year. He began for himself, and finally owned an establishment which employed eleven hands. In 1840 he married Eliza A. Shannon, who died in 1863. He then married Ann Wisner, and by her had three children. At the time of his first marriage he was worth but little, and thirteen years later, when he was worth about \$15,000, he lost all by security debts. He then came to this county and began again, and acquired 240 acres of land where he now lives. Our subject received but little education, and that before his eleventh year. When seventeen he entered Capt. Kendrick's company, and served about six months on the Confederate side. He was at Kirksville, Palmyra and other places. He entered the Iowa State Militia, and afterward joined the Federal regiment, Second Iowa Cavalry, fought at Tupelo, Nashville and other places, and was mustered out in 1865 at Selma, Ala. He returned home, and in October, 1867, was married to Anna, the daughter of John R. and Josephine B. Wilson, and a native of Lexington, Ky. Her parents were of Scotland and Kentucky, respectively. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are Joseph L., Thomas J., John W., Mary and Lula (twins), and an infant. Our subject has since been a resident of his present farm of eighty acres, which, with two other tracts, reaches 380 acres. He is a well-informed and traveled man. He is giving his children collegiate advantages. He is a Democrat and a Mason, while his wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

James F. Sharp, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Nicholas

County, Ky., in 1848, the youngest of four children of William and Eliza (Shannon) Sharp, who are mentioned in the sketch of J. W. Sharp. Our subject attended common schools, and remained at home until he was twenty-six years of age. In 1873 he married Lizzie, the daughter of Evaline Noel, natives of Henry County, Ky. Their children are William B. and Mattie. He at once located on his present farm, which is a good, well-cultivated home of eighty acres. Besides farming, he has been extensively engaged in stock raising. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Seymour. His wife has long been connected with the Baptist Church.

G. B. Sharp, farmer, was born in Lexington, Ky., in 1820, the son of James and Jane (Calahan) Sharp, the former of English stock, born in 1797, in Kenton County, Ky., and the latter in North Carolina in 1793, of Welsh-Dutch origin. The father lived in Fayette County till 1827, when he moved to Kenton County, where he died two years later. He was a soldier of 1812. The mother died in 1852. Their children are Margaret A. (the widow of J. P. Hughes), G. B., Louisa J. (the wife of L. Van Landingham), and Anna M. (the wife of W. Van Landingham). Our subject was seven years old when they went to Kenton County, and made his home with his mother for twenty years after. In April, 1847, he married Harriet Norton, of Grant County, Ky., who was born in 1831. Their only child is George B. In 1852-54 our subject taught penmanship, and then moved to Schuyler County, Ill., in the same work. In 1856 his wife died, and he returned to Kentucky, and in February, 1858, married Mary J. Lummis, who was born in Grant County, Ky., in 1839. Soon after marriage he went to his 120-acre estate in Illinois, but in 1868 sold out and bought eighty acres of his present home, which now embraces 247 acres. He is a Mason; as a Democrat, he first voted for Polk. He and his wife and four children are members of the Baptist Church, of which he is a trustee. His children are Arnold D., James O., Newton E., Ollie E., Richard E., Charles W. and Martha A.

Elder B. H. Smith was born in Richmond, Va., March 1, 1829, the son of William N. and Ann C. (Brown) Smith, natives of South Carolina and Virginia, respectively. The former came to this State about 1838, and settled in Howard County, where he followed contracting and architectural work for a great many years. He afterward moved to Trenton, where he died in 1875, in his eighty-sixth year. The mother died when our subject was eight years of age, and the father married Ann Lewis, of Howard County. By his first marriage his children are Thomas P., William H., Ben H. and James K. Our subject lived in

Glasgow until seventeen years of age, having a fair education, with some knowledge of Latin. He then became a deputy clerk at Trenton, and studied and practiced law there for six years. In 1854 he became a member of the Christian Church. He graduated from Bethany College, Virginia, with the degree of A. M., which included the theological course. In 1859 he became president of the Bloomington (Ill.) Female College for a year, and then for a year had charge of the Christian Church at Brunswick, Mo., and a year later became pastor of the First Christian Church, of St. Louis. After four years he went to Chicago. He resigned the pastorship of the First Christian Church to become president of the Christian University of Canton, serving ten years. In 1875 he became president of the Hesperian College, at Woodland, Cal. After serving three years, he preached a year at Oakland, Cal., and in 1879 returned to Canton, and became president of the Bank of Canton. He has preached also ever since. His first wife, Drusilla Merrill, of Trenton, Mo., gave birth to four children, two living: Robert M. and Adamantine J.; and his second wife, Mrs. Sarah (Hunt) Ralphe, was the mother of one daughter, Sallie S., the wife of Dr. J. H. Patton, of Trenton. In 1867 Mrs. Lura (Bradley) Hall became his wife. Their only son is Ben H. Our subject is a Democrat, and at the solicitation of his friends was a candidate for Congress in 1886. He considers the ministry and college work the glory of his life. He has baptized about 3,300 people, and graduates of his school are filling the highest positions in the State. He is a Knight Templar, and a Past Eminent Commander of the Star of Bethlehem Commandery, No. 37.

Alex. Smith, cashier of the La Belle Savings Bank, was born in Miller County, Mo., in 1833, the son of Scudder and Elizabeth (Miller) Smith, the former a native of Scotland, born about 1770, and the latter of German stock born in St. Charles County in 1805. When about three years old the father came to Rhode Island with his parents, and when of age moved to St. Charles County, where he married. In 1825 he moved to Polk County, where he died in 1849, and the mother ten years previously. Our subject, the fourth of nine children, educated himself at home, and was self dependent at a very early age. In 1857 he married Lucretia West, who was born near Indianapolis, about 1836. Their children are Belle, the wife of O. H. Allen, and Lucretia, the wife of S. D. Mattingly, Jr. He became a carpenter after his father's death, and two years later took up cabinet-making. In 1868 he came to this county, and became a merchant at Jeddo. He continued this, together with farming, until 1876, when he became president of the bank of which since

1878 he has been cashier. His wife died in 1861, and in October, 1865, he married Catharine Huse, a native of Iowa, born in 1843; their children are Charles F., Lillie, Catharine, Alexander, Horace, Carrie D. and Laura D. Our subject is a skillful financier, and in politics is a Democrat. He is a Mason, and his wife is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

John Austin Smith, superintendent of the county infirmary was born near Lancaster, Ky., December 22, 1833, the son of Flavius J. and Permelia (Long) Smith, natives, respectively, of Garrett and Madison Counties, Ky. The father came to Monroe County in 1834, and removed afterward to Randolph County. He was a farmer and brickmaker, near Paris, Mo., in early days, and in 1855 bought a farm six miles west of La Grange, where the mother died in 1865. Our subject is the only living child of four sons and six daughters, and since the father's retirement in 1875, he has lived with our subject, and although at the age of seventy-three years, he still retains his mental faculties. He tells an incident of how our subject, when a little child, was sitting in the dooryard, and was approached by a large black bear. The mother saw it, however, and ran with the child into the house, and stayed bruin's appetite with scraps from the window until the father came with dogs and a gun, and succeeded in shooting the animal. Our subject came to this county a year before his father, and two weeks later bought some land in Section 9, which he finally increased to 150 acres. Since 1877, however, he has been in his present position, managing the institution with marked success. December 16, 1852, he married Margaret E. Loudermilk, a native of this county. Their children are Albert C., a millwright and carpenter; Clarence N.; Elizabeth P., the wife of G. W. Selves, and Maggie J., the wife of James Patterson. Our subject is a Democrat, and member of the A. O. U. W., and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Peter Smith, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, in November, 1837, the son of Peter and Mary (Staub) Smith, natives of Germany, the former born in Bavaria in 1809. The father was an overseer of a German estate, and in 1836 came to near Cincinnati, Ohio. Three years later he went to Decatur County, Ind., and in 1840 moved to Burlington, Iowa, where he remained eight years. After two years as a merchant in Van Buren County, he sold out and bought a farm near Keosauqua, consisting of 320 acres. In 1850 he returned to Burlington, whence his eldest son went to California, where he was engaged in furnishing provisions to miners, but he returned home two years later. He bought a farm of 320 acres near Burlington,

and was extensively engaged in stock dealing until the opening of the war. In 1864 he filled out a wagon train, and made a trip of three months to Montana Territory, where he speculated in stock. After about eighteen months' absence he came to this county, where he owned an estate of 400 acres, now occupied by his son, Stephen. For the past twenty years his home has been in Burlington. The mother died in August, 1807, at the age of sixty-nine years. Our subject, the fourth of nine children, was about three years old when they came to Iowa. March 18, 1863, he married Charlottie A. Coad, who was born in Pennsylvania June 16, 1841. Their children are Susie B., Clarissa and Frank L. In 1863 our subject went to Idaho on a four months' overland trip. After two and a half years of mining he came to this county, and for the eight following years was farming with his brother, Stephen. Since 1874 he has lived on his present estate of 400 acres, on which his residence is situated, erected in 1881 at a cost of \$1,000. He is a Democrat, and he and his wife are Missionary Baptists.

Henry Steffens, farmer and carpenter, was born in Germany about 1838. Casper A. and Martha E., his parents, came to America about 1840, and in 1846 located seventeen miles east of Quincy. The father was engaged as a day laborer, and, while grading the streets, was buried under a caving bank. While he was being dug out he received such injuries on the head from the workmen's tools that he was prostrated for a long time. He was in debt after this, and immediately began clearing some land he had bought. In 1863 he went to Knox County, but in a few months came to Salem Township, where he bought a large farm, and became one of the wealthiest land owners of the county, and owned about 2,000 acres. In 1868 he erected a brick flouring and saw mill and wool carding factory, and the following year furnished the means for the first store in the town which received his name. He was the real father of the place. He died in 1873, and the mother followed him seven years later. Our subject received few school advantages, and in January, 1860, he married Evaline, the daughter of John and Emaline Lirley, of Adams County, Ill., and Mrs. Steffens increased our subject's financial means with \$3,000. Two children are deceased, and those living are Alice (the wife of A. L. Rife), John F., Lillie M., Edward L. and Ervin C. He remained in Adams County, Ill., until from 1866 to 1876, when his home was in Knox County. He then bought the mill and factory at Steffenville, and after six years operating that he engaged in farming and carpentering. He is one of the largest land owners of the county, with an estate of about 1,600 acres, 520 of which are in Knox County. In

politics he is entirely independent. He is an able financier, and a good manager.

Frederick Steffan was born in Quincy, Ill., June 15, 1844, the third of eight children of Casper A. and Martha E. Steffan, who are mentioned in the sketch of Henry Steffens. Our subject received few school advantages, and September 5, 1867, he married Caroline, the daughter of John and Catherine Fox, natives of Germany. His wife was born in Philadelphia. They have had nine children, and those living are Mary (the wife of A. Darley, a merchant), Edward, William, Christena, Anna and Josephine. Our subject was married in Lewis County, Mo., and for seven years was here devoted to farming. In 1874 he erected a store building, and began mercantile business. He soon put up another building, and began handling agricultural implements, and continued both trades for ten years. Since then he has been managing his estates. He first located near town, and in 1884 built his present fine residence in Steffenville, where he has since made his home. He owns about 475 acres—240 near Newark, and the rest near his home. He is an able manager, and an earnest, hard-working business man. His first vote was cast for Seymour, and he has since clung to Democracy.

Adam Steffen, farmer and breeder of thoroughbred Polangust cattle, is the fourth of twelve children of Casper A. and Martha E. Steffen, who are mentioned in the sketch of H. Steffens. Our subject was born in Quincy, Ill., in 1848, and received few educational advantages, perhaps three months' school attendance. He was married October 26, 1873, to Ann, a daughter of Peter and Mary Wiggins, and natives of this county. Their children are Mary A., Casper, Martha J., Zackarius and Grover. He has been a resident of his present farm ever since his marriage. It is a fine estate of 320 acres, which, together with two other tracts, make an estate of 640 acres, one of the finest in the county. He is a man of energy and financial ability, and has acquired his property since the age of twenty-three. He has been engaged extensively in stock raising, as well as farming, and is one of the leading men of his region. He voted for Tilden in 1876, which was his first vote with his party.

Rev. Conerd Steffen, of the German Baptist Church, a prominent farmer, was born in Germany in 1846, the son of Casper A. and Martha E. Steffen, who are mentioned in the sketch of H. Steffen. Our subject was reared at home, and June 21, 1852, married Mary L., a daughter of John and Catherine Fox, natives of Germany. His wife was born August 3, 1841, in Pennsylvania. Their children were John C., Katie E. (the wife of J.



Abbett), Martha M., George C., William F. (deceased), Conerd (deceased), Frank E., Lula F. and Anna M. Our subject left Adams County in 1867, and has since been a resident of the vicinity of Steffenville. He owns a fine estate of 245 acres, and also eighty acres in Illinois. He is a successful and wealthy farmer and stock raiser. He served fourteen months in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Illinois Volunteers, as teamster. He has had but a few days of school advantages, and could neither read nor write until the last six years. His teacher has been his wife, an intelligent lady. His studies of the Bible have been so thorough that he can quote and locate almost any passage in the New Testament. He is so able an expounder that the German Baptists authorized him to preach soon after joining them. He has since been preaching in four different counties and five regular appointments, so that he travels about 250 miles a month. In addition to this he manages his farm. He is rather independent in politics, and first voted for Lincoln. His wife is also a German Baptist.

Capt. William O. Stewart, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Henry County, Ky., in 1836, the son of Charles and Mary (McCrackin) Stewart, the former of Scotch origin, born in Virginia, November 2, 1788. The grandfather, John, was a Virginian, and lived in Henry County, Ky., until the ripe age of a century. The father was married in that county to a Miss Davis. They had three children, and after her death he went to Virginia and married a Miss Norman, who died soon after marriage. By our subject's mother, his next wife, he had two sons. He was a volunteer in 1812, and served several terms in the Legislature and one in the State Senate. He was representative-elect at the time of his death, August 22, 1841. His son, Madison, who died at New Orleans in 1847, was a member of the Lower House. The mother was born in 1799, in Kentucky, and died in Henry County July 2, 1871. Both parents were active members of the Baptist Church. The necessity for caring for the family at an early age deprived our subject of school advantages after his father's death. He was married, December 17, 1857, to Mary C., a daughter of Richard and Elvessa Johnston, and a native of Henry County, Ky. Their children were Charles D., Maggie L., Richard J. and Mary L. (deceased February 9, 1884). Our subject left the homestead in 1881, since which time he has been on his present estate, which embraces 332 acres of choice land near Steffenville. In 1861 he joined the Confederate service in Company A, of the Sixth, and afterward Third, Kentucky Cavalry. He was first lieutenant, and then became captain in 1862. He served under Gens. Morgan, Wheeler, Breckenridge, Forest and

others, and fought at Chickamauga, Mission Ridge and other places, surrendering at Mount Sterling, Ky. His eldest son is a graduate from Bethel College and from the Louisville Law School. Our subject first voted for Douglas, and still votes with the same party. He is an old and prominent Mason, while his wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

Hon. S. H. Stuart, a retired merchant and farmer, was born in April, 1815, in Allegheny County, Penn., the son of Alexander and Rebecca (Peck) Stuart, the former of Scotch stock, born about 1785 in Ireland, and the latter born in New Jersey. The father came to Pittsburgh, where he married, and remained near there until about 1820. They went then to Montgomery County, Ohio, where the father was a millwright until 1848, when they came to this county, to the present site of Canton. Two years later they moved to Moline, Ill., where they died in 1860 and 1858 respectively. Our subject was educated in Ohio, and at the age of twenty-five began for himself as a merchant at Tully. He moved to Canton in 1855, where he was a merchant, and also engaged in farming. In 1875 he retired from business, but still remained president of the branch of the Bank of the State of Missouri, at Canton. In 1860 he was elected State senator from the Twelfth District, and filled many other offices. In 1841 he married Jane Taylor, who was born in 1822 in Kentucky. Their children are Alexander J., Mary (the wife of G. F. Patee), Mima (the wife of F. C. Cain), Benjamin H., Samuel H., Lettie (the wife of M. Thompson), Charles and Margret. Our subject has been a prominent citizen of Canton ever since its origin. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Gen. Harrison, and before the war held Whig principles. His wife, Samuel and his daughters, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

James H. Sudduth, farmer, was born in Jessamine County, Ky., in 1818. At the age of twelve years he moved to Ralls County, Mo., and in 1840 came to Marion County. Since 1857 he has been a prominent farmer of Lewis County, and for many years has been president of the County Agricultural Association. Aletha Carson became his wife in Marion County, of which county her parents were pioneers. Of their two sons and five daughters, one of the latter is deceased. Our subject is a Mason, while in religion he and his wife hold to the faith of the Christian Church. His parents, Francis and Sarah (Musick) Sudduth, were natives of Virginia, and were married in Kentucky. They came to Missouri in 1830, and died in 1863 and 1853 respectively. Our subject and one sister are the only survivors of seven children. Their transfer to this State was done by team. Mr. Sudduth has been connected with the La

Grange Savings Bank since its organization, being director from the first, and most of the time holding the position of vice-president.

L. W. Summers, deputy collector, was born in Washington County, Md., in 1836, the son of Nathaniel and Mary (Wade) Summers, the former of English origin, born in Prince George County, Md., in 1790. After his marriage in Washington County, that State, he became a farmer. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and for many years a justice, and died in 1855. His widow, born in 1806, in that State, came to Missouri in 1864, where she died two years later. Our subject, the sixth of fifteen children, was educated in private schools, and lived at home until twenty years of age. He taught one term, the year before, and in 1856 came to this county, where, in November, 1858, he married Henrietta, a daughter of George S. and Nancy C. Marks, and born in 1837, in this county. Their children are Mary M., the wife of Joseph West; Alice, the wife of J. F. Bradrick, and Mina E. He then began farming. In 1872 he left the farm, and came to Monticello to educate his children. He was deputy sheriff for four years, and also deputy circuit clerk the same length of time. In 1880 he became sheriff, and served two terms. In 1885 he was appointed deputy collector, and served four years. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Breckinridge. He is a Knight Templar, and an Odd Fellow. He and his wife are Methodists, of which church he has been steward twenty years, Sunday-school superintendent four years, and a member twenty-nine years. For eight years he has been a member, and for four years president of the Anti-Horse-Thief Association, and is highly esteemed Christian.

Dennis Sutton, farmer, was born in Fayette County, Penn., February 14, 1814, the son of William and Catharine (Bryan) Sutton, the former of Irish stock, born in the above county, in 1789, and the latter of similar nativity. The great-grandfather, Isaac, was a native of New Jersey, and was a minister of the Baptist Church at Uniontown, Penn., the first one west of the Alleghanies. The father passed his life as a farmer in his native county, and died in 1845, and the mother in 1817. Our subject, the third of four children, lived with his father until his majority, when he began the stone mason's trade, and continued until 1857. He then came to Reddish Township, Lewis Co., Mo., and began his career as a farmer, but in 1866 bought his present estate of 240 acres, now increased to 480 acres; besides this he has given largely to his children. November 8, 1838, he married Margret Calhoun, who was born February 26, 1821, in Fayette County, Penn. Their children are James, Fuller, Mary A. (the

wife of John Brownfield), and Louisa, the wife of W. Brooking. He voted for Martin Van Buren, and has since been of the same political faith, and was elected, in 1852, county treasurer of Fayette County, Penn. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Hugh Templeton, farmer and notary public, was born in Scotland in 1831, the son of John and Marian (Lee) Templeton, also natives of Scotland, the former born in 1808, and the latter about 1806. They were married in 1830, and the mother died in her native country in the winter of 1876-77. Both parents held to the Presbyterian faith. The father was fairly educated, and became a tanner. He came to this country about 1862, and spent his remaining years with our subject, and died in January, 1887. Hugh was meagerly educated, and at the age of twenty came to the United States, and after a year at Buffalo, N. Y., engaged in his trade as a molder. He went to St. Louis, and then to Quincy, then to Jacksonville, and then to Memphis, where he was superintendent of foundries. After a time at Quincy he returned to Scotland, and married Mary A., the daughter of John and Mary Paton. He then returned and resumed his superintendency, and in 1868 came to this county. Since then he has been on his present estate of 240 acres of well-improved and cultivated land. He is a man of more than ordinary ability, and served as justice both by appointment and election, and never had a case appealed. During the war he was hospital steward for eight months at Quincy. He has been a notary public since 1881, and the year previous he was a census taker. Politically he is a Republican, and first voted for Lincoln. He is an Odd Fellow, a Royal Arch Mason, and has filled all important offices in both. Their children are Mary J., John L., Hugh and Susie M.

William H. Thomas was born in Ontario County, N. Y., in 1840, and remained there until seventeen years old. In 1857, with his parents, he moved to Cairo, Ill. In April, 1861, he enlisted under the call for three months' volunteers, in Hough-talling's battery, Tenth Illinois, Col. B. M. Prentice, commanding. At the close of that service he re-enlisted as second lieutenant of an independent company from Alexander and Pulaski Counties, Ill., commanded by Capt. George W. McKenzie, which company was afterward attached to the Twenty-ninth Illinois Infantry. Some time after this he was placed in the quartermaster's department, where he remained until near the close of the war. After leaving the army he entered Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College, Cleveland, Ohio, and, after graduating from that institution, returned to Cairo, Ill. In 1866 he married Miss Mary A. Lufkin, a native of Maine, and in the

following year started in business as a commission merchant, building up a successful trade in flour and grain throughout the Southern States. Retiring from that business in 1875, he moved to La Grange, Mo., and engaged in the small fruit business. He now has about twenty-five acres in these fruits, besides his other well-improved farming grounds, known as "River View Fruit Farm," adjoining La Grange on the north. He has four children—two sons and two daughters—the eldest of the former being a graduate of La Grange College. The father, William Thomas, was a native of Wales, and came to New York when a mere boy. He married Mary A. Hillyard in that State, and in 1857 moved to Illinois, where the mother died in 1864. The father afterward moved to Chicago, where he now resides with his children, but eight of them are living, three being deceased.

Julius E. Thompson, lawyer, was born in Lewis County, November 19, 1858, and is the seventh child of Elias and Mary A. (Finley) Thompson, whose sketch appears in another place in this book. Our subject was educated at the State Normal School, at Kirksville, Mo., attending school during the winter, and working on the farm during the summer seasons. In the spring of 1879 he went to California, where for three years he was in the schoolroom nine out of the twelve months. In May, 1882, he returned to Lewis County, and began reading law, teaching school in the winter of 1883-84. In March, 1884, he was admitted to the bar, and at once began the practice of law, locating at Monticello. He is a safe and reliable business man, and a promising lawyer. On October 26, 1886, he was married to Eva L. B. Allen, who was born in Lewis County May 4, 1861, and is a daughter of William G. and Susan I. (Muir) Allen. Mr. Allen is an ex-sheriff and collector of Lewis County. Our subject is a self-made man, a Democrat and an Odd Fellow. His first vote for President was for Cleveland. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Hon. Bushrod F. Thompson, A. B., cashier of the Monticello Savings Bank, and judge of probate, was born in Lewis County, Mo., and is the son of Elias and Mary A. (Finley) Thompson, (whose sketch appears elsewhere), and the grandson of Eli Finley (deceased), who was a prominent and successful business man of this county, and one of the early settlers to whose timely and substantial assistance Judge Thompson attributed much of his success. Our subject, the third of eight children, was educated at La Grange, where he received his degree in 1871. He began as a teacher at the age of twenty, and taught more or less for eight years. In 1872 he was elected county superintendent

of schools, and two years later was made school commissioner. He began the study of law in 1871, was admitted to the bar in 1875, and at once began practicing. On the 1st of January, 1874, he married Ida A. Sayer, a daughter of Samuel and Nora Sayer (whose sketch also appears elsewhere in this history). Their children are Nora B., Britton A. (who died December 20, 1882), Jesse S., Vera V. and Audra D. Thompson. Our subject was elected judge of probate in 1882, and was re-elected four years later. He was elected director of the Monticello Savings Bank in 1882, and in 1884 became assistant cashier. The first day of the following year he was made cashier, which position he now holds. He is an able lawyer and judge, and a citizen of high standing. He is one of the ablest financiers in the county, and a very successful business man. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Seymour. He and his wife have been members of the Baptist Church for years.

William B. Thompson (deceased) was born in Virginia in 1818. He is the son of Elias and Diana (Holloway) Thompson, who are mentioned in the sketch of Elias Thompson. Our subject was eighteen years old when they came to this county, and soon began for himself as a farm hand. He continued in this way until he was twenty-five years of age; he then married America J., a daughter of Eli and Sarah Finley, natives of Kentucky, who came to this county in 1833, and lived here until their death. Their children are Dianna F., Elizabeth S., Alice V., Nathan A., William O., Olivia, Sylvester H. and Claude E., all of whom are married except one. Our subject began in a log hut, and acquired an estate of 700 acres, which is one of the best farms in the county. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, and of the Baptist Church to which his wife still belongs. His death occurred June 5, 1872.

Elias Thompson was born in Virginia in 1820, the fourth son of Elias and Dianna (Holloway) Thompson, natives of Virginia, and of English stock. The parents came in a four-horse team, and settled in this county near Canton, where they lived until their death, the former occurring in 1865. Both were members of the Baptist Church. Our subject was sixteen when he came to this county, and continued with his parents until his marriage in 1842. His wife, Mary A., was a daughter of Eli and Sarah (Finley) Finley, formerly of Christian County, Ky. Our subject first began on a small farm in Lewis County, and has acquired a large estate of 670 acres. His children are Sarah A. (the wife of G. Witt), Eli J., Bush F., Rosa J. (wife of Robert Boudurant), Oliver M., Addie C. (deceased), Julius E. and Ida M. Our subject has been in this county over half a century.

His children are all educated and started in life, except one who is at Kirksville Normal. His son, B. F., is a judge and banker, J. E., a lawyer; Oliver a graduate of Kirksville Normal, and Ida the salutatorian of her class in 1887, in the same institution.

Samuel Horatio Throckmorton, farmer and stock raiser, was born in 1847, in this county, the son of Thomas and Lucinda (McKim) Throckmorton; the former, of German origin, born in Nicholas County, Ky., in 1803, and the latter of Scotch-Irish stock, born in Bourbon County, Ky., in 1809. The father was nine years old when his father, John, a native of Virginia, went to Bourbon County, Ky. Five years later he began clerking in Millersburg, where he remained until he was of age. In 1825, after his marriage, he bought an estate of 160 acres, and in 1838 moved to Boone County, Mo., but three years later came to this county. It was then that he bought our subject's present estate of 440 acres. He died September 10, 1886, and gave all but about 160 acres of his land to his children. For over half a century he and his wife had been members of the Christian Church. Since his death the mother has been living with our subject, who is the twelfth of her thirteen children. Samuel was educated in the common school, and September 5, 1872, married Mollie C., a daughter of William and Nancy Burford, and born in 1852, in this county. Their only child is Nettie E. After marriage he located on 110 acres, near his father-in-law. After the year 1876 in Newtonia, he returned to his birthplace, where he now owns 200 acres. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Seymour. He and his wife are Methodists.

Junius Tompkins, M. D., was born in Albemarle County, Va., October 20, 1833, the son of Samuel W. and Sarah E. (Gilmer) Tompkins, both of whom died in our subject's childhood. Our subject was reared in his native State, and educated with some knowledge of Greek and Latin. In 1850 he came to this county, and lived on a farm with his brother, and two years later began reading medicine with Dr. Henry F. Hughes. He afterward attended the medical department of the State University at St. Louis, where he graduated in 1855. He then began practice in Canton, where he has remained ever since, attended with extraordinary success. In 1857 he married Mary Cleneay, of this county, who died in 1865, leaving the following children: Benjamin, Walker G. and Catharine (the wife of Horace G. Linn). In 1867 Margaret McClain became his wife. Their children are Charles, Mary, Elizabeth, John and Fannie. Our subject is a Democrat, a member of the A. O. U. W., and is a man of experience and ability.

Oliver M. Towles was born in Saline County, April 29, 1846,

the son of Alfred L. and Jane P. (Vaughan) Towles, natives of Virginia. The father came to Saline County in 1840, and in 1865 moved to La Grange, where he practiced medicine until his death in October, 1884. The mother, three sons and four daughters survive him. Our subject in his youth was engaged in the tobacco trade at Quincy, Ill., Macon, and La Grange, Mo., and was a carpenter in the employ of the Keokuk & North Western Railway, about seven years. After coming to Canton in 1884, and working for Graves & Turner a year, he began his present successful grocery business. With his complete selected stock of groceries, provisions, fishing tackle, etc., he controls a large share of the trade of the county. In 1875 he married Josephine M. Devilbiss, of this county. Their children are Henry A., Oliver M., Eugene and George M. At La Grange he was a prominent local Democrat, and served in the city council two years, and one term as tax-collector. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church.

William M. Travis was born in this county June 21, 1838, on his present place. He is the son of Adam M. and Elizabeth (McCutchan) Travis, natives of Virginia, and of French-Welsh-German and of Scotch-Irish origin, respectively. The father was a carpenter in Virginia for some years, and was a natural mechanic. He came to this county in 1836, and followed agriculture until his death. He was particularly a stock raiser. He died in 1872, at the age of seventy-six years. He was a Democrat, politically, and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife was also a member. The latter died in March, 1854. Our subject, the youngest son of six children, was born on the farm where he now lives, and was educated in the common schools. He began for himself in 1859 by teaching school. He soon began farming, however, and now owns a fine estate of 370 acres. The farm is well stocked and improved. In 1865 he married Mary A., the daughter of R. Smith, of Clark County. Their children are Mamie E., Mattie L., John E., Addie E. and Sidney R. Our subject is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a granger, and a member of the A. H. T. A. W. M. Travis is the principal founder of a high school situated on his farm, at which place his children get a liberal education.

Alonzo True, hardware merchant, was born in Lincoln County February 9, 1846, the son of Abner and Emily (Palmer) True, natives, respectively, of Kentucky and Virginia. The father came with his parents to this State about 1825, and located in Lincoln County, where Abner is a highly esteemed farmer. Our subject was reared in his native county, and followed farming until about



1872, when he sold out and came to Canton, and was engaged in the ice business for two years, and in the grocery business for about two and one-half years. In 1879 he engaged in his present business, in which he carries a large stock, and also sells the New Home Sewing Machine, being the only agent in the city. November 28, 1867, he married Susie A. Allen, of Lincoln County. She died December 18, 1884, and left the following children: Jennie, Charles and Sidney A. Our subject is a Democrat, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. and F. & A. M. fraternities, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Samuel Tucker was born in England in 1822, the son of William and Elizabeth (Howard) Tucker, natives of England. The father was engaged for several years in various pursuits, such as marketing in Exeter, England, and working upon his farm. Our subject lived with his parents until their deaths, which occurred within a few years of each other, and then in 1848 went to Canada. A year later he came to the United States, where for the first two years he was engaged in Ohio in a distillery. In 1851 he went to California, and spent about eight years in the mines with excellent success. He lost all, however, in speculation, and then made a visit to his native land. He soon returned to Lewis County, where he has since resided. In 1861 he married Martha, a daughter of William and Margaret Arthur, natives of England. Their children are William H., James T., Samuel A., John W., Rose A. and Maggie E. Our subject has been a resident of this county for over twenty-seven years, and now owns a fairly stocked farm of 400 acres. Our subject is a Republican, and in religion was reared an Episcopalian. His wife is a Methodist. In 1851 our subject drove a team of six oxen from Independence to Chihuahua, Mex., and was six months on the journey. He then went on to Durango, a distance of 600 miles, and attempted to cross the mountains, but failed. The purpose of his trip was trading.

Henley S. Turner was born in Marion County November 29, 1839, the son of Stephen B. and Martha (Jones) Turner, natives, respectively, of Tennessee and Kentucky. The father came to Palmyra in 1829. In 1847 he came to this county, where he died in 1872. He lost two wives by death, and the third now survives him in this county. His children that survive him are Henley S., Mary F., John W., Martha A., Dr. R. B. and Sarah J. Our subject was reared on the farm, and fairly educated. When nineteen years old he began the carpenter's trade at La Grange, and in 1867 engaged in contracting and building in Canton. In 1872 he started the planing mill, which he and his brother conducted successfully. In 1882 this was merged into the Canton

Planing Mill Company, of which Mr. Turner is president and superintendent. His management and experience is largely the cause of their success. January 21, 1865, he married Lou A. Oldham, of Lewis County. Their only son is William N., born March 8, 1868. Our subject is a Democrat, a Knight Templar and an Odd Fellow. He and his wife and son are members of the Christian Church.

Robert B. Turner, M. D., was born in this county, July 7, 1850, the son of Stephen B. and Sarah A. (Beckett) Turner, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively. The father came to Marion County in 1827, and for seven years was a farmer. In 1834 he removed to this county, and was a Highland Township farmer, until his death in June, 1881. The mother, two daughters and our subject are the only survivors of this marriage. By his first marriage he had two sons and one daughter. Our subject was reared in his native county, and at the age of seventeen, began reading medicine with Dr. Junius Tompkins, and afterward attended the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, graduating in March, 1874. He began practice at Canton, and in July, 1877, removed to Adams County, Ill., where he practiced until 1882, since which time he has been successfully engaged in Canton. He is a member of the County Medical Society of Quincy, Ill. and of the First Congressional Medical Society of Missouri. December 23, 1875, he married Mary M. Newman, a native of Pike County. Their children were Laura L., Mary B. (deceased) and Grace R. The Doctor is a Democrat of the younger school, and a member of the I. O. O. F., in which he is prominent. He is president of the State Convention of the Daughters of Rebecca. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Luther J. Vandiver was born at Warren, Mo., November 40, 1833, the son of Jacob and Frances (Kennan) Vandiver, natives of Virginia. The father first visited Missouri in 1828, and in 1830 located in Northeast Missouri, and died in Shelby County, in 1876, aged eighty-four years, and the mother the year previous. They came to that county in 1840. Their children are Thomas L., William A., Adam C. (a newspaper man), Susan C. (the wife of W. Singleton) and Mary F. (the wife of Benjamin Singleton). Our subject was reared on a farm, and secured a fair education, with some knowledge of the sciences, Latin and Greek. He taught school five years, being principal of the Monticello School from 1859 to 1861. He then engaged in the mercantile business. In 1869 he helped to organize the Monticello Savings Bank, and two years later became cashier, continuing until 1884, and is still one of the largest stockholders, and a director. In 1884 he came to Canton, where he owns and

manages the White and Emerson farms. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Canton, and is a prominent citizen. August 28, 1860, he married Victoria, a daughter of the late M. W. Plant, a pioneer merchant. He is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He has been a successful business man, and has secured a competency, being now a large real estate owner, as well as a large holder of corporation stocks.

John B. Van Metre, farmer, was born in Hardin County, Ky., January 12, 1844. He is the third of eight children of Nathan and Elizabeth (Bland) Van Metre, natives of the same county, where they spent their entire lives. Their father was of German ancestry, and the grandfather, Joseph, was a Virginian, whose father's name was Nathan. The latter's second wife was Mary M. Buckler, to whom he was married in 1856. He was a farmer, and died at the age of seventy years. The mother was a daughter of John H. and Mary (Trigger) Bland, pioneers of Kentucky. She died January 20, 1856, a member of the Baptist Church. The common schools gave our subject a good education, and in 1865 he came to this county. He was married, October 16, 1867, to Mary E., a daughter of William H. and Malinda Schofield, natives of Kentucky. Their children are Ida A., Linnie V., William T., John R., Joseph C. and Mary A. After living for a year near Durham he came to his present farm. His estate comprises 261 acres of well-improved land, also near Durham, and another tract of 160 acres. Besides farming, he has been engaged in threshing. He has been roadmaster, and for a number of years has been on the school board. He served for a time in the Confederate Army. He first voted for Seymour, his party's candidate for President. He is an Odd Fellow, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Daniel V. Van Sykel, M. D., was born in Sussex County, N. J., June 25, 1824, the son of Daniel V. and Susan (Bird) Van Sykel, also natives of New Jersey. In 1836 the father moved to Michigan, where our subject was reared to manhood, and received his education. In 1840 he began reading medicine with a relative in Ohio, and in 1849-50 graduated from the medical department of Hudson (Western Reserve) College at Cleveland. He practiced in Michigan until 1863, when he entered the Union Army as assistant surgeon, and served in hospital duty at Gallipolis, Ohio, but, chiefly, at Quincy, Ill., for about two years. In 1866 he began practice in Canton with marked success. He had studied the Homœopathic system, and after practicing the old school for twenty years, became convinced that the former was the correct system, and has since been successful in his prac-

tion. He is a member of the Missouri Institute of Homœopathy, also of the Western Academy of Homœopathy. In November, 1855, he married Caroline A. Spaulding, a native of New York. His first wife was Mary Swart, and she and her three children are deceased. Our subject has an adopted daughter—Nellie Van Sykel. The Doctor is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder.

George B. Vaughn, farmer, was born October 6, 1831, and was reared on a farm in this county. In 1858 he married Ellen Washburn, of Montgomery County, Ind. They have two children: George W. and Rufus B. His wife died April 15, 1885. Our subject located on his farm in 1859. It is a fine estate of 200 acres, located partly in Highland, partly in Union Township. Our subject is a Republican in politics. George, the father, was born in Virginia, and was reared in Kentucky, where he married Ann Brodrick, of Maysville, Mason County, and in 1830 they moved to Lewis County, settling on the farm now owned by James Lay, in Highland Township. The only child born in Kentucky was John J. When our subject was nine years old the father died, and the mother followed her husband four years later. They had four sons and three daughters, but our subject and William H. are the only survivors. The father was a Mason, and he held the religious faith of the Methodist Church.

J. F. Wagner was born in Carter County, Tenn., in 1847, the son of Daniel S. and Catherine (Berry) Wagner. The maternal grandfather, Capt. John Berry, was in the Revolution. The father is a native of Tennessee, and of German descent, while the mother was born in Virginia, and is of English stock. The parents came to this State in 1856, and located in this county, where the father died in 1872, leaving a widow and eight children, seven of whom are still living. The mother is still living, and resides in the northern part of Lewis County. Our subject, the third child, was but nine years old when they came to this county. He began for himself at his majority, and rented a farm until his father's death. He then returned home to aid the family, and continued for about six years. Since then he has been on his present estate. He is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. His wife, Mollie E., to whom he was married in 1877, is a daughter of William and Hannah Thurmond. They have three children: Lee M., Mattie May and Pearl C.

James Walker was born in this county in 1845. He is the son of Jacob and Mary (Snodgrass) Walker, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Tennessee. The parents came

to Missouri in 1832, and settled in Monroe County. They came to this county the following year, where the father farmed until his death in 1859. He left a widow and ten children. The mother died in 1872. Our subject lived with his mother until his majority, and then married Ann A., a daughter of Lillburn and Sarah (Huffman) Mussetter, formerly of Ohio. Their children were Arthur S., Eddie (deceased), William A., Clarence (deceased), Truman S. and Emmet P. Our subject served in the Federal Army during the whole war. He was at the battles of Shiloh and Corinth, and afterward returned home. Since then he has been successfully engaged in farming. He is an Odd Fellow and a member of the G. A. R.

Hon. R. M. Wallace, editor and proprietor of the *La Grange Democrat*, was born in this county in 1846. He was reared on a farm, and graduated from La Grange College in the class of 1872. The *Democrat* was founded the same year by T. O. Towles & Co., with our subject as local and Mr. Towles as managing editor. Three years later our subject purchased the entire outfit, and has since published the paper as an advocate of Democratic principles. Mr. Wallace was public administrator from 1876 to 1880, and was a member of the Legislature from the latter date until 1884. He is at present clerk of the Agricultural Committee of Congress. The year of his graduation he married Hattie A., a daughter of Henry H. Downing, a pioneer of Scotland County. They have had two sons and one daughter. Our subject is a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member of the A. O. U. W. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. The paternal great-grandfather, a Scotchman, located in Virginia. Graham, the grandfather, was reared and married in Kentucky, and long after came to this county, where he died. He was in the war of 1812, under Gen. Harrison. The father, John, was born in Pendleton County, Ky., in 1812, and there married Julia A. McCann, and in 1832 came to what is now Dickerson Township. They afterward settled in Highland Township, where they died in 1864 and 1868, respectively. Our subject is one of twelve children, eight of whom grew to maturity.

William H. Wallace, farmer, and breeder of Shorthorn cattle and good stock generally, was born in 1849, in this county, the fifth of seven living children of John and Julia (McCann) Wallace, natives of Pendleton County, Ky., born in 1812 and 1815, respectively. The father was of Scotch ancestry, the son of Graham, a Virginian by birth, and a lieutenant in the war of 1812, from Kentucky, who served in the Northwest and afterward in the South. He headed a company to New Orleans, and arrived the day after the battle. He had few advantages, and spent his

young manhood in Kentucky, learning the millwright trade, with a Mr. Makemson, whose daughter he afterward married. His wife taught him to read, and his studious habits afterward made him well informed in history. He died about 1870. He had erected mills in Kentucky, Ohio and Missouri. The father was reared and married in his native State, and in 1835 came to this county, where he soon became a prominent farmer and stock grower. He died in 1864, and his widow five years later. Both were devoted to the Baptist faith, and the father was a deacon of the church for many years. Our subject lived with his parents until their deaths, and received few school advantages. On December 25, 1872, Anna E., a daughter of John B. and Sarah (Abell) Shackelford, became his wife. Their children are John R., Mellie, Elbert, James, Sallie, Hester and Maggie. He soon removed to Salem Township, and in 1875 bought his present estate, a fine farm of 326 acres. He also has about 100 acres in another tract. A part of this was inherited. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Greeley. He is Master of the A. O. U. W. lodge, at Lewiston, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

James B. Wallace, farmer, was born in 1814, in Pendleton County, Ky., the son of Graham and Elizabeth (Makemson) Wallace, the former of Scotch descent, born in Fayette County, Ky., in 1789. He was a millwright, and in later life a farmer, having married in Harrison County, Ky., and moved to Pendleton County, and then to this one, where he became owner of 240 acres. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died in 1870. The mother was of Irish descent, born in Harrison County, Ky., in 1792, and deceased in this county in 1861. Our subject, the second of eleven children, was educated in his native county, and lived at home until of age. In 1836 he married Parthena, a daughter of John and Cleopatra (Clay) Turner, and who was born in Pendleton County, Ky., in 1815, and deceased in June, 1882. Their children are Lucretia, the wife of Thomas Piner; Lizzie, the wife of W. H. Brisco; Graham S.; Cleopatra F. and Thomas C. He then began farming, and in 1857 bought 440 acres, where he has since resided. He has been most successful as a farmer and stock raiser. His two-story brick residence was erected in 1875, at a cost of \$2,400. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Harrison as a Whig. He was a captain in the militia, and is a Mason. He has been a deacon for the past twenty years, and for thirty-five years a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

James W. Washburn, farmer and stock dealer, was born in Oldham County, Ky., in 1833, the son of Samuel and Lucinda

(Muster) Washburn, the former of French-Scotch blood, born in Shelby County, Ky., in 1833, and the latter of German-Scotch origin, born in 1813, in Oldham County, Ky., and deceased in 1873. The father was a farmer, and in 1856 moved from Oldham County, Ky., to Knox County, where he passed his life on his estate of 300 acres. He died in February, 1872. Our subject, the second of eight children, was educated in his native State, and when twenty-five years old began for himself. December 2, 1858, he married Mary C., a daughter of George and Laura A. (Bostic) Seever, and born in Louisiana in 1837. Their children are Annie L., the wife of Samuel Hildeman, George S., Lurilla and Nettie K. In 1856 he bought 160 acres of his present estate, and has been so financially successful that he now owns 1,250 acres, 530 of which are in this county, and the rest in Knox County. It is well improved, and he devotes it largely to stock feeding and raising. He is a Democrat, a Mason, and he and his wife are both of the Baptist persuasion.

W. M. Weber, merchant, was born in this county in 1844. His father, Edmund Weber, was born in Virginia in 1803, and went with his parents to Kentucky at the age of fourteen. He there married Louisa A. Bibb. In 1830 the father came to this county, and entered 540 acres of land which our subject and his three sisters now own. In 1837 the father moved to this place with his family consisting of wife and eldest son, Elijah B. Weber, which son died at the age of twenty-two years. The mother was one of the constituent members of the Dover Baptist Church, which was organized in 1837; she continued a faithful member of the same until her death in 1876. The father also was one of the pillars of the Baptist Church. He was called home at the age of eighty-one. There are two sons and three daughters now living. W. M. Weber was married to the youngest daughter of James Meriwether in 1871. They have four sons. The postoffice was established at Weber May 1, 1882. He was appointed postmaster, and still holds his appointment.

John Welsch, farmer, born in Prussia, December 28, 1847, the youngest of four children of George and Mary E. (Hines) Welsch, also natives of Prussia, and born in 1811 and 1806, respectively. They were married in 1837, and about 1849 came to this country. They located in Sullivan County, N. Y., and three years later came to this county and bought a farm of 160 acres. He died October 15, 1875. The grandfather, Daniel, was a soldier under Napoleon, in 1815, and afterward received the honor of knighthood. He came with the father of our subject to America, and died in this county at the age of ninety years. The mother is still living with our subject, and both parents belong to the

German Methodist Church. Our subject was educated chiefly by his parents, and attended school a little before his eighth year, and probably a year after he was fifteen. In 1873 he went to Illinois, and soon after to Colorado. After spending a year there he returned to this county again. In 1875 he bought land in Highland Township, and improved a farm. In 1883 he sold his farm, and located in Tolona; he has spent a part of the last four years in the western part of this State, and in Dakota Territory. He was married, in January, 1886, to Catherine, a daughter of Peter and Philippine Kaiser, natives of Prussia. She was born in Illinois. Our subject is Republican, and cast his first vote for Grant.

Joseph West, farmer, was born in 1827 in Marion County, the son of Jacob and Rebecca (Anderson) West, the former born in the State of Kentucky, in 1802, and the latter in the same State, and deceased in 1874. The father took up a claim where Canton now stands, and that too, at a time when he was much troubled by the Indians, one of whom attempted to kill his wife. He soon after removed to Marion County, near the county seat, where he died in 1848, one of the pioneers of this part of the State. Our subject, the eldest of five children, left home at twenty-seven years of age. In October, 1854, he married Sarah C., a daughter of Benjamin Holloway, and born in Virginia in 1832. Their children are George, Lizzie (the wife of Robert Barnett), Benjamin, Irene, Robert and Mattie J. Our subject came to this county in 1859, but during the war lived at the old Marion County place. In 1867 he returned and bought 192 acres, where he has since resided. His estate now embraces 272 acres. In politics he is a Democrat, and first voted for Cass. He is a member of the grange and of the Baptist Church, to which denomination his wife also belonged.

John W. Williams, farmer and stock raiser, was born in this county in 1834, near his present home, the son of Benjamin and Margret (Kiser) Williams, the former, of Welsh stock, born on the Harrison County line, in Kentucky, in 1797, and the latter born in Bourbon County, Ky., in 1815. After his marriage in 1833 he came to this county, and in 1853 located where John W. now resides. He came with horses, making a journey of twenty-one days' length. In 1876 his death occurred. He was the owner of 640 acres, and assisted in raising the first courthouse of the county. Since his death the mother has been living with her only child, our subject. He was educated at Christian University, and July 13, 1861, enlisted in Capt. Richardson's company, in Gen. Green's regiment, Pason's division, Price's command, and served at Athens, Lexington, Prairie Grove, Helena, Pleasant Hill



and other places. He was an orderly sergeant, and afterward first lieutenant. He was wounded at both Prairie Grove and Pleasant Hill—by a shell at the former place, and with a shot through the ankle at the latter. The shell wound in the thigh disabled him for about four weeks, and the other wound about eight months. He surrendered at Shreveport. April 12, 1866, he married Sallie, a daughter of Thomas T. and Martha (Dacon) Hamer, and born in Monticello in 1845. Their only child, Louis I., was born in 1867. Our subject has lived all his life within a radius of one mile of his present home. A part of his present residence was built before 1833, and his son is the only person ever born in the house. He now owns about 700 acres of land, and is proud of the fact that he never had a law suit, never served as a witness in court, never had a difficulty of any note with any one, and has never been under the influence of any kind of intoxicating drink. He is a Democrat, and first voted for Fillmore, in 1856. He is a Mason, and he and his wife hold to the belief of the Christian Church, of which his mother has been a member since 1851.

Charles S. Williams was born in Franklin County, Ky., on December 11, 1828. He is the son of Andrew P., a native of the same county, and of English descent. The mother was born in the same county, and of English-Irish origin. The father came to Marion County in 1830, which was then a part of this county. With the exception of several years as constable and sheriff, he was employed as a farmer. Politically he was a Democrat. He died in 1845, at the age of forty-two years, while his widow survived him thirty-eight years, and died at the age of eighty. Our subject, the first son of eight children, managed the farm after his father's death for thirty years, after which the younger brother lived with the mother until her death. Our subject then moved to a farm owned by him and his brother, of which he has since become sole possessor. In December, 1875, he married Ann M., a daughter of James and Harriet Stone, formerly of West Virginia. Their children are Andrew P. and Joseph B. Our subject's estate embraces 447 acres. His principles are Democratic, and he is a F. & A. M.

Hugh P. Wood, farmer, was born in West Virginia, January 22, 1812. He was reared on the farm in that State, and in 1833 married Eleanor Matthews, a native of West Virginia. In 1837 they started with his father's family overland to the Ohio River, then took boat, and landed in La Grange on Christmas day. He entered eighty acres of his present land in 1838, and began clearing the forests. He now has a fine estate of 240 acres. They have had six sons and three daughters, of whom but six children

are living. One of the sons, Stuart M., was in the Confederate service, having joined a Texas regiment. His wife died July 7, 1873, and he married for his second wife Martha Wright, a native of Shelby County, Ky. John Wood, the father, was born in West Virginia, where he reared his family, and came to this State. He located in Monroe County, where he died in 1858—his widow following him about 1867. Four sons and one daughter are the only survivors of ten children, of whom our subject is the third. His wife was a daughter of William Wright, a native of Shelby County, Ky., and born December 30, 1780. He married Virilinda Boswell, a native of the same county. They moved to Illinois in 1836, and the following year came to this county, where the father died April 27, 1839, and the mother followed him August 16, 1860. But four of eight children reared to maturity are now living.

Jesse Workman was born in Davidson County, N. C., in 1820. He is the son of Henry and Sarah (Grady) Workman, natives of North Carolina. The parents came to Illinois in 1836, and settled in Adams County, where they lived until their deaths, within six days of each other, and at about the age of eighty-four. Our subject, the second son of ten children, was about sixteen when his father came to Illinois. He remained with his parents until he was about twenty-six years of age, when he was married to Sarah A., a daughter of James and Polly (Ross) Stokes, of Bourbon County, Ky. Their children are Edward B., Georgia A., Mary J., Lundy M. and Clement A. Our subject served three years in the war, was at the battles of Nashville and Pleasant Hill, was captured by Gen. Forrest, and imprisoned for about one year. At one battle he received a wound which injured him for life. Since the war he has been in this county, where he owns a fine estate of 290 acres. He is an Odd Fellow, a granger, and a member of the G. A. R. His political faith is Republican.

John H. Wright, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Franklin County, Ky., in 1830, the son of John and Ann (Poague) Wright, the former of English origin, born in the above county July 4, 1799, and the latter born about 1804 in the same county, and deceased in 1881. The father came to (near) Jacksonville, Ill., in 1833, and seven years later entered 160 acres in Lewis County. He died in April, 1885, one of the earliest pioneers, and at his death owned 260 acres. Our subject, the second of eight children, was ten years old when they came to this State, and he remained with his parents until twenty-five years of age. In January, 1855, he married Martha, the daughter of John and Catharine Graves, and born in 1825 in Franklin

County, Ky. Their children are Thomas J., Emma (the wife of W. Rudd), Charles, Lewis and Richard. He entered 160 acres after marriage, for which he paid \$1 an acre. It is a part of his present home, which now embraces 500 acres, and includes a beautiful home, besides other improvements. He has been especially successful in stock dealing. He is a Democrat, whose first vote was for Pierce. He is an Odd Fellow, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, the latter of twenty years' standing.

Thomas J. Wright, of the firm of T. J. Wright & Co., dealers in lumber, farm implements, lime, etc., was born in this county in 1856, the son of John H. and Martha (Graves) Wright, who are mentioned in the sketch of J. H. Wright. Our subject, the eldest child, was educated at the Kirksville Normal, and in 1877 became a teacher. In 1878-79 he clerked in the La Belle Savings Bank, and for the following five years was his father's partner in farming and stock dealing. In April, 1885, he bought the La Belle lumber yard, and afterward added a line of agricultural implements. In November, 1883, he married Ida, a daughter of T. S. Steele, and born in Carroll County in 1858. Their only child is Floy. Mr. Wright is a Democrat, and voted for Tilden. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Judge Hiram Yates was born in Scott County, Ky., July 17, 1807. He was reared and married in that county, and in 1831 moved to Woodford County, that State. Five years later he came to Missouri, and since 1842 has been a resident of this county. He located first in Salem Township, but since 1849 has been on his present estate of 150 acres. In 1846 he was elected county judge, but in 1848 he resigned to become the Whig candidate for sheriff, and was defeated. He was a justice for several years. His first wife, Margaret (Porter) Yates, was a native of Woodford County, Ky. Their family consisted of four sons and four daughters, and but one of the former and two of the latter lived to maturity. The son lives in Springfield. The mother died in 1847, and in 1849 our subject married Sarah M. (Robards) Barkley, a native of Kentucky. Minerva L. is the only survivor of their two sons and two daughters. His wife died in 1870. He has been a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He was formerly a Henry Clay Whig, but since the war has been a Democrat. Joseph, the father, was of Irish descent, and born in Virginia. He married Mary Thomas, of Ohio, and then moved to Washington County, Md., and soon afterward finally settled in Scott County, Ky., where he resided until his death in 1814. His wife had died two years previous. Our subject, the

youngest child, and a brother, are the only survivors of eleven children, nine of whom were reared to maturity. Five brothers of the Yates family came from Ireland to New York, where they engaged in the flaxseed business, but soon returned. Three of them came back, however, and one of them was governor of New York, and all were in the Revolution. Yates County was named in the Governor's honor. Our subject's great-grandfather was one of these brothers.

Peter Young, farmer, was born in Germany, in 1824, the son of Cabel and Margaret (Miller) Young, who were born in Germany in 1797 and 1800, respectively. They reared seven children, of whom three are now living. The father, who was a farmer, died about 1845, and the mother followed him seven years later. Our subject attended common schools, and was reared in his native country. He married, in 1851, Marquette Kaiser, and has had ten children. Those living are Jacob, William, Laura, George and Elizabeth. He came to the United States in 1858, and has since been a resident of this county. For the last seventeen years he has been on his present estate near Tolona. It embraces 233 acres of fine land well improved. He first purchased 100 acres without paying a dollar down, and has added little by little ever since. He was a Union militia man; first voted for Lincoln, and has since voted with the same party. He and his children belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, while his wife was a German Methodist. She died in 1869, at the age of forty years.

James Young was born in Monroe County in 1836. He is the son of Thomas and Susanna (Price) Young, natives of Franklin County, Va. The father was a natural genius in mechanical matters. In 1830 the parents came to this State, but lived their latter days in Indiana. The mother died in 1861, and the father four years later. Our subject is the sixth of fifteen children, and began for himself when of age. He first rented land in Clark County, Ind., from 1858 to 1861, and then lived in Hancock and Adams Counties, Ill., until the close of the war. He then came to this county, and rented land for the first six years, but since then has been on his present estate. His farm consists of 160 acres well improved. In 1858 he married Mary, a daughter of William and Martha (Dixon) Jett, natives of Kentucky. Their only child is the wife of F. H. Kilkenny, of this county. He was not in active service during the war, but was a prisoner for a short time. His fraternities are the I. O. O. F. and A. H. T. A., and his political favorite is the Democratic party.

Frederick Zahn was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 29, 1819, the son of Andrew Zahn. Frederick came to the United

States in July, 1837, and married and farmed in Ohio until 1864, when he moved to Cass County, Ill., where he was a large land-owner and farmer. Since 1876 he has lived a retired life at Canton. He owns about 1,000 acres in Illinois, and two farms in this county, of 200 and 150 acres, respectively, all of which is deeded to his children. By his first wife, Christina Krick, his children were John A., deceased; George P., of Illinois; Frederick, of Illinois; Magdalena, the widow of Frank Hamman; Henry; Christina, the wife of Theowald Roan; Rosina, deceased, and Jacob. His first wife died in 1853, and October 4, 1855, he married Margaret Hohenstein, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. Their children were George W., deceased; Andrew; Margaret, deceased; Elizabeth and Louis. Our subject was formerly a Democrat, but now holds the Republican faith. He and his wife are members of the German Methodist Episcopal Church, and are highly esteemed citizens.

Alexander F. Zimmerman, farmer, was born in 1847, in this county, the son of William and Martha J. (Judy) Zimmerman, the former of German lineage, born in 1811, in Augusta County, W. Va., and the latter a native of Montgomery County, Md., born in 1822. The grandfather, Jacob, was a distiller, and in 1835 moved to Vigo County, Ind., and two years later came to this county. The father was one of thirteen children, and came to this county in 1835, where for several years was engaged in splitting rails, at which he was very skillful. His largest day's work was to cut the timber and split 245 rails, or 475 with timber already cut. He was married in 1841, and his children are Alex. F., Winfield H., Cornelius E., Florence D. (the wife of G. B. Mulinex) and Martha A. (the wife of C. W. Mulinex). After marriage he bought 450 acres, where he now lives, and has given much to his children. He is one of the oldest pioneers of the county. Our subject, the eldest child, was educated in the public schools, and lived at home until twenty years of age. After his marriage he located near the homestead, and now owns 137½ acres. In politics he is a Democrat. August 11, 1867, he married Vesta G., the daughter of David and Jedidah Foor, and born in Lebanon, Ky., August 1, 1847. Their only child is Willis E. He and his wife are respected members of the Christian Church.

## CLARK COUNTY.

S. H. Allgood, present surveyor of Clark County, is a native Kentuckian, born in the year 1825. He was united in marriage in 1848 to Miss Ascenith Bratcher, of Breckinridge County, Ky., and daughter of Fielding and Elizabeth (Meredith) Bratcher. Mrs. Allgood was born in the year 1832, and to her union with our subject were born eight children—two sons and two daughters now living. They are named as follows: Manly H., Jr., Celia A., Charles L. and Parrylee. She is a good woman, and a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Allgood moved to Clark County, Mo., in the year 1855, and in 1875 located on his present farm, which consists of 100 acres, lying on the Wyaconda River, all well cultivated and improved. In 1884 he was elected to his present office, which he has filled in an able and efficient manner. He joined the Confederate Army during the war, and was in service about three months. His sympathies were with the South to the end, and he is an uncompromising Democrat. He is the son of Manly H. and Priscilla (Powers) Allgood, both natives of Virginia.

Rufus C. Anderson was born in Allegany County, N. Y., April 4, 1833, the son of Ezekial and Clarissa (Sisson) Anderson, natives of New York and New Jersey, respectively. Our subject came to Indiana with his parents when he was quite young, and lived in Dearborn County until 1847. His father died there, and the mother afterward married Eli Corson. Boone County, Ky., was his next place of residence, and he was there reared as a farmer. At the opening of the war he enlisted in Col. Jesse's battalion, under Gen. Morgan, and continued until he was captured in 1862. He was held as a Federal prisoner from July to October. He re-entered service as a commissary sergeant, and afterward conducted the blacksmithing department for three years. He had learned that and the machinist's trade in Dearborn County, Iowa. After the war he located in Washington County, Va., where he followed farming until 1877. He then came to Clark County, to the rural districts below Alexandria. In 1885 he engaged in the drug business, which he has since conducted with success, and carries a full and well-selected stock of goods. He owns 115 acres of good bottom lands, and has been a real estate owner in this county since 1852. He was married in 1856 to Ann E. (Duncan) Smith. His wife and three sons are all deceased. In 1865 Mary J. H. Clark, of Washington County, Va.,

became his wife. She died March 17, 1887, and left the following children: Cora L., Gertru C., Edward B. and Hubert W. Our subject is a prominent Democrat in local affairs, and for seven years has served on the school board. He is a Master Mason, and is treasurer of his lodge. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

C. Arnold, farmer, was born in York County, Penn., July 13, 1831, the son of Peter and Barbara (Lehman) Arnold, natives of Pennsylvania, and born in 1803 and 1809, respectively. They were of German stock, and the father was occupied at the farm until his death, in 1869, but the mother still survives him, in the county of our subject's birth and education. Our subject worked independently, about two years after his majority, before he married. From that time he was a farmer in York County for about seven years before he began in wood and stone work. It was in 1871 that he came to Clark County, and settled on his present estate, where, in connection with farming, he was engaged burning lime for about fourteen years. His wife, Sarah A. Stouffer, was born in Lancaster County, Penn., December 9, 1836, and married in 1854. Eight of their thirteen children are living, and are as follows: Emma, a deaf mute, educated at the Pennsylvania Deaf and Dumb Institute, at Philadelphia; Jacob, Winfield, David, Anna C., Reuben, Franklin, and Christopher, also a deaf mute. Our subject's good business qualities have made him the possessor of 114 acres of good land, acquired by a self-made man. He first voted for Gen. Scott, in 1852, and votes the straight Republican ticket still. He and his wife hold to the religious faith of the Methodist Church, although they are not members at present.

Jacob Ball, one of Clark County's prominent citizens, was born in Kentucky in 1822, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Cole) Ball, natives of East Tennessee and Virginia, respectively. The death of the father occurred in Indiana in 1852. Our subject left the State of Indiana in 1849 and went to Lee County, Iowa, where he remained for two years, at the end of which time he came to Clark County, Mo., and settled on a farm in Sweet Home Township, and has lived in that township ever since, with the exception of the time he served his country during the war. He enlisted in Company C, Twenty-first Missouri, and took quite an active part until the close of the war, returning home in 1866. He was married in 1846 to Rebecca Nelson, daughter of William and Sarah (Corsealus) Nelson, natives of Indiana. To Mr. and Mrs. Ball ten children have been born, of whom nine are living: George W., Mary C., Henry C., Sarah F., John A., Emily J., Jacob E., Milo E. and Minnie. Mr. Ball

is a strong Republican, and both he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Barnett Brothers, general merchants, embrace Charles and Gurden C. Barnett. They began business in Wayland, in March, 1885, and now carry a large and well-selected stock of dry goods, groceries, queensware, etc., and control a large trade. Charles, the senior member, was born in St. Francisville, February 26, 1851, the son of Andrew and Sarah (Chamberlain) Barnett, natives of Maryland and New York. The father came to Missouri in 1849, and located at St. Francisville, was a farmer by occupation, and died across the river from that place about six years ago. The mother still resides in Keokuk, Iowa. Their children are Josephine (the wife of S. F. Sackett, of Marion, Kas.), Charles, Frederick P., Mary A. (the wife of J. W. Bibb), Gurden C. and Frank H. Charles was reared on the farm, and educated at St. Francisville. When twenty years of age he began mercantile life as a clerk. He afterward acted as deputy sheriff under his brother-in-law, and then engaged in business with that gentleman at St. Francisville for one year. The next year he was employed by the Keokuk Pickle Company, and in 1885, as above stated, he started in his present business, in which he has been successful. Mr. Barnett is a Democrat. Gurden C. is twenty-eight years of age, and was reared at St. Francisville. He spent some time in mercantile life in Keokuk before they started in their present business. He is married, and has one daughter. Like his brother, he is a Democrat in politics, and in business has contributed equally with his brother to the success of the firm. Barnett Brothers have been agents for the Keokuk Pickle Company ever since they have been at Wayland. They buy and ship on an average from 12,000 to 15,000 bushels every summer.

Mrs. Lucy T. Bartlett was born in Anderson County, Ky., March 11, 1812, the daughter of Richard D. and Mary J. (Terrell) Phillips, natives of Virginia. The father came to this county in 1834, and followed farming until his death. The mother is also deceased. They had four sons and eight daughters, and those living are Mrs. Lucy T., Marilles, James and Julia A. (the wife of Frank Martin, of Keokuk). In 1829 our subject married Jeremiah Riley, a native of Anderson County, Ky. In 1832 they removed to near Wayland, where Mr. Riley followed farming until his death in 1846. He was also a silversmith by trade. Their children living are Richard D. and Martha E. (the widow of James S. Shaffer, late of Alexandria). In 1848 our subject married William Bartlett, a native of Kentucky, and a brother of Samuel Bartlett. He was one of the earliest settlers, and entered the land where our subject now lives. He was very successful, and



owned about 1,600 acres at the time of his death, which occurred March 19, 1876. Their children are Henry C. and Lucy F. (the widow of S. J. Morris). By his first marriage, with Sarah Beaucamp, one daughter survives—Louisa A. (the wife of John Roberts). After her husband's death Mrs. Bartlett lived on the old homestead, which she managed for seven years. She now rents it, however, and is spending her life in retirement.

Henry C. Bartlett was born in Des Moines Township, August 30, 1848, the son of the late William and Lucy T. (Phillips) Bartlett, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject was reared on a farm, and educated in the common school. March 10, 1869, he married Martha Gray. He soon removed to his present farm near the old homestead. He has been very successful as a farmer and stock raiser, and now owns 440 acres of good land, over half of which is cleared and highly improved, and on which is one of the best residences in the township. His children living are Lizzie, Addie, Della, Albert, Nora, John, Maggie and an infant girl unnamed. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and is the president of the Anti-Horse-Thief Association.

William F. Bartlett was born in Clark County, October 17, 1865. He is the son of Richard F. and Margaret (Fifer) Bartlett, natives of this county and Indiana, respectively. The father was the son of William, a brother of Samuel Bartlett, an early pioneer of this county. Richard F. had five children, two of whom are now living: Our subject and Hattie. The father was a successful farmer and stock raiser, and owned 760 acres at the time of his death. This occurred in February, 1877, and the mother survived him but five years. Our subject was reared on the farm, and received an ordinary education. He now owns 300 acres of fine land, his share of the old estate. December 19, 1886, he married Ella, a daughter of John Murphy. His residence is situated on the Alexandria and Bloomfield road, about five miles from the former. Politically he is a Democrat.

Samuel Beard was born in Clark County, Mo., on the Des Moines River, and is a son of Joel and Catherine Beard, natives of Kentucky, who came to Clark County in 1840, and remained there until their respective deaths. Our subject was united in marriage to Mary E. Hogan, daughter of Enoch and Catherine Hogan. Enoch died in 1884, and his widow is now living with our subject. He and Mrs. Beard have had two sons and two daughters: Myrtle, Ivy, Joel and Burel. The subject has lived upon his present farm of 120 acres for about ten years, during which time he has been engaged in farming and stock raising. He is identified with the Democratic party, and both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Frederick I. Beard, M. D., is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1840. He came to Clark County with his parents in 1851, and located near Waterloo. April 4, 1861, he married Miss Mary A. McCoy, who was born in the year 1837, and who was the daughter of James and Sarah A. (Fite) McCoy. To our subject and wife were born six children—four sons and two daughters—one daughter deceased. Mrs. Beard died March 1, 1868. February 20, 1879, he married Miss Naomi Payne, daughter of Benjamin and Eliza A. Payne. She was born in Clark County in 1843, and by her marriage became the mother of two children, both of whom died when quite young. In 1865 Mr. Beard moved to his present farm, which is located on the Wyaconda River, and consists of 600 acres of good land, all well improved. Previous to moving on his present farm he began the study of medicine (in 1858), and in the fall of 1859 entered the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, graduating in the spring of 1861. His practice has been large, but of late years he preferred the free and independent life of a farmer. He is a good citizen, as his many friends can testify. Our subject is a Democrat, a member of the Christian Church and of the Masonic Order. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church. Ira and Lorena (Matthews) Beard, the parents of our subject, were born in Vermont and Connecticut, respectively.

Woodford Beckett, one of the prominent citizens of Clark County, was born in Kentucky in 1809, and is a son of Nelson W. Beckett, a native of Virginia, and of English descent. The Beckett family are descendants of Thomas a Becket, who was assassinated at Canterbury, England, under the reign of King Henry II. January 29, 1832, our subject was married to Duranda Taylor, daughter of John Taylor, a Baptist minister, and a native of Virginia. Her mother, Polly (Williams) Taylor, was a native of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Beckett was born in Kentucky in 1811, and remained with her parents until her marriage with our subject. She is now a well-preserved woman of seventy-six, and can read without the aid of glasses. Mr. and Mrs. Beckett have had five children, of whom four are dead. The one living is Selina, wife of Patrick Dunlavy. After their marriage our subject and his wife remained in Kentucky until 1837, when they moved to Hannibal, Mo., where they resided one year, after which they came to Clark County, and settled on their present farm, which was at that time a vast wilderness. Mr. Beckett has been a resident of Clark County for forty-eight years, and is perhaps the oldest settler in the county. He has made the study of geology one of his chief amusements, and his conversations on that subject are very interesting and instructive. He is a Demo-

crat, has been elected surveyor three times, and has also assisted in that office for two terms of four years each, and is very familiar with all the duties pertaining to that position. He is a member of the Masonic order, and he and his wife belong to the Baptist Church. Our subject is also a wood mechanic of the first order, having learned the cabinet business in Kentucky, and has since been able to compete with the best workmen he ever met.

John B. Bedell was born in Athens, Clark Co., Mo., in 1857, and is the son of Samuel Bedell and Margaret (Gray) Bedell, natives of Kentucky. His father was a resident of Clark County for about fifty years, finally going to California for his health, and died there about three months after his arrival. His wife was with him at the time of his death, but afterward returned to Athens. Our subject also made frequent visits to California, while he was interested in mining. He married Flora Daubenbiss, daughter of John and Sarah (Lard) Daubenbiss. Mr. Daubenbiss is a native of Germany, and his wife a native of Missouri. Mrs. Bedell was born in 1864, and lived with her parents until her marriage with our subject in 1883. Two children, Georgie D. and John H., have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bedell. Our subject is a Democrat, and a member of the Masonic Order.

Peter Bender was born in Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, April 12, 1825, the fifth of six children. His parents, Frederick and Mary Bender, never left the fatherland, and although the father was a baker, he was chiefly engaged in farming. Our subject received a German education, and embarked for America at the age of nineteen. He traveled some in New York, and located at Baltimore, Md., where he engaged in farming and railroading, until about 1856. He then brought his family to Alexandria, Mo., and there engaged for about three years in working for a former employer, and in renting land. After about sixteen years at two different places, and four years at a third, he came to his present home. He now owns a good farm of eighty acres, well improved and cultivated. Politically he holds to the faith of the Democratic party, and cast his first vote with them for Buchanan. He and his wife were reared as German Lutherans.

John W. Bibb was born in Scotland County, Mo., January 27, 1851, the son of David and Nancy (Ewing) Bibb, natives of Kentucky. The father was one of the early settlers of Scotland County, and a prominent farmer. He died in 1861, and the mother survived him about three years. They reared four sons and four daughters, and those now living are Eliza A. (the wife of S. E. Wayland), Mattie A. (now Mrs. Taylor), John W., and Robert M. (of Idaho). Our subject was reared on the farm, and was educated at La Grange College. He has made St. Francisville his

home for the last twenty years. In 1876 he engaged in merchandising, and has continued with well-deserved success. He carries a well-selected stock of groceries, notions, drugs, paints, oils, tobacco, toilet articles, etc., and controls a large trade. July 3, 1878, he married Mary A., a daughter of the late Andrew Barnett. Their children are Florence, Ethel, Leila H. and Gurdan. Our subject is a Democrat, and became the St. Francisville postmaster eight years ago. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a reliable man.

Hon. George K. Biggs, farmer, was born May 31, 1812, near Paris, Ky., the second of twelve children of William and Elizabeth (McCune) Biggs, the former of Welsh descent, and born about 1787 near Portsmouth, Va., and the latter of Scotch-Irish stock, born a few years later in Bourbon County, Ky. His father was reared in his native State, and in manhood went to Bourbon County, Ky. He was married about 1809, and settled three miles west of Clarksville, Mo., in 1817, and a year later moved seven miles north of Bowling Green. He was a farmer, and a politician. After his death, in 1847, the mother continued at the old home until 1878. The father served in the war of 1812-14, and in the Legislature about twenty years; although he lost considerable in Kentucky, he afterward became quite wealthy in Missouri, and was a very prominent man. Our subject received little education after his tenth year, when he went to work in his father's distillery at fifteen, in which he continued until his majority, although he never drank a gill of whisky in his life. He then attended school about six months at an academy near Louisiana, Mo., but soon after entered his present land which has since been his home. His estate embraces 520 acres all that is left of about 1,000 acres that he owned before the war, from which he has sold and given away. About 1834 he married Margaret Jackson, who died in 1839. Their only child is Margaret E. In 1842 he married Mrs. Nancy (Floyd) Bland, by whom he has two children: William H. and Nancy. His wife died in 1846, and in July, 1847, he married Louisa (the daughter of J. Wayland, who was Gen. Washington's fifer, and the widow of Samuel Bartlett, also prominent in Clark County history). By this marriage his children were John and George (both deceased). Her first husband's children are Fielden, Elizabeth, Mary, Julia and Ann. Our subject has reared eighteen children, natural and adopted, and has given them both property and education. He has been politically prominent as well as financially, having settled within the limits of Clark County previous to its organization. In 1872 the Democratic party elected him representative, and from 1874

to 1878 he served as States senator. His political principles before the war were of the Whig party, and he cast his first vote for Henry Clay. He has been a Bourbon Democrat since 1860. He served through the Black Hawk war in 1832, also the Federal Army during the last war, and was robbed of over \$30,000 worth of property. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Henry Black, farmer, was born in Fluvanna County, Va., December 9, 1819. His parents, Burrell and Kittie (Johnson) Black, were natives of Virginia. They went to Oldham County, Ky., in 1829, and there remained on their farm until they died in 1837 and 1840, respectively. The father was also engaged as a millwright and wagon-maker. He and Thomas Jefferson were boys together, and were well acquainted. Our subject was educated in Oldham County, and came to Clark County in 1841, and here married and settled on his present farm. His wife, Malinda, is a daughter of Hezekiah and Frances (Ford) Foree, and was born April 22, 1822, in Oldham County, Ky. She came with her parents to Missouri in 1837, and was married July 1, 1841. Two of their children are deceased, and those living are George W., Albert R. (M. D.), Benjamin F., Hezekiah L., Frances, Emily, Jane, Lucy and H. L. Our subject has converted his farm from a wilderness into one of the best estates in the country. It embraces 475 acres, well improved and cultivated. Our subject first voted for Harrison, and is now a staunch Democrat. He first became identified with the F. & A. M. order in 1874. His wife and most of the children are members of the Baptist Church.

A. R. Black, M. D., was born December 16, 1850, in Clark County, on the banks of the Wyaconda. He is the fourth of several children of Henry and Malinda (Foree) Black, the former a native of Fluvanna County, Va., and born in 1819, and the latter born in Kentucky in 1822. The parents were married in Clark County, and soon settled at their present home in Union Township, where they are spending their declining years in retirement. Our subject was educated at Excelsior College, Alexandria, under the instruction of Rev. T. J. Musgrove. At the age of twenty-one he began his professional studies, which he continued until his graduation in 1875. He at once established himself at Winchester, where he has now one of the leading practices in the county. September 30, 1875, he married Terrisa Wolfe, who was born in 1851 in Lewis County. Our subject is a highly respected man, and a physician of ability, and besides his elegant home owns about sixteen town lots. He first voted for Greeley, and is now a Democrat. He is a member of the Masonic order, and he and his wife, hold to the faith of the Baptist Church.

His wife's parents, John and Elizabeth Wolfe, were natives of Ireland and Kentucky, respectively, and were early pioneers, of Lewis County.

Zachariah T. Boyd was born in Ohio, in 1848, and is a son of John R. and Elizabeth (Wardlow) Boyd, of German and Scotch descent, and natives of Ohio. John R. came to Iowa in 1858, where he ranked as one of the best farmers of that State. Our subject remained with his father in Iowa until 1872, when he came to Clark County, Mo., and located on a farm of 272 acres, upon which he is living at present. His educational advantages were very limited. He married Mary Calvin, daughter of William and Katie Calvin, and this union was blessed with three sons: John W., Oliver and Louie. Mrs. Boyd died in 1871, and our subject afterward married, in 1887, Frances Riffle, a daughter of George and Mary Riffle, citizens of Clark County. Our subject is identified with the Republican party, and is a liberal contributor to all public enterprises.

Charles P. Brown, one of Clark County's young and prosperous citizens, was born in Athens County, Ohio, June 16, 1848, and is a son of Daniel T. and Maria D. (Foster) Brown. His parents were natives of Massachusetts. The father of our subject was born in Athens County, Ohio, August 7, 1822, where he remained until 1856, engaged in mercantile business, of which he made a great success. From Athens County he went to Lee County, Iowa, and there settled on a farm of 240 acres, where he carried on quite an extensive business, dealing almost exclusively for the last few years in stock and dairy products, achieving quite a reputation as a cheese maker. Mr. Brown gave up farming in 1870, and went into the business of selling books, wall paper, stationery and sewing machines, but afterward sold out the book store, and has since led a more quiet and retired life. He is a man of intellect and fine business abilities, and has made a success of almost all his undertakings. He and his wife are now living at Fort Madison, and is a large stockholder in the paper mill manufactory. Charles P. came to Iowa with his father, and remained with him until he became of age, when he took charge of his father's farm and remained there until 1876, when he came to Clark County, Mo, and located upon the farm which he now owns and upon which he is at present living. This farm contains 190 acres of land under a high state of cultivation. From boyhood our subject has been greatly interested in farming, and has successfully followed this business almost all his life. He was married, in 1871, to Eliza J. McCabe, daughter of Arthur and Susannah (Christ) McCabe, natives of Delaware and Virginia, respectively. The parents of

Mrs. Brown left their native States and moved to Ohio, where they engaged in farming. They left that State about 1842 for Lee County, Iowa, thus becoming early settlers of that State, and engaged in farming and stock raising. Mr. McCabe was considered one of the best farmers of that region, and was well liked and respected on account of his good principles and character. He died in Iowa in 1883. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for fifty years. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been blessed with two boys and two girls: Charles E., Florence E., Daniel A. and Mabel. The last two named are dead. Mr. Brown has been a farmer of Clark County for eleven years, and, although an active Republican, has never aspired to any public office. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are both earnest Christians, and are always interested in the general welfare, prosperity and educational enterprises of their country.

Edward Bruner, farmer and retired blacksmith, was born June 15, 1816, in Dearborn County, Ind., the son of Samuel and Abigail (Higby) Bruner, natives of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively. They were married in Dearborn County, Ind., where they lived until our subject was eighteen years old. They then moved to Ripley County, where the mother died in 1843, and the father in 1861. The father married the second time. Our subject was reared and educated in his native county, and when eighteen years of age became apprenticed to the blacksmith trade, and served two years. He established himself then in Ripley County, and at his majority was married, and settled on a farm in that county. He continued there engaged in blacksmithing and farming until 1855, excepting the years 1846 and 1847 in Rush County. He then went to Lee County, Iowa. He soon crossed over to Clark County, and settled where he has since resided. His wife, Mercy, the daughter of Rev. Andrew and Nancy (Bryant) Baker, was born December 3, 1819, in Virginia. She lived in Tennessee, Ripley Co., Ind., and Rush County, where they lived for some time. They were married February 1, 1838. Of the eleven children the following are living: Nancy, Margaret A., James P., John M., William R. and Edward E. Our subject began when his farm was a forest, and has now converted his estate into one of the finest in the township. It embraces 160 acres of fine land. He is a skilled mechanic, and worked at his trade for about thirty-three years. He cast his first vote for Harrison, and has been successively a Whig and Democrat, of which latter party he is now an active supporter. He has served as trustee for several terms, and is identified with the I. O. O. F. fraternity. He, his wife, Nancy, Margaret A. and Edward E. are members of the Baptist Church.

Dr. Arthur J. Buckner, a prominent physician of Peakesville, Mo., was born in Georgetown, Ohio, in 1837, and is a son of Dr. William T. Buckner and Margaret (Thome) Buckner, both reared and married in the State of Kentucky. Dr. William T. Buckner gained quite a reputation as a physician in his native State, but, in 1842, came to Clark County, Mo., and located at Waterloo, but remained there only a short time, when he moved to what is now known as Athens, then but a vast wilderness. To this place he gave the name of Athens, which it has since retained. Owing to the lack of educational advantages at this place the family moved to Farmington, Iowa, where the father died. Our subject attended the Iowa College, at Davenport, in 1850, and when within one year of graduating was compelled to abandon the idea of completing his course on account of ill health. He then traveled for about two years and eight months, visiting all the European nations and a great many islands in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The places he visited were so many that we regret not having time or space to specify them. After returning home he attended two courses of lectures given in the medical college at Keokuk, after which he attended one course given in St. John's Medical College, at Cincinnati. After this he returned to Clark County, where he practiced about two years. He then attended the Bellevue Medical College, in New York, for about four months; then returned to Clark County, and continued his practice. A short time after that our country was called to arms, and he enlisted in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry, serving under Gens. Blount and Seofield until 1863, when he was discharged on account of disability. He returned home, and, after regaining his health, enlisted in the Third Ohio Cavalry in the winter of 1863-64. He received a wound (which necessitated the amputation of a leg), and returned home in 1865. August 5, 1868, he was united in marriage to Florence V. West, and to this couple six children have been born, five of whom are living: Margaret M., William W., Charlie T., Florence A. and George L. Dr. Buckner takes great interest in trotting bred horses. He is a member of the L. O. O. F. fraternity, and G. A. R.

James T. Buford was born in Bedford County, on Goose Creek, Va., near the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountain, in the year 1827. His father, Abraham Buford, was a native of Virginia, and of French descent. His wife, whose maiden name was N. Erdson, was a native of Virginia, and of Irish descent. The parents were married in their native county, where he was engaged in early life farming. During the war of 1812 he was appointed to superintend the buildings for winter quarters, etc. He resided



in Bedford County, Va., all his life, and was engaged in farming, carding wool, burning lime, etc. His politics were old line Whig. He was a member of the Baptist Church for more than forty years, and died a happy death, trusting in Christ until called home to meet his reward, which was in the year 1848. His widow, N. Buford, lived afterward for nearly twelve years. She passed away in 1857, in the triumph of faith, to meet her companion who went before, dying in Bedford County, Va., and was buried in the graveyard on their farm. Our subject, while yet in his teens, left the parental roof in Bedford County, Va., and immigrated to Knox County, Mo. After staying for a few years he returned to his place of birth, Bedford County, Va., remained there for a short time, then returned to Missouri, and in 1852 he emigrated to California, and spent the most of his time in mining for four years. Receiving word that his mother was not expected to live, he returned to old Virginia (but she had passed away before he arrived), spent a few months with sister and brother, and then returned to the northern part of Missouri, and the following year he married Miss May L. Glasscock, a native of Loudoun County, Va., and the daughter of Bailey Glasscock, whose sketch appears elsewhere in these pages. In 1860 our subject was mustered into service, and was made captain by the vote of the men enrolled in the service of State guards under Gov. Jackson, then governor of Missouri. His sympathies were with the South, but he loved the old flag, not the principles of the North. He was in several battles; some he was on the winning side of, others he lost. In 1862 he was sent back to Northern Missouri, recruiting, and was captured, placed under bond of \$12,000, not to aid the South—a hard price, yet he took it, and never shouldered a gun in behalf of the South again. He remained a paroled prisoner during the war, and for the safety of his family and himself he moved to Iowa in 1865. In December, following, he came back to Knox County, Mo., remaining there farming for two years, then located on the place where he now lives in Clark County, Mo., farming for a living. He lost all he had during the war. To our subject and wife were born eight children, all of whom are yet living: Fanny E. Buford, Virginia E., Lutz T., Wellington M., Mary, Nanny A., Robert W. and Joseph L. Buford. Mr. Buford is a Democrat, politically, and he and wife have been members of the Missionary Baptist Church for twenty-eight years.

Dr. T. A. Bull, a native of Wood County, Ohio, was born in 1842, and is the son of T. J. and Nancy Ann (Westcott) Bull, both natives of the State of New York, and both of English descent. After marriage the father followed agricultural pursuits

until 1858 or 1859, then began the study of dentistry under an uncle, Dr. Alonzo Bull. After reading for two years he moved to Dubuque, Iowa, and was there a practicing dentist several years. He then returned to Hancock County, Ill., and here practiced for over fifteen years. In 1884 he sold out, and moved to Iowa, settling in Pella, Marion County. He is a Republican in politics, and has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a number of years, as had also his wife. She died in 1886. Although Dr. Bull has arrived at the ripe age of seventy-six, he is yet vigorous in mind, and is still following his profession. Our subject is the fourth of a family of nine living children. He remained with his parents until his nineteenth year, when he enlisted in the Federal Army, and was in many important battles: Harper's Ferry, Antietam, Gettysburg, and numerous others. In the spring of 1865 he was mustered out, and returned to Warsaw, Ill., where he began the study of dentistry under his father. He afterward practiced in that town for about nine years, and then crossed the Father of Rivers, and settled in the village of Fairmont, Clark County, where he has had a good practice. In the spring of 1868 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Boscow, a daughter of Dr. T. H. Boscow, a prominent physician in Warsaw, Ill. To Dr. and Mrs. Bull four children have been born: Frances I., Burt, Frederick A. and Giles E. Frances I. is the wife of James E. Pulliam, the other children are single, and make their home with their parents. Dr. Bull is a Republican in politics, and a member of the G. A. R.

William L. Burkheimer, an able attorney at Kahoka, Mo., was born in the year 1840, reared in Lewistown, Penn., and educated in the University of Pennsylvania. He adopted the profession of his father, in 1869 went to Monticello, Ind., and in 1870 was admitted to the bar. Four years later he located for a short period in Boone County, Mo., and in 1876 came to Kahoka where he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession ever since. In 1874 he married Mrs. Mary A. (Burns) Gridley, widow of A. J. Gridley, who was a lawyer and real estate agent at Monticello, Ind. By his marriage Mr. Gridley became the father of two children: Bert and Ada. The latter died in 1879, and Bert is associated with his stepfather in the law office. Mrs. Burkheimer is a native of Indiana, born in the year 1840, and is the daughter of Liberty M. and Amanda Burns. Our subject is the son of John and Mary Jane (Kinney) Burkheimer, both native born Americans, though of German-Irish parentage. The father was a well-known and very successful attorney of Lewistown, Penn., and died in 1879, his wife having preceded him to the grave about four years. While living in

Indiana our subject was elected prosecuting attorney, and filled the office in an able and efficient manner. He is a Democrat in politics, and his wife is a member of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

Louis Buschling, farmer, was born in Hanover, Germany, October 22, 1822, one of nine children of Frederick and Sophia (Fieldmann) Buschling, natives of Germany. Our subject was educated in his native country, and at the age of nineteen entered the army. He served ten years, chiefly as sergeant. At the age of thirty years he crossed the Atlantic to Baltimore, and then went to Johnstown, Penn. Six months later he moved to Louisville, Ky., where he was married, and engaged as a drayman for three years. He then went to Columbus, Ind., and after two years of farming went to Keokuk, Iowa, where he engaged as teamster. Three years later he came to Clark County, Mo., and rented a farm, and two years later moved to one he had bought. He remained there three years, and then came to his present home. His wife, Caroline Baurrichter, is a native of Germany, born in 1832, and was about sixteen years old when she came to this country. They were married in 1854, and their children are H. Louis, Sophia, Lizzie, William, Tilda, Charles, Frederick and John. Our subject has now a fine estate of about 240 acres. He has led an adventurous life in his native country, especially as a soldier. He first voted for Pierce, and is now a Republican. He served during the war as lieutenant of militia. His entire family are members of the Lutheran Church.

John G. Caldwell, a native of Monroe County, Va., born in 1818, is the son of John Caldwell, a native of Virginia, and of Irish descent. The mother, whose maiden name was Drummond, was also a native of Virginia, and of Scotch-Irish descent. They were married in Botetourt County, Va., where the father followed blacksmithing all his life. The mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died in Monroe County, Va. Our subject is the eldest of a family of four children, three of whom are living. He received a fair education, and in 1835 moved to Wayne County, Ind., where he began life for himself by working out on a farm. He afterward rented land during his eight years in Wayne County. He was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Hampton, the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Hampton, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. Thirteen children were the result of our subject's marriage, ten of whom are now living. In 1842 our subject and family immigrated to Lee County, Iowa, where for a period of twenty-three years he followed agricultural pursuits. In the fall of 1866 he moved to Northeast Missouri, and settled in Clark County, where he has

ever since resided, a respected and honored citizen. He owns a two-hundred-acre farm, well stocked and well improved. He is a Republican in politics, is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and he and wife are worthy members of the Congregational Church.

Isaac R. Campbell, deceased, was born in Oneida County N. Y., May 2, 1798, cotemporaneously with the erection of the first house in Utica. At the age of eighteen he left home, intending to go to sea. He stopped with an uncle at Pittsfield, Mass., however, and was induced to abandon his intentions. After working on the Erie Canal for a time he went to Pennsylvania, and soon after to the vicinity of Wellsville, Ohio, where he was employed in a still-house for some time. The following explains his departure from that place: One evening in the excitement of prospective courting he accidentally fed his employer's hogs some hot food, which, on his return early the next morning, proved too much for the "porkers" and he found them dead. He objected to having his happiness spoilt by his employer's displeasure, and without waiting for a settlement, packed his trunk, which in this case proved to be his pocket-handkerchief, and became a "wanderer on the face of the earth." He first became cook on a keel-boat, and in 1812 landed in Missouri Territory. Here he became Jack of all trades, and in 1823 married Sarah White. He at once settled on forty acres of land, and two years later moved to the present site of Nauvoo. He remained here until 1830 engaged in keeping boarding house, shoemaking and keel-boat-ing to the lead mines at Galena. He then sold out, and returned to what is now Nashville, Lee County. The following spring he moved to what is now Keokuk, and engaged with Dr. Muir as an Indian trader. He held slaves while in Illinois and Iowa, and in 1834 persuaded a Pennsylvania congressman to secure the passage of an act enabling the half-breeds to dispose of their land in Lee County. After this act was passed our subject organized the St. Louis Land Company, consisting of J. and E. Walsh, of St. Louis; J. H. Overhall, of St. Charles; Col. Crossman, United States Army, and himself. They purchased the first claim ever sold, from Isaac Antyer. In 1836 he sold his half interest in the original town of Keokuk, which then consisted of a "potato patch" of a few acres. In 1838 he disposed of his interest in the half-breed tract, consisting of one-thirteenth of 119,000 acres and Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet, was one of the buyers. Two thousand dollars of the \$14,000 were paid down in old chairs, horses, carriages, etc. He held the notes of the three buyers at the time of his death. He removed to St. Francisville in 1837, on account of anti-slavery sentiments in Iowa, and remained there until his death, August 26, 1882. He was a very liberal man, and

probably out-lived 50,000 men who were his cotemporaries. By his first wife his children were James W. and Isaac R. (deceased); and by his second wife, Emily Davis, his children were Sarah A. (deceased), Robert T. (deceased), John R. (deceased), Helen E. (the wife of Judge McClintock), Henry C., Eleanora L., Laura I., Cora R. and Eugene M. His first wife died January 8, 1831, and his second wife September 10, 1883.

C. H. Carothers, M. D., was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., in 1825, and is the son of John C. and Anna (Roe) Carothers. The father is a native of Northumberland County, Penn., and is of English descent. The mother was a native of the city of Philadelphia, and also of English descent. Her father was an architect from London. The father previous to his marriage followed the coppersmith's trade which he also continued to follow after moving to Pittsburgh, Penn. About 1806 he moved to Westmoreland County, and purchased a farm, where he passed the remainder of his days. He was at that time one of the most enterprising and wealthy men of West Pennsylvania. He was a Democrat in politics. Our subject is the youngest of a family of nine children, all of whom lived to be grown, but only four are now living. He received a liberal education in the common schools, and took a more complete course at Allegheny College, Meadville, Penn. He then began the study of medicine, and read under Dr. Boyd for three years, during which time he practiced some, and took a thorough course in Western Reserve College, at Cleveland, Ohio. He immigrated to Adams County, Ill., in 1851, and in 1852 he married Miss Julia Wood, a daughter of L. and P. (Pack) Wood. She is a native of New Brunswick and is of French and German descent. To our subject and wife were born seven children, five of whom are living, and three of whom are married. Ida is the wife of S. Dare, a farmer in Lewis County; Anna is the wife of Edwin Breckenridge, a teacher in Clark County; Brittie is the wife of B. Morris; Lottie and Charles H. are at home. In 1855 our subject moved to Northern Missouri, and settled in Clark County. Here the Doctor has remained ever since, and is considered one of the most successful physicians in the county. For several years of his life he followed merchandising in connection with his practice, but during the last seven years he has given up the practice of medicine, and has devoted his time and attention to merchandising. He is a Republican, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and during the late war, was in the Home Guards and militia, and served as assistant surgeon.

J. W. Catlett, the son of Louis H. and Eliza A. (Kerfeott) Catlett, was born in Rankin County, Miss., in 1839. His parents

were both natives of Virginia. They were married in Frederick County, Va., July 30, 1829, and they soon afterward immigrated to Kentucky, and purchased land on the Cumberland River. After improving this, he sold it and immigrated to Mississippi, where he remained for several years as overseer. He next moved to Texas, and from there to Louisiana, where he passed the remainder of his days. With the exception of his overseer life in Mississippi, he has always been engaged in farming. He was a Democrat in his political views, and died in the year 1848. His widow and five children moved to Clark County, Mo., in the spring of the same year, and here the mother taught school for several terms and also did some needle work. In 1857 she married Richard Shacklitt, a widower and a native of Kentucky, but a resident of Scotland County. In that county they lived happily for eighteen years, when death claimed her for a victim. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject, at the age of nine years, was placed in the care of an uncle, Ezra Kerfeott, of Clark County, where he remained for five years, working for his board and clothes, and any extras went to help his mother. He then worked for a man eighteen months, but for some reason or other neither he nor his mother received a cent of money for this work. He next worked for a man named Johnson for \$6 per month, and then worked for William Fee for \$5 per month, and then contracted to work a year for him for \$30, with the privilege of going three months to school. He worked on in this way, until twenty-two years of age, and assisted his mother all he could with the money he received. He got his education by working for his board and going to school winter months; tallow candles and tuition costing \$6 for three months' school, there being no free schools then in Missouri. He then began working for himself. In 1864 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Lasswell, daughter of William Lasswell, whose biographical sketch appears elsewhere. To this union one child was born, and soon after its mother departed this life. This child's name is William R., and he is now farming in Kansas. In 1866 our subject married Miss Mary A. V. Lasswell, and after farming in Scotland County, one year, moved to Clark County, where he has ever since remained. To this last union seven children were born (two deceased), five of whom are living at home. Mr. Catlett is one of the most extensive stock dealers in Northeast Missouri, and has on hand now several hundred head of stock, mostly cattle, on his farm of over 400 acres. His first wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his last wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

I. B. Chamberlain, dealer in staple and fancy groceries at Luray, established his business at this place in 1885. He was

previously located at Neva (in 1880), and was postmaster at that place. He is a native of Indiana, born in the year 1836, and moved to Clark County, Mo., in 1851, where he engaged in farming, and followed this occupation up to 1880. In 1855 he took for his companion in life Miss Amelia Harrison, of this county, and the daughter of Jabeth and Mary Harrison. Mrs. Chamberlain was born in the year 1832, and died in 1857, leaving one child, a daughter, named Mary E. In 1861 Mr. Chamberlain married Miss Rebecca Shannon, daughter of E. Z. and Elizabeth Shannon. She was born in Ohio, and by her marriage to our subject became the mother of three children, two of whom are deceased; Samuel, their son, is living. Our subject's second wife died in 1875, and in 1876 he married Mrs. Marietta (Rowe) Crane, widow of Farris Crane. She died in 1878, and in 1880 he married Miss Lucy I. Johnson, of Clark County, born in the year 1857, and the daughter of Daniel and Teney Johnson. To this union were born to our subject and wife three children: James E., Teney A. and an infant unnamed. Mr. Chamberlain is a member of the A. H. T. A., and his wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

Nathaniel T. Cherry, lawyer, was born in Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio. He is the son of Thomas and Susan (Perrin) Cherry, natives of Zanesville, Ohio, and Laurel Hill, Md., respectively. The father came to Missouri in 1856, and located on a farm in Clark County, where he followed farming and stock raising for several years; he also followed merchandising at Alexandria for two years, and is now spending his declining years in retirement. The mother and the following children are now living: Lyne S., Nathaniel T., Daniel P., Eliza J. (the wife of W. W. Allen) and Amelia R. Morella is the deceased wife of W. H. Busey. Our subject secured a good education at St. Francisville Academy, and during the war followed mercantile business for two years. After the conflict was over he engaged in general insurance, and also followed farming. He began his professional studies in 1868, in the law office of N. F. Givens, of Waterloo. He was admitted to the bar in 1871, and has since practiced at the Clark County bar, and also in Keokuk. He practices likewise in the Federal courts of Missouri and Iowa, and has attained a high professional standing. Mr. Cherry is a prominent Democrat, and served three sessions as clerk in the Missouri Legislature. He is a Mason, and has passed all the chairs in the Alexandria Lodge, and is a lawyer of experience and ability.

G. G. Childers' (Kahoka, Mo.) autobiography boiled down: being a concise account of the life of G. G. Childers as dictated by himself: My parents were Oliver P. and Catherine Childers.

To begin the boiling down process with my name, I am called by my friends, by its middle and shortest third, Guy. I first discovered the Christian era when it was 1853 years, two months and fourteen days old. The world, therefore, had a big start of me, but I have managed (at the expense of some hard knocks) to hold my own with it since. Taking Winchester, Clark Co., Mo., as a starting point in the race of life, I proceeded, in the first four years, as far as Waterloo, then the county capital of Clark County. Here eight more uneventful years of my early career were passed, and in my twelfth year I removed to Fort Madison, Iowa. I lost my mother there when near the sixteenth year of my age, and the family of six boys, of whom I was the eldest, being broken up, we boys were equitably distributed among our friends. I fell to the lot of Col. Peter A. Hitt, a lumberman of Alexandria, Mo., and the biggest man (weight 375 pounds) ever in Clark County. Being once again on my native heath, and in most excellent hands, I enjoyed a flourishing period of three years, during which I acquired a limited knowledge of lumber, Latin and life. I had been sent to school more or less every year from childhood, but to that time had made study a mere mechanical routine. I now became suddenly enamored of science and the classics, under the vigorous training of that model educator, Rev. Thomas J. Musgrove, and his excellent assistants, Profs. Ellery and Farmer. I here attained that highest pinnacle of literary eminence since Cicero—that which David Copperfield worshiped in his youth—the position of head boy in school. When in my nineteenth year I lost my benefactor, Col. Hitt, by death, and launched out upon life on my own account. Several years of unassisted toil were next colored with impracticable visions of fame. Vague ideas of being a self-made man left the point undetermined whether the finished product should be a president of the United States or a professor in a college. Yet, with all the latent egotism implied in this state of mind, practically a lack of self-confidence was the source of more difficulty than any real obstacle. For ten years I worked at a variety of callings—in lumber yards, in the school room, and on farms—but never lost a spare moment from poring over the college curriculum, which I was destined not to finish. In my twenty-eighth year, becoming tired of this mixed menu of life, I fell out with the classics, and in love at the same time; became engaged to Miss Cordelia T. Wood of Clark County; took to the law at the lady's suggestion, and was admitted to the Kahoka bar after six months' study. I never practiced a day, but immediately bought a newspaper without money; got married the same week, and have prospered ever since, being at this time the editor and



proprietor of the *Kahoka Herald*, and the father of two fine boys: John Julian, born September 24, 1882, and Lapsley McKee, born January 21, 1884.—*Moral*: When you find difficulty in paddling your own canoe, get a good sensible woman to hold the helm.

George W. Christy was born in Kentucky in 1827, and is a son of James and Hannah (Roice) Christy, natives of Kentucky. The father of our subject moved to Missouri in 1848, but finally permanently located in Clark County, Mo., near Kahoka, where he died in 1877. Our subject remained with his father until 1846, and then returned to his native State, where he engaged in the mercantile business for three years, but at the expiration of that time went to Clark County, Mo., and settled upon his present farm, which he had purchased from his father. In 1853 he married Martha Shaffer, daughter of John and Paulina Shaffer. This union has been blessed with eleven children, ten of whom are living: John J., George W., William, Amanda E., Mary C., Laura A., Hannah P., Geneva A., Sarah J. and Lullie M. Our subject is an active member of the Democratic party, but has never sought public office.

Franklin A. Clark, a first-class citizen of Clark County, Mo., was born in the State of Massachusetts in the year 1841, and came to Clark County, Mo., with his parents in 1853. In 1858 he located upon his farm, which consists of 160 acres of as good land as is to be found in Clark County. In 1869 he led to the hymenial altar Miss Elenor R. Robb, of Illinois. She was born in the Keystone State in 1846, and by her union with our subject became the mother of six children, named as follows: Edwin Augustus, born October 11, 1870; Benjamin Robb, born June 5, 1874, and died November 5, 1875; James Albert, born August 30, 1876; Thomas Irving, born December 26, 1878; Walter Luther, born June 22, 1884; and Franklin Rice, born June 4, 1884. Our subject is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, and is also engaged in the raising of live stock. He is a Republican in his political views, and he and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is the son of Adison and Mary (Clark) Clark. Mrs. Clark was the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Ferguson) Robb, both of whom were natives of Westmoreland County, Penn., and of Irish lineage.

Samuel Clough was born in Stockport, Cheshire, England, in the year 1832. His father, Charles Clough, was also a native of Cheshire, England, and was a farmer by occupation. In 1840, at the age of forty-five, he emigrated alone to the Dominion of Canada, having left his family (two sons) with an aunt, as their mother had died some time previous. He remained in Canada for ten years, in the meantime sending for

his sons, and at the end of five years they moved to Syracuse, N. Y., and here the father died. \*The sons were then thrown upon their own resources. They engaged in farming in Jefferson County, N. Y., where our subject, Samuel Clough, lived about five years. He then moved to Keokuk, Iowa, and farmed there for a short time, when, in the fall of the year 1856, he made a prospective trip to Clark County, Mo., where he purchased a small farm. He then returned to Keokuk, Iowa, and after remaining there a short time returned to Jefferson County, N. Y., where he married Miss Harriet Hastings, a native of Jefferson County. To this union was born one child, who died when only four years of age. In 1859 Mr. Clough and wife moved from their farm in Clark County, Mo., to Jefferson County, N. Y., and here the wife died. After remaining there several years Mr. Clough married Miss Jane R. Gardner, a native of Canada, and the daughter of John Gardner. In the spring of 1865 our subject moved with his family to Clark County, Mo, where he has ever since lived. To his last marriage were born eight children, all of whom are living: George, Hattie, Walter and Edwin (twins), Charles, William, Samuel, Jr., and Jennie. George married Miss May Wilson, daughter of Robert Wilson. Hattie is the wife of Albert Blattner. The remainder of the children are at home with their parents. During the time Mr. Clough has lived in Clark County (over twenty years) he has proved to be not only a thrifty, enterprising farmer, but a man much esteemed and respected by his neighbors. He owns 500 acres of good land, all well improved. He served the people of Clark County as judge for four years, and filled the office with credit and satisfaction to himself and to the people. Mrs. Clough is a member of the Christian Church.

G. W. Collins was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., in the year 1832, and is the son of Thurman and Hannah (Robinson) Collins, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively, and both of English descent. The parents were married in Onondaga County, N. Y., and resided in an adjoining county about fourteen or fifteen years, where the father followed agricultural pursuits. In 1843 they moved to Illinois, and settled in Paw Paw, Lee County, where he remained until his death, with the exception of ten or twelve years in La Salle County. He was originally an old line Whig, but after the death of that party he was always a Republican. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a kind husband and an affectionate father. He died in November, 1886. His wife was sixty-seven years of age at the time of her death. Our subject is the eldest son of his father's family. At the age of nineteen he began working for

himself, but, not succeeding in what he first undertook, he began working at the carpenter's trade, without previously studying as an apprentice. As he possessed considerable natural ability for this kind of work he succeeded quite well, and continued at this business for several years. At the age of twenty-three, in 1855, he wedded Miss Euphema Hinman, a daughter of Robert and M. A. Hinman, natives of Vermont, both of whom are now residing in Bureau County, Ill., where they have lived for over half a century. Mr. Hinman is eighty-three years of age, and his wife is seventy-eight. After marriage our subject moved to La Salle County, Ill., where he cultivated the soil for a number of years. He then sold his fine farm, and, crossing the Mississippi River, settled in Clark County, Washington Township, where he lived for over thirty years. To his marriage were born three children, viz.: Loren E. (wedded to Miss Lista Brown), Charles H. (who is at home with his parents) and Mindwell Ann Collins who is also at home. Our subject is a successful farmer, and owns a good farm of 245 acres, all well improved. He is a Republican in politics, and an excellent citizen.

Harvey E. Combs is a native Kentuckian, born in the year 1825. In 1834 he came with his parents to Lewis County Mo., and settled near Canton. After remaining there four years he moved with his parents to his present location. They purchased 55 acres of land at \$5 per acre. Our subject afterward purchased 160 acres, but sold 80 acres, and, being anxious to make a few extra dollars, helped cut 60 acres of wheat at \$1 per day. The distance to the place where he worked was four and a half miles. This distance he walked barefooted twice a day until finished. In 1846 he married Lucretia Raborn, who died eight years later, leaving three sons. In 1854 he took for his second wife E. Mitchel, and she died eight years later, leaving no issue. In 1863 our subject was again married, taking for his wife the Widow Sprouse, who had three children—two sons and a daughter—by her previous marriage. By the third marriage our subject became the father of two sons and four daughters. He chose his three wives from within half a mile of the same place. When our subject first settled on his present farm he knew of no one living west of him. He kept some very cross and savage dogs, and can tell many interesting anecdotes about early times. He and his dogs were chased into the house many times by the wolves, and he stood in his door in one instance and counted as many as twenty deer, and could at any time see wild turkeys. His father, one fall, cut down 165 bee trees, and obtained seven barrels of strained honey and seven barrels of honey in comb. In

1865 our subject assisted in erecting the First Baptist Church in this part of the country. He took but little part in the late war, being provost guard at Alexandria about two weeks. He takes great pride in the culture of honey bees, having 40 stands at present, and has had as many as 113 stands at one time. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is the son of George and Susan (Eberly) Combs. The father died in 1868 at the age of seventy-five. The mother is still living, and is ninety-four years of age.

John P. Covert, one of the foremost citizens and merchants of Clark County, was born in the State of Ohio in 1835, and is the son of John and Mary Covert, citizens of Ohio. John P. left his native State in 1856, and settled on a farm in Clark County, Mo., remaining there until 1878, after which he spent a year traveling through a number of States, but finally returned to Clark County, and in 1880 embarked in business in Peakesville. He was united in marriage, in 1855, to Miss Caroline Floyd, daughter of Ambrose and Margaret Floyd, of Ohio, and to their union eight children have been born: Mary J., David A., Elmer N., Elmira E., Wallace F., Ella A., John R. and Nora C., all of whom are living except Elmer. Mary J. was married to Mr. Lewis Kautz January 1, 1885. The remainder are still single. Mr. Covert is a member of the A. H. T. A. He has been engaged in the mercantile business for about seven years, has a large stock of goods, and does quite an extensive business, ranking among the first and most respected merchants of Clark County, dealing in dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, hats, caps, fancy notions, etc.

John M. Crook, a prominent pioneer of Clark County, was born May 13, 1823, in Grant County, Ky. He is the only living child of William and Nancy (McCann) Crook, the former of English origin, born in 1796, in Bourbon County, Ky., and the latter a native of Virginia, of Irish descent. After a youth spent in Mason County, Ky., the parents married and came to Pendleton County, and thence to Grant County, from which place they immigrated to Quincy, Ill., when our subject was twelve years old. They lived chiefly at Burton until 1838, when they came to Winchester, and here died, the mother in 1850 and the father in 1879. The father was a skillful cabinet-maker, but during his western residence was devoted chiefly to farming. Our subject lived with his parents until the age of twenty-four, and in the meantime had learned the plasterer's trade. He continued this business until 1854, when he married, and after two years in Winchester began farming. It was three years later that he moved to another farm, and about the same length of time afterward he went to Kansas. He spent but a short time there, and

then came to his present home. In 1868 he spent a few months working on the Union Pacific Railway, in Colorado. His wife, Armilda, a daughter of Lawrence and Mary (Norton) Buskirk, was born September 25, 1831, in Grant County, Ky., and was married May 7, 1854. Their children are Mary E., Nancy A., Sarah J., Mattie and Willie. Our subject is a reliable and respected citizen, and has held the political principles of the Whig and Republican parties in succession. He served as constable for eight years. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

O. S. Cross, a good citizen and blacksmith of Luray, is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1826. At the age of sixteen he began learning his trade, and has followed this in connection with farming ever since. In 1857 he came to Clark County, Mo., and the next year was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Dabyns, a native of Missouri, born in the year 1839, and the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Dabyns. The result of our subject's marriage was the birth of four children, two of whom are deceased. Mrs. Cross died in 1871, and in 1876 he was united in marriage to Frances Dabyns, sister to his first wife. She was born in 1829, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. H. T. A. He is the son of Abram and Priscilla Cross, both natives of the State of New York, but their death occurred in Ohio. Our subject has a farm of sixty-eight acres, well improved and well cultivated, joining the town of Luray. He is a Republican in his political views, and is a good citizen and neighbor.

William H. Cull, a native of Henry County, Ky., was born in the year 1823, and is the son of Nathan and Rebecca (Rawlings) Cull, both natives of Henry County, Ky., and of Irish and Welsh descent, respectively. The father was a farmer, and was also engaged in the lumber business, sawing with the old-fashioned "whip saw." In politics he was a Democrat, "dyed in the wool." In religion he was a member of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in September, 1844, at the age of forty-five. His widow remained on her farm until 1851, when she sold her share of the estate and immigrated to western Clark County, Mo., where she now resides in her ninetieth year. She makes her home with her son, H. G. Cull. She was also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject made his home with his mother in Henry County, Ky., until twenty-seven years of age, when he moved to Clark County, Mo., and purchased property in Washington Township. In 1851 he moved on his farm, where he has ever since lived. Previous to this, in 1848, he had married, and he now brought his young wife to share his

humble home, which consisted of a log house with one room, made by his own hands. As the country gradually began to settle up, he too began gradually to improve his farm, and it now numbers several hundred acres. To our subject and wife were born eight children, four only of whom are now living: Martha L., Susan A., John W. and Mary L. Our subject, in his thirty years' residence in Clark County, has gained the respect and esteem of all his acquaintances. After seeing that his children were well provided for in life, he still owns 240 acres of valuable land in Washington Township, five miles from Fairmont, where he first settled. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Jacob Dewald, farmer, was born February 24, 1849, in Rhenish Prussia, one of eleven children of Henry and Catherine (Back) Dewald, both natives of Germany. When our subject was six years old they crossed the Atlantic, and settled at Keokuk, Iowa. The father worked at his trade of shoemaking there until his death in 1857; the mother still survives him, and is living with our subject. The latter began for himself at ten years of age, in Clark County, doing anything he could find, and was thus deprived of an education. At the age of seventeen he rented a farm in Lewis County, and two years later returned to Clark County, where he farmed about five years. He next bought a farm in Lee County, Iowa, and continued there six years. He then returned, and soon after bought his present farm, which is one of the finest estates in the region. It embraces 140 acres of bottom land, and has a fine residence. In spite of his being scarcely able to read, and entirely deficient in writing, he has succeeded remarkably. He first voted for Tilden, and still holds to that political faith.

Frank M. Dewey was born in Lee County, Iowa, in 1855, and is the son of George H. and Chloa (Butler) Dewey, natives of Massachusetts. George H. came to Iowa in 1838, where he purchased a farm, returning to Massachusetts, however, to celebrate his marriage with Chloa Butler, after which he returned to his newly purchased home, upon which he and his wife are now living a quiet life, with his son Siar, who owns the homestead. The father is now in his seventy-first year, and his wife is but two years his junior. Our subject remained at home until 1880, and then came to Clark County, Mo., where he purchased his two brothers' shares in the farm on which he is now living. It consists of 230 acres of land, well improved. He deals in stock raising, making the rearing of good stock a specialty. Our subject was married in 1881 to Deborah E. Porter, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Thompson) Porter. He is a Republican, and also

a strong believer in Prohibition. He is an energetic member of the A. H. T. A., and is also an active member of the church and Sunday-school.

J. W. Dunbar, postmaster and general merchant, was born on the original site of Winchester, May 25, 1844. He is the eldest of three children of W. and Jane (Lockhart) Dunbar, natives of Kentucky, and born in 1815 and 1809, respectively. The mother came to Missouri with her first husband, and the father came when he was a young man. Her first husband, Mr. Thomas, was "the father of Winchester." After a residence there for some time his death occurred, and in 1843 his widow married our subject's father. They died in 1867 and 1885, respectively. The father had been a distiller in Kentucky, but followed agriculture in his western home, where he owned considerable property in and about Winchester. He was a prominent man in his community, and was honored with positions of trust up to his death. Our subject was educated at Bloomington High School, and at the age of twenty years began his career as a teacher, which extended over a period of ten years. He was also a collector during the war, and had many amusing experiences. He was collecting in Macon, Chariton and Randolph Counties during the time when Price made his raid up through Missouri, when in a day's ride you would not see a man on either side (blue or gray) unless he was disabled or too old to go into the army. He remained about three years in that vicinity, visited Kansas a few times, and then spent about two years in Trenton as an advertising agent. He returned to his native place in 1867, located on his father's estate, and followed farming and teaching for about seven years, since which time he has been a merchant at Winchester. He was commissioned postmaster November 21, 1885. His wife Ella (Vertrees), to whom he was married February 5, 1871, is a lady of French origin, and was born July 7, 1853. Their children are Mary, Minnie and Susie; two others are deceased. Our subject now owns a fine home, a store building, a good stock of goods, besides other town property, and is one of the leading men of Winchester. He is a Democrat; in religion his wife holds to the faith of the Christian Church.

Alfred T. Dunn, one of the old citizens of Clark County, was born in Ohio in 1832, and is a son of John W. and Mary Dunn, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. The former died in Ohio in 1872, while the latter died in 1857. In 1853 our subject was married to Julia A., daughter of Elias and Mary C. Weekly. The father died in Ohio in 1862, but the mother is still living. Our subject was married in Ohio, and lived in that State until 1858, when he took a trip to Georgia, but returned

to Ohio in 1862, making that State his home until the following year, when he came to Clark County, Mo., living in different places for about two years, when he purchased the farm upon which he now lives, which contains about 200 acres of good land, well improved. Mr. Dunn is one of the old settlers of Clark County, having come here when it was but a wilderness. Mr. Dunn is the father of eleven children, ten of whom are living, as follows: William L., John E., Edward T., David H., Marion U., Joseph I., Alfred C., Margaret C., Sarah A. and Mary E. Our subject served in Company C, Sixty-ninth Missouri Regiment, for six months during the war, but at the end of that time received an honorable discharge, and returned home. During his early life he endured many hardships and privations, and worked hard, but now is enjoying the fruits of his early labor, and living the remainder of his life in ease.

Joseph T. Druse was born in Ohio in 1819, and is a son of Stephen and Anna (Denslow) Druse, natives of New York, who moved to Ohio, and engaged in farming until the death of the former, which occurred soon after their arrival. Our subject left that State in 1846 and went to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he remained about fifteen years, or until he came to Clark County, Mo., in 1860, when he settled upon his present farm of 183 acres, and has since been very successful. In 1858 he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Elida T. Davis, daughter of Abial and Nancy (Cook) Davis, natives of Rhode Island. Five sons and five daughters have blessed this union, namely: Lillie, Arthur, Charles, Harry, Mittie, Fannie, Hiram, Lucy, Ora and George, all of whom are living at home. Mr. Druse enjoyed the advantages of a good education. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Jesse Edmonson, postmaster and merchant of Chambersburg, was born August 16, 1851, in McDonough County, Ill., and is the youngest of six children (one deceased) born to James and Sarah (Waymick) Edmonson. The parents were natives of Indiana, but were married in Illinois, where they came when young. Soon after marriage they located in our subject's native county, and there remained until about 1855, at which date he moved to Missouri, and two years later to Scotland County, of the same State. In 1861 they moved to Clark County, where they resided one year, after which they returned to Illinois. In 1864 or 1865 they again returned to Clark County, Mo., and located on the farm, where they have since resided. Our subject received his education in the common schools of Clark County, and at the age of seventeen left the parental roof, and May 23, 1868, Miss Mary Toops became his wife. She was born June 9,



1852, near Louisville, Ky., and is the daughter of Henry and Nancy (Combs) Toops. Three children were the result of our subject's marriage: James Henry, Emma Jane and Annie May. Our subject began farming soon after marriage, and continued at the same exclusively until 1882, at which date he purchased an interest in the general store at Chambersburg, becoming a member of the firm of Edmonson & Bro., but remained in the store only five months, when he moved to Athens, and established himself in the grocery business under the firm title of Edmonson & Fincher. He remained at Athens until February, 1884, when he returned to Chambersburg, and again engaged in merchandising with J. M. Toops, under the firm name of Edmonson & Toops. Since April 15, 1886, our subject has had control of the business alone, and is sole proprietor. In connection with merchandising our subject has also managed a farm, and is an industrious and enterprising young merchant. He is a Democrat in politics, but cast his first presidential vote for Horace Greely. He is a worthy member of the I. O. O. F., and has passed through all the chairs. His wife is an active member of the Baptist Church.

S. B. Ellison, farmer, was born March 24, 1820, in Monroe County, Va., and is the sixth of thirteen children. His parents, Matthew and Mary A. (Campbell) Ellison, were natives probably of Monroe County, Va., and Ireland, respectively; at least, Monroe County was the scene of their marriage. The father continued his agricultural pursuits until his death, when our subject was about ten years old, but the mother survived her husband until 1884, in about her ninety-seventh year. Our subject was educated in Virginia, and in his twentieth year began his career independently, and came to Grundy County, Mo. He was occupied there in various things about two years before he came to Clark County. He was married in 1843, but his wife died soon afterward, and in 1845 he remarried, and has been farming ever since, excepting about two years spent in California, in the mines. His wife, Sallie, a daughter of William Reel, was born in 1828, in Mason County, Ky., and was but a small girl when her father adopted Missouri as his home. Their children are William, Samuel, Mary, Josephine, Ida V. and Sallie. After her death he married Catherine, a daughter of Jacob Tryan, who was born in Maryland in 1832. Our subject has been a successful man in his career, and now owns 343 acres of fine land, in a high state of cultivation. His political principles were those of the Whigs before the war, and his first vote was cast for Taylor, but he now holds Democratic ideas. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William Ethridge, an honest and respected citizen of Clark County, Mo., is a native of England, born in the year 1831, and came with his parents to the United States in the year 1845. They located in Iowa, a portion of their farm being in Lee County, and a part in Van Buren County. He spent from 1852 to 1856 in the State of California, and after returning located in Clark County, Mo. In December of the latter year he chose for his life companion Miss Jane Bristow, daughter of James Bristow. Her father having died when she was but a child, her mother afterward married William Bateman. Mrs. Ethridge was born in England, and after her marriage to our subject she became the mother of ten children, eight of whom are living—all girls. She and five daughters are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Ethridge located on his present farm, which consists of 460 acres, in the year 1856. His land is in a high state of cultivation, and is well improved. His large and commodious dwelling has everything necessary to make it convenient, and his brick building, built for fruits, vegetables, milk, ice, etc., is perfect. He is the son of John and Mary Ethridge, both of whom are natives of England, but who came to the United States, and died in the State of Iowa. Our subject was not in actual service during the war, but belonged to the State militia. He is an excellent citizen, and has the respect of all his acquaintances.

John Ewing was born in Pendleton, Ky., December 1, 1821, and is the son of Elijah and Susanna (MaKamson) Ewing, both natives of the same county in Kentucky, and of German and Irish descent, respectively. They were married in Kentucky, and the father farmed here for some time, when an anxiety to go west came over him; consequently he immigrated to Northeast Missouri, and located in Lewis County in 1835, where he was numbered among the pioneer settlers. In 1836 he moved to Clark County, and remained here for thirty-three years, or until his death in 1869, at the age of seventy-two. He was a Democrat in politics, and was for many years a worthy and useful member in the Baptist Church. His wife was a member of the same church. Our subject was but fourteen years old when brought to Clark County. His father and others of his neighbors built a rude log house, split logs for seats and desks, and hired a teacher for the winter term of three months' school. These advantages our subject had for an education. He had property which he improved up to the age of twenty-eight, when he left the paternal roof, and immigrated to California during the first gold fever excitement. After remaining in the Pacific State for two years he returned

to Missouri, where he has ever since lived. He married Miss Mary Frances Cornelius, daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth Cornelius, both natives of Kentucky. By hard work and economy he has reared and educated his three sons, all of whom are intelligent, enterprising men. The eldest son, James H., was married in November, 1884, to Miss Elmira I. Suter, of Clark County. J. S. and B. F. are single, and make their home with their parents. Our subject is one of Clark County's most enterprising farmers. He has over 240 acres of land well stocked and well improved. During the war he was in the militia for a few months, and in several skirmishes in Northeast Missouri. Our subject is a Democrat in his political views, but was formerly a Whig. He is a member of the Grange society, and he and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Talma D. Faxon was born in St. Francisville, Clark County, Mo., in 1847, and is the son of Allen M. and Delia S. Faxon. The father was a native of New York, and was born in 1809. He taught school in Granville, Ohio, for three years, and also organized a brass band there. He then taught school in Cleveland, Ohio, and was assistant under Dr. Bruster for a number of years. During the Black Hawk campaign he was the private secretary of Lieut. Wade, and was also Johnson's private secretary in his canvass for Vice-President. He finally came to St. Francisville, and took charge of the only school in the county. There he remained until 1865, when he moved to Athens, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1884. Our subject received his education from his father, and afterward assisted him in teaching. He came to Athens with him, and has remained there ever since, being engaged as a mechanic, and is living with his mother and aunt. He is a Democrat.

Peter Fetter, farmer, was born February 13, 1813, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, the son of Philip and Mary (Hardman) Fetter, natives of Germany. They came to this country when our subject was eighteen years of age, and located in Butler County, Penn. The father was engaged in farming until his death in 1877, in that county, where the mother survived him for three years. Our subject was partly educated in his native country, and on his arrival here began mining in our eastern mountain system. At his majority he married and moved to Kentucky, and, after five years at his old occupation, moved to Clark County, Mo., and rented some land. Soon after he bought his present farm, which is a fine estate of about 300 acres, and in good condition. He is a respected man and citizen, holding to the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, and advocating as his political principles the platform of the Democratic party. He first voted

for Harrison. His wife, Nancy Daily, a native of Ireland, was born in 1815, and immigrated to America when a young lady. She was married at her home in Pennsylvania, and lived until 1863. Their children are Philip, Kate, Nicholas and Annie.

George W. Fleming, a Clark County farmer, was born in Virginia, January 23, 1836. He is the eldest of seven children born to Joseph and Sarah (Anderson) Fleming, natives of Virginia, and born, respectively, in 1805 and 1816. They engaged in farming and stock raising until the father's death in 1869; the mother is still living. Our subject was educated in the common schools of his native State, and came to Missouri after he reached his majority, and settled in Jackson Township. After two years of married life on a rented farm, he came to his present home, at about the age of thirty years, and has since been actively engaged in farming and stock raising. His good business qualities have acquired him a fine farm of 240 acres, which is well improved and cultivated. His wife, Mary A., the daughter of Hiram and Margaret (Helferstein) Beeson, was born February 6, 1838, at Circleville, Ohio. She came to Missouri in 1853, and in June, nine years later, was married. Their children are Sarah A., William A., Hiram B., Joseph A., Edgar, Georgia G., Nellie C., Charles W. and Henry R. Our subject has filled several township offices, and for the last twenty years has served as school clerk. He is a prominent Democrat, and is now chairman of the county central committee. His daughter, Sarah A., is a Methodist, while Hiram B. and Edgar are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Benjamin A. Fleshman, was born in Harrison County, Ind., in 1838, and is the son of William and Delila (Hulls) Fleshman, also natives of that county and State. Here they were married, and here the father followed the carpenter's trade for a number of years. In 1847 they moved to Clark County, Mo., and here the father followed his trade for over thirty years. In 1877 he moved to the extreme northeastern part of Missouri, and there he now resides. Although he is seventy years of age he is hale and hearty, and his wife, who is a few years younger than he, also enjoys good health. Our subject is the elder of two children. His sister, who is a widow, is living in Atchison County, Mo. He was only nine years of age when brought by his father to Clark County. He received his education in the pioneer log cabins of that early day, and notwithstanding all these disadvantages he is, to-day, one of Clark County's most enterprising farmers and stock traders. The latter business he has made a specialty, carrying his stock to Chicago, St. Louis, etc. In September, 1858, he married Miss Sarah A. Stephens, a native of Harrison County, Ind. To this

union were born seven children: Emma, Nettie, May, William (deceased), Edward, Thomas and Cora. The first three are married. Mr. Fleshman was in the Federal Army nearly four years, and was a brave and gallant soldier. He is a Republican in principle, but votes for the man instead of for party, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He owns over 500 acres of valuable land in Clark County, and property in Fairmont.

James Foley, merchant, grain and hay dealer, was born April 13, 1828, in New Ross, Ireland, the eldest of eight children of John and Margaret (Nolan) Foley, natives of Ireland, and born in 1802 and 1803, respectively. The father was engaged as a grain merchant at New Ross until 1856, when they crossed the Atlantic, landed at Quebec, and came to Alexandria directly. After about eighteen years at this place he went to St. Louis, where he died at his daughter's home in 1875. The mother died in 1868. Our subject was educated in Ireland, and at the age of twenty-one years came directly to Alexandria, where he spent two years as a general laborer. He was next a member of Maxwell & Foley's commission house at Alexandria, but during the war abandoned that for farming. In 1867 he came to Gregory's Landing, and after three years of farming he began mercantile life. He has continued this in various partnerships ever since, and also is engaged extensively in the grain and hay business. Besides this he owns 180 acres of land adjoining the town, and nearly all the buildings in the village. His wife, Elizabeth (Nevitt), was born in 1828 in Indiana, and was married about 1871. Their only child is John P. She died December 14, 1877, and in September of 1882 Margaret Gibbons became his wife, a lady who was born in 1850 in New York. James E. and Charles F. are their only children. Our subject is a Democrat, while in religion his entire family are united in the Roman Catholic faith. He has been post-master since 1882, and is a well-respected citizen.

J. W. Fonda, dealer in general merchandise, lumber, grain, etc., at Luray, is a native of New York. He came to Clark County in 1878, and established his present business in which he has been quite successful. He started with a small stock, but his trade has been gradually increasing, which is owing to his honesty and fair dealing. Before leaving New York, permanently, he was engaged in business at Three Rivers, Mich., where he remained a short time. In 1879 he married Miss M. G. Brady, of Albany, N. Y., and the daughter of Charles and Anna M. (Schryver) Brady. Our subject is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is a man well known and much esteemed throughout the county. He is the son of James and Henrietta (Vandenberg) Fonda, natives of New York, and at present residents of the

State of Michigan, being prominent citizens of the neighborhood in which they live.

Hon. James H. Fore, representative of Clark County, was born in Bedford (now Fulton) County, Penn., April 21, 1845, the son of Henry H. and Hannah (Hoke) Fore, natives of Bedford and Adams Counties, Penn., respectively. The father, Hon. Henry H. Fore, whose portrait appropriately appears in these pages, was a prominent man of this county, and also served in both Houses of the Legislature of Pennsylvania. He came to this county in 1847, and located at St. Francisville. He died in 1879, and left a fine estate of 1,200 acres. He was a Whig in *ante bellum* days, but afterward a Democrat. His surviving children are James H., Allen, Charles P., Mary E. (the widow of Weston Johnson), Ann R., Louisa, Sophia (the widow of Dr. Hicks) and Margaret C. The mother died in 1859. Our subject was reared on the farm, and received a fair English education, which his public life has greatly improved. February 23, 1882, he married Kate C., a daughter of J. Z. Barnett, a former citizen of this county until 1881, when he removed to his present home in Van Buren County, Iowa. Our subject has followed farming and stock raising very successfully, and has an estate of 210 well-cultivated acres, and one of the finest residences in the county. He is a Democrat, and as such was elected, to represent Clark County, in November, 1866. He served with distinction in the Legislature of the following winter, and acted on the committees of agriculture and immigration.

Allen Fore was born June 5, 1850, on the farm where he now resides. He was reared to manhood in this community, and educated at St. Francisville. Since his father's death he has been in company with his brother, Charles P., managing the old homestead. He owns 160 acres fine land. Politically he is a Democrat, and is one of Clark County's most reliable citizens. Charles P., his brother, is two years younger than himself, and he also owns 160 acres.

John Fortune was born in Wexford County, Ireland, in 1830, and is the son of David and Ellen Fortune, of Ireland. He remained with his parents until seventeen years of age, when he went to Quebec, Canada, then to Rochester, N. Y., remaining there five years, when he went to California via Panama route, on the steamer "Golden Gate," which was wrecked in San Diego Bay. He then took another steamer for San Francisco, and arrived there some time after the wreck of the "Golden Gate." He was engaged three months as telegraph operator at the Golden Gate light house, situated at entrance of the bay at San Francisco, at a salary of \$150 per month, and from there

went to the mines, where he followed mining for five years, and dug \$12,000 worth of ore out of the ground, of which he lost \$10,000 in mining speculation enterprises. He then came to the city of New York by water, and was partially shipwrecked off Cape Hatteras. He remained in New York three weeks, visiting relatives, after which he came to Clark County, Mo., and settled upon the farm where he now resides. On his way from New York City he was married to Margaret A. Canfield, daughter of James and Ellen Canfield. This union was blessed with four sons: David, James E., John T., and William. January 11, 1881, he lost his wife, and in June, 1881, he married Mary J. Alton, daughter of Patrick and Mary Alton, natives of Ireland, and has had two children by this marriage; Mary E. and Eugene. Mr. Fortune has been a farmer of Clark County for about twenty-nine years, and is now in possession of eighty acres of good land under a high state of cultivation. His life has been full of adventures and hardships, which we have not space to enumerate. He was in Company D, Second Cavalry Missouri State Militia, and served four years, taking an active part in numerous battles and skirmishes; he carries marks of the war upon his body, and he takes great pride in the fact that he was one of the preservers of the Union. The father, grandfather and great-grandfather also fought for human rights and liberty, and carried marks of wounds to their graves, of which our subject was an eye witness.

Benjamin Foust was born in Carter County, East Tennessee, in 1836, and is the son of Zachariah Foust, a native of North Carolina, and of German descent. His wife, and the mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Sarah Kneidefer, was a native of Tennessee, and of German descent. The father and mother were married in Tennessee, where the father followed the occupation of a shoemaker. This trade he followed for about twenty-five years. During this time he also followed agricultural pursuits. To his marriage were born nine children, six of whom are yet living. After the war he immigrated to Scotland County, Mo., where he resided on a farm for some time. In 1880 or 1881 he moved to Clark County, Mo., and there he now resides, and since his wife's death in 1884 he has resided with our subject. He is a man seventy-seven years old, and is vigorous in mind, but feeble in body. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Dunkard Church. Our subject is the eldest son of a family of nine children. He remained at home until his marriage, when he took for his life companion, Miss Julia Hays, a native of Tennessee. This union resulted in the birth of nine children, seven now living: Nancy, Peter W., William T., George B. McClelland, Cora, Henry and Daniel. In 1877 Mr.

Foust lost his wife. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was much liked and respected by all who knew her. Mr. Foust afterward married Miss Nancy Hamby, a native of Tennessee, and the daughter of James Hamby. To this marriage were born five children, four now living. They are named as follows: Maudie, Benjamin, Robert and Beatrice. Mr. Foust is a Democrat in politics, and was in the war in Company A, under Capt. Dalton. He owns a good farm, and is an enterprising, successful farmer.

James Fulton, dealer in staple and fancy groceries, is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1846, and at the age of two and a half years went with his parents to Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1867, and then located in Illinois. After remaining there one year, he returned to Pennsylvania, and in 1869 came to Clark County, Mo., and followed farming and teaming until 1872, when he opened a family grocery in Kahoka, and has had a thriving trade ever since. Previous to this, in 1868, he was united in matrimony to Rachel Crayn, of Pennsylvania, and the daughter of Stephen and Mary Crayn. She was born in the State of Pennsylvania about 1846, and is the mother of five children: Stephen, Ella, Charles, Samuel and Annie. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and his wife is a member of the Baptist Church. He is the son of Samuel and Ellen (McClelland) Fulton, both natives and residents of Pennsylvania, who are respected as enterprising and peace-loving citizens.

Isaac Galland was born in Ohio in 1827, and is a son of David Galland, a native of Ohio, and Phebe (Gandy) Galland, a native of New Jersey. David Galland farmed to some extent, but most of his time was devoted to public affairs. He had the honor of assisting in framing the constitution of Iowa, in 1846, and served as judge of Union County, Ohio, for two or three terms, during which time he proved himself to be an honorable and trustworthy servant of public trust. He resided about a year in Illinois, and then went to Lee County, Iowa, where he died in 1867. Our subject remained in Lee County, Iowa, whither he had accompanied his father, until he took his departure for Oregon Territory in 1847. He remained there for a short time, but becoming satisfied that a trip to California in search of gold would be a wise undertaking, he started for that State, but was, unfortunately, seized with the mountain fever, and obliged to return home. He has been an extensive traveler, enduring many hardships which would appall the traveler of to-day. After returning to Lee County he remained at that place until 1850, when he moved to Clark County, Mo., settling upon a farm about two and a half miles from his present place, which he soon after-



ward purchased. While in Iowa the last time, he was married to Margaret Parsons, daughter of Abdel and Rebecca Parsons. To Mr. and Mrs. Galland ten children were born—five sons and five daughters—but only seven of this number are now living, and they are Charley, Mary, George, Daniel, David, Ellie and Edward. Our subject has been a staunch Democrat all his life. During the last seven years he has made quite a good deal of money by hard work and speculation.

Hon. Nathaniel F. Givens, present judge of the probate court, and a member of the firm of Givens & Meryhew, is a native of Kentucky, born October 10, 1810. His early life was passed on the farm, and while still quite young he adopted the profession of law, being admitted to the bar in 1836, at Morganfield, Union Co., Ky. In 1838 he immigrated to St. Louis, Mo., and lived there and in Jefferson County for about three years. In the fall of 1839 he moved to Clark County, and has since made it his home. He settled here during the late unpleasantness between Missouri and Iowa, and only one lawyer besides himself, and about 400 voters in the county. He has been eminently successful in his profession, and is meritoriously styled the father of law in Northern Missouri. In 1845 he led to the altar Miss Harriet E. Scott, a native of Kentucky, born about 1823, and the daughter of James Scott, also a native of Kentucky. This marriage resulted in the birth of five children, three now living. Mrs. Givens was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, and died in 1869. In 1852 Mr. Givens was elected to the State Legislature, and again in 1875 and 1877. He was elected to the first convention that was held in Missouri after the war. In November, 1886, he was elected to his present high and responsible position. In 1876 he engaged in partnership with Charles W. Meryhew, forming one of the best law firms in Northern Missouri. He is a Democrat. His parents, Samuel and Anna (Harris) Givens, were natives of Virginia and Maryland, respectively. The father came to Kentucky when quite young, and lived there until his death, which occurred in 1830. His wife had died about ten years previous to this. Of their family of ten children—six sons and four daughters—three are now living. He was in the war of 1812, as was also his brother-in-law, Hezekiah Harris.

T. U. Glasscock, a native of Clark County, Mo., was born in the year 1829, and is the son of B. R. Glasscock, a pioneer settler of Clark County, Mo. The father was a native of Clark County, Va., and was a fair representative of the good old English type. His descendants immigrated to Virginia when that State was a colony. In 1827 he moved to Clark County, Mo.,

by land, and settled upon wild land, the inherited property of his wife. He camped for some time, but as he was a fair carpenter and a somewhat natural genius he built a house, and as soon as matters could be arranged he returned to his native State, and brought back his family to the home in the wilderness. Here he lived, making farming his principal occupation, and verged into a happy prosperous old gentleman; but, sad to relate, here, during the war, he met his death at the hands of those whom he had never mistreated, but on the other hand whom he had befriended in time of need. He was a Democrat in politics, and his widow is a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject is the eldest son of a family of fourteen children, eleven of whom lived to be grown. He remained with his parents until of age. His father was a physician, and our subject had the duties at home to look after. For his day and time he received a liberal course of home and common-school instruction. He also attended one year at La Grange College. At the close of the Rebellion he married Miss Agnes L. Weber, daughter of Micajah and Martha Weber, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Soon after marriage our subject and wife settled on a part of his father's old place, in a hut made of poles and daubed with mud, and lived on corn bread, and the like. In 1870 he sold out, and purchased land in Washington Township, three miles from Fairmont, which place he has gradually improved, and which he has ever since lived upon. To our subject and wife ten children were born, four of whom are living, viz.: Annie L., Ora, Robert H. and Olevia, all single, and living with their parents. Our subject was in active service during the war; was in the battle of Lexington, Mo., and in numerous skirmishes. He was then discharged on account of disability. He is a Democrat in politics, and is of the Baptist faith in religion.

Grate Brothers, hardware and agricultural implement dealers, include William and Barnard Grate. William was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, October 28, 1860, the son of William and Rachel (Boatman) Grate. William was reared to manhood in his native State, and came to Missouri with his father in 1855. The father located in Clay Township, on a farm where he died in 1874. The mother preceded him three years. Their children now living are Mary A. (the widow of George Stern, of Macon County), William, Solomon, Barnard, Apaline (the wife of W. Crumly) and Henry. In 1880 he abandoned farming, came to Wayland, and engaged in the liquor business for about two years. In 1885 he began in his present business, in which he is very successful, and controls a large trade. In politics he is a Democrat. Samuel was born in 1836, and has been in business with his brother

since coming to Wayland. The firm has the only business of the kind in the place.

Robert P. Gray, one of Clark County's oldest citizens, was born in Kentucky in 1823, and is the son of William Gray, a native of the same State, born in 1799, and Margaret (Price) Gray, who was also a native of Kentucky. Our subject was left an orphan at the early age of four, and in 1827 came to Missouri with his grandfather and uncle, making his home with them in Montgomery County, until 1837, when he accompanied his uncle to Lewis County, Mo., (now Clark County,) and located at Athens. The country then abounded in wild deer and Indians, and the old gentleman can relate many stories of early pioneer life in Clark County. In 1853 our subject was united in marriage to Julia A. Graham, daughter of James R. and Malena B. (Davis) Graham, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively, and members of the Old School Presbyterian Church. The father was an old settler of Clark County. Mrs. Gray was born June 16, 1836, in Lewis County, Mo. She received her education in Clark County, and is a bright and well-informed lady. This marriage was blessed with ten daughters, seven of whom are still living. Mr. Gray is the owner of 320 acres of good and well-improved land, and has been a farmer of Clark County for fifty years. He is a Democrat. His wife is a worthy member of the Old School Presbyterian Church. They are both greatly interested in the education of the future generation.

Henry G. Gredel, was born in Germany April 22, 1838. He came to America with his parents about ten years ago, and located at New Orleans, where they both died. At about the age of fifteen he came up the river to St. Louis, and learned the saddle and harness maker's trade. He served in the artillery department during the late war, in the Army of the Potomac. After the war he went to Quincy, Ill., and in 1867 came to Alexandria, and started his present harness and saddlery business in which he has been very successful. He has the only establishment of the kind in Alexandria. May 20, 1869, he married Elizabeth Harg, of Quincy, Ill. Their children are Joseph A., William M., Edward T., John G., George C., Leo B. and Helen K. Our subject is a Democrat, and has held various local offices. He is now a treasurer of the school board. His entire family are members of the Catholic Church.

Bradford P. Greenleaf was born in Maine in 1830, and is a son of Thomas Y. and Eunice Greenleaf, natives of Maine. The father was born in that State in 1806, and is at present living with the subject. He has been afflicted with the loss of the sense of hearing since he was eleven years old. Our subject accompanied

his father to Clark County, Mo., in 1848, and located at Alexandria. About three years after his arrival he was married to Caroline Merideth, of Iowa, a daughter of Andrew and Nancy Merideth, natives of Indiana. This union has been blessed with five sons and one daughter, and five of the children are now living. They are Franklin P., Thomas A., Levi M., Scottie M. and William H. Our subject is an active Democrat, takes great interest in educational enterprises of all kinds, and he and his family are members of the Christian Church. He was nominated in 1884 for judge of the Eastern District, the district being largely Republican, and was beaten by twenty-five votes.

Charles J. Hagan, M. D., was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, February 10, 1842, the son of Charles and Margaret (Gibbons) Hagan, natives of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively. Our subject was reared in his native county, and attained some knowledge of science and the languages. In 1859 he began the study of medicine, and in 1863 graduated from Sterling Medical College, of Ohio. During 1862 he was acting assistant surgeon in the United States Army, and after graduation was commissioned assistant surgeon of the Forty-sixth Ohio Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was one of the few surgeons wounded in the service, being severely wounded in Sherman's campaign to Atlanta, Ga. After the war he practiced in his native county until 1867, when he came west and located at Alexandria, where he has since met with well-merited success. He was married June 29, 1867, to Louisa G. Conway, a native of this county. Their children are Nora and Carma. Our subject is a Democrat, and was postmaster during a part of 1868 and 1869, and conducted the office three years afterward for C. H. Grumman. He is very prominent in local politics. He is a member of the Northeastern Missouri Medical Society, and of the Clark County Medical Society. He is a Knight Templar, and belongs to the Memphis Commandery. The Doctor is a reliable citizen, and a physician of experience and ability.

William Hagerman, of Wayland, Mo., was born in Washington County, Ohio, December 16, 1834, and is the son of William and Phoebe (Bingham) Hagerman, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The parents came to this State shortly after the war, and settled near Wayland, where they passed the remainder of their days. Our subject was reared on the farm, and received only a limited education. In 1854 he came to Clark County, settled near Wayland, and there he has since resided, excepting one and a half years' residence at Salt Lake City, where he was in the employ of U. L. Goot. Mr. Hagerman has followed farming and stock raising successfully, and now owns 350 acres ad-

joining Wayland on the south. In 1860 he married Miss Mariah Vermillion, a native of Clermont County, Ohio, and the fruits of this union were the birth of five children: Lewis O., Edgar B., Mittie J., Minnie B. and William W. Our subject is independent in politics, is a strong advocate for prohibition, and is recognized as one of the enterprising and prosperous business men of Clark County.

Peter Hancock, a prominent citizen of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Indiana, born in the year 1827, the son of Daniel and Margaret Hancock, both of whom are natives of Maryland. In 1857 our subject came to Iowa, where he remained for about six years. He then moved to Clark County, Mo., and located on his present farm of 290 acres, well improved, and in a high state of cultivation. In the year 1853 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Carr, daughter of James and Catherine Carr. She was born in the year 1834, and by her marriage with our subject became the mother of six children, two of whom are deceased. Four daughters are living. Mr. Hancock belonged to the Missouri Militia during the war, and participated in the battle of Athens. He is one of the most substantial citizens of Clark County, and is a first-class farmer. He directs his attention principally to the rearing of live stock, in which he has been quite successful. He is a Republican in his political views, and is a member of the Masonic order.

Reuben Hanson, a respected and enterprising citizen of Athens, Clark Co., Mo., was born in the State of Ohio in the year 1827, and is the son of Peter and Amelia Hanson. In 1857 our subject left Ohio, and immigrated to Iowa, where he remained until 1862. He then came to Clark County, Mo., where he engaged in the blacksmith trade, which occupation he had learned in youth. This he followed for a period of forty-one years. In his choice of a wife he selected Miss Annie Bishop, daughter of Mordica and Sarah Bishop, and the result of this union was the birth of three children—two daughters and one son—viz.: Elizabeth J., William H. and Mary E. Mr. Hanson is a citizen, well known and well respected throughout the county. He is a member of the Masonic order, and he and wife are consistent and worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Republican in his political views, and is a liberal contributor to all laudable enterprises.

David Hand was born in Marion County, Ind., April 2, 1838, the son of Frazie and Margaret (Ferguson) Hand, natives, respectively, of New Jersey and Virginia. The father came to Clark County in 1843, and followed farming in this part of the State until his death in about 1854. The mother afterward married

a John Morris, but died during the late war. The parents had three sons and five daughters born to them, and those living are Eliza (the wife of W. Morris) and our subject. David received little education in his youth on the farm, but has made up for it by his habits of observation. He was married in 1858 to Hannah La Masters, a native of Keokuk, Iowa. He at once moved to Alexandria, and was engaged as a laborer until he bought land. In 1872 he moved to Dr. George Jenkins' place, near there, and in 1881 bought 150 acres from that gentleman. This is his present home, and is one of the best improved in the township. His residence was built in 1886. The following are his children: William, Robert, Henry, Margaret, Asbury, Emma, Samuel, Thomas and Florence. Our subject is a Republican, and since his conversion to the Methodist faith has been active in church affairs. He was converted in 1874. He is a total abstainer from spirits and tobacco. In 1886 he bought the Methodist Church, of Alexandria, which he rebuilt and refitted for all sects who worship God.

Patterson D. Harper was born in Ohio in 1818, and is a son of Rev. Thomas Harper and Elizabeth (Kinsel) Harper, both natives of Virginia. Thomas Harper gained quite a reputation as a Baptist minister, and was a soldier in the last war with Great Britain. He was a man of great ability, and was highly honored by all his associates. He lived to the good old age of eighty-five. His life is a leaf of the past which could be read and imitated with profit by many of the present generation. Our subject left his father's house in 1841, and went to Iowa, visiting several places; he there married Eliza A. Stedman, *nee* Staley, and remained in that State until 1853, when he came to Clark County, Mo., and located on his present farm of ninety acres, where he is engaged in farming and stock raising. This marriage has been blessed with seven children, only two of whom are living: they are Ezra and Martha A. Our subject lost his first wife in 1855, and afterward married Sarah C. Goodrich, by whom he has had eleven children, of whom the following nine are living: Mary F., Margaret M., Minnie P., Emma L., Seth A., Frank, Ruth, P. D. and Bobby. Mr. Harper served in Company H, Twenty-First Missouri Volunteers, during the late war, taking an active part in the battle of Shiloh, and was also in the regular battle at Corinth, besides participating in other engagements of minor importance. Previous to the organization of the Republican party Mr. Harper was a Democrat. He is a member of the A. H. T. A. and the G. A. R.

William R. Harrison (commonly known as Gen. Harrison, in Clark County), was born in Wheeling, W. Va., June 22, 1800

He first came west as an Indian trader in 1819, and in 1822 he settled on the Des Moines River, building the first house in the county at old Maryville, and establishing a trading post there with Indians. He followed this all through the north and west, up the Mississippi and Des Moines Rivers, until the disappearance of the Indians. He was a pilot and an interpreter in the Black Hawk war. He was for two years in the employ of the American Fur Company, also followed hunting and trapping all his life. He knew Black Hawk and Keokuk well, and he is now the only survivor of thirty-two first settlers of Clark County. They were as follows: William and Samuel Bartlett, J. Wayland, George Haywood, Col. Rutherford, Floyd, William and John Clark, Clayton, Judge Taylor, Charles Sanford, the McDanielses (about three of them), William Beadle, Esq. (up near Athens), Pœvler, Johnson (who helped lay off Waterloo) and others. Gen. Harrison's first wife was Eleanor Webb, of Kentucky, whom he married in 1831. To them were born five children—three sons and two daughters—two sons and the daughters now living. His second and present wife's maiden name was Mary Shoemaker. This union resulted in the birth of seven children living—two sons and five daughters. The General was an old line Whig before the war, and since that event he has been independent in his political views. He practiced medicine a great deal during the late war, using Indian remedies. He was quite a successful Indian fighter in his day. The General has owned ten acres of land, one mile up the St. Francis River since 1838; it was originally owned by Col. Church, and leased of him. The General built a house on it in 1832.

Judge George H. Harter was born in Miami County, Ohio, September 2, 1833, the son of John W. and Nancy A. (Russell) Harter, natives of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively. The father removed to Delaware County, Ind., about 1840. It was there that our subject was reared to manhood on a farm, and secured a common-school education. He has improved much by self study, however. He came west in 1857, and after his marriage in the following year he returned to Indiana. He followed farming in Indiana and Illinois until the close of the war. He then came to Clark County, and after several years as a laborer and renter, he purchased his present farm in 1880. His estate of 240 acres is one of the best in the county, and is watered by a large spring lake accessible from all parts of the place, and is quite a noted resort for fishing. In April, 1858, he married Isabel, a daughter of David Hay, a Virginian, and pioneer of this county. Their children are De Wilton, Mary E. and Nannie M. Our subject is a liberal Republican, and as such was elected in 1886 as a judge of Clark County, the only Republican elected to the county court.

Frederick Hauptman was a native of Prussia, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Myers, was a native Hessian. They were married in the old country, where Frederick followed the saddler's trade. They then immigrated to the United States, and settled in Pennsylvania, where they remained for a short time. In 1837 they moved from Pennsylvania to Northeast Missouri, and settled in Clark County, where he resided a period of thirty years. To his marriage were born fourteen children, seven of whom are now living. He was an honest citizen, a good neighbor, and an enterprising farmer. He was a Democrat in politics, and while living in the old country was a member of the Lutheran Church. His children are all living in Clark County, and are named as follows: Henry, August, Charles, John, Emeline Susan and William. John, Susan and William are single, and are living at the old home place, a splendid farm containing several hundred acres of rich land. The mother of these children was a member of the Presbyterian Church in the old country, and is an excellent woman.

J. G. Hays, dealer in dry goods and groceries, is a native of Clark County, Mo., born in the year 1860. He remained with his parents, and assisted in the labors on the farm until the year 1881, when he opened a general merchandise store with John Lowe. Mr. Lowe soon after closed out his interest to B. F. Stickler & Son, in the fall of the same year, and in 1885, Strickler & Son closed out their interest to George Rauscher, who continued the business until January, 1887, when our subject purchased the entire stock. He still continues the business, and has a large and lucrative trade. He is a Republican in his political views, and is a young man who, by his industry and good management, can not fail to succeed. He is the son of A. A. and Rachel E. A. (Grier) Hays, both natives of the Keystone State. They came to Clark County, Mo., in 1858, where the mother died in 1866. In the year 1886 our subject married Miss Belle Seaman, who was born in Clark County, Mo., in 1859, and who is the daughter of George J. and Rebecca (Stark) Seaman.

Lewis L. Haywood, deputy county court clerk, and the son of William H. and Elizabeth (Brown) Haywood, was born in Clark County, Mo., in 1844. The parents were natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. The father was a farmer, and came to Missouri in 1829. He participated in the late war, and died January 4, 1887. The mother is still living in Clark County. Of their family of seven children all are living. Our subject was reared on the farm, and continued the labor incident to that life until 1882, when he moved to Kahoka and entered the county clerk's office as deputy, and has faithfully discharged the duties



of that office up to the present, with the exception of the latter portion of the year 1880. In 1874 he chose for his life companion Miss Lucinda J. Marshall, a daughter of Mitchell Marshall. She was born in Keokuk, Iowa, in 1854. Our subject's grandparents, George and Martha Haywood, were natives of Virginia, and moved to Kentucky, and afterward to Missouri, in 1829, locating near the site of St. Francisville, Lewis (now Clark) County. He died in his eighty-sixth year, his wife having preceded him many years.

Goodsil W. Hecox, farmer, was born June 2, 1825, in Meigs County, Ohio, the seventh of ten children of William and Mary (Halsey) Hecox, the former of German origin, born about 1775, in Connecticut, and the latter a native of New York, and of similar descent. They were married in our subject's native county, and remained there until 1828; then came to Adams County, Ill., and resumed farming until about 1842. They then moved to Hancock County, where the father died two years, and the mother three years, later. The father was a successful and prosperous man. Our subject was educated in Adams County, and remained at home until the age of twenty-two. He then married and settled on a farm, but three years later engaged in the livery business at Warsaw, where, four years later, he lost all his property. He then moved to Clark County, and two years later purchased his present home, on which he has resided for thirty years. He has a fine bottom farm of 130 acres, six miles from the Mississippi. His wife, Anna Cathcart, was born in New York City June 22, 1833, and is of Scotch descent. They were married in Illinois May 13, 1847, and their children were George S., Amelia (deceased), Anne, Mary, Franklin, Lura and Samuel. Our subject lost the property he inherited, but has recovered his financial standing, and is now a prominent citizen. He was formerly a Whig, but is now a Republican. During the war he served in the Home Guards. His wife and three daughters are members of the Christian Church. His first vote was cast for old Zachary Taylor.

Henry J. Hewitt was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., in the year 1831. His father, Don C. Hewitt, also a native of New York, was of Scotch descent, as was also the mother, who was born in the State of Connecticut. They were married in the State of New York, where they passed the principal part of their days. The father was a farmer and merchant. In 1836 he immigrated to Michigan, where he followed agricultural pursuits. He also held the office of sheriff. Eleven years later Mr. Hewitt moved to Northeast Missouri, settled in Knox County, where he followed merchandising, farming and stock raising. In 1853 he moved to

Canton, and after merchandising there for some time, moved to Schuyler County, where he again engaged in commerce. He died in Adair County. He was a thrifty, industrious man, and was universally respected. He was originally an old line Whig, but later a Democrat, and was a member of the Baptist Church. He left a widow and two sons, having lost two children some time before. Mrs. Hewitt has made her home with her son, Henry J. Hewitt, since the death of her husband; and, although she has seen eighty-one summers, is yet vigorous and hearty. Our subject made his home with his parents until he reached his majority. He received a good education, and began working on an excellent farm in Knox County, which was given him by his father. Just previous to locating on his farm, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Virginia O. Staples, a daughter of William and Julia (Bufford) Staples, both natives of Virginia. Our subject farmed for one year, and then clerked in a general merchandise store one year, and rented his farm. He then went to Canton, and engaged in the livery business, in which he met with excellent success. He then gave up this business, and came to Fairmont, Clark County. He afterward went to Schuyler County, and engaged in the mercantile business, where he remained for six years, and then commenced staging, which business he followed all through the war. In 1878 our subject moved to his farm in Clark County, and later sold that farm, and moved to Fairmont, where he has ever since made his home, living in the house he first built for a tavern, in which business he is now engaged. To our subject and wife were born six children, three of whom are living: Bettie (widow of W. W. Smith), Charles T. and Carrie C., now attending school. Mr. Hewitt keeps a first-class tavern, and is a well-respected citizen. He, like his father, is a Democrat in his political views, and a member of the Baptist Church.

Maj. Robert E. Hill, deceased, was a native of near Richmond, Va., where he was born October 1, 1815. He was the son of John and Mary (Winfree) Hill. His parents came to Clark County about 1836, and engaged in farming and stock raising. The father died a few years later, and of his five sons and two daughters two sons and daughters survive. Maj. Hill was educated at Louisville, Ky., and acquired some familiarity with the languages and the sciences. He was one of the early and successful commission merchants of Alexandria for several years, and then was engaged on the river for eighteen years as the captain of a vessel. After that he followed farming near Alexandria, and also was a successful stock raiser until his death, October 18, 1886. He was a Democrat of considerable influence in all public affairs, and served as judge of the county court for about four years.

He was also a prominent member of the F. & A. M. order. In 1840 he was married to Ellen E., a daughter of Levin B. Mitchell, a pioneer of this county. The widow and the three following children survive him: Cora A., the wife of J. R. Williams; Mary S., the wife of J. S. Jenkins; Nannie P., the wife of C. H. Mann, and Grandison W. Maj. Hill left his family a fine estate of 800 acres of the best bottom lands, besides other valuable property. His widow resides at the old homestead with her only son, who manages the estate.

George B. Hottel was born in Harrison County, Ind., in the year 1826, and is the son of John C. and Margaret (Funkhouser) Hottel, both natives of Virginia, and both of German descent. The father was a cooper by trade, which business he followed in his native State a number of years. He then moved to Harrison County, Ind., where he continued to follow his trade, and was also engaged in cultivating the soil. Here he lived to a ripe old age, and was considered one of the most enterprising farmers of Harrison County, and at his death he had accumulated a great deal of valuable property. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and wife were consistent members of the United Brethren Church. Our subject is the youngest of a family of ten children, four of whom are yet living. He made his home with his elder brothers (his parents having died while he was yet young), and in 1852 he married Miss Mary Snyder, a native of Harrison County. The fruits of this union were eight children, two of whom are married and live in this county. They are named as follows: Julia A., Isaac A., Maggie B., Joseph M., John H., Ella E., Etta May and William C. In the spring of 1854 Mr. Hottel moved to Northeast Missouri, and purchased a farm near Athens, Clark County, but remained here but a short time. In 1856 he moved to Washington Township, Clark County, where he has since lived, a period of thirty-one years. He is a prominent citizen, a good neighbor and an industrious farmer. He owns a good farm situated about three miles due north of Fairmont. In politics he has never scratched the Democratic ticket.

G. W. House was born in Lewis County, Mo., December, 7, 1843, and is the son of Thomas P. House, a native of Kentucky. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Neidner, is a native of Ohio. The parents were married in Lewis County, Mo., where the father resided for more than sixty years. In his early life he settled in the southwest corner of Lewis County, while it was yet a wilderness. He was a brick mason by trade but made farming his principal occupation during life. He was a Republican before the war, and after that event a Democrat. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Our subject remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age, when he started out in life for himself, and worked on a farm for some time as an employe; he then rented land, and thus continued for about seven years, in which time he accumulated sufficient means to buy property. This he did in 1875, buying a farm in Washington Township, Clark Co., Mo., where he has since resided. He first married Miss Boord, a daughter of J. M. Boord, of Lewis County. To this union one child was born, who died in infancy. Two years after the death of his first wife he married Miss Maberly, daughter of James Maberly, of Lewis County, Mo. To their short married life of only four years two children were born, both of whom died in infancy. In 1884 Mr. House took for his third wife Mary Sidney Raine, a daughter of D. Raine, a farmer of Washington County. To the last union one child was born, named Agnes May. Mr. House is numbered among the enterprising and substantial citizens of Clark County. He owns 265 acres of valuable land, and in politics he has always been a Republican.

John W. Howard, of the law firm of Matlock, Hiller & Howard, is a native of Clark County, Mo., born in 1857, and the son of Edmond J. and Mary (Hopper) Howard, natives, respectively, of Kentucky and Illinois, and the grandson of John and Susannah (Flanray) Howard, both natives of Virginia, and both of Irish descent. The grandparents came to Kentucky, and settled on a farm where they remained until 1837, at which time they emigrated west and settled in Clark County, Mo. Here they passed the remainder of their days, the grandfather dying in August, 1842, and the grandmother in December, 1848. The father of our subject was born November 9, 1825, and secured his education in the common country schools. After the death of his parents, he began working for himself, and February 24, 1849, he married Miss Mary Hopper, but still continued on the old farm where he is now living, and of which he has been a resident for over fifty years. He is a tiller of the soil, and owns a good farm of 165 acres. He has always been an active, energetic and enterprising business man, and is considered one of the leading and successful farmers of Clark County, and has naturally become very prominently identified with the early history of the same. He is a Democrat in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Franklin Pierce (1852). Although he has always been an active and hearty supporter of his party, he has never been a political aspirant. However, he has been elected to and filled several township offices to the satisfaction of all. The mother of our subject was born in October, 1831, and is the daughter of William and Lucretia (Ballinger) Hopper. By her marriage with Mr. Howard she be-

came the mother of ten children, nine of whom are living, viz.: Isaac V., Lucretia (Mrs. Warren Harnes), John W., Emma (Mrs. George F. Hull), Edmond J., Ladosia Price (Mrs. T. V. Waggoner), Robert L., Mary May and Alberta. Our subject received his education in the public schools of Clark County, Mo., and at Keokuk, Iowa. He reached his majority on the farm, and then entered the teacher's profession, which he followed for a few years. In 1880 he began reading law under Matlock & Hiller, and afterward associated himself with this firm as a partner. He has been actively engaged in his profession ever since. He was one of the delegates to the National convention that nominated Grover Cleveland in 1884. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity, and in politics is strictly Democratic.

Frank F. Howell, an influential citizen of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1829. In 1840 he came to Clark County, Mo., and in 1853 he married Miss Annie Tinsman, a native of Pennsylvania, and the daughter of Jacob and Polly Tinsman. Mrs. Howell died in 1857, leaving one child named Lindley. December 19, 1859, he took for his second wife Emma J. (Driskell) Hughes, widow of James Hughes. Three children were born to her first marriage, viz.: Ellen, Elizabeth and Sarah. By her marriage with our subject she became the mother of eight children: Annie, Viola, Susie, Edmond, Charles, Emma, Franklin and Mortimer. Edmond died December 25, 1865. In 1867 our subject located on his present farm, where he has been very successful. In the year 1876 he spent seven months exploring the regions of the Black Hills, which proved a fruitless attempt at fortune. Mrs. Howell is the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Breckenridge) Driskell, both natives of Kentucky. Mr. Howell's parents were John and Eliza (Dye) Howell, natives of Canada and Virginia, respectively. The mother was born in 1808, and died in 1882. The father was born in 1798, and died in 1856. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and he and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Howell belonged to the State militia during the war, but was called into active service only on two or three important occasions.

John A. Hubert, Esq., was born in Pennsylvania, October 16, 1838, the son of James C. and Mary (Hoover) Hubert, of German and English descent, respectively. The father came to Missouri about 1840, and located on a farm near 'Possum Hollow, where he lived until 1858. He then removed to Hancock County, Ill., where he died in the following year. The mother still survives him, and lives with our subject. Her living children are

John A., Barbara A. (the wife of T. Asher), and George W. Our subject was reared on a farm, and secured a fair education. He has spent his life in farming and stock raising. He was one of the first to introduce the steam thresher into this county. He has been very successful in his operation, and now owns 106 acres of cultivated land adjoining Wayland, with forty acres of timber elsewhere. His farm is well stocked and improved. He lost his first wife by death, and in 1887 married his present wife, Annie L. (Horton). Our subject is a Democrat, and is serving his second term as justice, as an efficient officer.

James R. Hume, cashier of Kahoka Savings Bank, is a native of Indiana, born in the year 1845 and who came to Clark County, Mo., with his parents in 1851, and located on a farm. At the age of twenty-one he abandoned agricultural pursuits, and entered the teacher's profession, which occupation he followed until 1879, when he was elected recorder of Clark County, holding the office eight years. About eighteen months before his term of office expired, he was elected to his present responsible position. In 1871 he wedded Miss Emma R. Weber, a native of Missouri, born in the year 1852, and the daughter of Micajah and Martha J. Weber. Three children were the result of our subject's marriage: Roberta T., Cora C. and Vevie H. Mr. Hume is a Republican in his political views, and a member of the G. A. R. He is the son of L. B. and Sarah R. Hume, who are natives of Indiana and South Carolina, respectively, and is a man well respected by all who know him. Mrs. Hume and one daughter are members of the Baptist Church.

Capt. William Jackson, a stirring and enterprising citizen of Clark County, Mo., was born in Shelby County, Ohio, October 15, 1823, and is the son of James and Amelia Jackson, both of whom are natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born on New Years day, 1793, and died in Clark County February 19, 1870. The mother died in Ohio, December 20, 1826. On March 26, 1846, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Reese, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Reese. She was born August 1, 1829, and by her marriage with Capt. Jackson became the mother of nine children, four of whom are deceased. Four sons and one daughter are now living. In 1852 Capt. Jackson moved to Mercer County, Ill., and in 1855 he left there and moved to Clark County, Mo., where he located on his present farm which consists of 240 acres of good land, well improved and with a neat residence upon it. Our subject was formerly a member of the A. H. T. A., and Sons of Malta, the latter named only existing during the Rebellion. He belonged to the State militia and Home Guards during the war, being captain in the latter, and first lieu-

tenant in the former. During the year 1864 he was kept on the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad. He is a Republican in politics, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Samuel James, a farmer of Folker Township, was born in Illinois in 1833, and is a son of Daniel James, a native of North Carolina, and Eve (Fifer) James, a native of the same State. Our subject came directly from his native State to Clark County, Mo., where he settled upon the farm he now lives on. He married Elozzena Townson, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Townson, and this union has been blessed with six children—two sons and four daughters—of whom the following are now living: William E., Mary, Jenniè (wife of Charles Selivan), Belle and Charley. Our subject has always been an active Republican, in honor of which the people have tendered him the office of justice of the peace. He now owns a well-stocked and improved farm, and has almost one hundred head of cattle. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

James A. Jenkins was born in Clark County, January 1, 1849, the son of Robert and Martha (McRae) Jenkins. The father's first wife was a lady named Rambo. Their children are John W., Maggie J., Cassie E., Dr. George F. (of Keokuk), and Robert E. (a prominent lawyer of Chicago). Our subject is the only living child of the second marriage. The father came to the county in 1837, and died in 1858. He was a Democrat, well and favorably known. Our subject received a fair education, and, in 1873, married Mary S., a daughter of the late Maj. R. E. Hill. He farmed until 1876, and then began the drug business in Alexandria. Finding this injurious to his health, he again went to farming and stock raising. His children are Robert H., Ellen E., David L. and Mary S. Our subject is a Democrat. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and he and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Seymour W. Jester was born in Delaware County, N. Y., January 7, 1854, the son of Ezra T. and Louisa (Bidwell) Jester, natives of New York. The father came to Missouri after the war, and located on his farm near the Fore homestead, where he has since followed farming and stock raising. The estate consists of 340 acres. His children are Seymour W., George E., Jennie (the wife of A. K. Loomis), Charles and Myrtle. Our subject was reared on the farm, and received a fair education. He and his brother, George, have owned the farm where he now lives, since 1880. February 12, 1884, he married Kizzie, a daughter of James Bell, of Kahoka, and soon after settled upon his farm. He has been very successful as a farmer and stock raiser, and has one of the best residences in the township. He is a Democrat in politics, and is a reliable man. He has one son—Howard.

William W. Johnson, liveryman, of Kahoka, is a native of Randolph County, Ind., born in 1825. He passed his early life on the river, serving in different capacities. He had very meager educational advantages, and started with very little means to assist him in the struggle through life, consequently all his possessions were made by hard labor. May 14, 1846, he married Miss Mary McCall, of Hancock County, Ill. She was born in Scotland, and was reared in Canada by her parents, Daniel and Margaret McCall. To her marriage eleven children were born, ten of whom are yet living. In March, 1856, our subject came to Clark County, Mo., and purchased a farm in what is now the eastern portion of Kahoka. In the latter part of the same year he purchased eighty acres more, which, taken with what he previously had purchased, amounted to two-thirds of the present town of Kahoka. He laid out the town on his land, and donated the square, where the courthouse now stands, to the county, for the purpose for which it is now used. He dug the cellar for the courthouse, and hauled the rock to construct the same. In 1882 he engaged in the livery business at Kahoka, and has been very successful. Our subject is a Democrat, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. His parents are Mahlon and Mary (Walker) Johnson. The father died in Illinois in 1847, and the mother resides with her daughter in Kahoka, Mo. Our subject's wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Frank Kamuf, a native of Germany, immigrated to America in September, 1857, and is a boot and shoe maker by trade. He is the youngest of nine children of Christoph and Margaretha (Bender) Kamuf, born August 18, 1840. The parents were natives of Germany, born in 1802 and 1804, respectively, although the father was of French origin. The latter was a nurseryman for nearly forty-five years, after he had served in the German Army for twelve years, five of which he had the honor of being first lieutenant in the Grand Duke's body guard, at Karlsruhe. After being married and settled down in life, he was twice elected mayor of Rettigheim, Baden, serving in all twelve years. He was well educated, and was liberal in politics and religion. The mother died November 2, 1878, and the father immigrated, four years after, via New York to Cincinnati, Ohio, and after a visit of seven months at the homes of three older sons there, came to our subject's home at Winchester, Mo., in October, 1883, and died there at the age of nearly eighty-three years, on February 14, 1885. Our subject was educated, after six years of common school, at the high school at Heidelberg, Germany, and at the age of seventeen emigrated via New Orleans to St. Louis, whence, after a brief stay there, he went to Keokuk, and five years later



he came to Bonaparte, Iowa. There he was engaged as foreman in a boot and shoe making establishment, while his boss carried on a tannery. After holding the situation for nearly three years he was married, on March 13, 1884, to Elizabeth, the youngest daughter of the late Rev. Ludwig and Maria W. (Engelbrecht) Waiher. She was born January 10, 1843, in York, York Co., Penn. Their children now living are Emma, Maggie, Anna, Carrie and Louis. Three sons and one daughter died while yet very young. Our subject came to his present home on the 1st of August, 1865, where he established the business he now follows, and is the oldest business man in the town. In September, 1870, he was commissioned as postmaster, and served with honor and satisfaction to all concerned until the election of Cleveland. He is largely a self-made man, a good Sabbath-school worker, and stands high in society, and in the church of his choice. He is a man of truth and veracity, and of temperate habits. His first vote was cast for Gen. Grant, who was his party's candidate. Himself, wife and eldest daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Millard F. King, a young and prosperous farmer of Clark County, was born in Missouri, in Clark County, in 1859, and is a son of Henry J. and Isabella King. His father is an old settler of Clark County, and is still a resident thereof. Although a young man, our subject is in possession of ninety-six acres of good land, which he is constantly improving, and from the present outlook will some day, probably, rank as one of Clark County's prominent farmers and citizens. He is still unmarried, and is highly respected by all his associates and neighbors.

William A. King, deputy county court clerk, is a native of Iowa, born in 1854, and is the son of Charles E. and Jane (Smith) King. The mother was a native of Ireland, and came to the United States in the year 1843. The father was a stone mason by trade, but followed different pursuits through life. They reared a family of six children, four of whom are yet living. In 1858 they moved from Iowa to Missouri, locating in Clark County, where the father died in 1859. The mother followed him in 1865. Our subject grew to manhood on the farm, and moved with his parents to Clark County when only four years of age. He remained on the farm until seventeen years of age, when he began teaching, and occasionally attended school until 1882, when he came into the county clerk's office. Since that time he has filled different clerkships in a highly creditable manner. In 1874 he married Miss Martha E. Stark, a native of Missouri, born in the year 1853, and the daughter of William Stark. The fruits of this union are three children: Fred B., William H. and Mattie

**May.** In 1885 Mr. King had the misfortune to lose his wife. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is also a member.

Kirch & Schreyer, dealers in hardware, stoves and tinware, established their business June 15, 1886. Not long afterward their storehouse and many goods were consumed by fire. But not being discouraged by this, they at once rebuilt, and are doing a thriving business. Charles J. Kirch, whose name appears first in this firm, is a native of St. Louis, Mo., born in the year 1864, and came to Kahoka with his parents when eight years of age. He is a Republican in his political views, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is the son of John and Catherine Kirch. The mother is a member of the Baptist Church. William Schreyer was born in the year 1855, and came to Kahoka about 1880. He was engaged in the butcher's business, which occupation he continued until June 15, 1886, when he engaged in his present business. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is a Republican in politics, and the son of Martin and Mary Schreyer, who were natives of Germany and immigrated to America, settling in Waukesha County, Wis., in 1850. The mother died in the year 1861, and the father followed her to the grave in 1868. They were both worthy members of the Lutheran Church, and were well-respected citizens.

J. F. Lackey, Cumberland Presbyterian minister, located at Kahoka in March, 1886. He is a native of Hardin County, Tenn., born in 1848. He was reared on a farm, and at the age of nineteen began working at the carpenter's trade, and followed this occupation until twenty-five years of age. He then began to prepare himself for the ministry, placing himself under Richland Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1875. The following year he was licensed to preach, and in 1877 he was ordained, since which time he has been almost constantly engaged in the ministry, sickness having deterred him for a period of about one year. In September, 1878, he married Miss Levina Flowers, who was born in the year 1858, and who is the daughter of Dr. D. D. and Mary (Carl) Flowers. Five children were born to our subject and wife: Mary A. (deceased), Lillie E., Fletcher C., Douglas W. and John S. In March, 1886, our subject received a call from the church in Kahoka, which then numbered about twenty-five, and now about one hundred. He is the son of James and Levina (Pawley) Lackey. He is a member of the Masonic order, also of the I. O. O. F., Blue Lodge and Eastern Star. He preaches in Memphis, Mo., the third Sunday in each month. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Pres-

byterian Church, and also of the Eastern Star. Her grandmother, Sallie (Jacobs) Curl, was the daughter of William Jacobs, who lived in Maury County, Tenn., and Rachel (Roundtree) Jacobs. Mrs. Lackey's great-grandmother, Lizzie (Gamblin) Curl, was a daughter of William and Susanah Gamblin, of Virginia, and of English descent. She died at the age of one hundred and eight; and William Curl, her great-grandfather, died at the age of ninety-five. Her great-great-grandfather, William Curl, was of English descent, and died at the age of seventy-five.

John Langford, present county treasurer, is a native of Kentucky, born in 1821. He lived on the farm until 1834, when he moved with his parents to Illinois, and there remained two years. They then moved to Clark County, Mo., arriving there in August 1836, and located on a farm. In 1845 he married Miss E. C. Arnold, of Cumberland County, Ky., born in 1826, and the daughter of Louis M. Arnold. The fruits of this union were eight children, three daughters and one son now living. In 1850 our subject was elected sheriff of Clark County, but remained on the farm until 1856, when he was elected county court clerk, and moved to Waterloo, the county seat. At the expiration of his term of office, which was in six years, he lived a rather retired life until 1866, when he improved a new farm, and located upon it, cultivating the soil until 1876, though between the years of 1866 and 1876 he held the office of probate judge and presiding justice of the county court. In 1876 he moved to Kahoka, and embarked in the machine and hardware business, which he continues at the present time. Our subject is a Democrat in his political views, and he, his wife and three children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Langford's parents, Robert and Elizabeth (Sullenger) Langford, were natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The mother died in Illinois in 1835, and the father followed her to the grave in 1843. He was a life-long farmer, and although a member of no church was a moral, upright man, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He participated in the war of 1812, and his death occurred in Clark County, Mo. The mother was a member of the Baptist Church.

David N. Lapsley was born in the State of Kentucky, in 1830, and is the youngest of twelve children of John A. and Mary W. (McKee) Lapsley, who were both born in 1783, and died in 1859, and were natives of Virginia. John A. Lapsley was a farmer of Kentucky, and was a great speculator and contractor. He served in the war of 1812, and was captain of a company in Dick Johnson's regiment. He and wife were highly honorable and useful citizens. Our subject left Kentucky in 1836, came to

Clark County, Mo., has been a resident in this county ever since, and now lives upon a farm of 360 acres in Sweet Home Township. He was united in marriage in 1865 to Margaret Jenkins, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Rambo) Jenkins, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Lapsley have had two children: Elizabeth and Robert. The former is a well educated lady, and a fine musician. Our subject is a well educated man, and a great reader. He attended the Des Moines College in Iowa, and then prepared himself for the junior year in the Jefferson College, Pennsylvania. He graduated from that college in 1855, and then returned to Clark County, where he studied law, and was admitted to the bar at Waterloo, the county seat, in 1857. Not liking the legal profession as well as he expected, he returned to his farm, where he has since lived with the exception of twelve years which were occupied in the execution of the duties of clerk of the circuit of Clark County; during which time he gained the reputation of being the best clerk that county ever had. He is exceedingly accommodating, is a quick and active business man, a strong Democrat, and is also a liberal donator to public enterprises. Mrs. Lapsley is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

James H. Lapsley was born in the State of Kentucky in 1825, and is a son of John A. and Mary W. (McKee) Lapsley. [See history in sketch of D. N. Lapsley.] Our subject left Kentucky in 1836, and, coming to Clark County, Mo., settled on the old home place, where he now lives. In 1865 he was married to Maggie P. Hess, daughter of Samuel S. and Prudence Hess, natives of Virginia. To Mr. and Mrs. Lapsley six children have been given: Laura V., John S., Susan E., Farley, Marshall and an infant. Mr. Lapsley received a common-school education, and is now a prosperous business man, dealing largely in stock, and regarded as a man with whom one can negotiate, feeling confident that he will do what is right. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

William Lasswell, Sr., was born in Hardin County, Ky., in the year 1808, and was the son of Jesse and Jane W. (Mitton) Lasswell, natives of North Carolina and Virginia, respectively. There is no Irish or German blood on either side of the family. In 1829, at the age of twenty-one, our subject married Miss Sarah Williams, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Williams, natives of Virginia. After living in Hardin County, Ky., a number of years our subject and wife, in 1846, moved to Northeast Missouri, and remained a short time in Scotland County. In 1847 they moved to Clark County, where they rented land a number of years, suffering all the privations incident to pioneer life.

In 1852 they moved to their own farm in Washington Township, where they remained until 1865. They then sold out, and purchased land seven miles from Canton, Lewis County. Several years later he traded this farm for one he first rented in 1846, in Clark County, where he has ever since resided. To their marriage were born eight children, five of whom are yet living, are married, and have families. Our subject is a Democrat in politics. October 28, 1876, he lost his wife; she was a Christian woman, and for many years was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1877 Mr. Lasswell married Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, who had three children by a previous marriage. Our subject, though seventy-eight years of age, is still quite vigorous in mind and body. Felix M. Lasswell, son of our subject, was born in Hardin County, Ky., May 8, 1832. He met with many hardships, after starting out for himself at the age of sixteen, but gradually overcame all difficulties, and managed to save money. He is now considered one of the most successful and enterprising farmers of Clark County. In 1856 he married Miss Standifird, a daughter of Aquilla Standifird, who was killed in the war. To our subject and wife were born these children: Emily C., James F., John W. (who was drowned), Roberta B., Aquilla, Walter and Judson (twins), Edmond K., Clarence and Lawrence. In 1865 Mr. Lasswell sold his land in Washington Township, and purchased land in Lewis County, where he remained several years, and then returned to his former place of residence, where he has one of the finest farms in Clark County; it contains 480 acres. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church.

James W. Leach is a native of Alabama, and is a first-class farmer. His parents, Ambrose H. and Martha P. (Lotter) Leach, were natives of Alabama, and five years after our subject's birth, which occurred September 4, 1823, they removed to St. Clair County, Ill. In 1855 they left their farm in that county, and the father spent the rest of his life as a merchant in Van Buren County, Iowa. He died in 1865, and the mother survived him but one decade. The St. Clair County schools furnished our subject his education, and he remained at home until his marriage, at the age of twenty-two. He remained on a farm in that county until he began saw milling in Jefferson County, Iowa, at the same time that his father went there. He spent about a year at that, and a similar time in the hotel business, at Bonaparte, before he came to Clark County. He has been living on his present estate since 1880, and his 170 acres of fine land lie partly in Union and partly in Jackson Townships. He was married, December 24, 1846, to Elizabeth, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Stucky)

**Anderson.** She was born in St. Clair County, Ill., in December, 1828. Their children are Lyman H., Sylvanus M., Augustus E., Samuel A., James N., Leonora, Martha and Linnie B. Our subject has been a justice for several years, and is a staunch Democrat, who first voted for Polk. He has served also as president of the county township board, under the township organization.

**Albert D. Leech, M. D.,** a successful practicing physician at Athens, Clark Co., Mo., is a native of Lee County, Iowa, born in 1859. He is the son of Alexander and Jerusha Leech, who now reside at Syracuse, Neb., and are respected and honored citizens. Our subject made his home at Donnellson, Iowa, where he conducted a large stock farm for his grandfather, until 1882. He commenced the study of medicine some time previous, and at this date, 1882, he came to Athens, Mo., to continue his studies. In the fall of 1883 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, and graduated from that institution with high honors in the spring of 1885. Immediately afterward he began the practice of his profession at Athens, his present location, where he has been successful in establishing an extensive practice, and has the reputation of being one of the best physicians in the county. On the 16th of June, 1884, he was married to Miss Donna Albaugh, daughter of Allery and Levo Albaugh, of Donnellson, Iowa. Dr. Leech is a Republican in political views, is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a member of the Clark County Medical Association. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

**John M. Leedom, M. D.,** who is a resident of Ashton, Mo., was born in Schuyler County, Mo., November 10, 1855. He was reared in the town of Lancaster, and began reading medicine under Dr. W. F. Mitchell in 1877. In the years 1879 and 1880 he attended the medical department of the State University of Missouri, and in 1880-81 he attended the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which institution he graduated in the latter year. He located in Ashton in 1881, where he has had a good and remunerative practice ever since. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is strictly Democratic in his political views. He is a young physician, full of push and energy, and is on the high road to prosperity. In 1884 he was elected coroner of Clark County, and filled that position in an able manner. He is the son of Asa and Susan (Woodson) Leedom, natives, respectively, of Ohio and Kentucky. His parents reside in Schuyler County, Mo., and, although they are living on a farm, the father's former trade was that of a tailor, in which business he was quite successful.

**J. A. Lehew,** son of Joseph M. and Sarah A. (Story) Lehew,

is a native of Clark County, Mo., born June 16, 1842. His father was a successful farmer, and once owned the farm where the county poorhouse now stands. He moved to the city of Kahoka some years since, and is connected with his son (our subject), in the machine and music business. Our subject was reared on a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits continuously until 1880, when he came to Kahoka, and engaged in his present business, which embraces boilers, engines, threshers, farming implements, etc., and is doing a large and lucrative business in his line. He organized the first old settlers' association in Clark County. In 1882 he united his fortunes with those of Miss Dora Harvey, daughter of Rowland Harvey; she is a native of Missouri, and a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject is one of the thorough-going, wide-awake young business men of Kahoka, and his future prospects are very bright.

Jacob W. Lewellen, probably the oldest living native citizen of this county, was born March 19, 1834, the fifth of ten children of John W. and Jane E. (Trabue) Lewellen, the former of Welsh origin, born about 1805, in Kentucky, and the latter of French stock, born in Woodford County, Ky. The mother was a second cousin of Henry Clay. They came to Pike County as children, and were married by Rev. Biggs about 1824. In 1832 they removed to Clark County, and entered 1,400 acres. They lived there until 1859, when they settled permanently in Montgomery County, where the father died in 1886. The mother still lives with her daughter, Mrs. S. E. Bibb, in Ralls County. The father served as county judge for eight years, and was prominently identified with the history of this county, and held in high esteem by the people. Our subject was educated at the college at West Point, Iowa, and at the age of eighteen began for himself as a teacher. He taught for three years, and after his marriage, at the age of twenty-two, settled on his present farm. He inherited 211 acres, and has now acquired over 1,500 acres, on which he deals considerably in stock. He is probably the largest resident land owner in the township. His wife, Mary E., is the daughter of John N. Boulware; they were married November 6, 1856. Two of their seven children are deceased, and the mother's death occurred in 1875. He was married, December 18, 1877, to Olivia M. Sexsmith, who was born December 18, 1846, in Virginia. His children are Nancy J., George E. (M. D.), Martha A., Josie Q. and Charles T. by his first marriage, and by his second Mary S., Maud M., Jessie V. and Edith A. He first voted for Buchanan, his party's candidate. He has served as trustee for one term. His wife is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, while he and his daughter, Josie, hold to the Baptist faith.

Isaac N. Lewis was one of Clark County's prominent citizens, born in Butler County, Ky., in the year 1812. He was the son of James A. Lewis, a native of North Carolina, and Margaret (Tygot) Lewis, a native of Virginia. The parents came to Kentucky at a very early date, where they were united in marriage. They were prominent and highly respected people. Isaac N. passed his youth with his parents, receiving the best education that the schools of that day afforded, and afterward much improved it by observation and desultory reading. He went to Simpson County, Ky., where he began the study of law, and was finally admitted to the bar. He remained there for five years, after which he sought a new location, and in 1838 moved to Van Buren County, Iowa, locating at Keosauqua, the county seat. He was very successful here, and soon had an extensive practice. He became prominent, and was elected a representative to the Territorial Legislature, and as such discharged his duties in a highly creditable manner. In the practice of the law his partner was J. V. Howell, who edited a paper in Keokuk. Early in the decade of the forties he removed to Clark County, Mo., and located upon a farm. Prior to the war he was twice elected to represent Clark County in the State Legislature, and also served as such during the exciting years of the war. In 1862 he was a candidate for circuit judge, his opponent being James Ellison, the latter being elected. After the war Mr. Lewis avoided politics. In 1840 he met and married his wife, and to them have been born thirteen children, as follows: Harriet C., Margaret O., James B., Lucy E., Isaac N., Loranah A., Webster C., Susan A., Ida M., Mary V., Anna M., Florence E. and an infant. The family of Mr. Lewis is one of the best in the county. In early life our subject was a Whig, and before the war was an owner of slaves, but during the war he was a Union man, and since that time had been a Democrat. Mr. Lewis was a believer in the faith of the Cumberland Presbyterians. He was a man of few words, of steadfast determination, and his personal honor was above reproach. His death, which occurred a few weeks ago, was bemoaned by a large circle of friends.

Isaac N. Lewis, Jr., was born in Clark County, Mo., in 1851, and is the son of Isaac N. Lewis and Lucy A. (Lewis) Lewis. Our subject was born on the old homestead of his father, and remained there until his marriage, in 1875, with Mary Todd, when he moved to the place where he now lives. Mary (Todd) Lewis is a daughter of Dr. William and Anna (Richardson) Todd, natives of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had one son, William D. Lewis, and in 1877 the young couple were separated by the death of Mrs. Lewis. Mr. Lewis then married Minnie Hus-



ton, and this union has been blessed with two children: Harry H. and Georgie M.—a boy and a girl. Our subject has never held any public office, although his father was an active supporter of the Democratic party.

Henry Clay Lyle, farmer, was born November 10, 1824, within five miles of Martinsburg W. Va., the second of five children of Hugh M. and Eleanor (Henshaw) Lyle, the former of Irish descent, born about 1794 in West Virginia, and the latter of Welsh stock, a native of the same county. They left their native county in 1826, and went to Henry County, Ky., where they remained until 1837. After that they settled in Clark County, Mo., on a farm now owned by W. Jenkins. The father died the following year, and the mother afterward married James Ripper, and lived until 1870. Our subject is almost entirely self educated, on account of his responsibilities after his father's death. At the mother's second marriage he began for himself as a farm hand, rafting on the river, and working in a commission house at Alexandria. While at the latter place, in a livery stable, he took a trip to Des Moines, and was offered a good position by a post trader, but refused to accept. He married at the age of twenty-five, and after keeping a boarding house he began renting. For a few years he owned three different farms, and in March, 1881, located on the old homestead which his parents bought before the father's death. His wife, Elizabeth Conway, was born May 6, 1826, in Cynthiaana, Harrison Co., Ky., and afterward came to Springfield, Ill. They were married October 2, 1851. Our subject is a self-made man, and now owns 140 acres of land. He is so well known that he is generally called "Uncle Clay." He was formerly a Whig but is now a Republican. He is a member of the Christian Church, and his wife is a Methodist. Our subject's mother departed this life December 31, 1870, aged seventy-two years and eleven months.

D. Mangle was born in Hanover, Germany, in the year 1811, and is the son of D. and Catherine (Em) Mangle, both natives of Hanover, Germany. The father might rightly be called a natural genius; he was a carpenter, and could make any wood work in his line. In the fall of 1834 he immigrated to this country, took a trip to Texas, and finally settled in New Orleans, where he died at the age of sixty-six. The mother was sixty-five at the time of her death, and they were both members of the Lutheran Church. Our subject immigrated to the United States in the spring of 1834, a few months before his father. He was a single man, twenty-three years of age. He roved around for several years, and was three or four years in New York City, where he worked as a laborer. He then went to New Orleans, and here again worked as a day la-

borer. In 1845 he moved to Northeast Missouri, where he has ever since remained. In 1847 he married Miss Catherine Beer, a resident of Quincy, but a native of Germany. To this marriage were born two children, only one, a son named Isaac, now living. He is a resident of Washington Township, Clark Co., Mo., where he is engaged in farming. About four years after marriage our subject lost his first wife; he afterward married the widow of Rev. Curtis Smulling, by whom she had two children. By her marriage with our subject she became the mother of one son, Samuel C., now a farmer in Washington Township. He remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age, during which time he was united in marriage to Miss M. A. Brown, a resident of this county. To this union seven children were born, four now living: Curtis S., Gertrude V., Roscoe and an infant not named. Samuel C. Mangle is an enterprising and industrious young farmer of Clark County. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and wife are members of the Baptist Church. Emma Dillinger was the maiden name of Isaac Mangle's wife, to whom were born five children, four now living. Our subject and second wife lived together happily for thirty years, or until death marked her for a victim. She and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Mangle is an enterprising farmer, and owns 270 acres of land, all well improved. He is a Democrat in politics, and although seventy-six years of age is still quite strong and hearty.

William H. Martin, M. D., was born in Iowa in 1837, and came to Missouri with his parents when only two years of age. He worked at gunsmithing principally in early life, and at the age of seventeen began the study of medicine. In 1860-61 he attended the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Iowa, after which he practiced until 1867, when he entered the same institution, and graduated in the spring of 1868. He then located in Kahioka, where his practice has been successful, large and remunerative. In September, 1862, he married Miss Mary E. Wilson, a native of Missouri, born in 1844, and the daughter of Joseph G. and Sophia (Weber) Wilson. Of the four children born to this union two are deceased: The two living are Clara Leigh and Jessie G. The former graduated with high honors at the age of fifteen, and the latter is yet attending school. Dr. Martin is a member of the Masonic order, R. A. M., Blue Lodge and Eastern Star, A. O. U. W.; a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and a Democrat in politics; his wife and daughter, Clara Leigh, are members of the Baptist Church. He is the son of Rev. John J. and Phoebe (Howard) Martin. The mother died in 1851, and in 1854 the father married Mrs. Elizabeth (Wright)

Howard, widow of Adrian Howard. The father is a Methodist minister, and is now living in Kahoka. In 1886 our subject engaged in the drug business in that city with B. S. Crawford, who is also an M. D., and a native of Illinois, born in 1845. He is the son of H. P. and Margaret (Crawford) Crawford. His mother died in 1879, and the father took for his second wife, Mary (McCandless) McCoy. B. S. Crawford was reared in the town of Warsaw, Ill., and assisted his father in the mercantile business until 1865, when he entered the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, and graduated in the spring of 1867. He first located in Greensburg, Knox Co., Mo., where he remained twelve years. He then practiced in Canton, Lewis County, for seven years, and then located in Kahoka, embarking in the drug trade, and also continued his practice with W. H. Martin. In 1868 he married Miss Nancy Northcutt, a native of Missouri. To them were born three children: Eva, Margaret and Frank. His wife was a member of the Christian Church, and died in 1878. The following year he married Miss Catherine Beach, of New York, born in 1847, and daughter of Alexander and Catherine Beach. Dr. Crawford is a member of the Masonic fraternity, K. of H., A. O. U. W. and K. L. of H. He is a Republican in politics.

J. W. Mason was born in Nelson County, Ky., in 1853. His father, J. W. Mason, was a native of Henry County, Ky., and of English descent. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Mollie Kirk, was a native of Harrison County, Ind., and was of Irish descent. The parents were married in Kentucky, where the father resided a number of years, engaged in farming. About the year 1840 he moved to Pike County, Ill., where he entered land. Previous to his coming to Pike County he met with misfortune, and had to pay a security debt of \$6,000. He was an old Henry Clay Whig in politics, and for a number of years was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His widow soon after his death moved to Kentucky, and made her home with her sister in Henry County, where she resided until her death in 1863. Our subject is the only son of a family of two children. He made his home with his mother until twenty years of age, his father having died when our subject was but fourteen. In 1854 he moved to Keokuk County, Iowa. As he was something of a mechanic, brick-layer and plasterer by trade, he found employment at good prices, and made money while there. In 1855 he returned to Kentucky, and spent the winter of 1856 in Northeast Missouri, where he followed his trade for several years in Lewis and Clark Counties. November 10, 1859, Mr. Mason married Miss Emaline Laswell, a daughter of William Laswell, a native of Kentucky. For several years after marriage our subject rented land

in Washington Township, but in 1863 he purchased land in the eastern part of the same township, where he has ever since resided, a period of twenty-five years. To his marriage were born two children, viz.: William H. and Felix S. William H. is a physician of prominence at Sand Hill, Scotland Co., Mo. Felix S. is still at home, and manages the farm, which consists of 170 acres of excellent land, all well improved. He is a Democrat in politics, has been a member of the Masonic lodge for over twenty years, and is a member of the Baptist Church, as is also his wife and two sons.

Asa S. Mason was born in Washington County, Penn., March 22, 1844. He is the son of John and Susan (Stephenson) Mason, natives of Pennsylvania. The father came to Missouri in 1863, and located first in Clark County, and afterward in Scotland County, where he now resides on a farm near Memphis. Our subject was reared in his native State, and was educated at Bridgeport, Penn. In 1859 he went on the Ohio River as a cabin boy, and gradually rose until he became captain of a vessel, at the age of about twenty-four. He followed steamboating on the Ohio and Mississippi until 1871, when he came to Alexandria, and engaged in merchandising and pork packing with P. Cunningham. The reverses of 1874 caused by the noted decline in pork compelled them to suspend business. Since that time our subject has been successfully engaged in the grain business. In January, 1886, he also took charge of the mercantile house of J. H. Million, with whom he has been associated for some years. This is the leading dry goods and merchandise house in Alexandria. Mr. Mason was married, January 1, 1868, to Emma A. Fitzpatrick, a native of Fort Madison, Iowa. Their children are John H., Mary M., Bertha L., Susan C., Grace E. and Grover Cleveland. Mr. Mason is a Democrat of the younger school, and has served as mayor of Alexandria for several terms. He is prominent in local affairs, and has declined nomination to various offices.

Capt. Morgan Mason was born in Washington County, Penn., July 8, 1808, the son of Robert and Sarah (Meek) Mason, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was a pioneer of Pennsylvania, and died there in October, 1854, in his seventy-sixth year. Our subject was reared in his native State, and worked with his father in farming and grist milling. He began boating in 1840 on the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers, and the same year came to St. Louis as a steamboat clerk. He was a clerk on the first steamboat "Consul" that made a trip from Cincinnati to Brownsville, Penn., after the improvement of the Monongahela River in 1843. He quit steamboating in 1854,

and came to Clark County, and bought a farm. He made that his home for twenty-five years, engaged in farming and stock-raising, so that at one time he owned about 400 acres, and still owns the original homestead of 220 acres. About twelve years ago he removed to Alexandria, and in 1879 engaged in a grocery and produce business, in which he has been very successful. Of his six brothers and four sisters the following are now living: Isaac M., Harrison and Horace G. These live in Brownsville, Penn., and John lives near Memphis. Capt. Mason was married on April 11, 1830, to Permelia Stevenson, of Green County, Penn. She died in 1856. They had four sons and two daughters: Presly S. (deceased), William W. (deceased), Morgan (deceased), Isaac M., Sarah A. (the wife of the late F. Johnson, of Indianapolis), and Priscilla S. (the wife of C. D. Eberhart). His second wife was Hannah (Laning) Gregg. She died January 22, 1883. The children, by her former marriage are Cephas, Mary (the wife of N. C. Tolman), and Susan K. (the wife of A. T. Sullivan). Our subject is a Republican, and a warm admirer of J. G. Blaine, who was born near his native place. He was a supporter of the Union cause, but treated both sides courteously. He has been a member of the Baptist Church for over forty years, and is one of Alexandria's respected pioneers.

Aaron Mattley was born in Orange County, N. Y., September 15, 1822, and is a son of John Mattley, who was born in England in 1792, and Elizabeth (Key) Mattley, also a native of England. They came to the United States just after the war of 1812, and settled in the State of New York, where the father was a mechanic for about twenty years, after which he went to Jefferson County, Ind., where he settled on a farm, remaining there until his death. After the death of his father our subject accompanied his mother, brother and sister to Scotland County, Mo., where he engaged in farming and school teaching until the war, when he served in Company G, N. E. R. Home Guards, in which he was captain under David Moore. He took an active part in the battle of Athens, where he was wounded by a bullet passing through his lungs. This wound was thought fatal for some time, but he finally recovered. In the winter of 1860-61 he organized several secret societies, the Knights of Malta being a society for self-protection. He has the honor of having made the first unconditional speech in behalf of the Union delivered in Scotland County. After the war he lived in Scotland County until the last twelve or thirteen years, when, after selling his farm, he purchased the one he now lives upon, which contains 280 acres of land under a good state of cultivation. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising to a great extent. He was mar-

ried in 1851 to Eliza J. McCaslin, of Indiana, although a native of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Mattley have had three children: Walter Scott, Jonathan H. and Nancy E. (the widow of James T. Hise, who is now dead). In 1873 our subject was left a widower with three children. In 1879 he married Sarah E. Combs, daughter of James Combs and Elizabeth (Scott) Combs. This wife was born in Scotland County, Mo., in 1846. Her grandfather was a pioneer settler of Clark County, Mo., and her grandmother died at the age of ninety-one, having been a resident of that county for fifty-three years. She was highly respected by the citizens, and was the mother of a large family. Mr. and Mrs. Mattley have had three children: Katie, Aaron J. and Hilda. Our subject has never aspired to a public office of any kind, although he takes great interest in the welfare of the Republican party, and was chairman of the central committee of Scotland County for sixteen years, and also president of the Union League for some time. He has been an active and worthy member of the Baptist Church for forty-four years, and has never been known to be under the influence of intoxicating liquors; he is the possessor of part of the old place known as the "Robert Lee place." He is a member and officer of the A. H. T. A., and belongs to the G. A. R. He is greatly interested in the prosperity and general welfare of the country, a hearty supporter of education, and is a man of ability, well read, and well posted in the current events of the day.

Charles B. Matlock, of the law firm of Matlock & Hiller, was born in Illinois February 27, 1846. He was reared principally on the farm, and began the study of law when quite young, under John H. Craig and H. Scott Hull, of Keokuk, Iowa, and was admitted to the bar by Judge David Waggener, of the supreme court, in 1866. Since that time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Clark County, Mo. In February, 1872, he married Miss Cora Campbell, of Clark County, and a daughter of Isaac R. and Emily (Davis) Campbell. She was born in Missouri in 1850, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject's parents, Thomas and Nancy (Ballard) Matlock, were natives of Tennessee and North Carolina, respectively. The father was a minister in the Disciple or Christian Church. They reared a family of eleven children, eight of whom lived to be grown. The father died in 1865, and the mother followed him to the grave in 1875. From 1867 to 1872 our subject was prosecuting attorney in Clark County. He is a Republican in politics, and an excellent citizen.

Charles W. Meryhew, of the firm of Givens & Meryhew, was born in Ohio December 7, 1830. His parents, John and

Elizabeth (Bias) Meryhew, were both natives of New York. The father was a millwright and carpenter, and built several mills still standing on different streams in Ohio. He was a soldier in the second war with England. Our subject received the mental discipline of a common school, and fitted himself, in part, for an educator, while feeding stock for his father, who was a stock breeder as well as a millwright. He taught school several winters, and by his studious habits during that period, acquired a fair English education. In 1856 he came to Missouri, continuing to teach during the winters. He spent the summer of 1858 in Kansas, and the following autumn and winter he taught in Richland County, Ill. The next spring he began reading law at Olney, in that county, with Preston & Livingston. In February, 1861, he was admitted to the bar by the supreme court of the southern district of Illinois, and was in practice at Olney when the American flag was insulted in the South. The autumn before he had commanded a company of Wide-awakes who escorted Gov. Yates through Egypt, Ill., and when President Lincoln made his first call for troops, Mr. Meryhew joined the Eighth Illinois Infantry, a three-months' regiment. At the expiration of that time he tried to get into Gen. Fremont's escort, but was half an inch too short. In August, 1861, he joined the Black Cavalry, which, in March, 1862, was consolidated with Missouri companies, and formed the Seventh Missouri Regiment Volunteer Cavalry, in which, as lieutenant, he commanded Company K, between one and two years, and Company G, nine months. He was then detailed as assistant commissary of musters of the Seventh Army Corps, and shortly afterward was detailed as aide-de-camp to Gen. Carr, remaining on his staff until July 13, 1864, when he resigned on account of ill health. He came to Clark County, his present home, in the autumn of 1864, was appointed general agent of the Missouri, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad Company, and in January, 1865, he led to the altar Miss Harmeria A. Heil, daughter of Augustus F. and Anna (Kleinline) Heil. She was born in Pennsylvania in May, 1844, and by her marriage became the mother of three children, viz.: May E., Cora E. and Lula. His wife and daughters are members of the Old School Presbyterian Church. After marriage he settled at Waterloo, then the seat of justice of Clark County. In the autumn of 1866 he was elected judge of the probate court, was re-elected in 1868, and served two terms, making an efficient and faithful county officer. In 1870 he followed the county seat to Kahoka, where he has since resided, except two years, 1874 and 1876, which he gave largely to the improvement of his farm, attending to such suits as he had on his hands. In 1880 he was elected prosecuting attor-

ney of the county, and, after serving six months, was counted out. He is a man of fine sense, and an able advocate. Before a jury he is candid and logical, sometimes witty, and easily places himself on good terms with a jury. He was president of the Clark County Agricultural Society three years while at Waterloo, and has held the same office the last two years. He is a public-spirited man, and has done a great deal to build up agricultural and other interests. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F. for a quarter of a century, and has passed all the chairs in the subordinate lodge. Latterly he has made a specialty of insurance, and is doing a heavy business in that line. He is eminently reliable and trustworthy, and has the fullest confidence of the people.

J. H. Million, the present efficient collector of Clark County, is a native Missourian, his birth occurring in 1846, and is a son of J. D. and Emma (Staple) Million. He was raised upon a farm, but at ten years of age entered school, where he continued until 1868, then came to Clark County and began teaching school at Alexandria. He remained in the pedagogical profession one year, then began clerking in a store, which occupied his attention for the ensuing eight years. By this time he had collected sufficient means to embark in business upon his own responsibility, and this he at once did, selecting the dry goods and grain trade. Close application to business, sterling honesty and an unusual amount of enterprise on the part of Mr. Million has brought forth its legitimate reward—prosperity and happiness. He selected Miss Sue Pritchett as his life companion, and in 1869 their marriage was solemnized. One daughter has blessed them named Lula P., and mother and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Million is a Democrat in his political views, and is one of his party's most active workers in Clark County. In 1884 he was elected to the collectorship of the county, and after serving one full term of two years was re-elected, and now officiates in that capacity.

M. Mills was born in Warren County, N. Y., in 1836, and is the son of Alonzo Mills, who was also born in the same county and State, and of English descent. The mother, whose maiden name was Murdock, was a native of the same State and county, and also of English descent. After their marriage the parents lived in Warren County, N. Y., where the father followed the carpenter's trade for nearly twenty years. In 1852 he moved west, and settled in Illinois for one year. The following year he immigrated to Decatur County, Iowa, where he lived until his death, a period of thirty years. At Decatur he followed his trade in connection with farming, and was considered by all a



good neighbor and an influential citizen. He was a Republican in politics, and for many years was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in 1884. His first wife died in the year 1885, while still quite a young woman, and his second wife died in the year 1887. She was a Miss Carpenter. Our subject is the second of a large family of children by both marriages, five being by the first. The eldest son was a Federal soldier during the late war, and was taken sick, carried to the hospital at St. Louis, and here died. The third son died of typhoid fever, at the age of eighteen. The youngest son by the first wife lost his life at the hands of sharpshooters at Atlanta, Ga. Our subject made his home with his parents until seventeen years of age, and, with the modest sum of 60 cents in his pocket, started out to make his own living. He first worked on a farm for his cousin, Joshua Culver, with whom he remained about six months. In the fall of 1854 he began the blacksmith's trade in Canton, Fulton Co., Ill., and was there but a few months when he went to Farmington, in the same county, and served as an apprentice for two years. In 1856 he immigrated to Northeast Missouri, and by accident settled in Fairmont, where he engaged in the blacksmith business. He grew attached to the place, and purchased property. In 1860 he married Miss Sarah Fairbrother, daughter of Henry Fairbrother (deceased), who was an early settler and a prominent citizen of Clark County. To our subject's marriage were born seven children, five of whom are now living: Ralph F., George F., Clara N., Mark H. and Alice. Ralph F. married Miss Lizzie Smith, a native of this county. The other children make their home with their parents. Our subject went into partnership with I. D. Hon, and at the end of nine months went into partnership with Smith & Nook. After seven months they dissolved partnership, and afterward Mr. Mills engaged in business for himself. He now owns a plow and wagon factory, and is doing a thriving business. He is one of the leading machinists in Northeast Missouri, and has invented a number of valuable improvements. He has always been a Republican in politics, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Theodore L. Montgomery, prosecuting attorney of Clark County, and a member of the law firm of Wood & Montgomery, is a native of Kentucky, born January 22, 1855. In 1869 he came to Clark County, Mo., with his parents, who are now living a short distance from the county seat. He grew to manhood on the farm, and graduated in two departments in the Missouri State University in 1879, taking the degrees of Ph. B. and Pe. B. He read law under Judge Ben E. Turner, and was admitted to

the bar in September, 1880. Since that time he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession, at Kahoka, Clark Co., Mo. December 1, 1881, he married Miss Mary M. Jordan, a native of Missouri, born in 1858, and the daughter of John and Mary J. (Smith) Jordan. To our subject and wife were born two children: Leonard J. and Lenna G. Mr. Montgomery is a member of the Masonic order, a Democrat in politics, and he and wife are adherents of the Baptist Church, also members of the Eastern Star. Our subject's parents are John W. and Mary S. (Dicken) Montgomery. The father is a native of Indiana, and moved to Kentucky with his parents at the age of seven years. He embarked in the mercantile business in early life, but for the last eighteen years has directed his attention to farming and stock raising. The mother is a native of Kentucky, and is a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject was elected to the State convention in 1878, and again in 1884. In 1886 he was elected to his present position of prosecuting attorney.

Jesse N. Moore was born in Washington County, Ky., January 20, 1850, and is a son of Walter B. and Marian (Pope) Moore, both natives of Kentucky. The father with his family moved to Andrew County, Mo., in 1857, where he engaged in farming upon the farm of Mr. Keen Singleton, and in the spring of 1859 the father and family moved to Clay County, Mo., and settled upon a farm purchased from a Mr. Lewis Hardwick, where the mother died July 17, 1862, but the father survived until January 1, 1880. Our subject grew up accustomed to farm life, and received the advantages of a country school education. In April, 1871, he came to Clark County, where he engaged in farm work with Maj. R. E. Hill, through the summer seasons of 1872-73-74, and in the winters of those years he attended school at the Alexandria College, which was located at Alexandria, Clark County, Mo. In 1875 he became ship carpenter on the steamer "Gray Eagle," that ran on the Illinois River, and in the winters of 1876-77-78-79 he occupied his time in teaching school at different places in Clark County. On April 27, 1880, he married Frances M., a daughter of J. J. Price (deceased) and Elizabeth (Tinsman) Price. J. J. Price was a native of Ohio, and his wife of Pennsylvania. After marriage he located on his uncle's (G. W. Hill's) farm, and is chiefly engaged in farming and stock raising with the uncle, and also manages the entire farm of 360 acres. Our subject is a steadfast Democrat, and filled the office of magistrate from November, 1884, to November, 1886, and in March, 1887, was appointed by the county court to fill vacancy caused by resignation, and he now discharges the duties of that office. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and thinks it a grand institution

when rightly lived up to; but, like all other institutions and denominations, it has too many drones or members that are a disgrace to the fraternity.

Lewis F. Moore, assessor of Clark County, is a native of Perry County, Mo., was born in 1837, and is the son of Leo and Ann (Cissell) Moore, both natives of the Territory of Missouri. The father was a life-long farmer, and was a resident of Missouri at the time of his death, which occurred in 1880, being sixty-nine years of age at that time. The mother now resides in this State, and is in her seventy-second year. Our subject was reared on a farm, and followed this occupation more or less all his life. He was educated at St. Mary's Seminary, a theological institution conducted by the fathers of the congregation of the mission. He was engaged in the mercantile business at Winchester and St. Patrick, for about two years. He also taught school for about eighteen years, following that occupation during the winter and farming in the summer. In 1859 he married Miss Emily E. Brewer, of Perry County, the daughter of James and Allouesia (Manning) Brewer, natives of Kentucky. The father, James Brewer, was in the war of 1812, and in the battle of New Orleans. Mrs. Moore was born in 1839, and by her marriage with our subject became the mother of thirteen children, two sons and three daughters being deceased. Mr. Moore and family are members of the Catholic Church. He was deputy United States marshal for Perry County in the year 1860, and assisted in taking the United States census. He came to Clark County in 1863, and settled in Jackson Township. During the M. M. R. R. bond fight, he was appointed to collect the taxes of the company without being required to give bond, which shows the confidence the people had in his honesty. In the year 1880 he was one of the enumerators who took the United States census of the county. He was elected assessor in 1882, 1884 and 1886, holding the office in a highly creditable manner up to the present. He served the last three sessions of the Legislature as clerk; first as journal clerk, second as docket clerk and third, after having been defeated as chief clerk, was appointed by his successful rival, as reading and resolution clerk. He was a great favorite of the House of Representatives which body, to show its high esteem for his efficiency and promptness in office, presented him with a gold headed cane, after which he replied in a short address, but to the point, thanking them. He is a life-long Democrat, but was firm for the Union, and took some part in sustaining the same.

Henry Moore was born in Greene County, Penn., in 1831, and is the son of John D. and Barbara (Pethtel) Moore, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Irish and German extraction, respectively.

They were married in Greene County, and here the father followed agricultural pursuits for some time. They then moved to West Virginia, and after remaining here for about ten years, in 1857 moved to McDonough County, Ill., where they remained twenty-eight years. The father was a Republican in politics, was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and died in Schuyler County at the age of eighty-one. The mother is now eighty-six years of age, and, although delicate in body, is strong and vigorous in mind. She is a member of the Baptist Church, and makes her home in Schuyler County, Ill. Our subject is the only son living of a family of eight children. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-one years of age, having begun, however, at the age of sixteen to work for himself. His first work was on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in West Virginia, as a laboring hand, and here he remained for five years, when he married Miss Minor, daughter of Theophilus Minor, a native of West Virginia, and of English-German descent. In the spring of 1857 our subject immigrated by river to McDonough County, Ill., where he resided eight years, engaged in farming. In 1865 he immigrated to Clark County, Mo., where he has ever since lived. By his marriage he became the father of nine children, seven of whom are living: Mary Ann, Thomas J., Elizabeth, Caroline, Christine, Laura B. and John H. Mary Ann is the wife of Andrew Wiley, and Caroline is the wife of F. C. Bertram. The other children make their home with their parents. Mr. Moore has lived over twenty years in Clark County, and is one of the respected and enterprising citizens of the county. He owns a fine farm of 300 acres, and all he has was made by his own energy and industry. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

A. L. Morris, farmer, was born February 27, 1827, in Springfield, Ohio, the eldest of eight children of Cornelius and Dorothy (Laybourn) Morris, the former of Welsh origin, born in 1804 in Augusta County, Va., and the latter of English stock, born about 1805 in New York. They came to Springfield when children, and lived there until our subject was two years of age, when they settled permanently near La Fayette, Ind., on a farm where the mother died in 1874 and the father a year later. Our subject was educated at La Fayette, and at his majority married and settled on a farm in Tippecanoe County. His wife died in 1852, leaving one child, Margaret, and in 1856 he moved to Clark County, and settled on his present farm. He soon after married Mary S., the daughter of W. Jeffreys and the widow of F. Hay. Their children are Mary, Ida L., Robert L., Cornelius and Dorothy. His wife was born in Kentucky, and came to Clark County when a child. They were married October 23, 1856, and her death

occurred March 23, 1868. His first wife was Eliza Layton, a native of Clark County. They were married February 14, 1847, and she died February 27, 1852. Our subject has now acquired a fine farm of 400 acres, mostly cultivated. He voted for the Democratic candidate in 1848, and has been loyal to that party ever since. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and is a leading farmer.

Ex-Judge Morris was born in Tyler County, W. Va., in 1830. His father, James Morris, was a native of that State, and of Welsh descent. His mother was also a native of West Virginia, and her maiden name was Davis. They were married in West Virginia, where James Morris practiced law nearly all his life, and was prosecuting attorney. He was a man of unusual ability, and a Republican in politics. He was a member of the Baptist Church in early life, and, being always an admirer of Alex. Campbell, joined the Christian Church in later years. He died in the year 1864, aged seventy-five. His father, whose name was also James Morris, was a native of Wales, and a Baptist minister. His sons were all fine lawyers, and men who held high official positions. Our subject is the fourth of a family of ten children, seven now living. During odd hours, while he was employed as a clerk, he read law, and received a liberal education at home. He took a more thorough course at Bethany College, West Virginia, and was admitted to the bar at Parkersburg, W. Va. He practiced his profession in his own county for some time, and then came to Clark County, Mo. During his residence here he not only proved himself an enterprising farmer, but a man of more than ordinary scholarly ability. He represented his county in the Legislature for over, three years, and the following three years as their judge. In both positions he proved to be eminently qualified, but ill health forced him to abandon a lucrative practice, and he retired to his farm in Washington Township. In 1857 he married Miss Sophia Weber, a daughter of Daniel Weber, and to them were born three children: Byron E., James T. and Oscar. December 20, 1883, Judge Morris lost his wife, and about four years later he married Mrs. Lydia Errett, a native of Westmoreland County, Penn. At the time of her marriage with Judge Morris she was the mother of three children. One is living in Pennsylvania, and the other two are living with her in Fairmont.

Eugene A. Morris was born in West Virginia in 1835, and is a son of James and Elizabeth Morris, the former a prominent lawyer of West Virginia, who died in 1863. In 1857 our subject was married to Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of T. R. and Rebecca Wilson. Eight children have been born to this couple.

one of whom is deceased. Those living are William J., Lucy B., Liney, John L., Nancy J., Mandie and Charles D. Our subject served his country during war time in the Missouri State Militia. He is a successful farmer, and is now the possessor of eighty acres of good land, well improved.

Edward G. Moseley is a native of Jessamine County, Ky., and the son of Edward and Lucy (Smith) Moseley, natives also of Kentucky. In 1835 our subject came to Missouri and settled in Clark County, but it was then called Lewis County. In 1852 he celebrated his nuptials with Miss Emily B. Hampton, a native of Virginia, born in the year 1825, and the daughter of James and Susan (Peyton) Hampton, both of whom were natives of Virginia. By her marriage with our subject she became the mother of eight children, two of whom are deceased. There are three sons and three daughters living. In 1854 Mr. Moseley located on his present farm, which contains 200 acres of good land. He is a successful farmer, and directs his attention principally to the raising of live stock. Besides the farm of 200 acres just mentioned, he has sixty acres of timber and pasture land; he is considered a useful and prominent citizen. Mr. Moseley is a member of the A. H. T. A., also a member of the Christian Church, and is a Democrat in politics. Mrs. Moseley is a member of the Baptist Church.

George Muhrer, farmer, was born July 23, 1830, in Bavaria, Germany, the son of George and Anne M. (Reinhardt) Muhrer, also natives of Germany. The parents came to New York in 1856, by way of France, and then came to Cincinnati. They remained there but three years, when they came to Clark County, and bought the farm now owned by John Kirchner. Since the mother's death in 1873 he has been living with Mrs. Sophia Lang, his daughter. Our subject was educated in his native country, and came to America in 1854. After living with his aunt in New Jersey for a time, he came to Cincinnati, where he lived in and around the city until 1865, when he followed his parents to Clark County, and bought the farm on which he now lives. He was married to Maria, a daughter of Christian and Maria Kuntz, who was born in Germany in 1842. She was twelve years old when they came to this country, and was married March 8, 1860. Three of their twelve children are deceased, and her death occurred in 1884. October 28, 1886, Julia, the widow of A. J. Applegate, became his wife. She was born April 23, 1843, in Brunswick, Germany, and came to this country when she was thirteen years of age, and lived chiefly in Lee County, Iowa. His children are Louisa, Sophia I., Louis P. John J., Susan, Henry V., Mary A., Emma and Daniel. Our

subject is a careful manager, and now owns one of the finest farms of 240 acres, besides some timber land. He is a self-made man, and is one of our most prominent farmers. His first vote was cast for Lincoln, a candidate of his party. He is a member of the Evangelistic Church.

Gilbert Musgrove, a first-class farmer of Clark County, Mo., was born in Waterloo, in the same State, in 1841, and is the son of Samuel and Mary J. (Scott) Musgrove, both natives of Kentucky. The father was a farmer, and came to Clark County in 1836 where, in 1840, he was elected sheriff, and re-elected in 1842. He resided in Waterloo until the expiration of his term of office, when he returned to his farm, and two years later sold out and purchased a farm in the Mississippi Bottom, where he remained until his death in 1870. His wife preceded him in death in 1869. January 16, 1872, our subject married Miss Mattie Niswanger, of Clark County, born in the year 1844, and the daughter of Jacob and Mary A. Niswanger. To our subject and wife were born five children, three sons and one daughter now living. Mr. Musgrove located on his farm, which contains 150 acres, in the year 1881. This tract of land lies on Fox River, six miles from the county seat. He took no part in the late war, yet was a Southern sympathizer. All his family were Whigs before the war, but during and since that event have affiliated with the Democratic party. In 1864 our subject went to Montana Territory, where he was most of the time engaged in mining, but returned home in 1869. He is a good citizen, and has the respect and confidence of all his neighbors.

Samuel W. McArtor was born in Virginia in 1838, and is a son of Mahlon McArtor, a native of the same State, and Eliza (Hickman) McArtor, a native of Maryland, who were married at the residence of the latter, and then went to the home of the former, where they engaged in farming and stock raising until 1855, when they and a part of their family came to Clark County, Mo., where they engaged in farming and stock raising, and where the father (who was a Quaker by birth) died in 1870. In 1857, two years after the departure of his father, our subject also left his native State for Clark County, Mo., landing there in the same year. He went to the home of his father where he remained until his marriage with Sarah J. Stafford, daughter of William and Charlotte (Hill) Stafford in 1861, when he and his wife moved on a rented farm, but by hard work and good management were soon able to purchase a home of 125 acres, upon which our subject at present resides. This marriage was blessed with six children, only half of whom are now living: Eugene (a young school teacher, of Clark County), Otis and Alice. Mrs. McArtor died

in 1866, and three years later our subject married Sarah N. Cartnal, daughter of Thomas and Celeмна (Stump) Cartnal. Five children have blessed this union, two of which, Bettie and Emma, are now living. Our subject is one of the well-to-do farmers and stock raisers of Jefferson Township, and owns 125 acres of well-improved land. He is a member of the Masonic order, and a Democrat, but has never aspired to any public office. He is a liberal donator, in proportion to his means, to all public enterprises, and takes great interest in the education of the future generation.

Ira H. McCarty, proprietor of the saw and grist mill at Winchester, was born July 23, 1828, in Clark County, Ky. He is the son of George and Sallie (Miller) McCarty, who are of Irish and Scotch descent, respectively, and natives of Virginia. The parents came to Clark County, in childhood, and several years later removed to Logan County, where the mother died in 1840, and the father in 1878. He was a farmer by occupation. Our subject began farming when he was of age, and in 1851 came to Clark County, Mo. He was a farm hand for about two years, and then bought a saw mill near Wayland, but a couple of years later moved to Waterloo. Five years afterward he moved to Fox River, and there engaged in the mill business also. Seven or eight years later he became proprietor of a woolen factory in which he was interested for four years, at Clarke City. After a year at Athens, and four years at Kahoka, he settled at Winchester, where he has since been engaged in milling and wool carding. By his wife, Maria (James), he had eleven children, and by his second, Ann L. (Maryhew), he has two. His present wife, Jane (Fifer), is a native of Indiana. Our subject is a skillful millwright, and now owns two good farms, and is a highly honored and respected citizen. His political principles are Democratic, and Pierce received his first vote. His mills are in excellent order, and have all the latest improvements.

Barnabas McCormick was born in Pennsylvania, in 1827, and is a son of James McCormick, who was a native and farmer of Pennsylvania, and finally went to Illinois, and farmed until his death. Jane (Marshall), the mother, was a native of Pennsylvania, and after the death of her husband continued to reside in Illinois until her death. In 1855, after the death of his mother, our subject went to Delaware County, Iowa, but remained there a short time when he went to Lee County, Iowa, where he farmed until 1868, and then crossed the Des Moines River, and settled in Clark County, where he owns a house and lot and ferry on the Des Moines River, he rents land and engages in farming also. Our subject was married, October 2, 1852, to Mary D. Scowden,



daughter of David and Lucy (Marshall) Scoowden, natives of Pennsylvania, but lost his wife May 17, 1853. February 6, 1855, he married Julia McMichael, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Mason) McMichael, of Irish descent, and pioneer settlers of Pennsylvania. This union was blessed with five sons: Farley, Herbert, Charles C., James and Thomas. Charles C. died May 15, 1864, and Herbert died after attending the first course of lectures in the medical college at Keokuk. Our subject is a man of strong will and firm principles, and is well respected by the citizens of Clark County.

A. McHugh, farmer, was born March 30, 1823, in Warren County, Ohio, the son of John and Elizabeth (Rice) McHugh, natives of Virginia and South Carolina, respectively. The parents were orphans, came to Ohio as children, and were reared by the same man. In 1849 they removed to Lee County, Iowa, where they spent four years before they removed to the farm where our subject now lives. Their deaths occurred in 1856 and 1883, respectively. The common school furnished our subject his educational advantages, and he spent his early manhood until the age of twenty-five in caring for his mother and her family. He was about thirty years old when he came to his present home, and November 18, 1860, he was married to Lodoskia Bruner, a daughter of Jared Bruner. She was born in Hancock County, Ky., April 14, 1836, and came to Missouri in 1851. Their children are John F., William H., George E., Robert B. and Ida M. His estate embraces a fine farm of 230 acres, and shows the care and management of a self-made man. Our subject is now a strong Republican, but, previous to the war, held the Democratic principles of that day. Our subject believes in the doctrines of the Baptist Church, of which his wife is a member.

Robert S. McKee, a prominent physician of Clark County, and a native of Kentucky, was born February 22, 1832. The father of our subject, Robert A., left his Kentucky home in 1835, and came to Clark County, Mo., casting anchor in a country almost entirely inhabited by savages and wild beasts. He was one of those clear-headed, far-seeing men, and well knew that after a few years of hardship and toil he would be living in a country that would be equaled only by the blue-grass regions of Kentucky, where he passed his boyhood days. He was a good neighbor, and a loving and dutiful husband and father, and a distinguished citizen. He was one of the first three judges elected by the people in Clark County, an honor that was highly merited and faithfully executed. As to his intellect and his power of doing good his equal can hardly be found to this day. He had an utter abhorrence for office seeking, and yet had he so chosen,

could have secured almost any office. He displayed fine judgment in the rearing of stock, and the breeding of blooded horses, having probably the best stock in Northern Missouri. The announcement of his death in 1872 was a serious loss to the county, and a severe blow to his bereaved family, who deeply felt the loss of a kind father. The community lost their noblest citizen. His wife was Amanda M. Lapsley, a lady of fine intellect, and the possessor of many rare accomplishments. She was a loving wife, and a kind and affectionate mother. She departed this life about 1864. Our subject remained on his father's farm until 1855, when he entered the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, attending the courses of 1855 and 1856, after which he located in Scotland County, Mo., where he remained about ten months. In the fall of 1857 he returned to college, and graduated with high honors in the spring of 1858. He at once formed a partnership with Dr. O. B. Payne, at St. Francisville, where he remained two years, when, on account of his father's illness, he returned to the old homestead to take charge of general affairs, and where he also resumed the practice of his profession, which has been large and remunerative. He was united in marriage to Miss C. L. Cleaver, daughter of Thomas and Margaret J. (McCune) Cleaver. Seven children have blessed this union: Maggie A., Robert C., Thomas A., Samuel L., Laura M., Joseph M. and John W. (who died in 1871). The wife's grandfather, Cleaver, was a pioneer settler of Missouri, and was one of the men that drew the plat of the counties, and laid out the townships. Our subject, Dr. McKee, is the possessor of 1,260 acres of fine land, all in a high state of cultivation. He has been called upon many times by his Democratic friends to make the race for office, but he has heeded them not, much preferring the quiet life of the farm and his profession. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and takes great interest in all laudable enterprises tending to elevate and educate the morals of the youth. In politics he is purely Democratic, and has been from early boyhood. Mrs. McKee is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Maj. David McKee, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Sangamon County, Ill., December 14, 1823, the youngest of eleven children of Thomas and Hanna (Frakes) McKee, of Scotch-Irish descent, and natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania, respectively, and born somewhere near 1780. They were married in Kentucky, where the father was engaged in farming, although until about 1815 he worked at blacksmithing, somewhat. They then spent five years in Harrison County, Ind., and then moved to the county of our subject's birth. In 1825 they settled in Schuyler County permanently. They died in 1834 and 1864, respectively.

Our subject was educated in the log schools in Schuyler County, Ill., and in Hendersonville, and remained with his mother until about the age of eighteen. He then spent the first years of his married life as a farmer in that county until 1844, when he spent a year in Farmington, Iowa, and then moved to Clark County. He farmed near Athens for some time, and in June, 1861, he became second lieutenant in the Home Guards. After the Clark County forces were united under Col. Moore he became major, and a short time later, while at St. Louis as a delegate to procure arms and rations, was appointed recruiting officer by Gen. Fremont. He then returned, and formed a cavalry battalion of about 700 men, and was elected major. After some service in Macon City, in 1861 and 1862, they were merged in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry Volunteers. Our subject had one of the four battalions, and after some skirmishing, they were at the following places: Marshall, Lexington, Sedalia and Springfield. In July, 1863, he resigned on account of disability contracted in service, and moved to Athens after renting his farm. In 1866 he became manager of a woolen factory and grist-mill at that place, but two years later returned to the farm where he remained until he came to his present home in 1873. His wife, Martha J. Kesucker, is a native of Kentucky, where she was born August 14, 1823. She came to Illinois when about seventeen years of age, and was married August 12, 1842, at her home in Schuyler County Ill. She died November 25, 1855, after having borne seven children. The following year he married Mrs. Elvira, the widow of M. Breeden, and daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Randolph. She was born October 18, 1837, in Indiana, and in 1851 came to Iowa, and three years later was married to her first husband, who died in October, 1855. Three of our subject's thirteen children are deceased. He now has a fine farm of 200 acres which is well cultivated, and on which he deals largely in stock, holding at present twenty horses, twenty-six thoroughbred cattle, and droves of hogs. Politically he is a strong Prohibitionist, opposing tobacco as well as whisky, and holding the principles of the Republican party. Before the war he was a Democrat, and voted for Pierce first, and for Douglas in 1860. He served twelve years as justice, and some time as assessor. He joined the first Masonic lodge of the county, about forty years ago, and passed all the chairs. He was an organizer, and Grand Worthy President for about ten years, of the A. H. T. A., and captured a large number (probably the largest of any member) of thieves. He, his wife and four children, are members of the Congregational Church.

Robert McKee, farmer, was born December 12, 1811, in Wash-

ington County, Md., the second of seven children of John and Isabella (Dinwiddie) McKee, both of Scotch-Irish stock, former born in Franklin County, Penn. They were married in Pennsylvania, and soon moved to our subject's birthplace, where they lived until their deaths; the mother's occurring December 17, 1851, and the father's January 8, 1871. The father was a prosperous farmer, and both parents were active members of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject was educated in his native county, and at the age of twenty-three he and his brother began business in Hagerstown with the firm name, R. & W. B. McKee. They continued until May, 1837, when they moved to St. Francisville, where they resumed business, and for some time were engaged in farming. They continued in this way until the opening of the war. From that time until 1878 he was in the vicinity engaged chiefly in farming, and then removed to his present estate. His farm embraces 320 acres, most of which is well improved and cultivated. His wife, Eliza Shryock, was born February 24, 1815, in Maryland at Hagerstown, where our subject returned, and married her May 10, 1838. Their children are Clarence, Emma E., Leander D., Isabella D., John L., George H., Florence and William. Our subject voted the Whig ticket before the war, but has since been a Democrat. He has passed all the chairs in the Odd Fellow's lodge, and is their present D. G. M., having been a member for forty-one years. He, his wife and two daughters have been members of the Presbyterian Church. The grandfather of our subject's wife, William Lewis, received a captain's commission in the Indian wars from Gen. Washington, and the papers are in the possession of Mrs. McKee.

L. D. McKee, M. D., was born at St. Francisville, January 3, 1844, the son of Robert McKee, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject was reared to manhood here, and began the study of medicine in 1866 under Dr. A. S. Tinsman. He then entered Keokuk Medical College, and graduated in 1869. After some practice at Glenwood, Mo., he returned to St. Francisville, in 1871. The following year he attended the Missouri Medical College, at St. Louis, and took an additional degree. Since then he has been at St. Francisville, the only practitioner in the place. May 18, 1876, he married Mary H., a daughter of J. Z. Barnett. Their children are Isabel and Florence H. The Doctor is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the County Medical Association, and of the I. O. O. F. He is a man and physician of high standing.

John L. McKee, was born July 9, 1848, in Clark County, the son of Robert McKee, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject was reared and educated at St. Francisville, and followed

mercantile life for about nine years from 1876. Since then he has been following the life of a farmer and stock raiser. He has been very successful in all his operations. He was married May 22, 1879, to Susan A. Anderson, a native of this county. Our subject is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Anti-Horse-Thief Association.

W. C. McNealy, a native of Hancock County, Ill., was born in 1856, and is a son of Pendleton McNealy and Cinda (Cess) McNealy, natives of Ohio. The father was of Scotch-Irish descent. They were married in Hancock County, Ill., and here the father farmed for several years, and here he also passed his last days. He left a widow and three children, all of whom are living in Clark County, Mo. Our subject's mother, five years after the death of her husband, married Mr. George Goulty, a prominent mechanic in Fairmont. To this marriage three sons were born, who still make their home with their parents. Our subject is the second son of a family of seven children, six of whom are living. He made his home with his mother until eighteen years of age, when he began making his own living as an employe on the farm for Benjamin Goulty, in Hancock County, Ill., with whom he worked the greater part of six years. During that time he married Miss Eva Wood, of Clark County, and the daughter of M. Wood. To this union two children were born: Edith and Elmer. Our subject rented a farm in Hancock County, Ill., but afterward moved to Clark County, Mo., where he continued farming, renting as before, for about five years, during which time he accumulated some capital, which he invested in dry goods, and came to Fairmont in 1885. He is one of the enterprising and industrious merchants of Fairmont, and all he has made by hard work and economy. He is a Democrat in his political views.

John McReynolds was born in Marion County, Mo., December 30, 1822, and is the youngest child born to William and Ruth (Culbertson) McReynolds, natives of Virginia and North Carolina, respectively. Immediately after marriage the parents moved to Illinois, and after remaining there a short period, moved to Missouri, and here remained several years in different counties, Knox being the one in which they passed the remainder of their days. The father died in 1847, and the mother in 1851. Owing to a scarcity of schools in those pioneer days, our subject received poor educational advantages, and at the age of twenty-one or twenty-two he married Miss Mary E. Dale, daughter of John P. Dale. Our subject began life as a farmer, and in that was quite successful. To his marriage were born seven children: Leah, Envira, William C., John S., Ellen, Ophelia and Julius C. Our subject has been a resident of Knox County

for half a century, during which time he has reared and educated a large and intelligent family. He owns a fine farm, well stocked and well improved. In character few stand higher in his county. He is a Democrat in his political views. William C, son of our subject, received a liberal education in the common schools of Knox County, and at the seminary at Monticello, after which he took a more complete course at La Grange College, Lewis County, Mo. He then graduated at the Commercial College of Bryant & Stratton, Quincy, Ill. He then began the study of medicine under an uncle, Joseph McReynolds, in Lewis County, with whom he remained about three years. He then attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa. He graduated there in March, 1871, and then opened an office in April of the same year, and began practicing his profession at Fairmont, Clark County, where, for a young physician, he has met with excellent success. He has a fine medical library, and is a young man of unusual ability.

George Neff, one of Clark County's prominent citizens, was born in Virginia in 1815, and is a son of George and Magdaline (Stump) Neff, natives of Virginia, who moved to Ohio in 1817, where the father settled on a farm, taking great interest in stock raising. In 1834 the father sold his farm, and moved to Palestine, Ohio, a village, where he remained for about ten years, engaged in mercantile business, and where he died in 1858. Our subject lived with his father until his marriage, when he went to Palestine, and kept a hotel for about sixteen years, after which he engaged in the mercantile business with his father for five years, then sold out, and came to Clark County, Mo., where he settled on a farm on Fox River, living there for twelve years, during which time he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. After that he rented his farm, and moved to Farmington, where he remained about seven years, when he moved to Athens, where he now resides. Being an old man now, he is enjoying the money he accumulated in his younger days. The wife of the subject, Elizabeth A. (Green), was a daughter of George and Lucinda Green, natives of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Neff were blessed with six children, all living, married and prosperous. They are Lucinda, Elizabeth M., Mary J., Malinda, George R. and Caroline. Death entered the door of our subject while he was residing in Farmington and took from him his beloved wife. He then married Lucy Jane Perkins, daughter of John and Mary (Hedgecough) Perkins, natives of Tennessee. John W. Perkins was born in White County, Tenn., in 1809, and was among the most prominent farmers of that State, until his removal to Hancock County, Ill., where he farmed for four years, then returned to his native

State, coming back to Illinois, however, in two years, where he remained a short time, after that going to Lee County, Iowa. While in Illinois he lost his first wife, but married again in Iowa. He lived in the latter place several years, and then settled on a farm in Clark County, Mo., where he remained until 1862, when he went back to Illinois, this time staying there two years. He then went to Jasper County, Mo., where he farmed about four years. He then moved to Saline County, Mo., where he is engaged in farming and stock raising at the present date. The wife of our subject was born in Tennessee, in 1832. She lived with her parents until the death of her mother, and then lived with an uncle, in Missouri, until she became seventeen years old, when she came to Clark County, and remained with her father two years, afterward going to Athens, where she remained until 1873, when she was joined in wedlock with our subject.

James Neil, a stirring and prominent farmer of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Iowa, born in the year 1846. In 1868 he came to Clark County, Mo., and located in his present neighborhood. The same year he married Miss Elma Vale, of Van Buren County, Iowa, born in the State of Ohio, and the daughter of John and Maria Vale. To our subject and wife were born an interesting family of four children—three sons and one daughter. Our subject has been a life-long farmer, and moved to his present location in 1884. He has been quite successful, is a good citizen, and has the utmost confidence of all who know him. He operated a threshing machine successfully for twenty-two seasons. His farm consists of 151 acres of very productive land, well improved and well watered, furnishing an abundance of that necessary article for his herds of stock. He pays considerable attention to the rearing of cattle. Mr. Neil's parents were James and Parthena Neil. The father died in the year 1862, and the widowed mother is still living, and is a resident of Clark County.

Dr. Samuel Neeper was born in Lancaster County, Penn., March 11, 1832, on a farm, and received his education in Blair Hall Academy, and at Faggs Manor, Chester County, Penn. At the age of twenty-one he immigrated to Ohio, and in 1854 began reading medicine under Alexander M. McMillin, of West Lebanon, Wayne Co., Ohio. In 1855 he entered the medical department of the Western Reserve College, at Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated at the head of his class in 1857. He at once began the practice of his profession at Mogadore, Summit Co., Ohio, and continued until March, 1867. Previous to this, May 12, 1857, he married Miss Mary A. Russell, of Philadelphia, and daughter of John and Isabella Russell, her father being a member of the well-known firm of Cary, Hart & Russell, bookbinders and sta-

tioners, of Philadelphia. She was born in Philadelphia October 23, 1836, and by her marriage became the mother of seven children—five sons and two daughters. She died July 12, 1875, and was a member of the Episcopal Church. In 1861 our subject enlisted in the Federal Army, Company G, Sixty-fourth Ohio, as a private, but in five days after enlisting he was elected captain, which office he filled with credit until the battle of Missionary Ridge, where he received a cannister shot which passed through his left thigh, totally disabling him for further duty, and he returned home, arriving there December 11, 1863, bringing the cannister shot, with which he received his wound, with him. It weighs half a pound. In 1867 Dr. Neeper moved to Clark County, Mo., and located on a farm, where he remained about twelve years. He then located in the city of Kahoka, where he has a large and remunerative practice. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Mason and Eastern Star; also the A. O. U. W. and G. A. R. He has been president of the district, and county medical association for a number of years, and has been chairman of the Republican Central Committee for twelve years, resigning in 1886. He is a Republican in politics. His parents, James and Letitia (Patterson) Neeper, were both natives of Pennsylvania, and died in 1844 and 1833, respectively.

N. Nelson, M. D., a prominent physician and Baptist minister, was born at Mocksville, in Rowan (now Davie) County, N. C., September 23, 1816. His parents, Ebenezer and Frances (Burgess) Nelson, were natives of Rowan County, N. C., and Albemarle, Va., and born July 24, 1777 and 1782, respectively. After their marriage in North Carolina they came to Marion County in 1828, and entered land near Palmyra. The mother died in 1833, and the father survived her until 1846. The father was a cabinet-maker and carpenter, but engaged in farming chiefly. Our subject was educated in Marion County principally, and at the age of twenty-three began teaching school. During his pedagogue days he began reading medicine, and afterward practiced, together with farming and other business. He received his medical education in the St. Louis Medical College, located at Philadelphia, Marion County, and began practice, and also devoted several years to his favorite study, theology. He was ordained as a minister in March, 1865, and since then has been preaching. In February, 1866, he moved to Gilead, in Lewis County. He there took a medical partner, Dr. Frame, that he might continue preaching also. He moved to his present farm in November, 1871, and is still engaged in his professions, and in farming. His wife, Lucetta Morehead, was born in 1822,



in Fauquier County, Va., and came to Missouri in 1835. She was married December 24, 1840, and her death occurred December 25, 1864. She was the mother of seven children. In November, 1871, Virginia Lillard, a native of Culpeper County, Va., became his wife. She was born January 20, 1835, and the following year her parents came to Missouri. Her children are deceased. Our subject's children are Morehead, Mary F. (the wife of Dr. J. P. Frame), Elizabeth (the wife of J. T. Hall), John H., James T., William F. and George L. Our subject is very prominent, both as a physician and a minister, and in his evangelical work has built up two churches in Clark County, and one in Lewis. Politically he is a Democrat, and first voted in 1840 for that party. Our subject's family, excepting the eldest son, are members of the Baptist Church. He served in the Florida war of 1837-38.

William J. Northcraft, one of Clark County's most substantial citizens, is a native of Shenandoah County, Va., born in the year 1831, and is the son of William F. and Nancy H. Northcroft, both natives of Virginia. The father purchased 520 acres of land, which he broke and put in cultivation; 160 acres of his land were in Scotland County. He was very prosperous in early life, supporting a family of nine children. He and his sons experienced some exciting times in hunting deer, turkey, wolves, etc., in the early settlement of the State. In 1836 our subject came to Lewis County with his parents, and located near Tully. In 1837 he came to Clark County, and settled in the forks of the Wyaconda River. In 1856 our subject married Miss Eliza A. Smith, of Scotland County, and daughter of John M. T. and Alcinda Smith. She was born in Ohio, December 15, 1829, and by her marriage became the mother of six children, two of whom are deceased. Those living are Mary A., Virginia L., Louis S. and Summerville A. Our subject joined the Confederate Army, but remained in service only a short time. He lost considerable property during the war, but, being a man of energy and perseverance, has accumulated considerable wealth since that event. He was elected judge of the county court, and honestly and faithfully discharged the duties of this office. He located on his present farm in 1867, and this contains 502 acres of good land. He is an uncompromising Democrat, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Thomas E. Palmer, a respected pioneer of Alexandria, was born in Chestertown, Md., in January, 1805. He is the son of John and Edith (Edwards) Palmer. Our subject secured but a limited education before the age of fourteen, when he left home and entered a counting room in Baltimore. He worked there,

and learned the mercantile trade with his uncle, until September, 1836. He then came to Missouri, and engaged in merchandising at St. Francisville, and continued for four years. His next occupation was as county assessor, at which he served about ten years. He then acted as county recorder until about ten years ago, excepting during the war. In 1874 he came to Alexandria, where he has since resided. During the war period, above mentioned, he was deputy assessor in the employ of the United States. In 1850 he was employed in census taking. He was married, in December, 1831, to Mercy A. Levering, a native of Baltimore, and now living at the age of seventy-eight years. Their children were John L., Anna (deceased), Mary M. (deceased), Alice A., Edward T., Mercy A. (the wife of Dr. J. Murray), Lizzie, William P. and Flora B. Mr. Palmer's first vote was cast for Jackson, and he has been a loyal Democrat ever since. The various offices which he filled were given him by the citizens of the county, without reference to politics.

Andrew Pantridge a native of Ireland, was born in 1837, and accompanied his parents, James and Rachel Pantridge, when they immigrated to the United States in 1841. They settled on a farm in New York State, where they remained a short time, and then moved to Philadelphia, where death entered the home and claimed the father and husband. Andrew then left the city, with his mother and brother in 1846, and located on a farm in the same State, at which place they remained until 1852, when they moved on a farm in Ohio. In 1855 our subject moved to Clark County, Mo., where he has since lived, gaining his livelihood by tilling the soil. He married Louisa Christy, a daughter of William and Mary Christy, and this union was blessed with two children, William and Lena, neither of whom is living. Louisa Pantridge died in 1872, and two years later our subject was united in marriage to Melissa Woogerd, the daughter of James and Susan Woogerd. To this union three children have been born—one boy and two girls, the latter being twins. These children are named Minnie, Mary and James F. Our subject now owns a farm of 130 acres, all under a good state of cultivation. He took an active part in the late war, and participated in the battles of Shiloh, Missionary Ridge and Atlanta, besides being engaged in other engagements of minor importance, too numerous to mention. He escaped with but one slight wound on the head, but now feels the effect of the exposure to which he was subjected. He is a member of the G. A. R.

Alexander L. Porter (deceased) was born in Franklin County, Penn., August 9, 1816, and his wife, Mary (Thompson) Porter, was born in the State of Kentucky, June 13, 1832. Alexander

L. left his native State to come to Clark County, Mo., about 1848, settled in the town of Luray, and there followed the blacksmith's trade until 1852, when he moved on the farm his wife, sons and daughters are now occupying. He was engaged in farming and stock raising at the time of his death, which occurred in 1869, leaving a widow and eight children to bemoan the loss of a kind husband and father. Mary Porter, *nee* Thompson, left her native State in 1834 for Pike County, Mo., accompanied by her father and mother, who remained in that county only a short time until their departure for Clark County, Mo., where Mary lived and married Alexander L. Porter. They were the parents of eight children: John A., James E., William A., Arthur L., Jane E. (wife of Jefferson Sutton), Deborah E. (wife of F. M. Dewey), Lucy A. and Mary O. John A. was born in the town of Luray, Clark Co., Mo., in 1851, and lived on the old home place with his parents, until he married Matilda J. Black, in 1880, the daughter of Andrew J. and Anna Black. John A. and wife have had three children, one of whom has died. Those living are Anna D. and William V. John A. has always worked for the Democratic party, although he has never held office. His wife is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. James E., the next oldest, was born in Clark County, Mo., in 1858. William A., the third son, was born at the same place in 1860. Arthur L., the fourth, at the same place in 1865. The last three named are single and living at home with their mother. They are Democrats, and well respected by the community.

J. D. Raine was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1830. His father, J. S. Raine, was a native of Virginia, and of Irish descent. His mother, whose maiden name was Dillord, was a native of Kentucky, and of English descent. The father was first married to Miss Rhoda Walker, a native of Virginia, who bore him four children. Six years after moving to Kentucky his first wife died, when he married Miss Dillord. To the second marriage eight children were born, six of whom are living and married, with the exception of our subject, who is yet single. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and this he followed in Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri. In March, 1850, he moved to Missouri, and settled in Clark County, where he resided until his death. He was a successful farmer, was a Democrat "dyed in the wool," and in religion was for many years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Our subject, who is the eldest son by the second marriage, was twenty years of age when his father moved to Clark County. The same year he began working for himself on a farm he had purchased in Washington Township, but boarded with his parents. At the expiration of

six years he wedded Miss Sarah Wedmore, a native of Iowa, but at that time a resident of Clark County, Mo., and the daughter of David Wedmore. The fruits of this union were six children—five of whom are yet living. In July, 1870, Mr. Raine lost his first wife, and about two years afterward married Mrs. Sarah Hoover, the widow of Charles Hoover, and the daughter of Nelson Yates, a native of Virginia. To this union three children were born, all living: Thomas S., James A. and Amanda E., and all make their home with their parents. The children by the first marriage, who are yet living, are Mary S., John W., Matilda J., Sarah L. and Emma R. July 21, 1887, Mr. Raine lost his second wife. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, as was also his first wife. Our subject is a successful farmer, and what he now has can be attributed to his own hard work and economy. In politics and religion he has followed the admonitions of his father, and hence is a Democrat, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a Mason.

George Rauscher, county court clerk of Clark County, was born in the year of 1842, in Ohio, and is one in a family of eleven children, five of whom are yet living, born to the marriage of George H. and Christina (Sherber) Rauscher. The parents are both natives of Germany, but about the year 1833 they immigrated to the United States, and settled in the Buckeye State. In 1848 they removed to Iowa, where the father died in 1865, and where his widow yet resides. The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood upon the farm, securing in youth a good practical education. When the sable banner of secession was unfurled Mr. Rauscher was among the first to volunteer for its suppression. In 1861 he became a member of Company D, Fourteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and after serving one year was discharged by reason of disability. His enterprising disposition would not permit him to remain long inactive, but as soon as his health would permit he began clerking. In 1866 he embarked in merchandising in Lee County, Iowa, but in 1871 he located permanently at Kahoka, Mo., and established himself in the drug trade. Two years later he began general merchandising, and, with the exception of serving in some official capacity at intervals, he has since continued in that occupation. Since becoming a resident of Clark County he has become thoroughly identified with its prosperity. In all public and private enterprises he has been recognized; and his superior wisdom as a successful business man and politician has placed him among the foremost men of his county. In 1874 he was elected county judge, and as such presided with ability one full term of four years. In 1880 he was elected collector of the county, and

was re-elected in 1882. In 1886 he was elected to his present office, which he fills with marked efficiency. Mr. Rauscher is a Republican in politics, and a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. fraternities. He was married in 1867 to Miss Christina Young, who was born in Germany in 1841, the daughter of John Young. Seven children have been born to their union as follows: George H. (deceased), Lottie, Ella, Charles, Albert (deceased), George J. and Walter. The parents are members of the Evangelical Church.

Henry Rauscher, a wide-awake, thorough-going farmer of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1835. He is the son of George H. and Christina (Sherber) Rauscher [for further particulars of parents see sketch of George Rauscher], and came to Lee County, Iowa, with his parents, in 1848. In the year 1860 he married Miss Elizabeth Smith, a native of Germany, born in the year 1838, and who in 1848 came to the United States with her parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Ringer) Smith. Of the ten children born to our subject and wife three are deceased, and two sons and five daughters are living. In 1866 Mr. Rauscher came to Clark County, Mo., and located upon the farm where he is now living. It consists of 270 acres, and is in a good state of cultivation. He is engaged in raising live stock also. He is a Republican in politics, and belonged to the Iowa State Militia during the war of the rebellion. Mrs. Rauscher is a member of the Evangelical Church, and they are well known and well respected throughout the county.

William Rayburn was born in Clark County, Mo., February 27, 1841, and is the son of James and Rebecca O. (Wells) Rayburn, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The parents were married in Clark County, Mo., in 1840, where they have remained ever since, the father engaged in tilling the soil. He was a Democrat after the death of the Whig party; was a member of the Baptist Church, and a well-respected citizen. He died in the year 1862, as did also his wife. Our subject is the eldest son of a family of nine children, seven of whom are living, and all are married. Our subject was hardly out of his teens when he wedded Miss Sarah L. Dockum, a daughter of Thomas and Lucinda Dockum, now deceased. In 1861 our subject began working on rented land, and is now one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Clark County. He now owns 225 acres of valuable land, and his success can be attributed to his honest efforts, energy and economy. Nineteen years after marriage he lost his wife. She was a Christian woman, and for a number of years was a member of the Baptist Church. Two years later our subject married Miss Mary Ellen Wells, a daughter of Thomas

J. Wells, whose sketch appears elsewhere. By this union three children were born: William E., Lucy J. and James T. Mr. Rayburn is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Rayburn is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Richard Rebo was born near old Palmyra, in Ralls County, September 22, 1832, the son of Bartholomew and Helen (Chisam) Rebo, natives of France and Kentucky, respectively. The father came to Missouri in 1827, and located at our subject's birthplace. In February, 1833, he came to Clark County, and died here in 1846. The mother survived him until 1867. They had seven sons and two daughters born to them, and those now living are Bernard, of Illinois; William, of Kansas; Richard; Margaret, married and in Texas; James and Benjamin. Our subject secured a fair education, and has spent almost his whole life as a farmer on the old homestead near Kahoka. It was in 1863 that he came to Alexandria, and four years ago established his present mercantile business. He carries a full and well-selected stock of staple and fancy groceries, and controls a large trade. He was married in 1858 to Ruby J. (Greenleaf) Lyle, and, after her death, he married Lucinda Vice, in 1862. Their children are Fannie L., William, Ella, Berry, Cortas, Elizabeth and Jefferson. Mr. Rebo is a Democrat, and is one of the successful business men of Alexandria. In 1829 his father entered 400 acres of land below Alexandria, and 520 near Waterloo.

W. W. Reed, owner of a general repair shop, and painter of wagons, buggies, plows and houses, was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Clark County, Mo., in the year 1876. The same year he chose for his companion in life Miss Maggie Porter, the daughter of Peter Porter, of Westmoreland County, Penn., and the result of this union was the birth of five children, four of whom are now living—one son and three daughters. In 1876 our subject purchased his present property, which lies a quarter of a mile from Ashton, and contains over fifteen acres of land on which his dwelling and shop are located. Mr. Reed makes a speciality of house joining, being a first-class architect, and a member of the architect association. Mr. Reed is doing well in his business, and is respected and esteemed by all who know him. May 9, 1886, our subject had the misfortune to lose his wife. She was an excellent woman, and her loss is deeply felt, not only by her husband and children, but by all with whom she was acquainted.

Harvey S. Reese, M. D., was born in Westminster, Md., June 11, 1856. He is the son of William and Sarah J. (Yingling)

Reese, natives of Maryland, where they were reared, married and raised their family. They had six sons and five daughters. Our subject was reared and educated in his native place, and attended Western (Maryland) College to within six months of graduation. In 1874 he became clerk for a relative in Tiffin, Ohio. He lived there until 1879, and in the meantime read medicine for about three years under Dr. Williard. In 1879 he came west, and entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Keokuk, Iowa, from which he graduated in 1881. He then came to Wayland, and began practice, and also established his drug business. He was the only physician in the place, and has an extensive drug business. He carries a well-selected stock of drugs, and makes a business of prescriptions. About three years ago the Doctor engaged extensively in farming and stock raising in Wright County, Mo., but after one winter's absence resumed his practice and drug business. In 1885 he built the Wayland Livery Stable, which he now owns. He was married, March 4, 1885, to M. Alice Richardson, a native of Pulaski County, Ky., born November 13, 1868. Dr. Reese is a Democrat of the younger school, and is a man and physician of high standing.

Philarmon Reynolds was born in Washington County, Ohio, in 1835. He is the son of Samuel H. and Pamela (Green) Reynolds, natives of New York State. They came to Lee County, Iowa, in 1847, and settled upon a farm, remaining there for five years, then moved to Clark County, Mo., and settled on the farm that our subject is now in possession of. It contains eighty acres of good land, in a good state of cultivation. Our subject was married in 1865 to Elvira C. Flowers, after which he moved to the old home place, where he has since resided. His father died in 1876, and his mother survived him nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have had one son, William H. I., born October 6, 1866. In 1882 Mrs. Reynolds died, and since then Mr. Reynolds has been living with his son and wife on the old homestead, and still continues farming. He is an honorable member of the Masonic order, and also of the G. A. R. He was elected by the people of Clark County, in 1866, to the office of assessor, which he filled honorably and judiciously for two terms. He has also given satisfaction as justice of the peace for nine years, and is as liberal a donator as his means will allow to all laudable public enterprises, and takes great interest in educational questions. He served his country three and a half years during the late war in Company H, Twenty-first Missouri, under David Moore, and participated in a number of important battles, such as Shiloh, Pittsburgh and Pleasant Hill. During the last named engagement he received a bullet in his breast, and since then has

not been able to exert himself to any great extent. He always has been and always expects to be a hearty supporter of the Republican party.

John W. Riley was born in Pennsylvania in 1833, and is the son of James Riley, a native of Maryland, who came to Clark County, Mo., in 1848, and settled in the wild prairie land of Missouri, where he lived until his death in 1861. Harriet Wilson, a native of Pennsylvania, was married to James Riley in the same State, and accompanied him to Clark County, Mo., where she remained until her death in 1863. The subject resided with his father and mother in Clark County, Mo., until 1854, and then departed for the wild West, where he spent twelve years and a half of his life in explorations and adventures. He mined in California for about four years, and then went to British Columbia, crossing the Cascade Mountains, near the line between British America and the United States. He remained in this unsettled country about one year, and then went back to San Francisco. In a short time he went to Nevada, but was compelled to return to California on account of sickness. After his recovery he went to Idaho Territory by way of Portland, Oreg., up through the Cascade Mountains into Washington Territory, passing through that country on pack animals into Idaho Territory. While in that Territory he spent five months in the Rocky Mountains, and there assisted with others in the organization of the Territory. He finally returned to California, landing there in 1863. After that he visited Nevada, where he engaged in mining and trading with the Indians, and finally directed his course homeward, passing through Salt Lake City, Montana, and St. Joe, Mo., and landed in Clark County, Mo., in 1866. Soon after his return he was married to Harriet C. Lewis (April 18, 1867), the daughter of Isaac N. and Lucy A. Lewis, and born in Iowa in 1842. Five sons and one daughter have been the result of this union, as follows: Oscar L., Lucy, Isaac N., Murton A., John W. and J. Benning. Our subject is now in possession of a splendid farm of 300 acres, upon which is a fine residence, and is engaged chiefly in stock raising. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Masonic order. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

E. W. Robinson is a member of the firm of Harrison & Robinson, Kahoka Lumber Company, dealers in sash, doors, lime, cement, plaster, hair, hard and soft coal, etc., who established their business in 1881. Mr. Robinson is a native of Iowa, born in the year 1856, and came to Kahoka in 1881. The following year he married Miss Grace Edwards, who was born in the State of Iowa in 1858, and who is the daughter of P. T. and Malinda M. Ed-



wards. Our subject and wife's married life has been blessed by the birth of two children: Georgie May and Raymond. The wife is a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject's parents, Richard S. and Jane (Taylor) Robinson, are natives of Pennsylvania and Indiana, respectively. The father was a Methodist minister of considerable eloquence and ability, and administered to the spiritual wants of his fellow man for a period of fifty-five years. He died in the State of Iowa in the year 1884. In 1886 his widow moved to Kahoka; she is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and is an enterprising business man.

John Roberts, ex-judge of the Clark County Court, is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1829. At the age of twenty-one he moved to Clark County, Mo., and located in St. Francoisville, where he was contractor on the river, blasting rock. In the spring of 1850 he went to Mahaska County, Iowa, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits for one year, after which he returned to Clark County. In 1857 he chose for his companion in life Miss Louisa A. Bartlett, of this county, and the daughter of William and Sarah (Beechem) Bartlett. She was born in the year 1839, and by her marriage to our subject became the mother of five children, three of whom are deceased. Two twin brothers are living, viz.: Edmond R. and Edgar P. The latter married Miss Bell Gregory, of Clark County, in 1886. In 1860 our subject located on his present home which consists of 160 acres of good land, located on the line separating Madison and Des Moines Townships. He has also 160 acres of land in Madison Township. December 7, 1886, his dwelling and its contents were consumed by fire, in the absence of the family. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belonged to the militia during the war, and was stationed at Hannibal about three months before the war closed. He was elected judge of the county court in 1880, and held the office for two years. He was also township trustee under the old law. He is a Republican in politics, and one of Clark County's best citizens.

John M. Rodgers, was born in Clermont County, Ohio, March 28, 1820, the third of eight children of Benjamin and Catherine (Greger) Rodgers, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father went to Kentucky, and then to Clermont County, where the mother had preceded him, and where they were married about 1815. Our subject was four years old when they went to Ripley County, Ind. They remained there as pioneer settlers until 1847, when they located in Dane County, Wis. Three years later they came to Lee County, Iowa, and the following year removed across the river to Clark County; the parents

lived here until about 1875 and 1876, respectively. Our subject lived at home with his parents until the age of twenty-four, when he married and began farming in Indiana; he went with his parents, however, to Wisconsin, but when they removed to Iowa he returned to Indiana. In 1851 he came to Missouri, and located on the farm now owned by his sons, Benjamin and William; since 1857 he has been on his present farm. He built a house in his yard, and as age rendered his parents unable to work, they came and resided in this house until the father died, when the mother took up her residence with our subject. His first wife, Nancy Hodges, a native of South Carolina, was born about 1823, and became his wife in Indiana about 1844. They had seven children (three deceased), and her death occurred in 1862. His second wife, Susanna (Taylor) Jerles, the widow of A. Jerles, died in 1864. His third wife was Mrs. Emma (Ramsey) Schoonover, the widow of Jacob Schoonover, who was a native of Virginia. His children are Benjamin, Margaret C., Mary and William, by his first marriage, and David, Robert, Hetty and John, by his third. Our subject has acquired a fine estate of 369 acres of well-improved land, in two farms. Politically he is a Republican, and voted for the Whig candidate in 1844, and now is a very loyal man to his party. Our subject and part of his family belong to the Missionary Baptist Church.

James T. Ross, farmer, was born February 14, 1824, in Fayette County, Penn., the son of Warfick and Sarah J. (Hill) Ross, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, born in 1801 and 1806, respectively. The parents were married in Virginia, and at once settled at our subject's birthplace, where the father chose farming in preference to milling. The mother died in 1874, and the father survived her but two years. Our subject was educated in his native county, and remained with his parents until 1862, although he worked independently after 1850. He spent two years of his married life on the old place, and in 1864 came to Missouri. Two years later he came to his present home, where he has acquired a first-class farm of 100 acres, which is well improved. His wife, Elizabeth (Stephenson), is a Pennsylvanian, born in August, 1834, and married in December, 1862. Their children are Richard G., Warfick L., Ellis S. and Louisa. Our subject voted for the Whig candidate in 1848, but is now a strong Republican. He is a Mason, and he, his wife, Ellis S. and Louisa, are members of the Congregational Church.

Lewis Rush, a prominent citizen of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1839, and is one of a family of thirteen children born to the union of Francis and Rachel (Malone) Rush, both of whom died in the State of Illinois. In

1845 our subject went to Clark County, Ill., where he remained until 1855, when he moved to Clark County, Mo., and in 1881 located on his present farm which consists of 360 acres of excellent land lying on Fox River, five miles east of the county seat. In 1862 he led to the altar Miss Margaret E. Ervin, of Ohio, who bore him one child, named Francis. This child and its mother both died in the year 1863. In the year 1867 our subject was united in marriage to Mrs. Electa (Singleton) McCoy. She was born in Illinois in the year 1841, and is the daughter of Thomas B. and Sarah A. Singleton. To her first marriage was born one child, named T. L. H. McCoy, and to her union with Mr. Rush were born two children: Nellie and Stella. Mr. Rush is a Democrat, and a first-class citizen. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

James Ryan is a well-to-do farmer of Irish birth, who was born in County Kilkenny in November, 1812. His parents, also natives of Ireland, were Richard and Julia (Delaney) Ryan. His parents never left their native country; here the father died in 1839, and the mother a few years later. Our subject received an Irish education, and at the age of twenty-two brought his newly wedded bride to New York City. After about a year each on Staten Island and in Richmond, Va., they came by way of the Ohio and Mississippi to Warsaw, Ill. As soon as the river was frozen they crossed at Warsaw (which was then called Churchill), in the spring of 1840, and went out west in the spring of 1852, but returned home in the fall of 1854 to Keokuk. They then adopted Clark County as their home, and soon after settled on their present estate, where he has since lived, with the exception of about two and a half years spent in the Western States, and in California. His wife, Susan, the daughter of James and Mary Hart, was born in 1812 in England, although her parents were of Irish birth, in which country she was married July 2, 1836. But four of their nine children are living: James J., Edward W., Charles and Mary A. Our subject is a fine business man, and now owns 120 acres in Lewis and eighty acres in Clark County, most of which is improved. He is an earnest member of the Democratic party, while in religion his family all hold to the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church. His wife was but a child when her father died, and her mother afterward married W. O'Connor, and both died in Kilkenny.

Orrin C. Sage is a native of Delaware County, N. Y., where he was born July 20, 1835. His paternal ancestor of five generations back came from Wales in 1614, and settled on the Connecticut River, and his descendants by the name of Sage reside on the same farm still. Mr. Sage's parents, David and Phoebe

(Clark) Sage, were natives of Green and Delaware Counties, respectively. Mr. Sage was reared in his native place, and gained some knowledge of Latin and sciences. He came west in 1855, and for two years taught school in Lee County, Iowa. He has since been engaged in farming and stock raising in this county, and owns a fine farm near Alexandria. He was married in 1860 to Mary J. Black, a native of Lee County, Iowa. They have the following children: David H., a graduate of La Grange College; Libbie E. and William N. Mr. Sage is a broad and liberal-minded Republican; and is an A. F. & A. M.

James G. Sansom, justice of the peace and farmer, is a native of Allegheny County, Penn. He was born May 26, 1831, the elder of two children of William and Margaret (McCain) Sansom, the former of English descent, born in 1808, in Bedford County, Penn., and the latter a native of Ireland, born in 1810. The mother was two years old when they brought her to Armstrong County, Penn., where she was married in 1830. The father died in Western Pennsylvania, in 1846, and the mother afterward married a Mr. Todd, but remained in her native State until her death, in 1863. The father was a cooper by trade. Our subject was educated in his native State before his majority, and at the latter period, equipped with his carpenter trade, came to Galesburg, Ill., and made that his headquarters, although he traveled considerably in the Rocky Mountains before his removal to Missouri. Since 1868 he has been on his present farm, which he cultivates along with his work at his trade. His wife, Esther, is a daughter of Samuel and Rosanna (Ferris) Maxwell, and was born January 1, 1844, in Union County, Ohio. She came to Galesburg in 1856, and seven years later was married, on September 16. Their children are William H., George S., James P., Rosanna E. and Mary M. Our subject is a skillful mechanic, and has acquired considerable real estate. His farm embraces 220 acres of land, in good condition and well improved. Our subject is an earnest Democrat, first voting for Pierce, and has served three terms as justice. He, his wife, Rosanna E. and James P., are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

John W. Sawyers was born in the State of Kentucky in 1831, and is a son of George and Mary (Cummins) Sawyers, natives of Kentucky, who came to Clark County, Mo., and settled upon the farm on which our subject now lives. They were early settlers in Clark County, and remained there until their deaths, which occurred in 1871 and 1859, respectively. Our subject accompanied his parents when they moved to Missouri, and June 17, 1863, was united in marriage to Josephine E. Rugg, the daughter of Theodore and Harriet E. Rugg, natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs.

Sawyers have had six children—two sons and four daughters—of whom five are still living: Mary B., Helen J., Laura A., Frank E. and Hattie T. Our subject lost his beloved wife in 1882. He is the possessor of a fine farm of eighty acres, is one of the early settlers, and is a well-respected and honored citizen. He and three daughters are members of the church, as was also his wife, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a strong Democrat, but has never sought or held office.

Charles E. Schee, dealer in general merchandise at Athens, and also dealer in grain and stock, engaged in his present business at this place in 1881. He is a native of Clark County, Mo., and was born in 1857. His parents, John and Mary Schee, are now residents of Clark County, and are respected and honored citizens. In 1878 and 1879, previous to his coming to Athens, he was engaged in business at Anson, this county. In 1880 he chose for his companion in life, Miss Lola B. Mantle, daughter of John Mantle, and the fruits of this union were two children, both sons. Mrs. Schee is a member of the Congregational Church. Our subject directs his attention to his present business, at which he has been quite successful, and, being a man of honesty, and of pleasing manners, he has established a large trade. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

John G. Schuster was born in Germany, in 1824. His father, John F. Schuster, was a native of Germany, as was also his mother, whose maiden name was Neuschwander. The parents were married in Germany, and here the father followed the weaver's trade, in connection with farming, in the hamlet of Heutingsheim, for a number of years. From there they moved to Erdmannhausen, where the father died in 1832. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. The mother afterward married, and in 1837 she and her husband and four children immigrated to the United States, and settled in Adams County, Ohio. Here her husband died in 1884. No children were born to this last union. The children by her first marriage had grown up, married, and had homes of their own. The mother, after her second husband's death, made her home with her son, living with him until her death, which occurred January 20, 1887. She was formerly a member of the Lutheran State Church of Germany, but after coming to the United States joined the German Methodist Church. Our subject, while yet in his teens, left his home in Adams County, Ohio, and began as an apprentice to a wood turner. He was engaged in this business for five years before he became proficient in his trade, making but very little money. He then moved to Maysville, Ky., where he obtained a clerkship under Cutter & Gray, a wholesale grocery house, where

he remained five years, during which period he was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Bruner, a native of Germany, and the daughter of Frank Bruner, also a native of Germany. At the end of the five years' clerkship, our subject and brother crossed the Ohio River, and started a saw mill in Adams County. Believing that farming would be a better means of making money, they sold the mill, purchased a farm in the same county, and began tilling the soil. This occupation he followed a short time, and then moved to Spencer County, Ind., and from there to St. Louis, where he resumed his trade. He next engaged in the furniture business, but was forced to seek other employment, and, as he possessed considerable natural ability, he obtained a position as engineer in Warsaw. This position he held for seven years, when, in 1865, he immigrated to Clark County, Mo. Of the ten children born to his marriage only six are now living: George J., J. W., Benjamin, Amelia, Frank and Edwin. After coming to Clark County, our subject purchased a farm upon which he has ever since resided. He is an honorable citizen, a good neighbor, and an enterprising farmer, owning a splendid farm of 160 acres, all well stocked and improved. In politics he has been a Republican since the death of the Whig party. He and his wife are members of the German Methodist Church.

Charles Seyb, county court judge, is a native of Erie County, N. Y., and was born in the year 1837. In 1845 he moved to Iowa, where he followed blacksmithing, and in 1859 took for his life companion Miss Barbary Rees, who was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, in 1837, and who is the daughter of Joseph and Magdalena Rees. To this union were born seven children, four sons and three daughters. In the year 1866 our subject came to Clark County, Mo., where of late years he has devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, and in the raising of all kinds of live stock, in which he is quite successful. In 1886 he was elected to his present position, which office he fills with credit and satisfaction to himself and to the people. His fine farm consists of 280 acres, all well improved and all well cultivated. Our subject is a Democrat in his political views, and he and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church. He is the son of Peter and Catherine E. Seyb.

Michael Seyb, a good citizen of Clark County, is a native of Germany, born in 1840, and eight years later he came with his parents to the United States, and located in the State of New York, where the father followed farming. In 1857 our subject moved to Iowa, and in 1861 he enlisted in the United States Army, Company C, First Iowa Cavalry, as a private, and was afterward made sergeant, being in the army until March, 1866,

as he was detained after the war had closed. He returned to Iowa, and in 1866 was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Rauscher. [See sketch of George Rauscher for further particulars of parents.] She was born in Ohio in 1847, and by her marriage became the mother of nine children, one son being deceased. The same year of his marriage he began merchandising in Franklin, Lee Co., Iowa, and here continued four years, after which he returned to the farm, and in 1875 he moved to Clark County, Mo., and purchased his farm. It contains 200 acres of good land, well improved. Our subject is the son of Michael and Henrietta (Ritterspach) Seyb. The father was a boot and shoemaker by trade, but after coming to the United States confined himself to agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in New York in 1851. The mother died in Franklin, Iowa, in 1883. Our subject is a member of the G. A. R., is a Republican in politics, and he and his wife are members of the German Evangelical Church.

John Shaffer was born in Fountain County, Ind., in 1837, and is the third of nine children of John and Polina Shaffer. [See history of parents in sketch of James Shaffer.] The subject accompanied his parents to Clark County, Mo., and was living with them at the death of his father, which occurred in 1850. He then remained with his mother until he became of age, when he married Caroline Anderson in 1858, after which he began life for himself, renting a farm until he had accumulated enough to purchase eighty acres of the farm which he now owns. To this first purchase he has kept adding, until he now owns 207 acres of land under a good state of cultivation. His wife is a daughter of Jacob and Eliza Anderson, natives of Kentucky, and by her he has had eleven children, nine of whom are now living: Henry C., Lucinda (wife of George Gilbert), Sarah E., James, Timoleon A., Robert and Ethel B. Our subject has been a farmer and stock raiser of Clark County for forty years, and has been elected and served three terms as township assessor, but has held no other public office. He is a Republican, and served in the Missouri State Militia. He donates to all laudable (especially educational) enterprises.

James Shaffer was born in Fountain County, Ind., in 1842, and is a son of John and Paulina (Trinkle) Shaffer, both natives of Virginia, who were married in 1832, and settled on a farm in Indiana, where they engaged in farming and stock raising until 1847, when they took their departure for Clark County, Mo., where they arrived the same year, and resumed their old occupation, which they continued until the death of John Shaffer, which occurred in Clark County, Mo., in 1850. Our subject accom-

panied his parents to Clark County in 1847. February 8, 1862, he was married to Lucy A. Christy, and he and his wife lived on the old place, which in the short space of two years he had purchased, and which at that time consisted of 299 acres of good land, which is now well improved. He has since improved and added to his first purchase, and now owns a comfortable residence and 500 acres of the best of land. The wife of the subject is a daughter of William and Mary Rice Christy, natives of Kentucky, who were married in their native State, where they remained until 1851, when they came to Clark County, and settled upon a farm, where the father died in 1878. The mother is still living in Clark County, and is in her seventy-ninth year. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have been blessed with eight children, seven of whom are living: Mary C., Lavenia E. (wife of James Stewart), Maranda M., Oscar, Lucy A., James and Robertia; Ora is deceased. Mr. Shaffer has been a farmer of this county for forty years, and, although he began life as a poor man, is now considered one of the substantial farmers of this part of the county. He and his wife are both members of the Christian Church. He has been a Democrat all his life, but has never aspired to any public office. He served in the Missouri State Militia during the war, and is still interested in the general prosperity and welfare of the country.

Levi Sherman, a son of Duty and Nancy (Emerson) Sherman, was born in Massachusetts in 1820. His parents were also natives of that State, and of English descent. When our subject came to Clark County, Mo., he settled upon the farm of which he is now a resident, and which contains 300 acres, all highly improved and under a good state of cultivation. His wife, Nancy L. (Lowry) Sherman, is a daughter of Robert M. and Emily (St. Clair) Lowry, natives of Pennsylvania, and was born in 1832 in Ohio. This union has been blessed with six children: Hiram F., Emily J., Mason G., Ursula M., William L. and Florence N. Our subject served in the Ohio State Militia until rejected on account of disability. He has always taken an active part in politics, and is a supporter of the Democratic party, but has never aspired to or held public office. He is a liberal donator to all laudable enterprises. Four of his children are members of the church.

J. M. Shore, dealer in general merchandise, drugs, furniture, including cabinet work, machinery, etc., is also the largest grain dealer in the western portion of the county. In 1882 he came from Lewiston, Lewis Co., Mo., where he has been engaged in an extensive business for thirteen years, and settled at Luray. He is a lifelong merchant, having begun the business when only twelve years of age, and has continued ever since. He was born



in Indiana in 1848, and in 1868 he married Miss Melissa J. McKey, of Ohio, and the daughter of James and Cordelia McKey. She was born in the year 1848, and by her marriage became the mother of six children, all sons. Mr. Shore and wife are members of the Christian Church, and he is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. H. T. A. He has a fine farm of 240 acres situated three and a half miles west of Luray, and this his eldest son, L. J., manages. Our subject handles all kinds of stock, and has built up a good trade. He is a good citizen, and commands the esteem of all who know him.

Arthur Shuler, one of the well-to-do farmers of Clark County, was born in the State of Ohio in 1840, and is the son of Daniel T. and Keziah Shuler, who died in Ohio, and who were engaged in farming and trading on the Mississippi, down as far as New Orleans. Our subject accompanied his father when he moved from Ohio to Clark County, in 1850, and settled upon a farm in Sweet Home Township. February 18, 1861, he married Rebecca Thompson, a daughter of Patterson Thompson, but was left a widower in 1862. He afterward married Louisa J. McKee, daughter of William and Anna McKee. This happy union was blessed with five children, named as follows: Mary A., Nellie M., James O., one unnamed and Berthie. All of these are now living but Nellie M. and the fourth one. Our subject moved to Peakesville in 1864, where he successfully engaged in the merchandise trade. At this place his second wife departed this life, and in 1873 he married the daughter of Bruce and Ollie Calvert, the former of whom being a well-to-do farmer of Ohio. This last marriage was blessed with one child, a girl, Alpha M. Our subject left Peakesville in 1873, and located four miles west of that place, on a farm of 148 acres, upon which he raised stock successfully, but in 1875 moved on the farm known as the "J. W. Summers farm," and remained there two years, when he moved on the "D. N. Lapsley farm," where he dealt in stock to a considerable extent, and accumulated quite a little money. In 1872 he moved to his farm near Peakesville, which he had previously purchased, and has resided there ever since, proving himself a successful farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Shuler is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a Republican. His wife is united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Shuler both enjoy the blessing of good health, and rank among the highly respected citizens of Clark County.

Daniel C. Sickels, a wide-a-wake, thorough-going citizen of Clark County, Mo., is a native of the State of New York, born in the year 1829, and is the son of Daniel and Catherine Sickels, both natives of New York State. The father died in Clark

County in 1861. The mother is still living, and is a resident of Vernon County, Mo., and is in her eighty-seventh year. She stood on the bluffs of the Hudson River in 1813, and witnessed the cannonading between the American and British fleets. Our subject passed his youthful days engaged in the carpenter's trade, and in 1834 he went with his parents to Petersburg, Va., where he remained until 1844, when he returned with his parents to Quincy, Ill., and in 1851 they moved to Clark County, Mo. In 1856 our subject went to Pike County, Mo., but returned in 1860, and purchased forty acres of land, which he cleared, and upon which he erected a log house. In 1866 he purchased eighty acres, in 1868 five acres, in 1883 fifty acres, and in 1887 146 acres, all of which he cleared with the exception of the last purchase. He is energetic and industrious, and has been very successful in raising and trading in stock. In September, 1862, he married Miss Louis Williams, who bore him three children: 'Adie, John B. and Mary J. Mrs. Sickels was reared from infancy by Mr. A. W. Lawrence and wife, of this county. Our subject is Democratic in his political views.

E. P. Smith, farmer and stock raiser, was born in 1826 in Butler County, Ohio, the fifth of twelve children of Frederick and Sarah (Reed) Smith, the former born about 1795 in Germany, and the latter of similar origin born near Philadelphia, Penn. The father came to this country when but four years of age, and the mother at a similar age. They spent their lives up to 1830 in Butler County, Ohio, and after that in Preble County, where the mother died in 1875, and the father five years later. Our subject was reared in that county until his majority, and farmed there until October, 1856, when he removed to Lee County, Iowa. Ten years later he came to his present estate, which is a finely improved farm of 320 acres, besides which he owns other lands in Lee County, Iowa. He was married, October 5, 1848, to Eliza A. Denmire, a native of Butler County, and born in 1827. Their children are Laura A., Emily O. and Louisa I. (twins), and Ella N. (deceased). Our subject was a free-soiler previous to the war, and first voted for Van Buren, but since the war has been a radical Republican. His wife and Louisa I. are members of the Baptist Church.

R. W. Smith was born in Lewis County, Mo., July 22, 1836, and is the son of Francis and Elizabeth (Morris) Smith, both natives of Franklin County, Ky. They were married in their native State, remaining there but a short time, when they moved to Northeast Missouri, and settled in Marion County, but later moved to Lewis County before its organization, and settled on the property on which Monticello, the county seat of

Lewis County, now stands. He remained until 1835, and then moved to Clark County, where he ever afterward lived. They reared a family of four children, three of whom are yet living and reside in Northeast Missouri. Later Mr. Smith was a Democrat in politics, and was judge of his county, and also represented the same in the Legislature. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and was a kind husband and an affectionate father. He died in 1881, twenty years after the death of his wife, who was also a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject is one of those native born Missourians who has seen and experienced the many important changes that have taken place in this great State. He remained with his parents until he was about twenty-nine years of age. During the war he was in the militia, and in 1865 he made a trip to the Rocky Mountains, where he remained four years. He then returned to his old home in Clark County, and married Miss Mary E. Norris, in 1870. She is a daughter of J. M. and L. G. Norris, of this County. After their marriage they settled in Washington Township, where they have ever since resided. Three children were the result of our subject's marriage, viz: Edgar F., Gertie N., and Robert M. Mrs. Smith's mother, whose maiden name was Jones, makes her home with our subject and wife. Her husband was a prominent Democratic politician of Johnson County, Ind. Our subject is one of the enterprising farmers and stock raisers of Clark County, and owns over 400 acres of valuable land. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Christian Church.

M. C. Smith was born in Monroe County, Mo., in 1854, and is the son of Robert T. Smith, of Bourbon County, Ky., and of Welsh and Scotch descent. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Sidener, was a native of Fayette County, Ky., and of German descent. The parents were married in Kentucky, where they resided a few years after marriage, the father engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock raising. In 1835 they moved to Monroe County, Mo., and settled eight miles north of the present county seat. Here, in 1879, at the age of sixty-nine, he departed from earth. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Christian Church. His wife was a member of the same church, and died in 1885 at the age of seventy-two. Our subject received a liberal education in the common schools, and received a more thorough course at Christian University, Canton, Lewis Co., Mo. He taught school for several years, and in 1877 was married to Miss Mollie E. Turner, a citizen of Shelby County, Mo., and a native of Kentucky. In 1878 they moved to Clark County, Wyaconda Township, where he has since resided. He is a prominent citizen, a good neighbor, and an enterprising farm-

er. owning a fine farm of over 340 acres. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church.

J. D. Smulling was born in La Grange, Lewis Co., Mo., May 21, 1841. His father, Curtis Smulling, was a native of Maryland, and of German descent. The mother was a native of Virginia, and of Scotch-Irish descent. The father married his second wife, Eliza Davis, in Knox County, and followed the trade of a carpenter in early life. He was ordained a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, many years before the division of that church. At the time of his second marriage he was a circuit preacher in Lewis County, Mo., before all the Indians had left this State. By his second marriage were born two children, both of whom are living. At the age of sixteen he was disinherited by his father for not withdrawing from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was cast out upon the world. He then served as apprentice at the carpenter's trade, working at his trade during the day, and studying his Bible at night. He was a Whig in politics, and as a husband and father was kind and affectionate. He died in 1839. Several years after his death his widow married D. Mangle, a farmer in Washington Township. She died in 1884, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. Our subject and his brother, after the death of their father, came back to Knox County, where they lived, and were reared by an uncle, Samuel J. Davis. At the age of seventeen he began working for himself at the modest sum of \$7 per month, and thought he was getting good wages. He married Miss Mahala Hume, a daughter of L. B. Hume, and a sister of the cashier of the Kahoka Bank. By this union five children were born, viz.: Sarah M. and Mary E. (twins, dead), Alice A., Eliza V. and Sarah M. Eliza V. is the wife of B. R. Carman, a farmer in Clark County. The other two are at home. Our subject started life with very little means, and now has a splendid farm of 180 acres, all well improved. He is a Republican in his political views, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. In 1861 he enlisted in Company I, home guards, under Col. Moore, was in the Athens fight and in many skirmishes.

Zachary T. Snively, druggist, was born in Clark County, August 6, 1852, the son of Henry and Harriet A. (Wayland) Snively, natives of Maryland and Kentucky, respectively. The father was a highly esteemed citizen, and located here over half a century ago. He died in 1857; the mother and two children survive him. The other children were Clark C. and Jeanette H. (deceased wife of the late Harry Roland). Our subject was reared and educated at Wayland, and attended the Louisville Commercial College for two years. He engaged in his present

business in February, 1884. He has been deservedly successful, and controls a large trade in drugs, toilet articles, paints, oils, stationery and books. Our subject owns his business house, the adjoining store building occupied by Barnard Bros., the barber shop, the Western Hotel building, and one residence property in Wayland; he also owns 100 acres of farming land. February 9, 1887, he married Vietta M. Wilson, of Lee County, Iowa. Our subject is a Democrat, and served as constable for two years. He has been an extensive collector of Indian relics, specimens of ores, etc. He has about 10,000 spear heads and arrow points, gathered near Wayland, besides many other relics of every description. He deserved great credit for so fine a collection in geology and mineralogy, and of fossils. He also has a collection of rare birds stuffed. He is now the postmaster of Wayland.

William S. Sortore was born in the State of New York in 1815, where he resided until 1845, when he moved to Lee County, Iowa, where he followed the blacksmith's trade, and farmed until 1879, when he came to Clark County, Mo., and settled on the farm of eighty acres he is now in possession of, and has since resided upon. He is a son of Zebulon and Nancy Sortore. Our subject was married in 1844 to Eliza P. Smith, who died in 1864, leaving no children. In 1873 he married Rebecca Boyer, daughter of Levi and Mary (Harbur). Our subject is a worthy and honorable citizen of Clark County, and belongs to the Masonic order; his wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

William H. Sowers, a successful farmer and stock dealer, of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Pennsylvania, born in the year 1836, and is the son of George and Annie (Horn) Sowers, of Pennsylvania, where the father died in 1865. The mother then came to Clark County, and lived with our subject until her death, in 1867. In 1859 our subject chose for his life companion Miss Sarah E. Swart, a native of the Keystone State, born in June, 1840, and the daughter of George and Elizabeth Swart. This happy union has resulted in the birth of eight children, two of whom died unnamed. Those living are Harry S., William G., Toronto O. and Emma M. B. In 1864 our subject came to Clark County, and located on his present farm, which contains about 600 acres of good land, well improved, and in a high state of cultivation. He has a fine dwelling, and all things that combine to make life enjoyable. He has been a life-long farmer and stock man, and is a very useful and successful citizen. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the A. H. T. A., and he and wife are members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Jeremiah Spurgeon, a prominent and well-to-do citizen of Clark County, Mo., was born in Morgan County, Ohio, Novem-

ber 13, 1824, and is the son of Jeremiah and Nancy (Walls) Spurgeon, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 1840, two years later moved to Iowa, and died in Louisa County, in the same State. The mother died there also. Of their seven sons and four daughters, the following are the only ones now living: Lorenzo Dow, Jeremiah, Nelson and E. Sol. Our subject remained at St. Louis after his father moved away, and followed teaming there a number of years. At that place he also married Miss Lucinda Baily, a native of Knox County, Ind., where, after marriage, they made their home until they came to Clark County. Mrs. Spurgeon died in November, 1885, leaving six children: John, Thomas J., James, Robert, Edward and Harriet Jane (Mrs. William Grigsby). About 1847 our subject came to Clark County, and has followed farming and stock raising prosperously ever since. He owned at one time 1,000 acres of land, 800 of which are considered among the best in the county. In the spring of 1885 Mr. Spurgeon moved to his present farm of 100 acres, situated about half a mile south of Wayland, and there he has since resided. He was a Democrat before the war, but during that time was a Union man, and is now a Republican; he is a Mason, a member of the Baptist Church, and is one of the wealthiest and most influential men in Clark County.

Martin L. Stafford, M. D., a prominent physician of Luray, is a native of Clark County, Ill., born in 1851. He came with his parents to Clark County, Mo., in 1857, and received a good literary education at Kirksville, Mo. In 1870 he began reading medicine under Dr. Henry, of Fairmont, Mo., and in 1872 he entered the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which institution he graduated in 1874. He then located in Knox City, Knox Co., Mo., and after practicing here for some months, in the fall of the same year entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, and graduated there in the spring of 1876. He at once located at Luray, and began the practice of his profession, which has been large and remunerative. In 1880 he chose for his life companion, Miss Mamie Ochiltree, of this county, born in 1855, and the daughter of George M. Ochiltree. Dr. Stafford is a member of the I. O. F., and the son of William and Charlotta (Hill) Stafford, natives of North Carolina and Virginia, respectively. The father died in 1887, and the mother is now a resident of this county.

James Starr was born in Berks County, Penn., March 3, 1805, and his father and mother were natives of the same county and State. The father, whose name was also James Starr, was of remote Irish descent. The mother's maiden name was Eleanor

Davis, and she was of Welsh descent. James Starr, Sr., and wife were married in Berks County, Penn., in the year 1792, he being twenty-three years of age at that time. Previous to his marriage he was apprenticed to the tanner and currier's trade, and followed this the greater part of his life in his native county. He had retired from active employment previous to his death, which occurred at his old home where he had resided for nearly half a century. He was an old line Whig in politics, and in religion was a member of the Society of Friends. He was seventy-four years old at the time of his death. The mother was also a member of the Society of Friends, and was sixty-two years of age at the time of her death. They were married under the marriage rules of Friends. Our subject, James Starr, is the only living child of a family of ten children. He received a limited education in Berks County, Penn., and followed the trade of his father up to 1855. In the spring of that year, he, with his family, crossed the Alleghany Mountains, and settled in Stark County, Ohio, where he followed farming and dairying. Two years later he moved to Mahoning County, Ohio, and here followed the same pursuits for two years. Many years previous to this (in 1828) he married Miss Phebe Hilles, also a member of the Society of Friends, and by her became the father of eleven children, six of whom are now living, and all of whom live within thirty miles of this place, except one son who lives in Kansas. Two years after his first wife's death Mr. Starr married Miss Lydia Boyle, a native of Philadelphia, Penn., and to them three children were born, two of whom are married, and reside in the village. After living in Ohio for some time our subject moved to Lewis County, Mo., and from 1859 to the spring of 1862 he engaged in various business transactions at Deer Ridge, Mo. The latter year he moved to Fairmont, Mo., where he kept tavern up to the year 1879, when Mrs. Starr was so afflicted with rheumatic trouble, that they retired to private life, only Mr. Starr opened up a small saddlery and harness store with his son. At the end of two years he left his son to run the business alone, while he began to take life easy. He is living in the village of Fairmont, boarding at his hotel. Besides owning this hotel, he also owns a lot and stables in connection with it, also other real estate. While running the hotel he was postmaster, and also justice of the peace. He is a Republican in politics, a member of no church, but is what he justly terms himself, a "Free Thinker." Mr. Starr is an honorable citizen and a social gentleman, and although he is now eighty-two years of age he is a good conversationalist, a close reader, and is vigorous in mind and body. His wife is seventy-five years of age, and also enjoys good health, although afflicted somewhat with rheumatism.

James C. Stauffer, an extensive dealer in grain, also a dealer in general merchandise, making a specialty of hardware and farming implements, is one of the leading merchants of Luray, Mo. In 1877 he opened a family grocery in Luray, and has continued to add to his stock, which is now complete, and contains anything and everything the public demands. He has been engaged in merchandising all his life, having been in the store with his father some years previous to his engaging in business for himself. Abraham Stauffer, father of our subject, opened a general merchandise store in Luray in 1866, and conducted it successfully until 1872, when he sold out and retired to the farm, where he remained until his death, which occurred in the year 1877. His wife (the mother of our subject), Elizabeth R. (Newmyre) Stauffer, moved back to Luray, a few years after the death of her husband. Both she and her husband were natives of Pennsylvania, and came to Clark County about 1844. In this county our subject was born in the year 1853, and in 1877 he married Miss Annie L. Todd, a native of Iowa, born in the year 1855, and is the daughter of Dr. and Annie C. (Richardson) Todd. By this union our subject became the father of one child, named Claude. Mr. Stauffer is a member of the A. H. T. A., and he and wife are members of the Christian Church. He has a farm of eighty acres of land in a good state of cultivation, well improved, and this he rents out.

John H. Strickler, proprietor of the Tremont House at Kahoka, Mo., is a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1842, and is the son of Henry and Margaret (Snyder) Strickler. The father died three days before our subject was born, and the widow afterward married Harvey Seymour, of New York. Mr. Seymour moved with the family to Clark County, Mo., and he and wife passed the remainder of their days in that county. He was a good citizen, and was a worthy member of the county court for six years. Our subject grew to manhood on the farm, and, with the exception of a few years that he engaged in the hotel and mercantile business, followed agricultural pursuits until engaging in his present enterprise. In 1866 he wedded Elizabeth J. Harkness, a native of Clark County, Mo., born in 1847, and the daughter of J. C. and Elizabeth Harkness. The fruits of this union were three children, Lindley J. and Emma A. being the only ones now living. Mrs. Strickler is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In the summer of 1885 Mr. Strickler sold his farm, and made a trip to Oregon with a view to locating there, but not being pleased with the country he returned to Clark County, and purchased the Tremont House, which he opened in December of the same year, and now runs with every prospect of success. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the G. A. R.



William H. Strickler, of the firm of Strickler & Stafford, dealers in dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, clothing, carpets and millinery, is a native of Clark County, Mo., born in 1856, and is the son of B. F. and Elizabeth K. (Smith) Strickler, both natives of Westmoreland County, Penn., and who came to this county in 1854, locating on a farm. In 1863 the father began merchandising in Kahoka, and after remaining there one year, moved to Ashton, and engaged in business at that place. At the end of a year he returned to the farm, where he remained until 1872, when he again resumed the dry goods business, and thus continued until 1880. Six years later he moved to Kahoka, and assisted his son, our subject, in the store. In 1880 the latter married Miss Mary B. Stafford, a native of Clark County, Mo., born in 1861, and to them were born three children: John F., Olevia E. and Wilford E. The same year our subject engaged in the dry goods business with his father-in-law, John Stafford, at Carthage, Ill., to which place he had moved, in 1879, from Athens, Clark County, and in 1881 he moved to Kahoka, and engaged in a thriving business. After the death of Mr. Stafford, his son, Charles A. Stafford, became a partner. John Stafford began life in poor circumstances, and was engaged in business at Athens for twenty-three years previous to his partnership with Strickler. He was quite successful in all his business transactions, and was a man much esteemed. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and he and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His brother-in-law, Charles A. Stafford, who became a partner in 1886, is a member of the same church, and a strict Democrat in politics.

Thomas C. Taylor, farmer, was born June 5, 1821, in Fluvanna County, Va., the eldest of ten children of Thomas and Lucintha H. Taylor, the former of English and Scotch parents, the latter of French origin. Thomas Taylor was born in Cumberland County, Va., in 1786. Lucintha Henson Taylor was born in Buckingham County, Va., in 1800. They were married in their native State, where the father was an overseer on different plantations for several years. He then went to Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1832, and farmed until 1854, when he removed to Clark County, Mo., and soon after bought the farm where Thomas C. Taylor now lives, and died in 1872; his widow died three years later. Thomas C. Taylor was educated in Virginia, and was married, at the age of twenty, to Mary Duvall, in Pickaway County, Ohio. In 1839 he began farming in Pickaway. He removed to Livingston County, Mo., in 1852, to Clark in 1853, and to his present farm in 1861. His wife, *nee* Mary Duvall, was of French Huguenot descent, and was born in Pickaway County, Ohio,

January 16, 1818, and was married September 12, 1839. Their children are Lewis D., Julia A., Charlotte E., Charles H., John G., Samuel A., Joseph M., Mary F. and May Bell (deceased). His wife died June 2, 1877; his estate embraces 291 acres; he voted for Fillmore and for John Bell, of Tennessee, for President before the war, and since the war for Greeley, Tilden, Hancock and Cleveland. He served as lieutenant and captain in the Confederate Army. He is a member of the Masonic order. He and his wife and two daughters are members of the Methodist Church, and one daughter is a member of the Baptist Church.

Samuel A. Taylor, druggist and pharmacist, was born November 4, 1851, in Pickaway County, Ohio. [The parents are mentioned in the sketch of T. C. Taylor.] Our subject came with his parents to Clark County when he was but an infant. He received his education before the age of sixteen, at which time he was thrown upon his own resources, but he continued at home for four years longer. He began the carpenter's trade then, his natural genius for which made apprenticeship unnecessary. Seven years later he came to Winchester, and began his present flourishing drug business. His wife, Bridget, to whom he was married April 13, 1887, is the daughter of Richard Hennessy, and was born in Clark County in 1850. Our subject has been prominently identified with business interests of the town and county, and in political affairs is an active Democrat. He is a Roman Catholic.

J. H. Taylor, farmer. The subject of this sketch is a native of "Penns Woodland," born in Allegheny County, Penn., February 14, 1839, the second of eight children. His parents, Hugh and Nancy (McCown) Taylor, are natives of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch-Irish descent, respectively, and never left their native county. The father was a farmer, and died at the age of seventy-five years, and the mother still survives him under the weight of eighty-four summers. Our subject received the usual education, and at the age of twenty-two began learning the plasterer's trade, and spent three years at it before he came to Clark County. He came by way of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, and landed at Alexandria, where he followed his trade until enlisting in 1861. He served in Company C, Seventh Missouri Cavalry, for three years and three months, and was discharged in November, 1864, in St. Louis. After a visit to his native State, he settled near Athens in 1869, and since then has been on his present estate, and has been engaged in farming and stock raising. There are 130 acres altogether, in good condition, and acquired in spite of adversity. November 7, 1857, is the date of his marriage with Samantha, a daughter of Jesse and Eliza (Chaplin)

Sisson, and who was born about 1844, in what is now Hancock County, Va. Besides two deceased, their children are Jesse, Frank, Morgan and Nanny. He is a prominent Republican, and has been active in the political history of the county. He was formerly a Whig, and first voted for Scott. He is a member of the F. & A. M. and G. A. R. orders, and his wife, Jesse, Frank and Morgan are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Paul S. Thome, one of Clark County's prominent citizens, was born in Kentucky in 1832, and from there came to Clark County, Mo., in 1843, and settled at Athens, where he remained until 1880, when he moved on his present farm in the same county, and has remained here ever since, now in possession of 160 acres of good land, under a high state of cultivation. He devotes most of his time to stock raising, and is a highly honored, respected and law-abiding citizen of Clark County. He is a son of Arthur Thome (a successful miller, and early settler of Clark County) and Eliza Thome. He married Julia McKee, daughter of William and Frances McKee, and this union was blessed with eight children--seven boys and one girl. They are named as follows: Clarence, Edwin, Fannie, Charley, William, Frank, Freddie and Watt, and are all living with the exception of Clarence and Freddie. Mr. and Mrs. Thome are members of the Presbyterian Church, which was the church of their fathers. Mr. Thome is an active Republican, and supports all public enterprises as far as he is able.

James H. Thompson, one of Clark County's most enterprising citizens, is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1831. In 1857 he married Miss Elenor Lowry, also a native of Ohio, born in the year 1835, and the daughter of Robert and Emily (Sinclair) Lowry. The result of our subject's marriage was the birth of six children, two of whom are deceased. Those living are Oliver S., Charles E., Louisa L. and Emma J. In 1865 our subject came to Clark County, Mo., and located on the farm upon which he is now residing. This consists of 580 acres of excellent land, well improved. Mr. Thompson formerly dealt considerably in sheep, but in late years he has devoted the principal part of his attention to the raising of cattle. He and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and are honest, upright citizens. Mr. Thompson is a Republican in politics, and during the years 1876-77 he filled the office of township trustee to the satisfaction of all. He is the son of David and Matilda (Hawkins) Thompson, natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland, respectively. The father died in Ohio in the year 1885, but the mother is still living, and is in her eighty-fourth year. The Thompson family are of Scotch descent, and the Hawkins family of Irish.

John Thompson, one of the leading citizens of Clark County, was born in Allegheny County, Penn., in 1840, and is the son of James P. and Dorcas (McNutt) Thompson, natives of Pennsylvania. The former died in Macon County, Mo., August 12, 1883, and the latter in Ohio about 1850. Our subject accompanied his father when he came to Missouri from Ohio, and remained with him until his marriage, May 19, 1861, with Maria Shuller, when he at first settled upon a rented farm, but was soon able to purchase a home of his own, and now owns 330 acres of good, rich land, and a neat residence. Our subject's wife is the daughter of Daniel and Hezekiah Shuller. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have had three children, of whom two are living: Mary A. (wife of Lloyd McKee), and Elmer J. Mr. Thompson is a strong Republican, and has several times been solicited to accept office, but has always declined. He served in the Missouri State Militia, and took an active part in the battle of Athens. His wife is a member of the Christian Church.

J. E. Todd, one of Clark County's most prominent citizens, was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, in April, 1842, and is the son of William H. Todd, a native of Kentucky, of German descent, and Julia (True) Todd, also a native of Kentucky, and of English descent. The parents of our subject came to Clark County, Mo., in 1843, and settled upon the farm in Folker Township, on which their son now resides. The mother died in 1862, a good Christian, and mourned by her many friends. The father is now in his eighty-seventh year, and will soon follow the footsteps of his wife. He also is a member of the church. Our subject lived with his parents when a youth, and received the advantages of a college education. After leaving college he was married to Helen M. Blackledge, on March 7, 1867, after which he moved on his present farm, where he is engaged in farming and stock raising. Mrs. Todd's parents, Samuel and Jane (Figley) Blackledge, were both natives of Ohio, coming to Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1838, and settling upon the farm on which they have since resided. Our subject's wife lived with her parents, and received a good education, after which she was married. This union has been blessed with seven children, of whom but three, Emma, Samuel and Birdie, are living. Our subject has been a resident of Clark County for some time, and has well earned the reputation of being an honest and law-abiding citizen. He was elected presiding judge of Clark County by a large Democratic majority, last November, and can show a good official record, having, among other things, ordered the construction of three iron bridges, of which the county is badly in need. He is a close observer of the revenue collections, and has thereby reduced the delinquent taxes about \$10,000. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

James W. Townsend, dealer in general merchandise, grain and hogs, and at one time the largest grain dealer in the northern part of the county, is the son of R. H. and Elizabeth Townsend, who located in this county in 1830. In 1868 our subject purchased a one-half interest in the stock of goods of John Stafford, the firm being Stafford & Townsend for a period of eight years, terminating in our subject becoming proprietor of the stock. T. M. Gares then became a partner, and in 1882 our subject was elected circuit court clerk, holding the office four years, during which time the store was run by his parents and their clerk. At the expiration of his term of office he returned to Athens, and resumed his former business, purchasing his partner's interest, and has since been sole proprietor. In 1873 he married Miss Hattie, the daughter of J. C. Curtis, of Athens, now of Keokuk, Iowa. To this union were born six children—three sons and three daughters. Mr. Townsend is a member of the Masonic order, and his wife is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Alexander Triplett was born in McMinn County, Tenn., in 1832, and is the son of Nimrod and Matilda (Jeans) Triplett, the former a native of North Carolina, and the latter of Virginia. Our subject left his native State in 1850 for Pike County, Ill., when but eighteen years of age, and remained in Illinois but a short time, afterward going to Carthage, Mo., where he remained until 1854, when he started across the Great Plains for California, walking most of the way, a distance of 1,800 miles, and after a trip of four and a half months arrived in Nevada City, Cal. He remained in and near this city, engaged in mining, until the fall of 1861, when he went to San Francisco, but in two or three days took a steamer bound for New York City, and after arriving there started for Adams County, Ill.; reaching that place in 1862 he then engaged in farming, but shortly after enlisted in the war, in the Eighteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war. He then returned to Illinois, but soon left for Clark County, Mo., and settled on the farm he now occupies. In 1863 he married Clarissa A. Humphrey. Mr. and Mrs. Triplett have had seven children, six of whom are living, their names being Richard I., Josephine A., Fannie B., Orrin A., Leola Grace and Clyde. Mr. Triplett is a Democrat, and a member of the I. O. O. F.

Jacob Trump & Bro., dealers in dry goods, notions, boots, shoes and clothing, established the business in 1873. Jacob Trump is a native of the State of Iowa, born in the year 1843. In 1867 he chose for his companion in life Miss Lizzie Brietenstein, also a native of Iowa. This marriage resulted in the birth

of five children: Lottie, Alfred, Gertrude, Edna and Roland. Mr. Trump and wife are members of the German Evangelical Church, and are much respected and esteemed by all who know them. The same year of his marriage he began the manufacture of boots and shoes in Kaboka, Mo., and this he continued successfully until he established his present business, in partnership with George Rauscher. They continued together until our subject purchased Mr. Rauscher's interest. Our subject commands a trade equal to none in the city in his line. He is the son of George and Catherine Trump, both of whom are of German descent. Mr. Trump, our subject, is a member of the A. O. U. W., and a Republican in his political views.

Turner & Vandolah, dealers in hardware, farming implements, boilers and engines, wagons, buggies, etc., established their business in May, 1883. C. B. Turner, the senior member of the firm, is a native of Iowa, born in 1845, and the son of C. B. and Eliza (Richardson) Turner, both natives of New York. In 1868 our subject married Miss Emily Brown, of Indiana, born in 1848, and the daughter of Henry and Elmira (Gilmore) Brown. The fruits of our subject's marriage were six children; one, Harry, died in 1871. The living ones are Charles C., William H., Carrie A., Cornelius B. and Fausta E. Mrs. Turner is a member of the Christian Church, and Mr. Turner is a member of the Royal Arch Chapter, a K. T. and of the Eastern Star. Politically he is a Republican. He came to Missouri in 1857, located on a farm, and, with the exception of about six months when he was engaged in the grain and elevator business, continued farming until he engaged in his present business. James Vandolah, the junior member of the firm, is a native of Indiana, born in 1847, and came to Clark County in 1864, where he commenced farming, which occupation he continued until 1877, when he engaged in the grocery business. At the end of two years he engaged in the grain and elevator business, which he followed for three years, after which he embarked in his present business. He is the son of Jesse and Eliza (Pierson) Vandolah, who are natives of Ohio and Virginia, respectively. Mr. Vandolah is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Eastern Star, and is a Republican in politics.

Benjamin E. Turner, judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, is a native of Lewis County, Mo., born March 18, 1850, and is the son of Joseph A. and Henrietta (Hagerman) Turner, natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. Our subject's paternal grandfather was in the war of 1812, and was a brave and gallant soldier. Our subject was reared on a farm in Lewis County, where his parents still reside, and was educated at La Grange

College, taking an irregular course, and leaving at the end of the junior year. He read law under the direction of Canton lawyers, was admitted to the bar in 1871, and after practicing a short time at Alexandria, Clark County, he settled at Kahoka, the county seat of justice of that county. He was not long in getting an excellent reputation at the bar, and in 1874 was elected by his Democratic constituents to the office of prosecuting attorney of Clark County. He was re-elected in 1876 and 1878, and made a noteworthy record as a strong prosecutor, having a few very difficult cases, which he managed with marked ability. In 1880, before his third term of prosecuting attorney had expired, he was elected to the bench, being at that time the youngest circuit judge in the State. He was re-elected to that office in 1886. On the bench, as at the bar, he is noted for his industrious habits and honorable bearing. He is fair and impartial, attentive and patient, treats the bar with the courtesy of a gentleman, and in return is greatly respected by the legal fraternity in his judicial circuit. In 1875 he married Miss Mary G. Daggs, daughter of Andrew J. and Sarah Daggs. Her home was in Scotland County, Mo.; she died a few months after marriage. May 19, 1879, he married Miss Lutie McDermott, of Kahoka, and the daughter of William and Louisa (Mosely) McDermott. She was born in this county February 22, 1861, and is the mother of three children: Louise, Frank and McDermott. Judge Turner is a Knight Templar in the Masonic order, and he and wife are members of the Baptist Church. He was for some time a member of the board of trustees of La Grange College, and he is strictly Democratic in his political views.

William T. Turner was born in Scotland County, Mo., July 27, 1857, and is the eldest son of John M. Turner, a native of Pendleton County, Ky. The mother, whose maiden name was McMana, was also a native of Pendleton County, Ky., born June 2, 1823. John M. Turner was nine years old at the time of his father's death, and he made his home in Kentucky with a cousin, Joseph Wallace, by whom he was partly raised. At the age of twenty-one he became desirous of immigrating to the West, and this he finally did, locating in Lewis County, Mo., where he followed agricultural pursuits. At the age of twenty-two he moved to Scotland County, where he resided for over twenty years, engaged as before in tilling the soil. When he first came to the latter county he married Miss Ellen McMana, a native of Kentucky, and the daughter of Joseph McMana. The fruits of this union were five children: Mary F. (Mrs. John St. Clair), William T., George H. and Henry W. (twins), and Robert F. (died in 1867). In 1877 the father sold out in Scotland County, and

farmed on rented land one year, in Knox County, while prospecting. By the following year he had located a place in Clark County, which he purchased, and lived upon until September 3, 1886, when death claimed him as a victim. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church. His widow resides in Clark County, and her son, George H., lives with her and manages the farm. She is also a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject is the eldest of five children. He secured a good education in the common schools of Scotland County, and at the age of eighteen he married Miss Isabella Russell, a daughter of Thomas Russell, of Schuyler County, Mo. For the first year after marriage our subject and wife resided in Knox County, but the following year they moved to Clark County, where they rented land until 1882, when they purchased a farm—the same which Mr. Turner has since nicely improved. It consists of 160 acres, all well stocked and well improved. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church.

James Turtle, farmer, was born on April 16, 1821, in Knox County, Ky. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Logan) Turtle, were natives of Virginia, and came to Kentucky when they were children. They were married in Knox County, and in 1843 came to Clark County, Mo., and soon after located in Scotland County, where they entered a tract of land. The mother died in 1854, and the father re-married, and lived on the same place until 1869, when, after the death of his second wife, he came to live with our subject, and died almost immediately after. Our subject was educated in his native county, and at the age of eighteen was married, and began farming independently. He came West with his parents, and settled on his present estate. The money with which our subject expected to enter land was nearly lost. The father had it in his saddle-bags at the time he made an almost fatal attempt to cross the Wyaconda River, but the lost bags were recovered by our subject's brother-in-law, who dived in the river for them. Our subject's wife, Matilda Moore, was born in 1820, in Knox County, Ky., and married April 4, 1849. Her death occurred April 22, 1853. Four of their six children are living. He next married, on January 7, 1854, Elizabeth, the widow of William Marlow, and daughter of James Ripper. She was born in Kentucky, June 15, 1815, and came to Missouri when a child. Her first husband was James Brown, deceased, and her second husband, above mentioned, is also deceased. Our subject is a self-made man, and, after a life of labor, has acquired 300 acres of fine land, mostly improved. He first voted for Harrison, and has since been an active supporter of the Democratic party. His wife is a Baptist. He has been afflicted with ill health



considerably, and his first dose of medicine was given by Dr. S. F. Miller, then of Kentucky, but now a judge of the United States Supreme Court.

Joseph Uhlemayr, farmer, is a Bavarian. He was born September 23, 1827, the son of Joseph A. and Barbara (Horstein) Uhlemayr, natives of Germany, in which country they passed away in 1852 and 1859, respectively. Our subject attended school in Germany, and there learned the carpenter's trade, in which he was engaged until his twenty-seventh year. He then made for the "New World," and located in Watertown, Wis., where he was married. April 30, 1866, he came to his present home. He was married in 1857 to Theresa Wenker, who died in 1868, leaving three children. The following year he married Corsena Evers, who died the following year, leaving one child. His present wife, *nee* Margaret Peier, has borne him two children. They were married in 1871. Our subject is postmaster at St. Patrick, where he owns two buildings in addition to his farm, which embraces eighty acres. His political ideas are Democratic, and his entire family are united in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

Jonas Upp was born in the State of Ohio, January 28, 1816, and is a son of John and Mary Upp, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. Our subject has been twice married, and has twice been left a widower. He is the father of five sons and daughters, viz.: Jerome, Sarah J., an infant (deceased), Emma C. and Mary I. He went to Farmington, Iowa, in 1855, where he followed the carpenter's trade for about two years, when he purchased the farm in Clark County, Mo., upon which he has since resided, with the exception of an interval of about four years spent in Farmington, on account of the illness of his wife, who died at that place in 1866. After her death he returned to his farm, and has since been engaged in farming and stock raising. He has never held any office, although he has been a prominent member of the Democratic party in his township for a number of years. He also took an active part in the organization of that party in Clark County, Mo.

Joseph Vandolah, one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of Clark County, Mo., was born in Ripley County, Ind., December 27, 1841, and came to Clark County, Mo., in 1865. He served four years in the Union Army, seven months of that time being passed in Andersonville prison. In 1867 he was united in marriage to Miss Amanda A. Clark, daughter of James and Carolina Clark. She was born in the year 1846, and is the mother of four children by her marriage, viz.: John Walter, James Robert, Eliza and Joseph C. Mrs. Vandolah is a devout

and consistent member of the Catholic Church. In 1868 our subject located on the farm on which he now resides, and which contains 160 acres of fine land, all well improved and well cultivated. He is also, to some extent, engaged in the rearing of live stock. Besides his excellent farm, he has twenty acres of timber land. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and a member of the G. A. R. He is a son of Jesse and Eliza (Pierson) Vandolah, natives, respectively, of Ohio and Virginia.

Ernest Vornkahl was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1831, and is a son of Frederick and Dora Vornkahl. He came to the United States in 1852, and settled in Iowa, where he remained for about three years and a half, after which he came to Grant Township, Clark Co., Mo., where he is now in possession of a farm of 310 acres of good land, well improved. He was married in 1857 to Elizabeth, daughter of Anton and Elizabeth Rikeberg. Mr. and Mrs. Vornkahl have had one son, Herman, and one daughter, Emilie (wife of David Sullivan). Our subject has been a farmer of Clark County for thirty-one years, and is well known for his upright and honest dealing. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. He belongs to the Republican party.

Benjamin F. Waggener, circuit court clerk, is a native of Missouri, born in the year 1851, and is the son of Herbert G. and Louisa A. (Thompson) Waggener, natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. Herbert G. came to Missouri with his father, Alexandria Waggener, in 1833, and was among the first settlers of the county. The mother also came to this county at an early day. It was called Lewis County at that time. The father of our subject was a farmer, but taught school through the winter months. He supported a family of seven children, five of whom are yet living. He died in Clark County in 1865. The mother was a devoted member of the Baptist Church, as was also her husband, and followed him to the grave in 1874. Our subject remained on the farm until eighteen years of age, when he began teaching school, which occupation he followed until his appointment to the office of deputy sheriff in 1883. Since that time he has served as deputy in several offices until 1886, when he was elected to his present responsible position. In 1872 he married Miss Mary E. Sweet, a native of Clark County, Mo., born in 1854, and the daughter of Philander and Lucinda Sweet. Two children were born to our subject's marriage: Berton F. and Minnie Lee. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., is a Democrat in politics, and his wife is a member of the Baptist Church. Philander Sweet was born in the State of New York in the year 1833, and was a blacksmith by trade. Lucinda Sweet was born in

the State of Iowa in the year 1837. Her maiden name was Duty. She died in Clark County, Mo., at the age of thirty-two.

C. Waster came from Pike County, Ohio, in the year 1854. He located in Clark County, Mo., in 1856, where he now lives. He owns ninety acres of land, and makes farming his chief occupation.

Jeremiah Wayland, son of Joshua and Rachel Wayland, was born in Virginia, June 29, 1796, and died at home in St. Francisville, February 19, 1883. His father was a Revolutionary soldier until the close of that war, and often played the fife during the long and weary marches to battle. The recital of the engagements and incidents of the war, in which he was a participant and eye-witness, were related to be remembered by his children through life. At the age of ten years Jeremiah immigrated with his parents' family to Shelby County, Ky., where they subsequently purchased a farm near Smithfield, and there our subject resided until manhood. He then removed to near Owensboro, teaching school several years, and marrying Nancy J. Bartlett, who was born in Elizabethtown, Ky., and brought up near Louisville. A farm was secured, and, adopting the vocation of a farmer, he continued it through life, always regarding it as the most independent occupation, and deriving great pleasure from his labor. Those who have seen the dense beech woods near Owensboro do not wonder that he should "fold his tent," and seek a less timbered spot in which to make a livelihood. Hearing of the fertile plains of Missouri he and two brothers-in-law, Samuel Bartlett and George Haywood, disposed of their little homes in Kentucky, and, loading their wagons with the necessary articles, they, with their families and Grandmother Bartlett, bade friends adieu (promising "to write back") and emigrated westward. It is perhaps safe to say that, as it took 25 cents to send a letter in those days, and pens were only obtained from the quills of the wild goose, correspondence was not indulged in to any extent on either side. After several weeks of travel they halted at St. Louis, a mere village at that time. Here one of the party was offered forty acres of land adjoining the town for a gun, but failing to discover any money in the transaction, he refused the proposition, and moved on with his rifle. The party stopped at Palmyra on their way up the river, remaining there a year in order to look around before locating permanently. A trip to Clark County (then Lewis) was made, and a tract of land entered, bordering on the Des Moines River, now adjoining St. Francisville, in the fall of 1829. Building sites were selected on the banks of the Des Moines River, and the inevitable log cabins were built from standing timber. In lieu of lumber for a door,

Mr. Wayland hung up a bear skin. All completed, it is presumable that Mr. Wayland stepped back, viewing his structure with satisfaction, and wondering if "mother" would be pleased. Returning to Palmyra for his wife and three small children, he safely domiciled them in their new home. The Indians with which they were surrounded, daily came and went, and Mrs. Wayland, not having the courage of her husband at first timidly attended to the insecurity of the bear skin. Being assured the Indians were friendly and meant no harm, and that the children were neither missing nor scalped, she was not long in overcoming her timidity. While much has been said of the pioneer fathers of the country, there is often little mention made of the pioneer mothers, whose self-denial and best efforts equal their husbands'. Besides being a "maid-of-all-work," Mrs. Wayland had the family cloth to make at home, and also had her other family duties to attend to, and, though the children's garments were not modeled after the modern fashion sheets, they were more comfortable, and a mother's loving hands made them all. Mr. Wayland lived to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of his marriage, five children, nineteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren being present on that occasion. He enjoyed almost uninterrupted health through life, thus preserving his spirits and mental abilities to a ripe old age. He frequently remarked that he did not believe there was a man in the country who enjoyed himself or friends more than he. In politics he was a Democrat, and through life was a stanch Baptist, having built a church of that faith at St. Francisville at his own expense. His Christian faith was almost unparalleled. It was his greatest pleasure to daily live religion, though he never claimed Christian perfection. He always preferred being underrated rather than the reverse, yet, in justice to him, it can be truthfully said that his life was irreproachable. Being thoroughly conscientious, his strict integrity could not be questioned. On his eightieth birthday his will was written by his own hand, in which these words occur: "I am eighty years old, but, feeling the infirmities of old age, I do make this my last will and testament. I owe no man living or dead a dollar, that I have any knowledge of, and I conscientiously believe I have paid every dollar I ever owed or contracted through life." Among his last words were: "I made a profession of religion when a boy, and ever since I have tried to do my duty to the world and to the church, and now I feel that my mission is done. If I die I shall go straight to heaven." Now that he has gone to his reward, and his life passes into history, no omission should occur of her who not only journeyed with him through the wilderness, but through a little more than sixty years of peaceful married life. She has been a good

mother, not only caring for her own children, but also has taken great pleasure in supplying the place of a mother to orphan children. She never once turned from her door, unsupplied, the stranger who asked for bread. Her children gather around and offer to the best of mothers their greatest tribute of gratitude and affection. Life's evening shades are closing around her, and when she passes from the valley so long called home, may she resume her journey with him who preceded her. To Mr. and Mrs. Wayland were born these children: Bartlett (deceased), Eliza (wife of W. H. Pritchett), William (deceased), George H., Mary K., Mattie T., Samuel E., Anna (wife of Dr. J. R. Murray) and Dr. J. A. Wayland (deceased).

Isaac C. Weaver, recorder of Clark County, was born in Ohio in the year 1820. He is the son of Henry and Susan R. (Crane) Weaver. The parents were natives of New York and New Jersey, respectively. The father was a marine in the service, and was captured by the British, while on a vessel during the Revolutionary war, and was held a prisoner for three years, or until the close of the war. In 1789 he located at Columbia, Ohio. Of their family of nine children, four are still living. He died in 1828, and his widow followed him in death about 1849. In 1852 our subject moved to Bloomfield, Iowa, where he remained until 1857, when he came to Clark County, Mo. Previous to this, in 1847, he married Miss Nancy Page, a native of Ohio, born in the year 1824, and the daughter of Jesse and Emeline (Long) Page. This union resulted in the birth of seven children—three sons and four daughters. One daughter died in infancy. Mr. Weaver has a fine farm situated about one and a half miles from the Iowa lines. He has held the office of justice of the peace for about twenty-five years, a guarantee of his efficiency in office. In 1886 he was elected recorder of Clark County, and moved from his farm to the city of Kahoka. He is a Mason, is of English and German descent, and is strictly Democratic in politics. He and wife are members of the Congregational Church, and are much respected citizens.

Edmund Weber was born October 29, 1836, and was the first white child born in Washington Township, Clark Co., Mo. He is the son of Rev. Daniel Weber, a native of Campbell County, Va., born January 17, 1808, and came with his parents to Kentucky in 1818. June 10, 1830, the father married Miss Sarah Stafford, and while in Kentucky followed agricultural pursuits. Four years after marriage he immigrated to Howard County, Mo., and in 1836 became one of the pioneer settlers of Washington Township, Clark Co., Mo. He derived much pleasure and comfort in administering to the spiritual wants of the few settlers

that at that time resided in the county, but at the same time experiencing all the privations and hardships incident to pioneer life. He lived a pious, Christian life, and although he accumulated no great amount of property, he owned a good farm near Fairmont which he sold, and moved to that city, and here died June 30, 1886. To his marriage were born thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and nine of whom are yet living, viz.: Martha (Weber) Hannah, who resides in Reno County, Kas.; Dudley, who resides in Memphis, Scotland Co., Mo.; Edmund; Mary (Weber) Stamper, of this county; Leroy Q.; Henry B.; Laura; William D. and Josephine (Weber) Green. In politics Mr. Weber was a Republican after the death of the Whig party, and a Methodist in his religious views. Edmund Weber, the subject of this sketch, is the third son of the above named children. From the age of twenty to twenty-eight he remained at home and assisted on the farm. At the latter age he married Miss Emma R. Bowman, a daughter of Samuel Bowman, whose biographical sketch appears elsewhere. To this marriage were born five children: Minnie L. (Mrs. Elmer E. Hilles), Clarence W., Frank O., Charlie C. and Elmer. Our subject is a well-to-do farmer, owning 160 acres of good land. He is a Republican in politics, a Methodist and a member of the G. A. R.

Henry Weber was born in Washington Township, Clark Co., Mo., October 9, 1843, and is the son of Micajah Weber, a native Virginian, born in 1811. He moved with his father to Jessamine County, Ky., where he was reared, and where he received as good an education as could be had at that time. In the fall of 1833, he immigrated to Northern Missouri, and settled first in Lewis County, about the time of its organization, and here, at the bottom of the ladder, he began by renting land. In the fall of 1835 he moved to Clark County, began hewing logs, and built for himself and aged parents a log house which contained seven rooms, and at that day and time was considered a mansion. It was used many years as a church as well as a residence. In this county, and particularly in Washington Township, Micajah Weber figured prominently in many respects. As he possessed considerable natural genius, and was of a mechanical turn of mind, he was of great advantage to a new country. He hewed the logs, and did the mechanical work of the first schoolhouse in Washington Township. He also built the first bridge in that township. He married Miss Martha J. Bibb, and by her became the father of eleven children, seven of whom lived to be grown, and all are married, with the exception of one son, W. W. Weber, who is a graduate of the public school, and of La Grange College, Lewis

Co., Mo. Micajah Weber was for many years an extensive farmer in Clark County, and a man of fine character. He was a Democratic judge a number of years, was an active member of the Baptist Church, and lived to see all his children members of the same church. None of his children ever used tobacco or drank whisky. He died in 1882, and his widow two years later. Henry Weber, the second son, made his home with his parents until twenty-eight years of age, when he married Miss Amanda L. Wilson, daughter of Todd Wilson, and to them were born four children, three now living; Jettie B., Gertrude and Grandville B. Our subject is engaged in merchandising in Fairmont, and does a business of \$25,000 per year. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Baptist Church.

Joseph Wells, farmer, is a native of Nelson County, Ky., where he was born June 10, 1816. His parents, Thomas and Mary (Auskins) Wells, were natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky. They were married in the latter State, and came to Lewis County, Mo., in 1837; after renting there for about one year they became permanent residents of Clark County, where the father died in 1854, and the mother twenty years later. Our subject was educated in his native State, and began independently at the age of twenty-two; he soon married, and settled where he has since resided. His wife, Elizabeth, a daughter of Hezekiah and Frances (Ford) Foree, was born December 15, 1815, in Oldham County, Ky., and came with her parents to Missouri in 1838; she was married November 17, 1839. Of their twelve children the following are living: William H., Isaac M., Mary F., Thomas, Elizabeth A., Judith, Emily C., Joseph M., Robert and Susan. Our subject's estate embraces over 330 acres, which is mostly improved and cultivated, and in a pleasant location. Our subject has been prominent in the growth of the county, and is closely identified with its history. He first voted for Harrison, and held Whig principles, but afterward became a Democrat. His entire family have been active members of the Baptist Church.

T. J. Wells is the son of Thomas and Mary (Hoskins) Wells, natives of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and of Welsh and German descent, respectively. Thomas Wells and his second wife, our subject's mother, were married in Kentucky, where he cultivated the soil, and was also engaged in the grist-mill business, and in distilling, which occupations he followed for a period of twenty-nine years. In 1837 he sold out, and moved to Northeast Missouri, when it was yet a wilderness. Here he resided eighteen months, and then moved to Washington Township, Clark Co., Mo., where he lived for a short time before his death, when he broke up housekeeping, and he and his wife went to live with

a son, Joseph Wells, in Union Township, where he died in the year 1855, at the age of seventy-seven. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Old School Baptist Church. The widow was a good Christian woman, and died in 1873, aged eighty-nine. Our subject was born in Nelson County, Ky., February 2, 1826, and is the fifth son of a family of nine children, five of whom are yet living—three brothers and two sisters. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, and then began working for his parents for a number of years. During this time he married Miss Elizabeth Laswell, daughter of William Laswell, a native of Hardin County, Ky. In 1850 he purchased 160 acres of land, for which he went in debt, but in a short time paid for it all, and in 1852 he purchased 120 acres more, which he also paid for in a few years. In 1861 he enlisted in the Southern Army under Gen. Jackson, and was out one year. He lost the principal part of his property during the war, and plodded along after a fashion until 1867, when he began to make money, and this he continued up to 1874, when he again met reverses. To his marriage were born twelve children, eleven now living: William H., Sarah J., Thomas J., Jr., Mary E., Lucy A., Jesse L., Elizabeth, James F., Emily C., Harvey E. and Henry E. The mother of these children died November 8, 1885; she was a good woman, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Wells is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Solomon Wheatley, dealer in dry goods and groceries, began business in Ashton in 1880, and was appointed postmaster at the same time. He is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1833, and was reared on a farm, where he continued until twenty-one years of age, since which time he has been engaged in merchandising and stock trading. He is an old merchant, and has been quite successful in his business, although during the late war he lost considerable property, etc. He was not in actual service, but belonged to the State militia during those stirring times. Previous to the war, in 1854, he married Miss Laura A. Mallett, of Lee County, Iowa, and the daughter of John Mallett. She was born in 1836, and by her marriage became the mother of eight children, one deceased. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject's parents, Caleb and Margaret (Thomas) Wheatley, are natives of Maryland and Kentucky, respectively. The father was in the war of 1812, and moved with his family to Iowa in 1849. He died in 1854. The same year our subject came to Scotland County, Mo., and in 1874 to Clark County, where in 1880 he purchased his present store house and the stock of goods belonging to B. F. Stickler, and has been



engaged in a successful business ever since. He still holds the postoffice; is a Republican in politics, and a member of the I. O. O. F.

W. E. White was born in Delaware in 1818, son of Clement and Sarah (Williams) White, natives of Delaware, and of English descent. They were married in their native State where they remained for a number of years, the father engaged in farming and merchandising. In 1819 he and his family immigrated to Northern Missouri, and settled near Palmyra, the county seat of Marion County, then known as Pike County. Here he followed the occupation of a farmer for nearly half a century, with fair success. He was at one time an old line Whig, but after the death of that party he was a Democrat. He died in 1863, and his wife, previously, in 1850. Our subject is the eldest surviving son of a family of eight children. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, previous to which he received a liberal course of common school and academic instruction. He then began working on a farm, given him by his father, which was situated in Clark County, and here he kept bachelor hall for five years. He then wedded Miss Mary R. Cowgill, a daughter of George and Nancy Cowgill, residents of Clark County, but natives of Kentucky. By this marriage our subject became the father of one son, named Clement, now deceased. Since 1839 our subject has been a prominent, enterprising farmer, and is the owner of 500 acres of excellent land. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. His wife died in 1851, and five years later he married Miss Sarah Overstreet, a daughter of R. and Eliza E. Overstreet, residents of Clark County, but natives of Kentucky. To this last union was born one child, a son named Walter, who is now a farmer in Clark County. Three years after his second marriage he had the misfortune to lose his wife. He is now sixty-nine years of age, and is hale and hearty.

Andrew White was born in Tuscany, Italy, in 1832, and is a son of John B. and Rosaltha White, natives of Italy, where they were engaged in raising grain of all kinds. Both parents died on the same day, only six hours elapsing between the deaths. Our subject left his native land in 1851 for the United States, and landed in New York City after a voyage of sixty-two days, with but two or three dollars in his pocket. He remained in New York for about two years and a half, employed in making plaster of Paris toys. This business caused him to visit all the larger and more important Eastern cities, and at one time, when on a voyage to Cincinnati, the vessel he was on was struck by a cyclone and wrecked, but fortunately all the passengers were

saved. This left our subject with only the clothes he was wearing, and no money. He then worked at various employments until he had accumulated enough money to make a payment on a small farm, but afterward sold this farm, and reinvested his money in another, this time making about 150 per cent on the amount invested. After this he came to Clark County, Mo., and bought a farm of 120 acres, to which he has been adding, until he now owns 289 acres of good land, well improved. Our subject was married to Elizabeth Wilson, of Kentucky, daughter of Albert and Mary A. (Boothe) Wilson, natives of Kentucky. He is chiefly engaged in stock raising, taking great interest in the rearing of sheep. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

John A. Whiteside, a successful legal practitioner of Kahoka, Mo., is a native of Lincoln County, Mo., born in 1856. He is the son of Isaac and Mary E. (Alloway) Whiteside, natives of Missouri and Kentucky, respectively. The father was a member of the Masonic order, a strong Democrat in politics, and he and wife were respected members of the Baptist Church. Of the six children born to their marriage, five are now living. Our subject attained his majority on the farm, and obtained his education at Louisiana, Mo. In 1880 he began reading law under E. T. Smith, of Bowling Green, Mo., and was admitted to the bar of the same place in 1881. In March of the following year he located in Kahoka, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. He was a law partner of J. W. Reed until the death of the latter in March, 1887. Our subject is a young man of unusual promise, and his future prospects are bright. He, like his father, is a staunch Democrat in politics.

J. B. Wiegner, owner and proprietor of the grain elevator, and also grain dealer at Ashton, is a native of Germany, born in 1827, and came to the United States with his parents in the year 1832. They located in New York State, and in 1838 moved to Iowa, the mother having died in 1836. In 1849 our subject took for his life companion Miss Augusta Kreikenbaum, of Lee County, Iowa. She was born in the year 1829, and is the daughter of Henry and Joannah Kreikenbaum. Of the eight children born to our subject and wife, four are now living—two sons and two daughters. In 1874 our subject moved to Kahoka, Mo., and erected the first grist and flour mill in the place. In 1881 he moved to Ashton, and erected here the elevator which proves so beneficial to the general public. He is a man of energy and perseverance. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church, and are well respected in the community in which they live. Our subject is a strict Democrat, and

was captain of the Home Guards in Lee County, Iowa. He made two trips with his company to Athens, to engage in battle, and was much disappointed to find that all was over, and they too late. His father died in Clark County, Mo., in 1884.

Harvey I. Wilsey was born in Bedford County, Penn., April 1, 1830. His parents, William and Catherine (Landen) Wilsey, came west in 1836, and settled in Indiana. In the fall of 1839 they again moved west, and located at Fort Madison, Lee Co., Iowa. In 1846 they left there, moved to Farmington, Iowa, and after a short stop went to Waterloo, Clark Co., Mo. In the following year they went to St. Francisville, of the same county, where they remained until 1858, and then returned to Iowa. Here the father died July 20, 1860, and the mother followed him to the grave ten years later. Of their family of eight children—six boys and two girls—only three are now living: William J., Joseph W. and Harvey I. The last named, the subject of this sketch, learned his father's trade—stone and brick mason—and passed twelve years of his life on the Des Moines and Mississippi Rivers as pilot. February 15, 1855, he wedded Miss Mary J. Dart, a native of Indiana, born July 10, 1834. Her father was a native of Maryland. Nine children were the result of this marriage, viz.: Julia A. (Mrs. W. J. Wyrick), John W., Arrildia (Mrs. J. H. Smith), Harvey L., General G., Gertrude, Orra, Granderson H. and Albert R., all now living. In 1860 Mr. Wilsey purchased a farm of 160 acres, situated three miles east of St. Francisville, on the Des Moines River. In 1872 he purchased a residence in St. Francisville, where he has resided ever since. Politically, in his boyhood days, he aspired to be a Whig, but when he became a voter joined the Democratic party, and has voted that ticket ever since. January 1, 1886, he engaged in the general merchandise business at St. Francisville. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and has also been a member of the Methodist Church for nearly twelve years.

John C. Wilson, one of the prominent merchants of Peakesville, was born in Jefferson County, Mo., in the year 1844, and is the son of John and Rosetta Wilson, who were prominent citizens and farmers of Jefferson County, Mo., and who came to Clark County, Mo., with their son John C., in 1846, and settled upon the farm whereon he now lives. John C. married Anna Shuller, daughter of Daniel and Kizzie Shuller, citizens of Clark County, and this union has been blessed with two sons: Ole and Daniel. Our subject left the farm in 1887, and moved to Peakesville, Clark County, where he went into the mercantile business, in which he has thus far been successful, as he always endeavors to please his customers, and consequently is now enjoying a sub-

stantial trade. He is a Republican, and served in the Missouri State Militia during the war; he is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

Isaac J. Wilson, an enterprising and successful druggist of Athens, Clark Co., Mo., is a native of Illinois, born in the year 1854, and is the son of George and Hannah Wilson. The father was a successful agriculturist, and came with his family to Clark County, Mo., in the year 1858, and here he still continued to till the soil. In 1880 our subject celebrated his nuptials with Miss Amanda Beidman, daughter of John W. and Martha Beidman. The result of this union was the birth of three children who are named as follows: Willie G., Hiram and Isaac J. The last two named are living, but the eldest, Willie G., died in 1884. Our subject began the drug business at Athens in the year 1883, and has a large and lucrative trade. He is a Mason; a Republican in politics. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and an excellent woman.

Uriah Wood was born in Sullivan County, Tenn., in 1815, and is the son of John Wood, a native of North Carolina, and of Irish descent. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Hughs, was a native of Tennessee, and was numbered among the early settlers of that region. The parents were married in Tennessee, where they always resided after their marriage. The father was a natural mechanic, and in his State erected many valuable mills, both grist and saw mills. He also owned a farm in the northeastern part of the State, on Holston River. To his marriage were born six children, all deceased, except our subject. He was a Democrat in politics, and by principle a Presbyterian, though not a member of any church. The mother was a Christian, and for many years a member of the Christian Church. She was a woman of strong and determined character, and although small in body, had absolute control over her children. She died at the age of ninety-six. Our subject is the fifth child and youngest son born to his parents. At the age of eighteen, without an education, he started out to make his own living, and first served as an apprentice to a blacksmith. This he worked at for about three years, when his employer's shop was destroyed by fire. He next engaged in the wagon-making business near his old home, and this he followed for about twenty years in the same locality in Tennessee. In 1839 he married Miss Margaret Emmert, a daughter of George and Mary (Hendricks) Emmert. To our subject and wife were born seven children, five of whom are yet living: Carina J., Marshall, Mary A., E. S. and Dulcena; Eliza and John died in infancy. All those living are married except Mary A., who is an experienced school teacher, and a

highly educated lady. She makes her home with her parents, during vacation. In 1857 our subject moved to Northeast Missouri, and settled in Scotland County, where he resided twelve or fourteen years, engaged in farming. In 1869 or 1870 he moved to Clark County, Mo. In November, 1873, Mr. Wood lost his wife. She had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from childhood. At the end of five years Mr. Wood married the widow of T. P. House, the mother of eight children, only one of whom lived with her after her second marriage. Our subject is a man of character, and is an energetic, enterprising farmer. He has been a Democrat in politics since the death of the Whig party. He was in the Florida war, and was under Gen. Scott. His ancestors, John Wood and wife, left London on the ship "Hopewell," for New England, September 11, 1635. They settled in Portsmouth, R. I., in 1636. They had the following children: George, John, Thomas, William, Margaret, Susanna and Elizabeth. The son William married Martha Earl. Their children were William, George, Josiah, Daniel, John, Joseph, Sarah, Margaret and Rebecca. The children of the second William Wood were Mary, Rachel, Isaac, Hannah, Jonathan (born May 22, 1697), Abigail, Jeremiah, Ruth and Meribah. Jonathan Wood married Peace Davis. They were both Quaker preachers; in fact, all the Woods were Quakers. This was the cause of settlement in Rhode Island. Jonathan and Peace Wood had the following children: Hannah, Abigail, Daniel (born May 16, 1729). Daniel Wood, son of Jonathan Wood and Peace (Davis), married Susannah ——. They had the following children: Abigail, Stephen, Ester, Jonathan and David (born May 7, 1764). David settled in North Carolina. John Wood, the father of Uriah Wood, was a son of David Wood. John Wood and Agnes Hughs were married in 1799. They had the following children: Alexander, Agnes, Levi, David, John, Deliah and Uriah (born April 22, 1815). The Wood family was a good family in Rhode Island. Senator Chase is married to a Wood, so is ex-Senator Eaton, of Connecticut. Being Quakers, they suffered persecution under the code of laws prepared by Cotton Mather to punish Quakers.

Richard J. Wood, president of the Clark County Savings Bank, and dealer in real estate, is a native of Frankfort, Ky., where he was reared to years of discretion, and where he received a good business education. William Wood, the father of Richard J., was a native of Liverpool, England, and in 1815 was brought to the United States by his employers. He finally settled in Frankfort, Ky., where he met and married Miss Helen Julian, who bore him a family of two sons and three daughters, three of whom

are yet living. The mother dying early in the thirties, the father wedded Miss Julia Swigert for his second wife. He died at New Orleans, La., in 1835, respected and honored. Richard J. passed his early life on the river, steamboating, four years being passed in the United States snag boat service. In 1855 he went to Hancock County, Ill., and the latter part of the same year removed to Clark County, Mo., which has since been his home. Until 1881 he was engaged in farming and stock-raising, then came to Kahoka, and engaged in his present occupation. In the year 1849, his nuptials with Sarah M. McKee were celebrated, and to this union three children have been born as follows: John M., Cordelia T. (who married G. G. Childers in 1881), and Robert J. (who died in 1858). Mrs. Wood was born in Franklin County, Ky., the daughter of John McKee; she died in 1881. Mr. Wood began life's battle a poor boy, and his present prosperity is due to his honesty, industry and excellent business qualifications. In politics he is a Democrat, and is among the foremost men of Clark County.

Hon. John M. Wood, of the firm of Wood & Montgomery, attorneys, was born in Franklin County, Ky., in 1850, and came with his parents to Clark County, Mo., in 1855, where he has since resided. He graduated at La Grange College in 1872, receiving the first honors of his class, and the degree of A. B., and in 1875 the degree of A. M. from the same institution. He taught school during the years of 1873, 1874 and 1875, began the study of law in 1876, and was admitted to the bar in 1878, since which time he has been practicing his profession. His first criminal case was defending the notorious William J. Young, who was tried for murdering the Spencer family, and acquitted, but was afterward hanged by a mob. June 10, 1886, our subject was married to Miss Maggie A. McKee, a native of this county, and the daughter of Dr. R. S. and Charlotte L. McKee, and has one child—Cordelia May. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and of the Masonic order. Mr. Wood represented the county in the thirty-first, thirty-second and thirty-third General Assemblies, being speaker *pro tem.* of the thirty-second, and speaker of the thirty-third. In politics he is strictly Democratic. He is the son of Richard J. Wood whose sketch precedes this.

M. A. Wooldridge, dealer in drugs, sundries, etc., at Luray, established his business at that place in the year 1879. He was previously engaged in his father's drug store at Luray, after which he engaged as a clerk in a general merchandise store for Nathaniel Davis. He was born in the State of Illinois in 1854, and in 1865 he moved with his parents to Lewis County, Mo.,

and in 1875 he came to Clark County, Mo. A year later he chose for his companion in life Miss Talitha Davis, a native of Scotland County, Mo., and the daughter of Nathaniel and Martha Davis. To her marriage were born two children, viz.: Arthur, born in the year 1877, and died the same year; and Grace May, who was born in 1879, and also died the same year. Our subject is a member of the Masonic order, and he and wife are worthy and consistent members of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Wooldridge is a first-class pharmacist, accurate, and noted for his fair dealing. He is the son of W. S. and Mary J. Wooldridge, both natives of Kentucky. They lived in Illinois for some time, but afterward moved to Lewis County, Mo., and in 1875 from there to Luray, Clark Co., where he engaged in the drug business. In 1882 he returned to Lewis County, where he has a mail contract.

Rev. William Yalton, an excellent citizen of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Pennsylvania, born February 25, 1830. He is the son of John and Jane (McQuire) Yalton, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, and both born in the year 1810. The father died in 1874, and the mother previous to this in 1849. The father cultivated the soil, and he and wife were members of the Baptist Church. Our subject attained his majority on the farm, and in 1855 obtained his license to preach the Baptist faith, but in 1872 he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has preached the gospel for many years. He belonged to the Home Guards during the war, and was called out for duty several times. May 9, 1848, he married Miss Fannie Roose, a native of Madison, Penn., born March 3, 1830, and the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Haines) Roose. To our subject and wife was born, May 4, 1849, one child, named Henry R. Mrs. Yalton died of typhoid fever March 10, 1851. Four years later he married Miss Mary L. Strickler, a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1835, and the daughter of Henry and Margaret (Snyder) Strickler. Eight children were the result of the last marriage, viz.: Wesley, born September 4, 1855; Harvey S., born March 12, 1856, and died September 23, 1860; Albert F., born August 20, 1859; Laura B., born March 15, 1862; Elmer E., born January 8, 1866; Annie F., born October 5, 1869; Milton O., born October 17, 1872, and Henry R., the brave son of our subject, entered the Union Army at the age of fourteen, was Gen. Sherman's dispatch carrier, and remained until the close of the war. In 1854 our subject moved to Clark County, and in 1868 to his present farm, which contains ninety acres of good land. He is a Republican in politics, and is well respected by all who know him.

John W. Yowell was born in Jefferson County, Ky., in 1835, and is the son of Louray and Mildred Yowell. The father of our subject died at a very early date, but the mother is still living and a resident of Ohio. John W. was united in marriage to Nancy A. Painter, daughter of John and Martha Painter, both natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Yowell have had three children of whom but two, Martha and Ulysses G., are living. At first our subject made Howard County, Mo., his home after leaving his native State, but came to Clark County, Mo., in 1859, where he has since remained, with the exception of two years spent in Keokuk, Iowa, and Knox County, Mo. He has farmed and followed several other occupations during his lifetime, and is now a blacksmith in Peakesville. Our subject served in the Thirty-ninth Missouri for two years during the war, and received an honorable discharge March 25, 1865. Both he and his wife are Christians, and he is a liberal donator as far as consistent with his means to all public enterprises.

## KNOX COUNTY.

Capt. George W. Adams, farmer and stock dealer, was born in Obion County, Tenn., September 13, 1823, and is a son of George W. and Margaret (McKinney) Adams. His father was a native of White County, Ky., and died in Putnam County, Mo., in February, 1872, at the age of seventy-eight. When a young man he left his native State and went to Obion County, Tenn., where he married. He afterward moved to Graves County, Ky., and then returned to Obion County, Tenn., and from there went to White County, Ill., near Carmi, where he remained about two years when he removed to Jennings County, Ind., and in the spring of 1854 went to Scotland County, Mo. He lost his second wife, Nancy (Oston), before his removal to Indiana, where he married Margaret Keryea, who died prior to his decease. His first wife, (the mother of our subject) was a native of Obion County, Tenn., and died in Graves County, Ky., when George W. was five years old, and left seven children. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Our subject is the fifth child of five still living. He remained at home receiving his education at the common schools of Jennings County, Ind., until sixteen years of age, and then began life for himself, October 8, 1848, he wedded Elizabeth Hopkins, by whom he had six children, five living: F. A., W. H., Mina, J. H. and G. W.



Susan E. (deceased) was the third child. He remained upon his farm in Jennings County several years, and then sold it and removed to Jefferson County, Ind., where he bought land. In 1865 he sold this place, moved where he now resides, and has since been a resident of Knox County with the exception of a short time spent in Lewis County, Mo. During the late war he was a volunteer in Company L, Ninth Indiana Volunteer Militia, serving as first lieutenant, and afterward four years as captain. In politics he is a Republican; himself and family are worthy members of the Christian Church. He is now the owner of 320 acres of good land which he has improved and cultivated, and upon which is a fine residence, surrounded by good outbuildings.

James E. Adams, a resident of Edina, Mo., and cashier of the Bank of Edina, was born in Quincy, Ill., January 15, 1848, and was there reared to manhood and educated. In May, 1864, he entered the Union Army, as a private, in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served about one year or until the expiration of his term of service. After the war he completed his education in Quincy, Ill., and then was employed by the Merchants' Union, United States Express Company. In 1868 he went west, and remained a short time in Kansas, and from there went to Texas where he at first engaged in the banking business at Weatherford, but afterward had the United States post tradeship. In 1876 he came to Edina, and assisted in the organization of the Bank of Edina, entering its employ as bookkeeper, and later becoming assistant cashier. In 1885 he was elected to the cashiership, which position he has since filled in a highly efficient and faithful manner. March 11, 1874, our subject was united in marriage to Sallie T. (White) Ellison, a native of Danville, Ky. To this union three daughters have been born. Mr. Adams is an active politician, and a member of the Republican party. He was chairman of the Republican County Central Committee for four years, and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention that nominated James A. Garfield for President of the United States in 1880. He is a member of the G. A. R., and one of the leading citizens and representative men of the county.

Hon. Willis Anderson, one of Knox County's oldest and most prominent citizens, is a native of Franklin County, Ky., born June 17, 1811, and is a son of Elijah and Rachel (Downing) Anderson. The former was born near Frankfort, Franklin Co., Ky., in 1787, and in September, 1824, immigrated to the wilds of Missouri, locating in Marion County, and removing to Knox County in the spring of 1836. He was a

farmer, and a son of Joseph Anderson, a native of Virginia, who accompanied Lewis and Clark upon their expedition to Kentucky. He helped build the fort where Louisville now stands. He died in 1844, while on a visit to a daughter in Platte County, Mo. The family is of Scotch descent. The mother was of Welsh and Irish descent, and was born near Lancaster, Garrard Co., Ky., in 1789, and died in Marion County, Mo., March 31, 1834. Our subject, Hon. Willis Anderson, is the eldest of a family of five children, and the only son. Only two of the children are now living: Our subject, and his sister Nancy, widow of Lewis Burns, a noted politician and speculator, of Platte County, Mo. Our subject received a liberal education at Marion College, in Marion County, Mo., and then purchased a half interest in a steam ferry-boat, and a tract of land where Quincy now stands. This was the first steam ferry-boat at Quincy, and after eighteen months in the ferry business he sold out and moved to Knox County, where he pre-empted 160 acres of the land upon which he now lives. Since that time he has devoted his attention to farming and stock raising, and has been extensively engaged in shipping all kinds of stock to eastern markets. At one time he owned 1,700 acres of land in Knox County, and is one of the oldest citizens of the county. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Green's Regiment, Missouri State Guards, and served as commissary, and as aide of Gen. Green. When these troops disbanded he continued with Gen. Green up to the evacuation of Corinth; then went to Jonesboro, Tenn., intending to join Gen. Lee's army, but failed to do so. During his service he fought in several battles and skirmishes, among them being Shelbina, Lexington, Pea Ridge, Mo., Corinth, Miss., and then returned home. He was the first judge of Knox County, and was one of three appointed to organize Scotland and Knox Counties. They met at Millport, and selected Sandhill as a temporary meeting place. In 1846 he was appointed director of the State Bank at Palmyra by the State Legislature, and served as such until the bank closed. In 1858 he was elected to the same position by the directors of the La Grange State Bank, and served until the war. In 1872 he became director of the Knox County Savings Bank, and was immediately elected president of that institution, which position he now holds. In 1874 he represented the people in the General Assembly. September 15, 1836, he married Miss Hettie W. Sadler, daughter of Jerry and Polly Sadler, and a native of Princeton, Gibson Co., Ind., born April 22, 1822. This marriage has been blessed with seven children: Mary Elizabeth, Nancy B., Lucretia, Susannah D., Hettie, Willis E. and Joseph S. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are worthy

members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and for more than half a century have borne each other's burdens, and shared each other's joys. Early in life Mr. Anderson was a poor man, but by industry and good management is now well possessed with this world's goods. He is of a retiring disposition, and it was only upon the earnest and oft-repeated solicitations of his friends that he consented to be a candidate for political honors. He is a Democrat. His two sons share his political views and are well informed. They are greatly interested in blooded horses, and own some very fine stock. They are both unmarried.

Thomas V. Anderson, of Liberty Township, Knox County, was born in Boone County, Ky., February 18, 1829, and is a son of William and Martha (Hines) Anderson, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. Thomas V. spent his youth in his native State and county, where both his parents died. He there learned the wagon maker's trade, which he followed until 1865, when he removed to Knox County, Mo., and a year later came to his present farm, three and a half miles northeast of Edina. This land which he had entered in 1854 he has since improved, and it is now under a fine state of cultivation, containing about 250 acres of as good land as the county affords. March 15, 1855, he married Mary A. Roberts, also a native of Boone County, Ky., and born June 11, 1832. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have three living children, viz.: William B. (principal of the Western Academy of La Belle, Mo.), Benjamin L. and Thomas B. They have one adopted daughter, Eva B. Stephens. In politics our subject has always been an unswerving Democrat, and was for a number of years a magistrate during the township organization, and was also school clerk of the township, about four years, in which positions he proved himself to be a faithful and efficient officer. Himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and are recognized as among Knox County's most honored and respected citizens.

Dr. Andrew Arnett, a leading physician of Knox County, is a native of Shelby County, Mo., and was born in 1854. He is a son of Micajah A. and Judith F. (Greese) Arnett. The father was born in Kentucky in 1830, but from there went to Shelby County, Mo., where he was reared and married. He then engaged in farming in that county until his death, which occurred in May, 1863. Our subject remained in Shelby County until the spring of 1882, and received his professional education in St. Louis, attending lectures at the Missouri Medical College during 1881-82, and graduating from that institution in March, 1882. The following May he moved to Novelty, Knox County, Mo., where he has since resided, enjoying a large and lucrative

practice, and standing among the leading physicians of the county. March 4, 1883, he was united in marriage to Emma McCoy, daughter of O. B. and Martha McCoy. To this union two daughters, Fledah and Zeta L., have been born. Our subject is an active Democrat, and is greatly interested in his party, and the general welfare of the country, but has never aspired to political honors. He is an honorable and worthy member of the Christian Church, and takes great interest in educational matters, also contributing largely to all laudable public enterprises. He is of high standing in the community in which he resides, and is regarded as one of its eminent and successful citizens.

John Atkinson, a substantial farmer of Knox County, was born in Kentucky, in 1842, and is a son of John and Alice (Flemming) Atkinson. The father was born in England July 17, 1793, and at the age of twenty-five left his native country for the United States. He located in Kentucky, where he followed the carpenter's trade until 1831, when he came to Missouri, and worked at his trade until his death, which occurred in 1874. The mother was born in Pennsylvania, in 1791, of Scotch descent, and survived her husband's death, living with her children until July 8, 1887. Our subject remained in Missouri with his parents until he was united in marriage to Mary M. Crawford, daughter of Harrison P. and Margaret Crawford. Mrs. Atkinson's father was born September 23, 1813, in Ohio County, Ky., and died in Scotland County, Mo., January 12, 1887. The mother was born December 6, 1816, in Nicholas County, Ky., and died in Greensburg, Knox Co., Mo., December 17, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson have been blessed with four children, the only living one being Barton H. Atkinson. Our subject has been a resident and well-to-do farmer of Knox County for over twenty-two years, and during that time has won the respect of the entire community in which he lives. He has been a staunch and active Democrat all his life, but has never aspired to political office. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and for twenty years has been a charter member of the lodge at Greensburg. He and his wife belong to the Christian Church.

John T. Aucutt, a prominent citizen of Knox County, was born in Brown County, Ill., March 6, 1843, and is a son of John and Catherine (Hall) Aucutt. The father was born in Ohio, and in 1842 came to Brown County, Ill., where he farmed about thirteen years, and then came to Knox County, Mo., settling upon a farm in Section 35, Township 60, Range 13. There he died in 1877. Mrs. Aucutt, the mother of our subject, was a native of Virginia, married in Illinois, and died in Knox County, Mo., in 1877, only nine days after the death of her husband. Our subject lived

athome until 1864, with the exception of the time spent in the service of his country in the Thirty-ninth Missouri, from August 18, 1864, to March 21, 1865. After returning home he was married, December 5, 1867, to Laura Bowen, daughter of William and Sarah (Bradford) Bowen, and to this union nine children were born, all living, viz.: William, Suphrona, Edgar, Ethel, Maude, Alta, John, Ellen and an infant. After the war Mr. Aucutt farmed in Section 35, Salt River Township, until January, 1886, and then moved upon his present farm, which consists of 320 acres of good land—160 in cultivation and 160 in woodland and pasture. Mr. Aucutt is a strong supporter of the Republicans, but has never aspired to political office. He is also an honorable member of the I. O. O. F., and is one of the most worthy and public-spirited citizens of the county, being a liberal patron of all laudable public enterprises.

Thompson C. Baker, of Edina, Mo., was born in Knox County, June 22, 1845, his parents being James W. and Martha A. (Connelly) Baker. The father was a brother of Joshua Baker, one of the first settlers of Northeast Missouri, and came to Missouri in 1833, settling on a farm one and one-half miles South of Edina. He was for many years a magistrate, and also an efficient and able member of the county court. He died in 1859, and the mother died in 1872. Of the nine children born to this pair, there were raised to maturity Mary J., wife of L. W. Gordon; Hester W., wife of T. D. Cahalan, of Idaho; Thompson C.; Harriett A., wife of William Bowen; Henrietta, deceased wife of Thomas Green; William H., of California; and James, of Kansas. Our subject lived upon a farm until 1873, when he moved to Edina, and engaged in the hardware business, in which he continued successfully until 1886. Upon the organization of the Roller Mills, of Edina, he became a stockholder, and in 1886 became the secretary and treasurer of the company, which position he now holds. Mr. Baker has always belonged to the Democratic party, and as a member of such, was elected County Treasurer in 1880, and faithfully served a term of two years, when he was re-elected, and served in that capacity until 1885. October 24, 1881, he married Sarah Ann Ennis, a native of Marion County, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Baker have five living children: Ennis, James, May and Bessie (twins), and Anna. Mr. Baker was a charter member of the Edina Creamery Company. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is one of the prominent and well-to-do citizens of Edina.

George Robert Balthorpe, attorney at law, of Edina, Knox County, is a Virginian by birth, and a son of Napoleon B. and Elizabeth (Marshall) Balthorpe. He was born in Fauquier

County, August 22, 1841, about forty-five miles from Washington, D. C. Both his parents were also born in the Old Dominion State. His grandfather, John Balthorpe, came from Glasgow, Scotland, and was a captain of Virginian troops during the last war with England. The father of Elizabeth Marshall was a relative of Chief Justice Marshall, and also served in the war just mentioned. Capt. Balthorpe was the inventor of the axle-tree for field artillery, which is said to be still in use. He had a good deal of inventive talent, and also invented the double shovel-plow. George Balthorpe came to this State with the family in 1857, and completed his literary studies at the Hannibal Institute. He then engaged in farming with his father, until 1861, when he joined the Confederate Army, as a private, in Col. Burbridge's regiment, Gen. J. B. Clark's brigade. In the spring of 1862 he went to Virginia, and became a lieutenant of Company A, Maj. Richardson's battalion of scouts, guides and couriers, serving in that capacity until the war ended. Mr. Balthorpe returned to Missouri in the fall of 1866, was licensed to practice law at Palmyra, and settled in Knox County in January, 1867, and there established a good reputation, which he still retains. In 1880 Mr. Balthorpe was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney. He was re-elected in 1882, and again in 1884. Mr. Balthorpe is a Democrat in politics, as were his father and grandfather. The principles of that party have been thoroughly ingrained in his nature. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the Knights of Honor. May 20, 1868, he was married to Miss Elizabeth V. Pierce, daughter of Michael P. Pierce, of Knox County, Mo. To this union three sons and two daughters were born, viz.: Lulu L., Robert S., Marshall P., Bessie B. and John Florus F.

William M. Beal, of Edina, Mo., is a native of Butler County, Ohio, and was born December 13, 1819. He is a son of Daniel and Amy (Morris) Beal, natives of Kentucky. Our subject was reared to manhood, and educated in his native State and county, and there married Sarah McClamroch, and in 1843 came west to Indiana, where he followed the occupation of farming in Montgomery County for eight years. In 1851 he came to Knox County, Mo., and purchased a farm in Benton Township, where he resided until the last few years, since when his residence has been in Edina, having retired from active life. He was elected a member of the county court in 1857, and served six years. He was a Democrat up to 1860, and during the war was a Union man. In 1863, during the war, he was elected to the State Legislature on the Republican ticket, and was re-elected two years later; he served with honor and distinction, voting for the

amendment of the constitution of the United States, serving on committee of ways and means; was also appointed on a special committee to investigate the sale of the railroad, and in other ways rendered much valuable service. Mr. Beal has four living children: Daniel D., James M., John F. and Mary P. (widow of Dr. P. G. H. Barnett). Mr. Beal is a Master Mason, and himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is recognized as one of Knox County's most successful and highly respected citizens.

Daniel F. Beal, a well-known citizen of Knox County, and a resident of Benton Township, was born in Butler County, Ohio, September 5, 1842, and is the son of Judge William M. and Sarah (McClamloch) Beal. William M. was a native of Butler County, Ohio, born in 1819, and of German descent. He moved to Montgomery County, Ind., when our subject was but a child, and there he remained seven years. He has been a farmer all his life. About 1854 or 1856 he was elected judge by the Democratic party, and held that office until the breaking out of the late war. In 1864 he was elected by the Republican party to represent them in the Legislature, and in 1866 was re-elected. In 1886 he was the Republican candidate to the same office, and was defeated by about forty votes, when the Democrats had a very large majority in the county. He is now a resident of Edina. The mother of our subject was born in Butler County, Ohio, in 1821, and is also living. She is of Scotch descent, and both she and her husband are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is the eldest of four children, all living. He received a common education, but it was cut short by the breaking out of the late war. He left his books, and in 1861-62 served in the State militia. In 1863 he volunteered in Company E, of the Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, and was in the Federal service until April, 1866, and was in many battles and skirmishes. Among these were Tupelo, at Fort Blakeley, Ala., and others. After his discharge he returned to Knox County, Mo., and has since been a resident of that county, engaged in farming and stock raising. April 8, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Evylin E. Fowler, a native of Brown County, Ohio, and a daughter of S. K. Fowler. To this union have been born five children, four living: Everett O., Fred W., Mary A., Winniford M. and Austin (deceased). Our subject is a Republican in politics; his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John F. Beal, treasurer of Knox County, Mo., is a native of the county, born July 18, 1854, and is a son of William M. and Sarah (McClamroch) Beal. [See sketch.] Our subject passed his youth in his native county, and received his education

at the State Normal, at Kirksville. After completing his studies he engaged in the mercantile trade, being employed as a clerk for two years. He then established a business of his own at Kirksville, and in 1879 changed his place of business to Edina, where he has remained ever since, having met with good and well deserved success. At his store, on South Side Square, he carries a full and well selected stock of staple and fancy dry-goods, notions, gents' furnishings, hats, caps, boots, shoes, etc., and controls a large country and city trade. In politics Mr. Beal has always been an unswerving Democrat, and in 1884 was elected on the Democratic ticket to serve as treasurer of Knox County; after serving a term of two years he was re-elected in 1886, and is now faithfully discharging the duties of his office. March 5, 1879, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Estelle V. Biggerstaff, daughter of R. M. Biggerstaff, of this city. To this union one son, Ralph H., has been born. Mr. Beal is a member of the A. O. U. W. He is also treasurer of the Fair Association, and is recognized as one of the most important and prominent citizens of Knox County.

Joseph F. Biggerstaff, of Edina, is a native of Maryland, and was born October 26, 1826, his parents being Andrew and Sarah Biggerstaff. Our subject was reared to manhood in Ohio, serving an apprenticeship at the saddlers' trade, and also followed mercantile pursuits early in life. His education was acquired in the public and high schools. In 1850 he came west to Edina, where he farmed and speculated in land. He was the first man to fire a gun in Knox County, and took the first prisoner in this county, during the late war. He served as first lieutenant, in the Union cause, in the Third Missouri Cavalry, but declined to accept the captaincy to which he was elected about 1861. He established his first mercantile business in Edina, and has been thus engaged more or less ever since, on a large scale, owning not only a large store in Edina, but a large business in Greensburg, Kas. He first married Miss V. R. Guille, a lady of French descent, whose father was a surgeon under Napoleon, in the French Army. This lady died leaving five children now living: Arthur, Mary (wife of Dr. William Rodman), Milton G., Clarence and Virginia (wife of N. M. Powell). Mr. Biggerstaff's present wife is Ella McDowell Slaughter, a native of Culpeper County, Va., by whom he has had one child—Alice M. Mr. Biggerstaff has always been a Republican, and has served two terms as county treasurer of Knox County. He is a member of the G. A. R., and is one of Knox County's most successful business men and citizens.

L. J. Bitler, a prominent citizen of Knox County, was born



August 4, 1843, and is a son of Samuel and Catherine (John) Bitler. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and a resident of Ohio for about forty years, but came to Missouri in 1857, and located upon the farm where our subject now lives. Mr. Bitler died August 4, 1872. Mrs. Bitler was also a native of Pennsylvania, and was married to our subject's father in her native State. She is now living with her son. I. J., our subject, lived with his father until his death, taking care of him through his sickness, and afterward remained with his mother, and still lives upon the old home place which consists of 185 acres of good land, well improved and under a fine state of cultivation. December 20, 1866, he was united in marriage to Martha E. Clark, daughter of John L. Clark, and they are highly respected citizens. Our subject has always manifested an interest in political affairs and issues, and has held several offices of minor importance. In 1886 he was the regular nominee of the Republican party for the office of county sheriff, but was defeated, which, however, did not affect him materially as he was not an aspirant for political honors. He is an honorable member of the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R., and himself and wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is an enterprising and prosperous citizen, and greatly interested in public enterprises, to which he is a liberal contributor.

Thomas J. Black, farmer and stock raiser, was born February 12, 1838, in Quincy, Ill., and is the fourth of nine (four deceased) children born to John and Sarah (Taylor) Black, natives of Kentucky, but married in Quincy, where they came after reaching maturity. The father was a carpenter, and remained in Quincy, employed at his trade until 1839, when they moved to Knox County, Mo., and settled upon a farm where the father died in 1867. The mother still lives, and makes her home with our subject. The father was a skillful mechanic, but after coming to Missouri engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which he was successful, and at the time of his death was the owner of from 300 to 400 acres of land. Our subject was educated in the common schools of Knox County, and at the age of twenty, although he made his home with his parents, began life for himself by working on farms by the month, which he continued to do until he became twenty-two years old, when he married, and settled upon a portion of his father's farm. His wife, Eveline (Taylor) Black, was born in 1842 in Iowa, and was married to Mr. Black in October, 1860. By her he had seven children (two deceased), and this lady died January 16, 1876. In 1879 he was united in marriage to Jennie Ross, daughter of Enoch Ross, and who gave birth to one child, and died in March, 1880. The living children

of our subject are John W., Henrietta (the wife of C. Beck), Ella, Thomas Edward and Ambrose Everett by his first wife, and Zora by his second. After his first marriage he remained upon his father's farm about two years, and then purchased one upon which he lived until March, 1885, by which time he had acquired all of Section 23, and a quarter of Section 28. When he moved to the farm, he had also purchased land in Sections 12 and 13, Township 61 north, Range 13 west, where he has since resided. He now owns the vast amount of 1,440 acres of land, 1,360 acres of which are enclosed and, principally, cleared and improved, and under a good state of cultivation; 840 acres are situated north of Hurdland, and the remainder is in one tract upon which he lives. He has been remarkably successful in his undertakings, and has accumulated most of his wealth by dealing in stock. He has 150 head of cattle upon his farm at present, and regards this as a very small number. He is one of the leading stock dealers of Knox County, and is a well respected citizen, honored and esteemed by the community. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. His son, John, is a member of the Catholic Church, and his daughter, Ella, is a Methodist.

Asa Blanchard was born in Edgar County, Ill., August 17, 1832, and is a son of Horatio and Rebecca A. (Hannah) Blanchard, natives of Ohio, and born in 1806 and 1813, respectively. The father is now a resident of Illinois, but the mother died in that State in 1864. Our subject lived at home until twenty-three years of age, during which time he learned to operate a wool-carding machine, and also learned the trade of plastering, in which occupations he was engaged until 1864, when he enlisted in the Thirty-ninth Missouri Regiment, serving as first lieutenant from August 13, 1864, until March 21, 1865. He then went to Goodland, Knox Co., Mo., and engaged in the mercantile business, in the fall of 1865, in which he continued until the spring of 1868, at which time he had a large trade. In 1868, wishing to retire to a more quiet life, he sold his stock, and purchased a farm of eighty acres, which he at once began to improve, and where he has ever since resided, and has increased to 217 acres of good land, well cultivated and improved. August 4, 1861, he was married to Sarah E. Ausmus, daughter of Philip and Martha Ausmus, and to this marriage, one son—Edmond A.—has been born. Mr. Blanchard lost his first wife April 3, 1863, and March 17, 1867, was united in marriage to Mary E. Bradford, daughter of Stephen S. and Margaret J. Bradford. In politics he was a Democrat before the war, but since has become a Republican, and is now a strong Greenback supporter. He has been interested

in political issues since he became of age, and always does a good day's work at election times. He is a member of the Masonic order; himself and wife belong to the Christian Church, and are worthy and respected citizens of Knox County.

Albert G. Bostick, of Edina, Mo., was born May 29, 1841, in Benton, Holmes Co., Miss., and is the son of Absalom and Mary (Patton) Bostick, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. The father was a merchant by occupation, and followed that business in Tennessee, and a short time at Cape Girardeau, Mo. The mother still resides in Nashville, Tenn. Of the six children born to them there are now living Robert F., of Gainesville, Tex.; Angeline, wife of Thomas T. Jordan, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Cordelia, wife of W. D. Covington, attorney at law, of Nashville, Tenn., and our subject, who was reared to manhood in Tennessee, near Nashville, securing a good education, which he completed at the Cumberland University, at Lebanon, Tenn. In 1864 he came to Quincy, Ill., and followed the mercantile business several years. In the spring of 1868 he came to Edina, where he was principal of the public schools for eight years. He then engaged in the grocery business, at his present stand on the west side of the public square, in which he has met with good and well-deserved success, being one of the most substantial and well-to-do business men and citizens of Edina Township. March 16, 1865, he married Mary E. Hines, a native of near Lexington, Ky. No children have been born to this union. Mr. Bostick is a Democrat, a member of the I. O. O. F. and encampment; and a Master Mason.

Charles E. Bowen, a leading citizen of Knox County, was born in Shelby County, Mo., October 1, 1838, and is a son of William and Sarah L. (Bradford) Bowen, natives of Maryland, and born in 1814 and November 22, 1813, respectively. They were married in 1834, and four years later settled upon a farm in Shelby County, Mo., two years later removing to their present farm in Knox County. Our subject was reared at home, and at the age of twenty-two was married, but still lived at home about two years, and then moved upon a farm in Shelby County, where he lived about a year. He then settled upon the farm where he now resides, in Knox County, which contains 210 acres of land, mostly all well improved and cultivated. Frances Hooper was united in marriage to our subject March 13, 1861, and this union was blessed with six children, of whom five are living: Ann Marie (wife of Samuel Shores), Charles F., Rosa B., Laura E. and Luella. Our subject was once a Democrat, but is now a Prohibitionist. He has never held office, although he is greatly interested in the general welfare and prosperity

of the country, and his family is one of the most honored and respected in the county.

Thomas B. Bowen, one of the prominent citizens of Knox County, and a resident of Salt River Township, is a native of Knox County, born March 31, 1841. He is a son of Charles Bowen, who was born in Maryland January 11, 1813, and came to Marion County, Mo., in the spring of 1838, settling on a farm where he remained two years, and then removed to Shelby County, Mo., living there about a year, and then making a final move to Knox County, locating upon a wild prairie farm in Salt River Township, which he improved, and where he now resides, engaged in farming and stock raising. Mahala (Bradford) Bowen, the mother of our subject, was also a native of Maryland, and was born February 8, 1813. She was married, in her native State, to our subject's father, in 1838, and they at once came to Marion County, Mo. She is now spending her days with her husband in Salt River Township. Our subject remained at home with his parents until the birthday of his twenty-second year. Soon after, he married, lived upon his father's farm about two years, and then moved upon a farm of sixty acres his father had deeded him, which he afterward traded for the place he is now a resident of, paying the difference in cash. To this farm he has added land, until he now possesses 295 acres of well-improved and cultivated land, making him one of the prosperous and enterprising young farmers of the county. He is also engaged in stock raising, in connection with his farming. March 31, 1863, he was married to Sarah E. Hodges, daughter of John and Malinda (Stone) Hodges, natives of Kentucky. Mrs. Bowen was born November 2, 1834, in Kentucky, and to her union with our subject eight children have been born, of whom six are living: Florence E. (wife of William T. Cloyd), Margaret J., Charles W. S., James K., John T. and Archibald T. During the war our subject served in the Thirty-ninth Missouri Infantry, Company F, from August 11, 1864, until March 23, 1865, but afterward returned home immediately, and resumed his home duties. He was a hearty Republican after the war until after Hayes was elected, and since then has belonged to the Greenback party. He is a worthy member of the L. O. F., and himself and wife rank among the honored and respected citizens of the county.

William W. Brewington, one of the substantial and prominent farmers of Knox County, was born in Dearborn County, Ind., in 1834. His father, Benjamin B., was born and reared in Maryland, and at the age of twenty-four immigrated to Dearborn County, Ind., where he resided about three years, actively engaged in farming. In 1850, while in that county, he was mar-

ried to Miss Martha Bennium, daughter of William Bennium, a native of Dearborn County. Soon after the war Mr. Brewington moved to Kirksville, Mo., where he lived a retired life with his children. He was a man of remarkable constitution, and lived more than the allotted three score years and ten of man. In early life he was a Democrat, but after the war became a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Our subject was reared in Indiana, and lived with his parents until he became twenty-five years of age, when he was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Bruce, a native of Dearborn County, Ind., and daughter of Isaac and Julia Ann (Farand) Bruce, natives of the same county. Our subject, his mother and mother-in-law were all educated in the same county and schools. In 1859 Mr. Brewington came to Benton Township, Knox Co., Mo., where he resided eight years, and then lived in Lewis County until his removal to Knox County, in 1882, having been engaged in farming all this time. Mr. and Mrs. Brewington have been blessed with four children, all of whom are living: Frank V., Laura E. (Scott), Perry and Robert N. During his life Mr. Brewington has always enjoyed the respect and confidence of his fellow men, and is now one of the enterprising farmers of this region, cwning 100 acres of good land, well improved. He is a Republican, and his wife is a member of the church.

John H. Briscoe.—Among the worthy and deserving agriculturists of Northeast Missouri, is the subject of this sketch, a native of Highland Township, Mo., born in 1833. He is a descendant of two highly respected families of Kentucky, where his parents were raised, educated and married, and in 1833 immigrated to Northeast Missouri. Our subject's father, Walter Briscoe, was of German descent, and his life occupation was that of farming; he served for a time in the Black Hawk or Iowa war. He died in Missouri, aged forty-four years, in 1853. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion was a member of the Baptist Church; his widow survived him until 1865, at the close of the war. Our subject was reared in his native county and State, and received his education during the winter terms of the district and public schools. At the age of twenty he immigrated to California, and worked in the mines one year, and it was in that year he lost his father. In 1854 he returned to Lewis County, and soon after entered land in Knox County, where he moved in the spring of 1854, and built a log house. Before going west he was married to Miss Sarah H. Lewis, a native of Kentucky, daughter of Benjamin C. and Harriet (Jackson) Lewis. Beginning with but a rude home, the young couple began to improve their land, although at that time wild game and animals abounded, and the

country was very thinly settled. To them nine children have been born (eight of whom are living): Laura (Briscoe) Gosney, Harriet E., Hester F. (Briscoe) Bostwick, Emma D., Walter H., Benjamin C., Sarah (Briscoe) Roberts, Lydia M. and John H. During the late war Mr. Briscoe, although not classed among the regular army, was what was known as a bushwhacker, and did a good deal of dodging, but never bushwhacked any one. In politics he is a Democrat. With the exception of the year spent in California, he has been within this judicial district all his life, and is a man well liked and well spoken of, being of high principles and character. He now owns 290 acres of good land, and is one of Knox County's enterprising and public-spirited citizens.

Thomas M. Bronson, who has been a resident of Knox County for sixteen years, and is a partner of the firm Bronson & Bro., grist and saw mills, was born in Brown County, Ohio, in 1835. His father was a native of New York State, and a man of more than ordinary skill and ability, serving as auditor of Brown County, Ohio, for several years. He was a highly educated and intelligent gentleman, and taught school in Ohio for many years. He was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Norris, and by her had thirteen children, nine of whom are now living. Our subject, Thomas M., is the fifth son, and spent his youth in Brown County, Ohio, where he received a common-school education at the neighborhood and district schools. At the age of twenty, in 1854, he started west with his eldest brother, and located in Shelby County, Mo., where he remained farming until 1871. While there he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Matkin, and to them five children were born, three of whom are living with their parents: James, Annie and Manford. He next operated a grist and saw mill in Newark, until 1879, and then came to Knox City, where he has since resided. He now owns eighty acres of land in Myrtle Township, besides being a partner with H. Bronson in some mill property worth about \$3,000. In politics he is a Republican.

H. Bronson, the present mayor of Knox City, is by nativity and rearing an eastern man, and was born in New York State September 2, 1836. The family originally came from Connecticut, of which State his mother was a native. Her maiden name was Mahitable Morris, and she wedded Merritt Bronson, a farmer by occupation, and in politics a Whig. Mr. Bronson and wife had four children—three boys and one girl. Our subject received a liberal education in his native county, Onondaga, and at the age of twenty-three started for the West. He went to Shelby County, Mo., where he taught school for two years, and spent his vacations farming. In 1868 he moved to

Newark, Knox County, and engaged in the grist and saw milling business for eleven years, at which he was quite successful. In 1879 he moved to Knox City, where he has been actively employed in the same business ever since. He is now serving his second term of mayorship, in which office he gives great satisfaction. While a resident of Shelby County he was united in marriage to his cousin, Miss Mary E. Bronson, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Stephen T. Bronson, of Shelby County (now deceased). To this marriage six children have been born, all of whom are living with their parents. They are Lamont, Lillian, George, Henry, Nellie and Orville. During the war Mr. Bronson enlisted under Capt. James Collier in Company G, Eleventh Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and served two years and a half as commissary sergeant in that company, although he participated in no important battles. During his nineteen years' residence in Knox County, Mr. Bronson has established a reputation of being a good, punctual and active business man, and enjoys the respect of the entire community. He does a good business in the grist and saw milling trades, and in politics he is a Greenbacker.

S. K. Brosius, one of the enterprising merchants of Knox County, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in 1833, and is a son of Benjamin Brosius, a native of Pennsylvania, and born in 1791. He was of German descent, and came to the State of Ohio in 1837, where he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1866. Phoebe (Boothe) Brosius, the mother of our subject, was also a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in 1794, and died in 1869. Our subject accompanied his parents to Ohio, and lived with them until he was twenty-four years old, when he went to Illinois, and farmed there until 1865. He then came to Clark County, Mo., where he remained until 1881, or until he came to Greensburg Township, Knox County, and engaged in the mercantile business, which he has successfully followed ever since. In 1858 our subject was united in marriage to Mary Starr, daughter of James and Phoebe (Hillis) Starr. This union of our subject and wife was blessed with three daughters, viz.: Emma P., Lula B. and Anna M. Our subject has nine living brothers, three of whom are younger than himself. He is a staunch Republican, but has never sought or held political office, preferring the quiet of his home life to that of political worry and trouble. He commands a good trade, and is one of the enterprising and substantial citizens of Greensburg Township.

Capt. Joel Brown, postmaster of Edina, was born in York County, Penn., March 8, 1832, and is a son of Thomas and Susannah (Griest) Brown, natives, respectively, of Baltimore,

Md., and York County, Penn. The father with his family immigrated to Iowa in 1855, and resided in Van Buren County, until the death of the parents. Our subject was reared on the farm, and at the age of seventeen learned the blacksmith's trade which he regularly followed in Pennsylvania, until 1855, when he moved with the family to Iowa, where he worked at the same trade in Van Buren County until the breaking out of the civil war, when he enlisted in the spring of 1861, and helped to organize Company H, Fifth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, of which he was made first lieutenant, and the following September was promoted to the captaincy of the company, serving in this office until the spring of 1863, when he resigned on account of trouble caused by a wound in his lungs, which was received the year previous at Iuka, Miss. Returning home he engaged in the manufacture of wagons, buggies and plows until the spring of 1877, when he removed to Edina, and engaged in the drug business for four years with a brother, in which business he is now engaged, having as a partner Charles E. Lionberger. Capt. Brown comes of an old Whig stock, and since the organization of the Republican party has been a staunch member of its ranks, and has served three terms in the (lower) Iowa Legislature, representing Van Buren County in the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth General Assemblies. In April, 1883, he was appointed by President Arthur postmaster of Edina, and has filled the office in a faithful and efficient manner up to the present time. His first wife, who was Angelina Griest, died in Van Buren County, Iowa, leaving no issue, and in 1862 he married Sarah Ann McDonald, his present wife, a native of Muskingum County, Ohio, by whom he has one son, Charles M., deputy postmaster. Capt. Brown has long been a Mason, and is a member of the G. A. R. and K. of H. Himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Edwin J. Brown was born in York County, Penn., November 17, 1834, and is a son of Thomas and Susannah (Griest) Brown. The father was a native of Baltimore, Md., a farmer by occupation, and immigrated to Iowa with his family in 1855, locating in Van Buren County, where he died. The mother was a descendant of an old Quaker family, of her name, that came to Pennsylvania with the William Penn colony. This lady also died in Van Buren County. Of the five sons and two daughters born to them four sons and one daughter were raised to maturity, and now Capt. Joel and our subject are the only surviving children. Edwin J. was reared to manhood on the farm, but early evinced a desire to study medicine, and gained quite a knowledge of drugs



and medicines by being in an apothecary's shop a good deal during his youth. In 1859 he embarked in the drug business in Birmingham, Iowa. He then moved to Memphis during the last year of the war, and engaged in business there for two years. He next went to La Grange, Mo., and his next occupation was that of a traveling man for a cigar and a tobacco house. In 1867 he came to Edina, and purchased Jesse Sherwood's drug store, where his present store now stands. He was very successful here, and built the store he now occupies in 1879, in which he carries a large and well selected line of drugs, paints, oils, books, stationery and fancy toilet articles. His stock of this line of goods is not surpassed in Northeast Missouri. He is a member of the State Pharmaceutical Association, and has been a director of the Knox County Savings Bank since its organization, having been its vice-president for some years; and he is also one of the incorporators, a stockholder and vice-president of the Roller Mill Company of Edina. In April, 1861, he was married to Mary A. S. Cock, a native of Pennsylvania, but of English parentage. This lady died June 30, 1870. To this marriage five children were born, viz.: Joel Carlton, M. D., of Hurdland, Mo.; B. Bert, druggist in Omaha, Neb.; Charles A., William Eli and Mary (deceased). August 8, 1873, he married Amelia X. Sever, his present wife, a native of Ohio, born near Cincinnati. This union has been blessed with four children, viz.: Edwin S., John Griest, Thomas Claude and Mary Edna. The eldest is dead. Mr. Brown has been a Republican since the organization of that party, and at the commencement of the war enlisted in the Union Army, being elected lieutenant of his brother's company, H, Fifth Iowa Infantry, but resigned before entering active service, having been in poor health from his youth. He has been active in municipal affairs in Edina, having been a member of the city council several times. He is a Knight Templar, a Knight of Honor and a member of the A. O. U. W.

Dr. Joel Carlton Brown, the junior partner of the firm of Drs. Crawford & Brown, was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, Feb. 12, 1862, and is a son of Ed. J. Brown, of Edina. [See above sketch.] Our subject removed to Edina with his parents when a small lad, and was there raised to manhood. He finished the sophomore course in the Missouri State University, at Columbia, Mo., and studied medicine under Dr. L. S. Brown, at Edina. He then entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, in the fall of 1884, and took three courses of lectures, graduating from there in 1886. He practiced first in Shelby County, Mo., but shortly after went to Edina, and from there came to Hurdland in March, 1887, where he became the partner of Dr. Crawford. June 15, 1887, he was

married to Annie C. Brown, daughter of Dr. L. S. Brown. In politics Dr. Brown is a Republican.

Dr. Lewis S. Brown, a resident of Edina, was born in Fauquier County, Va., March 3, 1836, and is a son of Lewis S. and Ann M. (Tolle) Brown, both natives of the Old Dominion State. The father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and afterward a captain in the State militia of Virginia. He was thrice married, the mother of our subject being his third wife. He immigrated to Missouri with his family when our subject was an infant of six months, and at first settled at Palmyra, but a few years later removed to Lewis County, and located near La Grange, where he died in 1856. The mother still resides in Lewis County, and the following children survive, who were born to this union: Lewis S., Eliza (wife of Michael Shea), James M., Lucy M., Smith E. and Walter Toole. Our subject is the eldest of the children, and spent his early youth on the farm. He attended school at Philadelphia, in Marion County, and finished his education at Miami, Saline Co., Mo. Before he reached his majority he began the study of medicine, reading under Dr. Ellery, of La Grange, and later with Dr. VanNess, south of La Grange. He attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Keokuk, Iowa, first in 1858-59, and again during 1862-63, graduating in the latter year. After his graduation he commenced to practice in Macon County, and at the close of the war located on a farm in the north-western part of Marion County, where he practiced his profession until 1876, when he came to Edina, where he has ever since enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice. On January 16, 1858, the Doctor was united in marriage to Martha A. Nickell, a native of Macon County, Mo., by whom he has had six children: William M. (a physician, of Lewiston, Mo.), Annie C. (wife of Dr. J. C. Brown, of Hurdland), John S., George S., Thaddens J. and Nickell F. The Doctor is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the A. O. U. W. In politics he is a Democrat. He is justly regarded as one of the prominent and successful citizens of Knox County, and as a physician of rare ability, and remarkable success in his profession.

Isaac Brown, a prominent citizen of Knox County, was born in Perry County, Ohio, January 8, 1841. His father, John Brown, was a native of Virginia, and born in 1792, dying in Knox County, Mo., in Greensburg Township, in 1869. The mother, Mary (Middleton) Brown, was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1810, and is now living with her youngest son (Stephen Brown) in Nebraska. Our subject lived with his father until twenty-seven years of age, and then moved upon his present farm, which contains 210 acres of land, all being finely cultivated except

fifty acres of timber land. Mr. Brown also engages extensively in stock raising. Kizzie E. (Smith) Brown, the wife of our subject, was born in Indiana in 1850, and came to Knox County when quite small, where she was married to our subject January 5, 1868. She is the daughter of Samuel M. Smith, who was born in Ohio in 1806, and died in Knox County, Mo., in 1880. Her mother, Hannah (Marsh) Smith, was born in Ohio in 1818, and is now living in Nebraska with her youngest son. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown seven children have been born, of whom only four are living, viz: Jeanettie B., Lillie L., William I. and Verna I. Our subject served in the Fifty-seventh Missouri State Militia during the late war, and is now a stanch Democrat, but has never sought political honors. Mrs. Brown and daughter, Jeanettie B., are worthy members of the Christian Church, and the family is highly honored and respected by the community. Their daughter, Jeanettie B., is also a member of the Christian Church, and is now teaching school. Lillie B. is a student of music.

Stephen A. Bryant, a leading citizen and resident of Salt River Township, was born in Lewis County, Mo., November 27, 1837, and is a son of Edwin A. and Sophia (Baker) Bryant. The father was born in Virginia, and came to Lewis County, Mo., in 1834, where he engaged in farming until he embarked in the mercantile business at Canton, Mo., which he followed very successfully until his death in 1858. The mother, a native of Kentucky, died in 1870. Stephen A. remained at home until twenty-six years of age, although his father died when he was but nineteen. March 12, 1863, he was married to Mary A. Shannon, daughter of James M. and Nancy M. (Sadler) Shannon, natives of Kentucky. Mrs. Bryant was born January 11, 1846, and to her union with our subject ten children have been born, of whom eight are living: Nancy L. (wife of H. S. McClintick), Sophia J., Maudie, Anna, Shannon E., Julia, Stephen A. and John B. After his marriage our subject moved on a farm in Knox County, where he remained two years, and then lived with his mother two years, afterward moving upon the farm where he now resides, which consists of 320 acres in the home place, and 180 acres elsewhere. The home place is well improved, and under a fine state of cultivation, and farming and stock raising are the pursuits to which Mr. Bryant gives most of his time and attention. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never held office. He is a worthy member of the Masonic order, and is greatly interested in all educational projects. Himself and wife are honored and respected citizens of Knox County, and enjoy the esteem of a large circle of friends.

Thomas Burk, of Edina, Mo., was born in Franklin County,

Ind., February 10, 1840, and is a son of John and Harriet (Tucker) Burk, natives of Kentucky and New Jersey, respectively. The father brought his family to Missouri in 1854, having been previously to the State, and entered land in Knox County. He was one of the most enterprising and successful farmers and stock raisers of the county, and died at his home, five miles east of Edina, in 1878. The mother died in 1871. Of the two sons and ten daughters born to them, there still live Elizabeth; Sarah, widow of James H. Crim; Thomas; Emeline, wife of William Jarvis; Lucinda, wife of William H. Vandever; Ellen, wife of James McQuoid; and Martha A., widow of Peter Schwind. Our subject spent his youth upon the farm, and has followed farming and stock raising very successfully the greater part of his life. He now owns 800 acres of some of the best land in the county, 710 acres being prairie land, five miles east of the town, in one tract, and all improved. In the fall of 1881 he removed to Edina, and built his large, two-story brick block on South Side Square, which he occupies. One room is devoted to a large stock of drugs and groceries, and the other to hardware, John A. Kelso and John Grainger being partners in the business, which is one of the largest of its kind in Northeast Missouri. September 21, 1875, Mr. Burk was married to Sarah V. Jarvis, a native of Knox County, Mo., and to them five children have been born, all of whom are living: Eva Lee, Ida May, Charles G., Eleanor Della and Jesse Earl. In politics Mr. Burk has always been a staunch Democrat. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the I. O. O. F., and is recognized as one of the successful and reliable business men of this county.

John Callaway.—Among those who have been prominent in the history of Knox County is the subject of the present sketch, ex-Judge Callaway, who was born in Harrison County, Ky., in 1828, and who is a descendant of two well respected and highly esteemed families of the Blue-grass State. His father, Henry H., was of English descent, and a native of Harrison County, Ky.; his mother, Annie Sherman, a native of Bourbon County, Ky., and of German descent. Henry H. and wife were married in Bourbon County, Ky., where they engaged in farming for several years, and in 1832 immigrated to Northeast Missouri, where they located in Marion County, thus becoming one of the pioneer families of that section of the country. In 1839, between Christmas and New Year, they moved to Knox County, and settled near Edina, on Troublesome Creek, where Henry H. died in November, 1856, at the age of fifty-four. His wife departed this life the 11th day of March, 1883, at the age of seventy-four. They were both active and consistent members of the Methodist Epis-

cepal Church. Mr. Callaway was a man of more than ordinary ability, and was elected county judge by the Democrats of Knox County, for several terms. Ten children were born to this union, nine of whom grew to maturity, and eight of whom are still living, all residing in Knox County, with the exception of Theodore, who resides in Davis County, Ind. Those married are Theodore, Mary Ann (formerly Mrs. Allen, now Mrs. Hardman), Satira Petree, Samuel (who married Miss Finch), and John. Our subject lived with his parents until he became twenty years old, when he went west in search of gold. Here he mined successfully for some time, but in 1866 met with reverses and returned home. While in California he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Dodd, a native of Kentucky, but then residing in Placer County, Cal., with her mother, who was left a widow when her daughter was but a child. To this union one child, Henry A., was born, but who is now dead. In November, two or three years after his marriage, the Judge lost his wife. After returning to Missouri, in 1866, our subject engaged in farming in Liberty Township, which farm of 100 acres he still owns. He inherited his father's ability, and has also served as county judge. He was first appointed by Gov. Crittenden to fill out an unexpired term of Judge Hoagling who had resigned, and was elected to the same office the following term, but never aspired to the office again. For about four years previous to March, 1887, Judge Callaway was engaged in the family grocery trade, but has now retired from business life, and is living in his cottage at Knox City, where two unmarried sisters, Alice and Belle Callaway, remain with him.

Hon. Colin M. Campbell, ex-representative of Knox County, and a leading and prominent farmer, was born February 7, 1820, in Harrison County, Ky., and is the second child of Matthew and Dorothy (Martin) Campbell. [See succeeding sketch.] Our subject was educated at the common schools in Decatur County, Ind., and, when twenty-one years of age, began to teach, and continued teaching in the winter, and farming in the summer, for five years. In the spring of 1843 he was united in marriage to Margaret L., daughter of Stephen and Rebecca (Buddle) Sharp, natives of Kentucky. This lady was born February 18, 1824, in Bush County, Ind., and to this union five children were born. The two now living are Martha Ann, wife of Samuel K. Fowler, Jr., a farmer of Bee Ridge Township, and John W., a wholesale and retail hardware merchant of Grainfield, Kas. After his marriage, in the fall of 1843, our subject moved to Missouri, settling in Knox County, where he located upon a tract of land he had partially entered, and where he has since resided with the

exception of three years when he served as sheriff, and lived in town. To his original small tract of land he added more, until he owned 1,500 acres, which he has divided with his children, until he now possesses but 900 acres, all but 120 of which are highly cultivated and improved. What he has and has had is all the result of his and his wife's efforts and good management. Mr. Campbell is highly respected and honored by the community, and in 1858 was elected sheriff of Knox County, which position he filled so well and efficiently that he was re-elected. After serving in this capacity for two terms he was more highly honored by being chosen to represent his fellow citizens in the State Legislature, which office he filled satisfactorily for a term of two years, refusing a renomination on account of ill health. He is a staunch Democrat and has also filled minor official positions, being justice of the peace a number of years. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and himself and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

J. H. Campbell, M. D., a prominent physician, surgeon and farmer, of Knox County, was born May 30, 1824, in Harrison County, Ky., and is the fourth of six children born to Matthew and Dorothy (Martin) Campbell, natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland, respectively. They were married in Harrison County, Ky., where they lived with their parents in childhood. The territory in which they settled was named Campbell in honor of our subject's ancestors, but is now divided into three counties. Matthew Campbell, the grandfather of our subject, built the first tavern between Cincinnati and Lexington. Our subject's parents remained in Kentucky until 1826, when they removed to Decatur County, Ind., and settled on a farm. In the fall of 1847 they immigrated to Knox County, Mo., where they resided until their respective deaths in 1867 and 1869. The father was a pioneer settler and farmer of Knox County, and at the time of his death owned 160 acres of land. Our subject received a common-school education in Decatur County, Ind., and at the age of nineteen began to study medicine at Greensburg, in that county, under Dr. William Armington, until the spring of 1847, when he went to Knox County, Mo., and bought a forty-acre tract of land, on which he has since resided. He began to practice his chosen profession in the summer of 1847, but in the fall of that year went to the State University at St. Louis, which he attended two consecutive sessions, graduating from the medical department and receiving his diploma in the spring of 1849. Since that time he has devoted his attention to his practice and farming, and has added to his original possessions until he became one of the largest landholders in the county, at one time owning 1,600 acres.

Sarah Ann, daughter of Elijah and Mary (Boring) Wiley, was married to our subject in Rush County, Ind., November 15, 1849. She was born in the same county December 20, 1829. To Mr. and Mrs. Campbell seven children have been born, three of whom are living, viz.: Taylor R., a leading physician, of Grainfield, Kas.; Ralph Martin, living on a portion of the old homestead; and Ada Lena, who is attending the Howard Female College at Fayette, Mo. Mr. Campbell is one of the most eminent and honored citizens of Knox County, and by his energy and ability now occupies a high rank in his profession. He is a Democrat, and in 1872 was elected State representative by that party, serving satisfactorily for two years, and attending two sessions. During the township organization he represented Shelton Township, having been elected one of the commissioners. Formerly he was a Whig, but, although now an active member of his party, he is no aspirant for political honors. He is a prominent member of the F. & A. M., being a Master Mason of Novelty Lodge, No. 181; he is also a member of the R. A. Chapel, No. 93, at Edina. He and his family are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

James Campbell, one of the representative citizens of Knox County, is a native of Henry County, Ky., born April 20, 1837. He is a son of John and Annie (Scott) Campbell. The father was a native of the same county and State, and died at the age of forty-five, in 1849. He came to Marion County, Mo., in 1845, but returned to Kentucky to settle his business, and died there. The mother was also born in Henry County, Ky., and died in Nevada City, Vernon Co., Mo., in 1883, aged seventy-four years, lacking two months and one day. These parents were industrious, honest, respectable, law-abiding and God-fearing people, and reared their children to follow in their footsteps. They died honored and respected by all who knew them. Our subject is the fourth of seven children (five now living) born to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, and received his education at the schools of Marion County. His father died when James was quite young, but he lived with his mother until he was twenty-five years of age, and then married Rebecca L. Anderson, daughter of Andrew Anderson, of Lewis County, Mo. This lady was born in the last named county in 1840, and to her union with our subject five children were born, of whom there are living Walton L., Marion E. and Annie Lizzie. After his marriage Mr. Campbell moved upon the farm where he now lives, which he proceeded to improve, and he now owns 700 acres of some of the best land in Knox County, which is the result of his labor and good management, as he started in life a poor man. A great portion of his success, how-

ever, is due to the valuable assistance rendered him by his faithful wife. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Christian Church, and the former is a Democrat in politics.

Thomas Campbell, a resident of Liberty Township, Knox Co., Mo., was born in Brown County, Ohio, January 27, 1853, and is a son of James and Margaret (Call) Campbell, natives, respectively, of Ireland and, Pennsylvania. Thomas spent his youth in his native State, and in 1878 came to Missouri, and has since managed a large farm belonging to his family, located one mile northeast of Edina, on the Millport road. This farm consists of 532 acres. Mr. Campbell's main occupation is that of farming and stock raising, the latter being a specialty. He has also conducted a dairy successfully for the last two years, and supplies the town trade. In October, 1882, he was united in marriage to Miss Lulu Mathews, of this county, and to this union three children have been born, only one—Mary Elsie—now living. In politics Mr. Campbell is a Democrat. He is a member of the K. of H. and the A. O. U. W., and himself and wife are Catholics.

French Carder, an old and prominent citizen of Colony Township, Knox County, was born in Taylor County, W. Va., March 10, 1821, where he lived until 1855, and then came to Knox County, Mo., where he has since made his home. He had previously visited Knox and Marion Counties, in 1840, and can relate many interesting stories of that trip. While young he learned the stone mason's trade, at which he worked a great deal in after life, and also worked in timber, making his start in life that way. When he came to Missouri he invested \$4,000 judiciously, and at one time owned over 2,000 acres of some of the best land in the county, but he has given all but one half section, which he reserved for himself, to his children. In 1844 he married Amanda Goodwin, a native of Taylor County, W. Va., and born in 1823, and their union has been blessed with eight children—five sons and three daughters—of whom seven are living: John S., Susannah, Julia A., Luther J., Homer F., Calvin and Maggie. F. M., the eldest son, died in August, 1887. Our subject started in life a poor man, but by industry, good management and the assistance of his good wife, has been very successful in life. Mrs. Carder has been a good and faithful woman and wife, and has helped her husband bear many trials and hardships, as well as share his joys. They have both been active members of the Missionary Baptist Church for over forty years, and Mr. Carder is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Colony Lodge, No. 168. In politics he has been a Democrat until lately, but believes in voting for the man and not for the party. He is a strong Prohibitionist, and eagerly looks forward to the day when



the cause of temperance shall be victorious. He is a public-spirited man, and a hearty supporter of laudable public enterprises.

John W. Carter, of Hurdland, Mo., was born in Fayette County Penn., April 17, 1841, and is a son of Basil and Mary E. (Tuttle) Carter, natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Our subject removed with his parents in 1850 to Meigs County, Ohio, and was there reared to manhood securing a good English education by his own efforts. He then taught school in that State and county until 1866, when he came to Missouri, and a year later purchased a farm in Lyon Township, which he conducted and also taught school for a number of years. In 1882 he sold his farm, and engaged in the mercantile business at Hurdland, which has since been his occupation. He has met with good and well-merited success, and carries a full and well-selected stock of groceries, provisions, clothing, dry goods, and, in fact, everything pertaining to a fine stock of general merchandise, and controls a large patronage. February 18, 1868, he married Martha A. Hall, a native of Washington County, Ohio, by whom he has had one child who is now deceased. Her name was Antoinette. In politics our subject is a Democrat, and takes an active interest in local political affairs. He is a notary public, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is accounted one of the most promising and active business men of the county.

Judge William Clancy, a resident of Edina for the past twenty years, was born May 31, 1843 at Somerset, Perry Co., Ohio, and is a son of David and Ellen (Hennessey) Clancy, who were natives of Ireland; David from Kilworth, County Cork, and Ellen from the County Kilkenny. The parents of our subject emigrated from Ireland to this country in the year 1824, and were married at Somerset, Ohio, in the spring of 1838. He lived with his parents in his native State until 1857, when he immigrated to Knox County, Mo. The father and family settled on a farm in Knox County, one mile and a half east of Edina, in Section 16, Township 62, Range 11 west, where the father died April 6, 1878. The mother, four sons and one daughter survive him, and the mother yet lives on and controls the homestead, at a very advanced age. Our subject was fairly well educated in Ohio, at private and public schools; but after coming to Missouri, he had to help his two elder brothers open a big farm, and spent four years in making rails, chopping, clearing, fencing, and breaking prairie with a big ox team. The Judge boasts that he became so expert with the whip that he could pick a "green head" fly off an ox with his whip, every time. When the war broke out his career on the farm was ended; under Gov. Gamble's order

he enrolled in the State militia, and served for about nine months, when his command was relieved. He then entered St. Paul's College, at Palmyra, Mo., and finished his educational career in the classics and higher mathematics, under that eminent Rev. W. B. Corbyn, the High Church Englishman, now of Quincy, Ill. At the age of twenty-three he began the study of law, and entered the law office of the late M. C. Hawkins, of Canton, Mo. He was admitted to the bar at Edina, on the 8th of November, 1866, after a very thorough examination before a board of attorneys composed of ex-Judge James Ellison, Sr., Capt. W. F. Conrad and John Louthan, all of whom were admitted to the bar under the exaction and requirements of the common law; he has ever since been engaged in the active practice of the law in this State, and has been a most successful practitioner in the superior, as well as in the inferior courts of the State. He has made it a cardinal rule of his long career at the bar to never start a suit without it clearly presented merit, and has always been strictly honest and honorable as a lawyer, and has labored always to make that ancient and honorable profession, the better of his being in it, and not merely to make himself the better of being in the profession. He holds that the lawyers make the profession what it is, but that the profession can not make the man. The Judge is of the true old stripe of Democrat, came of genuine Democratic stock of people, and was the sole and only Democratic lawyer in Edina when he hung out his shingle April 18, 1867. The Drake Constitution had just gone into force and effect in Missouri. Knox was a strong Republican County, and the leaders of that party were strong and determined men, but young Clancy had the courage of his convictions. He was first bold and brunt. In a short time, however, the situation taught him that this would not do, and he put on the ways of a fox. Soon he began to show derelictions of the Republicans, which were many and great. For a short time he edited the *Missouri Watchman*, until it was moved to St. Louis, Mo., just after the election of 1868; then again he edited the *Independent*, a paper published in opposition to the Republican party in Knox County, during the campaign of 1870, but as it had no patronage was forced to suspend immediately after the election. He now found that his party was in a most critical condition. So many defeats discouraged and disorganized the party, and Gen. T. T. Taylor, who was editing the *Sentinel*, a red hot Republican paper, was taking up Democrats on the temperance question, and on religious matters, etc. The situation called for prompt action, but no Democrat of means would invest in such a precarious business as establishing a Democratic newspaper in Edina. After many efforts the subject

of this sketch formed a co-partnership with a practical printer by the name of T. A. Cooney, and on the first Saturday in March, 1871, the first issue of the *Knox County Democrat*, made its appearance. The paper was always aggressive, and arraigned the Republicans for their official extravagance and corruption, and in the month of July, 1872, the county government was revolutionized by the adoption of township organization, and the election of Democrats to every office in the county. With this Judge Clancy felt that he had attained the object he set out for, so sold out his interest in the *Knox County Democrat* to his partner, and again gave his undivided attention to the practice of law. In the spring of 1873 he was elected probate judge of Knox County, and was elected three times to that office, giving entire satisfaction to the whole people. In 1878 he refused to again be a candidate, assigning as a reason that the office did not pay for the labor necessary to keep the records up in good shape. He again, in 1879, enjoyed a very full share of the law practice of the county, and on the 1st of January, 1881, formed a law partnership with a W. R. McQuoid, and continued that partnership until March 27, 1886, when it was dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. McQuoid going to Kansas City, and Judge Clancy retaining the business of the firm. In 1878 the "Greenback" party succeeded in electing several candidates to office in the county. This unexpected result totally disorganized the Republican party, and it has not been thoroughly reorganized to this day; but, instead, a movement was tacitly gotten up by designing men to truck and trade in county warrants, which were selling in the market below par. The combination was organized, and the work went on much the same as a bucket shop. The subject of this sketch commenced to denounce these illegal practices in his own party in the fall of 1882. It brought upon his head a torrent of abuse, but he was not the kind of man to down before opposition, even in his own party. The *Knox County Democrat* opened up a fusillade against Clancy, but he continued on denouncing the malefactors; but, 1884 being a presidential election year, it was a bad one to get Democrats to scratch at the polls. Clancy took a scissors and clipped off the entire county ticket, and voted the head of the ticket publically. This act caused him to be the object of a strict "boycott" by the Greenbackers, Republicans and Democrats, and matters went on in this way until after the election of 1886. The newly elected county court found county affairs just about as Judge Clancy had been saying, for five years, so the county court appointed an investigating committee to investigate the books, papers and accounts of county officers, and appointed Judge Clancy as one of the committee. He declined to act for a

time, but the county court told him that if he would not act the matter would all be dropped, and being so convinced he agreed to go into the investigation. April 11, 1887, the work was commenced, and, after a long and careful examination, June 15, 1887, a written report was filed in the county court, showing all the county officers more or less short in their accounts. The wildest excitement prevailed, and all the officials so charged are now being sued. It will thus be seen that Judge Clancy has gone through two desperate struggles to protect in his judgment the people of Knox County from wrong acts. He is now in the prime of life, is six feet in his stocking vamps, heavily built, and weighs 240 pounds, a gentleman of fine personal appearance, and well skilled in politics as the foregoing sketch will show. Judge Clancy was born of Roman Catholic parents, and is a sincere Catholic. He is a single man, and called the "Samuel J. Tilden of Knox County, Mo."

James Clark, deceased, was for more than thirty years a resident of Knox County, Mo., where he met his death on the 12th of January, 1887. He was born in Bourbon County, Ky., in 1812. His father was a native of Maryland, and of German descent. His mother, Mary (Becket) Clark, was reared in Kentucky. When a lad of about fourteen James accompanied his father to Franklin County, Ind., but his principal education was obtained in his native State at the district and neighborhood schools. At the age of twenty-three he was united in marriage to Miss Ann E. Tucker, a native of Ripley County, Ind., and a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Tucker) Tucker, both of New Jersey, but who immigrated to Indiana as early as 1801, where they resided many years. Mr. Tucker had learned the carpenter's trade in Staten Island, and this trade he followed, although he was actively engaged in farming all his life. In his latter years he immigrated to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he lived about three years, and then died. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His widow then went to make her home with her sons in Jerseyville, Ill., where she died. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tucker were useful and consistent members of the Baptist Church. James Clark was engaged in farming in Decatur County, Ind., for more than twenty years after his marriage. About 1855 he immigrated to Northeast Missouri, and settled in Knox County, where he resided more than thirty years, during which time he was known as a man of fine character, upright and honest in all his dealings. He was a man of strong constitution, and only a short time previous to his death was vigorous in mind and body. In politics he was a Republican. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark fourteen children were born, twelve growing to maturity and ten now living. Six are married and have

families. The names of the living are as follows: Joseph B., Samuel, Eliza (Johnson) Celeste (Little), Walker B., Richard, Ann M. (Parish), Jacob T., Charles and James L. Mrs. Clark makes her home in Myrtle Township, Knox County. She owns the property left her by her husband, which consists of a splendid farm containing 160 acres well improved, and eighty acres of timber in Myrtle Township. Her life is made more pleasant by her sons J. B. and Charles. Mrs. Clark is a Baptist.

John Clark, a native of the Blue-grass State, was born in Scott County May 1, 1818, and at the age of six years accompanied his parents to St. Louis County, Mo., where he was reared, and where he learned his trade, that of a plasterer, which business he actively followed almost his entire life, although a great portion of his time has been passed upon a farm, he having been thrown from a horse while a lad in Scott County, and been injured in the right leg, which resulted in a serious lameness. In 1849 our subject was married to Miss Mary J. Summers, a native of Marion County, Ky., although her home was in Monroe County, Mo. This lady is a daughter of Walter Summers, and her union with our subject was blessed with eight children, of whom five are living: George A., William, Francis, Sarah and Margaret. In 1870 Mr. Clark removed to Knox County, Mo., where he has since made his home in Myrtle Township, where he owns a small farm of eighty acres, and some horses. Mr. Clark lost his wife, July 12, 1870, while living in Lewis County, where he had immigrated in 1850, and he now resides alone at his home in Myrtle Township. Mr. Clark is a Democrat.

James C. Claypool, editor and proprietor of *The Sentinel*, of Edina, Mo., was born in Springfield, Ill., November 22, 1830, and is a son of Jesse and Matilda (Stringfield) Claypool, natives of Bourbon and Warren Counties, Ky. The father settled in Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1840, and followed farming until his death in 1862. The mother died in 1883. Both parents were twice married and bore children by each marriage, hence, there were three sets of children. The following are those still living by the father's marriage with our subject's mother: James C. and Malissa (wife of Aaron Haney, of Keosauqua, Iowa). James C. was raised and educated in Iowa; being brought up in a printing office he followed the printer's trade in that State, principally in Keokuk, until 1867. He then came to Edina, and was employed as foreman of various newspapers until 1873, when he bought *The Sentinel*, which paper he has since conducted in a successful and highly efficient manner, being the only Republican paper in Knox County. Mr. Claypool has been a staunch Republican since the organization of the party. He served in

the Union Army at Camp Roberts, Davenport, Iowa, as post hospital steward and regimental postmaster, but was not actually engaged in the service as a soldier, on account of physical disability. In 1858 he married Miss Mary L. Tolman, a native of Urbana, Ohio. This lady died leaving five children, all of whom are living. They are Carrie B. (wife of Eugene E. Soule), Lew Wallace, Cora M. (wife of William Long), James N. O. and George W. Mr. Claypool's present wife was Ella J. Hathaway, a native of Indiana, by whom he has had one child. Mr. Claypool is a member of the I. O. O. F., encampment, and is recognized as one of Knox County's most respected citizens, and a journalist of experience and ability.

Bryant J. Cockrum, a resident of Hurdland, Mo., is a native of Knox County, Mo., born May 23, 1841, and is a son of George C. Cockrum, of Salt River Township. [See sketch.] Our subject was reared on the farm in his native State, and secured a good English education during his youthful days. In October, 1872, he stopped farming, and engaged in the general merchandise business at Novelty, Knox County, where he conducted the business successfully until 1883. The year previous he was elected sheriff of Knox County, by the Democrats, and served one term in a highly satisfactory manner. He then declined a reelection. He was engaged in the livery business at Edina, while occupying the position of sheriff, and in the fall of 1884 removed to Hurdland, and established his present mercantile trade, in which he has met with good and well-deserved success. January 21, 1861, he married Annie R. Bright, a native of Marion County, Mo., and has now six children living, viz.: Albert L., Dora H. (wife of Frank Seward), Ella, George L., Maud and Mary Ethel. Mr. Cockrum has always been a Democrat, and has wielded considerable influence in the political affairs of the county. He is a Master Mason, a member of Edina Lodge, also of the I. O. O. F. He was a Union man during the late war, and a member of the Home Guards and militia, a short time. He is justly regarded as one of the eminent and successful business men and citizens of this county.

Edward M. Coe, a substantial and prosperous citizen of Knox County, was born July 1, 1821, in Loudoun County, Va., and is a son of David J. and Elizabeth C. (Skinner) Coe. This family is of English descent, and the American descendants originated with four brothers who came to America between the Revolution and the war of 1812. Our subject's grandfather, Edward, and the father of our subject were soldiers in the war of 1812, and were stationed at Washington as guards of the capitol. Both were farmers, although in his later days, David J. became

a merchant and miller in Loudoun County, Va., where he was born, and died, having spent a successful and prosperous life. He was a very popular man, and during the muster of the militia held an official position. His death occurred about 1823, when he was comparatively a young man. The Skinner family originated in the Jersey Islands. The mother of our subject was born in Loudoun County, Va., and died at her home in Knox County, Mo., the wife of John H. Taylor, whom she married after Mr. Coe's death. She came to Knox County with her second husband in 1839, and died in January, 1848. Our subject is the eldest of three sons: himself, Cornelius M. and David (deceased). He received at the schools of his native county a liberal education, which he has improved by reading and observation. He remained in his native State until the spring of 1843, and, having previously learned the millwright's and miller's trades, upon coming to Missouri operated a mill in connection with farming, where he now lives. He began life a poor man, but has been successful in all his undertakings, and is now the owner of 1,000 acres of some of the best land in Knox County, which he has highly cultivated and improved. In the fall of 1862 he joined the Confederate Army, and enlisted in Col. Porter's regiment, State guards, and participated in the battles of Kirksville, and also in the engagement two days later on Painter Creek, and also "Crossing of the Sharadon," Palmyra and others. He was never wounded, although at the battle of Kirksville a bullet grazed his eyebrow. He was taken prisoner and retained five months at St. Louis and Alton, Ill., being released in the spring of 1863. March 29, 1849, he was married to Mary Ann Myers, a native of Kentucky, born in 1834. She was the daughter of Lewis Myers, and died January 1, 1850. Mr. Coe then went to California and Oregon, remaining three years, and in 1850 married Mary J. Nelson, a native of Indiana. This lady died in Knox County, Mo., February 28, 1863, while our subject was a prisoner. She was born September 18, 1833, and was a daughter of Robert and Ann Nelson, who were for many years citizens of Knox County. The living children of her marriage with our subject are Robert J. and Elizabeth C.; those deceased are Mildred Ann, William E. and Mary Jane. In 1864 Mr. Coe was married a third time, Martha V. Nelson, a sister of his second wife, becoming his wife. She was born in Knox County in 1844, and to this union eight children were born: Andrew N., Ella M., Marion and Nathaniel (twins), Francis R., Lydia, Edward M. and Ollie G. (deceased). Our subject is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal. Mr. Coe is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and

one of the most influential men of the county. He is extensively engaged in farming, and in 1887 raised the largest crop of wheat in the county, which he has done several times before. He is also extensively engaged in stock raising and dealing, and owns some of the finest horses in the United States. In the spring of 1850 he went to California, where he remained three years working at his trade, but then returned to Knox County where he has since resided, and is now one of the most esteemed and honored citizens, having a large circle of warm friends, by whom he is greatly admired and respected. He is an active and public-spirited citizen, and a liberal subscriber to all public enterprises of a worthy character. Until the late war he was a Whig in politics, but since then has been a Democrat.

Cornelius M. Coe, a prominent citizen of Knox County, was born in Loudoun County, Va., in 1822, and is a son of David J. and Elizabeth C. (Skinner) Coe, the former a native of Virginia, who died in 1823, and the latter a native of the same State, Prince William County, dying in Knox County, Mo., January 10, 1847. At the age of twenty-three our subject left the home of his parents, having married May 1, 1845, Elizabeth W. Collins, daughter of George C. and Anna (Shelton) Collins, natives of Ohio and Kentucky, respectively. Mrs. Coe was born April 16, 1827, in Kentucky, and lived with her parents until her marriage, which was blessed with eleven children, seven only living: David J., Mary A. (wife of Robert Johnson), Cornelius M., Medley S., Maxcy B. (wife of John Ray,) Annie, H. (wife of George Cailiff) and Nancy E. (wife of Sherman Oliver). After his marriage Mr. Coe settled upon some land he had previously entered, upon which he lived until the spring of 1850, when he moved to the place where he now resides, which he had entered in 1849. He was the first settler upon the prairie district in which he lives, and himself and wife were the second couple married in Knox County. In politics he has always been a Democrat but was strongly opposed to secession. He has held the office of justice of the peace for sixteen years, and gained a reputation for honesty and benevolence. Both Mr. and Mrs. Coe are worthy and active members of the Christian Church, and are greatly interested in all laudable public enterprises.

Jacob Coffman, an enterprising farmer of Knox County, was born in Randolph County, in what is now West Virginia, December 20, 1832, and is a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Hertzog) Coffman, and a descendant of a German family. His father was born in Frederick County, Va., in 1801, and died in Harrison County, W. Va., in 1864. He went to Randolph



County with his parents when three years old, where he married and lived until our subject was seven or eight years of age, and then went to Harrison County. While young he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in connection with farming all his life. He died suddenly of heart disease. Our subject's mother was also of German descent, but born in Randolph County, Va., in 1804, and died in Taylor County, W. Va., in September, 1885. She and her husband were members of the Missionary Baptist Church for many years, of which church Mr. Coffman was a deacon. Our subject is the fourth of eight children, of whom five are living. His early educational advantages were limited, but being of an observant nature, and by judicious reading, he has become a well-informed man. While young he worked upon his father's farm and in his shop, and became a good mechanic, but started farming on his own account while very young. In 1866 he sold his property in Harrison County, W. Va., and came to Knox County, Mo., where he has since resided. In 1852 he married Sarah A. Harr, a native of Taylor County, W. Va., and born in 1834, and to this marriage eleven children have been born—four sons and seven daughters, four of the latter now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Coffman are worthy members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and in politics Mr. Coffman is a Democrat, but he has never sought nor held office. Mr. Coffman is a self-made man, and by industry, good management, and the help of his faithful wife, is now comfortably fixed with this world's goods.

W. F. Cook, ex-county judge, and a well-to-do farmer of Knox County, is a native of the same, and was born January 27, 1843, and is the fifth of a family of twelve children born to Richard V. and Margaret A. (Waugh) Cook, natives of Maryland and Virginia, respectively, who were reared in their native States, and married in Washington City. Soon after they immigrated to Missouri, and settled within the limits of what is now Lewis County. At the expiration of three years they removed to the present site of Edina, where the father cleared a small tract of land, and raised corn upon the spot where the courthouse now stands. After the town began to be built he moved one mile and a half west, purchasing a tract of 160 acres, where he lived until the spring of 1849, when he moved to Adair County. There he lived upon a farm for five years, but in the fall of 1854 returned to Knox County, and purchased and located upon a farm five miles northwest of Edina, where he spent most of his time until his death May 5, 1884; the mother died July 15, 1881. The father was an active and industrious man, and although he had lost considerable property by becoming security for his friends, at the time of

his death owned a farm of 320 acres. He was a remarkably honest man, and was never engaged in a law suit. Being an early settler of this vicinity, he naturally was identified with the early history of Knox County, and assisted in building the first log schoolhouse, and the first log church of the county; his death was mourned by a large circle of friends and neighbors. Our subject was principally educated in Knox County, attending school at Edina, and at the age of nineteen was well fitted for the profession of teaching. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-three years of age, and then taught in Knox and Adair Counties until thirty-three years old. In the spring of 1862 he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, at Edina, and immediately proceeded to St. Louis, where the troops were quartered at Benton Barracks. After a week's time the regiment was ordered to Cairo, Ill., but after a short time proceeded to Clinton, Ky., and from there to Memphis, Tenn., where they were stationed about three months, during which time they were on garrison duty. They then went to Vicksburg, Miss. After a day or two they started on a raid to Meridian, but before reaching that place were engaged in several skirmishes; they then returned to Vicksburg and there joined Bank's army. They then went to Nashville and participated in the battle at that place; at its close they pursued Hood for about fourteen days, and finally arrived at Eastport, from where they returned to Cairo, where our subject received an honorable discharge in the spring of 1865. The winter of 1862-63 was principally spent at Clinton, where they also did garrison duty. After our subject was discharged, he returned home, and resumed the occupation of teaching. When thirty-three years old he married, and settled upon a farm seven miles north of Edina, where he remained a year, and also taught school one term. He then moved to an adjoining farm which he had purchased, where he remained until the spring of 1883, previously teaching his last term of school. He then purchased a farm in Section 23, Township 62 north, Range 12 west, upon which he moved, and has since engaged in farming. Mary A., daughter of Jonathan and Frances (Wood) Hinchcliffe, was born in South Kingston, R. I., in 1851, and came to Missouri with her parents, when a child, where she was united in marriage, in Edina, to our subject, March 4, 1873. Five children have blessed this union: Bessie, John, Richard and Maggie (twins), and Charles. Mr. Cook now owns a farm of 100 acres of land, well improved, and under a high state of cultivation. He has been an able instructor and good disciplinarian, and now that he is engaged in agricultural pursuits is meeting with moderate success, and is considered

an excellent citizen. As an acknowledgement of the respect with which he is regarded by the community, in 1881 he was appointed county judge, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Judge Robert Smith, and in 1882 was elected to fill the same position, which he did satisfactorily, until the close of a second term. He is a staunch Democrat, but is not an aspirant for political office. He and his family are united with the Roman Catholic Church.

Richard Cornelius, a substantial farmer of Knox County, was born November 10, 1821, in Clark County, Ky., and is the eldest of four children of Isaiah and Elizabeth (Haynie) Cornelius, natives of England and Kentucky, respectively, and married in Clark County, Ky., where the father located when a young man, having spent his younger days in Pennsylvania, where he came with his parents. When our subject was five years old they moved to Henry County, Ky., where the mother died in 1827. The father was again married, and lived in Henry County until 1857, when he settled on a farm in Monroe County, Mo., where he died in 1866. By his second marriage he had six children, five of whom are living. He was a shoemaker by trade, but spent most of his life teaching, preaching and farming. He was a well educated man in spite of no school advantages, attaining his culture by his own efforts. He was once a minister of the Baptist Church, but afterward joined the Christian Church, and preached the doctrines of that society until his death. Our subject received his education at the common schools of Henry County, Ky., and at the age of nineteen started on an exploring tour through Illinois and Missouri. At the end of six months he returned to Henry County, where he engaged in carpentering. He then attended school about three months, and afterward taught eighteen months. In February, 1845, he came to Marion County, Mo., and there "farmed on shares" two years. After a year's sickness he began bridge building, and eighteen months later taught school again for six months in Marion County. He then engaged in mining in California until May, 1854, when he returned to Henry County, Ky., remaining until August 10, 1854, when he returned to Marion County, Mo., and shortly afterward came to Knox County, where he bought the farm now owned by Lewis Rout, situated in Fabius Township. May 31, 1855, he married Mary Catherine, daughter of Luke and Elizabeth (Parker) Adams, and a native of Marion County, Mo., born May 20, 1834. Three children blessed this union: Charles, Betsey and James L. Mr. Cornelius now owns a fine farm of 360 acres, which was in a crude condition when he purchased the land, but which is now highly improved and culti-

vated, and is the result of the good management and industry of himself and wife. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Taylor in 1848. Before the war he was a Whig, and although in sympathy with Republican principles, believes in voting for the man and not the party. Himself, wife and children are worthy and active members of the Christian Church. He is a representative farmer and stock raiser of Knox County, and an eminent citizen.

Charles Cornelius, the present vice-president of Oak Lawn College, was born in Knox County, Mo., June 5, 1858, and is a son of Richard and Mary C. (Adams) Cornelius, the former a native of Henry County, Ky., born in 1823, and the latter a native of Marion County, Mo., and born in 1833. Our subject lived upon the farm with his parents until twenty years of age, attending school through the winter months, and occupied upon the farm in the summer. At the age of twenty, with the proceeds of a crop he had raised, he attended Oak Lawn College, at Novelty, Mo., during 1878-79, and then returned to the farm, and thereon employed his time in the summer, teaching in the winter. In the fall of 1884 he attended the Missouri State Normal School, and graduated from there in 1847, with high honors. Immediately after graduation, he secured a position as principal of public schools at Glenwood. After the close of his school he returned to college, and graduated, after taking the complete course, ranking fourth in a class of twenty-five, after which he became vice-president of Oak Lawn College, which position he is filling very efficiently. August 17, 1887, he was united in marriage to Belle Evans, a teacher, and a graduate of the collegiate course at Oak Lawn College. This lady is a daughter of George and Charlotte Evans, and she and her husband are among the most cultivated and intelligent people of the county.

J. B. Cort was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., but was principally reared in Adams County, Ill. He was united in marriage to Miss Susan Ogg, a daughter of Joseph Ogg, of Westmoreland County, Penn., and in 1872 immigrated to Marion County, Mo., where he engaged in farming and stock raising. A few years past he bought an equal interest with his nephew, L. D. Cort, in Forest Spring. In 1862 J. B. Cort lost his wife, by whom he has two children: Orlando (married) and Charles O. He now lives with his son in Marion County, Mo., where he owns a fine farm in connection with his sons. L. D. Cort was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., and is of German descent. He spent most of his youth in Adams County, Ill., where he received his education. In 1875 he went to Palmyra, Marion Co., Mo., where he engaged in the hardware and grocery business

for several years. While in Marion County he married Miss Smith, a member of a prominent family in that county, and by her has had one child—Albert Cort. L. D. Cort served one year in the late war. He is a Democrat. He owns an equal interest in Forest Spring, which property is valued at \$5,000. The water of Forest Spring has effected some remarkable cures, such as scrofula, dyspepsia, and all chronic cases. The water was analyzed by Prof. J. F. Martin, president of Society Physicians and Surgeons, Joplin, Mo., as follows: Sodium chloride, .07; sodium sulphate, .08; sodium bicarbonate, .16; potassium sulphate, .14; calcium bicarbonate, 4.12; magnesium bicarbonate, .27; Iron, .06; alumina, .02; silica, .31; magnesium—.

Hon. Louis Francis Cottey, of Edina, a prominent lawyer and Democratic politician of Knox County, is a son of Ira D. and Sarah (Eads) Cottey, and was born in Knox County, March 31, 1846. His father was a native of Kentucky, and belonged to one of the pioneer families of that State; his mother was a native of Virginia, and the daughter of a Methodist minister. Our subject worked upon his father's farm until he was nineteen years of age, and having but few educational advantages up to this time, and being of an ambitious and studious disposition, his one desire was to attend school. His parents were in moderate circumstances, and, unable to render him much assistance in obtaining a schooling, Louis determined to obtain his education without the aid of his family, and by his own efforts and the practice of rigid economy he succeeded in obtaining an education and profession. He finished his education at Central College, Fayette, Howard Co., Mo., from which institution he graduated in 1868. He then taught school for two terms, read law under Gen. Doniphan, at Richmond, Ray Co., Mo., was there admitted to the bar at the June term of the circuit court, in 1871, and settled in Edina. In 1872 he was elected county superintendent of schools, and held the office for two years, practicing his profession more or less at the same time. In 1875 Mr. Cottey was elected to the constitutional convention, as one of the members from the Twelfth Senatorial District; being at the time not twenty-nine, he was the youngest member of that body. Young as he was, he did so much valuable work in that convention that at its close he moved the preparation of the address to the people of the State, which address no doubt did more than anything else to familiarize the public with the character of the constitution. He modestly waived the right to be the chairman of the committee appointed to prepare that address. In 1876 our subject was sent by his Democratic constituents to the Lower House of the General Assembly, and officiated as chairman of

the Committee on Claims, and was also a member of several other committees. In 1878 he was elected to the Upper House, and in the first session of the Senate was made chairman of the same committee that he presided over in the Lower House, and was the author of the so-called "Cottey bill," which had for its object the putting of the bonded litigation of the State in the hands of the State courts, an act which attracted general public attention throughout the State. In the second session of the Senate he became chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. He was a faithful and zealous worker in the three General Assemblies of which he was a member, and made a noteworthy and highly commendable record. Mr. Cottey was a delegate to the Democratic State Conventions that nominated Govs. Phelps and Crittenden, and is now, as then, a stirring and energetic canvasser in the interests of his party. As a lawyer Mr. Cottey has stood well from the start, possessing a love of justice, and being well versed in the law. He is far above the average attorney as an advocate, is as true as steel to his clients, and is making a marked success in his profession.

William M. Cottey, a resident of Knox County, was born here in 1844, and is a son of Ira D. Cottey. [See preceding sketch.] William M. was reared upon his father's farm, in Fabius Township, now Bee Ridge, and received such education as the then new country offered. During the late war he served a few months in the militia. At the age of twenty-four he was united in marriage to Mary A. Inman, a native of England, and daughter of James and Harriet Inman, also of England, but now residents of Adams County, Ill. Mr. Inman is a wagon-maker by trade, but makes farming his principal occupation. Shortly after marriage our subject's fortune consisted of only 30 swine, 3 cows, 2 horses, a wagon, etc., amounting in all to sum of not over \$800. He settled upon Jeddo Township, Knox County, as the place for his home, and by hard labor and good management, and the assistance of his faithful wife, he is now in possession of 260 acres of good land, well stocked, a beautiful residence, good outbuildings, a fine orchard, etc. The 25th of March, 1887, was the nineteenth anniversary of Mr. Cottey's marriage, and to his union five children have been born, viz.: Rosa M. (seventeen), Ernest W. (fourteen), L. Gertrude (ten), Bertha M. and Wilmer L. (twins, one year old). In politics Mr. Cottey is a Democrat, and is regarded as a prominent citizen and farmer of Jeddo Township. Mr. Cottey realized early in life that this world was not his permanent abiding place, and when in his thirteenth year made a profession of religion, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Since which time he has tried to exemplify his

profession by his life, and has filled the offices of steward, class leader and Sunday-school superintendent, having been superintendent of the Salem Sunday-school since its organization in 1873.

Ira D. Cottey, of Hurdland, Mo., was born in Knox County, Mo., March 21, 1856, and is a son of Ira D. Cottey. [See sketch of Hon. L. F. Cottey.] Our subject grew to manhood in his native State, and received his education at the State Normal School, at Kirksville, Mo. He lived upon the farm until the spring of 1882, when he engaged in the lumber business at Knox City, which he successfully conducted until July, of the following year, when he removed to Hurdland, and embarked in a similar business, also opening a hardware store, and has since managed both very successfully. He has the only exclusive hardware business in the town, and controls the entire lumber trade in this region. Mr. Cottey has always been a staunch Democrat in politics, and has taken an active interest in local political affairs, but has never aspired to office. On August 11, 1885, he was appointed postmaster of Hurdland, a position he fills in a faithful and efficient manner. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and is recognized as one of Knox County's enterprising and successful business men.

Dr. Millard F. Crawford, the senior member of the firm of Drs. Crawford & Brown, was born in Warsaw, Hancock Co., Ill., November 21, 1855, and is a son of Harrison P. and Margaret Crawford, natives of Kentucky. Millard F. accompanied his parents to Missouri in 1857, where he was reared to manhood in Knox and Scotland Counties. He lived six years in Kirksville, where he was educated at the State Normal School. In 1876 he began the study of medicine, reading with Drs. Barnett & Crawford, the latter being his brother. He attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, and graduated from that institution in 1878. He commenced to practice at Hurdland the same year, and has remained there ever since, having met with good and well-deserved success. September 1, 1881, he married Melissa C. Payne, a native of Knox County, by whom he has had two children: Claude C. and Lillie May. The Doctor is a Republican, and is recognized as a practitioner of extraordinary ability.

Madison B. Critchlow, sheriff of Knox County, Mo., was born in Henry County, Ky., May 13, 1854, and is a son of Thomas and Martha (Nevill) Critchlow, both natives of Kentucky. The father immigrated to Tippecanoe County, Ind., in 1855, and ten years later came to Missouri, where he now resides, in Sedalia. The mother is not living. There are six living children: Hattie, wife of Daniel Swalley, of Wichita, Kas.; Madison B.; Lucy J.,

wife of Isaac Ohlwiler, of Ouray, Colo.; Llewelyn, of Lincoln, Neb.; Charles, of Ouray, Colo., and Lewis, of same place. Our subject lived upon the farm with his parents until 1873, when he came to Edina, where he secured a good education at the public schools by his own unaided efforts. He was in the employ of John Kelley, conducting his hotel successfully for two years, and in 1882 was elected marshal and constable of Edina, serving two years, and in the fall of 1884 was elected sheriff, re-elected in the fall of 1886, and is now discharging the duties of that office in a faithful and efficient manner. In September, 1887, he assumed the management of the Kelley Hotel, at Edina, which he has refitted and refurnished, and which is a first-class house, now enjoying a good and well-deserved patronage. January 13, 1884, he married Kittie Sandknop, a native of Lee County, Iowa, by whom he has two children: Walter F. and Mary Co. In politics Mr. Critchlow has always been an unswerving Democrat, and as such was elected to the offices he has filled so satisfactorily, and is recognized as one of the reliable officials of this county.

Wilford Cunningham, a prominent citizen of Benton Township, Knox County, was born in Harrison County, Ind., December 26, 1826, and is the son of Robert and Rachel (Moyers) Cunningham. The father was a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, born in April, 1805, and was of Irish descent. He died in Knox County, Mo., in March, 1885. He was a boatman in his youthful days, and made many trips to New Orleans. This was before many steamboats were on the Mississippi River. He was also engaged in the saw mill business, but the latter part of his life was passed on the farm. He moved to Harrison County, Ind., with his parents, when but nine years of age, and remained a resident of that county until 1851, when he came to Knox County, Mo. After the war he held the office of register for one year. He was a Union man, and took an active part during the late war, and freely expressed his opinion. He was shot at while in his own house, and the same time his son, the brother of our subject, Robert M., was killed. The boy at this time was about sixteen years of age. The mother of our subject was born in Shenandoah County, Va., in August, 1805, and was of German descent. She is now living, and is a resident of Knox County, Mo. Her father came to Harrison County, Ind., during the early settlement of the country, and her mother died when she was quite young. Her father was a member of the United Brethren Church, of which she has been a member for the past forty years. Our subject is the eldest of nine children, six now living. He received the rudiments of an education in Harrison County, Ind.,



and assisted his father on the flatboat, in the saw mill, and on the farm. February 18, 1849, he married Virginia A. Funk, who was born in Harrison County, Ind., February 28, 1831. Her parents, Amos and Catherine Brown, were natives of Indiana and Virginia, respectively. They were married in Virginia, and moved to Indiana, and then to Louisiana, and from there to Missouri in 1851. This marriage of our subject resulted in the birth of twelve children—seven sons and five daughters—five sons and four daughters now living. In 1850 our subject moved to some land that his father had entered, in Knox County, Mo., and after living on this five years moved to the property that he now owns. Although starting with very little means, he possesses 215 acres of the best land in the county. During the early part of the late war he was second lieutenant of the Home Guards. After they had disbanded he joined Company C, of the Fiftieth Enrolled Militia, was corporal, and was in two skirmishes. Since coming to Missouri he has been engaged in farming and stock dealing. He is an ardent supporter of the Republican party.

Robert Dare was born in Union County, Ind., in 1841. His parents were natives of Virginia, and during their youth accompanied their parents to Indiana, where they were reared. The father of our subject spent his life farming in Union County, Ind., where he and his wife died. Robert is the sixth son of a family of fourteen children, eight of whom are living. Our subject spent his youth working upon different farms, and doing what he could to make a living, and at the age of twenty-five purchased a small farm in Union County, Ind., soon after which he was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. McQuoid, a native of Indiana, and daughter of John McQuoid, the history of which family may be read in another portion of this work. After his marriage he farmed about eight years in Union County, but previous to his marriage he served his country in the Union cause, enlisting in Company G, Sixty-ninth Regiment, Indiana, under Col. Bennet and Capt. Wingett, where he served three years, participating in several important battles, among which may be mentioned Richmond, Vicksburg, Red River, Mississippi Bayou, Arkansas Post, Blakely, Alabama and others. In 1876 he emigrated west, and settled in Knox County, where he purchased a farm of Thomas Eastern, in Jeddo Township, where he has since resided. To Mr. and Mrs. Dare three children have been born: Nettie, John A. and Addie M., twins, all of whom are living with their parents. Mr. Dare now owns 260 acres of land, well stocked and improved, and during his eleven years' residence in Knox County, has established himself as one of its prominent citizens and farmers. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is identified with the Republican party.

Rev. William Dod was born November 25, 1808, in Mendham, N. J., and graduated with high honors from Princeton College in 1835, and was professor of mathematics for twelve years in Centre College, Danville, Ky. In 1836 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Jones, daughter of George Jones, of Wilmington, Del., by whom he had nine children, five of whom are living. He resigned his professorship in 1848, and enjoyed two years of private teaching in Covington, Ky.; which was followed by four years' teaching in New York City, in a public classical school. In 1856 he immigrated to Knox County, and settled upon a farm. William Dod was the first man who voted the Republican ticket in Jeddo Township, the time being before Lincoln's election. Prof. Dod foresaw that the late war was inevitable, and for this reason resigned his professorship. He was a strong Union man, and greatly assisted in shaping public opinion upon important subjects. He was a licensed Presbyterian minister for thirty years, but was never ordained, as his life was principally devoted to teaching, which calling he loved with a true teacher's affection for his life-work. He possessed a beautiful Christian character, and his influence will long be felt by those who were fortunate enough to know him. He died in April, 1883. His widow resides upon the old homestead with her daughter, Lillie, and her son, Albert G. Dod, who manages the farm, which consists of about 600 acres. William Dod was a nephew of Daniel Dod, who made the engines of the "Savannah," the first steamship to cross the Atlantic. He was also a cousin of the late Prof. Albert B. Dod, of Princeton, N. J. Three of his sons are married, and living upon farms in Jackson County, Mo., viz.: John M., George J. and Archibald A.

Benjamin F. Dyer, was born in Hardy County, Va., in 1830, and is a descendant of two well-known and old families of that State. His father, Elijah, and his mother, Ann Catherine (Bishop) Dyer, were born and reared in Hardy County, Va., where the former followed agricultural pursuits. The father was a Methodist minister, and was also sheriff of his native county. About 1844 or 1845 Elijah immigrated to Adams County, Ill., where his latter days were spent in faithfully preaching the gospel; he also depended for his livelihood upon the renting of land, which business was mostly carried on by his sons. He suddenly died from congestion of the lungs. His wife was a Christian woman, and a member of the same church. She survived her husband only a few years, and they now lie side by side in the graveyard at Stone's. Our subject was principally reared in Adams County, Ill., where he received but a limited

education. At the age of twenty-one he was united in marriage to Mrs. Gordon, a daughter of George Bangher, whose parents were natives of Virginia and South Carolina. Mrs. Dyer's mother's maiden name was Nancy J. Ridenaur. Almost immediately after his marriage our subject settled in Lewis County, Mo., where he lived one year. In 1852 he went to Scotland County; 1853-54 he spent in Lewis County; from 1855 to 1859 he spent at Alexandria, in Clark County, and in 1860 came to Knox County, where he has very successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits ever since. To Mr. and Mrs. Dyer nine children have been born, eight of whom are living: Eliza J., Ann C., Elijah, Margaret E., Sarah E., Lillie E., Mary G., May B. and John F. All save the youngest child are married, and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Dyer now owns a fine farm of over 400 acres, and is regarded as one of the most substantial and enterprising citizens of the county.

John Early, Sr., one of Knox County's leading citizens, is a native of Ireland, and was born in 1821. He is a son of Peter and Catherine Early, both natives of Ireland, where they lived and died. Our subject immigrated to the United States in 1848, landing at New York, where he remained but a short time. He then lived in St. Louis about seven years, engaged in carriage driving and horse trading. After leaving St. Louis he came to Knox County, Mo., where he settled upon a farm in partnership with two brothers, which was finally divided, each receiving his share and starting in life for himself. Our subject, John Early, is now in possession of a fine farm of 560 acres, well improved, which he has cultivated, it being in a wild condition when he purchased it. Upon his farm is a handsome residence and good out-buildings, and, in connection with his farming, he is quite extensively engaged in stock raising. Our subject was united in marriage in Knox County, in 1860, to Hannah Frieal, daughter of Frank and Grace (Daugherty) Frieal. The father was of Irish descent, and came to the United States at the age of seventeen, settling on a farm in Perry County, Ohio, where he lived until 1855, when he came to Knox County, and engaged in farming, and here he died in 1871. The mother was also a native of Ireland, and came with her parents to the United States when but seven years old, and also lived in Perry County, Ohio, where she married Frank Frieal. This lady died in Knox County in 1877. Mrs. Early was born in Ohio in 1832, and by her union with our subject has had six children, viz.: Catherine, Thomas F., Mary A., Hannah, John J. and Edward. Mr. Early is a strong Democrat, but has never sought nor held political office. Himself and wife are members of the Catholic Church, and are recognized

as among the honored and prosperous citizens of the county. He is a liberal donator to all laudable public enterprises, especially of a religious nature, and assisted in building two churches in Knox County.

T. Porter Eden, an energetic, enterprising farmer and stock dealer of Knox County, and a resident of Benton Township, was born in Graves County, Ky., April 12, 1846, and is the son of Thomas G. and Lorenda (Howard) Eden. The father was a native of Kentucky, born December 23, 1814; he moved from Graves County to Marshall, about 1848, from there to Macon County, Ill., in the spring of 1851, thence to Scotland County, Mo., in 1853, and then to Knox County, in 1854. He remained in Knox County until his death, February 3, 1858. He was a successful farmer, and was married January 17, 1839, to Miss Howard, a native of Butler County, Ky., born July 13, 1816, and was at the time of his death a member of the Baptist Church, of which he has been a member for many years. Of their ten children, six now living, our subject is the fourth. He received the rudiments of an education in the common schools of Knox County, and this has since been improved by the best of teachers—experience. He remained on the farm, and worked for his mother until 1864, when he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry Volunteers, and served with credit until April, 1866. He was in different battles, among which were Fort Derusa, Pleasant Hill, La., and Nashville, Tenn. He was mustered out at Fort Gaines, Ala., and received his discharge at St. Louis, Mo. December 14, 1868, he married Miss Mary E. March, a native of Knox County, Mo., born in January, 1846, and the daughter of James March. Mrs. Eden died at the home of her husband December 20, 1869. In 1870 our subject went to California, and here worked in the mines until the latter part of the year 1872, when he returned to Knox County, and engaged in farming until 1877, when he again made a western trip, and settled at LaConner, Washington Territory, and engaged in the lumber and timber business for the next four years, when he again turned homeward, and has since been a resident of Knox County. Both his trips were successful. August 28, 1883, Mr. Eden was united in marriage to Miss Emma Longfellow, a native of Knox County, Mo., born January 18, 1862, and the daughter of Elijah Longfellow. This marriage has been blessed by the birth of one child, a son, named Orval H. Our subject is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

William Ellison, farmer, was born May 15, 1835, in Clinton, Dutchess Co., N. Y., and is one of seven children born to

Smith and Mariah (Barns) Ellison. The parents were of Scotch-English and German descent, respectively, and were natives of Dutchess County, N. Y., where they lived until the fall of 1849, when they moved to Broome County in the western part of the same State. They lived upon a farm there seven years, and then immigrated to Lee County, Iowa, where they farmed until the spring of 1860; then permanently located in Knox County, Mo., where the father purchased a farm on which he died in December, 1878. The mother is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Susan M. Whiteaker. The father was an active and prosperous farmer, and at the time of his death owned a farm of 140 acres, which went to the support of the bereaved widow and mother. Our subject lived at home until twenty-one years of age, and received a limited school education. He then worked by the month on neighboring farms for a year, and then began farming for himself on rented land. In July, 1861, he enlisted in the Missouri State Militia, and served there until November of the same year, when he entered the regular army in Company B, Third Missouri Cavalry, remaining until the spring of 1863, when he was discharged on account of disability, and returned home. He then resumed his farm duties, making his home with his parents until 1870. In February, 1869, he was married to Lizzie A., daughter of William F. and Mary Jane (Stabler) Mederith, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania, respectively. Mrs. Ellison was born August 28, 1845, in Baltimore County, Md., and accompanied her parents to Adams County, Ill., when nine years old. They subsequently came to Edina, Mo., in 1864. To this union three children were born, of whom but one, Lela, is living; she is at home with her parents. Our subject, by industry, good management, and the aid of his faithful wife, has prospered in this world's goods, and now owns a fine farm in Knox County, and is considered one of its prominent and substantial farmers. He was reared under Democratic influence, but upon the organization of the Republican party became a member of the same, and cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln, in 1864.

John Ewalt, county judge of Knox County, was born in Bourbon County, Ky., October 1, 1822. He is a descendant of two well-known and respected families of that State. His parents were natives of Bourbon County, and he and his father were born in the same house. His father, Henry Ewalt, was engaged in farming and stock raising the greater part of his life, and in 1845 immigrated to Lewis County, bringing a fine family of twelve children with him. After a short residence in this county he died, at the age of forty-nine years. In politics he was a

Democrat. His widow continued to reside in Lewis County until her death, in 1854. Both were members of the Christian Church. Our subject, Judge Ewalt, was reared in his native county, and at the age of twenty-four went to Lewis County, when that part of the county was still in a wild and uncultivated condition. Previous to his residence in Lewis County, he sojourned a time in Wabash County, Ind., where he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Lockhart, a native of that State, and a daughter of Triplit Lockhart. He then went to Lewis County, with his bride, where he remained from 1846 until 1865. He served in the army four years, enlisting in Company B, First Regiment Missouri State Guards, Harris' division. He was at Athens, Prairie Grove, Jenkins' Ferry, Pleasant Hill, Elkhorn, and participated in the siege of Corinth. He then joined his family, who had moved to Knox County, Mo., where he has since been engaged in farming. He now owns a good farm of 210 acres, well improved and well stocked. He is an active and enterprising man, of more than ordinary business ability, and in 1886 was elected judge of the Eastern District of Knox County. Judge and Mrs. Ewalt have had seven children, six of whom are living and married. They are Mary C., Henry C., Eliza J., Edward T., Sarah E. and John E. The judge is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and himself and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Casper Fetters, a worthy citizen of Knox County, is a native of Ohio, and was born in 1828. He is a son of Jacob and Mary Fetters, who were of German descent. The father immigrated to America in 1818, and settled upon a farm in the State of Ohio, where he lived until 1839, after which time he came to Scotland County, Mo., and located upon a farm, where he resided until his death in 1850. The mother, Mary (Shoemaker) Fetters, came to the United States with her parents, and settled in Ohio, where she was united in marriage to Jacob Fetters. This worthy and estimable lady died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1848. Casper Fetters remained at home with his parents, receiving a somewhat limited education, until the death of his father, and then, in 1852, left Scotland County for the gold mines of California, where he remained mining and speculating for about two years. Becoming tired of life in California, he returned to Scotland County, Mo., but soon after came to Knox County, and made his residence upon his present farm, which contains 590 acres of good land, well improved and cultivated, upon which Mr. Fetters is engaged in stock raising in connection with farming. In 1855 he wedded Mary A. Maggard, daughter of Henry Maggard, and to this union eight children have been born, of whom only two sons and one

daughter are living, viz.: John, Francis and Mary. In spite of the few educational advantages enjoyed by our subject when a youth, he has become a well-informed man of experience and observation, and is a worthy citizen. He has been interested in politics ever since his residence in Knox County, and now holds the office of judge, in which capacity he has served the public at times since 1872. The citizens have much confidence in him, knowing the good judgment and the faithful manner in which he discharges the duties of his office of public trust. He is a public-spirited citizen, and donates liberally to all laudable enterprises, and is justly regarded as one of Knox County's most honored and respected citizens. His wife is united with the church.

Daniel Fitzgerald, a resident of Edina, is a native of Wyoming County, N. Y.; was born April 24, 1845, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Kenney) Fitzgerald, natives of King's County, Ireland. Our subject was reared to manhood in his native county and State, and in 1867 immigrated to Omaha, Neb., and from there went to Wyoming Territory, where he clerked in a post trader's store ten years. In 1881 he came to Knox County, and located upon his present farm, adjoining Edina on the north, his residence being in Kendrick's Addition of the city. Here he owns 185 acres of well-improved land, his home being one of the best in the county. Mr. Fitzgerald has followed farming and stock raising successfully, and is one of the prominent farmer citizens of the county. He is also interested in loaning money in Wyoming Territory. February 12, 1884, he married Miss Catherine Sullivan, a native of Toronto, Canada, and has two living children: Mary L. and Daniel W. Mr. Fitzgerald is a Democrat in politics, and himself and family are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Charles H. Foster, an enterprising farmer and stock dealer, was born in Oxford County, Me., April 17, 1833, and is a son of Joel and Martha (Lathrop) Foster. The Foster family had ancestors who came over in the "Mayflower," and the father of our subject was a native of Oxford County, Me., where he spent his life. He was a shoemaker and farmer, and accumulated quite a little property. The Lathrop family is of English descent, and the mother of our subject was born in Massachusetts. She died in Oxford County, Me., at the age of fifty-five; her husband was seventy-nine at the time of his death. Our subject is the third of a family of seven children, four being twins. There are five children now living. Our subject received a limited education in Oxford County, Me., which he has since improved, by contact with the world, reading and observation.

December, 31, 1855, he married Miranda E. Farrer, daughter of Ethic Farrer. This lady was a native of Oxford County Me., and to her nine children have been born, all save one now living: Clara E., Ethic W., Ernest J., Jessie F., Charles C., Rosa F., Phoebe Florence, Frank H. and Herbert (deceased). Mr. Foster learned the shoemaker's trade of his father while young, and after his marriage removed to East Stoughton, where he engaged in the shoe business for three years. He then moved to Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio, and engaged in the same business, but finally abandoned mercantile life for agricultural pursuits. In 1867 he came to Hedge City, Knox Co., Mo., and purchased the farm he now owns, which consists of 270 acres of some of the best land of the county, which he has improved and greatly enhanced in value. In 1881 he embarked in the mercantile business in Hedge City, which he conducted for five years, but then retired from business life. During the late war he served in the State militia as orderly sergeant. In 1878 he was appointed postmaster of Hedge City, and served nine years. Previous to the war he was a Democrat, but has since advocated Republican principles. He is an active, enterprising citizen, and a zealous advocate of all laudable enterprises.

E. T. Fowler, a leading citizen of Knox County, is a native of Ohio, and was born August 19, 1834. He is a son of Rezin T. Fowler, who was of Scotch descent, and a native of Ohio, where he was born in 1806. He left that State in 1851 for Iowa, but in four years came to Missouri, and located upon a farm in Knox County, seven miles north of Edina, where he lived until his death, in 1878. His wife, Eleanor (McKelfresh) Fowler, is of German and Scotch descent, and was born in Pennsylvania, but is now living with her daughter in Scotland County, Mo. Our subject lived with his parents until twenty-four years old, and then went to Edina, where he was employed as deputy circuit and county clerk for two years, and discharged the duties of these offices so efficiently that he was appointed assessor by the county court, to serve out an unfinished term, and was afterward elected to the same office, serving in that capacity three years in all. In 1861 he was married to Quintilla Jones, daughter of John and Mary Forqueran, being at this time assessor, and, after the expiration of his term, moved upon the farm of which he is a resident, and where he now owns 160 acres of land, well improved and cultivated. During the war he dealt in cattle exclusively, but now deals in mules and stock of all kinds. To the marriage of our subject and his wife five children were born, of whom only two, Elbert T. and Eva B., are living. Mr. Fowler is an honorable member of the Masonic order, and his



wife belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He has never belonged to any but the Democratic political party, and takes great interest in the general welfare and prosperity of his county, being especially interested in educational enterprises, having been school teacher ever since he was eighteen years old.

S. K. Fowler, a stock raiser, of Knox County, was born January 25, 1841, in Adams County, Ohio, and is the fourth of a family of five children (two of whom are dead), born to Samuel K. and Sarah (Jackson) Fowler, natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married. The father was married three times, his second wife bearing him three children (two dead), and the last eight children, five of whom are living. In 1850 he moved to Lee County, Iowa, and there engaged in farming until 1856, when he came to Knox County, Mo., and settled on a farm seven miles north of Edina. A year after, he joined the conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and until 1868 traveled as a circuit preacher. He then returned, and lived upon his farm until 1877, when he moved to Kirksville, where he now resides. Our subject received a common school education in Missouri, while traveling with his father, and, at the age of nineteen, enlisted in Company F, Second Missouri Regular Infantry, Confederate Army, serving through the war, and being in the battles of Pea Ridge (Ark.), Farmington (Miss.), Siege of Corinth, Iuka, assault on Corinth, Port Gibson, Champion Hills, Big Black River, Vicksburg, and was in front of Sherman during his "On to Atlanta;" also with Hood at Altoona Pass, and at Franklin during his invasion of Tennessee. He also participated in several skirmishes. At Vicksburg he was wounded in the knee, and at Franklin shot through the arm and captured, being held a prisoner three months. In February, 1865, he was paroled and sent to Richmond, and from there to Mobile, where he remained until the close of the war. He then taught school for three months, earning money to return home, which he did in August, 1865. February 24, 1869, he married Martha A., daughter of Colin M. and Margaret (Sharp) Campbell, and who was born December 13, 1848, in Knox County, Mo. To them four children have been born, three now living, viz.: Samuel K., Jr., Margaret E. and Carrie A. Our subject is an active and enterprising business man, and as a result of his labor and good management, together with the assistance of his wife, now owns 920 acres of land, most of which is finely improved and cultivated. It is all enclosed with good fences, and upon it is a fine residence, and good out-buildings. In politics Mr. Fowler is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Horace Greeley, in 1872. He is a staunch supporter of his party, but has never held public office.

He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Cyrus R. Fowler, judge of the probate court of Knox County, Mo., is a native of Knox County, where he was born July 12, 1854. He is a son of Cyrus and Sarah (Sharp) Fowler, natives of Delaware and Kentucky, respectively. The father came to Missouri in 1835, and located in Marion County; ten years later removed to Knox County, where he resided upon a farm in Shelton Township until his death in 1874. The mother and following children survive him: Polly A., wife of S. S. Lyon; Cyrus R.; Amanda, wife of Frank Miles, and John R. Our subject spent his youth in his native county, and received his early education at the public schools, later attending the State Normal School, at Kirksville, Mo. He then engaged in farming until 1882, and in May of that year went to Maryville, Mo., where he engaged in the mercantile business for about a year. After his return to Knox County, he was appointed judge of the probate court, September, 1884, by Gov. Crittenden, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge E. D. Brown, now of Kansas City. He was elected to this office in the fall of 1886, and is now discharging the duties of the same in a highly satisfactory and efficient manner. March 13, 1877, he was married to Lena Thrasher, of Adair County. This lady died January 16, 1882, leaving two children, who are still living: Anna and Maurice. He was afterward united to his present wife, who was Miss Cora Dawson, daughter of Lafe Dawson, now United States judge for Alaska. To this latter union one child, Gladdy, has been born. Judge Fowler has always been a strong Democrat, and as such was elected to the important office he so well fills. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Griffin Frost, editor and proprietor of the *Knox County Democrat*, was born in St. Clairsville, Ohio, March 14, 1834, and is a son of William and Rebecca (Wetzell) Frost, both natives of Virginia, where his parents lived during his youthful days. There he acquired a fair education, and at the age of sixteen entered a printing office at Wheeling, where he learned the printer's trade. In 1854 he came to Missouri, and worked at his trade at Palmyra. He then went to Mexico, where he conducted the *Mexico Ledger* until shortly before the war. In 1861 he started the *Shelbyville Herald* at Shelbyville, Mo., but at the commencement of the war enlisted in the Southern Army, serving in Company A, First Regiment Missouri State Guards as private, but was afterward made captain of the company. Later he was transferred east of the Mississippi River, where he served as

captain of his company under Gen. Parsons about six months. He then returned west of the Mississippi, when he started north on a recruiting expedition, on which he was taken a prisoner. He spent about eighteen months in Federal prisons, most of the time being passed in St. Louis, and Alton, Ill., and was released from the latter place at the close of the war. He then located at Quincy, Ill., and worked as compositor on the *Whig* and *Herald*, and started the *Evening Call*, which he conducted a short time; then formed a company, and started the *Morning News*, which he managed until 1874. In January of that year he came to Edina, and leased the *Knox County Democrat* for one year, and at the expiration of that time bought the paper, which he has since successfully conducted, and has raised the subscription list from 500 to over 1,100. At the time he purchased the paper, it was printed in the old-fashioned country style, by a hand-press, but is now printed by a steam-press. It is now the leading Democratic paper of Knox County, if not of Northeast Missouri. Our subject is a man of no mean journalistic ability, and in 1867 he published a book entitled "Frost's Journal," containing an interesting account of his camp and prison life, and which gives good evidence of his literary ability. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Rebecca Johnson, a native of Marion County, Mo., by whom he had one daughter, who is a highly accomplished musician, and a teacher of vocal music at Cottey College, Nevada, Mo. This lady, Mrs. Annie (Frost) Ringer, is also proficient in instrumental music. Our subject is a staunch Democrat. He is a Master Mason, a Knight of Honor, and a member of the A. O. U. W. Himself and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

G. W. Funk, an old settler and prominent farmer of Knox County, was born March 5, 1813, in Preston County, Va. (now W. Va.), and is the third in a family of thirteen children (four deceased) born to John and Eunice (Taylor) Funk, natives of Virginia and what is now West Virginia, respectively. There they lived until their marriage, when they moved to Preston County, where the father engaged in farming until his death, about 1845. The mother died in her native county during the late war. Our subject attended the common schools of his native State, and lived at home with his parents until twenty-two years of age, when he married, and settled upon a farm he had purchased in Preston County. His wife, Grace, was a daughter of Richard and Mary (Conner) Foreman, and a native of Preston County, and became the wife of our subject in 1835. By her twelve children were born, six of whom are living. This lady died in May, 1863, and two years later our subject was married

to Nancy (Fox) Smith, daughter of John Fox, and widow of Reuben Smith by whom she had seven children, three of them yet living. This lady is a native of Indiana, and came to Missouri with her parents when very young. Her union with our subject has been blessed with two children, and his living children are Sarah, wife of Charles Payne; Saphrona, wife of Lewis Golden; Gainer, wife of John Payne; Garrison; Parine Eunice, wife of Ambrose Black; and Foreman, by his first marriage; and Jacob and George, by his second. In the fall of 1844, after his first marriage, Mr. Funk moved to Warren County, and the following spring went to Missouri, locating on a farm in Knox County which he had purchased, and upon which he has since resided. He now owns 240 acres, well improved and under a good state of cultivation. He resides in a large house, and has good outbuildings, making a very valuable piece of property, which is the result of his labor and good management. Having lived so long in Knox County, he is widely known and respected, and ranks among the prominent citizens. Previous to the war he was a Democrat, but since the organization of the Republican party has been identified with the same. He cast his first presidential vote for James K. Polk. He and his wife are worthy members of the United Brethren Church.

Thomas R. Funk, an enterprising farmer of Knox County, is a native of the same county, and was born June 2, 1842, and is the fourth child of a family of nine (one deceased) of Samuel and Christinia (Stample) Funk, natives of Virginia, where they were reared, married and lived until after the birth of their first child, when they immigrated to Hancock County, Ill., from where, at the expiration of a year, they moved to Knox County, Mo. (1839), settling upon a farm in Lyon Township, where the mother is still living. The father died September 11, 1864. He came of a strong and hardy family, and was one of thirteen children, all of whom lived to be over fifty years of age. He was a farmer, to which occupation he devoted his time after leaving his native State. Our subject was reared at home, and received a common-school education. When he reached the age of twenty-two years he began farming for himself, and a year later married Mary E., daughter of William and Susan Campbell; she was born in Knox County, Mo., in 1847, and married to our subject January 1, 1865. This lady was the mother of six children, and died May 14, 1884. March 24, 1885, Mr. Funk married Rachel, daughter of Moses and Hannah Frazier, and born in Indiana, in 1849. To this marriage one child was born. The living children of our subject are Iva C. (wife of Thomas Fisher), Lee Oliver, Harvey Thomas, Jessie M., Samuel Albert and Annie

May. Mr. Funk is an active and enterprising man, and the result of his labor and good management is a fine farm of 240 acres, well improved, and under a good state of cultivation, with fine buildings well and pleasantly situated. Mr. Funk is a well-respected citizen, a member of the Republican party, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He belongs to the F. & A. M., Edina Lodge, No. 291. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A. R. Gangloff & Bro., proprietors of "Grangers' Elevator and Warehouse," are dealers in grain, grass seed, agricultural implements, salt, coal, etc., and successors to T. P. Cook & Bro. The present firm is composed of Anthony R. and Albert Augustine Gangloff, sons of Jacob and Ellen (McDonald) Gangloff, natives of Germany and Ireland, who engaged in the business February 1, 1886. Their plant is located in Milltown, on the Quincy, Missouri & Pacific Railroad, near the roller mills. They have probably handled 40,000 bushels of timothy seed this year, and buy all grain and seeds brought to this market. They are also local dealers in coal and salt, and are the exclusive shippers of the former to Edina. They employ four men the year round. A. R. Gangloff, the senior partner, was born in Perry County, Ohio, April 17, 1851, and came to Missouri in 1856, with his parents. He was raised a farmer, and has been engaged in that occupation ever since. He has also spent twelve years in the West, being interested in mining and stock raising. In 1886 he returned to this county, and embarked in his present grain and seed business. He is a Republican, and a member of the Catholic Church. Albert Augustine Gangloff was born in Somerset, Perry Co., Ohio, September 9, 1853. He accompanied his parents to Knox County in 1857, was reared a farmer, and has been one ever since, and is also engaged in the seed and grain business above mentioned. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Catholic Church. Both himself and brother are recognized as among the prominent and enterprising business men of Edina.

J. R. Gibbons, present commissioner of Knox County, and principal of the Knox City public schools, is a native of Missouri, and was born in Knox County, May 14, 1862. He is of Irish descent, his parents having in early life left the Emerald Isle to seek their fortunes in America. The fifth of a family of six sons, all of whom reside in Knox County, our subject, John R., was born on his father's farm, in Lyon Township, and received his primary education at the district schools. While yet in his teens he entered the profession of teaching, and in this capacity has gained many friends. After having taught with success some of the best schools in his county, he was elected, in April,

1887, to the office of county school commissioner. Since his election he has applied himself with earnestness to the cause of education in his county, and although a young man he gives promise of ranking among the most prominent professional men in this region.

Frank M. Gifford, deceased, was one of Knox County's most eminent, honored and successful citizens, and had been a resident of Edina twelve years at the time of his death. He was born in Lincklaen, Chenango Co., N. Y., April 7, 1844, and was a son of Edwin and Eunice (Mead) Gifford. The father was a native of the same place, and the mother is still a resident of New York. Mr. Gifford came west April 7, 1868, when he was a young man, and became an agent for the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, at Hannibal, Macon and Palmyra, being one of their most trusted employes. While at Palmyra he married Miss Mattie G. Holtzclaw, a native of Marion County, Mo. In 1874 he moved to Edina, and became agent for the railroad, but soon bought out the lumber business of John Adams, of Quincy, and at the time of his death was one of the most extensive and prosperous lumber merchants in Northeast Missouri. After his death the lumber yard was purchased by Pugh & Slaughter, who now conduct the business. Later Mr. Gifford became a partner in the large saw milling and lumber business of Brooks, Cummings & Co., of Canton, Mo., and it was while attending to the duties imposed upon him by that business that he met his death, which occurred as follows: In company with the president of the Canton Saw Mill Company and his own son, Edwin, Mr. Gifford took passage one afternoon on the raft boat "Abner Gile" for a trip up the river, intending to go to Canton. While on the journey, and when coming out of his stateroom on the "Texas," he turned to close the door, and stepping backward his feet struck against the low railing, which threw him on the lower deck and into the water, when he immediately disappeared. A reward of \$300 was offered for the recovery of his body by the president of the Canton Saw Mill Company, and it was shortly found in forty feet of water. The accident occurred just above Davenport, and it was the opinion of physicians that Mr. Gifford's neck was broken in the fall. Besides the business above mentioned, Mr. Gifford was also interested, being a large stock holder, in the roller mills of Edina. He was one of Knox County's most public-spirited and liberal-minded citizens, and was deeply interested in educational matters, having built the Edina Seminary from his own resources, guaranteeing the salary of the faculty as well. He was a prominent K. T., Kirksville Commandery. Mr. Gifford was a staunch Republican, but had never held any official position save that of may-

or of Edina, and at the time of his death was a member of the city council. During the war he served as private in Company T, Twentieth Regiment, New York Cavalry. He was at one time a prominent candidate on the Republican ticket for the State Legislature, and ran far ahead of his ticket, but was defeated on account of the minority of his party in that region. His widow and four of the five children born to them are still living, the children being Edwin R., Mabel E., Judith S., Frank G. (deceased) and Lena B. Mrs. Gifford is still a resident of Edina, and retains her husband's interest in the Canton Saw Mill Company. Mr. Gifford was a self-made man, and enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens to the highest degree, and left a large circle of friends, made in both business and social ways, to mourn their loss. He died June 11, 1886.

Col. John M. Glover.—Col. John Glover and Fanny (Taylor) Glover were the parents of our subject. Both father and mother were descendants of Virginian families, the father being born in that State, June 27, 1778. The mother was born in Kentucky, December 28, 1787. The paternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and the maternal grandfather represented Kentucky as a part of the Territory of Virginia in her Legislature, riding all the way from Kentucky, about 600 or 700 miles, to Richmond, on horseback, to take his seat in that body. Col. John Glover immigrated to Kentucky in 1791. During the war of 1812 he served under Gen. Harrison in two campaigns in the Northwest, and participated in the battle of the Thames, in Canada, as well as other battles. He removed part of his family from Kentucky to Missouri in 1835, bringing the remainder in 1836, and resided in Lewis County for two years, until he had improved his own home in what is now Knox County. He was a volunteer soldier in the Black Hawk war, before leaving Kentucky, but peace was declared before the Kentucky troops left the State. He was elected a member of the Missouri State Senate in 1840, representing the counties of Lewis, Marion and Clark, and the territory which is now embraced in the counties of Knox and Scotland, which were organized during his service in the Senate. At the time of his death, January 17, 1857, he was the owner of about 1,500 or 2,000 acres of land, and other property, including thirty-five slaves. His widow survived until December 28, 1865. Col. John M. Glover was born in Mercer County, Ky., September 4, 1824, and came to Missouri with his parents in the fall of 1836. He was educated at Marion and Masonic Colleges, in Marion County, Mo., and in 1848-49 studied law with his brother, Samuel T. Glover. In 1850 he went to Cali-

foria, where he practiced his profession, and engaged in other pursuits. In 1855 he returned to Knox County, Mo., to take charge of his father's affairs, as he was then quite aged, and at the death of his father became the sole executor of his will. While in the midst of this duty, and upon the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860 to the presidency, the secession movement was inaugurated to dissolve the Union. Our subject firmly adhered to the Union cause, sustaining the proclamation of her State convention "that Missouri had no cause to dissolve her relations with the Federal Government." Col. Glover took an active part in the discussion of this grave question, and with all his power and great earnestness undertook to show the folly and madness of such a measure as secession, and prophetically depicted the ruin and misery that would attend a civil war. He argued that Missouri, in no event, from her position, could ever constitute a part of a Southern Confederacy. He always repudiated the idea that the civil war was a sectional one, and held that the war was strictly between the Federal Government, supported by the people of all the States, who desired to perpetuate the existence of the Union, and that portion of the Southern people who desired to dissolve the Union, and set up another government. When the decisive moment came our subject took side, not with the North, but with the Government to perpetuate the Union, and for this end, raised at his own expense the Third Missouri Cavalry of United States Volunteers, of which he was commissioned colonel, and entered active service September 4, 1861. He commanded various military districts in the State of Missouri during the years 1862-63, among them being that of the district of Northeast Missouri, headquarters at Palmyra; that of South Central Missouri, headquarters at Rolla, and that of Southeast Missouri, headquarters at Pilot Knob. In the spring of 1863 he commanded a cavalry brigade in the division commanded by Gen. Vandever, and assisted in expelling Gen. John S. Marmaduke's Confederate Cavalry Division from Southeast Missouri, participating in quite a number of engagements. When the military authorities had determined upon an expedition, in 1863, for the capture of Little Rock, Ark., Maj.-Gen. John M. Schofield, commander of the Missouri department, organized the First Cavalry Division of the department, under Gen. Davidson, to co-operate with Gen. Steel on said expedition. Col. Glover was assigned the command of the Second Brigade of said organization. His own regiment, the Third Missouri Cavalry, always composing part of his brigade. The cavalry division left Arcadia, Mo., June 24, 1863, and formed a junction with the army corps under Gen. Steel early in September, at



Brownsville, Ark. There was a great amount of fighting around Little Rock in which the Second Brigade, commanded by Col. Glover, took a prominent part, the city falling into the hands of the Federal Army September 10, 1863. The following March Col. Glover was obliged, on account of ill health caused by exposure on this expedition, to resign his command, and upon his return home to civil life found that a revolution was taking place in Missouri, which ended for a time in destroying by force and legislative tyranny the civil liberty of a large per cent of his fellow citizens. He actively opposed this policy as utterly subversive of republican and democratic forms of government. Having been a champion of the civil rights of the people, and having to the best of his ability assisted in the overthrow of a despotic government from 1873 to 1879, for three terms, he was elected to a seat in Congress, where he vigorously opposed all legislative oppression and usurpation against the common rights of the people, and sought to give simple, just and economical laws for the government of the whole country, free from sectional animosities. Col. Glover married, February 20, 1862, Miss Mary J. Condell, daughter of Thomas Condell, banker of Springfield, Ill., and they have three living children—two daughters and a son. Mrs. Glover's mother was a native of Kentucky, and her father a native of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Glover, after residing in Quincy, Ill., for three years, have again returned to Missouri, and are now living in Knox County upon their farm of 879 acres.

John Grainger, of Edina, Mo., was born in Schuyler County, Ill., in 1843, and is a son of Gawn and Mary (Fullerton) Grainger, natives of Ireland. The father came to the United States early in the decade of the forties, and located in Illinois, and has resided in our subject's native county ever since, engaged in farming and blacksmithing. The mother is dead. John is one of five children—four sons and one daughter—the last mentioned being dead. He was reared to manhood upon the farm with his father, and secured but a limited education. In 1870 he came to Knox County, Mo., where he owned and conducted a farm in Greensburg Township, until four years ago. Although he still owned the farm, he moved to Edina, and in the spring of 1887 became a member of the firm of Burk, Grainger & Kelso. Mr. Grainger's present wife was Miss Lizzie Miller, a native of Ohio. They have three living children, viz: Mary, Jesse and Albert Guy. He also has one daughter, Clara, by his first marriage with Ellen F. Agnew, deceased. He is a Democrat in politics, an R. A. M., and is one of the prominent citizens of Knox County.

Armistead Hamilton, an enterprising farmer of Knox County,

was born September 5, 1817, in Loudoun County, Va., and is the eldest of five children born to Rebecca (Reed) and David Hamilton, natives of Virginia, where they were reared, married, and lived until the spring of 1827, when they immigrated to Franklin County, Ind. There they improved a farm until the spring of 1844, when they went still further west, and located in Knox County, Mo. Then they located upon a tract of land purchased in Fabius Township, Knox County, where they resided until their respective deaths, in 1858 and 1877. The father engaged in coopering while in his native State, but afterward devoted his time to farming. Our subject received a limited education at the common schools of Indiana. At the age of seventeen he began an apprenticeship at the house-joining trade, and continued at the same three years, and at the expiration of that time he started in business for himself, working at his newly-learned trade until he accompanied his parents to Missouri in 1844. He then settled in Knox County, upon a tract of land he had previously entered, and where he has resided most of the time since, engaged in farming and working at his trade. At the outbreak of the late war he enlisted in the Confederate Army, under Col. Joe Porter, and remained in service six months. Not being well, he then left the army, and went to Shelby, Ill., from Arkansas, and a year later moved his family there also. There he remained engaged at his trade until the close of the war, when he returned to his home in Knox County. November 22, 1837, he was married to Sarah D., daughter of Samuel Murphy, a native of New Jersey, and who was born in New Jersey in 1816, coming to Franklin County, Ind., with her parents when three years old. Eight children have been born to this union, six of whom are living, viz: Samuel and Elizabeth, twins (the latter being wife of John E. Walker), David Newton, Emily (wife of J. T. Lewis), Priscilla (wife of Dr. Alexander Magee) and James B. Our subject now owns a fine farm of 220 acres, which, when he bought it, was a vast wilderness, but is now finely improved and cultivated, the result of the hard labor and good management of himself and wife. Politically he is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for James K. Polk in 1840. He was elected justice of the peace by his party, which office he held for many years. Himself, wife, and daughters Elizabeth, Emily and Priscilla, are members of the Baptist Church.

William J. Hannah, a prominent stock farmer of Knox County, was born October 3, 1827, in Bourbon County, Ky., near Paris, and is the eldest of seven children born to Joseph and Mary (Sparks) Hannah, three of the above mentioned children being dead. The parents were natives of Bourbon and Harrison

Counties, respectively, where they were reared, and lived until their marriage, after which they located in Bourbon County, where they remained until 1830, then immigrating to Missouri. They first settled near the present site of Palmyra, being among the earliest settlers in Northeast Missouri. In 1838 they removed to Monroe County, and, after two years' residence there, returned to Marion County in 1843, making their final move, this time locating in Knox County, Mo., where they entered a tract of land in the southeastern part of Lyon Township. The father died in 1847, and the mother in 1870. Our subject was educated at the common schools of Marion County, living at home until twenty-four years old, when he married and settled upon a farm in the northeastern part of Shelton Township, which he had purchased, and in the neighborhood of which he has since resided. His wife, Killarney, daughter of Abram and Killarney Sharp, was born in Kentucky in 1827, came to Missouri after her marriage with Atwell Jackman, and after his death in 1850 was united in marriage to our subject in September, 1851, and to the latter union three children have been born: Martha Jane, wife of Jefferson Van Horn; Caroline, wife of Alex Rimer, and Virginia, wife of William Fickle. When our subject first settled upon his present farm the land was in its wild condition, but by hard labor he has succeeded in making a finely improved and cultivated farm of 1,000 acres, one of the finest in the county. Seven hundred acres are in the tract upon which he lives, the greater part of same being cleared, improved and cultivated. This property is the result of a life of unassisted toil, and Mr. Hannah is a self-made man, highly respected for his high principles and good qualities. He is considered a substantial farmer of Knox County, and his family is interested in the religious work of the community. He is a Republican in politics, but, as previous to the war he was a Democrat, his first presidential vote was cast for the Democratic nominee, in 1848.

Joseph M. Hardman, circuit clerk and recorder of Knox County, Mo., is a native of the same county, where he was born December 23, 1856, and is a son of Squire and Elizabeth (Porter) Hardman, both natives of Kentucky. [See sketch of father.] Our subject was reared and received his education in his native county, where he clerked in the drug business in Newark and Edina for five years, until 1875, when he was engaged in the postoffice at Edina, where he remained for three years. He next accepted a position as bookkeeper and assistant in the Knox County Savings Bank, where he remained until 1882, when he was elected circuit clerk and recorder of Knox County, the duties of which office he performed in a faithful and efficient manner,

and at the expiration of the term of four years, was re-elected, and is now holding the same office. October 12, 1880, he married Ella B. Bradley, of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Hardman have one son living—James Harold. Mr. Hardman has always been an unyielding Democrat in politics, and was elected to his present office by that party. He is a Master Mason. Mr. Hardman is justly recognized as one of Knox County's most enterprising and public-spirited citizens, and is a well-known and popular public official.

William Harvey, of Edina, Mo., was born in South Berwick, York Co., Me., August 2, 1837, and is a son of Stephen and Mary (Andrews) Harvey, both natives of Maine, where they lived and died. Our subject was reared to manhood in that State, secured a good English education, and, being a natural mechanic, learned and followed the carpenter's trade in connection with farming. He spent four years of his early life in Massachusetts, part of the time being passed in Boston. In 1858 he came west to Missouri, and settled in old Paultown, near Brashear, in Adair County, where he worked at his trade until 1861. Upon the outbreak of the late war he became a member of the Home Guards, and when the militia was called out in 1862 he joined the Fiftieth Regiment, East Missouri Militia, Capt. Pogne's company. In 1863 he enlisted in Capt. Parson's company, Second Provisional Regiment, serving as private and non-commissioned officer until the regiment disbanded. In the meantime, in the year 1862, he had started his present furniture and undertaking business upon a small scale in Edina, and after the war gave his entire attention to his business, which he has increased from time to time, until, at the close of a quarter of a century, by hard application, honesty and economy, he has succeeded in gaining an enviable position among the leading merchants of Knox County. In 1876 he built his present three-story fire-proof brick block on the southwest corner of the public square, the second and third floors of which are occupied by his furniture and undertaking business, the largest and best establishment of this character in the town or in the county. He also does a leading undertaking business in Edina. February 8, 1865, he married Elizabeth Ijams, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, and daughter of the late John Ijams, for some years a citizen of Knox County. Four children born to this union are living: Carrie I., wife of William James, of Ozawkie, Kas.; Emma L., Fred W. and Lottie L. Mr. Harvey was a Democrat by education, but when Sumter was fired upon he became a Republican, and affiliated with that party until 1880, when he became a warm advocate for Gen. Weaver, a candidate on the Greenback ticket, and is still in sympathy with that

party. Mr. Harvey is recognized as one of the prominent and successful business men of this county.

David C. Hawkins, one of the highly respected citizens of Knox County, is the deceased husband of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Hawkins. His life was an active and earnest, but changeful, one, and as a citizen and neighbor he had no superior. He was born December 13, 1813, in Woodford County, Ky., where he was partly reared and educated. He early exhibited a fine business talent, and while yet a young man he immigrated with his mother's family to Missouri, when they settled in Marion County. Here he engaged in the hay and commission business, and was married September 9, 1845, to Miss Caroline Nance, also a native of Kentucky. By her he had three children; the eldest a daughter, Mrs. Susan (Hawkins) Thompson, who resides in Knox City, Mo., with her husband; the other two being twin boys, William W. and Thomas L. The former is a lumber merchant in Arcola, Ill., and the latter is a practicing physician in Mullinville, Kas. Their mother died in 1851, after which Mr. Hawkins removed to Lewis County, when he embarked in the river commission business at La Grange. After a time he returned to Marion County, and engaged with a Mr. Holtzclaw, in buying and pressing hemp for the market. While thus employed he was united in marriage, in 1856, to Mrs. Elizabeth M., widow of the late Henry S. Johnson, of Knox County. The latter was a native of New Jersey but, owning a body of land in Knox County, had emigrated thither. Here he died in 1851. After Mr. Hawkins was married to Mrs. Johnson he returned to La Grange in 1858, when he was elected clerk, and opened the books of a branch of a St. Louis bank in the following year. In 1863, on account of excitement growing out of the war, he removed with his family to Illinois. Here he remained until after the close of the war, when he came to their farm in Knox County, Mo., in 1866, where he died in 1868. By his second wife he had three children, only one of whom is still living—John H. After the death of Mr. Hawkins his widow remained on her farm, which she conducted in a business manner until March, 1882, when she removed to Knox City, where she still resides.

T. S. Hedges was born in Bourbon County, Ky., October 3, 1829, and accompanied his parents to Adams County, Ill., where he was reared, and where he received but a limited education, as he, being the eldest son, was obliged to assist in the farm work, and had but little time to spend in study. In 1857 he settled in Knox County, Mo., and began to improve a farm which was then the property of his father. Soon after this the war began, and he enlisted in Company F, Thirty-ninth Missouri Infantry under

Capt. Poe, where he remained in service about a year. He then received an honorable discharge, returned to his home in Knox County, and again commenced work upon the farm. In May, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura Cowen, from whom he separated soon after. In 1873 he married Miss Nellie Wildman, a daughter of John Wildman, a farmer of Lewis County. To this union one son, Jim, was born. He is now about ten years old. During a thirty years' residence in Knox County Mr. Hedges has established a wide reputation for upright business methods, and now ranks among the most enterprising and intelligent farmers of the country, owning over 600 acres of valuable land. In politics he is a Republican.

Dr. Henry Herriford, a prominent physician of Knox County, was born in Putnam County, Mo., October 7, 1852, and is the son of Andrew J. and Frances M. (Donadson) Herriford. The former was born in Kentucky, in 1832, and died in Putnam County, Mo., March 12, 1882. The mother was born in Monroe County, Mo., in 1834, and is now living in Sullivan County, Mo. Our subject remained at home with his parents until seventeen years of age, and then commenced the study of medicine in Adair County, Mo., remaining there five years. He then attended the Medical College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Iowa, for nine months, when he graduated, and also attended a course of lectures at Rush Medical College, Chicago, post graduate course, in 1882. In 1876 he returned to Adair County, Mo., and formed a partnership with Dr. W. G. Pierce, formerly of Ohio. He remained with him four months, and then went to Sullivan County, Mo., where he practiced about eighteen months, and then went to New Cambria, Macon Co., Mo. After a year's residence here he went to Scotland County, Mo., where he remained about five years. After that he came to Knox County, and located in Greensburg, where he has since resided, and enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice. June 17, 1880, he was married to Rachel Howe, daughter of John and Harriet (Mourhess) Howe. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Herriford was born in Missouri, March 7, 1862. This union has been blessed with one daughter—Cassa Lee. Dr. Herriford is a strong Republican, but has never held or sought office. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, a generous donator to all laudable enterprises, and ranks among the leading physicians of Knox County. His wife is a member of the Christian Church at Greensburg, Knox Co., Mo.

Joseph Hirner, a resident of Edina, Mo., is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, where he was born June 28, 1855, and came to the United States in 1870. He located at Palmyra, Mo.,

where he learned the shoemaker's trade with an uncle, and came to Edina in 1879. Here he engaged in the shoe business, at which he has remained ever since, meeting with good success. At his store, on the extreme northwest corner of the square, he carries a full and well-selected stock of boots, shoes, trunks, hats, caps, etc., and also manufactures boots and shoes, having the largest boot and shoe store in Edina, and controlling a large city and country trade. Mr. Hirner was married September 12, 1876, to Wilhelmina Jacobi, of Marion County, Mo., a native of Germany. They have four children: Joseph S., Henry A., Ignatz F. and Elizabeth. In politics our subject is a Democrat, and served two years as a member of the city council. He is a member of the C. K. of A., and himself and family belong to the Catholic Church. He is regarded as one of the enterprising and successful business men of Edina.

Archibald W. Hodges, a prominent citizen of Knox County, was born in Kentucky February 26, 1833, and is a son of John and Malinda (Stone) Hodges, born in Kentucky in 1804 and 1812, respectively. They were married in 1828, and twenty years later came to Marion County, Mo., and settled upon a farm, where the father died in 1857, his widow surviving him until 1886, her death occurring in Salt River Township. Our subject lived with his parents until twenty-five years of age, and soon after that time came to Knox County, Mo., arriving in the spring of 1859. He settled in Salt River Township, living at various places for about three years, and then purchased the farm of which he is now a resident, and which contains 251½ acres of finely improved land and twenty acres of timber. Mr. Hodges makes farming and stock raising his chief occupation, and ranks among the prosperous and enterprising farmer citizens of the county. In 1857 he was united in marriage to Ailey Louderback, daughter of Daniel and Ailey (Powell) Louderback. Mrs. Louderback is now living with her son-in-law, and has arrived at the advanced age of eighty-four. To Mr. and Mrs. Hodges ten children have been born, all living save one. The living are Mattie E. (wife of Albert V. Kenoyer), William S., John M., David G., Lulle A. (wife of Robert Petree), Archibald P., Ida M., James A. and Zora A. Mr. Hodges has served as justice of the peace for twelve years, and has been postmaster at Goodland about four years, but has never aspired to political office, and has always refused the solicitations of his friends to accept the same. He was a Whig during the days of that party, but, since the organization of the Republican party, has been a member of the same. During the late war he served in the Thirty-ninth Missouri Regiment from August 11, 1864, to March 21, 1865.

He is a public-spirited citizen, and his family is one of the most respected in the community.

Worden Cady Hollister, prosecuting attorney of Knox County, Mo., was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., December 2, 1832, and is a son of Hugh and Maria (Cady) Hollister, both natives of New York. The mother died in New York May 23, 1841, aged thirty-two years, eight months and thirteen days. The father, who was born June 8, 1808, afterward married Phoebe Hanchett, April 10, 1844, and in 1847 immigrated to De Kalb County, Ill., and in 1856 removed to Knox County, Ill. In 1870 he again changed his residence, this time moving to Carroll County, Iowa, where he now resides. Three children were born to his first marriage: Worden C., Mortimer D. and Lydia (now deceased). Our subject was reared a farmer, securing a common-school education in New York, and later attending the common schools in De Kalb County, Ill., and also attending Rock River Seminary, at Mount Morris, Ill. He then attended an institution of learning at Aurora, Ill., and, having by this time acquired a good English education, and a considerable knowledge of the languages, he decided upon law as his profession for life, and proceeded to read law for two years with Judge A. M. Craig, of Knoxville, Ill. He came to Knox County, Mo., in May, 1865. He was admitted to the bar at Mexico, Adrian Co., Mo., and returning to Edina commenced to practice. Here he has remained ever since, and has met with good and well-deserved success. In 1870 he was appointed county attorney, a position which he held for two years. In the spring of 1879 he was elected mayor of Edina, and served a term of two years. In 1886 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Knox County, which position he is now filling in a highly satisfactory and efficient manner. Mr. Hollister has always been a staunch Republican, and as such was elected to his present office, and he is the only officer in Knox County serving on this ticket. May 1, 1865, he was married in Knox County, Ill., to Carrie M. Risor, a native of New Holland, Pickaway Co., Ohio, and born July 16, 1844. To this marriage one son, William Carl, born January 17, 1869. Mr. Hollister is a Knight of Honor, and a member of the A. O. U. W. Himself and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Hollister is recognized as a leading practitioner of the legal profession.

Samuel G. Holmes, long a resident of Knox County, and a business man of Newark, was born in Kentucky, September 5, 1809, and is a son of Thomas Holmes, who was born near Pittsburgh, Va., in 1787, but afterward came to Kentucky, and settled on a farm in Harrison County, where he ranked among the



leading citizens. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, serving as a volunteer for six months under Capt. Brown (afterward a lawyer of Harrison County). He also served as justice of the peace in that county for many years, and after selling his farm in Kentucky in 1839 purchased one in Marion County, Mo., where he resided until 1861, and then sold all his possessions and came to Newark to spend the residue of his life with his son. He died in 1869. The mother of our subject, Jane (Vance) Holmes, was born in Virginia in 1786, and was married in Pendleton County, Ky., in 1808. She died one month before her husband, at the residence of her son in Newark, leaving many friends to bemoan their loss. Our subject is the eldest son, and came to Marion County, Mo., in 1837, his family following in 1838; here he entered land until he owned 200 acres, upon which he lived until the spring of 1857, when he sold his farm, and entered into mercantile life at Newark, where he is now in business, owning a nice stock of groceries, and controlling a good trade. While in Kentucky, in the year 1835, he was married to Judith E. Applegate, and to them the following children were born: William, Mary S. (wife of William M. Bromson), Elizabeth and Samuel G. Mrs. Holmes died in 1856, in the month of December, and our subject then married Martha A. Bromson, and to them John M. and Addie have been born. Mr. Holmes is a Republican, and assisted in the organization of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Newark, and several other places. He is public-spirited, taking interest in the general welfare of his county, and donates to all laudable enterprises.

Rev. James M. Holt, a leading citizen of Knox County, was born in Kentucky, January 19, 1818, and is a son of Richard and Nancy (Deshazer) Holt, both natives of Virginia, where they were married. The parents moved to Kentucky about 1810, remaining in that State until 1835; then came to Missouri, locating in Marion County, and fifteen years later made a final move to La Grange, Lewis Co., where they died. Our subject was reared at home, living with his parents until he was thirteen years old, when he taught school a number of years very successfully, never having any difficulty in securing a position. The last school he taught was at La Grange, Lewis Co., Mo. After 1849 he devoted his time to the study of theology, was licensed in 1849 and ordained in 1850, and is now a faithful and earnest minister in the Baptist Church. For fifteen years he was moderator of the Wyaconda Association of United Baptists. In 1839 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Luckett, and six children were born to this union, of whom four are living, viz.: James R., Edward L., Mary A. and Frank S. Mrs. Holt

having died he was then married to Maggie A. Mobley, daughter of Thomas and Millie Mobley, by whom four children were born, the following three living: Charles M., Fannie E. and Katie L. Mr. Holt was a Whig, during the days of that party, but is now a Democrat, and has never aspired to office, although he is now the postmaster of Newark. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has taken all the degrees in the Blue Lodge, chapter and council. He is now in his seventieth year, and still takes great interest in public matters, donating as far as he is able to all laudable enterprises.

J. R. Horn, editor and proprietor of the *Knox County Independent*, and a resident of Edina, Mo., was born near Winchester, Frederick Co., Va., November 7, 1846, and is a son of John and Maria (Howard), both natives of Virginia. The father came to Missouri in 1867, and has since resided in Shelby County, where he is one of the most prosperous and highly respected farmer citizens. Our subject passed his youth in his native State, where he secured a good, English education. He served in the Confederate Army as a private in Company K, Twenty-third Regiment Virginia Cavalry, less than a year, during the late war. He accompanied his father to Missouri, and afterward embarked in the newspaper business in Danville, Harper Co., Kas., where he conducted the *Danville Argus* less than a year. In the spring of 1883 he returned to Shelby County, Mo., and started the *Hunnewell Echo*, which he moved a year later to Shelbyville, Mo., and changed the name to *Shelby County Times*, and there conducted that paper successfully. In January, 1885, he came to Knox County, and established the *Independent* at Knox City, removing the paper to Edina in May, 1886. Mr. Horn has met with unprecedented and well-merited success as a journalist and newspaper man in this county. His paper, as the name indicates, is strictly independent in politics. Mr. Horn was very instrumental in bringing up a revolution in the local political affairs of the county. November 29, 1869, Mr. Horn was united in marriage to Miss Mattie J. Hicks, a native of West Virginia, but for many years a resident of Knox County, with her father, the late Elisha Hicks. Mr. and Mrs. Horn have five children: Franklin H., Elisha S., Lillian R., Charles E. and John E. As before stated, Mr. Horn is one of the most successful men in the county in his undertakings, and enjoys a well-earned reputation as an upright citizen and business man.

H. T. Howerton, one of the leading stock farmers of Knox County, was born April 1, 1843, in Knox County, Mo., and is the third of seven children born to Henry T. and Sarah (Brooking)

Howerton, natives of Bourbon County, Ky., and Gloucester County, Va., respectively. They were married in Lewis County, Mo., and after a few years' residence there came to the present site of Edina, which the father helped to survey and lay out, and built the first grist mill erected in the county, near that place. They remained on their farm near Edina until 1864, when they sold out and moved to a farm previously purchased, and situated on Salt River in the western part of Shelton Township. After a long life of hard labor, the father died at this place in June, 1876; the mother still lives with her son, Thomas. Our subject was educated at the common schools near Edina, and the Catholic school of that place, and at the age of sixteen, enlisted in Company F, Second Missouri Regiment, Confederate Army, at Forest Springs, and remained in service until he received his discharge in February, 1862. In the spring of the following year he crossed the western plains to Idaho City, where he joined a pack train and engaged in mining. He returned to Missouri in November, 1865. January 9, 1868, he was united in marriage to Mary, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Somerville) Long, natives of Mason County, W. Va., in which county Mrs. Howerton was born February 5, 1848, and from where, when but six years old, she came with her parents to Knox County. To this union five children were born, four of whom are living: David L. (a school teacher, of Macon County), Tage Augustus, Wade H. and Mary Ethel. To the original 160 acres upon which our subject first moved, by persistent effort and careful management he has continually added until now he owns a fine farm of 580 acres, 560 acres being meadow land. The farm is under a fine state of cultivation, and well stocked, Mr. Howerton having proved himself a successful stock dealer, making most of his money in this business. He probably deals as extensively as any other man in Knox County in live stock, and at present has about 200 head of cattle on his farm. He is one of Knox County's prosperous farmers and enterprising citizens. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Horace Greeley in 1872.

William M. Hull, one of Knox County's most prominent, successful and influential citizens, now a resident of Benton Township, was born in Center Co., Penn., August 5, 1824, and is the son of John L. and Mary (McCullough) Hull. The father was a native of New Jersey, born in 1798. Shortly after his birth his parents moved to Pennsylvania, and he made that State his home until 1829, when he moved to Hamilton County, Ohio. In his boyhood he was bound out to a tailor, to learn that trade, and while following that he was drafted to serve six months,

during the war of 1812, in the militia. After his time had expired he volunteered into the navy, and was in the engagement on Lake Erie, when Commodore Perry gained a brilliant victory. In this engagement young Hull, though not wounded, had holes shot through his clothes. For his gallant behavior and bravery the governor of Pennsylvania presented him with a silver medal, and a letter complimenting him on his bravery. This medal is still in possession of the Hull family. He worked at his trade until he moved to Ohio, when he abandoned that, and engaged in farming. He died in Whitewater Township, Hamilton Co., Ohio, September 17, 1841. In 1814 he married Miss Mary McCullough, a native of York County, Penn., born in 1791. She died in Hamilton County, Ohio, September 16, 1880, at the advanced age of eighty-nine. She, like her husband, was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Of their family of eight children, four of whom are living, our subject is the fourth. He received a liberal education in the schools of Hamilton County, Ohio, and was but seventeen years of age when his father died. He, nevertheless, took the reins in his own hands, provided for his mother, and helped to educate the younger members of the family. He remained in the State of Ohio until 1852, when he came to Knox County, Mo., and settled near Millport. Previous to this, February 13, 1851, he married Lavenia M. Rowe, born in Dearborn County, Ind., November 22, 1829, and the daughter of Conrad and Eliza (Lamden) Rowe. To this marriage were born seven children, six now living, viz.: Mary E., Louis C., William E., Elmer E., John R. and Estella. Thomas R. is deceased. In 1850 our subject moved to his present location, situated four miles north of Edina. He here owns 300 acres of splendid land. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and he, wife and family, with the exception of Mary E. and William E., are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

John Y. Hunsaker was born in Illinois, July 1, 1843, and is a son of John Hunsaker, who was born in Kentucky in 1800, and moved with his father to Union County, Ill., and later to Adams County, Ill., locating upon a farm, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1874. Our subject's mother, Fannie (Limbaugh) Hunsaker, died in Adams County, Ill., in 1847. John Y. remained with his father until he became of age, and then commenced working for himself, in various places, by the month. In the spring of 1868 he came to Knox County, Mo., and settled upon the farm of which he is now a resident, which consists of 120 acres of land, well cultivated, upon which is a substantial house and comfortable outbuildings. December 29, 1870, he was married to Margaret Potter, daughter of Samuel

and Jane Potter, natives of Pennsylvania. The father died in Illinois in 1872, and the mother is now a resident of Novelty. Mrs. Hunsaker was born in Illinois, July 17, 1847, and was married to our subject December 29, 1870. To Mr. and Mrs. Hunsaker four children have been born: Atlas C., Thomas H., Jennie L. and Delbert. In politics our subject is a Democrat, but has never held public office. He and family rank among the honored and respected citizens of the county.

Daniel D. Hustead, an old and respected citizen of Colony Township, was born in Harrison County, Va. (now West Virginia), April 23, 1818, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Davis) Hustead. This family is of English descent. James was a native of Virginia, and died in Taylor County, W. Va., which was formerly a part of Harrison County. He lived in Virginia during the days when the Indians were hostile, and endured many hardships on that account. He was a farmer, and cooper. During the war of 1812 he was drafted, but hired a substitute. Mrs. Hustead was of German descent, and a native of Virginia, where she died April 8, 1860. She and her husband were members of the Baptist Church many years. Our subject is the seventh of a family of nine children, of whom he and his brother David are the only ones living. His education was limited to a primitive log schoolhouse in his native State, which he has since improved by reading and observation. At the age of twenty he left home, and worked at whatever was offered him, for three years, his highest wages being 50 cents per day. He then bought some land and farmed, and has followed that occupation ever since. He sold his property in Virginia in 1854, and came to Knox County, Mo., and soon after purchased the place he now owns, which he has greatly improved and cultivated. In 1863 he owned 580 acres of land in Knox County, but has since given his children all but 160 acres. During the late war he remained neutral, but suffered loss of property by the depredations of both armies. In 1840 he was united in marriage to Lurana Reynolds, of Taylor County, Va., who died in Knox County, Mo., June 3, 1865. To them six sons and four daughters were born, of whom one son and three daughters are dead. The mother of these children belonged to the Baptist Church. In 1872 he was married, a second time, Mrs. Adaline Anderson, daughter of Samuel Moore, becoming his wife. This lady was the widow of Mr. Anderson, was of eastern birth, and born about 1841. To this union there have been born two sons and two daughters, all living. Our subject has been a member of the Baptist Church forty-four years, to which his wife also belongs. Before the war, Mr. Hustead was a Whig, but

has since voted for the best man, regardless of party ties. In 1880 he was asked to run for judge on the Greenback ticket, but was defeated by a small majority, carrying his own township, which was Democratic, however, by a large majority. In 1860 he went to Pike's Peak, driving an ox team, and occupying fifty-two days in the journey. He remained there several months engaged in mining and prospecting, the trip upon the whole being profitable. He saw the city of Denver when in its youth, and has watched its growth with interest. Mr. Husted is not addicted to the use of tobacco in any form, and is in favor of prohibition. He has the esteem of the leading citizens of the community, and is considered one of the enterprising and worthy citizens of the county.

E. H. Hutcheson, a prominent farmer of Knox County, was born November 5, 1830, in Allegheny County, Penn., and is the fifth of seven children born to Robert and Jane (Mace) Hutcheson, of Scotch and Irish descent, respectively, natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married, and where they resided until 1835, when they moved to Madison County, Ohio, and here they settled upon a farm. There the mother died in 1837. The father remained a widower several years, but finally married again when about fifty years old. His occupation was that of farming, at which he was engaged in Madison County at the time of his death, in 1847. Our subject received a limited education in Madison County. After his mother's death the family was scattered, and after his father's second marriage our subject and a twin brother were taken home by the father, and there remained until the father's death. After that he was cast upon his own resources, and worked at farming until twenty years of age, when he taught school and farmed alternately for six years, then located in Adair County, Mo., where he remained two years, afterward going to Randolph County, Mo. At the expiration of a year he went to Denver, Colo., and there engaged in freighting and mining for four years, then returned to Missouri, where he was married in Randolph County, April 5, 1865, to Martha J., daughter of Jesse and Abigail H. (Walton) Terrill. Mrs. Hutcheson was born February 12, 1840, in Randolph County, Mo., her parents being natives of Kentucky. To this marriage eight children were born, the following six now living: Lawrence, Abbie, Mollie, Delia, Laura and Aggie. After his marriage Mr. Hutcheson settled upon his present farm in Knox County, which he has enlarged and improved, until it now consists of 250 acres of land, under a fine state of cultivation. He has a large, substantial residence, with good outbuildings. Previous to the war he was a Whig, but since the organization of the Republican party has

been a firm supporter of its principles. His first presidential ballot was cast in 1856 for John Bell. Mr. Hutcheson and wife, and daughters Abbie, Mollie, Delia and Laura, are worthy members of the Baptist Church.

William Jarvis, one of the substantial farmers of Liberty Township, was born in Madison County, Ill., in 1803, and is a descendant of two well-known and respected families of Virginia, named Jarvis and Hurin. His parents were reared and married in Virginia, and reared a family of three children. They were both members of the Christian Church; the mother died in Madison County, and the father in Sangamon County, Ill. At the age of twenty-five our subject enlisted in the Union Army, in Company B, Third Missouri Cavalry, under John B. Glover, and participated in the battles of Bee Ridge, Wilson Creek, Prairie Grove and Saline River. To the latter fight Mr. Jarvis attributes the cause of his ill-health, being ruptured while on a raid through Texas to the Red River. On this account he now draws a pension of \$12. In 1865 he was honorably discharged, and then settled in Myrtle Township, Knox County, Mo., where, in 1866, he married Miss Emiline, a daughter of John Burk, a resident of Knox County, but a native of Indiana. To this union five children have been born (four of whom are living): Thomas, Sarah J. (deceased), Melvin, Albert and Pearl. Mr. Jarvis has been a resident of Knox County about twenty-one years, and, as he has owned a threshing machine the greater part of his time, has done a great deal of work in that line. He owns a farm of 120 acres, well improved.

Orville D. Jones, attorney at law, Edina, Mo., was born in Miami County, Ind., April 29, 1846, his parents being William M. and Martha (Robbins) Jones, natives of Kentucky and Indiana. The father immigrated to Illinois in 1852 with his family, and in 1869 removed to Iowa, where he died in Keokuk County, February 23, 1884. The mother died in Indiana, when our subject was quite small, and the father was afterward married to Rachel Bayliss, who, with two sons and five daughters, survives him. By his marriage with our subject's mother Orville D., Alvin R. and Martha Emma (wife of Howard Lotspeich) are the living children. The subject of this sketch secured a good English education at the common schools of his neighborhood, and finished the same in Heading College, at Abingdon, Ill., graduating there in June, 1870. After that he taught during 1870 and 1871, and then attended the law department of the Iowa City University, one session. In April, 1872, he came to Edina, Mo., where he was admitted to the bar, and commenced the practice of law, at which he has been engaged ever since, meeting good and

well-deserved success. Mr. Jones is independent in his political views, advocating currency and land reform. He was a candidate on the Greenback ticket in 1878 for the office of State auditor, and in 1884 was on the same ticket for the office of judge of supreme court. During the latter part of the war he served in the Union Army about five months as a private, in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. March 29, 1874, he married Mary E. Graves, a native of Vermont, by whom he has had two children: Agnes Pauline and Bertha Josephine. He is one of the most successful practitioners in Edina, and himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John A. Kelso, of Edina, is a native of the city, born March 11, 1850. He is a son of John A. and Nancy J. (Connelly) Kelso, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The father was one of the pioneer citizens of Northeast Missouri, and married his wife in Lewis County, in 1840. He was a carpenter and contractor, and erected many of the early houses and buildings in Edina, and assisted in building the courthouse. He raised two of his six children, viz.: John A. and Joseph S. He died in 1870; the mother is still living, and is now the wife of Hiram Everman, of this county. Our subject was reared in Lewis County, where he secured a good English education, and taught school several terms. In 1872 he engaged in the mercantile business for himself in Lewiston, and followed the same there two years. He then worked at his trade, that of a carpenter, wool carder and spinner, for several years, and in 1876 engaged in the grocery business here, which he continued for three years. In 1881 he established a lumber and hardware store in Hurdland, and went from there to Kirksville in 1883, returning to Edina in December, 1884, where he conducted a lumber business for about nine months, and then engaged in his present drug and grocery business, and in June, 1887, became a member of the firm of Burk, Grainger & Kelso. He is a Democrat, and served as justice of the peace here for six years. He has also served several terms on the city school board, and at present is clerk of the board. November 23, 1876, he married Sarah E. Coe, daughter of the late James Coe, of this county. They have two children living: Mary J. and Anna. Mr. Kelso is a member of the A. O. U. W., being Past-Master of the local subordinate lodge. Himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and Mr. Kelso is secretary of the county Sunday school association; he is regarded very highly by his neighbors and associates.

B. F. Kimbley, the subject of the present sketch, is a native



of Marion County, Mo., and was born March 3, 1840. His father, Nicholas Kimbley, was born in Kentucky, but came to Marion County, Mo., and located upon a farm, on which he lived until his death in 1849. Nancy (Hunsaker) Kimbley, the mother, also a native of Kentucky, came to Missouri, and died in Adams County, Ill., where she was living with her second husband, John McBride. Our subject was reared at home until the age of sixteen, and then started out in life for himself. He worked by the month some time in various places, and during the war served in the Eighty-fourth Illinois Regiment for about three years, participated in several important battles, and finally received his discharge, June 17, 1865. After that he returned to Adams County, Ill., where he worked upon a farm for four years, and where he remained working at various places until 1870, when he married and came to Knox County, Mo. His marriage occurred August 18, 1870, in Adams County, Ill. His wife, Mattie Potter, is a daughter of Samuel and Jane Potter, and to her union with our subject five children have been born, viz.: James A., Walter L., William E., Loia G. and Zadie. Mr. Kimbley lives upon the farm, upon which he located immediately after his marriage, and the same consists of 245 acres of good land, well improved and cultivated; and, in connection with his farming, Mr. Kimbley makes a speciality of stock raising. In politics he is a Democrat; is a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity. Himself and wife belong to the Christian Church, and during their residence in Knox County have made a large circle of warm and true friends.

Frederick Layman, the subject of this sketch, is of German parentage, and was born in Germany in 1833. His father, William, was a shoemaker by trade, and both he and his wife, Caroline, were members of the old established church, and lived to a good old age. Our subject came to this country when but a lad of fifteen or sixteen, and then served an apprenticeship of seven years in Philadelphia, with an expert mechanic, named Charles Dean. He then worked at his trade for three years in Fairmont, Va., during which time he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Sigesteil, a native of Germany, born in 1837, and daughter of George Mike Sigesteil. Mr. and Mrs. Sigesteil are members of the Lutheran Church. Soon after his marriage our subject removed to Keokuk, Iowa, then Canton, Mo., and from there went to Knox County, Mo., at a time when wild game and beasts were plentiful, and often seen near Mr. Layman's door. Here our subject began to work at the anvil, and by practice and close attention to business he is now one of the best blacksmiths in the county, doing a very lucrative business. Besides having a

fine trade, our subject owns over 500 acres of very valuable land in Myrtle and Jeddo Townships. Mr. Layman is identified with the Republican party, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To their union the following children have been born: Mela, deceased; Carrie, wife of Mr. Hugo Durst, a painter by trade, who now resides in Quincy, Ill.; Henry, Louis, Frederick, Albert, James, Annie, Jacob, Maggie and Eddie. Our subject has been married thirty years, and is an excellent citizen.

Walter Lear, the subject of this sketch, was born in Garrard County, Ky., in 1823, and is a descendant of two highly respected families of that State—Lear and Adams—the former being of English and French, and the latter of English and German descent. The father of our subject was a farmer, and died in Kentucky. He was a devout and zealous Christian, of great force of character, and was well known and respected for his honor and integrity. At his death he left a widow and seven children. His widow has remained true to his memory, and now makes her home with our subject, and, although she has reached the advanced age of eighty-six, is still blessed with her mental faculties, and is quite strong, physically, and very active. She is a member of the Christian Church. Our subject was reared in his native county, in Kentucky, and is a hospitable and genial gentleman. He lived on his father's farm until his marriage with Miss Judith Ann Adams, a native of Marion County, Mo., a connection on his mother's side of the family, and daughter of Luke and Elizabeth (Parker) Adams, natives of Kentucky. Soon after his marriage he engaged in farming, and continued at that occupation until 1853, when he immigrated to Missouri, and settled in Knox County. Here his career has been a mingled one of prosperity and adversity. For a number of years Mr. Lear has been engaged in raising thoroughbred horses, jacks and short-horn cattle. He has not always been successful, and estimates his losses at about \$10,000. At one time he lost one undeveloped horse, which was said to be worth \$30,000 by a fine judge of horses. His present line of stallions are all excellent conditioned horses. He also owns three fine jacks, two thoroughbred short-horn bulls, and he owns a great many thoroughbred cows. He and Mrs. Lear have been married forty years, and their union has been blessed with seven children: an infant (deceased), William A., James E., Mary E., Sallie A., Fannie C. and W. C. A. Mr. Lear is one of the oldest settlers of Jeddo Township, and is recognized as one of its most highly honored and respected citizens. In politics he is a Democrat, and himself and wife are members of the Christian Church, as are also all his family, with the exception of the

youngest child. Mr. Lear's farm consists of about 300 acres of finely cultivated and improved land.

William Lee, one of the most enterprising business men of Knox County, was born in Macon County, Mo., in 1842, and is a descendant of two prominent North Carolina families—the Lees and the Rices. He was reared in Macon County, where he received his education, and at the age of eighteen enlisted in Company K, Twenty-second Missouri Infantry, under Col. Foster. He served three years and two months, and during the battle at Jackson received a shot in his ankle, which has since given him a great deal of trouble, the ball still remaining in his right foot. He also participated in the battle of Mission Ridge. In 1864 he was honorably discharged, and returned to Missouri, where he farmed for several years. Same year he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Eller, daughter of David Eller, of Adair County, and after a few years he went to Kansas, where he farmed with fair success. In 1883 he returned to Knox County, Mo., and opened a general merchandise store at Forest Springs, where he has enjoyed a fine trade. In the fall of 1886 he started a dry goods and grocery store in Knox City, under the management of his nephews. In 1881 our subject was again married, his second wife being Miss Martha Winter, daughter of David Winter, and to this marriage one child was born, now deceased. Mr. Lee is a Republican; a member of the G. A. R. He is united with the Congregational Church.

A. W. Lewis, a prominent and leading citizen of Knox County, is a native of Maryland, and was born October 5, 1835. He is a son of Aaron and Nancy C. (Adams) Lewis, the former a farmer of Dorchester County, Md., where he died in September 1843, and the latter a resident of Knox County, where she lives with our subject. A. W. remained with his parents in Maryland until twenty years of age, and then came to Knox County, Mo., where he has since resided. In 1858 he located upon a farm in Bourbon Township, where he lived three years, and then settled in Salt River Township, where he is now in possession of a farm of 490 acres, all well improved and cultivated. He is quite extensively engaged in stock raising, and ranks among the leading farmers of the county. In 1858 he was married to Rachel Richardson, daughter of Ole and Anna Richardson, by whom he has had ten children, six now living, viz: M. Noble, Minnie C. (wife of Rudolph Wright), John A., Maxie E., Stella G. and Leona R. August 1, 1862, our subject enlisted in the Confederate Army, Ninth Missouri Regiment, and served until the close of the war, participating in the battles of Perry Grove, Little Rock, Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, and at the last named battle received a wound

in his right shoulder from the effects of which he has never entirely recovered. He is a staunch Democrat, but he never sought nor held office. He is a member of the Masonic order; his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which was built at Novelty through the persistent efforts of our subject, who is a public-spirited man, and greatly interested in the growth and welfare of the community in which he lives.

John T. Lewis, one of the independent farmers of Northeast Missouri, is a native of Harrison County, Ky., born in 1836. He is a descendant of two well-known Blue-grass State families—the Lewises and Jacksons. Our subject's father, Benjamin Lewis, was born in Kentucky, and was of English and German descent. He immigrated to Northeast Missouri when our subject was a lad, and there raised a large family. He engaged in farming all his life, and, after enlisting in the late war, died at home in 1864. He fought in the battle at Kirksville, and at the time of his death was fifty-six years of age. He was a useful and consistent member of the Baptist Church, which, during the early days of the country, met at his and others' houses. His wife and son are the only charter members now belonging to this church. In politics he was a Democrat. Our subject is the second son in a family of ten children, eight of whom are living. He was chiefly reared in Lewis County, Mo., but in those early pioneer days had but little opportunity of receiving an education. He moved to Knox County in 1853, and has since lived here. In 1858 he was united in marriage to Miss Juliana E. Buford, a native of Missouri, and a daughter of Henry and Eleanor (Hardy) Buford. To them have been born six children, all of whom (save one are living): Henry B. (deceased), Massanello M., Harriet E. (Lewis), Gregory, Minnie and Bettie. Our subject's mother makes her home with him, and is now seventy-four years of age, vigorous in mind and enjoying good health. Mr. Lewis has been a resident of Knox County for more than thirty years, and is a man highly respected in church, business and public life. He is numbered among the enterprising farmers of this county, and owns a fine farm of 240 acres, well stocked. In politics he is a Democrat, and himself and family are members of the Baptist Church.

Philip B. Linville, of Edina, Mo., was born on Linville's Creek, Rockingham Co., Va., August 7, 1814, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Parrett) Linville, both natives of Virginia. Our subject's paternal grandfather immigrated to the United States from England, with two of his brothers and William Penn. Benjamin went to Virginia. Joseph and the other brother, whose name is not known, located in Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

In 1817 Joseph Linville and family immigrated to Fairfield County, Ohio, where the father spent the remainder of his years engaged in farming, stock raising and milling. Although successful in his business, he died comparatively poor, having paid large security debts. The mother died before him. Their children were Philip B.; Samuel, a farmer, near Columbus, Ohio; Joseph, a resident of Fairfield County, Ohio; Joshua, of Perry County, Ohio; Benjamin, of Circleville, Ohio (all living); Anne, deceased wife of Dr. Armstrong, near Columbus, Ohio; Sarah, wife of William Eyman, of Fairfield County, Ohio; Delilah, widow of Nathaniel Coulson, of this city, and one girl, who died in infancy. The subject of our sketch passed his youth upon his father's farm in Fairfield County, and secured a common-school education. At the age of eighteen he commenced clerking in the mercantile business in Columbus, and continued in commercial line in that city and other Ohio towns until 1844. He then went west to Missouri, and located in Edina, and was one of those who helped to purchase the county addition to Edina, in order to secure the county seat. He built the first store of the town, on the present site of T. J. Lycan's block. A year later he bought his first lot further north on Main Street, and fitted up a frame building where he engaged in merchandising, until 1849, when he built the two-story brick building adjoining, now occupied as a hardware store by Willis & Linville. Our subject conducted mercantile trade in both stores until 1857, when he closed out, and became associated with the late Judge E. V. Wilson in money loaning, and in partnership with this noted jurist was engaged in this business extensively, dealing largely in real estate, for a period of nearly forty years. In 1864 they began a private banking business, and upon the organization of the Bank of Edina our subject was its first president, but later officiated as cashier until the death of Judge Wilson, when he again became president, which position he now holds. In 1828 he married Mary C. Wilson, a native of Maine, now deceased. But two of the four sons and four daughters born to them survive: Ida, (wife of Rufus M. Ringer) and Charles B. In politics Mr. Linville was formerly a Whig, and he held the office of public administrator for twenty-one years before the war. During the war he was a staunch Union man, and was the first county treasurer elected. Since the war he has been a Republican, and has served two terms as county treasurer. His present wife was Anna V. (Bitler) Daulton, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio. This lady had one son, George, by her first marriage. Our subject became a member of the I. O. O. F. in Ohio in 1839, and is a Mason of long standing, having reached the Royal Arch

degree. He has been a life-long church member, and is connected with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Linville is a specimen of a self-made man; having come here a young man with no capital, he has by his industry, economy, and business ability, succeeded in accumulating a handsome competency, and has aided many others to do likewise. He is one of the most esteemed and honored citizens of the county, and a prominent and enterprising business man.

David Long, a substantial stock raiser of Knox County, was born February 17, 1825, in Mason County, W. Va., and is the eldest child of Alexander and Catherine (Yeager) Long. [See sketch of Reuben Long.] Our subject was educated at the common schools of his native county, and at the age of twenty-one settled upon a farm in Mason County. March 4, 1847, he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of David and Catherine (Sebral) Somerville, who was born in April, 1826, and by whom he had eleven children, nine of whom are living, viz.: William J.; Mary C., wife of H. T. Howerton; Martha J., wife of Robert Howerton; Margaret A., wife of William Shelton; Virginia, wife of Benjamin Chester; Benjamin F.; Frances, wife of William Campbell; Sarah Elizabeth, wife of Ralph Campbell, and Susan E. When our subject first settled in Knox County he located in the heart of the prairie, in a sparsely settled country, but has improved his land, and now owns, as the result of his labor and good management, a fine farm which, before he divided it with his children, consisted of over 3,000 acres of well-improved land. He now owns 1,500 acres, 1,000 acres being in one tract. Mr. Long is a self-made man, and is rightly considered one of Knox County's eminent and substantial citizens. He is one of the largest land owners in the county, and an extensive dealer in stock, and handles annually over 100 head of cattle. In politics he is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Lewis Cass in 1848. Although an active politician, he has never aspired to public office, and has always refused to run for same. He and his wife and several children are active members of the Christian Church.

Reuben Long, a substantial farmer, of Knox County, was born March 8, 1832, in Mason County, Va. (now W. Va.), and is the fifth of eleven children (five of whom are dead) born to Alexander and Catherine (Yeager) Long, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. They were married in the former State, where the mother went with her parents when a small girl, and soon after marriage settled on a farm in Mason County, where they remained until their respective deaths in 1880 and 1886. The father was a farmer, and engaged in agricultural pursuits his entire life. Our subject received a limited education at

the common schools of his neighborhood, and lived with his parents until he became twenty-seven years of age, when he came to Knox County, Mo., in the fall of 1858, and in the spring of 1859 was married to Almira Lair, who was born in Missouri in 1843. He then moved to the farm where he now resides, and his wife died in 1876, seven children having been born to their union, of whom four are living. In 1880 our subject married Ada Russell, by whom he had two children. This wife died in 1882, and the third wife of our subject was Ruth Smith, widow of Thomas S. Smith and daughter of Hugh F. and Leah (McReynolds) Henry. This lady was born January 24, 1847, in Knox County, Mo., and was married to Mr. Smith in 1868, and after his death, which occurred in 1879, married our subject in 1883. By her first marriage Mrs. Long had four children, and, by the last, two. Her children are Lizzie, wife of subject's eldest son, Alexander; John William, Frank, and Nancy Ellen. The living children of Mr. Long are Alexander, James Morgan, Jackson and Margaret Alta, by the first marriage; Joseph and Jesse by the second, and George and Emma by the third. Mr. Long is an active, energetic and industrious business man, and now owns over 1,300 acres of land, nearly all cleared or prairie land, well improved and under a good state of cultivation, all of which is the result of his own labor. In connection with his farming he deals quite extensively in stock, having at present all of 100 head of cattle, 250 head of sheep, fourteen horses and a number of hogs. He is a well-respected and honored citizen, and one of Knox County's representative men. In politics he is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan, in 1856. Although he takes an active interest in politics, he does not aspire to office, and has refused all proffers of that character. He belongs to Paulville Lodge, No. 319, F. & A. M. He, his eldest daughter and son, James M., are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Thomas J. Longfellow was born in Knox County, Mo., May 24, 1844, and is a son of Jonathan and Martha (McClamrock) Longfellow. The father was a native of Butler County, Ohio, born March 6, 1815, and died in Elk County, Kas., December 27, 1885, in his seventieth year. He came to Knox County from Ohio, in 1843, and remained until 1877, when he moved to Kansas, up to which time he had been engaged in farming, but there operated a grist mill at Elk Falls, Kas. The mother was also born in Butler County, Ohio, January 8, 1819, and died in Knox County, Mo., September 10, 1862. To them nine children were born, of whom our subject is the third, all but the eldest still living. Thomas J. received a limited education at the home schools,

and remained with his parents until January 27, 1864, when he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-first Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and served until April 19, 1866. He was in the Red River expedition, the last raid through Missouri, at Nashville, Tenn., and at Fort Blakeley, Ala. He was mustered out at Fort Gaines, Ala., and then returned to Knox County, and engaged in farming and stock dealing. December 24, 1867, he wedded Annie Arehart, daughter of William M. and Jane (Garrigus) Arehart, born in Butler County, Ohio, October 13, 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Longfellow have had three children, all living. Jonathan M., Effie A. and Leonidas S. After his marriage, Mr. Longfellow moved upon land given him by his father, which he has since sold to his brother, John J. In 1875 he bought his present home. In politics he is a Republican, and is an active and enterprising citizen, advocating all religious and educational enterprises. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Tobias J. Lycon, of Edina, Mo., was born in Edgar County, Ill., July 5, 1836, and is a son of David and Susan (Hayes) Lycon, both natives of Kentucky. The father immigrated to Missouri in 1856, with his family, and located on a farm upon the line of Adair and Knox Counties. There he followed farming and stock raising successfully for a number of years. He was an honest, conscientious and upright citizen, and served his country in the Union Army, being wounded early in the service by an accidental shot from a revolver fired while in camp at Canton, Mo., from the effects of which he was permanently disabled, as far as hard work is concerned, and he is now living a retired life at Kirksville, Mo. He is now in his seventy-fifth year, and is enjoying life upon a comfortable income. The mother is also still living, and about the same age. They have had three children: Tobias J., Clarinda (deceased wife of Lewis Allred), and Jeremiah V., of Seward County, Kas. Our subject was reared to manhood upon the farm, in his native county and State. He accompanied his parents to Missouri, and soon after entered the employ of Bryant & Connelly, merchants of Edina. He served a two-years' apprenticeship at the business in a frame storehouse upon the present site of his large business block on the northwest corner of the public square. Before the war broke out he engaged in business for himself in Milan, Mo., and at the close of the war embarked in a business enterprise, which has developed into his present business. He started on a very small scale, having a capital of but \$170, but by close attention to business, strict integrity, economy and tact, has increased his trade steadily, until he now owns the largest mercantile establishment in North-east Missouri. In 1870 he erected the two-story brick build-



ing on the corner, and in 1876 built another adjoining on the south, and now utilizes both for his immense stock of dry goods, clothing, carpets, boots and shoes, hats and caps, and everything pertaining to a general line of merchandise excepting groceries and hardware. This establishment gives employment to five men, and a larger trade is controlled by this firm than by any other in Northeast Missouri. Mr. Lycon also is interested in farming and stock raising, having a farm well stocked with mules, and owns a handsome corrugated iron stable, situated in the rear of his business block, where with the assistance of his son, Pearl, he deals extensively in these animals and horses. He is one of the largest property holders and taxpayers of the county, owning a good deal of valuable farming land and town property. He is also largely interested in Texas land and cattle. In January, 1857, he married Miss Emma, the daughter of the late Andrew Biggerstaff. Mr. and Mrs. Lycon have two sons living: Pearl A. and Virgil E., who now manages his father's store. In politics Mr. Lycon is a Republican, although his time is almost entirely devoted to his business interests. He is a Knight Templar, and a good example of one of the self-made men and enterprising citizens of Knox County.

Dr. A. J. Magee was born in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1850, and is a son of Robert Magee, a native of Donegal, County Donegal, Ireland. His mother, Eliza (Waters) Magee, was also a native of Ireland. Robert and wife were married in Philadelphia, where he kept books in a jobbing house for eleven years, for the firm of Grant & McClintock. Soon after this he moved to New Philadelphia, Ohio, but in 1857 immigrated to Lewis County, Mo., where he has since resided, being engaged in agricultural pursuits, and where he now owns a nice farm. He served as a Federal soldier during the war. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a Christian. Both he and wife are over sixty years of age, and are vigorous in body and mind. Our subject is the eldest of a family of six children, all of whom are living. He lived with his parents until he became of age, previous to which he had received a common-school and college education. At the early age of seventeen he began to teach, and part of his education is the result of this labor. His winters were spent in teaching, and his summers in toil upon the farm, and in this way he obtained sufficient means to pay for his education. After a three years' course at the normal school, at Kirksville, he began the study of medicine under Dr. Briscoe, of Lewiston, Lewis County, and also attended lectures at the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons. After graduating at Keokuk, he located in Bee Ridge Township, where he remained three years.

meeting with good success. He then moved to Knox City, in 1881, where he has also been very successful, and enjoys a large practice, considering the number of physicians at that place. In 1880 he was united in marriage to Miss Priscilla Hamilton, a native of Knox County, and a daughter of Armstead and Sarah Hamilton. To this union one son has been born—Bruce Magee. Our subject agrees with his father, politically, and is a member of the I. O. O. F., to which order he has belonged since 1873. Both he and wife are members of the Baptist Church. In connection with his practice, Dr. Magee was engaged in the drug business in Knox City, from 1880 to 1886. Knowing well the discouragements to young persons in their efforts to obtain education, he is generous to a fault, giving assistance in any manner that he possibly can. His full sympathy is with the young person depending on self-effort. His motto is: "Never yield to discouragement: Persevere."

William F. Marble, an enterprising young farmer, of Knox County, is a native of Illinois, and was born May 1, 1853, being the eighth child of twelve born to Rees and Jemima (Reed) Marble, seven of the children now dead. Our subject received a common-school education in Knox County, Mo., where he came when three years old, and at the age of twenty-one married Nancy, daughter of Samuel and Mary Jane Cheatum, born September 23, 1855, in Lewis County, Mo. Her marriage with our subject occurred December 25, 1874. After marriage William F. continued in business with his father for a year, and then purchased eighty acres of land in Section 19, Township 61 north, Range 11 west, which tract is now owned by John Oldfather. In two years he removed to a farm he had purchased in Sections 19 and 20, Township 61 north, Range 11 west, where he has since resided, and which now consists of a farm of 320 acres under a fine state of cultivation. To Mr. and Mrs. Marble the following children have been born: Nora, Ephraim, Mary J., Gertrude and Rees. Our subject is one of the most promising young farmers of this region, and has accumulated his property by his own industry and good management, having been quite successful in his cattle dealings. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876. His wife is a member of the Christian Church. His parents were natives of Ohio, where they lived until 1853, then moving to Peoria, Ill., and from there, in 1854, to Henry County, Iowa, and in 1856 made their final move to Knox County, Mo., where they still reside.

James March, an old and much respected citizen of Benton Township, Knox County, Mo., was born in Clark County, Ky.,

March 9, 1816, and is the son of Absalom and Elizabeth (Brandenburgh) March. The father of our subject was of Swiss ancestors. He was a native of Bourbon County, Ky., born January 6, 1788, and his father, Jacob March, was from North Carolina, and came to Kentucky when the Indians were very numerous and very hostile, and the pioneers were obliged to build block-houses as a means of protection. The father of our subject was a resident of Clark County, Ky., until 1828, when he came to Boone County, Mo., and there resided until his death, which occurred March 6, 1870. He was a farmer all his life. About 1850 he joined the Christian Church, but later, with his wife, became a Baptist. The mother of our subject was of Irish ancestors, and was born in Clark County, Ky., December 22, 1796, and died in Boone County, Mo., June 12, 1852. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and her husband was a member of the Christian Church. To their marriage were born twelve children, seven now living, our subject being the eldest. He received a liberal education in Howard County, and then engaged in teaching school for the next three years, when not farming. November 26, 1840, he married Emily Ann Roberts, who was born in Madison County, Ky., April 18, 1821. Her parents, Lawrence and Elizabeth (Flemming) Roberts, moved to Howard County, Mo., when she was quite young. She afterward moved with her parents to Boone County, where she was married to our subject. To this union were born twelve children, seven living, viz.: Elizabeth F., David L., Martha J., Emily Ann, Amanda E., James A. and Lucy A. Those deceased are Mary E., Susan A., Sarah L., Willis F. and Ida C. In 1841 our subject moved to Knox County, Mo., and purchased part of the land that he now owns. In 1850 he was elected surveyor of Knox County, and held this office for nine years, being a very efficient officer. Our subject, before the war, was a Whig, but since that event he has been a Republican. He and wife were members of the Baptist Church for some time, but afterward joined the Christian Church, of which they have been members since 1850, and of which he has been an elder ever since he joined.

David Martin, one of the farmers of Knox County, was born in Fayette County, Penn., in 1820. His father, Frederick, was a native of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. His mother, whose maiden name was Reed, was a native of Maryland, and of English descent. Frederick Martin was a stone mason by trade, which business he followed until old age caused him to retire to a more quiet life, and he consequently spent his latter days on a farm in Fayette County. He served in the war of 1812, and during the late war was in sympathy with the Union cause. He

was a resolute and determined man, of remarkable constitution, and, prior to his death, was in full possession of his mental and bodily powers. He died in Fayette County at the age of seventy-seven. His widow died at the same age, and was living with her son at the time of her death. Our subject was reared and educated in Fayette County, and in 1844 was united in marriage to Miss Firestone, daughter of Joseph Firestone, a native of Pennsylvania. Five children were born to this marriage—three sons and two daughters—only one now surviving, named James, and living at home with his father. Mr. Martin lost his wife, a Christian lady, in 1855, and two years later married Mrs. Firestone, who had four children, one only, Rev. Simeon Firestone, a farmer in Southeast Kansas, is now living. Mrs. Firestone's maiden name was Wortic, and to her union with Mr. Martin seven children were born, four of whom are living: David F., Ida, Arminda and Laura E. It was in Adams County, Ill., that our subject lost his first wife, and after his second marriage he came to Missouri, where he has lived more than twenty years, and where he now owns 124 or more acres of land, well stocked and improved, with good buildings and an orchard. In politics he is a Republican.

William M. Martin, one of Knox County's enterprising farmers, is a native of Scotland County, Mo., where he was born April 11, 1855, and is the third of nine children born to Samuel G. and Hannah L. (Turner) Martin, natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married, residing near Janesville until about 1850, when they immigrated to Scotland County, Mo., and settled on a farm near Arbela, where they remained until the spring of 1864, then moving to Knox County, locating on a farm, where they lived until the spring of 1868; they removed to the farm where they resided until their deaths, in 1878 and 1870, respectively. Our subject attended the common schools of Scotland and Knox Counties, and, at the age of sixteen, left home and began working by the month on farms, which he continued to do five years, and then married and moved upon the farm he still owns, situated in Section 23, Township 61 north, Range 13, where he remained until 1884, then moved to an adjoining farm, which he had also purchased, and which he has since been engaged in improving. He also makes a large quantity of sorghum molasses. His wife was Sarah M., daughter of William and Mermelia (McLaughlin) Musgrove, and was born in Spencer County, Ky., coming to Missouri with her parents when an infant. At the time of her marriage with our subject, in 1875, she was a widow with two children: Sherman N. and William L. Oliver. Our subject is an energetic, public-spirited young man,

well liked and respected by the community, and his fine farm, excepting forty acres, and now consisting of 200 acres, is the result of his own industry and economy. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Samuel J. Tilden, in 1876. Mr. Martin, his wife and step-children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Luke M. Mayfield, one of Knox County's prominent citizens, was born in the State of Illinois, in 1850, and is a son of James M. and Matilda E. (Cherry) Mayfield, the former being a native of Alabama, who came to Illinois when about fifteen years old, and worked upon a farm until twenty-one years of age, when he began to study medicine, which profession he has followed ever since, and is now a resident and prominent physician of Marion County, Mo. The mother is a native of Illinois, and is now living in Missouri with the subject's father. Luke M. left Illinois in the fall of 1866, and located at Kirksville, Mo., in Adair County, where he was engaged as a salesman in a dry goods store and others for two years. He then came to Greensburg, Mo., and engaged in the mercantile business, at which he continued until about two years ago, when he retired from business life, and settled upon a fine farm south of Greensburg, containing 872 acres of good land, under a fine state of cultivation, and upon which is one of the finest residences and outbuildings in the township. He commenced life with no capital, but being endowed with perseverance and energy, he has accumulated quite a fortune, having done an extensive business while in the mercantile trade. In January, 1875, he was married to Ida Barlow, daughter of J. D. and Martha Barlow, and to this marriage Lullie M., Caddie M., Bertha M. and Minnie P. have been born. Mr. Mayfield is an ardent Democrat, and once was a candidate of that party for the office of county collector, but did not succeed in receiving the election, and since that time has never run for office. He is a public-spirited citizen, and always takes interest in public enterprises, to which he donates liberally. He is a worthy member of the Masonic order, and of the Christian Church, to which denomination his wife belonged before her death, which occurred on the 11th of May, 1887.

Rice F. McFaden, a resident of Colony Township, and one of the oldest and best citizens of Knox County, is a native of Shelby County, Ky., and was born July 7, 1811. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Hollandsworth) McFaden. The father was a child when his parents came from Ireland to Lancaster County, Penn. The family came to America on account of politics and the rebellion in Ireland. The father of John McFaden enlisted in Washington's army, and was in several battles, and never hav-

ing been heard of since, it is supposed that he was killed. John went to live with an uncle, William Fullerton, in Lancaster County, Penn., and while young learned the hatter's trade, about which time he left his uncle, and went to New Orleans on a flat-boat loaded with flour. He then went back as far as Shelby County, Ky., as a journeyman hatter, and there purchased a large tract of land, and \$10,000 worth of fur from the North American Fur Company, which was bought on credit. He then went into business for himself, but when the war of 1812 broke out the value of hats so decreased, that John McFaden was left a bankrupt. Part of his debts were paid by our subject as late as 1850. He died in Oldham County (formerly a part of Shelby County) at the advanced age of ninety-eight. He was a member of the Baptist Church many years. The mother of our subject was born in Culpeper County, Va., and died at Snowhill, St. Charles Co., Mo., when eighty-seven years of age, while visiting her children in Missouri. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is the eldest of seven sons and three daughters, and went to work in his father's shop at an early age. His education was limited, but with the assistance of his mother, and close application to books at odd moments, and being of an observant nature, he is now a well-informed man. When twenty years old he was engaged to drive a team for \$60 per year, and his clothes. After living in Morgan County, Ill., a year, he went to Marion County, Mo., spent three years, and then removed to six miles south of Newark, Knox County, where he became the owner of forty acres of land, which afterward went to pay his doctor's bill. He then moved two miles west of the present site of Edina, and worked until he had accumulated \$300, which he gave to a friend for safe keeping, and lost. The next misfortune that overtook him was the burning of his house and home, at Bridge Creek. In 1850 he accompanied his brother, John, to California, where he remained two years, and upon reaching New York on his home trip owned \$600, which proved the nucleus of his present property. He is a self-made man, and now owns 360 acres of splendidly improved and cultivated land. When twenty-two years of age he was united in marriage to Ellen Sage, a native of Oldham County, Ky. She died upon the farm where our subject now lives. To them eight sons and three daughters have been born—two sons and three daughters living. Mr. McFaden subsequently married Sydna Jane Hilbert, who was born in Woodford County, Ky., in 1830, and to them three sons and two daughters were born, of whom one son and one daughter are living. Our subject is a member of the Methodist Episcopal

Church. Before the war he was a Whig, but is now a Democrat. During the war he was a Union man but objected to the liberation of slaves, and therefore joined Green's regiment, Confederate Army, and was in the battles of Athens, Shelbina, Pea Ridge, Corinth and others. During the war his wife managed the farm successfully and efficiently, but on account of depredations the property was so destroyed that the family was obliged to move to Carroll County, Mo., for five years, but then returned to Knox County, where they have since resided.

John D. McFarland, one of the successful farmers of this county, was born in Bedford County, Penn., in 1829. His parents were natives of the same State, and both natives of the same county as their son. The father of our subject, William, and his mother, Sophia (Smith) McFarland, immigrated to Ohio, and settled in Logan County, which was then in a wild and uncultivated state. It was here that our subject lost his mother, and here he was reared, and received his education in a log schoolhouse. His father having moved to the western adjoining county, he followed him in 1851, and was here married to Samantha Julian, who was born in an Indian hut in Champaign County, Ohio. After living in Auglaize County, Ohio, for more than twenty years our subject removed to Knox County, Mo., bringing a family of eleven children. One child died before his removal to this State. Here he raised his family, one child being born after his settlement in Knox County, and our subject is proud of the fact that his entire family have been raised and reared to abstain from whiskey and tobacco, and none of his children are addicted to immoral habits. Their names are Henry, Mary, Sophia, Cynthia, William, Martha, Alexander, Robert, Bell, Emma, Antony; Agnes and Leonard (deceased). During the war Mr. McFarland enlisted in Company K, Ninety-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Langworthy, and participated in only one engagement—that of Perryville, where he was crippled on the bluff of Chaplain River, and consequently received an honorable discharge in Louisville, Ky. Our subject now ranks among the enterprising farmers of the county, and owns a fine farm of 440 acres, well stocked and improved. He is a man of high principles, and himself and family are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

William P. McGonigle, tax collector of Knox County, Mo., is a native of Perry County, Ohio, where he was born February 20, 1842. He is a son of John and Madge (Doherty) McGonigle, both of Irish nativity. The father came to Missouri, and settled in Knox County, in the fall of 1843, with his family. He there located on a farm five miles northwest of Edina, where he suc-

cessfully engaged in agriculture for a number of years. In 1880 he died at the residence of our subject in his eighty-seventh year. The mother's death preceded his, taking place in 1873. Of the six sons and two daughters born to this pair, only two, John, in California, and William P., now survive. Our subject was reared to manhood on the farm in this county, and secured a good English education in his youthful days, and had the care of the family thrown upon him from the time he was grown until the death of his parents. In 1872 he left the farm, and engaged in the mercantile business at Edina, in company with his brother, Henry, who was treasurer and collector of the county for a number of years. After building their present edifice which is situated on the south side of the square, they conducted a lucrative and successful mercantile business, until the death of Henry, which occurred August 21, 1881, since which time Mr. McGonigle has successfully conducted the business alone, handling a large stock of groceries, glassware, cutlery, boots and shoes, hats, caps, etc., and controlling a large city and country trade. Mr. McGonigle has always been a Democrat, and in 1886 was elected county tax collector, which office he is now filling in a highly creditable manner. October 4, 1870, he was married to Julia I. Coony, a native of Edina, by whom he has had the following children: Maggie T., Edmund F., Mary G., John B., William R., Julia, Cecelia and Henry. Mr. McGonigle, his wife and family are members of the Catholic Church. During the war Mr. McGonigle was a firm Union man, and although not in the regular service was a member of the militia.

Alexander McKay of Liberty Township, Knox Co., Mo., was born in Jefferson County, Ind., October 20, 1830, and is a son of John and Mary (Francis) McKay, natives of the States of North Carolina and Ohio, and of Scotch and Irish descent, respectively. The father removed from North Carolina to Kentucky, in childhood, and from there to Jefferson County, Ind., in 1814, where he resided forty years. He then immigrated to Knox County, Mo., in 1854, and resided there with his son, James, near Knox City, until his death in March, 1879. The mother died in 1865. To them eight children were born, four of whom are living, named Alexander; Barbara, wife of Aaron Wells; Mary E., wife of Samuel Wilson, and James B., all of Knox County. Alexander was reared to manhood, educated in his native State and county, and was accustomed to hard work upon the farm. In the spring of 1854 he left home, and went to La Porte County, Ind., where he engaged in farming, sixteen years. There he married his first wife, and in 1870 removed to Knox County, Mo., locating upon his present farm, where he is successfully en-



gaged in farming and stock raising, owning 395 acres of good farming land all in Liberty Township, most of which is improved and under a high state of cultivation. Mr. McKay lost his first wife soon after coming to this county, and in September, 1872, was married to Martha Bain, also a native of Jefferson County, Ind. To this union there are two living children: John Calvin and Homer Bain. Among his fine stock Mr. McKay owns "Chambord," four years old, a Norman stallion, No. 574, Percheron stud book of France, 3792 National Register French Draft Horses. In politics he is a Republican, and an ardent worker in his party. Himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and are recognized as among Knox County's most respected citizens.

Taylor McKenzie was born in Henry County, Ky., December 9, 1833, and is a son of John McKenzie, a native of Henry County, and a farmer and stock raiser in that county all his life. He was numbered among the substantial farmers of that county, and owned about 200 acres of land. He died at the age of seventy, and was buried in Henry County. His wife immigrated to Missouri with her sons, where she died at the age of sixty. Our subject is a second son of a family of eleven children, ten of whom are living, and eight of whom live in Knox County. He was here reared, receiving but a limited education, and at the age of twenty-five immigrated to Knox County, and began farming near his present home. He was shortly after united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Rudd, daughter of Sylvanus Rudd, formerly of Kentucky, and after his marriage continued the occupation of farming. During the war he served in the Confederate Army from 1862 until the close, but was in only a few regular engagements. He fought in the battle at Kirksville, under Porter, and was also in several skirmishes in the south. After hostilities ceased our subject returned to his wife, who was in Henry County, Ky., where he lived working at the carpenter's trade about two years. In 1867 he again returned to Knox County, where he has resided ever since, now owning a fine farm of 280 acres, well stocked, which is the result of his own labor and economy. Four years ago Mr. McKenzie lost his wife who was a Christian lady, and a member of the Baptist Church, and by whom he had nine children, six of whom are living: William E., Benjamin S., Fletcher B., Litha E., Maud M. and Claude A. (twin girls). In October, 1886, our subject was married to Mrs. Alice (Kinman) Laytham, a widow with seven living children, one having died. They are Ida, Effie, James, Claude, Joe, May and Lee. Mr. McKenzie is a Democrat, and well known as a man of high principles and character.

Dr. Joseph M. McKim, a leading physician of Knox County,

was born in Bourbon County, Ky., March 13, 1836, and is a son of S. H. McKim, a native of Kentucky, born February 12, 1807, and died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Hettie Alward, in Los Angeles County, Cal., September 26, 1887. The mother of our subject, Hetty A. (Miller) McKim, was born September 12, 1817, in Kentucky, and is now a resident of California. These parents came to Missouri when our subject was quite young, and located in Lewis County, where he remained until 1858, attending school in the meantime. He was a student at the State University (at Columbia) for five years, after which time he attended the medical college at St. Louis, completing the course in 1858, and after his graduation located at Winchester, Clark Co., Mo., where he practiced his profession until January, 1861. He then came to Newark, where he has remained ever since, enjoying a large practice, and is also engaged in the drug business, carrying a large and complete stock that would do credit to a druggist in a much larger town. October 14, 1858, he was married to Natilia J. Rose, daughter of Dr. W. A. Rose, who was born October 14, 1814, in Virginia, and died February 8, 1876. Her mother, J. A. (Anderson) Rose, was born December 13, 1819, and died December 31, 1873. To Dr. and Mrs. McKim the following children have been born: Hettie Lee, Horace W., James M., John V., Natilia J. and Joseph M. Dr. McKim is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; he has been a member of the board of regents of Missouri State Normal School, located at Kirksville, Mo., ever since 1874. The Doctor is an active supporter of the Democratic party, greatly interested in the general welfare of his county, and is highly respected and honored by his fellow citizens.

J. D. McPike, farmer and stock raiser, of Knox County, was born in Marion County, Mo., in 1842. His father, James, and his mother, Mary (Chilton) McPike, were natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. The father was a farmer and stock raiser, and one of the early pioneer settlers of Missouri, locating in Pike County about 1830, but afterward purchasing a home in Marion County. James McPike lost his first wife while in Kentucky, by whom he had four children, three of whom are living. He then married the mother of our subject, who was the widow of Smith Scott, and by her he had five children, three of whom still live: Our subject, a sister in Monroe City, Mo., and a brother in Palmyra, Mo. Mrs. McPike had four children by her former marriage. James McPike engaged in farming after coming to Missouri, and became one of the first men of Marion County, owning a fine farm, and, on account of

his superior ability, was elected to represent that county two terms in the Legislature. He and both his wives were members of the Baptist Church. He was seventy-three years old at the time of his death, and the mother of our subject had also reached her seventieth year. Both died in Marion County, Mo., where our subject was reared, and received but a limited education. At the age of eighteen he enlisted in the Confederate Army, Company B, Col. Martin E. Green's regiment, and served in the battles of Lexington, Pea Ridge, Corinth, Champion Hills, and a number of other engagements. It was in the last-mentioned battle that our subject was severely wounded, and lay without shelter for a long time, suffering intensely from a wound in his lung and arm. His clothes bore many traces of bullet shots, and proved that Mr. McPike was not in the rear of the battles he participated in. In 1863 he received an honorable discharge, and returned to Marion County, but, on account of his wounds, was unable to labor for over a year. He then engaged in farming and stock raising, and in 1865 was married to Miss Rosa Lee, daughter of Perry B. Moore, a prominent farmer of Marion County, who now resides in Palmyra. The following year he and his wife located in Knox County, Mo., where he now owns a fine farm of 880 acres. He also takes a great interest in fine stock, and at the fair has exhibited some very fine saddle-horses and sheep. His wife also exhibited some poultry, and took the first prize for a pair of turkeys. Mr. and Mrs. McPike have had four children, as follows: Charles B., husband of Lena Ringer, of Newark; Marietta, wife of S. P. Bailey, of Knox County; Ora Lee and Augusta Ellen. Mr. McPike is a worthy member of the Newark Masonic Lodge, K. of H. and A. H. T. A.

James McQuoid, an enterprising citizen of Millport, Benton Township, Knox County, was born in Union County, Ind., March 31, 1827, and is the son of John and Mary (Rouze) McQuoid. The McQuoid family are of Scotch descent. The grandfather of our subject, John McQuoid, was a native of Scotland, and later moved to Ireland. When but fifteen years of age he married Mary McIntire, who was only thirteen years of age. They came to America in 1798, on account of religious troubles in Ireland, and settled in Orange County, N. Y. John McQuoid, the father of our subject, was born shortly after his parents had arrived from Ireland, and died in Union County, Ind., in 1863. He was a successful farmer when young, and had accumulated considerable property. He was a resident of Union Township at the time of his marriage, and lived there the balance of his days. The mother of our subject was of German descent. Her father was a native of Germany, and came to America at an early date,

settling in New Jersey, where Mary was born in 1806. Her parents moved to Franklin County, Ind., when she was about ten years of age. She died in Union County, Ind., in 1873. Both parents were members of the German Baptist Church. Our subject is the second of a large family of children, eight of whom are now living. He received a fair education in the schools of Indiana. Early in life he engaged in the manufacture of brick in Union County, Ind., and continued in this business for about seven years. He then engaged in the mercantile business at Billingsville, Ind., and at Dubois Corner. At the end of two years and a half, or in 1856, he sold out and came to Knox County, Mo., settling four miles east of Edina. He was here engaged in farming and in the hedge business until 1866, when he moved to Millport, and again engaged in merchandising, with a younger brother, Charles, for a partner, and continued with him until 1871, after which time he was occupied with the mill business, and continued at this for the next four years. He then purchased an interest in the store, but at the same time followed his milling business. This he continued until 1882, when he traded his store interest for his brother's mill interest, and worked in this business until 1884. He has since been an invalid, but is still running his mill, and is also engaged in farming. On March 5, 1857, he married Miss Ellen Bank, a native of Franklin County, Ind., born May 30, 1842, and to this marriage have been born ten children—five now living: Mariah (Adams), Almira (Johnson), Clara B. (Witt), Harriet R. and Laura M. Those deceased are Mary E., Dora, Florence J., Thomas and John T. In 1862 our subject belonged to the Legion, and served several months for the Union. Our subject and wife are members of the German Baptist Church, and he is a Democrat in his political views. He was at one time a member of the Masonic fraternity and I. O. O. F., but gave them up for his church. Our subject, although beginning with very little of this world's goods, now owns 657 acres, with the greater part in a high state of cultivation.

Capt. Charles McQuoid, a prominent merchant of Knox County, and a resident of Millport, was born in Union County, Ind., February 2, 1829, and is the son of John and Mary (Rouze) McQuoid, natives of New York and New Jersey, respectively. The father was a farmer all his life, and moved to Indiana with his family at an early date, and was in Cincinnati when that city was but a small place. He died in Union County, Ind., at an advanced age. The mother of our subject also died in Union County, Ind., in the year 1873. They were members of the German Baptist Church. Our subject is the third of thirteen children, seven now living. He received a common-school

education in Union County, Ind., and at the age of twenty-two left home and went to Adams County, Ill., where he was engaged in raising and selling osage orange hedge plants, for two years. He then went to Clay County, and again engaged in the hedge business, but at the end of one year he returned to Union County, Ind., and was united in marriage to Miss Mary Burk, a native of Indiana, born in 1835, and the daughter of John Burk. She died in Knox County, Mo., in 1871. To this marriage were born five children, two now living: Alfonso E. and Charles T. D. Those deceased are Theodosia, Lauraetta and John B. After marriage our subject moved with his wife to Knox County, Mo., and the next year closed out his business in Clay County, Ill., and engaged in farming, in connection with raising fence, until in 1863, when he engaged in merchandising at Millport, and also followed agricultural pursuits. In 1879 he went to Colorado, prospecting, and remained there until 1881. Our subject is a Democrat, but was for the Union during the late war. He is a Mason. He served as captain of Company D, of the enrolled militia of Missouri, Fifty-first Regiment, and served several months. His wife was a member of the Christian Church.

John McReynolds, an old and respected citizen of Colony Township, was born in Marion County, Mo., November 30, 1822, and is a son of William and Ruth (Culbertson) McReynolds. The father was born in North Carolina, January 17, 1787, and died March 10, 1847, in Knox County, Mo. The mother was born June 16, 1796, and died August 7, 1851. Her birth and death occurred in the same counties as that of her husband. They were married in their native State, and moved to Marion County, Mo., after stopping in Illinois during the year of 1818, at which time the State was sparsely inhabited. They moved to Lewis County, Mo., in 1830, and to Knox County seven years later. They were both members of the Baptist Church, and Mr. McReynolds was a farmer by occupation. Of the seven children born to them, our subject is the youngest, and his sister, Leah, and himself are the only survivors of the family. John received his education in a primitive, log schoolhouse in Missouri, and, being the youngest, lived with and cared for his parents in their old age. He now resides upon the old homestead, which, under his care, has been finely improved and cultivated. When his father settled in this county, the settlers were few and far between, the families of James Stovall and John Standifor being their nearest neighbors, although living a mile and a half distant. Our subject now owns 600 acres of good land in Lewis and Knox Counties, the result of his industry and good management. In 1843 he married Mary E. Dale, of Lewis County, born in Ken-

tucky in 1827. This lady is a daughter of John Dale, and to her union with our subject, seven children were born, all living: Leah, Ann V., William C., John S., Ella, Julius C. and Ophelia. Mr. and Mrs. McReynolds are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Our subject is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has ascended to the Royal Arch degree. He has represented Colony Lodge, No. 168, in the Grand Lodge, and helped organize his lodge and Farmer's Lodge, No. 222, at La Belle. He is a Democrat, but has never held nor sought public office. He is a prominent stock raiser, and the people of this county are indebted to him for the introduction of some fine stock. In 1876 he went to Canada, and upon his return brought some Cotswold sheep, Berkshire hogs, Durham cattle, and other blooded stock. His wife is a worthy and highly-esteemed lady, and an affectionate wife and mother, and, with her husband, ranks among the honored and respected citizens of Knox County.

Dr. Robert McReynolds is a native of Missouri, and was born in Knox County in 1847. His father, Burditt McReynolds, a pioneer of this county, was born in North Carolina, and is of Irish descent. Our subject's mother was born in Kentucky, and is of German descent, her maiden name being Catherine Dale. Our subject's father came to this county in infancy, and his grandfather, Dale, an only son, became the father of one son and seven girls. In the family of our subject's grandfather, McReynolds were eight children—five boys and three girls. Burditt McReynolds became one of the most prominent men of this county. He was enterprising, public-spirited, and was honored by all. He was a practitioner of medicine, and an active member of the Democratic party, and his life was mainly spent in Knox County. He educated a family of sixteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity, and these twelve yet survive. Burditt McReynolds died at the age of sixty-four years, and his wife at the age of fifty-three. Both were members of the Missionary Baptist Church. He was in the late war six months, and spent a considerable time in prison. Dr. Robert McReynolds, the eldest son of Burditt, remained with his parents until the age of nineteen, having previously received a liberal education. He then attended the seminary at Monticello one year, after which he taught four years in Northeast Missouri, meeting with fair success. His father had designed him for the study of medicine at an early age, and hence, at odd intervals, he read and studied medical works. At the age of fifteen he was reading under Dr. Alonzo Condict, a talented physician, and later read under Dr. McReynolds, whose biography appears elsewhere. In 1868-69 he attended medical lectures at the St. Louis

Medical School, where, in due time, he graduated. He then practiced medicine, and taught school for nearly four years, and in the winter of 1873-74 took up his old text-book and again attended medical lectures at St. Louis. He also received a few lectures at Keokuk, Iowa. He then located in Myrtle Township, where he practiced until this town was laid out, and here he has resided ever since, engaged in active and remunerative practice. He now owns several small farms in Myrtle and Jeddo Townships—500 or more acres in all. In 1877 our subject was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Marksberry, a native of Grant County, Ky. She is a daughter of John S. Marksberry, a prominent citizen of that State. To this marriage two children have been born—Uriel and Ralph. Our subject, like his father, is a strong Democrat, and is a social, genial gentleman. His wife is a member of the Christian Church.

James Meriwether, an old and respected citizen of Knox County, and now a resident of Colony, was born in Louisa County, Va., August 22, 1805, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Anderson) Meriwether. Thomas was a native of Virginia, and moved to Kentucky when our subject was but an infant, settling in Washington (then Marion) County, and there remained until his death. He was a very popular man wherever he lived, and in Louisa County, Va., served as sheriff for ten years. He was elected to represent that county in the Legislature several times, and was in the State Senate one term. He was a Democrat, a member of the Episcopal Church, and a prominent school teacher; his death occurred in Marion County, Ky. His wife was a native of Louisa County, Va., and died in Marion County, Ky., a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The family is a prominent one, the brother (David) of our subject having been governor of New Mexico, and afterward governor of Kentucky. The eldest brother, Capt. William Meriwether, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was at the battle of King's Mountain. Our subject is the second of six children, and received a liberal education from his father. He learned the shoemaker's trade when young, but during his late years engaged in farming, from which he has now retired, and is living with his daughter, Sarah E. Keach. He moved with his parents from Virginia to Kentucky when quite young, and in 1848 came to Knox County, Mo., of which he has since been a resident. February 22, 1828, he married Elizabeth McMurry, a native of Marion County, Ky., born April 22, 1809. This lady died in Knox County, Mo., December 22, 1882. To her union with our subject five sons and five daughters were born, two sons and two daughters now living. He and his

wife joined the Methodist Episcopal Church during their youth, but when the division took place joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South. In politics our subject has always been a Democrat.

David W. Meriwether is a son of James and Elizabeth (McMurry) Meriwether. [See above sketch.] He was born in Marion County, Ky., Feb. 9, 1835. He received his education in Kentucky and Knox County, Mo., living with his parents when young, and returning their care and devotion now that they are becoming advanced in years. He helped pay for his father's farm, which he now owns, and is remarkably successful in his dealings in stock, of which he probably handles more than any other man in the township. His property is the result of hard labor and economy, combined with good management, and he is now considered one of the leading and prominent citizens of the county. He, like his father, has always been a Democrat, but has never aspired to or held office, being better content with his quiet farm life. December 31, 1864, he married Eliza Shacklet, daughter of Maj. B. W. Shacklet. This lady was a native of Hardin County, Ky., and died near Sandhill, Knox County, in 1867. She bore our subject one son, Edgar M., who died at the age of six years. Mr. Meriwether remained a widower until June, 1869, and then married Sarah Brewer, daughter of Hilra and Elizabeth Brewer, born in Colony, Knox County, in 1841, and there are three living children by this union, viz.: Georgiana, Luella May and Lillian Maud. Our subject is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and his wife of the Presbyterian. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, and ranks among the enterprising and active men of the county, taking great interest in all public enterprises, to which he is a liberal donator.

Joseph W. Meriwether, son of ex-Judge Meriwether, was born and raised in Knox County, Mo., upon a part of the farm he now owns. His primary education he received in the district and neighboring schools which prepared him for college, which he attended in La Grange, Mo., being a student there for three years. After finishing his studies here, he taught for several years in Lewis and Knox Counties, Mo., although he followed farming during the summer months. About three years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Hinkson, daughter of Harvey Hinkson, a prominent farmer and stock raiser in Lewis County, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Meriwether have one child, a daughter, Myrtle, named in honor of Myrtle Township, in which her father was born and raised. Our subject like his father [See sketch.] is a strong Democrat, and a member of the G. P. C. He now



owns a fine farm of 160 acres, under good cultivation, and promises to become one of the most prominent men of the township.

Philip Miller, of Edina, Mo., is a native of Germany, where he was born April 20, 1839. He came to America in 1852, settled in Stephenson County, Ill., where he learned the wagon-maker's trade. He was married in 1865; he moved to Edina in 1867, where he established a small wagon shop; he has increased his business from time to time, and after twenty years of hard work, and close attention to his affairs, he has built up one of the best wagon manufacturing establishments in Northeast Missouri. He employs quite a number of men the year around; does most of his work by machinery, which is run by steam; he manufactures farm wagons, spring wagons, and buggies, of which he always has a good assortment on hand, and for which he generally finds a ready sale, as all of his work gives the best of satisfaction. Mr. Miller is a Republican. Himself and wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are considered among the eminent and well-to-do people of the county.

Frank M. Miller, clerk of Knox County Court, was born in Clinton County, Ohio, January 28, 1856, and is a son of Andrew W. and Emily (Spencer) Miller, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio. The father removed to Knox County, Mo., with his family in 1866. He was a well-to-do farmer, and resided here until his death February 19, 1885, at which time he was a widower, his wife having died about ten years previous. His surviving children are David H., Florence (the wife of L. F. Cottey) and our subject. Frank M. was reared in Knox County, and received his education at the State Normal, at Kirksville, Mo. He has been employed in various offices in the courthouse for the past six years. In 1886 with his partner he established a drug and grocery house in Edina, under the firm name of Reid & Miller, which they are now conducting very successfully. March 15, 1887, he was appointed clerk of the county court, to fill the unexpired term of Samuel Ennis (deceased), and is now engaged in the faithful and efficient discharge of his duties. February 25, 1886, he was united in marriage to Miss Florence Kell, of Lewis County, Mo. Mr. Miller has never belonged to any political party but the Democratic. He is one of Knox County's most enterprising and successful citizens, and a popular public official.

William T. Mitchell, a well-to-do farmer of Knox County, was born in Lewis County, Mo., in 1848. His father, Hartwell H. Mitchell, was born in North Carolina, and was partly of Scotch origin. At the age of sixteen he accompanied his widowed mother to Union County, Ind., where he resided until he became

of age, and soon after was united in marriage to Miss Mary Willis, a native of Union County, Ind. Soon after this he emigrated west, and farmed in Marion County until 1841 or 1842, when he moved to Lewis County, Mo. In 1852 he changed his residence to Shelby County, Mo., and there lost his wife, who was, at the age of fifty-five, a Christian lady, and a member of the Methodist Church. For twenty-seven years Mr. Mitchell was a resident farmer and stock raiser of Shelby County, but in 1879 removed to Phillips County, Kas., where he resided until his death, which occurred January 24, 1883, at the age of sixty-six. He had been ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and part of his life was devoted to that high calling. William T. Mitchell is the second son of the above mentioned family. Of ten children, nine grew to maturity, and seven are now living and residing in Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri. Our subject was reared principally in Shelby County, and at the age of twenty-one began life for himself. He was employed by Samuel Murphy, a prominent farmer in Knox County, for two years, and then went to Nebraska, remaining about a year. He then returned to Knox County, and worked for Mr. Murphy another year, and in 1876 married Rowena A. Murphy, daughter of Samuel and Eleanor Murphy. Since his marriage he has been a resident of Jeddo Township, and is now numbered among Knox County's most industrious and enterprising farmers, owning 425 acres of valuable land, well stocked and improved, which is mainly the result of his own thrift and economy. September 7, 1887, was the eleventh anniversary of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, and to them have been born Samuel G. and Lida K. In politics our subject is a Republican, and is a man of honor and character, highly esteemed by those who know him. Both he and his wife are connected with the church.

Joseph Monroe, an old settler and substantial farmer of Knox County, was born January 31, 1836, in Rush County, Ind., and is the only child of George Washington and Elizabeth (Seright) Monroe, natives of Indiana and Kentucky, respectively, and married in Decatur County, Ind., where the mother came with her parents when a mere child. After marriage they moved to Rush County, Ind., and there settled upon a farm, but when our subject was five years old immigrated to Knox County, Mo., settling upon a farm the father had entered, and where our subject is still residing. There the father died in 1857, having spent his life in farming, and his widow followed him in 1878. Our subject was educated at the common schools of Knox County, but his schooling was limited to the meager opportunities of those

early days. After his father's death, and before he became of age, our subject assumed control of the farm, and cared for his mother; at the age of twenty-three he married Emily G., daughter of Thomas R. and Catherine M. (Anderson) Lair, and who was born in October, 1841, in Shelby County, Mo., and came to Knox County with her parents when a little girl. Her marriage with our subject took place March 11, 1860, and after giving birth to five children, she died March 27, 1869. December 12, 1872, our subject was married to Martha, daughter of William and Sarah Wait. This lady was a native of Kentucky, and born September 14, 1831. This union was blessed with one child. The children of our subject are as follows: George W., Thomas P., Sarah E., Martha A. and James H. by the first marriage, and Cynthia A. Della by the second. Mr. Monroe has been active and industrious, and still retains the farm of 240 acres originally entered by his father, which he has, however, greatly improved. Our subject has been a resident of Knox County since the time he came here a mere lad, and has won the confidence and esteem of the entire community, having been elected justice of the peace of Lyon Township, which office he satisfactorily filled for twelve years. He is, and has always been a staunch Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan, in 1856. His first wife was an active member of the Baptist Church, and his present wife is an active and devout member of the same church.

John Moore, an old and respected citizen of Colony Township, was born in Allegany County (afterward known as Livingston County), N. Y., June 15, 1830, and is the son of Isaac and Matilda (Sears) Moore. The family is of German descent. Isaac was a native of Orange County, N. Y., and died in Livingston County, of that State, about 1870, at the age of sixty-one. He was a farmer by occupation. The Sears family is of Scotch descent. Matilda was born in Orange County, N. Y., and died in Livingston County, in 1867. Both she and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to them six children were born (five living) of which our subject is third, and the eldest son. He received his education at the schools of Livingston County, and worked upon his father's farm until 1867, when he came to Knox County, Mo., and the following year went to Rock County, Wis., where he remained a year, and then returned to Knox County, of which he has been a resident since, with the exception of a year spent in Lewis County, and has lived upon his present place since 1877. In September, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth New York Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, being in the battles of Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Look-

out Mountain, Mission Ridge, and was with Sherman during his celebrated march to the sea. After the war he returned to New York, and went to Missouri in 1867. In 1868 he married Mary (Bailey) Stafford, daughter of William T. Bailey, and widow of Sears Stafford. This lady is a native of Indiana, and her union with our subject has been blessed with four children: Julius, Jerome, Lua and Emmet. In politics Mr. Moore is a Republican, and he is a hearty advocate of all educational and religious enterprises. His wife is a Methodist.

G. G. Morris, a leading citizen of Knox County, was born in Darke County, Ohio, December 6, 1834. He is a son of Thomas G. Morris, a native of Fluvanna County, Va., where he was born January 23, 1806, and came to Ohio in 1833, where he resided until the spring of 1840, and then moved to Henry County, Ky., living there until the spring of 1854, and then went to Missouri, and resided one year in Monroe County, and in the spring of 1855 came to Knox County, Mo., and settled on a farm in Fabius Township, where he remained until his death, which occurred August 7, 1874. The mother of our subject, Frances A. (Williams) Morris, was born in Louisa County, Va., March 17, 1811, married December 5, 1832, and is now living with our subject. G. G. Morris came to Newark, Knox Co., Mo., in 1856, and clerked with Lear & Tucker in a general store until the fall of 1858, when he engaged in the drug business in which he continued until July, 1862, when he enlisted in Company D, Fourth Battalion Kentucky Mounted Rifles, in the Confederate Army. He served until Gen. Lee's surrender, 1865, and then remained in Bland County, Va., until February, 1866, and then came home to Knox County, Mo. He then remained on the farm with his father until January 12, 1867, when he again went into the drug business in Newark, which business he has followed very successfully ever since, and now has a stock that will compare favorably with that of any druggist in the county. Mr. Morris was married, September 22, 1872, to Elizabeth Hamilton, daughter of Edmund Rutter, of Shelby County, Mo., and Jane (Hollyman) Rutter, of Kentucky, and to this union two sons and one daughter have been born, of whom two are living, viz.: Edmund G. Stonewall and Mable K. Claude is the one deceased. Mr. Morris has been engaged in the drug trade above mentioned for the last twenty-five years, devoting his time exclusively to that business, with the exception of the time he served as cashier of the Newark Savings Bank, in connection with his business; but when that institution was disorganized he again devoted his entire attention to his drug store. He is an honest and shrewd financier, and during his years of business life has amassed quite a fortune. In

connection with drugs he carries a fine line of paints, oils, perfumery, notions, coal oil, lamps, etc., and in compounding physicians' prescriptions is very careful and reliable. His wife is an active member of the Baptist Church, and both are honored and respected citizens of the county. For fourteen years our subject has been the treasurer of the Union Agricultural and Mechanical Association of Lewis, Knox and Shelby Counties, which has been held at Newark, Knox Co., Mo.

Benjamin F. Morison is a native of Bourbon County, Ky., and was born November 7, 1820. He is a son of John and Betsey E. (Richardson) Morison. The Morison family is of Scotch-Irish descent; the father of our subject was a native of and died in Bourbon County, Ky., and spent his latter days as a farmer and mechanic, although his early life was spent as a teamster. The mother was a native of Kentucky, and died in Henry County, in that State, a member of the Christian Church. Our subject is the second child of five, and has a sister still living. At twenty years of age he left the parental roof, and for the next seven years engaged in any work that was offered. He then rented land and began farming, which occupation he has since followed. In 1851 he came to Knox County, Mo., and purchased the land he now owns, which is beautifully located. In 1843 he married Sarah Carson, a native of Lexington, Ind., born in 1822, and to this union ten children have been born, of whom six are living: John W., George T., Noah A., Amanda J., Benjamin T. and Emily. Those deceased are Ann F., Nancy E., Isaac and James P. During his youth he became inured to hardships, and by industry and economy has become possessed of the property he now owns. During the war he participated in the fight at Palmyra, being a member of the Home Guards. Himself and wife are members of the Christian Church. Previous to the war he was a Whig, and cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay, but was afterward identified with the Republican party. He now votes for the best man, regardless of party ties.

Clark J. Mote, farmer, was born in Darke County, Ohio, April 5, 1829, and is a son of J. Mote and Elizabeth Mote. The father was born in Georgia, and immigrated to Ohio when young, remaining there until 1833, when he removed to Illinois, where he lived until 1856, when he went to California, and engaged in farming and working at the tanner's trade. While on a visit to his children in Illinois and Missouri he died in the latter State in 1885. His wife was a native of Tennessee, married in Ohio, and died in September, 1849, in Illinois. When sixteen years of age our subject left home, with no earthly possessions but the clothes on his back, and 50 cents in his pocket.

He was strong and ready to work and soon found employment, and helped build the deaf, dumb and blind asylum at Jacksonville, Ill. He then went to Naples, Ill., and worked on a farm two years, and at the expiration of that time, having saved \$300, he then purchased a farm of sixty acres, which he cultivated for two years, after which he disposed of the farm and came to Knox County, Mo., and located upon a farm he had pre-empted and entered in 1855, and upon which he now lives. In 1853 he was married to Elmira Dutton, daughter of Moses and Rebecca Dutton, and to this marriage ten children were born, of whom are living: Lieuary, wife of Dr. Cottingham; Martha A., wife of L. J. Huling; Viola, wife of L. J. Turner; Mary E. and Marcellus. When Mr. Mote came to Missouri in 1855, the country was a vast wilderness, inhabited by wild game and beasts, and he is now the oldest settler in the vicinity in which he lives. He has always been a hard worker and an economical man, and now owns 260 acres of some of the best land in the county, well improved and under a good state of cultivation. During the late war our subject fought for his country in the State militia of Missouri from 1861 to 1864, and served in the regular service under Gen. Fiske, about two months. He is a strong Republican, but has never sought or held office. He was a firm opponent to the building of the M. & M. Railroad, and, had many others been as decided in the matter as he, Knox County would be in a better condition to-day. Mr. Mote owes no man anything, and himself and family are regarded as among the most prominent and substantial citizens of the county.

Edward Muder, proprietor of the Edina Woolen Mills, located in West Edina, on the Q., M. & P. R. R., near the Edina Roller Mills, is one of the most enterprising men of this region. The plant above described was built, and the business established, by William Bowen, who sold it to Mr. Muder in 1883. The mills are equipped with one set of cards, and 120 spindles, one roll card being run by a steam engine. One loom is used for making jeans, and one for blankets; flannel is woven, and they also have a twister for doubling yarn. This is the only industry of the kind in the county, and the goods manufactured here are of superior quality and durability. Seven or eight hands are busily employed the year around. Mr. Muder was born in Quincy, Ill., September 23, 1850, and is a son of John and Martha (Clye) Muder, natives of Germany. Our subject accompanied his parents to Edina in 1856, where the father engaged in wagon-making until his death, in 1874. Edward engaged in grist and saw milling until he embarked in his present occupation, which business he has since very successfully conducted.

July 30, 1882, he married Mary Bell, a native of Ohio, by whom he has two children: Josephine and Edward C. Mr. Muder is a Republican in politics.

Dr. James Myers, a leading physician of Knox County, was born in Kentucky February 11, 1848. His father, Rev. William Myers, was born in Pendleton County, Ky., in 1806; came to Scotland County, Mo., in 1837, and located upon a farm, but has since lived at various places in Knox, Clark and Scotland Counties, and is now living with his son in Greensburg. He is a minister of the United Baptist Church. The mother, Paulina T. (Hogan) Myers, was born in Garrard County, Ky., in 1809, and died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1876. Our subject began to study medicine at Memphis, Scotland Co., Mo., at the age of twenty-one, and there remained for five years, after which he attended a course of lectures at Keokuk, Iowa, and then practiced his chosen profession until 1872, when he again attended lectures, and in that year he graduated. He then practiced until 1883 in Adair County, but is now in Greensburg Township, Knox Co., Mo., where he enjoys a large practice, and is considered one of the first physicians of the county. In 1870 he was married to Georgie A. Pettet, daughter of George and Elizabeth Pettet, and to this union six children were born, five of whom are living, viz.: Anna E., Della, Ednie, Arthur and Ross. Our subject is a Democrat, but has never aspired to political office. He is a public-spirited man, and interested in the general welfare of the county. Himself and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Louis F. Nelson, M. D., a resident of Edina, was born in Frederick City, Md., June 21, 1827, and is a son of Madison and Josephine (Marcilly) Nelson, both natives of Maryland. The father was an eminent lawyer and jurist of that State, and was for twenty years one of the judges of the supreme court of that State, where he died some fifteen years ago. The mother was of French descent, and died there in 1882. They were the parents of seven sons and three daughters. Our subject was reared to manhood in his native State, and finished his education at St. John's College, Maryland. At the age of seventeen he began to read medicine with Dr. William Tyler, a prominent medical practitioner of Frederick City. He also attended lectures at the University of Maryland, in Baltimore, in 1848-49, and was a house student in the Baltimore infirmary during this time. He graduated at the head of his class from the first named institution in 1849, and commenced to practice in Frederick City, but in 1850 went to Chicago, where he practiced for two years. In 1853 he came to Marion County, Mo., and purchased a farm near Palmyra,

upon which he lived and successfully followed his profession continuously until 1875, with the exception of a short time spent in Quincy, Ill., and Chicago. He then came to Edina, where he practiced for four years, and then went to Faribault, Minn., where he remained four years, but in 1884 returned to Edina, and is now in possession of a fairly large and lucrative practice. In 1852 he married Mary Jefferson, a native of Vermont, and is now the father of four children: Arthur (a dentist, in Chicago), Clara, Elizabeth H. and Louie Lee. In politics the Doctor is an uncompromising Democrat. Himself, wife and family are members of the Catholic Church. As to our subject's ancestry, the following sketch, written by a talented lady relative in Chicago, speaks for itself: "Dr. John Nelson, an English gentleman of means, with a university education, came to Maryland about 1703, and settled in what became Frederick County. His son, Dr. John, and the latter's son, Dr. Arthur, inherited the love of medicine from the above, and also inherited the family landed estate. His son, Dr. Arthur, owned large tracts of land on the Potomac, in Maryland, and upon the Shenandoah River, in Virginia. He was an ardent patriot, and served with honor as one of the committee of safety, and a member of other patriotic organizations. The Nelson homestead of 1,000 acres adjoined the Point of Rocks, Md. There Roger Nelson, our subject's grandfather, was born. He was an ardent patriot, and enlisted in the Revolutionary war, being lieutenant of the Fifth Brigade of the famous Maryland Line. He was wounded in thirteen places at the battle of Camden, and left on the field as dead, but recovered and served until the end of the war, becoming brigadier-general. After the war he filled various high positions, and practiced law successfully in Frederick, Md. He was for several years a member of the Maryland Senate, and represented the State in the National House of Representatives from 1804 to 1810, when he was appointed judge of the Upper District of Maryland (a life position), and died in office June 7, 1815."

Joseph S. Nelson, a substantial and prominent citizen of Knox County, was born in Fayette County, Ind., July 3, 1838, and is a son of Robert and Ann (Ryburn) Nelson. The Nelson family is of German and Irish descent. Robert was born in Ohio, February 4, 1806, and when a child moved with his parents to Iowa, making his home there until 1839, when he located in Knox County, living there until his death, October 3, 1880, upon the farm where our subject now lives. His wife was born in Indiana, in 1813, before it became a State, and died in Knox County, February 16, 1882. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church for many years. Our subject is the fourth of a



family of nine children (five now living), and was educated at the common schools of Knox County. December 17, 1862, he married Sarah Anderson, who was born and reared in Lewis County, Mo., and a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Anderson. This lady was born October 11, 1841, and died in Knox County, April 5, 1868, a member of the Christian Church. To her union with our subject one child, Robert, was born, and is now living. November 30, 1870, Mr. Nelson married Miss Sarah Leland, daughter of Abner and Elizabeth Leland, and a native of Kalamazoo County, Mich., born October 27, 1846. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson the following six children were born: Hubert A., Claude E., H. Roscoe, Roy, Fred and Mary. When first married Mr. Nelson moved to Bourbon Township, but after sixteen years' residence there, returned to Fabius Township, and purchased the old homestead which consists of 200 acres of good land. At that time he was far from rich, but by industry and economy has been prosperous and successful, and is now one of the substantial farmers of the county. During the late war he served in the State Provisional Militia for several months, as corporal. He is a strong Republican in politics, but has never held nor sought office. Himself and wife are worthy members of the Christian Church, and enjoy the respect and esteem of their neighbors and friends.

Lieut. Robert M. Nelson, a prominent and enterprising citizen of Knox County, was born at Farmington, Van Buren County, Iowa, March 14, 1843, and is a son of Andrew S. and Elizabeth (Smith) Nelson. Andrew S. Nelson was born in Ohio, June 10, 1808, and is now a resident of Des Moines, Iowa. He is a tanner by trade, and moving to Indianapolis, Ind., worked at his trade over twenty years. He then moved to Farmington, where he lived until 1849, and then he and his eldest son went to California, where he remained three years, but then returned to Farmington, and after a short time moved back to Brookville, Ind., where he engaged in farming three years. He then returned to Farmington, and farmed until 1859, and next went to Pike's Peak with our subject on a mining tour, returning home the latter part of the same year. In 1867 he moved to Des Moines, and is now the owner of forty acres of land adjoining that city, part of which has been laid off into city lots. Upon this land there are three coal mines in operation, which bring him quite an income. The mother of our subject was born October 6, 1807, in Indiana, and died in Des Moines November 1, 1877. Both she and her husband belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is the seventh of a family of eight children, five of whom are living. He was educated at Denmark Academy, Lee County,

Iowa, and lived with his parents until he enlisted in Company B, Thirteenth United States Army, under Gen. Sherman, in which he did field service for two years and nine months, and participated in the battles of Vicksburg, Jackson, Arkansas Post, Chickasaw, Bayou and many others. At Vicksburg he was the flag bearer, and had the honor of being the first man to place the United States colors upon the rebel works, being the only flag bearer who was not killed. His escape was almost miraculous, his clothing and flag being riddled with bullets, and on account of his courage he was promoted to a second lieutenancy. While lying in the trenches at the battle of Collierville he was severely wounded, and taken to the hospital at Memphis, Tenn.; and afterward, being unable for active duty, was sent to Columbus, Ohio, as mustering officer, and finally received an honorable discharge in May, 1864. He then returned to Iowa, where he lived until twenty-five years of age, and then came to Knox County, Mo., where he purchased land, which he improved and traded for what he now owns. March 14, 1872, he married Mary D. Stokely, of Lewis County, Mo., who was born February 9, 1847. This lady is a daughter of John Stokely, and to her union with our subject six children (five of whom are living) were born, viz.: Mary L., Robert D., Frank, Susan, Lavina and Johnnie (deceased). Mr. Nelson is a Republican; his wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

William H. Nichols, of Liberty Township, Knox Co., Mo., was born May 16, 1813, in Bourbon County, Ky., and is a son of William and Mary (McCoy) Nichols, both natives of Kentucky. William H. was reared to manhood, and educated in his native State and county, where he secured a good English education. During his youth he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked most of his early life. He came to Missouri in 1866, and upon coming to Knox County, in company with his brother, James, purchased a large farm in Shelton Township, which farm is now owned by his brother. In 1882 he bought his present farm, situated one and a half miles west of Edina, where he has since resided. This farm contains 156 acres, 120 of which are under cultivation. Mr. Nichols is a Democrat in politics of the Old Hickory Jackson type.

James M. Nichols, a well-to-do farmer of Knox County, was born March 22, 1827, in Bourbon County, Ky., and is the fifth child of William and Polly (McCoy) Nichols, natives of Ohio and Kentucky, respectively, who were married in Kentucky, where the father was taken by his parents, when a boy. After their marriage they lived in Bourbon County, where the mother died in 1837. The father remained there about eight years, and

then moved his family to Boone County, where he died about 1850. He was a shoemaker by trade, but spent the most of his life farming. Our subject received a common-school education in Bourbon and Boone Counties. Soon after his father's death he returned to Bourbon County, where he was employed as a farm overseer, after which he engaged in carpentering until the fall of 1864, when he went to Sangamon County, Ill., going from there to Morgan County, where he worked at his trade until March, 1866, when he crossed the Mississippi, and went to Knox County, Mo., settling upon a farm he had purchased, and on which he still resides. He was married to Mary E., daughter of Robert and Sarah (Bradfield) Morey, and who was born in Ohio in 1842. This lady came to Missouri with her parents, when a little girl, and her marriage with our subject occurred December 9, 1869, at her home in Knox County. To this union these children have been born: Priscilla, Alice, Louisa and William Arthur. Mr. Nichols has always been active and energetic, and as a result of his labor now owns a fine farm of 360 acres, the most of which is improved and under a good state of cultivation, with fine buildings pleasantly and desirably located. In politics he is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for James K. Polk in 1848. Although a strong supporter of his party, Mr. Nichols has never aspired to political office, and has refused all such honors. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev Benjamin F. Northcutt was born in Montgomery County, Ky., in 1820, and is the youngest of a family of eight children of whom three are living, but all of whom lived to be over fifty years of age. The father, Hosea Northcutt, a farmer and carpenter, and a native of Virginia, was a son of Jeremiah Northcutt, a native of Wales, who accompanied his father, Colliver, of London, to the United States in the colonial days. Upon the return of Colliver to the old country he was shipwrecked, and laid upon the wreck of the vessel six days. Both of the grandparents of our subject located in Kentucky during the early history of that State. Hosea Northcutt was a companion of Boone, the famous hunter, and first settler of Kentucky. In the fall of 1828 Hosea immigrated to Ralls County, Mo., where he lost his wife, Nancy, after a life spent with her of over sixty years. Mrs. Northcutt was a Christian lady, and at the time of her death was living with our subject, but died while on a visit to Ralls County. Her husband's death occurred at the residence of his son a few days later. He was a member of the Baptist Church, as was also his wife. In politics he was a Republican. This family is noted for its longevity, several of them passing the age of ninety. Our subject was brought to this State when a lad of nine summers, and

was reared near New London, Ralls County, which town was almost built by Hosea Northcutt and sons. There being no educational advantages at this early time, our subject received his education from his father, and never went to school a day. He also learned the carpenter's trade from his father, which he followed extensively. In June, 1840, he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia J. Barnard, a native of Kentucky, born in the same county as our subject. Her parents also moved to Missouri during the same year that the parents of Benjamin came. The parents of Mrs. Northcutt were among the pioneer families of Kentucky, and, as far as Mrs. Northcutt is aware, she is the last of that well-respected family. After his marriage Mr. Northcutt farmed in Ralls County, until 1853, and then purchased property near Colony, Knox Co., Mo., where he farmed until 1868, when he sold out, and moved to Kirksville, for the purpose of educating his children. He has lost all his property. For the past twenty years Benjamin and his son, Hosea, have been engaged in ministerial duties, during which time they have been devoted to their calling. To the union of Benjamin and wife eight children have been born, four of whom are living and are residents of Knox County. They are Hosea A., Ambrose D., James R. and Joseph C. All of these are married, with the exception of Hosea, who is a widower. He has one daughter, a remarkably intelligent young lady, and a graduate of the Kirksville Normal School, where she delivered the class salutatory. Besides raising his own family, our subject has also supported eight orphan children. He now owns a comfortable home in Knox City, and also owns several lots. He is well known, and admired for his true piety and religious zeal, and is an able and faithful minister of the gospel. All his family are members of the Christian Church.

J. R. Northcutt was born in Knox County, Mo., in 1855, and is a son of Rev. Benjamin F. Northcutt, a native of Kentucky and of English descent. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Barnard, is a native of Missouri. Rev. Benjamin F. Northcutt and wife were married in Northeast Missouri, and soon after settled in Ralls County, near Saverton, where they farmed for several years. After that they moved to Knox County, and located near Colony, where our subject was born. Here Rev. B. F. remained until 1868. He served through the war. He was the third son of a family of nine, of whom but four are living. Our subject lived at home with his parents until the age of twenty-four, previous to which time he had received a common-school education. He then took a mere thorough course at the Kirksville Normal School, and after finishing his literary education began the study of medicine under Drs. Bar-

nett and Crawford. He read three years, including two terms of lectures, and after graduating at Keokuk in 1878, located in Millport, Knox County, where he remained two years, and where he was fairly successful. From there he went to Greensburg, Mo., where he remained a year and a half, and then came to Knox City in 1882, where he has remained ever since, meeting with good success. For about three years he was in partnership with Dr. Harrison. Our subject is now in the prime of life, and is one of the most promising and enterprising physicians of the county. To Dr. Northcutt and wife four children have been born: Emma May, Jennie Ray, Lulu Maude (deceased) and Guy D. The Doctor is a Republican, and he and all his family are members of the Christian Church.

Cornelius O'Brien, M. D., a resident of Edina, was born in County Cork, Ireland, December 4, 1830, and is a son of John and Mary (Maloney) O'Brien, both natives of the same place. The father immigrated to the United States when our subject was but two years old, and located in Philadelphia, where he worked on the erection of Girard College seven successive years, he being a marble cutter. In 1845 he removed to Ohio, and purchased a farm in Seneca County, then known as the "Indian Reserve." In 1855 he removed to the State of Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming in Sheboygan County until his death, which occurred in 1876, he being in his seventy-sixth year. His widow died six years later, at the same age. Four sons and three daughters were born to them, as follows: Daniel (now a resident of Wisconsin), Cornelius, Johanna (wife of Joseph Unser, a wealthy farmer of Seneca County, Ohio), Mary (wife of John O'Herron, ex-county treasurer, of Sheboygan County, Wis.), John (a physician and surgeon, of Milwaukee, Wis.), William (a stock dealer, of Sheboygan County, Wis.), and Hannah (wife of John C. O'Brien, of Milwaukee). Our subject was left in the care of his maternal grandparents, when his parents came to America, and when five years old accompanied them to the United States, and then spent his youth with his parents. He secured a good English education, while a lad, both from private instruction and attendance at the public schools. In 1852 he decided to adopt the medical profession, and accordingly read medicine at Tiffin, Ohio, under Drs. D. D. and F. Franklin. He later attended lectures in a private institution there, and in 1862 attended Rush Medical College, of Chicago, at which place he graduated in 1863. He then practiced ten years in Sheboygan County, Wis., having practiced there a short time before his graduation. In May, 1865, the Doctor came to Edina, where he has since practiced his profession very successfully, being con-

sidered one of the best physicians in the county. May 24, 1859, he was united in marriage to Sarah Tupper, a native of Ohio, and a lady of Scotch and English descent. To the Doctor and his wife nine children have been born, all of whom are living: Francis I., Mary J., Charles J., William Joseph, John B., Thomas A., Joachim, Leo M. L. and Sarah Agnes. In politics the Doctor is a Democrat, but has never sought office nor given much time to political issues, being strictly engaged with his profession, in which he stands the peer of any physician in Northeast Missouri. Himself and family are members of the Catholic Church. The Doctor has been a strong supporter of the church and college, both by personal efforts and in a financial way.

John A. Oldfather, a substantial stock farmer of Knox County, was born April 4, 1842, in Preble County, Ohio, and is the sixth of nine children born to Jonathan and Margaret (Cotterman) Oldfather, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, and married in the latter State, whither the father came with his parents when a boy. They remained upon the farm in Preble County until 1854, and then moved to Montgomery County, where they lived upon a farm until 1857, and then immigrated to Knox County, Mo., locating on a farm two and one-half miles southwest of Edina, where their son, Aaron, is now living. In 1878 they moved on a farm in Section 13, Township 61 north, Range 12 west, where the father died in 1882. The mother is at present living with her daughter, Mrs. Lydia Bender. Our subject was educated at the common schools of his native State, and at the age of twenty-one began life for himself, working upon his father's farm in Knox County, Mo. December 20, 1866, he was married to Columbia, daughter of Rees and Jemima (Reed) Marble, and who was born in Knox County, Ohio, March 12, 1844. To them eight children have been born, viz.: William Nelson, Charles Marion, Oma Olive, Rees Edward, Leander Tracy, Arthur J., Pearl Emmet and Eva Ethel. In the spring of 1872 our subject moved upon a farm he had purchased in Section 18, Township 61 north, Range 11 west, where he has since resided, and which now consists of 400 acres of land, well improved and cultivated, with a fine residence and good outbuildings. Our subject deals quite extensively in stock, and has made a snug sum by this business. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln in 1864. During the war he was a Union man, and served about a year in Company G, Thirty-ninth Missouri. He is a highly honored and respected citizen, and himself and wife are members of the Holiness Band, being believers in holy sanctification.

William H. F. Owen is a son of S. W. and Elizabeth

(Edwards) Owen, and was born in New York State in 1826. The father was a native of Delaware, and born in 1803. He followed various occupations until he became twenty-five years of age, and then learned the shoemaker's trade. He went to New York State, lived until 1829, then sailed down the Susquehanna River upon a raft, and landed at Plymouth, Penn., where he located and followed his trade for a number of years. He is now a resident of Farrandville, Penn. The mother of our subject was a native of New Jersey, and was married to Mr. Owen in 1825. She died in Pennsylvania in 1885. Our subject learned his trade of his father, and remained with him until he became of age. In 1850 he went to Illinois, and located at Crystal Lake, McHenry County, where he remained about two years, and then removed to Monticello, Lewis Co., Mo., but made a final move to Novelty, Knox County, about 1858, where he has resided ever since, following his trade, in which he is very proficient, and where he carried a stock of goods that would do credit to a much larger town than Novelty. While in Pennsylvania, in 1849, he was married to Phoebe A. Roat, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Roat, by whom he has had six children, five of whom are living: Frank D., Ella E., Carrie M., Oscar Isidor and Lucy A. Our subject is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Masonic fraternity, and in politics is a Republican. He is a public-spirited man, and takes great interest in all educational matters, to which he donates as much as he is able.

William Parks, an enterprising farmer of Knox County, was born in Putnam County, sixty miles from New York City, in 1817. His parents, Joseph and Chloe (Bailey) Parks, were both natives of the same county, and immigrated to Kentucky, locating in Jefferson County, near Louisville, when our subject was but two years old; but a few years later Dr. Joseph Parks became dissatisfied, and returned to his native State, where he resided until his death. He was for many years a leading physician of that State, and was well known as a man of integrity and honor. He left eight children, having lost his wife and one child previous to his decease. The only living child born to this highly esteemed couple is our subject, Col. William Parks, who was reared in the Blue-grass State, receiving his education in Jefferson County. When hardly out of his "teens" he engaged in the butcher trade with his brother in Louisville, which business he followed for ten years, when he commenced to farm in Jefferson County, but sold out in about four years, and moved to Union County where he remained six years. At this time the excitement in regard to the gold mines in California was intense, and our subject started for the gold fields. Col. Parks joined a company of about 500 white

men organized to fight the Indians, whom they found very hostile, and succeeded in driving 15,000 of them into the United States headquarters. It was for his valuable service rendered on this occasion that our subject received the title of colonel. In 1853 he visited his native State and then started west, remaining a short time in Iowa, and in the summer of 1853 located in Knox County, Mo., and the same year purchased property in what is now Jeddo Township, to which he has continued to add until he now possesses a beautiful farm of about 1,400 acres, which is one of the finest in the county, and one which our subject says he would not exchange for any other in the county. This farm is the result of his own honest efforts and close attention to the business. Col. Parks was a Confederate soldier during the late war, and served in Company K, under Col. Porter; he did not engage in any regular engagements, but was in a number of skirmishes. Col. Parks has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Sarah Ross, of Kentucky, by whom he had one child, which is now dead. In 1853 Col. Parks, having lost his first wife, was united in marriage to Miss Rachel West, daughter of Joseph West, of Missouri, once a prominent citizen of Knox County. To that marriage seven children have been born, six of whom are living: William, Julia, Sallie, Samuel, Daisey and Lyman.

Capt. H. R. Parsons.—Perhaps no other man has been so prominently identified with the banking and financial interests of Knox County, understands them more thoroughly, or has made a more enviable record in connection therewith, than Capt. Henry R. Parsons, of Edina. He assisted in the organization of the Knox County Savings Bank, in 1872, and has been connected with that popular and solid institution ever since, first as its vice-president, and subsequently, and at present, as its efficient cashier. Capt. Parsons was born in Ontario County, N. Y., July 25, 1838, and is the son of Bissell and Mary (Ensign) Parsons, both of New England stock. His father located in Adams County, Ill., in 1838, and died two years later. Capt. Parsons remained in Illinois upon a farm with his widowed mother, until 1835, when he came to this county, which has since been his home. Voting for Stephen A. Douglas in 1860, when the civil war broke out, he obeyed the dying injunction of the "Little Giant," and became an armed defender of "the Union, the Constitution, and the enforcement of the laws." In the summer of 1861 he joined Capt. Valentine Cupp's company of Union Home Guards, at Goodland. In the summer of 1862 he again entered the Federal service, this time as second lieutenant of Company G, Fiftieth Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia. In the following winter he was promoted to the captaincy of his company, and April 1, 1863, was detailed



and placed on special service as captain of Company K, Second Provisional Regiment, Enrolled Militia. In October, following, he was dismissed from the militia service by Gov. Gamble, without a trial, or, so far as is known, without investigation of any sort. This incident in his career need not, however, be considered in the least degree discreditable to Capt. Parsons, or as at all reflecting upon him as an officer or man. The circumstances connected therewith are thus related in the "History of Marion County, Missouri," page 846. "In September, 1863, Sheriff W. B. Phillips arrested a Federal officer, Lieut. C. S. Hussey, who had spirited away some negro men, and was at West Quincy with them endeavoring to cross the river to enlist them in the Federal service. The sheriff brought the officer to Palmyra, and placed him in jail, and the negroes were returned to their masters. Capt. H. R. Parsons, of Knox County, of Company K, Second Provisional Regiment, was in command of the post at Palmyra, with his own company, and Company F, of the same regiment, as a garrison. The militiamen were very indignant at the arrest and imprisonment of the officer, who declared that he was regularly authorized by the Secretary of War, through Col. Pile, to recruit colored men. Threats were made to release him by force. Sheriff Phillips telegraphed Gen. Guitar, at Macon, and the General ordered Capt. Parsons to have the jail well guarded, and to prevent any interference. Capt. Parsons ordered Lieut. Silas Keath to place a guard of ten men about the jail, which was done. At night the guard was doubled, and a patrol sent out to arrest all soldiers about the streets, and send them to their tents. There was great excitement. In spite of all precautions, the jail was broken open, and Hussey released, the guard at the jail making but a mock resistance, and readily fraternizing with the rescuers. Upon the representations of Gen. Guitar and others, Gov. Gamble dismissed Capt. Parsons from the service, with the loss of all pay, some \$1,200 and emoluments. [The order as to loss of pay was subsequently revoked.] This was done because Parsons failed to prevent the rescue of the officer, although it would seem from the sworn testimony of the other militia officers present, that he honestly did his whole duty in the premises, and that he ought not to have been held so strictly accountable." [See Report of Legislative Committee to Investigate Conduct of Militia; 1864; page 126 *et seq.*] Had any fair examination been had, doubtless Capt. Parsons would have been held in service, but once made, the order of dismissal was very difficult of revocation under the circumstances. Gov. Gamble was a stringent "Conservative," and Capt. Parsons a "Radical." After his dismissal from the State

service, Capt. Parsons assisted in the organization of a regiment of colored troops, known in the records as the "First Missouri Infantry of African Descent," afterward called the Sixty-second Regiment, United States Colored Infantry. He served in this regiment until the close of the war as captain of Company A, being mustered out at Fort McIntosh, Tex., January 19, 1866. Capt. Parsons may fairly be considered one of the founders of Lincoln Institute, the colored Normal School, at Jefferson City. He and some of his brother officers originated the idea of establishing a school in Missouri, for the education of colored pupils, and started a fund for the purpose. The amount was swelled to considerable proportions by contributions from the colored soldiers of the Sixty-second Regiment, and of other commands, while in Texas, and the institution would have been established even if the State had not taken it under its patronage. Upon his discharge Capt. Parsons was breveted major, by President Johnson. Returning home he was elected county assessor, and served during the years of 1867-68. In the latter year he was elected sheriff and collector, and by re-election held the office four years, or until 1872, engaging in banking at the close of his service. He made a most efficient and acceptable officer. His accounts were always satisfactory, and, indeed, some years after his term of office had expired, it was discovered that he had overpaid them to the amount of \$400, which sum was returned to him. Aside from his banking interests Capt. Parsons owns a fine farm, whereon stands an elegant and commodious residence, one mile south of Edina. He has a small but well-selected herd of Jersey cattle of excellent register, and some pure-blood Poland-China (registered) hogs. He is well known as an active, public-spirited citizen, enterprising, liberal and useful. At present he is commander of James Marquess Post, G. A. R., Edina, and in Masonry has reached the degree of Knight Templar. Originally a Democrat, the Captain has been a Republican in politics since 1862. He was the nominee of his party for State senator in 1885, but although he carried his own county, then strongly Democratic, and ran more than 600 votes ahead of his ticket in the district, he was defeated by the overwhelming natural majority against him. While he is in no sense a politician, yet on more than one occasion, certain political managers and directors of combinations have learned, in their discomfiture, that he can put in some very effective "work," when the occasion and his interests demand it. February 13, 1859, Capt. Parsons was married to Miss Sarah A. Hutchinson, a native of Macon County, Mo. They are the parents of five living children. Lewis H. married Miss May Fox, of Edina, and is the present assistant

cashier of the savings bank. The other children are Fred B., Edgar O., William Lee and Pearl.

I. T. Peirce, a well-to-do farmer of Knox County, was born in Athens County, Ohio, in 1813, and is the eldest of eight children (six of whom survive) of Nathaniel and Phoebe (Waterman) Peirce, natives of Virginia and New York State. They were married in Ohio, where the father came when a boy, and the mother when grown. They finally settled in Athens County, where they remained until 1846, moving then to Adams County, Ill., where they lived upon a farm until their respective deaths, in 1865 and 187-. Our subject received a common-school education during his youth, and began life for himself at the age of twenty-one, although he still lived at home. He farmed principally until he became twenty-four years of age, when he was married, in 1837, to Mary Selby, a native of Ohio, who gave birth to four children. This lady died March 23, 1851, in Adams County, Ill. In the spring of 1870 our subject moved to Knox County, Mo., and located upon a farm he had purchased in Sections 5, 6 and 7, Town 61 north, Range 12 west, where he has since resided. January 12, 1853, he was united in marriage a second time, this lady being Elizabeth, daughter of Peter and Sarah Thomas, which union was blessed with three children. The living children of our subject are Barker, Mary (wife of Samuel McNulty), E. O. and Josephine (wife of George Strickler), by his first wife; and Franklin, Ira and Isaac T., by his second. Mr. Peirce now owns a fine farm of 560 acres, nearly all cleared and improved, which is all the result of his own hands. In connection with agriculture, he deals quite extensively in stock, and has 100 head of cattle upon his farm at present. He is a well-respected and worthy citizen, and enjoys the confidence of all who know him. Previous to the war he was a Democrat, but is now identified with the Republican party.

Richard Thomas Pendery, M. D., a leading physician and resident of Bourbon Township, was born in Munfordville, Barren County, Ky., December 26, 1830, and is a son of James and Rebecca (Crane) Pendery. The father was a native of Virginia, and accompanied his parents to Ohio when a child, settling near Cincinnati. When a young man he went to Barren County, Ky., where he was married. In 1844 he moved to Marion County, Mo., locating in Palmyra. He afterward moved to Philadelphia, Marion County. He was a cabinet-maker by trade, and worked at this business all his life. Previous to his residence in Missouri he lived at Perryville, Boyle Co., Ky., for several years. He died at an advanced age, while on a visit to our subject. Rebecca (Crane) Pendery, the mother, was born in Mercer

County, Ky., now Boyle County, in 1810, and died in Philadelphia, Marion Co., Mo., in 1846. She and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is the eldest of a family of seven children, as far as known, all being alive at the present time. He received his education at Marion College, and in 1849 began the study of medicine under Drs. Reed and Parsons, of Quincy, Ill. In 1850 he went to California, and engaged in mining and trading, in which he was quite successful. He returned in 1853, by the Vanderbilt Line, by way of Nicaragua and New Orleans. He went directly to Knox County, and engaged in the mercantile business at Novelty, which was not much of a town then, but soon began to grow, and is now one of the nicest villages in Northeast Missouri. Our subject has the credit of being the founder of the town. At the commencement of the war he abandoned business life, and moved upon his farm, two miles east of Novelty, and has since engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1864-65 he resided in Philadelphia, Mo., and again engaged in business, but in the latter part of 1865 returned to Knox County, and embarked in the dry goods and grocery business, in which he remained until 1884, when he sold out. During 1869-70 he had attended lectures at the St. Louis Medical College, receiving his diploma, and since that time has practiced his chosen profession in connection with his business and agricultural interests, and has built up a large and lucrative practice. In June, 1855, he married Jane M. Ross, daughter of John and Martha Ross, and a native of Brown County, Ohio, and to this union four sons and four daughters have been born, one of the latter now deceased. Dr. Pendery is a Democrat in politics; is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is classed among the highly respected and eminent citizens of the county.

Pugh & Slaughter, dealers in lumber and building material, Edina, Mo., is a firm comprised of Jacob M. Pugh and William J. Slaughter. This business was established in 1871 by Bradford & McCoy, of Quincy, Ill., and they were succeeded about 1873 or 1874 by the late F. M. Gifford, who afterward became a member of the Canton Saw Mill Company. This company bought the recent grounds near the depot, and conducted a large and lucrative business, which they sold to the present firm in July, 1886. The grounds consist of about eight acres and some 600x20 feet of sheds. The firm handles lumber, gates, sash, doors, blinds, lime, cement, tarred paper and building material generally, very extensively, and controls the leading trade in this line in the county, having the only lumber yard in Edina, and there being but two others in the county. Maj. Jacob M. Pugh, the senior partner, was born in Randolph County,

N. C., November 11, 1821, and is a son of Isaac and Mary (Varner) Pugh, both natives of North Carolina, and of Welsh and German descent, respectively. The father and family immigrated to Indiana about 1822, locating on a farm near Indianapolis. There the father spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1861, the mother dying ten years previous. Before his death the father married a second time, the lady being a Mrs. Slawson. By his first wife there were five sons and five daughters, all of whom lived to maturity, except one son. Our subject and Rebecca (widow of John Fox of Hurdland) reside in Missouri; the rest in Indiana, viz: Mary (wife of Rainey Fox), Elizabeth (widow of Jeremiah Guion) and Lucinda (wife of Nero Hollingsworth). Our subject was reared to manhood on a farm in Indiana, and came west in 1839, and spent one year in Knox County and Edina. He then returned to Indiana, and farmed until 1854, when he permanently located in Edina, and clerked for John Dougherty seven years. The first year of the war he engaged in business for himself, which he conducted successfully until 1881. Mr. Pugh then gave attention to his farm of over 400 acres, near Edina, which he kept well-stocked and still owns, and in 1886 became connected with the lumber business in Edina. In 1845 he married Lucinda Martindale, of Indiana, who died leaving one child who still survives, Edwilda (wife of James Dunham). Our subject married his present wife July 20, 1856. She was Anne S. Biggerstaff, and to this union the following children have been born: William, born April 27, 1857, died July 30, 1858; Werter D., born December 17, 1858; Mary M., born February 21, 1861 (wife of Arthur Smith, of Indianapolis); Ada H., born November 1, 1864, (wife of Edward C. Eyman), of Columbus, Ohio; Eva B., born October 14, 1866, (wife of Ethelbert Dowden, of Texas). Mr. Pugh was a Whig during the early days of that party, but since the war has been a Republican. During the late war he was major in the Fiftieth Regiment, East Missouri Militia, and was discharged by a superior officer owing to a conflict of authority with said officer [see history of Fiftieth Regiment], but was soon after appointed colonel of the same regiment by Gov. Gamble, and served as such until the close of the war.

Edward M. Randolph, a resident of Edina, Mo., was born in Marion County, Mo., December 5, 1838, and is a son of Thomas and Ann E. (Anderson) Randolph, natives, respectively, of Louisiana and Maryland. The father immigrated to Missouri in 1835, and staked off 1,000 acres of land just below "Bee Ridge" in this county, before it came into market, and unfortunately some parties entered the same at Palmyra when it came into market,

before Mr. Randolph got a chance. A year or so later he removed to Marion County, and entered land near the Shelby County line, where he resided until 1876, meeting with fair success as a farmer and stock raiser. He was quite a hunter in the early days when deer and wild game abounded in this locality. Since 1876 he has resided in Edina, and, with his wife lives a retired life. He was born in 1812, and she in 1818, and they have raised the following children to maturity, all of whom are still living: Ella (widow of Col. McCullough), Edward M., Samuel T., Thomas J., John M., Charles H. and William H., all residents of Knox County. Our subject spent his youth in his native county on a farm, and secured a good English education, which he completed at the public schools of Hannibal. In 1856 he came to Knox County, and clerked in a merchandise store for three years at Newark, and then embarked in business for himself, which he continued successfully until January, 1873. He then ran the overland stage route from Edina to Quincy for four years before the railroad was built here. In 1873 he was appointed circuit clerk of Knox County by Gov. Woodson, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of R. R. Smith. He served out the unexpired term, and was then re-elected in 1874 for a term of four years, which office he filled in a highly satisfactory and efficient manner. In 1879 he engaged in a real estate and loan agency with Senator L. F. Cottey, and continued thus engaged until March, 1876, since which time he has conducted a similar business alone in a successful manner. He is one of a syndicate of local capitalists which has purchased some 3,000 acres of land in Linn County, Mo., on the Sante Fe Railroad, the intention being to lay off a new town in that desirable country. December 10, 1861, he married Miss Anna, daughter of Mason Hamilton, of this city. In politics Mr. Randolph is a Democrat, and as such was elected to his county office. He has been active in local matters, both educational and religious, and was a member of the board of directors who built the present large school building in Edina. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and has been president of the Knox County State Sunday-school Association for eight years. He is an Odd Fellow of honorable and long standing, also a K. of H., and belongs to the A. O. U. W. He is an ardent advocate in the temperance cause, and his standing as a business man and upright citizen is above reproach.

Thomas A. Randolph, a resident of Edina, Mo., was born in Marion County, Mo., March 8, 1843, and is a son of Thomas Randolph. [See sketch.] Our subject arrived at majority upon the farm in his native county, obtained a fair education, and at

the age of sixteen was employed as a clerk in a mercantile store in Linn County, Mo., where he remained about one year. In 1862 he entered the Confederate Army as a private under Franklin and McCullough, where he served a few months in Northeast Missouri. After the battle of Kirksville he went to Illinois, but returned in the fall of 1863 and clerked in his brother's store in Newark. In 1868 he became his brother's partner, and in 1870 bought him out, and conducted the business there successfully until 1879. In the fall of the following year he came to Edina, and engaged in the mercantile business, where he has since remained, and has met with good and well-merited success. At his store on the west of public square, he carries a full and well-selected stock of staple and fancy dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, hats, caps, and clothing, and controls a large share of the city and country trade in this line. In 1867 he married Tillie M. Towson, of this county, daughter of the late John Towson, formerly of this county, but who died in California in 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph have had two children: Ernest T. (deceased) and Wilbur. Mr. Randolph has always been a Democrat. He is secretary of the Knox County Fair Association, and has served as city treasurer two years, and now holds that office. He is a Master Mason, and an eminent and successful business man.

Peter J. Reid, of Edina, Mo., is a native of Knox County, and was born November 27, 1853. His parents were James A. and Rose A. (Call) Reid, natives of Maryland and Ohio, respectively. The father was one of the early pioneers of this county, and assisted in laying off the town of Edina; was the first postmaster, and was a prominent merchant and real estate dealer of Edina, for a number of years. The mother, now a widow, and the following children survive him: Peter J., Alfred H., Cassia G. and Elizabeth. By his first marriage the father had the following children: John M. (of Marshall, Mo.), James W. (of same place), Charles R. (of Kansas City), Margaret C. (wife of Frank Welty, of Emmitsburg, Md.) and America (known as "Sister Mary Rose" in Visitation Convent, St. Louis). Our subject passed his youth in Edina, but was principally educated at St. Joseph's College, at Bardstown, Ky. After completing his education he engaged in the mercantile business as a clerk, in Edina, and later ran a grocery store for himself. In 1880 he was elected tax collector of Knox County, a position he filled three terms of two years each, discharging the duties in a faithful and efficient manner. In June, 1886, he engaged in his present drug business with F. M. Miller, county clerk, and is meeting with good and well-deserved success. In May, 1886, he was united in marriage to Miss Dove Donnelly, his present wife, a native of Crab Orchard,

Ky., by whom he has one son—Edward Donnelly. By his first marriage, with Fannie M. Nelson (deceased), he has three living children: Rose M., Arthur N. and Teresa V. Mr. Reid is a Democrat, and as such was elected to the office which he held and filled so well. Himself and family are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Thomas Rimer, an old settler and substantial farmer of Knox County, was born December 17, 1828, in the city of Bath, Somersetshire, England, and is the third of the five children (one deceased) born to John and Jane (Crosby) Rimer, natives of Somersetshire, where they were reared, married and lived until their respective deaths in about 1832 and 1854. The father was married twice, the issue of his first marriage being two children. He was a confectioner and baker by trade, but the latter part of his life he was a coach and mail contractor. Our subject was educated at the common schools of the country, and at the age of eleven traveled on foot to Portsmouth, where he boarded a man-of-war, engaged as a cabin boy, and continued upon the water, sailing over European seas, visiting the West Indies, etc., until they again landed at Portsmouth, at the expiration of three years. He then went to London, and became a steward and coachman. In 1849 he was united in marriage, in London, to Mary Dary, by whom he had twelve children, nine of whom are now living. In 1852 he started with his family for America, and after a six weeks' voyage landed in New York City, and left the next day for Philadelphia, where he was employed as a keeper in the Franklin Insane Asylum. About a year later he removed to Harrison County, Ky., where he worked for the Covington & Lexington Railroad for five years. September 1, 1857, he started for Missouri, and reached Knox County October 3, of the same year, and at first moved on a farm owned by Dr. James H. Campbell, but in the spring of 1863 moved on a forty-acre tract he had purchased, and from that time continued to add to his possessions, until he now owns over 1,000 acres, nearly all in one tract. His first wife having died February 13, 1871, our subject was again married, June 29, 1872, in Randolph County, Mo., to Sarah E. Tucker, a native of that county, and born on April 26, 1850. To that union seven children have been born, five of whom are living. From the time that he was but a lad of eleven years of age, our subject had been dependent upon his own resources for a living, and, from a poor man with only \$5 the day he landed in New York, has now become one of the most energetic, prosperous and prominent business men of Knox County, the secret of his phenomenal success lying in the fact that when occasion demanded he could and would do the duty that lay near-



est him. In politics he is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland, not having voted before on account of not having taken out his second naturalization papers. Mr. Rimer, however, is not a partisan, but believes in voting for the best man, whatever his party. He, his wife and six children are active and faithful members of the Sutherland Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. W. Robinson was born in Boone County, Ky., February 14, 1835, and is a son of F. F. Robinson and Emily (Waller) Robinson, natives of Virginia, in which State they were married, and from there moved to Boone County, Ky., in an early day. Mr. F. F. Robinson kept a hotel, and also sold goods. When our subject was five months old his mother died, and he was given to William Crook and wife to be taken care of, with whom he lived until they moved to Clark County, Mo., when he went back to his father. Mr. Crook and wife had become so attached to him, however, that the former came back to Kentucky and took him home to Missouri with him. Our subject was about thirteen years old when Mrs. Crook died, but he remained with Mr. Crook two years. His foster parents having been in but moderate circumstances, our subject's education was somewhat limited, and would have been still more so, but from the fact that he once broke his leg, which disabled him for farm work a short time, which he spent in educating himself. At the age of nineteen he taught school in Clark County, and with the money thus earned attended Northeast Academy, at Canton. In 1859 he was married to Miss Catherine Bourn, daughter of Hudson Bourn, an old settler and prominent farmer of Lewis County. Our subject taught four schools after his marriage, and in 1860 purchased a farm in Lewis County, and has since devoted his time almost exclusively to farming. In 1871 he sold his farm in Lewis County, and moved to Jeddo Township, Knox County, where he now owns a good farm of 120 acres, well improved, with about 100 head of stock, a good residence and out buildings. He has been married over twenty-eight years, and to him eight children have been born, six of whom are living: Susan E. (Zinn), Mattie W. (Zimmerman), Frank E., John T., Emma and Annie M.

Hon. D. A. Rouner, a prominent and leading citizen of Knox County, was born in Henry County, Ky., April 6, 1842, and is a son of Argyle A. and Lucinda (Morris) Rouner. The father was born in Kentucky June 10, 1810, and was of German origin. He learned the blacksmith's trade when young, and followed that business in Sligo, Henry Co., Ky. He was the first man to make a steel or iron mold board to a plow, but never reaped any financial benefit from his invention. In September, 1851, he

went to Marion County, Mo., and in March, 1853, removed to Knox County, where he died August 10, 1884. About 1872 he was elected county judge, and was afterward re-elected to the office several times. The mother, Lucinda (Morris) was born in Henry County, Ky., about 1811, and in that county was married to Argyle A. Rounder. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and her death occurred in Knox County, Mo., in May, 1853. Our subject is the fourth of a family of eight children, seven of whom are living. He was educated at the home schools, but left his studies to enlist in Porter's Regiment of Gen. Green's Brigade. He served most of the time as message bearer, but participated, however, in several battles and skirmishes. In September, 1862, he was taken and held prisoner for two months near Palmyra. He was released on parole, but never exchanged. He then returned home, and has since devoted his time to agricultural pursuits, and deals in all kinds of registered stock, at the present time owning some very fine Short-horn cattle. In 1872 he was elected to serve in the county court, and re-elected the next year. In 1880 he represented Knox County in the General Assembly, and was re-elected in 1882. September 11, 1866, he married Ellen T. Baldwin, daughter of Charles H. and Ruth O. Baldwin, who was born in Knox County in 1846, and to this happy union seven children were born, five now living, viz.: David A., Jr., Anna Belle, Effie S., Ruth E. and John G. The deceased are Ashby C. and Baldwin. Mr. and Mrs. Rouner and the two eldest children are worthy members of the Christian Church. Our subject is a Royal Arch Mason, and a Knight of Honor. He is a decided Democrat in politics, and ranks among the leading men of the county. He owns stock in three different agricultural associations, in each of which he has been an officer, sometimes holding an office in each of them at the same time. He is also a stockholder in the American Short-Horn Herd Book Association.

Hugh F. Rourke, an old settler and well-to-do-farmer of Knox County, was born June 16, 1829, in Sangamon County, Ohio, and is the younger of two children of Patrick and Rosa (Donely) Rourke, natives of Counties Fermanagh and Tyrone, Ireland, where they were respectively reared, but met and married in America. The mother came directly to Ohio, where the father afterward came and married her. They then settled in Sangamon County, but after the birth of the two children moved to Franklin, now Columbia, the capital of the State. There the father died November 28, 1832, and seven years later the mother was married in Perry County, where the family had moved. Here they lived until 1840, then moving to Knox County, Mo., where

they settled on a small tract of land on the western border of Edina. The husband died about 1870, and the mother then lived with our subject, until she died about 1877. Our subject was principally educated at the common schools of Edina, and at the age of eighteen went to California, returning home in four years, when he was married, April 25, 1854, to Mary, daughter of Patrick and Ellen (Walsh) Jarvies. This lady was born December 25, 1834, in Pennsylvania, and came to Knox County with her parents when a girl. To Mr. and Mrs. Rourke six children have been born: Rose Ellen (wife of Giles Tully), James Vincent, Patrick F., Teresa, Mary and Emma. Our subject now owns a fine farm of 520 acres, the most of which is cleared and well improved. It is nearly all fenced, and upon it there is a good residence and outbuildings, pleasantly situated, and also good wells and a wind pump. Mr. Rourke is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Franklin Pierce in 1852. He has never sought political office, and is a well-respected and prosperous citizen. Himself and family are Roman Catholics.

Willis B. Sale, an enterprising farmer of Knox County, was born in Gallatin County, Ky., in 1814. He lost his father at the early age of nine, and his educational advantages were necessarily limited. He was bound out seven years to Levy Abbott, and at the age of sixteen he began life for himself. He was of an active nature, and although he never learned the carpenter trade made himself useful at that business, exhibiting great talent in that direction. By trade he was a hatter, which business he learned at Carrollton, Ky., but spent a good deal of time during his early life upon the Mississippi River and its branches. During this time he was married to Miss Martha Antill, a native of Henry County, Ky., and to them the following children were born: Eliza D., Lydia (Sale) Jones, John (of Kansas), May (Sale) Parks and two now deceased. In 1851 Mr. Sale immigrated to Northeast Missouri, and settled in Knox County, where he lost his wife after fourteen years of wedded life. This lady was a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Sale remained a widower six years, and was then married to Mrs. Nancy Robinson, daughter of Joel Stewart, of Kentucky. To this union two children were born: Willis B. and Benjamin, both of whom reside at home. Mr. Sale is numbered among the most enterprising farmers of Knox County, and owns a fine farm of 400 acres, well-improved and stocked. This is the result of his own honest efforts, close attention to business, and economy. His home is situated in a beautiful portion of Jeddo Township, and he is now enjoying the fruits of his labors at the age of seventy-three, being active of body and vigorous of mind.

George A. Sallee, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Pike County, Mo., March 8, 1830, and is a son of William H. and Sarah (Neal) Sallee, the former a native of Washington County, Ky., and born March 2, 1806, and the latter born in North Carolina about the same date. When a young man, William H. left Kentucky, and went to St. Louis, Mo., where he was married. He then went to Pike County, from there to Knox County, in 1839, then removed to California in 1881, and died in Amador County, in that State. Mrs. Sallee died in Knox County, Mo., about 1853. Our subject is the eldest of nine children, six of whom are now living. He received his early education in the common schools of Knox County, but has since greatly improved it by study, experience and observation. He lived with his parents until February 4, 1854, when he wedded Ruth A. Bozarth, daughter of Ira J. and Eliza (Carnega) Bozarth. This lady was born in Lewis County, Mo., in 1835, and has borne our subject ten children, all, save one, living: Olive O., Eliza, Laura B., George P., Mary E., Lucy A., Ida C., Thomas J., William I., and Arminda J. (deceased). Before his marriage he operated a saw and grist mill for Harvey Beach, at Millport, which he afterward continued to do about two years, and then engaged in farming, which has ever since been his business. In 1861 he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-first Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and served with credit until December, 1864, when he was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tenn. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Shiloh, and retained as such at Memphis, Tenn., Mobile, Ala., Kahauba, Ala., and Macon, Ga., nine months. After his parole he joined the same company. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Pleasant Hill and Yellow Bayou, and at Tupelo was wounded in the left breast. He remained in the hospital two months. He then returned to Benton Township, Knox Co., Mo., of which he has since been a resident, making him the oldest inhabitant of the place. He was a Republican previous to Hayes' election, and has since belonged to the Greenback party. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church, and the family ranks among the best in the county.

William H. H. Sallee, a well-to-do and enterprising farmer and stock dealer of Knox County, and a resident of Benton Township, was born in Knox County, Mo., September 7, 1843, and is a son of William H. and Sarah (Neal) Sallee. The father was a native of Washington County, Ky., born March 2, 1806, of French descent, and was a farmer. He immigrated to Knox County, in 1825, and helped to survey the greater part of that county. He is now a resident of Amador County, Cal., where he went in the fall of 1881. There is little known of the mother of our sub-

ject, she having died when the latter was but a child. The father never married again. Our subject is the youngest of eight children, six now living. He remained with his father until 1861, when he went to Illinois, and in August, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served with credit until April, 1864. He was at the battles of Port Gibson, Miss., Champion Hills, Black River, and at the siege of Vicksburg. He received his discharge at St. Louis, Mo., and then returned to Knox County, of which he has since been a resident (forty-one years). He remained on his father's farm until January 25, 1865, when he married Nancy J. Longfellow, a native of Knox County, Mo., born August 16, 1847, and the daughter of Jonathan Longfellow. The result of this marriage was the birth of six children, five now living: Sarah M., Jonathan W., Mary A., Hosea and Ella. Robert Curtis and Charley L. are deceased. After living with his father-in-law for four years after his marriage, our subject moved to the farm of his father, where he lived five years. He then moved to his present location. He is a member of the G. A. R., and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Sylvester W. Saunders, M. D., a resident of Edina, was born in Macon County, Mo., September 15, 1851, and is a son of George W. and Ardena O. (Arthur) Saunders, natives of Pulaski County, Ky., and Virginia, near Jamestown. The father immigrated to Missouri from Kentucky, in 1842, and located on a farm in Macon County, where our subject was born. In 1880 he removed to Randolph County, where he now resides, being a well-to-do and upright farmer citizen. Our subject was reared to manhood in his native county, where he received a good public school education, which he completed in the State Normal School at Kirksville. In 1872 he began the study of medicine with the view of following that profession, and read under Dr. R. H. Dunning, who was then a successful medical practitioner of Atlanta, Mo. Later he attended the American Medical College, of St. Louis (Eclectic), and graduated from that institution in 1877. He then began to practice in his native county, but soon removed to Millard, Adair County, where he established a large and lucrative practice. In the spring of 1887 he came to Edina, where he is meeting with good and well merited success. March 13, 1879, he was married to Miss Lou Lantz, a native of Adair County, Mo., by whom he has two children: Earl and Blanche. In politics the Doctor is a Democrat, and himself and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Jacob Schempp, who is one of Knox County's enterprising and energetic citizens, was born in Urach, Wurtemberg, Germany,

California, where he remained four years, and then returned to Marion County. After his father's death he continued in charge of the home farm. In 1874 he was married to Miss Emily Hope, daughter of Joseph Hope, of Shelby County, by which union were born two children: Charles and Edgar. He owns property in Knox City, and about 200 head of fine stock. In 1879 he removed to Myrtle Township, Knox County. He is a Republican, and himself and wife are Methodists. Our subject had by his first marriage seven children, six of whom grew to maturity, and five of whom are yet living: Benjamin, Robert F., Rufus B., Fannie E. and Homer W.

Frank V. Schnebly, a farmer and stock dealer of Knox County, was born in Clark County, Mo., August 19, 1844, and is a son of Maj. John H. and Elizabeth (Houser) Schnebly, and is of German descent. Maj. John H. was born in Washington County, Md., in 1816, but left home when quite young, and engaged in the mercantile business at Peoria, Ill., as a salesman. In 1843 he came to Clark County, and during the war served in the Confederate Army, participating in several battles, among them Pea Ridge. He served as quartermaster in Green's regiment, and as major in Col. Burbage's regiment. He then went through the Confederate lines into Maryland; then went to Illinois, and remained a year. He then spent two years in La Fayette County, Mo., and two in Saline County, and then came to Knox County, of which he has been a resident since 1870. He has been a farmer since 1843, and during the war lost his property, but has since retrieved his fortunes. Mrs. Schnebly is also of German descent, and a native of Maryland. Her birth occurred about 1816, and her death in Clark County, Mo., in 1849. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Schnebly is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Our subject is the eldest of three children, all living. He received his education at the common schools, and remained at home with his father until twenty-two years old. He then accompanied his father to La Fayette County, and began to farm on his own account. He then went to Saline County, remained two years, and then finally moved to Knox County. When twenty-eight years old he married Miss Emily Suter, of Scotland County, Mo., daughter of John Suter, and to this union three children have been born: Francis M., Ira V. and Freeland O. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schnebly are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Like his father he has always been an ardent Democrat, but has never aspired to office. He is a self-made man, and now owns 340 acres of good land, part in Scotland and part in Knox Counties, which he has im-

in 1836, where he learned the carpenter's trade, in which he became very proficient. In 1854 he immigrated to the United States, where he worked at his trade in New York City for one year. He then went to Quincy, Ill., where he engaged in the carpentering business, and built a number of fine buildings. He also did a great amount of bridge work, and pile driving on the Quincy, Missouri & Pacific Railroad, in which he was fairly successful. In 1879 Jacob settled in Knox County, Mo., in Myrtle Township, where he purchased a farm of Charles McCoy, containing 415 acres of land, well stocked and improved. Since living in Missouri, Mr. Schempp has built several county bridges, and his work is highly recommended. In 1860 he was united in marriage to Miss Christiane Wagner, a native of Germany, and a daughter of Christian Wagner. This lady was an infant when her parents went to Illinois, in which State she was married to our subject. To this union ten children were born, eight of whom are living: Annie, Mary, Jacob, John, William O., George, Earl and Arthur. Annie and Mary are married, and reside in Knox County. Mr. Schempp owns a fine farm, well improved and cultivated, which is the result of his hard labor, industry and economy, and since his residence in Knox County he has established a fine business, and is well known as a good and responsible carpenter. In politics he is a Democrat.

Spratt Schofield, one of the sturdy and enterprising farmers of this section of the county, is a descendant of two prominent and highly connected families of Mason County, Ky., his birth occurring in Marion County, Mo. Ellis Schofield, his father, was born in Virginia, and reared in Mason County, Ky., where he was joined in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Mefford. In 1818 he immigrated to Northeast Missouri, settling in Marion County, which then was a wilderness, and here he resided until his death. He was one of the earliest settlers of that county, and became one of its most influential pioneer citizens. He was one of the chief agriculturists of that county, and at his death stood at the head of the farmers of that county, owning a valuable real and personal property. In politics he was a Whig, and in religion himself and wife were members of the Christian Church. He died in 1858, at the age of sixty-four. His widow survived him two years. Their son, Spratt Schofield, our subject, is the only living son of a family of eleven children, all of whom but one grew to years of maturity, and five of whom are still living. Our subject was reared in Marion County, securing a fair education at the country schools, which he has since much improved by observation and experience. At the age of sixteen, while yet a green, country boy, he secured his parents' consent, and went to

proved in many ways since purchasing it. He is one of the most enterprising and substantial farmers of the county, and takes great interest in fine stock.

Harrison Seaman, one of the earliest settlers and most enterprising men of Knox County, was born in Fayette County, Ohio, in 1812. He is descended from two prominent families, the Seamans of New York, and the Harrisons of Kentucky. His grandfather prominently and gallantly figured in the Revolutionary war, and in border conflicts with the Indians. His father, John, was born in a part of what is now West Virginia, and at the age of eighteen years immigrated to Ohio, where, in Fayette County, he was joined in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Harrison, of the Blue-grass State, a native of Harrison County, which county derived its name from this family. In 1818 he moved from Ohio to Greene County, Ind., where he remained a few years engaged in farming, and then removed to Warren County, Ind., continuing the same occupation. In both Greene and Warren Counties he served as sheriff, and was regarded as one of the most prominent citizens. In November, 1838, he immigrated via Missouri, where he wintered, to Iowa, and located in Van Buren County, where he resided until his death. He was a man of iron constitution, living to the age of eighty-seven years. Our subject was reared in Greene and Warren Counties, Ind., and in the year 1836, at the age of twenty-four, he went to Lewis County, Mo., where he resided until 1843, when he located near his present residence in Knox County. Here he has since resided. While in Lewis County he was united in marriage to Miss Bates, of Goochland County, Va., and to this marriage have been born eight children, all of whom are living in the enjoyment of good health—five girls and three boys. Our subject, though seventy-five years of age, is hale and hearty in mind and body. He is universally respected. He is a Democrat and a Mason; he is the owner of over 400 acres of fine land.

Joel Sever, a prominent farmer of Knox County, was born November 14, 1821, in Warren County, Ohio, and is the fourth of six children born to Hudson and Nancy (Heritage) Sever, natives of New Jersey, but married in Warren County, Ohio, where they came prior to their marriage with each other. Mr. Sever had been married once, and Mrs. Sever twice, before they became united as man and wife. The mother had two children by each of her former husbands. Mr. and Mrs. Sever settled on a farm in Warren County, and there resided until their respective deaths, in 1862 and 1865, the father being eighty-eight years and the mother ninety-two. Mr. Sever was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was in the two sieges of Fort Meigs, fighting under



Gen. William H. Harrison. He was a farmer, which occupation he engaged in during the greater part of his life. Our subject received a common-school education, and at the age of twenty-one left the home of his parents, and began farming for himself on the old homestead, where he remained until 1850. He remained in Warren County until 1857, and then moved with his family to Knox County, Mo., where he had purchased a farm upon which he now resides. This he at once began to cultivate and improve but at the beginning of the late war organized a company of Home Guards, of which he was elected captain. This organization was sustained from April, 1861, to August of the same year, when a number of the company enlisted in the Twenty-first Missouri Infantry. March 4, 1862, our subject was mustered into the Missouri State Militia, where he remained in service until September, 1862, previous to which time he was captured at Newark, by Col. Porter, and held a prisoner a short time, but was then paroled and allowed to return home. He received an honorable discharge from the Union Army, September 1, 1862. He was a participant in the battles of Cherry Grove, Schuyler County, Pierce's Mill, in Scotland County, and Newark, Knox County. Since the war he has been devoted to tilling the soil. He was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Amy (Benham) Shaver, natives of Ohio. This lady was born July 16, 1826, in Warren County, Ohio, and married to our subject November 21, 1844. To this union five children have been born (all living save one), as follows: Mary Adelia (wife of James Woodcock), Amelia X. (wife of Ed. J. Brown), Frank P. and Henry E. Our subject is a man of strong energy and will, and, although he has had many trials and disappointments, has persistently persevered, and is now a successful and prosperous farmer, of Knox County, owning a fine farm of 130 acres, well cleared and improved. He was a strong abolitionist. Previous to the war he was a Democrat, but is now a Republican. He cast his first presidential vote for James K. Polk, in 1844. He is a worthy member of the F. & A. M., being a member of Paulville Lodge, No. 319. He is also identified with the G. A. R., James Marquess Post. He and his wife are Universalists.

Capt. E. B. Shafer, of Edina, Mo., was born in Seneca County, Ohio, December 25, 1844, and is a son of John L. and Mary A. (Burton) Shafer, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. Our subject's parents died in Ohio when he was a small lad, and he then resided with his uncle, M. M. Bope, with whom he came to Knox County, Mo., in 1856. He then followed farming in this county until the war broke out, when, July 15, 1861, he enlisted as private in Company E, Twenty-first Regiment Missouri Vol-

lunteer Infantry, and afterward became first sergeant after the battle of Shiloh. He soon afterward became second lieutenant, and was promoted to the first lieutenant in 1864, and in August of that year was made captain of his company, being mustered out at Fort Morgan, April 19, 1866. After the war he farmed in this county until December, 1884, when he sold his farm and removed to Edina, and after a westward trip, in September, 1886, engaged in the grocery and provision business in Edina on the southwest corner of the public square, where he has since carried on a successful business. April 21, 1868, he married Miss Anna M., daughter of James Cody, of Edina. They have eight children: James R., J. Charles, Eugene A., Mary A., Estella M., Lucina, Gertrude and Francis J. Capt. Shafer was originally a Democrat in politics, but of late years has become independent in his views. He is a member of the G. A. R., and himself and family are members of the Catholic Church. He is one of the best known and most respected citizens of the county, and is a successful and reliable business man.

J. M. Sharer, one of the business men of Knox County, was born in Davis County, Iowa, March 27, 1855. His father, Jacob Sharer, was born in Huntington County, Penn., in 1814, of German descent, and died in Davis County, Iowa, in 1857. His mother, Pollie M. (Parsons) Sharer, was born in New York State and is now making her home with our subject in Knox County, Mo. J. M. lived at home with his parents, until twenty-two years of age. After leaving home he attended the State Normal School at Kirksville, two terms, and also was a student at Oaklawn College, at Novelty, for about eight months, but was compelled by poor health to abandon his studies, and went to Edina, where he was employed in the savings bank, but his health compelled him to go upon a farm, where he remained a short time, and then took a trip to Minnesota, after which he returned home, and resumed farming for about a year. He then engaged in business at Locust Hill, where he still remains, and carries a large stock of drugs and groceries, and is prepared to compete with Edina merchants in quality and prices. November 10, 1886, he was married to Adalie G. Eddy, daughter of A. A. Eddy, a business man of Locust Hill. In politics Mr. Sharer is a Republican, but has never sought, nor held office. Mrs. Sharer belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and takes great interest in educational enterprises, to which Mr. Sharer is a liberal donator.

Custer C. Sharp, a prominent pioneer citizen of Knox County, was born in Bourbon County, Ky., August 15, 1825, and is a son of Abraham and Margaret (Custer) Sharp, both natives of the same county and State. Abraham immigrated to Missouri with

his family in the fall of 1839, and settled in Lyon Township, where he entered land, and followed farming successfully until his death. The mother died in the same township. Of five sons and four daughters raised to maturity, but one son has died. Custer C. is the eldest, and then come Abraham, John, Stephen, and George (deceased). The daughters are Elizabeth (widow of Russell Grant), Sarah (widow of Cyrus Fowler), Clarinda (wife of William Hannahs) and Deborah Ann (wife of George Snow). Custer Sharp lived upon the farm in this county during his youth, and his education was but limited, being received in a primitive log schoolhouse. He farmed with his father until the latter's death, and then began life for himself with no capital but pluck and industry, and after half a century of hard work and good management he succeeded in becoming the owner of a large farm, and owns in this and Adair Counties over 1,500 acres of land. He is a good example of a self-made man, and is worthy of emulation by the rising generation. He has applied himself strictly to farming and stock raising, with the exception of a year spent in the gold fields of California in 1850, and what he possesses is due entirely to his own efforts. In February, 1848, he married Mary E. Palmer, a native of Indiana, and to this union the following children have been born: George W., Mason P., Thomas E., Stephen H., James R., Charles W., Lorena A. (wife of A. P. Scott) and Dora E. Mr. Sharp has always been a Democrat, and has always refused to run for office. Himself and wife are members of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church. He has lately removed to Edina, retired from active work, and is recognized as one of Knox County's most successful and upright pioneer citizens, and can relate many interesting early reminiscences of early life in Northeast Missouri.

Sylvester Schultz, one of the enterprising farmers of Knox County, was born in Franklin County, Ind., March 15, 1830. His father, John Schultz, was of German origin, and born in Augusta County, Va., in 1800. His mother, Maria (Crawford) Schultz, was a native of the southern portion of the same State. In the early pioneer days of Franklin County, Ind., and before his marriage, John Schultz immigrated to that county, but soon after married our subject's mother, a daughter of William Crawford, who fought in the Revolutionary War, and immigrated to Indiana from Virginia in an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz built a home in Franklin County, where they spent the remainder of their days, raising successfully a family of six children, five of whom are still living, four being residents of Missouri and the fifth of Union County, Ind. Mrs. Schultz was a Christian lady, and a member of the Presbyterian Church, and her death occurred in 1837 at

the age of thirty-one. She was the first person buried in Harmony churchyard, in Franklin County, Ind. Shortly afterward Mr. Schultz married Miss Catharine Cox, a native of Rockingham County, Va., daughter of Philip Cox, of the same State. To this union six children were born, all of whom are living. After leading a Christian life, and ranking among the prominent farmers of his county, he died at the age of eighty, leaving his widow, who still survives. Our subject was the third son of the first marriage, and was reared in his native county, and began life for himself without the advantages of education and wealth. In the spring of 1852 he immigrated to Knox County, Mo., and purchased the property he now owns. He taught school in the summer of the same year, and in the fall of 1853 visited Franklin County, teaching school there in winter. The following spring he returned to Knox County, and on the 11th of April was married to Elizabeth J. Murphy, who is an intelligent lady, and a daughter of Jacob Murphy, and sister of Samuel F. M., J. H. and John Murphy, all prominent farmers of this county. Ever since his marriage Mr. Schultz has been a resident of Knox County, and is an eye-witness to the progress civilization has made in this county since the early pioneer days. To Mr. and Mrs. Schultz has been born one daughter, Maria Catherine, wife of Tyrone P. Cook, a prominent farmer of Knox County. Mr. Schultz now owns a fine farm of 250 acres, finely stocked and well improved, and his place presents one of the most attractive views in this neighborhood. Mr. Schultz has proved himself to be a man of more than ordinary ability and intelligence, and was elected county judge by the Republicans, which position he efficiently filled for four years. Himself, wife and daughter are members of the Baptist Church.

Henry Schultz was born in Franklin County, Ind., and is the son of John and Maria (Crawford) Schultz, both natives of Virginia. The father was of German descent, and was married in Franklin County, Ind., where he resided until his death. He was a farmer, a Whig in politics before the formation of the Republican party, and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was twice married, his first wife dying at the age of thirty-seven. His second wife, Catherine Cox, was a native of Virginia, and six children were born to each of his marriages, all of whom but one, Benjamin F., who died in infancy, are now living. His second wife yet survives, and makes her home on the old homestead of John Schultz. Our subject, Henry Schultz, was a fourth son of the first marriage. He received his education in Franklin County, Ind., in a log schoolhouse, and at the age of twenty-three married Miss Emeline Bourne, a native of Franklin County, Ind., and a daughter of Nathan and Sarah Bourne.

Henry, our subject, for four or five years after his marriage, was engaged in general merchandising in Franklin County, and afterward moved to Union County, where he farmed nine years. In 1868 he immigrated to Northeast Missouri, and settled on a farm in Knox County, but left the farm in 1879, having been previously elected in the fall of 1878 to the office of circuit clerk of Knox County, Mo., which he held for four years, afterward declining to accept office. In the spring of 1883 he opened a hardware and implement store in Knox City, Mo., under the firm title of Schofield, Schultz & Co. In March, 1886, he bought out the company and is now engaged in the business alone, being the principal hardware merchant of the town, and having an annual trade amounting to \$20,000. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz have had seven children, six of whom are living: James L., Emma A., Sarah C. R., Belzora G., Lambert B., Lucy E. and Elmira (deceased). Our subject is not only the leading merchant in Knox City dealing in plows, wagons, harrows, cultivators, etc., but owns one of the finest farms in his section of the neighborhood, which contains 375 acres of land, well improved and cultivated. He, like his father, is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Mason, Knight of Honor, and a member of the A. O. U. W.

John W. Simpkins, of Edina, Mo., is a native of Marion County, Ind., and was born February 26, 1831. He is a son of Elias D. and Eliza A. (Keeler) Simpkins, natives of Madison County, Ohio, and Whitehall, N. Y. The father was an early settler in Indiana, and a millwright by trade, which business he followed in that State. He married his wife in Indianapolis. This lady was a member of a pioneer family of Indiana. In 1841 Mr. and Mrs. Simpkins immigrated to Missouri, and the father engaged in milling in Randolph and Macon Counties. He owned a large farm in the latter county, upon which he died December 7, 1849. The mother was then married to William Cooper, but died in 1855. No children were born to this marriage. The following are the children of the first union who are living: John W.: Augustus K., ex-sheriff of Pike County, Ill.; Foster, of this county; Mary Ann, wife of Prof. Leonard Fowler, of this county; Ellen, wife of Caleb Heisington, of Knox City. Our subject was ten years old when he came with his parents to Missouri. He soon left home and learned the miller's trade in St. Louis. The first mill he owned was in Darke County, Ohio, but afterward he built and operated a saw mill in Scott County, Ill. In 1877 he returned to Missouri, and erected a saw and grist mill at La Belle, in Lewis County, and in 1881 came to Edina, and purchased the old Edina Mills, which he operated two

years, and then built the saw and corn mill which he now owns, and in 1886 built the grist mill adjoining, and is operating both successfully at the present time, and intends to soon replace his old buhrs with the new roller system. December 7, 1851, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Partridge, a native of New York, by whom he has two children: Hattie and Rollie D. Mr. Simpkins is a Democrat in politics, and was a soldier in the Confederate Army during the late war. Himself and family are members of the Methodist Church South, and considered one of the prominent and successful families of the town.

E. A. and J. W. Simpson, twin brothers, were born March 2, 1848, in Garrard County, Ky. Their parents, Benjamin and Pauline (Arnold) Simpson, were both natives of the same county and State. Mr. Simpson made farming his chief occupation while in Kentucky, and in 1857 immigrated to Knox County, Mo., where he has resided ever since. To his first marriage eight children were born, all, save one, now living. They are Mollie Seber; Pauline Lindsey; Lucinda Young, who lives in Kansas; Malinda A. Bell (deceased); Maggie E. Noel, of Lewis County; James M., of Novelty, and our two subjects, who reside in Missouri. After about twenty-two years of wedded life Mr. Simpson lost his wife, who was a Christian woman, and a daughter of Elijah Arnold. About twelve years later he married Miss Judith Lear, daughter of William Lear. To this marriage no children were born, and Mr. and Mrs. Simpson reside with our subjects, both of whom are enterprising and worthy young men, and inherit the hospitality and sociability usually attributed to native Kentuckians. December 30, 1871. E. A. Simpson was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Lear, daughter of W. Lear [see sketch], and three of the four children born to this couple are now living, as follows: Ada, Lottie and John W. One child died in infancy. J. W. Simpson is a widower, having lost his wife over three years ago. This lady was Miss Mollie Smith, a daughter of M. M. Smith. Our two subjects now jointly own a splendid farm of 140 acres, well stocked and improved, and are regarded among the prominent farmers of the county. Their lives have been passed together, and they were educated at the same common schools. Both are Democrats, and members of the Christian Church. E. A. is a member of the A. H. T. A.

Prof. James M. Simpson, a leading educator of Knox County, was born and reared in Knox County, Mo., his birth occurring January 1, 1860. He is a son of Benjamin and Paulina (Arnold) Simpson, the former a native of Kentucky, and born December 5, 1819. He came to Missouri in the spring of 1858, and settled

on a farm in the eastern part of Knox County, where he now lives. The mother was born in Kentucky in 1828, and died October 7, 1864, in Knox County. Our subject remained with his father until he reached his majority, before that time working hard and attending school whenever the opportunity offered. He borrowed money to pay for his first year in college, and then taught until he had accumulated enough money to enable him to complete his course in the Missouri State Normal School, at Kirksville, from which institution he graduated June 17, 1886. He has taught about eight years in all, and is now president of Oaklawn College, in Knox County, which position he has held for two years. July 1, 1886, he was married to Miss Katie M. Funk, daughter of Thomas W. Funk, a native of West Virginia, and Rachael (Johnson) Funk, a native of Virginia. Mrs. Simpson is also a graduate of the Missouri State Normal School, and is a highly educated and intelligent lady, and is now assisting her husband in his profession. Both are worthy and active members of the Christian Church. Our subject advocates Democratic principles, but has never sought nor held public office. He takes great interest in all educational affairs, is a liberal donator to all laudable public enterprises, and is one of the most successful teachers in Northern Missouri.

William J. Slaughter, of the firm of Pugh & Slaughter, lumber merchants in Edina [see preceding sketch], was born in Lewis County, Mo., August 19, 1848, and is a son of Andrew H. and Mary A. (Willett) Slaughter, natives of Virginia and Maryland, respectively. The father was an early settler in Lewis County, Mo., coming to that county in the thirties, and entering land extensively in Lewis eight miles from La Grange. In 1850, having gone to Kentucky, he returned to Lewis County, and lived upon his farm near La Grange, and again returned south, locating permanently in Lewis County in 1856, where he practiced the medical profession until his death, which occurred later in the same year. The mother still resides in La Grange. But four children were raised to maturity: Fannie E., wife of C. H. Howe of La Grange; Nannie M., wife of R. L. Carrick; Robert C., who died at the age of twenty-five in 1868, and our subject. Our subject was educated at La Grange College. He also attended the Springfield (Illinois) Institute. He clerked in the mercantile business in Edina for two years, and was the postmaster at La Grange in 1870, after which he returned to Edina and located here permanently. He was the assistant cashier and bookkeeper of Knox County Savings Bank for seven years; was then engaged in the drug business for two years, and then returned to the bank for a couple of years. He conducted a private banking business

for himself for two years at Clarence, Shelby Co., Mo., being a member of the banking firm of Hunolt, Slaughter & Irwin, and in July, 1886, engaged in the present lumber business in this county with Maj. Pugh. October 24, 1871, he married Miss Adella Agnew, a native of St. Louis, by whom he has had five children: James A., William P., Mary A., Hallie B. and Robbie. Mr. Slaughter is a Republican in politics; was deputy county clerk under Enoch Rinehart a short time, and was the Republican candidate for the county clerkship in 1886. He is a R. A. M. and a member of the A. O. U. W. and K. of H. Himself and wife are Presbyterians. He enlisted in Company A, Sixty-fifth Illinois Infantry, April 5, 1865, while in Springfield, Ill., and was discharged in October of the same year. He was appointed ordnance sergeant, and was assigned special duty a few days after, joining his regiment in the Twenty-third Army Corps, Gen. Schofield commanding, at Raleigh, N. C., being little over sixteen years of age.

Thomas Slocum, one of Knox County's prominent citizens, was born in Indiana, in 1830. His parents were John and Sarah (McCann) Slocum, the father being a native of Virginia, who left that State in 1829, and settled on a farm in Boone County, Ind., where he died in 1865. The mother was a native of Virginia and after her marriage with John Slocum, in 1825, accompanied him to Indiana, where she died in 1862. Our subject was born in Boone County, Ind., and remained in that county until twenty-six years of age, when he came to Knox County, Mo., and settled upon the farm upon which he now resides. At the age of twenty-four he was united in marriage to Martha A. Rose, daughter of Abram and Lydia (Butt) Rose, and to this union six sons and six daughters were born, all of whom are living, viz.: Bruce, Isadora, John A., Scott W., Thomas S., Sarah J., Martha A., Homer E., Frances M., Lydia A., Edith O. and Daisy E. Our subject has long been a prosperous farmer of Knox County, and with the assistance of his good wife has become possessed of a fine farm, well improved, upon which stands a good house and barn, which he has improved and cultivated from its original condition of wildness. He has been an active member of the Republican party ever since same was organized, but has never sought public office. He is a prominent citizen of Knox County, greatly interested in the general welfare of the county, and is a liberal donor, as far as he is able, to all laudable enterprises. He donated the ground for the erection of the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church, and also for the graveyard which takes its name in honor of our subject. He is an ardent worker in the cause of temperance, and himself and wife are honorable and worthy members of the Christian Church, and enjoy the respect of the community.



David P. Six, one of Knox County's leading and prominent citizens, is a native of Brown County, Ill., and was born August 5, 1857. He is a son of Daniel Six, who was born in Greene County, Ill., June 20, 1824, and is now a prominent resident farmer of Brown County of that State. His wife, Anna (Quinn) Six, was born June 17, 1834, in Rockcastle County, Ky., and is now living with her husband in Brown County. Our subject lived with his parents until twenty-three years of age, and then married and moved to Knox County, Mo., and settled upon the farm where he now lives, which contains 160 acres of land under a high state of cultivation. April 22, 1880, he was united in marriage to Mary Fredlin, daughter of Jacob Fredlin, a native of Germany, and now a farmer of Brown County, Ill. Mrs. Six's mother, Catherine (Hauk) Fredlin, is also living with her husband in Brown County. To this union of our subject and wife, one son, Ralph D., has been born. Our subject is not a partisan in politics but votes for the man he thinks most worthy of office. He takes great interest in public questions, and the general welfare and prosperity of the county, and donates as much as he is able to all laudable enterprises, especially those of an educational character. His wife is a member of the Christian Church, and with her husband ranks among the enterprising and respected citizens of the county.

James M. Smith was born in Fairfield County, Conn., in the year 1812. His father, William M. Smith, was a native of New York City, and was of English-Scotch descent. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Warring, was born in the above named county. Her parents were of Eastern birth, and staunch Yankees. William M. was by trade a saddler and harness maker. After his marriage in Connecticut he followed that vocation at the town of Stanford until a few years before his death. Just previous to his decease he kept a hotel for several years. In politics he was a Whig, and later a Republican. He was a prominent man, and a consistent member of the Universalist Church. He died at the age of fifty-five. His wife continued the hotel business after his death for a short time. She was an earnest Christian woman, and a member of the same church as her husband. She also died at the age of fifty-five. Our subject, when nine years of age, was placed in a wire factory, beginning first in the scrap department sorting out the copper, brass, etc. Three years later he entered the rolling department and was finally promoted to the wire department, and it was during his service in this department that he lost his father. He then apprenticed himself to a carpenter and joiner, Arzy Marshall, of Fairfield, Conn. Here he served faithfully

for three and one-half years. He then spent two years in New York City, after which he returned to Connecticut, where he was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Barnes, a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., and a daughter of Morris Barnes. In July, 1844, he came west to Lee County, Iowa, where he remained thirteen or fourteen years, working at his trade exclusively. In 1857 he immigrated to Knox County, Mo., and settled in Jeddo, where he resided until three years ago when he moved to Knox City. To his marriage have been born nine children, all of whom grew to maturity: Rienzi (deceased), Henrietta, Arrod D., George Flickner, Ann, Ellen, Delia and James M. Our subject is one of the best citizens of the county, and now owns 280 acres of valuable land, well improved with good buildings, etc., situated in Jeddo Township. Our subject is public-spirited and takes a special interest in schools. He volunteered in the late war with Col. Moore after the fight at Athens. He owns a house and two lots in Knox City. He is a Republican, and himself and wife are Congregationalists.

Thomas S. Smith, Sr., an old and prominent citizen of this county, was born in Jessamine County, Ky., July 17, 1820, and is a son of Thomas S. and Michael (Locket) Smith. The father was born near Jamestown, Va., April 14, 1780, and died in Jessamine County, Ky., in 1837. He accompanied his parents to Kentucky from Virginia when a boy, and there spent the rest of his life. He was a cabinet-maker by trade, but never followed that business. He was in the war of 1812, and during the muster of the militia was elected colonel. At the time of his death he had sold his property with the intention of moving to Missouri. His wife was born in Virginia in 1784, and died in Knox County, Mo., in 1856, where she had gone after her husband's death, and which was then but sparsely populated, and abounded in game and wild animals. He is one of a family of twelve children of whom six are living, the eldest being in his eighty-sixth year, and still very active. Our subject immigrated to Missouri in 1837, and settled in Knox County in 1838, and has resided continuously on the same farm ever since. He was educated at a primitive log schoolhouse in Kentucky, and lived with his mother until twenty-five years of age, and then married Eliza Eads, daughter of Rev. Martin L. Eads, one of the first Methodist Episcopal Church "circuit riders" that came to Missouri. He was an uncle to the celebrated Capt. Eads. Mrs. Smith was born in Virginia, November 15, 1819, and died March 5, 1874, leaving a large circle of friends. She was a devout and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and when married to our subject was the widow of James Toadvine, by whom she had two

children, Sarah and James, the former now deceased. Her union to our subject was blessed with eight children: Thomas S. (now assessor of Knox County), Martin L. (deceased), William W., George E., Eliza E., Dr. John L., Molly P. and Martha Jane. In 1877 Mr. Smith married Susan (Worrell) Harry, daughter of Richard Worrell and widow of Thomas Harry, by whom she had the three following children: O. B., Nannie W., and Ann E. In politics he is a Democrat. but has never held nor sought office. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and has been united with the Missionary Baptist Church since nineteen years of age, to which church his wife also belongs.

Amos Snow was born October 13, 1829, in Plymouth, Windsor Co., Vt., and is the second of a family of six children (two now deceased) of Alvah and Lucy (Coolidge) Snow, natives of Vermont and New Hampshire. The parents were reared in their respective States, but married in Vermont. They settled in Plymouth and there remained until 1836, when they moved to Cattaraugus County, N. Y., and afterward removed to Rising Sun, Ohio Co., Ind., in 1842, where they remained about three years, and in the fall of 1845 went west to Missouri, and on the journey all their household goods were lost by the sinking of a steamboat eighteen miles south of St. Louis, so that on their arrival in Knox County they had but little personal property. They settled on a farm on Rock Creek, now owned by Wash. Funk, and in January, 1846, the father died. The mother then moved with her family to a farm about three miles east of Edina, and there died, in 1850. Our subject was principally educated in New York, and after the death of his father he supported the family. In 1849, when twenty years old, he went to California, and from there to southern Oregon, where he engaged in mining. In 1857 he returned to Knox County, and purchased a farm upon which he now resides. In 1859 he went to Colorado, and remained two years interested in mining, but in July, 1861, returned to his home. March 6, 1862, he enlisted in the Missouri State Militia, Union Army, and was taken prisoner at the battle of Newark. He was then paroled and afterward mustered out of service, in September, 1862. He then returned home, but being of a roving disposition made two trips to Indiana between the fall of 1861 and 1862. In the spring of 1863 he married Margaret, daughter of Atwell and Clarinda Jackman (now Mrs. Hannah), who was born January 11, 1843, in Knox County, Mo., and was married to our subject April 25, 1863, at Quincy, and has since spent his time in farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Snow nine children have been born, three of whom are deceased. Those living are Lillian May, Atwell A., Walter J., Annie C., Franklin

E. and Orvil Clyde. Although our subject was cast upon his own resources at an early age, and also compelled to take care of his father's family, in spite of his roving disposition he has accumulated a nice little property of 350 acres of land, mostly all cleared and improved. He is a self-made man, and has earned all that he possesses by hard and persistent labor and good management. Previous to the war Mr. Snow was a Democrat, but at the time of the war was a strong Union man, and is now a staunch Republican. His first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln, in 1864. He is a worthy member of Novelty Lodge, No. 181, F. & A. M. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while his wife and two daughters adhere to the doctrine of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

James J. Soule, of Edina, Mo., is a native of Hancock County, Ill., and was born October 17, 1850. He is a son of Isaac and Eunice P. (Ricker) Soule, natives of Ohio and Maine. Our subject was reared to manhood, in his native State and county. He has been engaged in the railroad business since he became twenty-one years of age, and is a practical telegrapher. Prior to his coming to Edina, he was ticket agent for the Chicago & Alton Railroad, at Kansas City. He came to Edina in 1881, and has since been agent for the Quincy, Missouri & Pacific Railroad, at this place, and also agent for the Pacific Express Company. July 27, 1882, he was united in marriage to Miss Minne Coulson, daughter of the late Nathaniel B. Coulson, of this county. Mr. Soule has one child, Nathaniel Coulson, by this marriage, and also has a daughter, Katie V., by a former marriage. He is a Republican in politics, and a Master Mason. Himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Soule's father, Nathaniel B., was a son of William Coulson, of English ancestry, and Lydia (Rogers) Coulson, a descendant of the Pennsylvania Quakers, and was born June 30, 1808 in Chester County, Penn., but removed with his parents to Belmont County, Ohio, in 1809, and from there to Rushville, Fairfield County, in 1821. Here he resided until 1855, becoming one of the most influential citizens of the town, which his father helped to found. His occupation was that of a dry goods merchant. He was also a successful farmer, and owned much land in and near Rushville. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in his early youth, and was an active and zealous worker in this church, as long as his health would permit. His house was the home of the pioneer preacher, and many member of the Ohio Conference still remember him. He was married to Mary Quinn, daughter of Rev. James Quinn, in 1830, but was left a widower in 1852, with six children. July 19, 1854, he was married to Delilah Linville,

daughter of Joseph Linville, of Fairfield County, and a year later moved to Minnesota. He built the second house in the now thriving town of Northfield. The severity of the winters, and the close proximity of the Indians induced him to leave Minnesota, and he came to Edina, Mo., in 1857, at which place he resided until his death November 17, 1877. Mr. Coulson was one of the early citizens of Edina, and is well remembered by all of the older inhabitants of Knox County. He was with Bryant & Connelly, with the Brewington Bros., and afterward continued in business for himself, until his failing health compelled him to abandon all active pursuits. He was a great sufferer from lung and throat disease, and for several years before his death was a confirmed invalid. In politics he was a Whig, but later became a Republican. He was an Odd Fellow and a Royal Arch Mason. Mrs. Coulson lives in Edina, and the following children survive: James Quinn, of Texas; Lydia Eleanor, wife of David McBride, of Knox City, Mo.; Joseph Clark, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mary Teal, wife of S. G. Kaylor, of Newark, Mo., by his first marriage; and Minne, wife of James Soule, and Thomas Bruce, by his second marriage.

Joseph St. John, a prominent merchant and business man, of Knox County, was born in Ripley County, Ind., December 4, 1829, and is a son of Abram and Sarah (Brown) St. John. The father was a native of Kentucky, and a wheelwright by trade. The mother was a native of Maine, and a daughter of Timothy Brown, whose name is associated with the early history of the Aurora Missionary Baptist Association, which is now one of the strongest in existence. It was organized at his home in Aurora, Ind., there being seven members to start with, five of these being Timothy Brown and wife, Sarah Brown, his daughter, our subject's mother, Joseph Brown a son, and Lydia St. John, our subject's aunt. When a child Joseph was sent to Lewis County, Mo., to live with his maternal grandfather, to which place the latter had moved. He remained with his grandfather until 1850, and then went to California in search of boundless wealth. He then engaged in mining and packing four years, and then returned to Lewis County, by way of Nicaragua and New York. He resided in Lewis and Clark Counties until 1861, and then joined the Missouri State Militia. In 1862 he enlisted in the Third Missouri Infantry, Confederate Army, and served until the fall of Vicksburg. While in service he participated in numerous battles, among which were Pea Ridge, Iuka, Corinth, Black River and Vicksburg. He then went to Texas, where he remained until the close of the war, and then returned to Lewis County. In 1875 he removed to Colony Township, Knox County, and in

1886 came to Colony. He engaged in agricultural pursuits until a few years ago, when, in connection with farming, he embarked in mercantile life. He was first a huckster, then had the management of a granger store, which he finally bought. He now has a fine stock of dry goods, boots, shoes, notions and groceries, and his great object is to please his customers. In 1857 he was married to Nancy Beckner, a native of Lewis County, Mo., and born in 1833. This lady is a daughter of Andrew Beckner, and to her union with our subject five children have been born, of whom three are living, viz.: Frank J., Mary C. and Edwin W. Those deceased are Yancey and Van S.

Samuel Surrey, now living in Hurdland, was born in Clermont County, Ohio, February 16, 1828, and is a son of William and Mary Ann (Ireton) Surrey, natives of New Jersey. Our subject was raised in his native State, and, as he was left an orphan when quite young, he was obliged to battle for himself. He engaged in manual labor, and came to Missouri in the spring of 1866, where he bought a small farm near Hurdland, upon which he has remained ever since. He now owns 730 acres of land in this township, and is one of the pioneer merchants of the town, conducting a paying hardware and grocery business, and is also a dealer in lumber. About 1851 he married Sarah Banks, but was soon left a widower with three children, viz.: Annie E. (wife of Charles Paull), Clinton E. and William T. His present wife was Jane Timberman, by whom he has had one child—Samuel C. Mr. Surrey has never belonged to any political party but the Republican. He was a Union man during the war, and a member of the militia in Ohio, belonging to the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio Regiment. He is a Master Mason, and himself and wife are united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a self-made man, and one of the leading merchants and citizens of Knox County.

George S. Sykes was born in the State of New York, where he grew to manhood. He immigrated westward with his parents, residing for a number of years in Ohio, and later removing to Missouri, which has since been his home. Farming has since been his principal occupation throughout life, and in this vocation he has been reasonably successful. He is married, has a family of children, and is recognized as a good citizen.

John E. Thacher, a leading business man of Knox County, was born in Canada, November 18, 1839, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Sciens) Thacher. The father was born in New Jersey in 1805, and moved to Canada when quite young, where he remained until 1868, then came to Macon County, Mo., where he lived upon a farm about seven years, and then came to

Novelty, Knox County, where he has since resided, and is engaged in wagon-making. The mother of our subject was born in Canada in 1819, and lived with her parents until her marriage with Jacob Thacher in 1837. She died in Novelty, Knox Co., Mo., a short time ago. Our subject has made Knox County his home ever since he accompanied his parents here. His wife, Nancy (Fight) Thacher, is a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Reuben Fight, a native of Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Thacher no children have been born. Our subject has been engaged in the drug business at Novelty over thirteen years, and in that time has established a good trade, and carries a large and fine stock of goods, ranking among the leading merchants of Novelty. He is a Republican, but voted the Democratic ticket the last presidential election. He has never sought nor held office.

Jacob Thomas, the wealthiest man in this section of the country, and one of the most honored and esteemed, is a son of Peter Thomas, a native of Virginia, but of German descent, and was unable to speak a word of English at the age of eight years. Peter Thomas accompanied his parents to Ross County, Ohio, in 1808, where he received a limited education at the neighboring schools, and where he, in later years, was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Weider, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Weider, of Ross County. Peter Thomas made farming his chief occupation throughout life. In 1825 he moved to Pickaway County, Ohio, where he resided until 1845, and then moved to Adams County, Ill., where he lost his wife in a few years. This lady was a devout and earnest Christian woman. After the death of Mrs. Thomas, Peter moved to Augusta, where he made his home with his daughter, Margaret May. Mr. Thomas was a man of remarkable constitution, courage and determination. At the time of the war of 1812 he wished to enlist and fight for his country, but was rejected on account of his youth. Nothing undaunted, he applied a second time, was accepted, and served in the above-named war under Col. Entricon. In politics Mr. Thomas was a Whig in the days of that party, but in 1856 became a strong Republican. He was an enthusiastic and ardent admirer of great and good men, of whom, in his estimation, Lincoln was one of the first. He was the father of ten children, nine of whom he raised to maturity, and all but two of whom are now living. His son, Nelson, died in infancy of the whooping-cough, and Michael lost his life by being caught under a falling bank. Our subject, Jacob Thomas, was the eldest of the ten children, and was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1820, but was reared principally in Pickaway County, Ohio, where he received but a meager education. He came to Adams County, Ill., with his parents in

1845, and in May, 1848, was married to Miss Elizabeth Strickler, of Scotch-German descent, and a native of Westmoreland County, Penn. Jacob and wife made their home at his father-in-law's while they improved some land which Jacob had selected, and which consisted of 160 acres, which Peter Thomas purchased for \$200, and presented to his son. By the following fall the land was improved to some extent, and a nice cottage built, in which the newly married couple moved, and, in the language of our subject, spent "their happiest days and looked forward to as an abode of quiet and rest," but the duties and care of their happy and busy life have been so great and many that complete quiet and rest have never been found. Mr. Thomas spent eight successful years upon his highly improved farm in Adams County, Ill., to which he had added more land, and in 1854-55, in partnership with J. Pierce and S. McGinnis, he purchased 900 head of Texas cattle at a cost of \$2,800 for each man, and after the cattle had eaten all of Mr. Thomas' provisions, Mr. McGinnis called for a division, which was soon made, each receiving a third of the stock. In regard to the choice of cattle, they agreed to separate them in pairs and toss up, which they did, and Mr. Thomas proved to be the fortunate one. He was afterward offered \$500 to boot to exchange, but refused the offer. Fortune favored Mr. Thomas all through his cattle transactions, and in a comparatively short time he had cleared \$4,000 which gave him his real start in life. From time to time he borrowed different sums of money from his friends, by whom he was highly valued and esteemed, and who proved their implicit confidence in his integrity by loaning him the money without security, he giving only his personal note. Among these friends may be mentioned Henry Whitford and Mason Wallace, and it may here be said that Mr. Thomas never violated the confidence placed in him, and can proudly say that he has never defrauded any one in any way. From the time of his cattle transactions our subject continued to be successful, although he at times met with minor losses, but, being a man of perseverance and courage, soon overcame these. In 1856 he sold his property in Illinois, crossed the Father of Rivers, and spent the following winter on the Bourn farm near La Belle, Lewis County. In the summer of 1856 he purchased 1,600 acres of land in Knox County, Mo., at \$5.25 per acre, and about 200 acres of timber at \$9 per acre, out of which he superintended the making of 18,000 rails the following winter. After building a log cabin he and his family moved to Knox County in 1857, where he immediately engaged in farming and stock raising, and is now one of the best examples of what an enterprising and energetic business man may accom-



plish in that line that this country can offer. At the time of his settlement in Knox County there were none of the fine schools and prosperous towns of the present, and he was obliged to work his way through many hardships and privations which are always incident to pioneer life. He was also deprived of the educational advantages and business training, which are such great helps to success in life, and all his present wealth is due to his own energy, intelligence, resolution and economy, which were rendered more effective by the brave and faithful assistance of his good wife, without whose aid it is doubtful if he would ever have attained his present prosperous condition. Mr. Thomas considers the two great essentials to business success "honesty and industry." At the present writing he is probably worth between \$150,000 and \$200,000. His farm is one of the finest in this part of the country, and consists of 2,500 acres in one tract, under a fine state of cultivation. He is an extensive dealer in fine stock, and owns a full-blooded English horse known as "Magician," No. 3206, of which he has just cause to be proud. He has a full-blooded Cruickshank bull named "Knight of Aberdeen 3d," and a fine Kentucky jack. Mr. Thomas is at present making a specialty of the rearing of roadster horses. Mr. Thomas, whose wife was a member of the Methodist Church, was left a widower in 1881. To this union four children were born: Whitmer, Austin (who died in infancy), Wilber and Clark. Whitmer, of Atchison County, Mo., married Miss Dewitt, whose parents formerly resided in Palmyra, Marion County. Wilber is an extensive manufacturer of wire fence in Quincy, and his wife is a daughter of William D. and Elizabeth Dell, the former being deceased. They have two children: Earl and Harry. Clark, who is yet unmarried, is a young man highly esteemed, and lives with his father. His sons inherit their father's sociable and hospitable disposition, and like him are highly respected by the community.

James H. Thompson, an old and prominent citizen of Knox County, is a native of Mason County, Ky., and was born March 11, 1813, and is a son of Archibald and Margaret (Blair) Thompson. The father was born near Londonderry County, Ireland, and died in Brown County, Ohio, in 1852, at the age of seventy-five. He came to America before the war of 1812, with his parents, and settled in Westmoreland County, Penn. He served during the above mentioned war, and when a young man went to Mason County, Ky., where he was married, and remained in that State until 1822, when he removed to Brown County, Ohio. He was a stone mason and plasterer by trade. The Blair family came from Scotland before the Revolutionary war, and located in Pennsyl-

vania. Our subject's grandfather served in the war, and was at the battles of Bunker Hill and Brandywine. Margaret Blair was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., and died in Brown County, Ohio, about 1840. Our subject had a sister Eleanor, who is now dead. He was educated in Kentucky and Ohio, and at an early date began the life of a farmer. In 1864 he moved from Ohio to Knox County, Mo., where he purchased the land he now owns, consisting of 400 acres of finely improved land, upon which is a handsome residence and large barns. During the late war he volunteered in the Union service, but on account of age was allowed to serve only as a recruiting officer. In 1863 he accompanied the army to Mississippi, and was near when the battle of Holly Springs was fought. In 1836 he was united in marriage to Susan Pickering, a daughter of Henry Pickering, a soldier in the war of 1812. This lady was born December 5, 1814, in Brown County, Ohio, and to her nine children have been born: Eleanor, Margaret J., Lyman V., Joseph H., William M., Mary E., James S., John F. and Jessie. Of these but three are living. William M. died from exposure during the siege of Vicksburg. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but were formerly united with the Christian Church. They are both highly respected citizens, and have won the esteem of the entire community. Mr. Thompson was a Democrat until the nomination of Buchanan, but has since supported the Republican party, and was the first man in Brown County, Ohio, who named Abraham Lincoln's name for President. He is a public-spirited man, and donates liberally to public enterprises.

William G. Throckmorton, a substantial farmer of Knox County, is a native of Bourbon County, Ky., and was born in 1837. His father, Thomas, and his mother, Lucinda E. (McKim), were both natives of the same State, and married in 1825, in Bourbon County. In 1841 they immigrated to Boone County, Mo., where they lived a few years and then moved to Lewis County, where the father died upon his farm at the age of eighty-five. The widow is still living on the old homestead in Lewis County at the age of seventy-seven, but vigorous in mind and body. Both Mr. and Mrs. Throckmorton were united with the Christian Church. Our subject is the third son of a family of thirteen, ten of whom are living. He was reared, principally, upon his father's farm in Lewis County, where his educational advantages were somewhat limited. At about the age of twenty he became the manager of his widowed sister's (Elizabeth Smith) estate, which he controlled about a year, and, as long as he remained unmarried, continued to live with some of the family

engaged in farming. In the fall of 1865 he was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda, who was born in 1845, and who is the daughter of Samuel Washburn, a farmer of Knox County, Mo. The young couple lived with Mr. Washburn several years, and then purchased land in Lewis County, Mo., where they resided about four years. During this time Mr. and Mrs. Washburn, who were both members of the Baptist Church, died, and our subject bought the old homestead from the heirs, which he is now possessor of, and which is one of the most attractive farms in Knox County, consisting of about 260 acres of well-improved land. To Mr. and Mrs. Throckmorton six children were born: Virgie, James, John T. (deceased), Hosea, Lillie E. and William E. Mr. Throckmorton is a Democrat, and a member of the A. H. T. A., and both himself and wife are members of the Christian Church, he joining the same in 1858, and his wife in 1866.

A. A. Towson was born in Franklin County, Penn., March 4, 1832. His father, Johnzee Towson, is a native of Maryland, and of Scotch-Irish descent, and his mother, Sarah (Snyder) Towson, is a native of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. The father farmed in Pennsylvania, and also engaged in distilling, but finally in November, 1841, after making several prospective trips to Missouri, located in that country, where he engaged in coopering and farming until 1849, when he was attacked by the gold fever, and started for California, where he died the following year, at which time he owned over 800 acres of valuable land in Northeast Missouri. In politics he was a Whig. Our subject, A. A., began life for himself at the age of eighteen, and having arrived in California too late to see his father alive he remained there some ten or more years, when he returned to his old home, and engaged in merchandising in Newark for two years. He then married Miss Rachel Manning, a native of this county, and daughter of Samuel Manning, of English descent. After his marriage he farmed near Newark for two years, and then engaged in the drug business at that place, which he afterward sold out and embarked in the dry goods trade with F. B. Snyder, an uncle, under the firm name of Snyder & Towson, but in 1876 bought out the uncle's interest, and conducted the business alone until 1879, when he moved his stock to Knox City where he sold an interest this spring to Z. A. Lear. This firm now does the leading dry goods business of the town, their sales amounting to about \$20,000 per annum. Mr. Towson also runs the postoffice. Twenty-five years have passed since the wedding day of our subject, and this union has been blessed with three children: Jesse H., Maggie V. and Louis H., all living with their parents. Our subject is a Democrat, and belongs to the Ma-

sonic fraternity. His wife is a Baptist, but he inclines toward the Universalist faith. He is now very comfortably fixed, and owns a nice residence, several lots, a store house in Knox City, and a small farm at Newark.

W. H. Turner, a well-to-do farmer of Jeddo Township, was born in Lewis County, Mo., in 1850, and is a son of John Turner, a native of Kentucky, and Martha (Smith) Turner, a native of Virginia. The father immigrated to Missouri, and located near Monticello in 1840, and afterward married the mother of our subject, who was an infant when her parents came to this county. John Turner still lives upon his farm near Monticello, which consists of about 500 acres of land which is the result of his labor and management, although a great part of his success is due to the assistance of his faithful wife. He is now seventy years of age, and Mrs. Turner is twelve years his junior. He is an active Democrat, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a prominent citizen of Lewis County. Our subject is the eldest child of a family of ten living children, four being dead. Being the eldest a great share of the care of the farm fell upon him, and he remained with his father until the age of twenty-two, receiving in the meantime only a common-school education. Between the age of twenty-two and twenty-nine our subject engaged in farming and stock trading on his own account, upon a limited scale, his means being few. He was also foreman on the Cairo & Fulton Railroad a few months. In 1880 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Jacob Jones, a farmer and stock raiser of Lewis County, and after renting a farm for two years, our subject bought land in Knox County. This farm which contained over 500 acres he sold last spring, but now owns about 125 head of fine blooded stock, and is an active stock trader. To Mr. and Mrs. Turner four children have been born: Carrie V., Fannie J., Charles L. and John J. Mr. Turner is a Democrat, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a man well liked and spoken of in the community in which he lives.

Thomas Jefferson Van Horn, a resident of Liberty Township, Knox Co., Mo., was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, August 28, 1849, his father being Isaac Van Horn [see sketch]. Our subject was reared on the farm by his parents, and received a good common-school education. He accompanied his father to Knox County, Mo., in 1866, and there attended the State Normal School at Kirksville, preparing himself to teach, which profession he followed several years during his younger life. March 9, 1881, he was united in matrimony to Miss Martha J. Hannah, daughter of William J. Hannah, of Shelton Township. In February, 1882, he settled upon his present farm three and a half miles

east of Edina, where he has since successfully followed farming and stock raising. His farm consists of 390 acres of well improved land, 340 acres under high cultivation: His residence and out-buildings are among the best in the county. Mr. Van Horn has two living children by his marriage with Miss Hannah, viz.: Carrie and Jesse. Mr. Van Horn is a Democrat, and takes an active interest in all laudable enterprises of the county, being recognized as one of the most eminent and substantial citizens of Liberty Township.

John E. Walker, a resident of Edina, Mo., was born in Marion County, of the same State, February 6, 1844, and is a son of William R. and Lydia (Sanders) Walker, both natives of Kentucky. The father immigrated to Missouri early in the decade of the thirties, and was for a number of years a magistrate at Philadelphia, Marion County, where he died in 1877. The mother died about 1870. Eight children were born to them, viz.: Wallace E.; Emily (deceased); Mary, the wife of George Kincaid; Elizabeth, wife of Owen Mendenhall; Susan, wife of William Parks; Louisa, wife of Thomas Rollins; James F. and John E. Our subject was reared to manhood in his native county, and served in the Confederate Army during the late war under Porter in his Northeast Missouri campaign. He came to Knox County in 1867, locating on a farm in Bee Ridge, where he lived a number of years. In 1880 he removed to a farm north of Edina, where he now resides, but has spent four years in the town. In 1883 he was instrumental in establishing the Edina Creamery Company, in which he has been a large stockholder and the active business manager of, and it may be said that the success of this establishment is due, in a large sense, to the good management of Mr. Walker. April 20, 1867, he married Elizabeth Hamilton, a native of Indiana, by whom he has one son--William E. Mr. Walker is a Democrat, and has been a member of the city council two years. He is recognized as one of the most reliable business men of the county.

William Welsh, one of the most prominent and influential men of Knox County, is a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and born August 16, 1842. He is a son of Patrick G. and Margaret J. (Eagleson) Welsh. The Welsh family is of Scotch descent. The father of our subject was a native of the same county as his son. He traveled for the firm of Van Burgen & Co., of New York, exporters of sugar and molasses, and crossed the Atlantic eleven times. A great portion of his time was spent at New Orleans, and along the coast, receiving goods. He came to America, and became a citizen of the United States in October, 1830. He afterward returned to his native land, married, and

brought his family to America in 1850. He first located at New Orleans, and in 1852 removed his family to a farm in Adams County, Ill., and in 1856 became a resident of Knox County, Mo., which was afterward his home, although his business kept him on the road a great deal of the time. He died September 10, 1870, in Edina, Mo., at the age of eighty. In youth he learned the cooper's trade, at which he worked but very little. He was a member of the Catholic Church. His wife, Margret J. Eagle-son, was born in Scotland, and died in Quincy, Ill., when our subject was quite young. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject is one of three sons—Daniel, William and Charles P. He received his education in the public schools of Quincy, Ill., and those of Knox County, Mo. Since boyhood he has been engaged in farming and stock raising in the neighborhood where he now resides. Mr. Welsh began life a poor boy, but with industry, determination and good management has succeeded in accumulating a comfortable home, and some valuable real estate. His homestead of 560 acres is beautifully and advantageously located, well improved and cultivated. In 1878 he was one of the two regular Democratic nominees that were elected to the assessorship of Knox County. In the year following he assessed the county, and also in 1880, but since then has taken no active part in politics. In 1864 he wedded Lucy A. Reid, daughter of John and Phœbe (Cracraft) Reid. Her father was born December 25, 1809, in Mason County, Ky., where he was reared and married. He immigrated to Missouri in 1835, and settled in Monroe County, and later came to the neighborhood in which our subject now resides. He was one of the pioneers of this locality, an honest and industrious man, and well esteemed by all who knew him. He died December 18, 1879. Mrs. Reid was born in 1818, in Mason County, Ky., and now resides in Shelby County, Mo. She was the mother of five children, Mrs. Welsh being the youngest. She was born in the year 1844, within half a mile of where she now lives. To her union with Mr. Welsh one son and one daughter have been born: Ivy E., now the wife of Robert E. Lee Greenley, of Knox County, and John W., who resides at home. Mr. and Mrs. Welsh are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Welsh is an Odd Fellow, a Democrat, and is one of the foremost men of his county.

Fred J. Wilson, of Edina, son of the late Judge E. V. Wilson, was born in Edina, September 7, 1863. He was educated in the public schools of this town and the college, and worked at clerical duties several years in the offices of the sheriff and collector, and for a time also in his father's law office. Since the fall of 1885 he has been with the bank of Edina, as bookkeeper and secretary.

December 7, 1886, he was married to Miss Lillie O., daughter of the late Rev. George C. Brown, a Baptist minister of Paris, Mo. Our subject is a Republican, a member of the city council, and one of the enterprising and successful young men of the town. His father's family was as follows: Minnie, William (stock dealer at Quincy), Vick C., George E. (grain dealer, of Hartland, Kas.), Sophia (wife of Dr. T. A. Campbell, of Grainfield, Kas.), Fred J. (our subject), Kate W. (wife of J. W. Campbell, hardware merchant, of Grainfield, Kas.), Charles I. and Frank A. Judge Elias V. Wilson was born in Butler County, Ohio, February 17, 1824, being a son of John K. Wilson, who for many years was a prominent man of that county. At the age of sixteen years he entered Miami University, from which institution he graduated with honor in 1843, and immediately entered the law office of John B. Weller, of Hamilton, Ohio, where he remained engaged in study until 1846, when he was admitted to the bar, and immediately began the practice of his profession at Hamilton. Upon the breaking out of the war with Mexico, he and an elder brother, William, enlisted, William being elected lieutenant, and E. V., sergeant of their company. After three months' service the latter was attacked with Brazos fever, was honorably discharged, and sent home. In 1847 he married Jane, the eldest daughter of Joshua Delaplane, of Hamilton, Ohio, and soon afterward immigrated to Missouri, stopping at Tully, Lewis County, early in 1849. Early in the decade of the fifties he removed to Edina, Knox County, where he resided until his death. In 1853 he was appointed by the county court to organize the schools of Knox County, and for a number of years served as county attorney. In 1856, after a warm canvass, he was elected representative to the General Assembly. When the great Rebellion broke out he espoused the cause of the Union, and raised and commanded a company of Home Guards, and upon the organization of the Second Regiment of Northeast Missouri Reserve Corps he was made major. During the years 1863-64 he was employed in the service of the Government in the capacity of assistant provost-marshal, and in 1864 was elected to the State Senate, where he served with marked ability during the stormy sessions of 1864-65. In April, 1865, he was appointed by Gov. Fletcher to fill the vacancy in the judgeship of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, occasioned by the promotion of David Wagner, his predecessor to the supreme bench, and in 1868 he was elected to the same position for the full term of six years, retiring from the bench in 1875. During this entire service of nearly ten years he never failed to hold a term of court provided for by law, and often held special terms, and this too, when there were no

railroads in the district. In 1869 he took an active part in the organization of the Q. M. & P. Railroad, of which company he was for some time a director. After his retirement from the bench in 1875 he resumed the practice of law, and remained actively engaged until 1878, when a partial loss of his eyesight occasioned his gradual withdrawal from business. For several years prior to, and at the time of, his death, he was president of the bank of Edina. On Monday, October 5, 1885, while removing a heavy board from a plank fence, he received a severe bruise and a very slight abrasion of the skin on the back of the right hand, but paid little attention to the wound. On Tuesday the hand pained him excessively, and Dr. Nelson was called in, though no serious result was apprehended. For several years the Judge's health had been failing and his constitution seemed breaking up, and now this wound, though slight, seemed to deprive him of all energy. Every attention was given him, yet, notwithstanding this, erysipelas set in, and the symptoms becoming more alarming, Dr. L. S. Brown was sent for, and the two physicians did all in their power to alleviate the sufferings of the Judge. Dr. Bassett, of Quincy, and Dr. Gregory, of St. Louis, were summoned, and after consultation it was decided to lay open the hand, which was accordingly done, but without noticeable benefit. He declined steadily until death relieved him of his sufferings. He was buried with Masonic honors and ceremonies, a large assemblage of friends and relatives being present. He left a widow, six sons and three daughters to mourn his death.

Robert White was born in Southampton, Mass., in 1845. His father, William White, was a native of Roxbury (now a part of Boston), and was of English descent. His mother was Anna Dady, a native of Southampton, Mass., who was of Scotch descent. William White was by trade a tanner and currier, but spent most of his life on a farm. In 1847 he emigrated from Southampton, Mass., to Knox County, Mo., when Robert was ten years old. Here the subject of this sketch spent his early years with his father on the farm. He taught school one year, and attended school at La Grange one winter, and at Jacksonville, Ill., two years, graduating in the scientific course of Illinois College in the class of 1869. He next engaged in the study and profession of a civil engineer, but after about five years spent in map and railroad work he abandoned this profession, and engaged in the grain and lumber business at Knox City, Mo., where he has since resided. In 1880 he was married to Julia Musgrove, a native of Scotland County, and daughter of Ludwill Musgrove, an enterprising farmer of that county. They have one



child—Sumner. In politics Mr. White has been a Republican, of the Charles Sumner stripe, but of late years he has been an Independent or "Mugwump," voting for St. John in 1884.

William W. Wonderley, a substantial farmer of Knox County, is a native of Augusta County, Va., and was born April 3, 1828. He is the youngest of seven children of David and Nancy (Layman) Wonderly, who were natives of Augusta County, Va., where they were reared and married. When our subject was two years old they moved to Allegany County, Md., where they resided until he was sixteen years old, and then returned to Virginia, residing at Rowlesburg, Preston County, until their deaths. The father was a farmer, in which occupation he was engaged all his life. Our subject attended the common schools of his native State, and began life for himself at the age of twenty-two. He then worked on the B. & O. Railroad, which was then in the course of construction, and helped measure from Cumberland to Wheeling. At the expiration of four years, at the time of the completion of the road, he embarked in the mercantile business at Rowlesburg, in company with his brother, and in the fall of 1857 settled in Knox County, Mo., when he soon married Nancy, daughter of James and Rachel (Lemons) Rollings, a native of Harrison County, Ky., where she was born April 5, 1830, her marriage with our subject occurring August 9, 1859. He then settled upon the farm now owned by Charles Morey, situated in the northern part of Shelton Township, where he lived nine years, and in the spring of 1867 moved upon the farm where he now resides. To Mr. and Mrs. Wonderley eight children were born, the following seven still living: George and Emma (twins), Mary, John, Henry, Julia and Ada. Mrs. Wonderley was the widow of Benjamin F. Ashby, when she married our subject, and her first union was blessed with two children, one of whom is living, Martha, the wife of John Wesley Howk. Our subject now owns a fine farm of 240 acres, besides twenty acres of woodland. When he settled upon this land it was a vast wilderness, but by persistent efforts and hard labor he has converted it into a good farm, well improved, and under a fine state of cultivation. He is one of Shelton Township's most respected citizens, and a member of the Labor party, whose principles he has sustained ever since the organization of the Greenback party. He cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan in 1856, and previous to the war was a Democrat. He is a member of the church of the United Brethren, while his daughters Emma, Mary and Julia are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Francis M. Woodward, of Edina, was born in Oneida County,

N. Y., December 7, 1838, and is a son of John and Fannie (Clark) Woodward, natives of Connecticut. The parents of our subject both died in Oneida County when he was but a lad of ten. Five sons and four daughters were raised to maturity, viz.: Susan, wife of Elijah Caswell, of Oneida County, N. Y.; Abbie, deceased; Asa C., M. D., of Spaulding, Greeley Co., Neb.; Samuel B., who died in this county; Daniel N., of Knox County; Weltha Ann, wife of Elijah K. Harris, of this county; John H. Woodward, of Shelby County, and Fannie, widow of Alonzo Heller, late of Baltimore, Md. Francis M. was reared to manhood in his native State, where he learned the carriage and sleigh-maker's trade in his youthful days, but, after serving four years' apprenticeship, never followed the business. He also studied medicine in his youth, and came west to Iowa in the winter of 1857, studying and practicing medicine in that State about two years. In the spring of 1859 he came to Knox County, and located at Novelty, reading with Thomas Rockwell, M. D., and remained at that place until the war broke out, when, in January, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Third Missouri Cavalry (John N. Glover) Regiment, but on account of poor health, served as clerk in the quartermaster's department until the expiration of his term of three years' service. After the war he spent four years working in Quincy, Ill., and in the spring of 1870 engaged in the agricultural implement business at Novelty, Knox County, but removed to Edina in 1874, where he has conducted this business, and handled grass seed in a highly successful manner up to the present, being one of the largest dealers in this line of trade in Edina. December 22, 1874, he married Eliza Clark, a native of Quincy, Ill., and to this union two children are now living: Charles A. and George F. Two sons were lost by death. Mr. Woodward has been a Republican since the existence of that party, but of late years has been strictly independent in his politics. He is a member of the G. A. R., and in religion is liberal. Besides being a prominent business man, Mr. Woodward owns and manages a good farm in Bourbon Township.

Dr. M. F. Wright, a leading and prominent physician of Colony Township, was born in Jefferson Township, Clark Co., Mo., October 16, 1840, and is a son of Moses and Mary W. (Taylor) Wright. The father was a native of South Carolina, and born September 20, 1800. When quite young he accompanied his parents from his native State to Adair County, Ky., where he was married about 1829, and with his family moved to Illinois, where he remained but a few months, and then removed to Van Buren County, Iowa, and a few years later again changed his residence, going to Clark County, Mo., of which he was one

of the first settlers. His occupation through life was that of farming, but served as magistrate for many years, the duties of which office he was discharging at the time of his death, October 3, 1860. Our subject's mother was a cousin of Zachariah Taylor, and a daughter of George Taylor. She was born in Adair County, Ky., November 25, 1801, and died at the residence of her son, our subject, March 1, 1885. Both she and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church before its division, and then joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Our subject is the eighth of a family of nine children, of whom seven are living, and received his education at the common schools of Clark County. In 1859 he began to study medicine at Fairmont, under Dr. J. E. Henry, but in August, 1861, left his studies to join Company B, of Green's Regiment, Missouri State Guards, but served only a short time. In 1862 he again resumed his studies, this time in Colony, Knox County, under Dr. W. H. Martin. In 1864-65 he attended lectures at the Keokuk Medical College, and has since been engaged in the practice of his chosen profession at Colony, first in partnership with his preceptor, and now by himself. February 14, 1866, he married Ruth J. McReynolds, of Knox County, Mo., daughter of Josiah and Mary (Pugh) McReynolds, to which union four sons and three daughters have been born, all of whom are living. In politics our subject is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Joseph Zink, a native of Auglaize County, Ohio, was born in 1840, and is a son of Joseph Zink, a native of Germany, who immigrated to the United States with his family, and settled in Ohio in 1833, where the parents died. The father was killed by an accident which occurred by the falling of a log while he was engaged in raising a building, and his widow survived him but a few years. Our subject was reared in his native county, and is a second son of a family of nine children, only four of whom are living. At the age of seventeen he began to serve an apprenticeship of three years at the carpenter's trade under James Nolan, of Piqua, Ohio. During the rebellion he enlisted in Company A, Eighth Indiana Infantry, under Capt. T. J. Brady, and fought in the battles of Pea Ridge, Port Gibson, Champion's Hill, Black River, Siege of Vicksburg, Siege of Jackson and others. In 1864 he received an honorable discharge, and worked with James Nolan one year, after that working at his trade two years in Indianapolis. He then returned to his native State, and followed his trade for a number of years. He was there united to Miss Josephine Safford, a native of the same

county, and to this marriage two children were born, both of whom are now dead. In two years his wife died, and three years later he married Miss Lydia A. McFarland, a native of Anglaize County, and daughter of William H. McFarland, a native of Pennsylvania, and of Irish descent. In 1876 Mr. Zink removed to Knox Connty, Mo., where he has since resided. To Mr. and Mrs. Zink one child, Joseph, has been born. While not an old resident of Knox County, Mr. Zink has become identified with the better class of citizens here, and is well spoken of as an honorable business man and an agreeable neighbor. He takes an active interest in public affairs, and in politics is a Republican. He is at present the owner of a good farm of 326 acres of well improved land, and is a substantial farmer of the county. Himself and wife are members of the Catholic Church.

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## SCOTLAND COUNTY.

John Q. Adams, one of the largest land owners of Scotland County, was born in Adams County, Ohio, on November 7, 1829. He is the third of seven children born to the marriage of Robert Adams and Nancy Oxyer. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and his parents, John and Susan Adams, came to Adams County, Ohio, in 1804, and reared their family there. Robert Adams followed the business of farming, and also carried on a tannery. He was twice married, the first time to a Miss Elizabeth Baird, November 11, 1813. To them were born six children, viz.: Julia Anna, James H., Mary Jane B., Emily S., Moses N. and Rebecca Elizabeth. The second marriage was to Miss Nancy Oxyer, the mother of our subject, January 24, 1824. To this union were born seven children named as follows: William H. H., Michael A. T., John Quincy, Robert C., Alexander, Sarah A. and Chambers. The mother of our subject is still living, and is about eighty-five years of age. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Michael Oxyer, was one of the early settlers of Kentucky, and was, at the age of seventeen years, tomahawked, scalped and left by the Indians. He recovered, however, and lived to the age of ninety-five years. John Q. remained at home until reaching his majority, and in the spring of 1851 removed to Illinois, locating in Hancock County. In 1854 he came to Scotland County, and located near his present residence, where he entered a tract of 240 acres of land. His

first house, a log-cabin, is still standing. In 1872 he erected a handsome residence, and the next year built one of the best barns in the county at a cost of \$3,000. When he reached Quincy, Ill., he had less than \$300, but by industry and superior business ability he has succeeded in accumulating a handsome competency. He owns 1,100 acres of land well stocked and improved. In May, 1886, he established a store at Lawn Ridge which he has since continued. He was married, December 5, 1850, to Margaret A. McEldowney, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of William and Jane (Thomas) McEldowney. To their union have been born seven children: Nancy J. (Mrs. Oscar Hamilton), Charles T., William A., Robert L., Oscar E. John Q., Jr., and George B. Mrs. Adams' entire family are members of the Christian Church.

Solomon Allen, sheriff, was born in Wetzel County, W. Va., February 15, 1843, the son of John and Rebecca (Goddard) Allen, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. Solomon was about nine years old when his father died, and the mother afterward married a William Coen. She died in Brown County, Ind., February 20, 1884. Her children by her first marriage are Dorcas, William, Sarah J. (wife of B. F. Poslethwait), our subject, George W., James A. and Daniel W.; five also are deceased. Solomon was reared to manhood, in his native county, with a limited education. He served in Company C, Fifteenth Virginia Infantry (Federal) as corporal during part of the years of 1862 and 1863. In 1865 he came to Scotland County, where he has since been a prominent farmer, stock raiser and stock shipper, in which he has been successful. His estate embraces 247 acres of good land, well improved. He was elected to his present position in November, 1886, on "the tax payers ticket." November 5, 1863, he married Jemima Wise, a native of Monongalia County, W. Va. Their children were Luther M., Julia V. (deceased), Mary L. and Friend Arthur. Our subject is a follower of the Democracy. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and he and his wife hold to the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Barker Brothers are dealers in groceries, queensware, glassware, provisions, etc., and include James T. and William Robert Lee Barker. They are the sons of John H. Barker, who was born October 6, 1822, the son of Leonard and Elizabeth (Holeman) Barker, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The father was reared in his native State, and in 1858 came to this county, and located on a farm near Memphis. Just after the war he came to this place, and engaged in the mercantile, drug, and livery business at different times, until within about eight

years, when he retired from active life. The mother, Mary J. Conyers, was united to him in 1860. She is a native of Adams County, Ill. The parents have long been members of the Christian Church. The father is a Democrat, and also a Master Mason. The brothers are their only children, and began their present business in May, 1885. Their main store at Memphis is under the management of William R. L., while James T. has control of their branch store at Bible Grove.

John W. Barnes, cashier of the Scotland County National Bank, was born in Steuben County, N. Y., May 9, 1837, the son of Washington and Deidamia (Knox) Barnes, natives of New York. Our subject came west in 1856, and followed bookkeeping in Warsaw, Ill., and also engaged in steamboating and manufacturing. In 1861 he enlisted in Company G, second Illinois Cavalry, and served until January, 1866, when he was mustered out as assistant adjutant-general of volunteers with the rank of major. He served mostly on Gen. G. M. Dodge's staff. He came to Memphis in 1872, and was instrumental in organizing the Scotland County Bank, which was made a national bank in 1879. He is one of its largest stockholders, and its cashier at present. In 1866 he married Jannette L. Miller of Warsaw, Ill. Their children are Robert M., Louise and Josephine. Our subject is a Republican in his political views.

E. Russell Bartlett, attorney at law, was born in Nauvoo, Ill., February 27, 1849, the son of Bryant and Louisa M. (Russell) Bartlett, natives of New York and Vermont, respectively. The father came to Greene County, Ill., at an early day, and followed mercantile pursuits. He afterward became United States marshal, and moved to Nauvoo, Ill., in 1847. In 1851 he laid out the town of Hamilton, Ill. He lived there until 1870, when he removed to and laid out Clark City, Mo. He died there April 1, 1884. From 1850 until his death he was extensively engaged in the real estate business, and left considerable wealth. The mother died the year before her husband. Their children were Caroline L. (the wife of G. F. Rex), Flora C. (deceased wife of A. K. Loomis) and our subject. The latter spent five years in W. W. Jamison's Classical School, at Keokuk, and then entered Cornell University, of New York, from which he received the degree of B. S. in 1871. He has taken a six months' law course during this time, and afterward read thoroughly while in the real estate business with his father. He was admitted to the bar in 1872, and practiced in Clark County until 1875, when he came to Memphis. Since then he has been successfully engaged in his practice, and also extensively occupied in real estate and loan agency. He was married, December 28, 1873, to Laura E. Mill-

burn, a native of Ohio. Their children are Nellie I. and an infant son. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and is a strong advocate of the temperance cause, in which he formerly spent considerable time organizing lodges.

Bennett & Rudy, dealers in staple and fancy groceries, queensware, produce, etc., have been established for one year, and firm includes P. H. Bennett and C. D. Rudy. The former, Parley H. Bennett, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, December 19, 1844, the son of John G. and Melvina (Groome) Bennett, natives of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, respectively. Our subject was reared in his native county, where his mother now survives her husband. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He then began mercantile life as a clerk, and in January, 1867, came to Memphis, where, after clerking for three years, he went to Kahoka and engaged in the grocery and grain business. In 1876 he again returned to Memphis, and after three years in the grocery and grain business he engaged with Mr. Donnell in the hardware business. Since 1886 he has been associated with Mr. Rudy, and has succeeded in his various operations. December 26, 1869, he married Emma E. Rudy. He holds the political ideas of the Republican party, and is a member of the G. A. R. He is also identified with two fraternities, the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W. The other member of the firm, Charles D. Rudy, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, July 17, 1856. [A sketch of his parents, Jeremiah and Mary (Miller) Rudy, may be seen elsewhere.] Our subject came with his parents to this county in 1869, and received a fair education. At the age of sixteen he became a clerk with H. G. and A. H. Pitkin, and continued with them for thirteen years. It was in 1886 that he became a member of their present firm. They have a brick block of their own, and carry one of the largest and best selected stocks in the city, and control a large trade. Mr. Rudy is a Republican, and a member of the I. O. O. F.

Col. Joseph G. Best (deceased), occupying the position of county court clerk at the time of his death, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, May 8, 1838, the son of William and Mary (McCabe) Best, both of Scotch-Irish stock. Our subject came to the United States in 1839. He was reared and educated at Quincy, Ill., where he learned the brick mason's trade. After the death of his parents he came to Memphis, in 1859, and followed his trade until November, 1861. He then joined Company I, Twenty-first Missouri Volunteer Infantry, under Col. (now Gen.) David Moore and served until April, 1866. He became sergeant-major, first lieutenant, captain, major, lieutenant-colonel and colo-

nel, but was mustered out as lieutenant-colonel, on account of the numbers in his regiment. He had a colonel's commission, however. He returned to Memphis and followed his trade until 1873, when he entered the employ of the Scotland County National Bank as bookkeeper, and continued until his election in November, 1882, to the position he was holding at the time of his death, which office he filled in a highly creditable manner. He was reared with the political principles of a Whig, but after the war was a Democrat. June 24, 1866, he married Frances D., a daughter of Gen. David Moore. Their children are William D., Frances D., Seward, James McC. and Helen. Col. Best passed all the chairs in the I. O. O. F., and has been a representative of the Grand Lodge. He was Post Commander and Adjutant of the G. A. R. He died August 6, 1887, from injuries received by being thrown from his buggy.

Judge Joseph E. Billups was born in Virginia on June 15, 1820. He is the third of seven children born to the marriage of William and Jane (Garwood) Billups, natives of Virginia, from which State, on October 14, 1840, they came to Missouri, and located about one-fourth of a mile northeast from where our subject now lives. There they continued to live until the death of Mr. Billups, August 5, 1846. Joseph E. then became head of the family, and continued to support his mother until she died on April 10, 1855. The early educational advantages of Judge Billups was somewhat limited, but by much desultory reading and a large business experience he has acquired a thorough practical education. He began business for himself by purchasing a claim of 320 acres of land, to this he added from time to time until he now owns over 1,384 acres of as good land as there is in the county. He has long given his attention to stock raising, and at present he has over 246 head of cattle. All this property he has made by close application and hard labor, united with superior business ability. In 1886 the people desired a reform in local affairs, and formed what was called the "the tax payers ticket," and recognizing the ability and integrity of Mr. Billups nominated him for county judge. He was elected, and is now filling the position with satisfaction to all. December 25, 1851, he was united in matrimony to Mary A. Smith, a native of Kentucky, having been born near Elizabethtown, from which place she came with her parents about March 12, 1849, to Missouri. To their union have been born two children: Ida (born April 11, 1853), and William E., (born June 19, 1866). The former was married December 6, 1875, to C. E. Bull, now of Milton, Iowa. The latter is a graduate of Quincy Business College, and has attended schools at Kirksville, Burlington (Iowa,) and Columbia. He



afterward studied law at Lancaster, Mo. Judge Billups is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in politics is a Democrat, and it is safe to say no man stands higher in the estimation of the people.

J. H. Billups, merchant, was born May 25, 1846, and is the only son of Guinn and Frances J. (Boren) Billups, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter a native of Kentucky. The parents were one of the first couples married in Scotland County, where they had come with their parents. They located near Hydetown, and after the father's death, in 1848, the mother married R. H. Mudd, by whom she had five children, three of whom now survive. She died July 4, 1858. Our subject remained with his mother until her death, after which he made his home with his grandfather, J. D. Boren, and after two years there went to live with J. E. Billups. He was married, August 3, 1866, to Emily, a daughter of Nicholas Jones, one of the earliest settlers of the county. At the same time he purchased 200 acres of land, upon which he resided until his removal to his present home in 1880. Since August, 1886, he engaged in merchandising, together with farming. They are highly respected people, and have a family of six children, whose names are Dora, Maggie, Blanche, Benjamin, Walter and Sherman. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, while Mr. Billups' political faith is somewhat Republican, though not strongly partisan.

John J. Bourn, a well-to-do farmer and stock dealer of Scotland County, Mo., and a resident of Miller Township, was born in Howard County, Mo., September 17, 1836, son of John D. and Nancy (Higbee) Bourn. It is thought that the father was a native of Fayette County, Ky. He died in Scotland County, Mo., in the year 1878, when eighty-four years of age. He came from Lexington, Ky., to Howard County, Mo., at a very early date, and was one of the county's early settlers. In 1841 he moved to Scotland County, where he followed the plasterer's trade for some time. He then turned his attention to farming and to the office of magistrate, having been elected to that office, which he held for several years. His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The mother of our subject was a native of Fayette County, Ky., and at the time of her death, which occurred in July, 1868, was sixty-seven years of age. She was the daughter of Joseph Higbee, a native of Germany, who came to America before the Revolutionary war, and took part in that memorable struggle. The parents of our subject were members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and to their marriage were born eight children. He received a fair education in the schools

of Lewis County, Mo., and Davis County, Iowa. At the age of twenty-one he left his parents, and began to improve the property he now calls home. He remained a resident of Scotland County until 1865, when he made a tour westward, and worked in the mines near Virginia City, Mont. Since 1867 he has made Scotland County, Mo., his home. On the 24th of February, 1860, he wedded Miss Adeline Stewart, a native of Ohio, born September 9, 1839, and died in November, 1861. She was a daughter of William Stewart, and was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. To this marriage was born one son, James E. January 24, 1864, our subject married Julia A. Buford, a daughter of Henry P. Buford. She was born in Schuyler County, Mo., April 10, 1844, and by her marriage became the mother of two children, both sons: Robert H. and John D. The former is deceased. Our subject is a Freemason, is a decided advocate of the Democratic platform, and he and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Benjamin F. Bourn was born in this county September 26, 1841, the son of John D. and Nancy (Higbee) Bourn, natives of Virginia and Kentucky. The father came to this State about 1825, and in 1839 located in the northwest part of this county, where he followed farming until his death in October, 1877. The mother died in July, 1868. Their children are William, Joseph S., John J. and Benjamin F.; four are deceased. Our subject was trained as a farmer, and spent six years in the far west when a young man. He also worked at the carpenter's trade. In 1876 he was elected county judge for a term of six years. He served but two years, however, when the new law made it necessary for him to be re-elected for four years. He was president of the county court, and in 1882 became tax collector. In 1883 he came to Memphis, and has for the last two years been one of the firm of Smith, Bourn & Co., grocers and dealers in stone, glass, and queensware. The other members of the firm are T. M. Smith and T. McAllister. They have a fine stock, and do a large business. Our subject has also an estate of 280 acres of improved land. He was married in 1872 to Victoria A., the daughter of the late William Colvin. By his marriage with Nancy Arnett his children are Byron, Arthur, Maud, Benjamin and Culvin. Our subject was elected by his party, the Democracy, to his positions of public trust. He is a Royal Arch Mason.

Hon. William P. Browning, a prominent farmer of Scotland County, was born in Pike County, Ill., December 3, 1838. He is one of four sons and two daughters born to Caleb and Penelope (Power) Browning. The father was born in Kentucky in 1800, and did not move to Pike County, Ill., until 1830, when he became

one of the first settlers. He was very successful in his operations, and afterward removed to Iowa and finally, about 1878, removed to Kansas where he died. His wife had died in 1840, in Illinois, whither she had come from her native State—Kentucky. Our subject was only two years of age at her death, and lived with his brother on the old homestead until he reached his majority. His career as a teacher began when he was but eighteen years old, and was carried on in Brown and Macoupin Counties until his enlistment, August 3, 1861. He served in Company C, Twenty-seventh Illinois Infantry until September 20, 1864, when he was mustered out of service. He participated in the battles of Belmont, siege of Corinth, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, and numerous other places; was commissioned second lieutenant in November, 1863; he was captured at Chickamauga, but escaped the next evening, and returned to his command in Chattanooga. At Mission Ridge he was shot through both legs, and was not afterward able to perform military duty. He came to Scotland County in April, 1865, and purchased a farm which he has since increased from 270 to 310 acres. He gives a greater part of his attention to stock raising, especially cattle and mules. He has a fine barn also for this purpose, erected at a cost of \$2,500. He was married, November 15, 1866, to S. E. Harrington, a native of Pike County, Ill., and daughter of Martin and Catherine Harrington. Their children are Alfred H., Charles P., Albert C., Martin P., Mary E. and Annie M. Both Mr. and Mrs. Browning are members of the Christian Church. He is a prominent, and in local affairs an independent, Republican, and served from 1868 to 1870 as a representative in the Legislature. He is recognized as one of the leading and influential citizens.

Judge William W. Buford, a resident of Miller Township, and judge of the Western District of Scotland County, was born in Macoupin County, Ill., March 11, 1837, and is the son of Henry P. and Emily E. (Murley) Buford. The Buford family is of French descent. During the time of the expulsion of the Huguenots from France, the ancestors of our subject crossed the English channel to England, and their descendants came to America, and were among the first settlers of Virginia; their family distinguished themselves for gallant service rendered the United States during the struggle for independence. Since that time the Buford family have been noted politicians and soldiers. Thomas Buford the grandfather of our subject, was a native Virginian, and died while on his return from the army during the war of 1812. He was a lieutenant, and was a resident of Kentucky at the time of his death. Henry P. Buford was born in Lincoln County, Ky., June 2, 1798, and is now living in Schuyler County,

Mo. A few years after his marriage, and when a young man, he moved to Morgan County, Ill., from there to Macoupin County, Ill., afterward to Macon County, Mo., in 1840, and to Schuyler County, Mo., in 1842. While a resident of Macoupin County, Ill., he served several years as magistrate, and while in Schuyler County held the same position from the time the first court was held in that county until the breaking out of the war. Of his father's family he is the only one now living, and is not only one of the oldest settlers of the county but one of the oldest men, and can tell many interesting anecdotes of the early settling of Missouri. His first presidential vote was cast for Monroe, and since then he has been strictly Democratic in principle. In March, 1824, he married Emily Murley, a native of Cumberland County, Ky., born in 1801, and died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1879. While living in Kentucky both were members of the Christian Church, but after coming to Missouri, there being no church of that denomination, Mrs. Buford joined the Baptist Church. Thomas J. and our subject were twins and the sixth and seventh of a family of eleven children, eight now living. Our subject received a very liberal education during youth, and afterward made a tour of a number of the Western States. December 5, 1802, he returned and married Miss Margaret E. Hays, a native of Greene County, East Tenn., born in 1839, and died in Schuyler County, Mo., January 12, 1881. She was a daughter of Aaron and Catherine Hays, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Three children were the fruits of this union—all living, viz.: Thomas L. Mary C., and Elma C. Our subject rented land for three years after his marriage, after which he purchased land in Schuyler County, where he resided until 1881, when he sold out and purchased a large tract of some of the best land in Scotland County. In 1886 he was elected judge of the Western District of Scotland County. He is a member of the Christian Church, and is Democratic in his political views.

Hezekiah Bull, an enterprising farmer, was born in Highland County, Ohio, June 22, 1827. He is the fourth of a family of five sons and four daughters born to Walter and Margaret (Mount) Bull, natives of Ohio and New Jersey, respectively. They were married in Ohio, and lived upon a farm in Highland County until after the death of Mrs. Bull. The father then removed to Clermont County, where he married a second time, and had three children. Our subject remained at home until three or four years after the death of his mother. In his seventeenth year he began working on the farm by the month, and continued to do so for about six years. He was married, April 4, 1850, to Abigail E., a daughter of James and Mary (Somers) Burris, natives of

North Carolina. She was born in Marion County, Ind., where her parents resided until their death. In August, 1850, he came to Scotland County, and located on the land he now owns, about half a mile south of his present location, where he bought a claim of sixty-one acres; to this he has added from time to time, until he now owns 422 acres. In 1856 he moved to his present residence, which, within the last five years, he has made one of the finest in the country. He gives special attention to the raising of cattle, horses and hogs. During the war he belonged to the State militia. Their children are Marietta, Chandler E., Emily J., William W., Clara F., Hosea A., Lorena E., Minnie A., Evvie and Effie and Ernest G. Evvie died in 1870, aged nine months; William W. died in 1879, at the age of twenty-one; Minnie A. died in 1885, at the age of eighteen. Mr. Bull and his wife hold to the faith of the Universalist Church. Our subject is a Democrat, and is one of the substantial and highly esteemed residents of the country.

George Buskirk, county treasurer, was born in Grant County, Ky., September 26, 1812. He is the son of Lawrence and Mary A. (Norton) Buskirk. The grandfather was a Pennsylvanian, who went at an early date to Nicholas County, Ky., in one of which States the father was born. The name was originally Van Buskirk, but the prefix has been dropped. The mother was a Kentuckian. They came to the Northwest about 1838, and after three years in Adams County, Ill., they came to near Winchester, this State, and bought a farm. The father died in April, 1872, at the age of eighty-one years, and the mother followed him the next September, at about the age of eighty-two. Their children were George; Martha A., the wife of T. S. Myers; Eliza, the deceased wife of Judge Collins; William; Amanda (deceased wife of J. Morris, also deceased); and Armilda, the wife of J. Crook. Our subject was reared on a farm, and had the meager advantages of the old log schoolhouse. He left home in 1834, and two years later came to Missouri, and bought a claim when the land was not surveyed; the next year sold his claim, and settled three and a half miles east of Memphis, near Fort Donelson and Edinburg, where he has a fine estate of over 198 acres. Our subject is an "Old Hickory" Democrat, and has never wavered from those principles. He has served in various local offices, and in November, 1886, was elected to his present position by his party, and is serving in an efficient manner. He was married, on October 28, 1834, to Louisa Clark, of his native county, who died in August, 1876. They had a family of ten children, and those living are Lucinda, the wife of W. H. Walker; Mary J., the wife of A. B. Baker; Susanna, the wife of J. Gilbert; Elizabeth, the wife of L. S. Farmer, and William H.

James S. Busey, a prominent farmer and stock raiser in Harrison Township, was born in Shelby County, Ky., in 1824, moved to Champaign County, Ill., in 1848, and to Scotland County, Mo., in 1854, where he has since resided. He began life for himself a poor man at the age of twenty-one, and the property he now possesses is the result of his own labor and good management. He has a splendidly improved farm of 247 acres on which he resides. He was married in 1847 to Miss Caroline Webb, a daughter of Richard and Hester Webb, natives of Shelby County, Ky., and who afterward moved to DeWitt County, where they died. To Mr. and Mrs. Busey eight children have been born, viz.: Arthur (deceased), William H., two who died in infancy, Martha J. (deceased), Sarah (now Mrs. Worthington), Amanda (now Mrs. Hughes) and Richard (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Busey are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Busey has been a ruling elder for twelve years. He is a Democrat, and is the eldest of fourteen children of Arthur and Sarah Busey, natives of Shelby County, Ky. The former was a drummer in the war of 1812, under Gen. Jackson, and an active member of the Baptist Church. He was successfully engaged in farming all his life, and died about 1878. Mrs. Busey died in 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Busey were of Irish descent, and Mr. Busey was a son of Isaac Busey, a native of Virginia, and one of the early settlers of Shelby County, Ky. He afterward moved to Champaign County, Ill., where he died at the age of ninety.

Isaac J. Butler, Jr., a prominent farmer and stock raiser in Jefferson Township, was born November 24, 1842, in Scotland County, Mo., where he has since resided with the exception of eight months spent in Illinois, and four years he was in Nevada, during which time he was engaged in mining. The rest of his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He was reared on the farm, and began life for himself when he became of age. He was then a poor man, but by his energy and perseverance is now the owner of a nicely improved farm upon which he resides, and also owns other tracts of land in the county. He has been unfortunate, and lost considerable by sickness, fire, etc. He was married April 15, 1863, to Miss Frances E. Morris, a daughter of Daniel Morris, a native of Kentucky. To Mr. and Mrs. Butler one child, William D., was born. Mrs. Butler died March 12, 1865, and Mr. Butler afterward married, August 12, 1866, Miss Agnes Fifer, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Fifer) Fifer, natives of Rockingham and Augusta Counties, Va., respectively. Mr. Fifer is of Pennsylvania German descent. To Mr. and Mrs. Butler four children have been born: Aby Jane Elizabeth, Laura

Bell, Charles Ellis, and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Butler are members of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Butler is a Democrat, but votes for men and principles rather than for party. He was road commissioner for six years, and has also served in other official capacities. He served about two years in the late war, in Company I, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry. He is the fifth of ten children of Isaac and Hester (Pierce) Butler, natives of Coshocton County, Ohio, who moved to what is now Scotland County, in 1838. The father was a son of Joseph and Abigail (Sovereign) Butler, natives of Virginia. Joseph Butler was a soldier in the early Indian war, and one of the early settlers of Virginia, and later one of the early settlers of Zanesville, Ohio. He has eleven children, of which Isaac Butler was the youngest.

A. B. Chaney, druggist and stockman, at Sand Hill, was born in January, 1854, within two miles of Sand Hill. He lived on the farm until twenty-four years old, when he engaged in the drug business at his present location. He has also shipped considerable stock, and owns a stock of goods and residence at Sand Hill, and also possesses a fine stable horse. He was married in 1877 to Miss Sarah E. Boone, a daughter of Milton and Ann (Cunningham) Boone, old residents of Knox County, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Chaney have had five children: Alice E., Ethel I., Ivy (deceased), Inez (deceased) and Allison Boone. In politics Mr. Chaney is an Independent. He is the seventh of eight children of Thomas A. and Nancy (Greenwade) Chaney, natives of Maryland, who moved to Scotland County, Mo., in 1841, where Mr. Chaney died about 1858, aged fifty-six years. Mrs. Chaney is still living, and residing about two miles northwest of Sand Hill, aged seventy-seven years. Mrs. Chaney was one of the pioneer members of the Methodist Church in that part of the country.

Edward Chronic, a prominent citizen of Scotland County, Mo., and a resident of Jefferson Township, was born in Edgar County, Ill., January 16, 1849, and is the son of John and Elizabeth (Winn) Chronic. The father was born and reared in Illinois, and moved to Iowa about 1852, but afterward moved to Scotland County, Mo., and from there to Doniphan County, Kas., where he died in 1860. He was of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction. The mother of our subject was also a native of Illinois, and died in the same county in which her husband's death occurred. She was of English descent, and both were members of the Baptist Church. Our subject is the third of seven children, only two of whom it is thought are now living. Mr. Chronic received the rudiments of an education in Scotland County, Mo., and this has been improved by general reading, and contact with all kinds

of business. He was only ten years of age when his father died, and after that misfortune he left Kansas and returned to Scotland County, Mo., where he worked at anything he could get to do. At the age of sixteen he rented land, since which time he has bought, sold and traded, until he moved to where he now resides. In 1865 Miss Martha Floyd became his wife; she was born in Iowa, and died in Scotland County, Mo., when thirty-two years of age. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and to her marriage were born five children, three now living: Lizzie, Rosetta H. and Mary C.; Charles and James are deceased. In 1883 our subject married Miss Mary McGary, an excellent lady. Our subject's honest dealing and generosity have made him respected by all his acquaintances. He has been one of the great traders of Scotland County, and his success has been the result of his early formed determination to succeed.

Judge James M. Clark, a well-respected citizen of Jefferson Township, Scotland County, was born in Grant County, Ky., July 4, 1843, and is the son of Eli and Mary E. (Draper) Clark. The father was born in Grant County, Ky., was of Irish descent, and died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1869, being about fifty-six years of age at the time of his decease. He came to Missouri about 1864, and followed agricultural pursuits all his life. The mother of our subject was a native of Grant County, Ky., was of German descent, and died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1870. She was a member of the Baptist Church for many years, and at the time of her death was also about fifty-six years of age. Of their large family, five now living, our subject is the fourth. He received the rudiments of an education in Kentucky, but in the fall of 1862 he left his studies, and enlisted in Company G, Fourth Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate Army, and served in a brigade organized by Gen. Buford, but was afterward assigned to the command of Gen. John H. Morgan, and served with credit until taken prisoner in Ohio. He was then taken to Camp Morton, Ind., where he was kept a prisoner about three months. He was then taken to Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill., where he remained until December 15, 1863, where he was one of the seventy-nine who escaped through a tunnel dug out for that purpose. He then came to Scotland County, Mo., and after visiting in Illinois returned to Scotland County, and since then has been engaged in agricultural pursuits at his present place of residence, since the spring of 1867. In 1866 he married Miss Martha E. Baker, who was born in Memphis, Mo., in 1849, and is a daughter of H. C. Baker. To our subject's marriage was born a large family of children, two of whom are deceased—one son and one daughter. In 1882 our subject was elected judge of the western district of



Scotland County, and in 1884 he was re-elected. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and a decided Democrat. His wife is a member of the Christian Church.

Cody Brothers & Co., dealers in groceries and queensware, embrace John W. Cody, B. H. Cody and L. C. Cody. John W. Cody is the son of Curtis and Sarah (Cade) Cody, the parents being natives of North Carolina and Delaware, respectively. They lived in Fountain County, Ind., engaged in agricultural pursuits until October, 1839, at which time they immigrated to Scotland County, Mo., and settled on a tract of land situated six miles north of the present site of Memphis. In 1850 they sold out, and moved on a tract of 340 acres situated a mile and a half east of Memphis, where they remained until 1857, at which date they sold out and moved to Memphis, where they spent the winter and spring of 1858. They then moved on a farm where the father died in 1863, and where the mother continued until 1866, at which date she moved with her son, John W., to his farm, and there with her son and daughter remained until 1878. She then moved to Cowley County, Kas., to live with her daughter, and there she remained until her death in 1884. John W. was born December 22, 1831; received his education in the common district schools of Scotland County, Mo., and at the age of twenty went to California, where he engaged in gold mining for about three years. In 1854 he married Miss Mary H. Gunn, a native of Hennepin, Ill., born July 12, 1836, and the daughter of Thomas and Mildred (Baker) Gunn, and to them were born seven children, two being deceased. John W. made his property by his own efforts, and now owns 250 acres of land upon which he is residing, and also owns a portion of the grocery business. He is a Democrat in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Franklin Pierce. He is a member of the F. & A. M., Memphis Lodge, No. 16, also A. O. U. W., No. 106, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church. Byron H. was educated in Memphis, and first began in the mercantile business as a clerk about 1880. He continued to hold that position until he became a member of the present firm. June 4, 1885, he married Miss Cora K. Pitkin, daughter of H. G. Pitkin. B. H. Cody is a Democrat in politics, and is identified with the following fraternities: The F. & A. M., in the royal arch degree, K. of P., and A. O. U. W. Their present firm was organized in April, 1877. They have a full and selected stock of fancy groceries, queensware, flour, feed, provisions, etc., with an extensive country and city trade.

Judge John C. Collins, a retired farmer, was born November 24, 1813, in Pendleton (now Grant) County, Ky. He came to Scotland County, in September 1836, and has acquired his edu-

cation by habits of study since his maturity. He was married, July 14, 1836, to Eliza J., a daughter of Lawrence and Mary (Norton) Buskirk. They had eight children: William L. (deceased), James R., George T., Judson S., Joseph H., Margaret J. (deceased) and Charles S. (deceased). The first mentioned died in the Federal service. Joseph H. is the president of a college at Springfield, Ill., and George T. is a member of the Legislature. February 5, 1882, his wife died, and October 14, 1884, he married Martha A. (Makemson) Moore. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and was elected judge of the county court in 1850, and re-elected twice afterward. He was appointed to that position under the provisional government of 1861. He was again elected in 1872, and served six years. He served as justice for about six years also. He is the sixth of seven children of Ralph and Margaret (Wharton) Collins, natives of Durham, England, and Pendleton County, Ky., respectively. His father, Ralph, took part in the battle in which Gen. St. Clair was defeated.

Hon. George T. Collins was born September 10, 1842, in Scotland County, the son of Judge John C. Collins, whose sketch will be found elsewhere. Our subject was reared in his native county, attended the public schools, and also spent a year in an academy in Lee County, Iowa. He was reared upon a farm and there remained with exception of a period of time he was in the Federal service in the late war, until 1876, since which time he has devoted all his time to the study of law, which for a number of years he had devoted only the hours not occupied on the farm, or in the school room. He married, February 27, 1866, Miss Cornelia A. Ryhtmine, who died in January, 1876. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1877. On December 23, 1877, he was married to his present wife, Catherine M. Gorin. Our subject is a radical Democrat, and as such was elected to represent his county in 1886, in the Legislature. In the Thirty-fourth Assembly he served on committees on education, roads and highways, and constitutional amendments. Our subject is a Mason, an encampment member of the I. O. O. F., and a member of the A. O. U. W. He holds to the faith of the Baptist Church, and has for three successive years been elected as moderator of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Association.

George T. Collins, a citizen of Schuyler County, and a resident of Independence Township, was born in Adams County, Ill., April 18, 1834, and is the son of Hosea and Sarah A. (Wheeler) Collins, both natives of Pendleton County, Ky. The father was a farmer, and died in Schuyler County, Mo., May 6, 1874, and was a few days beyond his sixty-sixth year. The mother was of English descent, and died in Schuyler County, Mo.,

February 14, 1885, and was over seventy-four years of age at the time of her death. Both parents were members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Our subject is the eldest of eleven children, ten now living. His parents moved to Illinois shortly after their marriage, settled five miles west of Memphis in March, 1838, when our subject was but four years of age. He remained with his father until June 8, 1854, when he married Miss Samantha J. Slavin, a native of Marion County, Mo., born February 8, 1836, and died in Scotland County, Mo., April 18, 1874, or on our subject's birthday. She was a daughter of George D. Slavin, and a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. To this marriage were born five children, all living: Elizabeth A., Oscar F., Albert H., Sarah A. and James L. Our subject after marriage purchased part of the old homestead, and to this he added more land until 1860, when he sold out and rented land for six years in different portions of Scotland and Schuyler Counties. In 1864 he went across the plains to Idaho, but returned the same year. In 1867 he moved back to his old farm, which he purchased before the war, and, after remaining on this farm until 1881, he sold out and purchased a farm in Schuyler County, and three years later again sold out and purchased where he now lives. November 4, 1875, he married Sarah J. Pryor, a native of Pike County, Ill., born November 14, 1841, and the daughter of James B. Pryor. To this union one daughter, Rosalie, was born. Our subject is a Mason, and one of the old settlers of the county. He can remember when the Indians were numerous, and when all kinds of game were plentiful.

Capt. Charles R. Combs was born in Albany, N. Y., November 25, 1829, the son of Robert and Mary Combs, who both died when our subject was but a child. Charles R. came west in 1848, and spent a few years in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky. He came to Alexandria, Mo., in 1856, and followed various mercantile pursuits until the opening of the war. At that time he and Capt. Spellman organized a company, which became Company C, in Col. Moore's regiment. He served as first lieutenant of this company, and after the battle of Athens he organized a cavalry company, and after serving as first lieutenant of Company C, Seventh Missouri Cavalry, he was promoted captain, and mustered out as such in 1864, after nearly four years of service. After a year's residence in Keokuk, he came to Memphis in 1866, and the following year engaged in his present business. He is the largest dealer here in eggs, butter, hides, poultry, feathers, etc., and ships largely to New York, Chicago and other places. He has four teams engaged in buying produce, and does an annual business of about \$60,000. He was married in 1853 to Cather-

ine T. Cornelius, of Covington, Ky. Their children are Alice (the wife of V. H. Rees), William, Frank, Fielding, Mary, Robert, Lucy and Leslie. Our subject is a Republican, has served five years on the city council, and is now city treasurer. He is identified in the following fraternities: I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W. and is a Knight Templar. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Hamilton Cone, one of the leading farmers of Scotland County, was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, July 1, 1828. He is the eldest of six sons and two daughters born to Dr. Jared and Eliza A. (Ross) Cone. The former was the son of Jared Cone, Sr., a native of Hampton County, Mass., who came to Ohio when a young man, and located in Granville. He was a carpenter by trade, but always lived upon a farm. He died about 1857. When the father was about twelve years of age he was sent to South Wilburn, Mass., where he was educated for his position. When about twenty-one years of age he began the practice of medicine at West Carlisle, and continued till about 1838. He then moved to Muskingum County, where he continued to practice his profession, and also merchandising. In 1855 his entire family came to Scotland County, and located on a quarter section of land adjoining the farm of our subject. He died there June 13, 1885. He was married twice. His first wife died May 3, 1866, and in February, 1867, he married Margaret H. Clark, of Iowa, who still survives him. Hamilton, the eldest child, was educated chiefly at Granville, Ohio, at what is now Dennison University. After leaving school he worked upon a farm, and managed his father's store until they moved to Missouri, when he located upon his present farm, which now consists of 440 acres. In 1876 he erected a handsome dwelling upon a beautiful site. On September 7, 1852, he was united to Almira R., a native of Coshocton County, Ohio, where they were married, and a daughter of Jesse and Susanna (Farwell) Lawrence, natives of Keene, N. H. A few years later they moved to Ohio, where the father died in 1851, and the mother in 1865. Our subject has the following children: Ellen R., Jesse J., Charles M., Orrin L. and Laura M. The first and last of whom are married. Mr. Cone and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is a Republican, and one of the representative men of the county.

Morton Cone, the fourth son of Dr. Jared Cone, was born on February 11, 1833. He received his education in the schools of Adamsville, Ohio. On leaving school he began learning the carpenter's trade, which took him a surprisingly short time, and soon after he went to Chicago and thence to Rock Island, at both of which places he worked on equal pay with men who had followed

the trade for years. In a few months he returned to Ohio, and soon set out with the rest of the family for Scotland County, Mo. After his arrival, in company with his brothers, he set to work to improve a quarter section of land for his parents. This work occupied two years, at the end of which time he married, and bought eighty acres of land, upon which he has since resided. He then worked at his trade until the war, since which time he has been engaged in farming. He has been remarkably successful, and is now the owner of 700 acres of land, including the old homestead. He has a handsome residence, and his farm is otherwise well improved. On December 31, 1857, he was joined in marriage with Evelin Weyer, a native of Highland County, Ohio, and daughter of John A. and Nancy (Folk) Weyer. To them have been born nine children, seven of whom are living. They are Walter J., Charles C., Jared C., Ida A. (Mrs. Thomas McWilliam), Morton S., Jennie G. and Lois M. Mrs. Cone is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Cone's political principles are Republican.

Judge David B. Cooper, a prominent resident of Jefferson Township, Scotland Co., Mo., was born in Washington County, Penn., near Pittsburgh, April 30, 1817, and is the son of Sylvanus and Mary (Bryant) Cooper, natives of New Jersey, born in 1777 and 1780, respectively. The father was a very successful farmer, and died near Winfield, Henry Co., Iowa, in 1865, at an advanced age. The mother of our subject was of German extraction, and died in Washington County, Penn., in 1843. Both parents were members of the Presbyterian Church for many years, the father being an elder in the same. Our subject was the third of twelve children, ten now living. He received a liberal education in the schools of Washington County, Penn., and remained on the farm until twenty-one years of age, when he engaged in merchandising with a younger brother at Washington, Penn., and there continued for two years. He then sold out, and purchased a farm, after which he engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he has continued ever since. In 1840 he married Hannah Dille, a native of Washington, Washington Co., Penn., born in 1822, and the daughter of Ezra and Mary Dille. To this marriage were born ten children, all living: Mary J., Milton D., Ellen, Oliver G., Emma T., Frank D., Linie B., Ida, Charles W. and Edward S. In 1880 our subject sold his farm, and moved to Lee County, Iowa, where he farmed and also speculated in land. In the spring of 1857 he sold out, and moved to Scotland County, Mo., where he purchased the land he now owns. He was school director while in Iowa, and was elected clerk of the elections. In 1862 he was elected county judge,

and after two years, when all the officers were thrown out, he was appointed by Gov. Gamble, and at the next general election was re-elected by the people and served in all about eight years. Our subject is a Republican and a worthy and enterprising citizen.

Capt. John P. Craig is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in 1834. He came west in 1854, and before the war was engaged at Keosauqua, Iowa, in the furniture business. At the opening of the conflict he raised part of a company, and entered the Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry as first lieutenant, promoted to captain, and served for sixteen months, when he was compelled to resign because of complete break in health. He was also provost-marshal of Van Buren County, Iowa, for one year, and then engaged at Keosauqua in the drug business. In company with H. C. McArthur he brought his business to Memphis in 1865, and conducted it successfully for ten years. He then entered the lumber business, which he continued until 1879, when he and G. W. Coster built the Scotland Mills, which they owned and operated until 1880, when Mr. Craig bought out the entire interest. In the spring of 1887 he changed the name to the Memphis Roller Mills, and remodeled it, and put in the new roller system. It is one of the best equipped mills in Northeast Missouri, with six sets of rolls, a capacity of fifty barrels per day, and a force of six men. He purchases all the wheat offered in the Memphis market. He was married, in May, 1856, to Mary A. Miller, a native of Ohio. They have three sons and five daughters living. Our subject is a Republican, and served as postmaster for three years at Memphis, Mo. He is the present commander of the G. A. R. at Memphis, and is also a Mason. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church.

Maj. Robert D. Cramer, lawyer, was born in Ohio, May 12, 1836, the son of George and Hannah (Wilson) Cramer, natives, respectively, of Virginia and North Carolina. The father came to Jefferson County, Iowa, in 1856, and has spent a successful life as a farmer and stock raiser, and is now in his eighty-third year. The mother died in 1860. Their children are Caroline, wife of N. M. Longfellow; Louisa, wife of W. T. Johnson; John W.; Vashti, wife of L. D. Johnson; Ann E., wife of T. Rowland; a deceased infant daughter, and Frances M., deceased wife of J. Gardner. Our subject is the fifth child, and received a good education at his country home in Ohio, so that he was able to follow teaching from his nineteenth year until after he came to Iowa. In that State he taught school during the day, and was a vocal music teacher in the evening. In 1862 he joined Company G, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry. He was captain until after the fall of Vicksburg, when he became major, and as such was mus-

tered out June 16, 1865. He was seriously wounded at Arkansaw Post. He had read law some before the war, and now entered the law school at Ann Arbor, Mich. After his graduation, in 1867, he came to Missouri, and was admitted to the bar. He has been very successful, and has been a prominent Republican ever since the birth of that party. He served two years as county attorney, and several terms as attorney for the city. In 1884 he was a delegate to the famous Chicago convention, and in 1886 was a prominent candidate for Congress from the First District, but entered the race in convention under protest, well knowing the hopeless minority of his party. His first wife was Martha Pettyjohn, deceased. Their children are Lewis W., Flora E. (wife of C. M. Teeters), and Robert O. April 25, 1867, he was united to Sallie M. Gray, of Ohio. Their only child is Ada B. Our subject has been commander of the G. A. R. at his place, and has passed all the chairs of the A. F. & A. M. and served as E. C. of Memphis Commandery No. 41. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W. and I. O. O. F. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is very prominent, being a lay delegate in 1880 from the Missouri conference to the general conference that met at Cincinnati, Ohio, and filling other important positions.

James Crawford, an influential citizen, and resident of Miller Township, Scotland Co., Mo., is a native of Greene County, East Tenn., born in March, 1815, and is the son of John and Susanah Crawford, both natives of Greene County, Tenn., where they passed their last days. The father was a farmer, and both were members of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject is the third of eight children, five now living. He remained in Tennessee, until 1845, when he moved to Scotland County, Mo. He began with little or nothing, but, having superior business ability, and being determined to succeed, all obstacles melted before him. He now owns 683 acres of improved land, and is succeeding unusually well. In 1842 he married Susanah Tadlock, a native of Greene County, Tenn. She was for many years a member of the Christian Church, and died, December 25, 1886, aged seventy-one. Ten children were born to this union (eight of whom are now living): Susanah, Ruthey, Margaret Ann, Elizabeth, John, Hamilton, William T., Serena, Mary and Dianah; the last two named are deceased. Our subject has been a member of the Christian Church, and is a Democrat dyed in the wool. When this county was first settled he was considered one of the best hunters to be found. During the late war he belonged to Capt. Dumis' company of Home Guards, and was in two battles, and in many skirmishes.

Granville Daggs, a prominent farmer and breeder of Short-

horn cattle, was born in Scotland County, November 7, 1848, where he has spent his life. He spent his youth on a farm, and in common and select schools, besides graduating from Commercial College, at Quincy Ill., under Prof. D. L. Musselman, June 14, 1871. He now owns 340 acres of land, besides other property in the county. He was married, in 1873, to Laura C., a daughter of Dr. William and Lucy (Goodloe) Biggs, natives of New York and Virginia, respectively. Mr. Daggs and his wife are members of the Primitive Methodist Church, while his political faith is that of the Democracy. His father, Andrew J., was a native of Virginia, and, although he began as a poor man, he became a man of considerable property. His wife, Sarah M. Arnold, a native of Kentucky, became the mother of eight children, of whom our subject is the third. The grandparents were Ruel and Nancy (Frazier) Daggs natives of West Virginia, and among the early settlers of Clark County, Mo. He was of English descent, and his paternal grandparent's name was Rodney. The mother, Sarah M., was a daughter of Lewis M. and Hannah (Phillips) Arnold, natives of Henry County, Va., and of English origin. They moved to Kentucky in 1818, where he was a manufacturer of tobacco, and after he came to Clark County he devoted himself to farming. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His parents, Elisha and Sallie (Marshall) Arnold, were natives of Maryland, but spent most of their lives in Virginia. Mrs. Lewis Arnold was a daughter of Zachariah and Cassandra (Garrett) Phillpot, natives of Maryland, whence they moved to Virginia.

Isaac P. Davis, farmer and stock raiser, was born June 5, 1826, in Madison County, Ky., the third of ten children of Charles and Elizabeth (Carter) Davis, natives of Maryland and probably of Kentucky. The father served as a county judge of Van Buren County, Iowa, for two years, and was a life-long Democrat. He was of Welsh-Irish stock, his grandmother being a native of Ireland, and his great-grandfather a native of Wales. The grandfather, Isaac Davis, was a native of Maryland, and afterward lived and died in Kentucky. Our subject was eight years old when his parents came to Montgomery County, Mo., and soon after went to what is now Van Buren County, Iowa. They came to Scotland County in 1849, where he has since resided. He was educated in the subscription schools in Iowa, and began life for himself at the age of twenty-two. He received \$900 from his father, but had begun as a day laborer, and, excepting that money, he has made all of his own property. He now owns a large estate amounting to 946 acres. March 13, 1856, he married Talitha J., a daughter of S. G. Weekly, a native



of Virginia. Their children were Henry B. (deceased) Luthena (now Mrs. Calahan), Stephen G. (married to Dora J., daughter of John W. Kerr), Frances M., Loran, Jennie J., Olive M. (deceased) and an infant (who died unnamed). Our subject is a Republican, and during the war commanded Company C, Twenty-ninth Missouri Cavalry of the State militia.

James K. P. Dawson, a resident of Miller Township, Scotland Co., Mo., was born in Bracken County, Ky., September 19, 1844, and is the son of William and Priscilla (Patterson) Dawson. The father was a native of Bracken County, Ky., born in 1811, of English descent, and is now a resident of Scotland County, Mo. He came from Kentucky to Missouri in 1845, and has been a farmer all his life. In 1866 he was elected judge of his district, and served six years. He was president of the court while in Kentucky, and organized a company for the Mexican war. He was elected captain, but was not called into service. In the spring of 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Second Missouri Cavalry, Federal service, and served with credit for four years. While at home, and after he had sent in his resignation, Porter's guerrillas attempted to take him prisoner, but he resisted, and was severely wounded by them and taken prisoner. He was retained as such for a week, when they released him. Dr. Ailward, a surgeon, was taken from the same bed in which Capt. William Dawson was sleeping, while a prisoner, and hung. The same fate awaited Mr. Dawson, but the guard refused to give him up, being acquainted with him. The mother of our subject was born in Augusta, Ky., was of Irish descent, and died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1880, when sixty-six years of age. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is the fifth of twelve children, seven now living. He attended the common schools of Scotland County, and finished at the seminary at Francisville, Clark Co., Mo. In 1865 he enlisted in Company I, Fifty-first Missouri Volunteer Infantry, Federal Army, and served six months, when he was mustered out with the rank of corporal. Before going to the war he had served some time with the State militia. He taught school for about ten years during the winter months, and farmed during the summer. November 1, 1871, he married Miss Eliza McWilliam, a native of Van Buren County, Iowa, born December 8, 1851, and the daughter of Crawford and Elizabeth (Moore) McWilliam. By this union our subject became the father of seven children, five now living: Elizabeth J., William, Margaret, Bessie Grace and John A. The names of those deceased are Crawford and Andrew. After marriage our subject purchased land in Jefferson County, but sold this in 1873, and purchased part of

the land (125 acres) that he now owns. To this he has added 230 acres, and has improved the whole so that he now has a valuable farm. Mr. Dawson is one of the county's most esteemed and honored citizens, and he and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

William H. Drake, the fifth child of William and Mary (Holland) Drake, was born in Bedford County, Va., April 27, 1830. He was reared at home receiving only a limited education. At the age of twenty years he began life for himself by working on a farm by the month. In 1851 he came to Scotland County, and worked for one season, but spent the next year in Kentucky. He then married and returned to Scotland County, but soon went to Iowa, where he remained for six years. He came once more to Scotland County, and bought forty-eight acres of land, which he subsequently engaged for the eighty acres upon which he now resides. On September 24, 1852, he was united in marriage with Sarah J. Hopkins, a native of Kentucky, born May 13, 1832, and a daughter of William and Lavinia (Collins) Hopkins, both natives of Kentucky. To this marriage have been born the following children: Martha M. (Mrs. John A. Weyer), William M., James W. and Isaac T. Both Mr. Drake and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. In politics he is a Democrat, and is one of the highly esteemed citizens of the county.

James C. Drake, a prominent and influential farmer of Scotland County, Mo., was born in Hardin County, Ky., April 27, 1835. He is one of nine children born to William Drake and Mary (Holland) Drake. The former was born in Virginia, the son of William Drake, Sr. He grew to manhood in that State, and a few years after marriage removed to Hardin County, Ky., where he lived upon a farm until the spring of 1854. He then came to Bentonsport, Iowa, and the next fall located in Union (then Greene) Township, Mo. He subsequently lived in Johnson Township, and finally located on the line between Miller and Union Township. He died in 1864. He was twice married, his first wife dying about 1840. He afterward married Mary Paul, by whom he was the father of six children. James C. remained at home in support of the family until he was twenty years of age. In 1856 he purchased eighty acres of land in Union Township, which he afterward exchanged with his brother for unimproved land, which he sold. He then purchased a farm of ninety acres in Miller Township, where he lived until 1878, when he bought the farm of 238½ acres, upon which he has since resided, and which he has transformed into one of the neatest farm homes in the county. On December 20, 1860, Mr. Drake

was united in marriage with Rebecca Leach, a native of Iowa, and a sister of J. C. Leach, a druggist in Memphis, Mo. To their union have been born Charles E., Alfred H., Vinnie M., Harvey T., and Della B., the first two of whom are married. Mr. and Mrs. Drake, and all the children are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. In politics he is a Democrat, and has held the office of road overseer and school director for several years, and is one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of the county.

Joseph Paton Duell, a prominent and highly respected farmer of Sand Hill Township, was born November 1, 1849, in Kentucky, and when eighteen months old was brought to Scotland County, Mo., by his parents, where he has since remained, and has acquired his education, almost entirely since grown, by reading and observation. Beginning life when quite young, with little or nothing, all that he possesses can safely be said to be due to his own exertions and good management. He now owns the well-improved farm of 160 acres upon which he resides, and has for many years supported his mother and her children. March 3, 1873, he married Miss Doucilla Price, a daughter of Milton Price, a native of Kentucky. To them two children have been given: John E. and Murty. Mr. and Mrs. Buell are both members of the Baptist Church, of which the former is a director. Of the thirteen children of John and Margaret (Naphus) Duell, natives of Kentucky, he was the eldest. The father, John, came to Scotland County, Mo., in 1853. He was a soldier in the Mexican war, and raised the first Confederate company joining the war from that county. He was an enthusiastic Democrat, and an active member of the Presbyterian Church, although in early life he belonged to the Baptist Church. He died in 1880 aged fifty-seven. He was a son of Joseph Duell, of New York State. Mrs. Duell is still living with our subject, and is a daughter of Paton Naphus, possibly a native of Kentucky, whose father was from Pennsylvania.

James D. Dunn, a prominent farmer and stock raiser in Jefferson Township, was born in 1809 in Crawford County, Penn., and moved to Richland County, Ohio, with his parents, when five years old, and to what is now Scotland County, Mo., in 1837, where he has since resided. When twenty years old he started in life for himself, a poor man, and the property he now owns is the result of his industry, perseverance and good management. He has a nicely improved farm upon which he resides, of 220 acres, and also owns land in different parts of the county. He was married, September 2, 1829, to Susannah Crandall, a daughter

of Caleb and Elizabeth (Brazee) Crandall, natives of New York State. To Mr. and Mrs. Dunn five children have been given, viz.: Harrison, Maria, Waty Ann, Abigail and Jeremiah. Mrs. Dunn died March 4, 1841. January 10, 1842, he married Miss Margeret Pierce, and one child, Enoch, has blessed this union. This wife died April 14, 1861, and in the same year he was married to Mrs. Hilliard, formerly Miss Catherine Hawk. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Dunn is an Independent in politics, but a Republican in principle. He has served his township in several official capacities, but has never sought office of any kind. He is the fourth of ten children of Jephtha and Abigail (Dunn) Dunn, natives of New Jersey. The father served as justice of the peace sixteen years, and was an active and constant member of the Baptist Church, and an old line Whig in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were of Scotch-Irish descent.

Dr. B. H. Edelen, a prominent physician at Etna, was born September 17, 1860, at Luray, Mo. He spent his youth in Etna from about the age of six years until 1880, when he went to Kirksville, and there completed a two-years' course at the State Normal. He then taught school a few terms in Scotland and Audrain Counties. He began the study of medicine in 1881, with his father, and afterward attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Chicago, from which he graduated in 1884. Since that date he has been at Etna, engaged in his profession, and now enjoys a large and lucrative practice. The great-grandfather was one of Lord Baltimore's colonists, who settled in Maryland, and after a time there went to Kentucky, in which State the grandfather, Benedict, was born, probably at Lebanon. The latter was a hatter by trade, and early became a resident of Marion County, Mo., where he afterward died. R. M., the father, was but a boy when they came to Missouri, but afterward became a physician at Luray, in Clark County. After 1865, however, he was the predecessor of our subject at Etna, where his second wife still survives him. His first wife, Sophia (Hammond) was a native of Clark County, Mo., and died in our subject's infancy, leaving one son and one daughter. The father's second wife was Rebecca J. Kellar, whom we have mentioned as living at Etna with our subject, and who is the mother of two sons and two daughters.

John Fetters, an excellent citizen of Scotland County, and a resident of Mount Pleasant Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, October 2, 1832, and is the son of Jacob and Mary Ann (Shoemaker) Fetters. The father was a native of Germany, born in 1804, and came to America with his parents in 1812. They settled in Stark County, Ohio, where Jacob lived until 1840, when

he then immigrated to Scotland County, Mo., and remained in the same until their death in 1850. He followed the blacksmith's trade while in Ohio, and worked some at his trade after coming to Missouri, but finally gave that up, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a magistrate for several years after coming to Missouri, and, at the time of his death, was a candidate for representative on the Democratic ticket. The mother of our subject was also of German descent, and died in 1848, while still a comparatively young woman. They were both members of the Catholic Church, and of the eight children born to their union, seven are now living. Of this family our subject was the third. He received the rudiments of an education in Ohio, and also attended school after coming to Missouri. This, with reading and much natural ability, has made him a well-informed man. He remained with his parents until their death, and then engaged in farming until 1854, when he crossed the plains to California, and worked in the mines for two years. This venture was successful, and he returned to Scotland County, Mo., in 1856, and there married Miss Mary Jane Forrester, a daughter of William Forrester. She was born in Franklin County, Tenn., about 1835, and to her marriage were born nine children, seven now living: Mary A., William, Lizzie, Fannie, Charles, Ida and Lela. After marriage our subject purchased land, but the next year engaged in merchandising at Greensburg, and remained in business there for four years. He then sold out, and in 1864 went to Montana, and again entered the mines where he remained four years or longer. This trip was unsuccessful. He then engaged in farming, dealing in stock, and was also engaged in the saw-mill business. In 1869 he purchased the land he now owns, and has lived there ever since. He has been a magistrate since 1874. He is a Democrat in politics, and is a good citizen. Mrs. Fetters is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

L. A. Forquer, a prominent farmer in Sand Hill, was born in Preston County, Va., in 1832, and moved to Scotland County, Mo., in 1859, where he has since resided. He was reared on the farm, and received a good common-school education. After he became grown he taught school and clerked in a general store until 1859, when he engaged in farming, and after locating in Missouri, also taught school for a few years, in connection with his farming. He inherited about \$1,000 in property, and the balance of his wealth is due to his industry and good management. He owns a splendidly improved farm of 440 acres, where he now resides. He was married in 1860 to Miss S. E. Chany, a daughter of Thomas A. and Nancy (Greenwade) Chany, natives of Maryland. [See sketch of A. B. Chany.] To Mr. and Mrs.

Forquer five children were born, two dying in infancy, Eugene W., Mary E. and Sherman Carroll, now living. Mrs. Forquer died in 1869, and Mr. Forquer was married, the second time, to Miss Mary J. Scott, a daughter of Thomas and Martha Scott, natives of Virginia. To this union five children have been born: Harrison Russel, Martha, Dora Olive, Lena (deceased) and one unnamed. Mr. and Mrs. Forquer are members of the Methodist and Christian Churches, respectively. The former is a Republican, and was elected judge of the county court in 1866, which office he held for four years. He was the ninth of twelve children of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Forquer, natives of Somerset County, Penn., who moved to Virginia about 1824, where the father died. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a Democrat, and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Forquer were of English and German descent, respectively. Mr. Forquer died in 1845 at the age of fifty-one, and his wife died in 1884, at the age of eighty-six.

George Fry, a well-known citizen of Jefferson Township, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, April 2, 1835, and is the son of Isaac and Margaret (Allen) Fry. The father was a native of Westmoreland County, Penn., and was of German descent. He died in Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1881, and was sixty-four years of age at the time of his decease. He learned the machinist's trade in Detroit, Mich., when young, but followed farming the last twenty years of his life. He was a boy when his parents moved to Ohio, and when about eighteen years of age he went back to Pennsylvania, where he married. He then moved back to Detroit, Mich., and after living there for about six years, moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was engaged in the planing mill business for a number of years. He moved to Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1852, purchased a farm, and engaged in farming, which occupation he has since followed. The mother of our subject was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., and was a young woman at the time of her death, which occurred in 1844. Our subject went to live with an uncle, Jacob Fry, in Delaware County, Ohio, where he remained for four years, when his father was again married, and was living in Cincinnati, where our subject went and remained with his father until they moved to Iowa. At the age of twenty he moved to St. Louis, and engaged in the planing mill business with Ladd, Patrick & Co., for seven years as foreman. From St. Louis, he went to Potosi, Washington Co., Mo., where he remained until 1871 in business with the Pennsylvania & Missouri Lumber Company, and three years with the St. Louis Lead Mining Company. In the last named year he moved to Memphis, Scotland County, where he built a store room and

engaged in merchandising, which he continued for three years, after which he sold out and purchased his present farm. For three months during the year 1863 he belonged to St. Louis provost guard, being lieutenant, and was guard on the levee. In 1856 he married Miss Elizabeth H. Smith, of Elizabethtown, N. J., and a daughter of Jonas Smith. The fruits of this marriage were eight children, seven living: George A., Lola B., Nettie M., John L., Charles A., Kittie J., and Clarence S.; Maggie died in 1873, when a mere child. Our subject and wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The former is a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W., and is a Republican. He is an active and enterprising citizen of the county. His son, George A., is now in Choteau County, Mont., engaged in merchandising, and his daughter, Lola B., is with George A.

Henry H. Fugate, a prominent farmer and stock dealer in Sand Hill Township, was born February, 2, 1827, in Pendleton County, Ky., and for several years was not permanently located, residing in Lewis and Clark Counties, Mo., and also spending some time in California. He located in Scotland County, in February, 1856, where he has since remained. He has acquired his education by reading and observation since grown. He began life for himself at the age of twenty-one, a poor man, and what he is now worth is the product of his energy and practical business ability. He owns a nicely improved farm of 440 acres, upon which he resides. His father dying when our subject was but ten years old, he became the main support of his widowed mother and her children. He was married in 1856, to Miss Mary Matilda Davis, daughter of Nathaniel and Nira (Jones) Davis, natives of Ohio. He afterward moved to Iowa, and in 1853 came to Scotland County, Mo., where Mr. Davis also resides. Mrs. Davis died August 7, 1851, and Mr. Davis was married to Mrs. Martha Case, formerly Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Fugate have had seven children, only two of whom lived to be grown; they are named as follows: William H., aged twenty-seven when he died; Mary Janette, who died at the age of four; Almon Franklin, died at the age of two; Nira Jane, died at the age of fifteen months; Joseph Howard; Nannie Martha, who died at the age of three, and one who died unnamed. Mr. Fugate is a Democrat, and is the second of seven children of Henry and Maria (Ewing) Fugate, natives of Pendleton County, Ky. His grandfather was a native of Virginia, and an early settler in Pendleton County, Ky. Mrs. Maria Fugate was a daughter of John Ewing, of Virginia, an early settler of Pendleton County, Ky.

John M. George was born in 1827 in Ohio, came to Memphis in 1864, and established a wagon and carriage manufactory, which

he has conducted successfully ever since. He built his present shops in 1877, and does a good business. He was married in 1850 to Mary Hilles, and they have one son—Edmund H. Mr. George is a Republican, and holds strongly to prohibition. His parents, Parnick and Mary (Cochrun) George, were natives of Virginia and Kentucky. They came to Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1842, and died there some time after.

James Gillespie, editor and proprietor of *The Memphis Reveille*, was born in Carroll County, Ohio, May 18, 1843, the son of William and Mary P. (Engle) Gillespie, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch-Irish origin. The father came to Scotland County in 1853, and located on a farm in Johnson Township, where he died in 1869. The mother died in 1885. Their children are John, Charles, William, Steward M., James, Hugh W. and Maggie E. (the wife of H. L. Burt). Our subject was fairly educated in his country home, and at the opening of the war joined the militia, and in 1863 enlisted in the Second Provisional Regiment, of Missouri. He served as a private and non-commissioned officer until November, 1864. He was a lieutenant of militia, and in 1865 enrolled those in the county. After the war he taught school for nine months, and then became deputy sheriff under J. H. Best, and served about six and a half years. In 1870 he entered the United States assessor's office, and continued until its abolishment in 1873. The following year he moved to Keosauqua, Iowa, and in 1877 became deputy clerk in that county. He became clerk two years later, and served three terms. In January, 1885, he came to Memphis, and bought his present journal, which he has since ably conducted. In 1869 he married Sarah C. Miller, a native of Ohio, and sister of Mrs. J. P. Craig, of Memphis. Their children are James C., William W., Stella, George H., Bessie and Don. Our subject's paper reflects his Republican principles, and is the only one of that political color in the county. He is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the G. A. R. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Maj. Henry M. Gorin was born in Christian County, Ky., October 14, 1812, the son of John D. and Martha (Thomas) Gorin, natives of Virginia and South Carolina, respectively. The father was a farmer and sheriff of Todd County, Ky., and in 1828 went to Vandalia, Fayette Co., Ill. He there held various county offices, and for several years was judge of the probate court. He died in 1846. Our subject was reared on a farm, and educated at Cumberland College, Princeton, Ky. In Illinois he was engaged as clerk in mercantile pursuits, and afterward studied medicine under an elder brother. He then went to Macon



County, Ill., where he was both county and circuit clerks for about eight years. In 1841 he came to Scotland County, and settled on a claim near Memphis about six miles to the north. The following year he was made judge of the county court, and in 1843 was appointed both circuit and county clerks. He served by re-election until 1854. He had begun merchandising in Memphis in 1849, and continued with success until 1861. He was a member of the constitutional convention of that year. In 1872 he was elected county tax collector, and served four terms. Before the war he was a Whig, and was opposed to secession, but was in sympathy with his State. Since the war he has been a Democrat. April 23, 1835, he married Mary A. Love, a native of Pike County, Mo. She died February 1, 1884. Their children are Martha E., the wife of Dr. J. T. Crow; Maria E., the wife of G. L. Evans; Mary J., the widow of D. Stith; Catherine M., the wife of G. T. Collins; and Helen M., the wife of D. F. Shipman. He has been a Mason for about forty years, and he and his wife hold to the Presbyterian faith. He is now leading a retired life, after years of successful living. He served in the Black Hawk war. Very much of the history of the county has been derived from his memory.

Lewis Hale, an old and well-respected citizen of the county, was born in Sullivan County, Tenn., May 28, 1828, and is the son of Lewis and Elizabeth Hale, both natives of Sullivan County, East Tenn., born in 1794 and 1798, respectively. The father died in the same county, and was eighty-six years of age at the time of his death. He was a farmer, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. The mother of our subject died when about sixty-four years of age, and both she and her husband were members of the Christian Church. Our subject is the seventh of thirteen children, seven now living. He received his education in Tusculum College, in Greene County, East Tenn., and afterward began life as a farmer. December 7, 1848, he married Sarah Kincheloe, a native of Washington County, East Tenn., born September 6, 1831, and is the daughter of William Kincheloe. The result of this marriage was the birth of nine children, only four now living, viz.: John N., Emma T., Albert S. and Walker. Those deceased are Lizzie (Petty), Mary (Skidmore), Minervia (Mullens), William L. and James L. In 1849 our subject came to Schuyler County, Mo., where he remained one year. He then moved to Scotland County, and after one year purchased a farm in Schuyler County, where he moved and remained six years. He then sold that property and purchased part of the land that he now owns which consisted of 225 acres. He has since added the balance of 500 acres, and has greatly improved the whole. Our

subject is a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 244, Middle Fabins, and is a decided Democrat. He and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

J. D. Hanan, a popular farmer, was born in 1827, in Marion County, Mo. He was but an infant when his parents went to Kentucky, and scarcely two years old when they went to Fulton County, Ill. They went from there to Van Buren County, Iowa, where our subject spent most of his youth. He attended school probably no more than a year, and is largely self-educated, but his untiring energy and management have given him success notwithstanding. His estate embraces about 645 acres. After a time in Scotland County he went to Clark County, and remained there twenty-seven years and then came back to his old county. He was married in 1853 to Alice Ewing. Their children are David W. and Oscar B. His wife died in 1860, and a year later he married Virginia L. Miller. The children of this marriage were John P., Hester A. (deceased), Isabella, James S., Margaret A., Edgar and Columbus W. He and his wife are members of the Baptist and Methodist Churches, respectively. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and served as township trustee for eighteen months, and for the past twenty-five years as school director. His parents, Samuel and Patsey (Price) Hanan, are natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania, and are of German-Irish and English descent, respectively. They reared a family of ten children, of whom our subject is the fifth. The father was a prominent Baptist minister, and two of his brothers served in the war of 1812. The grandfather, James M. Hanan, was a native of Ireland, and when quite small came to this country, and afterward served in the Revolution. His wife was taken prisoner by the Indians at one time, and kept for about three months, and nearly starved. While in the Revolution the father received a severe bayonet wound, and was taken prisoner, but on account of his supposed fatal wound was released, and made his way to his friends, with whom he afterward recovered.

William Heald, a prominent farmer and bee keeper, was born April 2, 1813, in Somerset County, Me. He received a common-school education, and was thrown upon his own resources at an early age. He first gave his entire attention to farming, but for the past twenty years has given his attention to the culture of bees. He has acquired an estate of about 300 acres. He was married in January, 1847, to Sabrina G., a daughter of Charles and Agnes (Smith) Baker, natives of Maine, where the latter died. The father died while on a visit to his daughter, in Missouri. He was of English descent, while his wife's ancestry was Scotch. The children of this marriage were Emert (deceased), Hadassah

(now Mrs. J. H. Bennett), Flavius, Charles, Alice C. (now Mrs. Ed. McDaniel), Mary (now Mrs. Gleason), Minnie (now Mrs. McDaniel), Cora and Emma (deceased). Our subject is a staunch Democrat, and a good citizen. His parents, Ephraim and Mary (Steward) Heald, reared a family of twelve children, of whom our subject is the seventh. They were of English and Scotch descent, respectively. The father was a quartermaster in the war of 1812, while his father, Amos, a native of New Hampshire, served in the Revolution during the entire period, witnessing the surrender of Cornwallis. Our subject came to Scotland County in 1839, and has proved himself a success in his particular line. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Eli Hilles is a native of Washington County, Penn., and since 1865 has lived in Memphis, engaged in farming, but now devotes his time chiefly to loaning. He began life first as a clerk, and continued until 1849, when he was attacked by the gold fever, which proved anything but disastrous in its effect, for his sixteen years in California in mining, ranching and merchandising was the foundation of his success. Politically he is a Republican, while in religion he holds to the faith of his parents, who were both Quakers. He is the son of David and Hannah (Dingee) Hilles, natives of Pennsylvania. Our subject came west in 1843, and the father died on the way here. The mother had died in 1837. The family of four sons and three daughters came to Iowa, and located on a farm in Van Buren County.

T. W. Holman, a prominent farmer of Sand Hill Township, was born July 26, 1845, in Estill County, Ky., and in 1852 moved with his parents to Columbus, Ind., and in October, 1857, moved to the farm where he has since resided. He lived on a farm until fifteen years of age, when he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, and served until February 11, 1865, when he was mustered out at Eastport, Miss. He was highly respected by his superior officers, always taking great delight in the discharge of his duties, and at the time he was mustered out was offered the second lieutenantship to remain with the army, and received quite honorable mention on the back of his discharge. He stood beside the first man shot at the battle of Shiloh, and, although never captured himself, had many narrow escapes, and in many ways distinguished himself by his courage and efficiency as a soldier. The farm on which he lives is a well improved one of about 100 acres, and he is one of the most prominent citizens of the place, having a well-stored mind always posted with current events. March 4, 1866, he married Miss Nannie E. Cole, a daughter of Charles and America

(Johnson) Cole, natives of Kentucky. Seven children have blessed this marriage, viz.: Charles S., Albert F., Arthur S., Anna L., Helen K., Frank G. and May. Mr. and Mrs. Holman are members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics the former is a Democrat. In 1882 he was appointed judge of his district by Gov. Crittenden, to serve out an unexpired term of one year, and was then elected presiding judge of the county court, which office he held for four years. He was appointed assessor of his county, in 1876, by Gov. C. H. Hardin, and served about one year and a half. He was elected registrar of his township in 1872. He is a Master Mason, as well as a Royal Arch Mason, and is a charter member of Memphis Commandery, No. 41, of the Knights Templar, and is also a charter member of the G. A. R. Post at Memphis. He is the eldest son of the four children of George W. and Eliza J. (Harris) Holman, natives of Kentucky, possibly Estill County. George W. served as sheriff of his county while residing in Kentucky. He was an old line Whig, and an active member of the Presbyterian Church. The Holmans originally came from Virginia to Kentucky.

Jesse T. Holt, farmer and stock dealer, of Miller Township, was born in Bedford County, Va., October 1, 1817, and is the son of Spradley and Elizabeth Holt. The family is of English descent. The father, it was thought, was born in Sussex County, Va. He was a farmer. The mother was a native of the same county, and died in Floyd County, Va. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject was one of a large family of children. Before he was twelve years of age he was cast upon the world, and upon his own resources. He went to live with a man named Charles Reynolds, and remained with him until about twenty years of age, engaged in teaming—driving a six-horse team from Lynchburg, Va., to the stores in the neighborhood. On leaving Virginia he moved to Blountville, Sullivan Co., East Tenn., where he hired out to farmers for two years. He then returned to Franklin County, Va., and was engaged in driving a team for another year. He then came to Missouri before the country was settled, when Indians were plenty, and before the county of Schuyler had been organized. Immediately after coming here he married Miss Sarah Webster, a native of Franklin County, Va., born in 1827. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and died in the year 1877. Of their family of ten children, seven are now living. In 1883 our subject married Mary Webb, a daughter of Robert Webb. She was born in Louisville, Ky., August 2, 1843. Mr. Holt and wife are worthy members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a decided Democrat in his political views. He is a very active and

enterprising citizen of Scotland County, and at all times supports the cause of education and religion, as well as all other worthy enterprises.

W. M. Hoover was born in Holmes County, Ohio, April 12, 1847, the son of George and Delilah (Ramage) Hoover, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject was reared in his native county, and followed farming. In 1870 he came with his parents to Union Township, farmed with his father, and afterward alone, until 1881. He then came to Memphis, and engaged in mercantile pursuits. He has been very successful, and now carries a full stock of staple and fancy groceries, provisions, glass and queensware, and has a large trade. He was married, August 26, 1874, to Lizzie H., a daughter of Henry Keller. Their children are Arthur R. and Nellie M. Our subject is a Republican, and a member of the Triple Alliance. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Martin Horn is an old pioneer of Scotland County. He was born in 1811, in Washington County, Penn., where he was reared and educated, and spent his life until 1833. He next moved to Knox County, Ohio, purchased a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits until he came to his present home, in Etna, Mo., in 1853. He owns here an estate of 120 acres, and also the same amount in Clark County. He had been married in Ohio to Drusilla Melick, who died in 1872, after becoming the mother of four sons and three daughters, two of whom are now deceased. Aaron, one of the deceased, was married in Scotland County, and afterward died in Arkansas; as to the ancestry of our subject, they were of German stock. The father, Martin, located in Baltimore, and afterward died in Washington County, Penn., where the mother, Margaret (Sharp) Horn, was also deceased after rearing six sons and five daughters. Of these children, our subject and Hartman are the only ones who left Pennsylvania, and the latter died in Scotland County. Mr. Horn is a member of the Christian Church. His political principles are those of the party who nominated Andrew Jackson, the President who received our subject's first vote.

Washington Hudson was born in Amherst County, Va., June 15, 1831, and moved to Iowa in the year 1848. Two years later he moved to Memphis, Mo.; in 1858 he married Nanie C. Nesbit, a native of Kentucky. He was engaged in the live stock business until 1865, when he formed a co-partnership in the mercantile business under the firm title of Paxson & Hudson.

John K. Humphrey, a well-known and enterprising farmer and stock dealer of Mount Pleasant Township, was born in Washington County, Ky., October 22, 1826, and is the son of William

and Eliza Ann (Pettitt) Humphreys. The father was a native of Washington County, Ky., December 14, 1802, and died in Knox County, Mo., August 8, 1884. The Humphrey family is of English descent. The father, with his family, left Kentucky and came to Lewis County, Mo., about 1841, and from there to Scotland County, about 1850, where he remained until after the war. He then moved to Knox County, Mo., where he passed the remainder of his days. He was a farmer, and served as constable for several years. The mother of our subject was a native of Fauquier County, Va., born December 28, 1800, and was of German descent. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and died in Scotland County, Mo., May 21, 1886. Our subject is the eldest of ten children, five now living. He received the rudiments of an education in Kentucky, and attended school a short time after coming to Missouri. He remained with his parents until 1848, when he married Rachel Davis, a daughter of R. M. Davis. She was born in Mercer County, Ky., May 14, 1830, was a member of the Christian Church, and died in Scotland County, Mo., October 4, 1874. To this union were born five sons and eight daughters; four sons and three daughters now living. After marriage our subject rented land for two years, after which he purchased land in Knox County, where he lived six years. He then purchased the land that he now owns, and moved on the same. In 1854 he was living in Scotland County, and was elected magistrate, which position he held for twenty years. He is a worthy member of the Christian Church, and was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F., when living in the vicinity of a lodge. He is a Democrat, and a man much respected by all his acquaintances. He never sued, and was never sued, and has never been a witness before a jury except once, and that was before the grand jury.

John S. Israel. [See sketch of Pine & Israel.]

Samuel E. Jayne, an old and prominent citizen of Scotland County, and a resident of Mount Pleasant Township, was born in Campbell County, Ky., November 23, 1816, and is the son of Ebenezer and Debora (Egleston) Jayne, both natives of Steuben County, N. Y. The former was born in 1786, and died in Pendleton County, Ky., when about seventy-three years of age. He was a farmer all his life, and after his marriage, which occurred in New York, moved to Kentucky. The mother was born in 1791, and died in Pendleton County, Ky. Both parents were members of the Baptist Church for many years, but later joined the Christian Church. Our subject is the second of eight children, four of whom are now living. His advantages for an education were limited, but by general reading, contact with all

kinds of business transactions, and being a close observer, is indeed a well-informed man. He remained with and worked on his father's farm until twenty-one years of age, when he began on his own resources. He purchased land in Pendleton County, Ky., and engaged in agricultural pursuits, which occupation he has since followed. He sold his property in 1850, and moved to Scotland County, Mo. He now owns 470 acres of exceedingly good land, all in a high state of cultivation. In February, 1846, he married Miss Louisa Ann Payne, a daughter of Gaze Payne, a Virginian. She was born in Pendleton County, Ky., and died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1853. To this union were born four children, all of whom are deceased. They were named as follows: Mary M., Alexander D., Ebenezer and an infant. The latter part of the year 1853 our subject married Miss Fannie E. Crowley, a daughter of John Crowley. She was born in Missouri, on the banks of the Missouri River, either in Howard or Clay Counties, in May, 1836. The fruits of this union were three children: Miranda O., John N. and Augustus S. Our subject is a Democrat, but was formerly an old line Whig. He started in life with but little means, and by industry and good management, has succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations.

John M. Jayne was born in Scotland County, and is now a prominent lawyer of Memphis. He was born November 27, 1858, the son of Samuel E. and Fannie E. (Crowley) Jayne, natives of Pendleton County, Ky., and Clay County, Mo., respectively. [Their sketch appears above.] Our subject was reared in this county, and attended La Grange College. He began the study of law at the age of eighteen, under E. R. McKee. He was admitted to the bar July 18, 1879. After some practice with Hon. Lewis Meyers, he became partner with his preceptor in December, 1883, with whom he has been in successful practice ever since. The firm is the peer of any in this region. He was married, November 27, 1884, to Minnie P., a daughter of the late Judge J. T. Redd, of Palmyra. She is a native of Marion County. Our subject is an uncompromising Democrat in politics. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Jeremiah F. Jenkins, a well-known citizen of Jefferson Township, Scotland Co., Mo., was born in Bullitt County, Ky., November 11, 1811, and is the son of William N. and Priscilla B. (Hoskins) Jenkins. The father was born in Maryland, and followed the occupations of a farmer and shoemaker. He moved to Kentucky at a very early date, 1806, and was quite successful in his business transactions. He died in Bullitt County, Ky. The

mother of our subject was born in the same State in which her husband was born, and died in the same State in which his death occurred. Our subject was two years old at the death of the father, the youngest of three children, two now living. He received a fair education in the common schools of Bullitt County, Ky., and, being naturally a close observer, is considered one of the well-informed men of the county. He remained on the old homestead, and worked for his mother until 1836, when he married Mrs. Margaret Conley, daughter of John Craven, and the widow of Michael Conley. This excellent woman has been the companion of our subject for over fifty years, and their married life has been blessed by the birth of nine children—five sons and four daughters. One son is deceased. After marriage our subject purchased land in Bullitt County, Ky., and lived there about eleven years, when he moved to Scotland County, Mo., near Etna, in the year 1861, again purchased land near Memphis, Jefferson Township in 1863, and there he has since remained. He started in life poor, but evinced a strong determination to succeed, in which he was successful. He now owns 240 acres of some of the best land in Scotland County. Our subject is a decided Democrat, is a member of the I. O. O. F., and he and wife are members of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

J. E. Johnson, a prominent farmer of Harrison Township, was born in Franklin County, Va., in 1831. His parents moved to Hardin County, Ky., in 1838, and there our subject spent his youth. He married, in 1854, Lucinda Triplett, a native of Kentucky, and the following fall located in Scotland County, Mo. He was interrupted in his farming by a six-months' war service in 1861, but he continued in this and Lewis Counties, and in 1869 purchased 240 acres of his present farm, which now contains 321 acres of excellent land. He, his wife, two sons, and six daughters are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of Fairmont Lodge, No. 290, F. & A. M. The paternal grandfather, John, a native of Bedford County, Va., served in the Revolution, and died in Franklin County, that State, in 1833, at the age of ninety-five years. His son, Bailey, the father, was a native of the latter county, and born in 1802. After his marriage to Barsheba Nunn, a Virginian, he moved to Kentucky in 1838, and in 1855 removed to Clark County, Mo. He died in 1878, and his widow survived him until 1886, after rearing a family of five children, of whom our subject is the second.

Joel H. Kellar, an old pioneer of Scotland County, has been postmaster at Etna for many years. His birth occurred in Oldham County, Ky., in 1812, and after he reached manhood he was married to Mildred E. Snyder. They immigrated to Illinois



in 1831, where they reared their family. In 1854 they moved to Lee County, Iowa, and three years later to Etna, where he was engaged in farming and hotel keeping for many years, the latter until 1883. He first became postmaster in 1859, and has held that office continuously ever since, excepting two and a half years during war times, and even then acted as deputy, so that he has been a veteran in the mail department. The ancestors of our subject are German, there being three brothers who came from Germany and located in South Carolina, and one of these was the great-grandfather of our subject. The grandfather, William, was a Baptist minister, and was a native of Virginia, in which State his son, Abram, was born. The father, Abram, came to East Tennessee as an infant, and about 1795 moved to Kentucky. He was the father of eleven children, all reared to maturity, and of whom our subject was the eldest. His death occurred in Illinois.

Henry Keller, a native of Augusta County, Va., was born March 16, 1821, the son of Samuel and Katie (Fisher) Keller. His father came to Missouri in 1836, and located on a farm near Old Winchester, where he died May 26, 1855. The mother died in Virginia, and the father afterward married Judy Davis. But two children of six, by his first marriage, are living: Dabney and our subject. Henry followed blacksmithing at Winchester for about twenty years. During the war he was a strong Union man, and served in the State militia, in which service he received a wound that permanently crippled his left hand. He came to Scotland County in 1867, engaged in farming, and so continued until 1881. Since that date he has been in the grocery business at Memphis, where the establishment is operated by his son-in-law, W. M. Hoover. May 26, 1844, he married Mary Hay, of Page County, Va. Their children are Julia, the wife of H. Gatton; Lizzie, the wife of W. M. Hoover, and Georgie E. Our subject is Republican in his political ideas. He is a Mason, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. John Waldo Kittle, of the Missionary Baptist Church, was born September 1, 1825, in Randolph County, W. Va. He received an ordinary education, and first became a member of the Predestinarian Baptist Church, and afterward joined the Missionary Baptist division in 1867. He has had a life of struggle and industry, but now owns 183 acres, and is a good farmer. He came here in December, 1850, having been married three years before to Sarah, a daughter of Solomon and Mary (Teter) Yeager, who were of Dutch descent. Her mother was reared in West Virginia, and came to Scotland County about 1857. The children of our subject are Elijah, Amy, Vienna, Emily, Lloyd, Cal-

vin, Mary S., Dennis and John H. Our subject was the fourth of twelve children of Elijah and Lucinda (Waldo) Kittle, natives of Randolph and Harrison Counties, W. Va., respectively. The mother was a daughter of Dr. J. J. Waldo, a physician and minister of the Missionary Baptist Church. He gained his medical knowledge through an Indian captivity of six years. He was one of the earliest settlers of Harrison County, W. Va., and married a Miss Bull. The grandfather, Abram Kittle, was of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, and married a Miss Martena also of Dutch stock.

George H. Lawton was born in Albany County, N. Y., April 2, 1824, the son of Gardner and Sarah (Davis) Lawton, natives of Connecticut and New York, respectively. Our subject was reared in his native State, and received but a limited education, which his business life has largely improved, however. His early life was successfully engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Albany, N. Y., where he continued for twenty-three years. During the war he removed to New York City, where he conducted a still larger business, but the financial severity of the last year of the war caused him great losses. In 1870 he came to Iowa, and lived in Davenport, that State, and in Chicago, until 1875. He then came to Missouri, and located in Monroe County. Since 1879 he has been in Memphis in the lumber business which his son now conducts. They also represent the following insurance companies: The Niagara, of New York; The Orient, of Hartford; the Traders, of Chicago; the American Central, of St. Louis; the German, of Chicago, and the Mutual Life, of New York. By his first wife, Emily Crapo (deceased), he had the following children: William C., Edgar C., Chauncey A., George H., Luther C. and Elizabeth (widow of E. Rouse). His present wife, Sarah F., is a daughter of Judge A. A. Kellogg. Our subject is a Democrat, and is now serving his third term as president of the city council, of which he has long been a member. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows' society.

John C. Leach, druggist, was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, April 18, 1848, the son of Thomas and Mary (Hamilton) Leach, natives of Virginia. The father was a pioneer farmer of Iowa, and the death of the parents left our subject an orphan at an early age. He was reared in his native place with his brothers and sisters at the old homestead. He followed farming until 1869, and then engaged in the drug business at Chariton, Iowa, until 1871. He then came to Memphis, and engaged in a grist-mill with his brother, Charles B., in building the Great Western Mills. In December, 1874, he sold out, and the following September established his present drug business, in which he has a

select stock of general drugs, paints, oils, school books, stationery, and makes a specialty of prescriptions. He has also an elegant soda fountain, and carries a full line of cigars and tobacco, wall paper, etc. His two-story brick block was built in 1884. He was married June 7, 1875, to Della Ketchum, a native of New York. Their only child, John C., is deceased. Our subject is a staunch Republican, and is one of the enterprising men of Memphis.

Charles H. Lowry was born in Rockbridge County, Va., November 24, 1823. His parents were Peter and Susanna (Moore) Lowry, the former a native of America, but of Scotch descent, and the latter a native of the "Old Dominion," and a daughter of Isaac Moore, a German. The last named was an early immigrant to America, and had several sons in the War of 1812. The father was married in Virginia, and about 1837 or 1838 he removed to Adams County, Ohio, where he remained until his death, about four years later. Charles H. remained at home until he was about twenty-five years of age, and after marriage he also worked on the home farm, and rented land until the fall of 1852, when he immigrated to Iowa. The next spring he came to Scotland County, where he entered and pre-empted 115 acres of land. He has since remained a worthy citizen of the county, and none are more highly esteemed than he and his wife. They were married March 15, 1849, she being a Miss Nancy P. Moore, a native of Adams County, Ohio, born October 28, 1820. Her parents were Henry and Jane (Holmes) Moore, natives of Pennsylvania, from which State, when children, they moved with their parents to the then wilderness of Ohio.

Samuel Miller is the son of Samuel and Margaret (Lackey) Miller, and was born in Rockbridge County, Va., April 6, 1805. The father was born in North Ireland, and came with his parents to Pennsylvania before the Revolutionary War. He had two brothers in this war. After some time the father moved from Lancaster, Penn., to Highbridge neighborhood, Rockbridge Co., Va. (named from the celebrated natural bridge), where he remained until death. He was a weaver in his youthful days, but in late years was a farmer. He died about 1845. He moved with his father to Virginia and became owner of his father's plantation. This our subject afterward purchased from the other heirs, and remained upon it, and took care of his parents in their old age. The mother of our subject was born in Pennsylvania, and her ancestors came from North Ireland, near Londonderry, to Pennsylvania. She died in Rockbridge County, Va., about 1850; both father and mother were members of the Associate Reformed Church, and died in their eighty-seventh year. Our

subject received a very liberal education in Rockbridge County, and has been a student all his life. In 1834 he married Miss Janetta Wilson, who was born in Augusta County, Va., October 23, 1810, and died in Scotland County, Mo., August 27, 1878. She was the daughter of James and Deborah (Patterson) Wilson. The Pattersons were a noted family in Virginia, living at Patterson Ford on South Shenandoah River, Augusta County. Mrs. Miller was a member of the Presbyterian Church from early childhood, and by her marriage became the mother of ten children, five sons and two daughters, who are living on and enjoying the benefits of those lands. Our subject is now at this date (October 22, 1887), eighty-two years, six months and seventeen days old. In 1852 he came to Missouri and entered 1,000 acres of Government land, and in 1856 he brought his family to Scotland County, Mo., and has since been a resident of that county, having sold his property in Virginia. While on his way from Virginia he and his family remained one winter in Indiana, and while there was elected to teach school, but his eldest son, John F., taught the school in his place. While in Virginia our subject was elected, appointed and commissioned, in 1851, on account of his merits and standing in society, by the court of Rockbridge County, to have charge of the school fund of the poor for a territory of twelve miles square, and served without pay. [See old constitution of Virginia.] He also served, while in that State, as elder in his church (Old School Presbyterian) twenty-two years, and has filled the same position since his residence in Scotland County, thirty-one years. He has always been a great lover of music, and while in Virginia taught the same for three years. He owes his success to industry and judicious management.

John F. Miller, a well-known farmer and stock dealer of Jefferson Township, Scotland Co., Mo., was born in Rockbridge County, Va., June 28, 1835, and is the son of Samuel and Janetta (Wilson) Miller, natives of Virginia; the former born in Rockbridge County April 5, 1805, and the latter in Augusta County. The father is now living, and is a resident of Jefferson Township, Scotland Co., Mo. Our subject is the eldest of a family of eight children, only one being deceased. He received his education in Rockbridge County, Va., and remained with his parents until the spring of 1863, when he married Miss Martha J. Moore, a native of Lewis County, Mo., born January 1, 1840, and the daughter of A. and Eliza (Patterson) Moore. The marriage of our subject resulted in the birth of seven children: Eliza J., Samuel P. and Jennie M. (twins), Maude A., James F., John H. and Lillie Isabel. After marriage our subject moved to his

present farm, where he has ever since lived, and which consists of 230 acres of land. Our subject is a Democrat, and he and wife are members of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

T. J. Miller, a prominent farmer and stock raiser, was born in 1828 in Washington County, Penn. His parents went to Clinton County, Ohio, when he was but a child, and in 1837 went to Fulton County, Ill., and two years later went to Van Buren County, Iowa. He then made the following trips: To California, Sandwich Islands, Navigator Islands, Sidney, Australia, Melbourne, and then went to Calio and Lima, in South America, and then returned to Scotland County by way of Panama, New Orleans and Iowa—an extensive voyage. His property, of which he has inherited but little, embraces about 400 acres, not including what he has given to his children. By his first wife, Sarah Lewis, to whom he was married October 8, 1856, he had two children: Jefferson and Samuel. She died March 18, 1861, and September 16 of the following year he married Elizabeth Kittle, by whom he had the following children: Sarah (deceased), Frances (now Mrs. Huston) and Minnie (now Mrs. Rodgers). Our subject served both in the Twenty-first Missouri Infantry and in the State militia. His political principles are Republican. His parents, Samuel J. and Mary (McFarland) Miller, reared a family of eight children, of whom he was the second. The father was born in Washington County, Penn., and the mother in Philadelphia, Penn. The father was engaged in farming and in loaning money, and at his death was worth about \$33,000. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and held the principles of the Republican party. Our subject's ancestry is Dutch and Irish. He has considerable musical talent, and is a man of ability.

Joseph Miller, farmer, was born in 1847 in Scotland County, Mo., where he has since resided. He acquired his education at Mount Pleasant College, Iowa, and began life for himself at the age of twenty-two. He has been occupied almost ever since in farming and general stock dealing, and his estate now embraces 403 acres, besides which he also owns other tracts of land. He was married, in 1873, to Angeline, a daughter of Jefferson Lockhart, a native of Virginia, and has had the following children: Mary M., Helen (deceased), Wesley L. and Joseph W. She died August 5, 1883, and his next marriage occurred, in 1884, to Virginia I. Lockhart. Their only child is Palmer W. Our subject and his wife hold to the faith of the Methodist Church, while his political principles are Democratic. He was the seventh of ten children born to Joseph and Mary A. (Waltman) Miller, natives of Virginia. After marriage the parents moved to La Grange,

and afterward to our subject's home. About ten years ago they moved to Warsaw, Ill., where they afterward died. The father was originally a Methodist, and assisted in organizing the first class in Scotland County, but in later years he was a prominent Presbyterian. Excepting seven years in merchandising at La Grange, he followed farming and stock raising. He was probably the first justice of the peace of his locality, and also served fifteen years as postmaster at Prospect Grove. The family were of German descent.

W. L. Mills, a prominent farmer in Jefferson Township, was born February 15, 1816, in Wayne County, Ky., moved to Monroe County, Mo., in 1827, and to what is now Scotland County in May, 1836, settling six miles northeast of Memphis. He began life a poor boy of sixteen years, and is a self-made man. He owns a nicely improved farm two miles south of Memphis, where he resides. This farm contains 195 acres, and he also has 160 acres in another tract. He was married, August 7, 1851, to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Smith, formerly Johnson. To them eight children have been born: Joseph H., Benjamin F., Ada and James A. (deceased), Caleb F. (deceased), Doci M. (deceased), Charles S. (deceased) and Alice Josephine (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Mills are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Mills is a Democrat, although in early life he was a Whig. He is an Odd Fellow, and served in the Missouri State Militia, Company I, during the late war. He was the fifth of seven children of Caleb W. and Erzilla (East) Mills, natives of Virginia, and Wayne County, Ky., respectively. Caleb W. was justice of the peace for several years, and served some time as constable, and was also a soldier in the War of 1812. He was one of the best medical practitioners of his day, a graduate of a medical college, and otherwise well qualified to practice that profession. He was killed at the "Mountain Meadow Massacre," Utah. He was born about 1788, and was a son of John Mills. His wife was a daughter of the Rev. Finus Ewing, who was one of the founders of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Erzella Mills was a daughter of North East.

J. C. Montgomery, a prominent farmer and stock raiser in Jefferson Township, was born in 1842, within three miles of where he has since resided. He was reared on the farm, and began life for himself in moderate circumstances at the age of twenty-five, and what he is now worth is the result of his industry and good management. He owns a nicely improved farm of 240 acres where he resides, and also owns land in other parts of the township. In 1868 he married Miss Almira Holman, a daughter of George W. Holman, a native of Kentucky. Six children have

blessed this union, viz.: George H., Luther T., Lydia A., Clarence, Gertrude and Nettie. Mrs. Montgomery died in April, 1885, and Mr. Montgomery has since married Miss Melissa Huggins, daughter of John B. Huggins, a native of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The former is a Democrat, and is the fourth of the six children of Harvey and Nancy (Smith) Montgomery, natives of Rhea County, Tenn., who moved to Scotland County, Mo., in 1842, where Harvey Montgomery lived and died. He was a successful farmer and influential citizen, a very active member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and was highly respected by his friends and neighbors. His wife having died Mr. Montgomery was married a second time to Mrs. Scottie Smith, to which union five children were born. Mr. Montgomery was a son of John Montgomery, a native of Ireland. Mrs. Nancy Montgomery was a daughter of John Smith.

David F. Monticue, a prominent man of Scotland County, was born in Pennsylvania, December 31, 1832, the youngest of ten children born to Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Boone) Monticue, natives of Maryland. The parents located permanently, soon after their marriage, in Westmoreland County, Penn., and they had been in Beaver County but a short time when their deaths occurred. Their moderate circumstances compelled all the family to work for their subsistence, so that David received but little education, and remained at home until after his majority. On leaving home he went to Lawrence County, Penn., and was married during the following year, and devoted his attention to his father-in-law's farm for the next ten years. In 1865 several families came to Scotland County, and it was then that he located where he now resides. His estate now consists of 360 acres of some of the best land in the county, upon which he erected a handsome dwelling in 1870. He was married, January 25, 1855, to Rebecca J. Campbell, the only child of William and Margaret (Morrow) Campbell. They have had twelve children, of whom the following are yet living: Ellen, Rebecca A., Susie, James, Frank, Wilbert C., Jessie, Eva and Rena. Margaret E. (deceased August 29, 1883), was married to Frank Harris; the remaining two were deceased in infancy. Our subject and his wife changed from the Covenanter Church of their Pennsylvania home to that of the United Presbyterians, on coming to Missouri. Our subject has been road overseer, school director, and in Pennsylvania held the office of assessor. He is a Republican.

Eugene P. Moore, editor and proprietor of *The Memphis Democrat*, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, October 6, 1844, the son of Gen. David Moore, of Canton, whose sketch appears elsewhere.

Our subject came to Missouri in 1850, and was reared in Clark County. He was educated at a college in Warsaw, Ind. During the early part of the war he served under Gen. M. E. Green, in Missouri, for a time in the Sixteenth Mississippi. After the war he taught school some, and began the study of medicine, but dropped the latter in 1870. The following year he was associated with Maj. Leflet in the publication of *The New Era*, at Palmyra. Soon after he was made enrolling clerk of the Senate, and after serving in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly he served two years in the land register's office. In March, 1873, he married Sophie Johnson. Two years later he bought out his former partner, and converted his paper into *The Marion County Democrat*, which he continued at Palmyra for seven years. In 1881 he became city editor of *The Morning Commercial Telegram*, of Toledo, Ohio, and was afterward in the same capacity on *The Evening Post*, of that city. Later on he became manager of the Railroader Job Printing Company for one year. His next occupation was managing editor of the Fort Worth (Tex.) *Democrat*, and soon after had a similar position on *The Sandusky (Ohio) Daily Journal*, with which he was connected during the noted Frank Hurd campaign. He bought his present paper in March, 1887, which he has ably conducted. His first wife died in 1877, and in March, 1883, he married Maggie L. Rush, of Palmyra. Annie K. is the only daughter living by his first marriage, and by his second are the following children: Sinona, Eugenie and Frances. Our subject is a Democrat. He is a member of the K. of P., and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. F. and J. H. Morgan were born in Sangamon County, Ill., February 1, 1831, and January 28, 1833, respectively. They are sons of Joseph K. and Jane D. (Carneal) Morgan. The father was a native of North Carolina, from which State when a youth he went to Kentucky and married. His wife was born in Virginia, but had come to Kentucky when about five years old. After their marriage they lived in Kentucky but a short time, then went to Illinois. About 1833 they came to Scotland County, among its first settlers, and located near Arbela, and afterward on the farm owned by C. Clough. They died here February 11, 1855, and February 7, 1869, respectively. Our subjects were both educated at home, and upon becoming of age, entered land which they have since sold. August 31, 1854, J. H. Morgan was married to Susan Step, a native of Clark County, and a daughter of William and Nancy Step, who located in Clark County in 1837. After marriage Mr. Morgan located upon the farm where he now lives. They have had thirteen children. Those now



living are John F., Andrew C., Nancy E., Louisa J., Nancy A., Amanda C., G. W., Marion, Jasper H. and an infant. J. F. Morgan lives with his brother. In June, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, and served for twenty-two months, participating in the battles of Athens, Corinth and Shiloh. He was discharged in March, 1863, on account of disability, and is now an honored member of Arbela Post, G. A. R.

Capt. James W. Morris was born in Worcester County, Md., September 29, 1826, and is the son of Philip and Mary (Hall) Morris, also natives of Worcester County, Md. The father was born in 1837, of Irish descent, and died when fifty-five years of age. He began in early life to follow the sea, and made many voyages to different countries. The mother was of English descent, and died in Scotland County, Mo., when eighty-one years of age (July 13, 1872). Her father and four brothers were sea captains, and when not on a voyage the former taught navigation. The mother of our subject was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for over sixty years, and by her marriage became the mother of seven children, only three now living. Our subject began his education in Maryland, and finished in Missouri. He was eleven years of age at the time of his father's death, and the following year the family moved to Hannibal, Mo., where they lived for two years. They then spent some time in Shelby County, after which they moved to the wilds of Scotland County. In 1849 our subject crossed the plains to California, where he was engaged in mining, and was also engaged as a packer on the Trinity River. He also made trips to Oregon, and other States and Territories. The adventures of Capt. Morris while in California would alone make a volume. This venture proved successful, and he returned to Scotland County, Mo., in 1854, by way of Nicaragua and New York. The 14th of September, of the same year, he married Miss Martha Talbott, a native of Pendleton County, Ky., born February 1, 1824, and the daughter of Peter and Martha Talbott. This marriage was blessed by the birth of five children, four now living: Annie, Ella F., John T. and Jennie. James T. died December 6, 1881, when in his twenty-third year. Our subject purchased the farm on which he is now living, but later engaged in merchandising in Memphis, Mo., which he continued until the breaking out of the late war, when he moved back to his farm, and has continued there ever since. During the early part of the war he was made lieutenant, but was afterward promoted to the rank of captain of Company I, of the State militia. Before the war our subject was a Democrat, but since then he has been a supporter of the Republican party. He is a good man, and a prominent and influential citi-

zen. His wife and three daughters are worthy members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which he is a ruling elder, in Pleasant Hill Congregation, Kirksville Presbytery, Missouri.

Jasper E. Mount. [See sketch of McCandless & Mount.]

John B. Mudd, prosecuting attorney, was born in this county October 23, 1855, the son of Benjamin F. and Catherine (Medley) Mudd, whose sketch will be found elsewhere. Our subject was reared in his native county, and educated at Unionton Academy, and the Kirksville State Normal. He then taught school about five years, and during this time had read law in a desultory manner. In 1879 he entered the law office of McKee & Smoot, and was admitted in 1881, after about three years' practice with Mr. Pettingill. He was elected to his present position in 1884, and two years later was re-elected without opposition, and has since served efficiently. He was elected by the Democratic party, of which he has always been a follower. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and of the I. O. O. F. societies. He was married, December 23, 1877, to Hilda J., a daughter of Endymion Hall. Their children are Luna A., Martha E., Frank H. and Gwen.

George S. Myers is a native of Scotland County, Mo., born February 14, 1840, the son of Thomas S. and Martha A. (Buskirk) Myers, whose sketch will be found elsewhere. Our subject was early trained to the farming and the saw mill business with his father, and secured a good common-school education. His first venture in mercantile life was at Greensburg, Knox County, in April, 1860. The same year he built a distillery in Schuyler County, with his brother, but was prevented from operating it by the war, and in 1863 returned to Memphis. He drove a team of oxen, and chopped and hauled wood, all winter. In the fall of 1863 he began merchandising in Memphis, and in 1876 removed his business to Wichita, Kas., and met with excellent success. His present large dry goods business was opened after his return in 1880. He carries a line of clothing, hats, shoes, notions, etc., with his dry goods, and is also extensively engaged in grain dealing. April 10, 1860, he married Nancy E. Huston, who was born in the same cabin as our subject. Their children are Joseph H., Lillian, Maggie J. and Clara. Our subject is a Democrat, and is a member of the I. O. O. F.; he and his wife hold to the faith of the Baptist Church.

McCandless & Mount, dealers in hardware, stoves, tinware, agricultural implements, and agents for Nichols & Shepard's threshing machines. This firm has been established since 1880. The senior member, Robert S. McCandless, is a native of Pendleton County, Ky. He was born September 16, 1850,

and came to this county with his father in 1857. The following year they came to Memphis, and resided here on a farm until 1866. They then went to Schuyler County, where the father died the following fall. The mother survived him until February, 1884. The parents' names are Mitchell M. and Priscilla (Orr) McCandless, and were natives of Kentucky. Their children living are our subject, Elizabeth (the wife of J. Thompson), George H., Louisa (the wife of W. D. Guinn), Herschel V., Rosella (the wife of W. Davis), James W. and Perry (deceased). Mr. McCandless engaged as clerk in 1865 for the first time, and continued in this and in Schuyler Counties until 1879, when he engaged in the grocery business in Allerton, Iowa, and the following year embarked in his present business. He was married in 1870 to Helen L. Purmort, a native of Essex County, N. Y. Their children are Roberta and Helen. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the A. O. U. W. The junior member, Jasper E. Mount, was born in Oldham County, Ky., July 17, 1847, the son of Jasper and Sarah E. Mount, natives of Indiana and Kentucky. The father died in 1852, in Oldham County, and the following year the mother came to Memphis, and lived there until 1870. After seven years on a farm in Clark County she moved to her present home in Chase County, Kas., in 1877. Her children living are Lucy A. (the wife of J. Standiford), Jasper E. and Walter E. Mr. Mount secured a good education in this county, and was a pedagogue for seven years, together with his farming. His first venture at merchandising began in 1877, in Memphis. He was a member of the firm of Crook & Co., proprietors of the New York Store, for two years, and spent 1879 in Kansas. He returned in 1880, and engaged in their present business. They have the best stock of goods in their line in Memphis, and control a large county and city trade. Mr. Mount was married, February 18, 1881, to Linnie B., a daughter of Judge D. B. Cooper. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the I. O. O. F.

Edwin R. McKee, lawyer, was born in Knox County, Ill., August 31, 1844, the son of Thomas and Maria (Rice) McKee, natives of Harrison and Crawford Counties, Ind., respectively. The father's family were Kentuckians, of Irish descent, while the mother was of Welsh stock, of Pennsylvanian ancestry. The father was born in 1810, and in 1830 came to Knox County. He was a farmer, but since the war has been a broker and real estate dealer. He has been police magistrate of Galesburg for the last twenty-four years. The mother was born in 1814, and has had thirteen children, their names being Rachel (the wife of J. French, of Iowa), Eliza J. (the wife of John Tate, of Iowa),

Catherine (the widow of W. Howey), Helen (the deceased wife of F. Sears), Isabella (deceased), Ann (the deceased wife of J. Hardenbrook), Sarah (the wife of H. Vance, of Arkansas), Hannah (deceased), Margaret (deceased), Lucinda (the wife of G. Wallace, of Kansas), Thomas Alex. (who is in mercantile business in Galesburg, Ill.,) and Daniel (deceased), and our subject, the seventh child. He was reared in his native county, and educated at Western College, Iowa, and Lombard University, at Galesburg, Ill. While at the latter place he read law, and after graduation entered the law offices of well-known practitioners, of Galesburg. In 1866 he came to Clark County with certificates from his preceptors, and was admitted to the bar at Old Waterloo. He practiced some, and taught school in the country and at Athens until 1867, when he came to Memphis. In December, 1868, he married Frances A., a daughter of Hon. N. F. Givens, of Clark County. He practiced two years at Memphis, and in 1869 began practice at Waterloo, and also practiced at Kahoka until 1875, serving as prosecuting attorney of Clark County for over two years. Since then he has been at Memphis, meeting with well-deserved success. Especially as an advocate and criminal lawyer has he gained for himself an enviable reputation. Since 1883 he has been associated with J. M. Jayne. His children are Hattie M., Thomas N. and Edwin R. He is an unswerving Democrat. He is a Knight Templar, and a member of encampment of the I. O. O. F. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K, First Iowa Infantry, and served until discharged; he was wounded in the battle of Wilson's Creek, where Lyons fell.

Crawford McWilliam, an old and prosperous farmer and stock dealer of Scotland County, Mo., and a resident of Miller Township, was born near Belfast, Ireland, February 29, 1828. He is the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Crawford) McWilliam. The McWilliam and Crawford families are descendants of Scottish ancestors. Samuel McWilliam was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in the year 1800, and died there in 1882. He was a prosperous farmer. The mother of our subject was also a native of County Antrim, Ireland, born in 1801, and died in her native county April 19, 1872. Both were devoted members of the Presbyterian Church. During the Irish rebellion, in 1798, both families (McWilliam and Crawford) were Royalists. Our subject is the eldest of six sons and one daughter. He received a liberal education, and in 1849 came to the United States, making a visit of eighteen months to an uncle living in Belmont County, Ohio. He then returned to Ireland, and married Elizabeth Moore, of County Antrim, born March 30, 1830. To this marriage were born eight children: Eliza, Samuel, William A., Mary, Thomas,

John, Crawford and Maggie. After his marriage our subject and wife returned to America, and settled in Van Buren County, Iowa, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. Six years later he removed to his present place of residence. He now owns a large tract of improved land, and pays particular attention to raising and dealing in live stock. During the late war he was commissary sergeant in the Home Guards. Mr. McWilliam is an honored citizen, an ardent supporter of Republican principles, and he and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

James Proctor Nesbit, county clerk, was born in Doniphan, Kas., September 18, 1860, the son of Robert T. and Marian M. (Knott) Nesbit, natives of Kentucky. The mother is a sister of Gov. Proctor Knott, of that State. The parents moved to Kansas in 1859, but eight years later returned to Marion County, Ky., where they now live. Our subject grew up in Kentucky, and was educated at the Indiana State University, at Bloomington, in 1878-79. He came to Memphis in June, 1881, and was employed as a printer, a trade he had learned in his youth, but on account of ill health he entered the county tax collector's office, where he remained a year and a half. In January, 1883, he changed to the circuit clerk's office, and in March, 1887, became deputy county clerk. In August, 1887, he was called to another position, which was that of county clerk, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of its incumbent, Col. J. G. Best. Our subject is a strong Democrat, and is a Knight Templar.

Thomas W. Noble, a well-known citizen of Scotland County, was born in Franklin County, Mo., March 27, 1837. He is the ninth of ten children born to John and Lavina (Tinny) Noble. The former was the son of David Noble, who was born in North Carolina, of English parentage, and who became one of the first settlers of Kentucky, where he resided until about 1800. He then moved to Vanderburg County, where he remained until his death in 1845. John was born in Garret County, Ky., in October, 1799. He remained at home until his twentieth year, when he came to Missouri, and located in Pike County. He afterward went to St. Charles County, and finally in 1830 located in Franklin County, where he remained twenty years. In 1850 he came to Scotland County, and entered a tract of 400 acres of land upon part of which our subject lives. He died January 3, 1883. He served in the Black Hawk war. He was a church member from his twentieth year, first of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and after 1862 of the United Brethren Church. His widow is still living at the age of eighty-nine years. Thomas W. was educated as a surveyor, but has never followed the business much. He has been engaged in farming all his life, but has worked as a

mechanic part of the time. He is now the owner of 130 acres of land. He was married, May 8, 1859, to Sarah J., a daughter of James M. and Mary A. (Pinkley) Oyler, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively, and both of German descent. She was a native of Marion County, Md. Her parents came to Missouri in 1843, and after living in Franklin County, until 1850, they came to Scotland County, where the mother died February 7, 1862. The father died in California, December 13, 1872. Our subject's children are Olive, George, Charles and Nelly. Mr. and Mrs. Noble are members of the Methodist Church. He takes an active interest in politics, is a Republican, and generally well informed. During the war he served in Col. Moore's regiment.

Samuel D. Norton, a prominent citizen of Mount Pleasant Township, was born in Grant County, Ky., August 17, 1834, and is the son of Archibald and Nancy (Nichols) Norton. The father was a native of Grant County, Ky., born in 1797, and died in the same county about 1847. He was a farmer, and as he started in life with very little means, was obliged to work at the weaver's trade at night, in order to get a start. The mother of our subject was also a native of Grant County, Ky., born about 1799, and died in her native county in 1855. Her father, as well as the father of Archibald Norton, was an early pioneer of the county. The Norton family originally came from Virginia. Our subject is the fifth of ten children, eight of whom are now living. He received a fair education in the schools of Grant County, and was not yet fourteen years of age when his father died, but still remained on the old homestead, and worked for his mother until twenty years of age, when he came to Clark, Scotland and other counties of Missouri, and after spending the winter returned to Kentucky, but the next fall moved back to Missouri, where he has since remained. He worked at the carpenter's trade for about a year, and then engaged with an elder brother, John J., in the mill business in Scotland County, near where he now lives, and continued at the same business for about three years, when they traded the mill for the farm that our subject now owns. This was in 1860, since then our subject has lived on this farm, which consists of 240 acres of excellent land. In the early part of the war he belonged to Company A, of the enrolled militia of Scotland County, Mo., but in 1864 he enlisted in Company I, Thirty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, Federal service, and was mustered out in March, 1865. December 27, 1860, he was married to Mrs. Mary J. McGee, widow of Elijah McGee, and daughter of J. F. Timmons. She was born in Tippecanoe County, Ind., September 18, 1836, and by her marriage became the mother of

eight children, all of whom are living: Nancy A., Eliza N., S. Grant, Samuel A., Joseph N., John H., George L. and Minnie. Our subject is a Democrat, and an active and enterprising citizen of the county.

Abraham P. Patterson, was born in Bracken County, Ky., May 15, 1830, the son of Abraham, Sr., and Jane C. (Chisholm) Patterson, natives of Delaware and Maryland, respectively. The father was born in 1783, and came to Kentucky in 1806. He was married there six years later, and in 1839 came to Marion County. He located on a farm near Monticello the following year. In 1844 he settled permanently near Memphis, where he died January 9, 1855. He was an elder of the Old School Presbyterian Church. The mother survived him until July 26, 1879. Their living children are Mary A., wife of Judge R. Gale; Martha L., widow of J. Boyle, and our subject. Seven children are deceased. Our subject received a common education in his country home, and followed farming until 1857. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits for two years, and then sold out. Since he resumed business in 1862 he has been continuously engaged in the mercantile business. He has one of the largest stocks of dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats, etc., and controls a large trade. May 21, 1863, he married Rebecca E., a daughter of Samuel Miller, and native of Rockbridge County, Va. Their children are Lulu J., Jeannette W., Willie M., Alice M., Francis J., Grace M. and Bessie H. Our subject was originally a Whig, but afterward adopted Democratic ideas. He was in attendance at the organization of the first Sunday-school in Scotland County, which was organized in the fall of 1844.

John C. Paxson, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, September 8, 1820, the son of William and Mary (Calvin) Paxson, natives of Virginia. Our subject was reared in his native county, and in early life learned merchandising and the carpenter's trade. He came to Missouri in December, 1852, and the following spring settled in Scotland County with his and his father's family excepting the mother, who had died when our subject was but four years old. The father died here in August, 1853. Our subject and Luther A. are the only children. By the father's second wife, Sarah Curry, he had the following children: Mary, wife of J. H. Anderson; Hiram; Cinderella, wife of G. Huston; Haddessa J., wife of H. Dunn, and William. Our subject followed his trade for the first three years, but on account of failing health entered the mercantile trade in Memphis as a clerk in 1856. He began for himself in 1865 in the well known firm of Paxson & Hudson, and has been successful ever since. He was married, April 27, 1843, to Luira A. Taylor, a native of Columbiana

County, Ohio. Their children are Permelia J., wife of J. Knight; Luther A., deceased, and Mary H., wife of C. G. Mety, Jr. Our subject is a Democrat, but in 1859 was elected circuit clerk on the Independent ticket, and served two years. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is recognized as one of the leading business men of the community.

Newland M. Pettingill was born in Monmouth, Me., March 24, 1852, the son of I. A. and Martha (Morse) Pettingill, natives of Maine and Massachusetts, respectively. Our subject was reared in his native State, and was educated at Maine Wesleyan Seminary of Kent's Hill, and at Bowdoin College, from which he graduated in 1875. He then came to Pittsfield, Ill., and studied law there and afterward at Louisiana, Mo., and was admitted to the Pike County bar in 1878, then becoming a member of the firm of Morrow, Gray & Pettingill. In July, 1879, he came to Memphis, and, after practicing for some time with John B. Mudd, formed a partnership under the firm name of Pettingill & Mudd. Since September, 1883, he has been a member of the present law firm of Smoot & Pettingill, and is a lawyer of experience and ability. He has always been a Democrat, and from 1881 to 1885 he served as county attorney.

A. J. Phillips, a fine mechanic, and one of Johnson County's successful farmers, was born in West Virginia in 1830, moved to Whiteside County, Ill., in 1854, and in 1865 came to his present abode in Missouri. He was brought up on a farm, and learned the carpentering trade when eighteen years of age. He has acquired his education to a great extent by reading while attending to his daily duties. He began life for himself a poor man, and what he now possesses is the result of his own labor and practical business knowledge. He has a well-improved farm of more than 500 acres. He was married in the spring of 1854 to Miss Martha E. Rowan, daughter of Frank Rowan, an early settler in Randolph County, W. Va., and a native of Baltimore, Md. To Mr. and Mrs. Phillips eleven children have been born: Elizabeth, Mary, Francesson M., William H., Randolph, Benjamin, Edward J., George, Emma (deceased), Thomas and Lewis. Mrs. Phillips is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Phillips is a professed Christian. He is also a staunch Republican, and served as constable of Whiteside County, Ill., for four years. He has never sought office, but has frequently been offered and requested to accept various offices at different times. He was the eighth of nine children of Benjamin and Phœbe (Walker) Phillips, natives of Randolph and Pendleton Counties, respectively. Benjamin served for many years as justice of the peace, and was an old-time Whig, predicting twenty years before that



the war was inevitable. He was a man of considerable erudition, and a son of Thomas Phillips.

Pile & Israel, grocers and dealers in fresh meats, include John S. Pile and John S. Israel. The senior member, Mr. Pile, was born in Johnson County, Ind., March 21, 1847, the son of Benjamin and Nancy (Price) Pile, natives of Kentucky and Indiana. The father came to near Memphis in 1851, and has been a successful farmer and stock raiser until of late years; he is living in Memphis in retirement. He is a prominent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The mother died about five years ago, leaving eight sons and five daughters, one daughter deceased. Our subject secured a fair education in his country home, and about ten years ago engaged in stock dealing, in which he has been extensively and successfully engaged ever since. In 1882 he came to Memphis, and engaged in the fresh meat business also, and in the spring of 1887 added the grocery business, and became a partner with Mr. Israel. In 1869 he was married to Emmarett F., a daughter of Maj. Benson. Our subject is Republican, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Israel was also born in Johnson County, September 8, 1842, the son of Jesse W. and Sarah A. (Price) Israel, who were natives of Tennessee and Kentucky. His father located on a farm near Memphis in 1852, and died sixteen years later. The mother, four sons and one daughter still survive him. Our subject was reared on a farm, and has pursued agriculture most of his life. He came to Memphis in September, 1886, and the following spring engaged in partnership with Mr. Pile. He was married, February 16, 1865, to Harriet A., a daughter of J. W. Harris. Their children are James T. and Jesse G. Our subject is a Republican, and during the war was a member of the State guards. He and his family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The firm began business March 1, 1887, and has a select stock of groceries, and also conduct a first-class meat market, and control a large trade.

Horace G. Pitkin, president of the Citizen's Bank, was born in Marshfield, Vt., July, 18, 1830, the son of Horace and Syrena (Burnap) Pitkin, natives, respectively, of Vermont and Massachusetts. The father came to Ohio when our subject was about six years old, and located near Columbus, where they both lived to be over seventy years of age. They had two sons and four daughters. Two of the latter are now deceased. Our subject secured a good common-school education at his country home, and at the age of seventeen went to Bentonsport, Iowa. He there engaged in the saw mill and lumber business with his brother, Erastus. He continued at that and teaching school during the

winters until he had accumulated a few hundred dollars. He then married, and in 1852 he returned to Ohio, where he managed his father's farm until 1856. He then returned to the west, and engaged in merchandising at Vernon, Iowa, with success, until 1861. He then came to Memphis worth about \$6,000, and bought William G. Downing's large stock of merchandise and also his three-story brick business house. He spent over twenty years in that business, and laid the foundation of his present successful situation. In August, 1882, he retired from this business, and has since been devoted to his real estate and banking interests. He is the largest land owner in Scotland County, and owns over 2,000 acres. Besides this he has two large brick blocks, some eight or ten residence properties, and his residence in Oak Ridge addition, which is the finest in this region. He was one of the organizers of the Citizen's Bank, of which he has been a large stockholder, and has been president since the death of L. J. Wagner, the first incumbent. His first wife died in 1863. She was Eliza A. Stewart, a native of Quincy, Ill. Their children are Albert H.; Jennie L., wife of J. F. Frye, of St. Paul, Eva A., wife of W. H. Ivie, of Kirksville, Mo.; and Dora F., wife of J. W. Henderson, of St. Paul. In 1864 he married Rachel A. Knox, a native of Pennsylvania. Their children are Cora K., wife of B. H. Cody; Jessie S., Clara J. and Horace G. Our subject is in national affairs a Republican, but is otherwise independent. He is a member of the K. of P., while in religion he is a Spiritualist. He has always been a successful man in all his undertakings, never having failed in business, or paid his debts at less than 100 cents on the dollar. He is, and has been for several years, the largest tax payer in Scotland County. One of his principal mottoes is that whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

A. H. Pitkin was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, July 13, 1851. A sketch of his father will be found elsewhere. Albert H. came to Memphis in July, 1861. He then attended Memphis High School, and completed his education at Birmingham College, Iowa. He learned the mercantile trade with his father, and also partially learned saddlery and harness making. In 1871 he engaged with his father, succeeding the firm of H. G. Pitkin & Son, and has remained in mercantile life at Memphis almost ever since. He has one of the best stocks of dry goods, clothing, notions, shoes, hats, caps, etc., in Memphis, and controls a large trade. He was married, May 1, 1873, to Ella M. Rudy, a native of Holmes County, Ohio. Their children are Leo C. and Nellie. Our subject is a prominent Republican, and in 1880 was a delegate to the Chicago convention that nominated Weaver, and was largely instrumental in securing the election of the Con-

gressman on the Greenback Labor ticket in 1880. He was secretary of the convention that nominated the present county officers on the tax payers' ticket. He has been a member of the city council for three years. He is a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the A. O. U. W., while in religious affairs he is a Spiritualist.

Lucillius Price, a prominent farmer of Harrison Township, was born on the farm where he now resides in 1848. He was reared there, and after living on the farm until 1869, he then went to Fairmont, Mo. After two years as a clerk, and some time in the drug business, he went to Sherman, Tex., in 1875, and continued the latter business for four years. Leadville (Colorado) real estate and mining interested him for about a year and a half, and after about a year's residence on the old homestead, he resumed the drug business at Denison, Tex. He became owner of the old homestead in January, 1887, and has since been devoted to farming and stock raising, and has made a specialty of the latter. By his union, in January, 1885, to Lutie Morris, a native of Lewis County, he has one daughter—Lucille. He is a Democrat, and in 1879 was a delegate from Leadville, Colo., to select a delegate to the National convention. The paternal grandfather, a Virginian, reared a large family near Lexington, Ky., and in 1832 located in Missouri, where he entered 10,000 acres of land. He entered the land upon which La Grange is located, where he resided until his death. About 4,000 acres of this land are in Scotland County, and on these acres were large herds of stock and many slaves. He and his family were uncompromising Whigs, and fast friends of Henry Clay. The father, George, was born while his parents were in Lexington, in 1803, and in 1843 was married to a Virginian by the name of Susan Davis, by whom he had three sons, of whom our subject is the eldest. He came to the farm where our subject now resides, in 1835, and here the parents died in 1885 and 1867, respectively. His two-story frame house, which was the first built in this section, is still standing.

Col. John W. Priest, a prominent citizen and resident of Jefferson Township, living eight miles west of Memphis, was born in Fauquier County, Va., July 31, 1826, and is the son of William and Sarah (Smoot) Priest, both natives of Fauquier County, Va. The Priest family is of Welsh descent. The grandfather of our subject—John Priest—and two brothers, ran away from Wales on account of political troubles in England, immigrated to America, and settled in Virginia. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and was in numerous battles. He died in Fauquier County, Va. The father of John W. died in Fauquier County,

when the latter was but one year of age, and was comparatively a young man at the time of his death; he was a farmer. The mother of John W. was of English and Irish descent, and died near Palmyra, Marion Co., Mo., in 1856, at the age of sixty-three years. Both of her parents were members of the Baptist Church, the mother having been a member from early girlhood. John was the youngest of six children, four now living. The mother, after the death of her husband, did not again marry, but when John W. was twelve years of age, she, with her family, moved to Marion County, Mo., and purchased land there. He received his education in this county, and remained with his mother until 1850, when he crossed the plains to California. Here he engaged in trading, and also ran a pack train from Sacramento to North Feather River; he also worked some in the mines. In September, 1851, he came home on the Vanderbilt line by way of Panama and New Orleans. In April of the next year he again conducted a private train composed of fifty persons, and arrived in California in August, and returned to his home by the former route in 1856. He then purchased the old home farm, and engaged in farming, but in a short time sold the farm, and engaged in merchandising at Emerson, Marion Co., Mo., where he remained in business until the breaking out of the late war. He then left his business, and organized a company of 130 men, of which he was made captain. Mr. Priest afterward joined the Tenth Missouri Cavalry (Confederate States Army), but later changed to infantry. After serving the first six months he was made lieutenant-colonel, and three months following was made colonel of the regiment, and was in many battles, among them being Athens, Monroe City, and Shelby, and then Lexington, Mo., where he joined Gen. Price's forces, and was afterward transferred to Tennessee, or the East, and arrived at Corinth a short time after that battle. He was in general fighting for the next month, then was sent West to Arkansas Post in Parson's brigade. He was then in different places until 1864, when he was sent to Missouri as a scout; was there captured and taken to St. Louis, and transferred from there to Alton, Ill., and was finally relieved from prison on account of sickness, just before the close of the war, by giving heavy bonds. He has been shot twice through the clothing, but was never wounded. In April, 1865, he came to Scotland County, Mo., and again engaged in merchandising near his present residence, continuing at this occupation until 1872, when he abandoned the business, purchased the farm upon which he is now living, and has since been engaged in farming and stock dealing. October 30, 1867, he married Rhoda Downing, a native of Scotland County, Mo.,

born in May, 1845, and the daughter of Henry H. Downing. To this marriage four children have been born, viz.: Ara, Permelia, Henry D. and John W. Mr. Priest is a Democrat, a Mason, and in 1884 he was elected to represent the county of Scotland in the Legislature, serving two years.

William W. Purmort was born in Essex County, N. Y., in 1831, the son of Nathaniel and Permelia (Harwood) Purmort, natives of New York and Vermont. The father was reared and married in New York, and came to Missouri in 1860. His death occurred here at William's residence in April, 1885, in his eighty-sixth year. The mother had died twenty years before. They had six daughters and one son, but the following are now living: Sarah W. (the wife of L. B. Newell), Mariah (the wife A. B. Knight), and our subject. William's father was an iron manufacturer, and William was brought up in that business, in connection with which they ran a general store. He came to Missouri in 1857, and located in this county the following year. During the war he enlisted in Company C, of Col. Moore's regiment, and served one year as private, and afterward as a non-commissioned officer. He became county clerk in 1862, and filled that office efficiently for four years. He then engaged in various mercantile pursuits, until 1878, when he was re-elected county clerk. He established his present hardware and agricultural implement business in 1882, and with the aid of his son, Wallace O., has conducted it successfully ever since. His first wife, Ermina De Kalb (now deceased), left the following children: William N. and Wallace O. By his present wife, Emeline C. Clark, he has three children: Mary H., James C. and Nat H. Mr. Purmort is a Democrat, and is identified with the A. O. U. W. fraternity. He and his wife hold to the faith of the Baptist Church.

William Purvis, a well-known and enterprising citizen of Scotland County, and a resident of Mount Pleasant Township, was born in that township November 24, 1842, and is the son of Philip and Matilda (Stice) Purvis. The father was a native of Bath County, Ky., and of English-Irish descent. He was born April 5, 1812, and is now a resident of Scotland County, Mo. He was a boy nine years of age when his parents moved to Ralls County, Mo., and after moving around for some time they settled in Scotland County at a time when there were very few settlers, but numerous Indians. Philip has followed agricultural pursuits all his life, and now owns one of the best farms in the county. The mother of our subject was born in Kentucky November 12, 1812, is of German descent, and is now living. Her father was a Virginian, who moved to Kentucky at an early date, settled in Boone County, and afterward moved to Monroe

County, from there to Adair County, and finally ended his career in Oregon. William was the sixth of ten children, seven now living. He received the rudiments of an education by close application to his studies at home, and in the district schools of his neighborhood. He worked for his father until February 14, 1861, when he married Margaret E. Palmer, a daughter of Thomas and Eliza M. (DeHaven) Palmer. She was born in Richland County, Ohio, September 20, 1840, and by her marriage to Mr. Purvis became the mother of six children, two of whom are deceased. Those living are William A., Elva J., Sarah T. and Samantha A. The two deceased are Sinas and Sina (twins), who died when two years of age. About eighteen months after marriage, Mr. Purvis moved to Pierce Mill, where he was engaged in milling for some time, and seven months of that time he was in the State militia. He afterward purchased land near where he now resides, which he improved, and where he lived for nine years. He then added more land, and moved to his present residence. He started with very little of this world's goods, but by economy and good management has succeeded unusually well. He is a Republican in politics, is a prominent and influential citizen of the county, and he and his wife are worthy members of the Christian Church.

Alfred Rathbun was born in Steuben County, N. Y., February 24, 1823. He is one of ten children born to the marriage of Alfred Rathbun and Laura Brown. The former was born in Connecticut, and was the son of Job Rathbun. He married in his native State, but soon after moved to New York, where he engaged in farming. In 1838 he removed to Iowa, and located on what was known as "the half-breed tract of land," where he continued to reside until his death, about 1857. Job Rathbun was a farmer, and served for a short time in the Revolutionary War. He died at the age of ninety years, and his wife at the age of eighty-six. Our subject came to Iowa with his father's family. He married, and began life for himself by working lands on the Des Moines River, where he remained for about six years, then removed to Clark County, Mo., locating near Chambersburg, where he resided for another six years. In 1855 he came to Scotland County, and located on a farm near his present home. At the same time, together with his brother, he secured a warrant on eighty acres of his present farm, upon which he erected a dwelling in 1858. In April, 1861, he joined the Home Guards, and afterward Company I, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, with which he served until December, 1864. He was at Athens, Shiloh, Corinth and other places. While on the way from Memphis to Vicksburg he was shot through the right arm. This

wound was received after the battle of Athens, and he was also wounded by a bushwhacker in Missouri in 1861, and was also struck by a spent ball at Corinth. September 12, 1843, he married Mary Thorington, who died March 31, 1874, leaving seven children: John, George, Nancy, Alfred, Emily, William and Charity. The two eldest boys were in the late war. John was in the militia, and George was in the Twenty-first Missouri Infantry; was discharged on account of disability, came home, recovered, re-enlisted, and served during the war. On July 1, 1874, Mr. Rathbun married Mrs. Eunice (Hohstadt) Beckwith, a native of Virginia, and daughter of John Hohstadt, who was the son of Jacob Hohstadt, a German soldier in Burgoyne's army. He was captured at the battle of Stillwater, and after the war remained in this country. His son was a soldier in the American Army in 1812, and two of John's sons served in the Union Army in the late war. He died in 1880. Our subject and his wife are Christian people.

Col. John B. Reddish was born in Franklin County, Ky., December 17, 1815, the son of Ransom and Mary (Butler) Reddish, the former a native of Stafford County, Va. The mother died when our subject was but a child. Their children are Frances A. (deceased), Mary B. (deceased) and John B. The father's second wife was Mary A. (Richardson) Hall. They had an infant daughter, deceased. The father came to Lewis County in 1830, and entered what was known as "the Indian town," four miles from Monticello, where he died in 1837. John B. had charge of the farm after the father's death, and received but a limited education in the "three R's" after he was of age. In 1845 he went to Monticello, and became a merchant until 1862. He then came to Canton. In 1871 he returned to Monticello, and conducted a hotel for two years. Since then he has been in Memphis, first engaged in running the Wabash Hotel, successfully, until it burned in 1884. Since July, 1884, he has been occupied in the grocery business. He was burned out in 1886-87, and is now re-establishing business under the firm name of Williams & Reddish. In 1838 he married Caroline Asbury, of Kentucky. After her death he married Sallie A. Asbury, in 1852. Their children are Franklin C., Caroline E. (the wife of Dr. E. H. Brumbaugh, a Methodist minister), William P. and Maybette. Our subject is a Democrat, and is a charter member of the first church in Lewis County. He holds to the faith of the Christian Church. He is one of the few surviving pioneers of this section. He assisted in laying out the town of Monticello.

John W. Reed, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., near Louisville, April 5, 1831, and is a son of

Peter and Nancy (Gray) Reed. This family of Reeds is of German descent. The father was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1799, and died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1853, about eighteen months subsequent to his removal from Kentucky. He learned the blacksmith's trade when a young man, serving an apprenticeship of four years, and, although he was poor when he began life for himself, proved to be a successful farmer and blacksmith. His father, Jacob, was in the Revolutionary War during the last five years of the same, and fought in a number of battles. He died in Edgar County, Ill., in 1860, at an advanced age. The Gray family is of Irish and Dutch descent. The mother was born in Hardin County, in 1809, and died in Scotland County, Mo., February 14, 1885. Both herself and husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and to them eight children were born, of whom John W. is the fourth. Six of the children still survive. John W. received a common-school education in Breckinridge County, during his youth, which he has since greatly improved by reading and business experience. When twenty-one years old he accompanied his parents to Missouri, with whom he made his home. After the death of his father he continued to live with and care for his mother, and provide for and educate the younger children. March 20, 1862, he married Melvina Cox, daughter of Joshua Cox, and a native of Scotland County, Mo., where she was born, November 11, 1844. Eight children born to this marriage are now living: Florentine, Adelaide, Robert P., Peter, Nancy M., William W., Ina M. and Grace. After his marriage Mr. Reed moved to Illinois, where he lived until 1865, then returned to Scotland County, and purchased the farm where he now lives. By industry and economy, and the assistance of his good wife, Mr. Reed is the owner of a nice farm, and is considered one of the well-to-do farmer citizens of the county.

J. M. Richardson, an old and respected citizen of Scotland County, and a resident of Mount Pleasant since 1837, was born in Fentress County, Tenn., on the first day of the new year, 1818. He is the son of J. M. and Abigail (Hildreth) Richardson, both natives of Wythe County, Va. The father was of Welsh-Irish descent, and moved to Fentress County, Tenn., when settlers were few and far between. He was a farmer, and was circuit court clerk for over forty years. He was a wealthy man, and made his money by his own honest efforts. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died in Fentress County. Our subject was the sixth of fourteen children, six of whom are now living. He received a fair education, and in March, 1837, left his parents and came to Mount Pleasant Township, took up a



claim, and when the government land was sold, purchased a farm, and there he has since resided. July 12, 1838, he married Miss Jane Heryford, a native of Wayne County, Ky., born April 1, 1816, and the daughter of Paul Heryford. To this union were born seven children, six now living: John W., James C., Mary A., Jeffery, Madison B. and Milton; Henry is deceased. Our subject delighted in hunting, and can tell many interesting anecdotes connected with the early history of the county. He has been extensively engaged in farming, and in the rearing of live stock, in which he has been very successful. In June, 1861, he engaged in merchandising in Greensburg, Knox Co., Mo., and continued in business for about four years, but in the meantime was burned out, and lost considerable. He is a decided Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church. He is an influential and prominent citizen of the county, and takes great pride in advocating the cause of education and religion, as well as all laudable enterprises.

T. F. Risk, M. D., is a prominent citizen of Sand Hill Township, and was born in Fayette County, Ky., in 1845, from where he went to Pendleton County, Ky., when five years old; from there he went to California, Colorado and Kansas, in which States he resided until 1877, when he came to Scotland County, Mo., where he has remained. He has traveled quite extensively through several of the States, but resided only a short time in those visited. He received his academic and collegiate education in the State of Kentucky, and is an honorary graduate of "Eminence College" Kentucky, graduating with the highest honors of his class in the classical course, taking both the degrees of A. B. and A. M. He graduated from the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1863, where he also took the highest honors of his class. After graduating he immediately began practicing his chosen profession at Morgan, Ky., and has practiced medicine in California, Colorado, Kansas, and since 1877 at his present location in Missouri. He enjoys the best of success, and has a more extensive practice than he is physically capacitated to attend to. He has also been a close student of botany, geology, astronomy and mineralogy. He has made a specialty of chronic diseases, and has also treated all other diseases to which his attention has been called as a medical practitioner. He has at different times been offered positions as teacher in medical colleges, but was compelled to decline on account of ill health. He was married, in 1865, to Miss Martha A. Myers, a native of Kentucky. Seven children blessed this union: Minnie E., Lou Ella, Ollie M., Anna K., Eva (deceased), Josephus and Martha. Mrs. Risk died in 1880, and Dr. Risk was mar-

ried a second time, in 1881, to Miss Ella Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Risk are members of the Christian Church, and Dr. Risk is a Democrat; he has been urged to accept nominations, for different offices, but has always declined. He is a Master Mason, a member of the I. O. O. F., and belongs to the Good Templar fraternity. He was the youngest of six children of John C. and Mary Ann (Hues) Risk, natives of New York State and Virginia, respectively. John C. was of German and French descent. He was a literary man, and a close student, and qualified himself for teaching, but followed agricultural pursuits the greater part of his life. He was a son of John Risk. The maiden name of his mother was Esthel. Dr. Risk's great-grandmother's maiden name was Rothchild, and she was born in Bavaria. His great-grandfather, on his mother's side, was a native of Frankfort, Germany, and his name was Jacob Esthel.

Charles D. Rudy, of the firm of Bennett & Rudy. [See page 1148.]

W. P. Rule, merchant and postmaster at Sand Hill, was born in 1849, in Knox County, Mo., and in 1879 moved to Sand Hill, where he has since resided. He was reared a farmer, and followed that occupation until 1879, when he engaged in the general mercantile business at Sand Hill. He began life for himself at the age of twenty-three, and his property is all the result of his own industry, and economy. He owns his stock and business property at Sand Hill, and enjoys a good patronage, which is ample evidence of his business ability. He was married, in 1875, to Miss Jane Boltz, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Smiley) Boltz. Mrs. Rule's parents were of Irish and German descent. Her father was a native of Indiana, and died in 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Rule have had two children: Perry and Lelia. Mr. Rule is a Democrat, and is the fourth of nine children of William and Martha (Shannon) Rule, natives of Tennessee and Missouri, respectively. William was judge of the county court, in Knox County, for many years, and was a Confederate soldier during the late war. He was a son of John Rule, who was an early settler of East Tennessee, and a native of Virginia.

Henry H. Saling, postmaster, was born in Memphis, January 25, 1850, the son of Daniel and Mary (Baker) Saling, natives of Missouri and Indiana, respectively. Our subject was left an orphan by his parents' death when he was quite young. He first began as a butcher and continued about three years. He was elected constable in 1880, and also became deputy sheriff, and served for two years. He then was elected to the office of sheriff, and served two terms of two years each, with entire satisfaction to all concerned. He became postmaster in March, 1887,

and makes an efficient officer. He was married, March 15, 1870, to Mary L. Hammond, a native of Kentucky. Their children are Della, Mattie, Cora, George H., Jay, Bertie D. and Louise. Our subject has been elected by the Democratic party to fill these two terms. He is a Knight Templar of the A. F. & A. M., and is a member of the A. O. U. W. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John B. Sanders, a prominent farmer and extensive stock raiser, near Memphis, was born in Shelby County, Ky., in 1824, moved to Marion County, Mo., in 1850, and to Scotland County, Mo., in 1852, where he has since resided. He began life in moderate circumstances, accumulated some property, which he lost, and became quite discouraged, but by his energy and practical business ability has again become very comfortably fixed. He has a splendidly improved farm adjoining Memphis on the east, besides owning other tracts of land in the county, amounting in all to upward of 1,200 acres. He was married in 1855 to Miss Lavinia Gray, a daughter of Judge Jacob and Elizabeth (Hall) Gray, natives of Maryland, who moved to Missouri when Mrs. Sanders was about six years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Sanders six children have been born: John J. (civil engineer on the Texas, Arkansas & St. Louis Railroad), Thomas R., James L., Mary M., Culvin (deceased) and George (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Sanders are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Mr. Sanders is a Democrat. He was the eldest of ten children of Culvin and Mary Magdaline (Fore) Sanders, natives of Prince Edward County, Va., and Kentucky, respectively. Culvin S. died in May, 1887, at the age of eighty-nine. He and his wife were of English and French descent, respectively. He was a son of John Sanders, a native of Prince Edward County, Va., who was a son of Samuel Sanders, of Virginia. Mr. John B. Sanders, of late years, has paid considerable attention to fine stock, and has some of the finest and purest blooded stock in Northeast Missouri, and owns a stallion whose pedigree runs back to "Hambletonian," and back thirty-two lines to "Messenger." Mrs. Mary M. Sanders was a daughter of Joseph L. and Mary (Brackett) Fore, natives of Buckingham County, Va., who were raised in Henry County, Ky. Mrs. Mary (Brackett) Fore was a daughter of John Brackett, a native of South Carolina.

Capt. Culvin F. Sanders, circuit clerk, was born in Shelby County, Ky., December 22, 1840, the son of Culvin, Sr., and Magdaline (Fore) Sanders, natives of Prince Edward County, Va., and Shelby County, Ky., respectively. Our subject was reared to manhood in his native State, and educated in Shelby College. He served three years and nine months in the Confed-

erate Army, as captain of cavalry, an organization known as the "Buckner Guards," and participated in all the battles of the Army of Tennessee. Before the war he had studied law and been admitted to the bar, but, on account of ill health, after the war he did not resume practice. He taught school for some time, and in August, 1875, became principal of the Memphis public schools. Four years later he became commissioner of the county schools, and continued for two years. In June, 1887, he became assistant cashier of the Citizen's Bank, and continued until November, 1882, at which time he was elected to the office of circuit clerk and recorder of the county. He has been an efficient officer in his present position. He was re-elected as a Democrat on the regular Democratic ticket at the November election, 1886. January 11, 1887, he married Mary L., daughter of the late Hon. L. J. Wagner. Their only child is Bessie C. Our subject is a Knight Templar, an encampment member of the I. O. O. F., a Knight of Pythias, a member of the A. O. U. W., and holds to the faith of the Baptist Church.

Hon. Elias Scofield is a native of Franklin County, Ohio. He was born July 27, 1841, the son of Dr. Elias, Sr., and Rebecca (Kaufman) Scofield. The father comes from an old Maryland family, and the mother is of German origin, and from Pennsylvania. Our subject was educated at Ohio Wesleyan University, from which he graduated, in the scientific course, in 1860. He afterward taught school for four years, and read law at Columbus at the same time. After his admission to the bar, in 1864, he practiced law at Columbus for five years. In 1869 he came to his present home. As a lawyer he is very careful and painstaking, and is especially able as counsel. He served as mayor for five consecutive terms, and was justice of the peace for seven years. He was appointed to the position of judge of the probate court in 1879, and was elected in the following year, and re-elected two years later, all of which indicates the satisfaction he gave. He is attorney for the Scotland County National Bank. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a Knight Templar, and has been Master of Memphis Lodge, No. 16, for five years. His religious faith is Presbyterian. His wife, Mary F. Barr, of Columbus, Ohio, was united to him in 1870. They have one adopted daughter. Our subject stands high in the estimation of his community, and as mentioned is now an attorney at law at Memphis, Mo.

E. O. P. Selby, a carpenter and farmer, was born in 1837 in Athens County, Ohio. He went with his parents to Mason County, W. Va., when he was about four years old, and about five years later they came to Lee County, Iowa, and then to Clark County, Mo. At the opening of the war he enlisted in

Company H, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, and served from 1861 to December, 1864, when he was mustered out at Nashville. He was married, September 11, 1866, to Amanda Gorby. Their children are Charles E. P. and Lillie A. His wife died June 1, 1878, and on August 14, 1880, he married Mary E. Lee. Their only child is Gracie M. His wife is a member of the Christian Church, while his political faith is thoroughly Republican. In all his ten years' service as justice, not one of his decisions has been reversed. He was the tenth of fourteen children born to Joseph T. and Nancy (Moore) Selby, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania. The father died about 1851, and the mother ten years later, and both at the age of fifty-three. The former was Scotch, and the latter of German-Irish descent. In the Baptist Church the father was an active Christian worker. He died in 1849, at New Orleans, while there on business. Our subject learned his trade when twenty years of age, and about seven years after he had begun life for himself. He has a good estate of eighty acres, which he has acquired, notwithstanding his great losses and reverses.

Charles W. Sevier, editor and proprietor of *The National*, was born in Davis County, Iowa, May 9, 1849, the son of Charles W. and Parthena G. (Pittman) Sevier, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively. The father was a grandson of John Sevier, the first governor of Tennessee. He came to Iowa from Kentucky, and lived in Davis County until his death. He died in 1849 at New Orleans, while there on business. Our subject was educated in his native State, and at the age of fifteen enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served until the close of the war. In 1867 he married Emeline Hill, of Van Buren County, Iowa. After living five years in Kansas, he returned to Van Buren County in 1874, and two years later began the study of law. He continued that four years, and was admitted to the bar and began practice in Wapello County, where his wife died in 1882. He returned to Keosauqua and established his paper, *The National Greenback*, the same year, and in October removed it to Memphis. He has since ably conducted it under its present name, *The National*, and advocates the principles of the younger Democracy. His paper has also favored the tax payers in their fight against the railroad bonds. Our subject has the following children by his first marriage: Nina O., Anna A., Ollie B. and John C. He was united to his present wife, Rebecca Fowler, of Van Buren County, Iowa, June 29, 1885. She is a native of Ohio. Our subject is a magistrate of Memphis, and a journalist of ability. He is a member of the K. of P. and the I. O. O. F.

Maj. B. W. Shacklett, a pioneer of Scotland County, was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1805, where he was reared and afterward married. His wife, Mary Kendall, died in September, 1833, leaving two sons and two daughters. During the years 1844 and 1845 he was elected, and represented his county in the Legislature. In 1853, after his marriage to Harriet Kendall, they came to Harrison Township, and in 1879 to their present home. Besides twenty acres near Granger he also owns several farms in Scotland and in the adjoining counties. His war service began in Green's regiment, at the organization of which he was made major, and served throughout the war in that rank. After the first six months he joined the regular Confederate service. His sons, Eli and John, served throughout the Mexican War, and the latter died in Vera Cruz of sunstroke after the capture of that city, and the former died in Scotland County in 1883. Their daughter, Mrs. Ephraim Wilcox, died in 1879, leaving four children. The remaining daughter by his first marriage is Mrs. Sarah Miller. Jacob, William F. and Ben G. are children of his second marriage, as also was Eliza, the deceased wife of David Meriwether. The other children are Mrs. Elizabeth Hicks, Lydia, Mrs. Matilda Williams, and Fanny, who died when young. Our subject was reared a Whig, but for many years has been identified with the Democratic party. John, the paternal great-grandfather, who was born in France, settled in Virginia about 1650. Of his three sons, Hezekiah, Edward and John, the last named was the grandfather. He was married in Virginia to Barbara Quick, who came to America in her childhood, and served as a domestic in the family of Judge Fairfax, of Virginia, for several years, in order to pay her passage. They afterward moved to Pennsylvania, where he died, and which his wife and ten children afterward left for Kentucky. Benjamin, the father, was born in Pennsylvania on January 21, 1774, and there married Elizabeth Ashcraft, also a native of that State, by whom he had nine sons and four daughters, our subject being the seventh child. The father served as major in the War of 1812, and the same year he was promoted colonel. He was also elected and served in the Lower House of the State Legislature in the winter of 1816-17. He died in Kentucky at the age of sixty-four.

Moses Shanks, an old and respected citizen of Miller Township, Scotland County, was born in Greene County, Tenn., July 28, 1809, and is the son of Nicholas and Rosey (Graham) Shanks. The father was of English and Irish origin, and at the time of his death, which occurred in Greene County, Tenn., in 1838, was in the prime of life. He was in the War of 1812, and participated in the battle of the Horseshoe. The mother of our subject, it is

supposed, was a native of Pennsylvania; she died in Greene County, Tenn., in 1840, and was, at the time of her death, a comparatively young woman. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of the twelve children born to this union our subject was the sixth. He and his sister, Susannah, are the only representatives of the family. He received a common-school education in Greene County, Tenn., and this has been greatly increased by study, observation and travel. While in Tennessee he followed agricultural pursuits on a farm given him by his father, and in 1840 he moved to Missouri and settled on his present location. He at first owned 320 acres of land, and since that time he has been buying and selling, and now owns 520 acres of as good land as is to be found in the county. In 1859 he married Miss Sarah McLaughlin, a native of Greene County, Tenn.; she died in Fulton, Mo., in 1872, leaving four children—three sons and one daughter—all living: John A., Mary D., James V. and George F. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. In 1876 our subject married Mrs. Elizabeth Mathes, widow of Washington Mathes, and a daughter of Henry Prime. She was born in Schuyler County, Mo., about 1847. One son, Marvin S., was the result of this marriage. Our subject is a decided Democrat. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Meashek Sigler, an old pioneer citizen, was born in Madison County, Ky., February 12, 1811, the son of John and Nancy (Hodge) Sigler, natives of Tennessee. Our subject was but a child when they moved to Indiana Territory, and was reared in Putnam County. In 1830 he married Permelia McBride, and in 1836 came to Van Buren County, Iowa. He bought 320 acres on the site of Keosauqua, and helped lay out that town, which he has lived to see become a county seat. In 1843 he moved to the northeastern part of Van Buren County, and ran a grist and saw mill until 1861, two years after the death of his wife. He then came to Scotland where he lived until 1864, when on account of war troubles he went to Denver. In 1865 he returned, and the following year he went to Kansas. He spent about ten years in Neosho County, and again went to Colorado, but again returned in 1884, considerably feeble by old age. His children by his first marriage are William D., James O., Dallison D., Lewis C., Nancy L. (wife of H. Runyan), Sarah D. (deceased wife of J. Jones), Josephine (wife of S. Hartsell), and Caroline, the wife of J. Reed. His children by his second wife, Mrs. Sophronia Baker, are Walter M., and Lillie (wife of W. Stiles). Our subject cast his first vote for Van Buren, and has always followed the Democratic principles. He is a

member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is now spending his declining years in retirement, and relates many interesting incidents of his pioneer life.

William D. Sigler, a prominent citizen of Scotland County, was born in Putnam County, Ind., on September 3, 1836, and is the son of Meashek and Parmelia T. (McBride) Sigler. The former was a native of Kentucky, and the latter of South Carolina. Both removed to Indiana when young and were there married. About five years after marriage, in 1836, they immigrated to Van Buren County, Iowa, and located upon the site of Keosauqua. Mrs. Sigler being the first white woman in the town; she died in 1859. Her husband who was born in 1811 is still living. William D. was reared at home, where he remained until his enlistment August 14, 1862. He served in Company G. Thirtieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, about eight months. During the charge on Vicksburg. May 22, 1863, he was wounded both in the knee and the arm, causing the loss of the latter member. He was discharged July 27, 1863. He had, in 1862, moved to Scotland County, and after teaching one term located in Memphis where he was appointed postmaster. He resigned, however, a year later to become assessor. He was then twice elected as sheriff and collector, and also served as deputy United States marshal for two years. He then came to his present farm. He is one of the leading stock raisers of the county, and makes a specialty of Holstein cattle, Norman and Cleveland Bay horses. His farm consists of 200 acres, eighty acres of which lie in Memphis. It has considerable coal underneath, and operations have been commenced to develop it. His wife, Mary, to whom he was married February 23, 1865, is the daughter of E. A. Kutzner. Their children are Addie P., William D., Jr., Nellie L., Birdie E., Anna G., Charles Mc. and an infant. Our subject and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W. and of the G. A. R.

Lewis C. Sigler, was born in Van Buren County, Iowa. July 4, 1856, the son of Meashek and Parmelia A. (McBride) Sigler, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject was left motherless at the age of two years, and was reared on the farm by his brother, W. D., until about sixteen years of age. He then engaged as clerk for Paxson & Hudson, W. D. Fowler and Sigler & McArthur, for several years. It was about ten years ago that he engaged in the grocery and general merchandise business, first in company with Mr. Stewart and afterward with his brothers, and then with G. T. Myers, and finally for the last eighteen months he has conducted it alone. He has a large stock of



staple and fancy groceries, flour and provisions, and controls a large county trade. He was married, May 1, 1879, to Anna H. Huston, a native of Scotland County. Their children are Roy H., Edgar M., Nina M. (deceased) and Lena C. Our subject is a Republican, politically, and is a brother in both the A. F. & A. M. and the A. O. U. W. fraternities. He and his wife both hold to the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Andrew Simon was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 23, 1848, the son of George and Margaret (Wunder) Simon, natives of the same place, from where they came to the United States on June 1, 1859, and landed at New Orleans, La., finally settling in Warsaw, Ill., with two sons and one daughter, where the parents, one son and daughter died. A. Simon was apprenticed as a saddler and harness-maker in 1863, working off and on for C. Wolf for ten years. April 9, 1873, he came to Memphis, and established his saddle and harness manufacturing business on a small scale. January 9, 1875, he was burned out. In July, 1875, he built his present brick block, two stories high, 20x100 feet, and now has a large trade with a fine stock of saddles, harness, turf goods, leather of all kinds, shoe findings, etc.; also manufactures boots and shoes. He supplies both retail and jobbing trade, and has now the largest business of the kind in Northeast Missouri. In 1871 he married Sophia Haenell, of Warsaw, Ill., by whom he has four sons and one daughter; he is a Republican, and is a member of the T. A., K. of P., and A. F. & A. M. fraternities. He also belongs to the Kansas City Accident Insurance Co. He has one of the best two-story dwellings, 32x46, in the city, which he built in April, 1886, and where he now lives.

Hon. Jesse D. Skidmore, M. D., was born in Lincoln County, Ky., November 18, 1836, the son of James C. and Nancy (Adams) Skidmore, natives of Kentucky. Their children are Jesse D., John O. and Charles S. The mother's first husband was Matthew Coffey, by whom she had two children: William A. and Martha A. Our subject came to Missouri in 1849, with his step-brother, and lived with him on a farm in Schuyler County, until his majority. He was educated in the common schools, and after reading medicine entered St. Louis Medical College, from which he graduated in 1857. He first practiced in Adair County, for four years, and during the war was living in California and the West. He returned to Scotland County in 1867, and practiced at Middle Fabius until the spring of 1883. Since then he has had a large practice at Memphis, and is associated with H. M. Stone, M. D. The Doctor is a Democrat, and as such was elected to the Legislature in 1882. He was married, in May, 1861, to Amanda M. (Stone) Ladd, a native of Lee County,

Iowa. He is a member of the county medical society, and is a Knight Templar of the A. F. & A. M. He and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and are both highly esteemed people.

Hercules Smith, a prominent citizen and resident of Miller Township, was born in Hardin County, Ky., January 7, 1821, and is the son of David and Mary Ann (Gray) Smith. The father was a native of Virginia, and came with his parents to Kentucky when a boy. They remained in Hardin County, Ky., until 1850, when our subject moved to Scotland County, Mo., and engaged in farming. He died in 1859, and was about seventy years of age at the time of his death. The mother of our subject was born in Kentucky, and was of Irish-German descent. She died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1865, when about seventy years of age. They were pioneers of Kentucky, and early settlers of Scotland County, Mo. Our subject was the second child and the eldest son of a family of six children, five now living. At the age of sixteen he left the parental roof, and began on his own resources by hiring out to the neighbors to do farm work. He afterward leased land, and began to farm. In 1843 he married Miss Mary E. Leeman, a native of Kentucky, who bore him eleven children, ten now living: Matilda, Mary A., Eliza, Thomas J., Nancy, America, Felix, William L., John C. and Charlotta. Elizabeth, the eldest daughter, is deceased. In 1848 our subject came to Missouri, and located on 160 acres which he afterward purchased. Immediately after the war he sold his land, and about four years later he bought out the other heirs of his father's property and lived on the old homestead until 1883, when he added the tract he now calls home. In April, 1885, he married Mrs. Margaret Talbott, widow of William Talbott and daughter of Handy Cathel, who has been a well-known resident of Missouri for many years. She was born November 16, 1845, and is a member of the Baptist Church. In 1880 our subject made a tour through California, Oregon, Washington Territory and other States and Territories in order to find a better place than Missouri in which to live, but after traveling a great deal he returned to Missouri, satisfied to remain there. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and a Democrat in politics. He is noted for his liberality toward schools, churches and all laudable enterprises, and enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Allen L. Smith, a prominent farmer in Sand Hill Township, was born December 25, 1828, in Brownsville, Tenn. He moved to Marion County, Mo., when he was about three years old, and in the spring of 1833 moved with his parents to what is now

Scotland County, Mo. He acquired most of his education after he was grown by reading and observation. He was reared a farmer, and has since followed that occupation with the exception of eight years, when he was occupied in the mercantile trade at Sand Hill, and a short time that he taught school. He first embarked in business in 1850, and about 1856 formed a co-partnership with Jonathan Longfellow, the firm name being A. L. Smith & Longfellow. About two years later he purchased Mr. Longfellow's interest, and continued the business until 1859, when he closed it out, rented a farm, and engaged in farming, which occupation he has since followed. His property is the result of his own labor and management, and consists of 240 acres of splendidly improved land. He married, May 10, 1857, Charlotte Grant, daughter of John Grant, a native of Nova Scotia. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith thirteen children have been born: Margaret Jane (deceased), Mary Elizabeth, William R., Thomas P., Gladdis Annettie, John G., Lula V., Charlotte Emma, Allen R., Leonard B., Le Roy, Claudie Stella and one who died in infancy. Mr. Smith is a Democrat in principle, but conservative in politics. He served as postmaster seven years at Sand Hill, and was school director for several years. He was the eldest of three children of Robert T. and Margaret W. (Ray) Smith, natives of North Carolina, who settled in West Tennessee at a very early day, the former being major for some time. Mr. Smith moved to Marion County, Mo., about 1831, and in the fall of 1832 came to Scotland County, Mo., built a hut, moved some grain to the place, and in the spring of 1833 moved his family to the place. He was a shoemaker by trade, but later in life was engaged in milling and farming. Mrs. Margaret Smith was a daughter of Matthew Ray, possibly a native of North Carolina. Mr. Ray afterward moved to Lewis County, Mo., where he was judge of the county court.

August Smith, an enterprising farmer of Scotland County, was born August 24, 1839, in Baden, Germany, and is one of a family of eight children born to the marriage of Franz and Elizabeth (Widerman) Smith. The former was a locksmith by trade, but during the greater part of his life followed farming. In 1844 he immigrated with his family to America, and located in Madison County, Ill., where he remained for nine years; he then came to Scotland County, and located where his son, John, now lives on the North Wyaconda. He bought 360 acres of land to which he afterward added until at one time he was owner of over 1,400 acres. He was twice married, and died in 1879. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died in August, 1844, a few months after landing in America, and in 1847 he married a Mrs.

Meyer, by whom he had three children. August remained at home until he was married, when he located upon a farm where he has since resided. He is now the owner of 560 acres of land, and is recognized as one of the best and most progressive farmers and stock raisers in the county. He was married, April 5, 1865, to Miss Caroline, a daughter of William Troth. To them have been born eight children, only four of whom are living. They are Leslie, Charles F., Ola N. and Perdie. William F. was born January 21, 1866, and died from the effects of a fall from a horse, on August 14, 1882; Hilinda was born February 15, 1868, and died October 15, 1871; Albert O. was born June 8, 1870, and died on November 11, following; Linneus S. was born November 8, 1872, and died September 3, 1885.

Thomas H. Smith, a prominent farmer and stock raiser in Jefferson Township, was born in 1846, within half a mile of where he has since resided. He received a good common-school education, and was reared a farmer, which occupation he has always followed. He inherited 120 acres of land, but by his industry and good management has increased his possessions, and now owns a nicely improved farm of 510 acres, upon which he resides, and which is situated two miles south of Memphis. He was married, on February 28, 1872, to Miss Elizabeth M. McKnight, a daughter of James M. and Rebecca A. (Miller) McKnight, natives of Virginia, and who moved to Scotland County about 1859. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith three children have been born: James C., Mary E. and Charles V. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are united with the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Smith is a Democrat in principle, but an Independent in politics. He was the second of the three children of Condley and Mary E. (Johnson) Smith, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively. The father was a minister of the gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the mother was a daughter of William Johnson, a native of Kentucky, where he is at present residing. Mr. Condley Smith moved to Scotland County, Mo., about 1841.

John D. Smoot, lawyer, was born October 18, 1848, in this county. He is the son of Edward and Harriet (Downing) Smoot, natives of Fauquier County, Va. The father came to Missouri in 1838 and settled near West Jefferson. He followed farming and stock raising until his death in 1856. The mother survived him but three years. Their children are Josiah (deceased), Henry E., Martha A. (the wife of T. Broadwater), Samuel C., Mary E. (the wife of Dr. J. E. Parrish), and our subject. John D. was reared in his native county, and attended old Memphis Academy under the tutorship of James Donnelly. At his majority he began the study of law, and entered the office of H. M. Durkee. After

some time he went to St. Louis, and attended the law department of Washington University, from which he graduated in 1871. He then returned to Memphis, and practiced with (Senator) W. G. Downing, and later with E. R. McKee. In 1883 his present partnership with Mr. Pettingill was formed, and he has contributed much to the success of this well known firm. He has always been a Democrat, and was elected prosecuting attorney by that party in 1872, and served two terms. He was candidate for the Legislature in 1878 but was defeated. He was married, October 15, 1873, to Annie D. Ewing, of Pendleton County, Ky. Their children are John D., Ewing, Hudson V. and Bessie M. Mr. Smoot is a Presbyterian in his religious faith, while his wife is a member of the Christian Church.

J. S. Spilman, a prominent and respected farmer of Sand Hill Township, was born November 7, 1841, in the locality where he has since resided. He was reared upon the farm, received a good common-school education, and was thrown upon his own resources when of age, a poor man, but by his energy and splendid practical business ability he has become quite comfortably fixed. He owns a well improved farm of 320 acres on which he lives, and owns other tracts of land in the county, his property in all amounting to 570 acres. He was married, January 15, 1863, to Miss Jane R. Grant, daughter of John and Mary (Scott) Grant, natives of Nova Scotia and Scotland, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Spilman two children have been born: John E. (deceased) and Dora A. Mr. Spilman is a Democrat, and was the second of three children (two living) of Michael E. and Nancy A. (Price) Spilman, natives of Trimble County, Ky. Mr. Spilman moved to what is now Scotland County, Mo., in 1836. He was a soldier in the Mexican War, and was a son of Thomas Spilman, a minister of the gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was one of the early settlers of Trimble County, and sheriff of the same county for several years. Mrs. Nancy A. Spilman was a daughter of Joseph Price, a native of Virginia, near Richmond. He was a very early settler in Kentucky, and moved to Scotland County, Mo., about 1833 or 1835, bringing the first mill that was run by horse power in Scotland County, Mo. He was of English descent, as was also Thomas Spilman.

David J. Stice, a well-known farmer and stock dealer of Mount Pleasant Township, was born near where he now resides, August 2, 1837, and is the son of Jesse and Lavina (March) Stice. The father was born in Kentucky, January 7, 1809, and was of German descent. He came with his parents from Kentucky to Howard County, Mo., when a boy, and lived in Monroe and Boone Counties until coming to Scotland County. He was

the first white man to build a house in the county, coming here in 1827, and remained there until he moved to Queen City, in 1877. He was a farmer the principal part of his life, and was a well-respected citizen. He died in Schuyler County, Mo., April 27, 1887. The mother of our subject, also a native of Kentucky, was of German descent, and died in Scotland County, Mo., about 1844. Both parents were members of the Christian Church. David was the eighth of eleven children, eight of whom are now living. He received his education in the common schools of Scotland County, and remained with and worked for his father until his marriage, which occurred September 25, 1856, to Miss Ann Eliza Humphrey, a daughter of William K. Humphrey, and a native of Washington County, Ky., born April 26, 1835. To them were born nine children, five now living: Sarah E., Arthur C., Cornelia, Melvina, Ruth; and those deceased are William H., Asa, Lillian and Augusta. Mr. Stice has a fine farm given him by his father, which he has improved, and of which he can be justly proud. During the late war he served six months in Col. Purmort's command, and was in several skirmishes. He and wife are worthy members of the Christian Church, and he is decidedly in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic. He is a good citizen and an excellent man.

John W. Suter was born in Shelby County, Ky., in the year 1824, and is the son of John Suter, a native of Virginia, and of Scotch and English descent. The mother of John W., whose maiden name was Sallie Keller, was a native of Kentucky, and of English descent. The father moved from Virginia to Kentucky when a young man, and here he married. After living in Kentucky a number of years he moved to Springfield, Ill., where he remained six years. In 1857 he crossed the Mississippi River, and located in Scotland County, Mo., where he remained until his death, a period of eleven years, during which time he made several entries of land, amounting in all to several hundred acres. In politics he was an old line Whig, and in religion he was for many years a useful and consistent member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Suter is the second living son of a family of ten children, three of whom are living. He made his home with his parents until twenty-two years of age, and then began working for himself on the farm with his father up to the time of the latter's death, when he bought out the other heirs of the family, and has lived upon the old home place ever since. In 1853 he married Mrs. Frances (Force) Suter, widow of J. F. Suter, who became the mother of one child by her first marriage, named James F. Suter. By her union with Mr. Suter she became the mother of eleven children, all of whom are yet living, and four

of whom are married. Mr. Suter is one of Scotland County's most enterprising farmers. He owns a fine farm of 300 acres, well stocked and well improved. In 1850 he was in the gold mines of California, and heré he made his first start in life. He was also in the militia during the war, but only for about three months. In politics he has always been a Democrat, "dyed in the wool," and he and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Severe Tadlock, a well-known citizen of Miller Township, was born in Greene County, East Tenn., in 1821, and is the son of James and Rath (Baxter) Tadlock. The father is of Irish descent, and the oldest man in Scotland County, Mo., and is reported to be the oldest man in the State. He was born in Greene County, Tenn., in 1780. He has been a farmer, and while in Tennessee was engaged in milling for about fifteen years. He came to Scotland County, Mo., about 1852, and was a great hunter until age interfered. He has been a member of the Christian Church for more than fifty years. He cast his first presidential vote for Jefferson, and at the last election voted for President Cleveland, and has never voted for any but a Democrat. He has enjoyed good health, and still retains a good memory. While in the prime of life he was engaged in driving stock from East Tennessee south, and made considerable money. He is now a resident of Scotland County, and makes his home with our subject. The mother was also a member of the Christian Church, was a native of Greene County, Tenn., and died in Schuyler County, Mo., January 29, 1856, being over fifty years of age at the time of her death. Severe was the fifth of nine children, five now living. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he came to Missouri, and in 1851 married Miss Elizabeth Cox, a native of Greene County, Tenn., born June 30, 1831, and the daughter of Joshua Cox. To this union were born nine children—seven sons and two daughters—one son deceased. Mr. Tadlock engaged in farming after coming to Missouri, but soon sold out and moved to Schuyler County, where he embarked in the lumber business. At the end of one year he abandoned the lumber business, and entered into merchandising at Downing, which occupation he continued for four years. In 1884 he came to his present location, having traded his stock of goods for the farm he now owns. During the muster of the State militia he was elected first lieutenant, and during the late war he served in the militia under Col. Purmort, and was in several skirmishes. His wife is a member of the Christian Church, and he is a Democrat in politics.

Joseph S. Teter, farmer, is a native of Harrison County, W.

Va., where he was born in 1833. He was reared on a farm and gained the usual country education. He began for himself when he was twenty-five years old, and his practical business qualities have led to his acquirement of a fine estate. It embraces 700 acres of fine land. He was married in 1860 to Nancy E., a daughter of Jacob and Abigail (Reed) Nutter, natives of West Virginia, where they lived (and died) with the exception of two years in Scotland County. Her mother died at the age of seventy-six, and her father lived to be a decade older. Their children were Lloyd B., David, Emma (deceased), Iowa, Bertha and Virginia. Mr. Teter holds to the political principles of the Republican party. He comes of a family of seven children, of whom he is the third. His parents, Joseph and Sarah (Harris) Teter, were natives of Harrison County, W. Va., where they lived and died. The father was a successful farmer, and was a very active Christian worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The grandfather, Joseph, was married twice during his life, and the father was a son of the first marriage. Our subject has lived in Scotland County since 1868.

Judge Robert M. Thomson is a native of Lewis County, Ky., where he was born in 1840. He was thirteen years of age when he came to Johnson Township, Scotland County, and remained on the farm with his father until his marriage, in 1870, to Eliza E. McClellan, a native of the Hoosier State. Previous to his election, in 1886, he continued on his father's farm, and then became the tax-payers' candidate for county judge. In his election he defeated A. McClintock. John C., our subject's brother, bought a hardware store at Granger, in which Robert M. became a partner in 1886, and the firm has since been known as Thomson Bros. & Co. Besides this stock the Judge owns a farm of 1,133 acres, on which there are several hundred head of stock. Judge T.'s father, John, was a native of Lewis County, Ky., and was born in 1813, and afterward married Jemima Thomas. He was a prominent man in his county, and served in the Legislature, besides filling various other offices, and serving one term as county judge. The mother died in 1873, and the father survived her but four years. Their three sons and two daughters are still living. Their names are William T., Robert M., John C., Margaret J. (now Mrs. John Johnson) and Susan (now Mrs. W. H. Smith). Of this family John C. served in the Union forces eight months. Judge Thomson is a worthy descendant of his father, and is an able officer.

Dr. Nathan A. Thompson was born in Lewis County, December 2, 1852, the son of William B. and America J. (Findley) Thompson, natives, respectively, of Virginia and Kentucky. The father was a pioneer of Lewis County, and removed there early in



the thirties. He engaged very successfully in farming and stock raising until his death, in 1872. His widow and the following children survive him: Die F., the wife of H. C. Wilson; Bettie, the widow of W. M. Wilson; Alice, the wife of J. H. Wilson; Nathan A.; William O.; Sylvester H.; Ollie, the wife of C. Golden, and Claude E. Nathan A. was reared on a farm, and educated at Monticello Seminary. He began the study of dentistry in 1874, under Dr. S. M. Sturgiss, of Quincy, took a regular course of lectures at the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery at Philadelphia, and graduated in 1877. He then came to Memphis, where he has since had a large and lucrative practice. The Doctor has been a prominent Democrat in local affairs, and has been county school commissioner since 1883, serving with satisfaction to all. In 1886 he was elected mayor of Memphis, and makes an excellent officer. He was married, December 2, 1879, to Lettie E., a daughter of Samuel H. Stuart, of Canton. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

G. H. Triplett, a respected pioneer of Scotland County, was born in Shelby County, Ky., January 27, 1813. He was reared from infancy on a farm, in Hardin County. His first wife, Catherine Van Vactor, was a native of Kentucky, and by her he had two children: William T. and an infant son, deceased. The first son served six months in the Confederate Army, and now lives in Washington Territory. This wife died in 1841. He was married in 1844 to Mary Emery, a native of that county, and after living there until 1854, he, with his family and two other gentlemen, came by boat to Canton, Mo. He entered some land in that county, and two years later traded it for his present farm. He has had a large family of seven sons and five daughters, and but two of each sex are now living. Winfield T., the eldest, is a farmer, and Elmira is the wife of Ephraim Boyer, while Claiborne J. T. and Anna reside at home. Mr. Triplett fraternizes with the A. F. & A. M. and is a member of the Baptist Church. His first presidential vote was cast for Andrew Jackson, and for some time he was a Whig, but is now identified with the Democracy. His ancestry is English. Prior to the Revolution the grandfather came to Loudoun County, Va., where his son, Frederick, the father of our subject, was born about 1770, and where his own death occurred. After his marriage to Sebina Jenkins, he moved to Shelby County, Ky., about 1795. They died in Hardin County of that State in 1853 and 1856, respectively, after they reared a family of seven boys, who all lived to have families. One of these sons went to Missouri in 1853, and afterward three others arrived. There are but four survivors of the family, distributed as follows: One in Kentucky, one in Oregon, and two in Missouri.

William Troth, one of the oldest inhabitants of Scotland County, was born in Highland County, Ohio, October 20, 1814. He is the second of ten children born to William, Sr., and Elizabeth (Grady) Troth, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of North Carolina. They came to Ohio in childhood, with their parents, and there spent their lives on a farm. The family originated from two brothers, who came to America with William Penn. The grandfather, William, was born near Philadelphia, and at one time was a banker in that city. During the Revolution he became embarrassed by furnishing means to the Government. He then went to Ohio, and bought a small farm. The maternal grandfather, John Grady, was also a farmer in Highland County. William was reared at home until about his seventeenth year, and obtained a pioneer education, which his habits of general reading have since supplemented. At the age of sixteen he began the wagon-maker's trade, and subsequently adopted carpentering, until he came to Missouri. In 1835 he left Ohio for Indiana, and, after three years came to Scotland County, Mo., and located in the Indian wilds, on October 5, 1838. He then entered 160 acres of land, where he now lives, and also pre-empted 160 acres. He added to these afterward until he owned over 1,400 acres, which he gave to his children, excepting 205 acres, which he still retains. Mr. Troth has been married four times. His first wife, Eliza A. Ruse, died in 1848, leaving four children: Francis M., Rebecca J., Albert and Caroline. His second wife was Annie Billups, who died about 1862, leaving the following children: Oscar E., William A., Lafayette B. (deceased) and John H. Mrs. Sarah C. (Sharp) Fisher became his third wife, with whom he lived for six years. On September 8, 1885, he was married to his present wife, Mrs. Mattie Cotton. She is a native of Clark County, Mo., and by her first marriage her children are John and George Cotton. Mr. Triplett is a member of the Christian Church, while his wife favors the Methodist faith. He is a Republican, has been a magistrate, was twice appointed postmaster, and kept the office in his dwelling for twenty years at a time. At that early day the mail was carried on horseback from Memphis, Mo., to Keosauqua, Iowa.

D. L. Tull, an extensive farmer and stock raiser, was born in Knox County, Mo., September 16, 1848. He is the fourth of a family of eleven children born to William B. and Susan M. (Lewis) Tull. The father was born in Kentucky, the son of Samuel Tull, a native of Maryland. The latter moved to Kentucky, and about 1835 came to Missouri. He located near Palmyra, where he died. He was a large farmer, and owned many slaves. William B. lived in Marion County until about 1845, when he located near Edina.

In 1859 he moved to Memphis, and kept the Central Hotel until 1864. He then lived successively in Carroll, Stoddard, and Saline Counties, and died in the latter in 1866. His wife was the daughter of Andrew Lewis, an Irishman, who served in the Revolution as captain. He afterward came to Missouri, and owned a large tract of land including a part of the site of St. Louis, which city it is said may have derived its name from him. He afterward settled opposite Quincy. Dabney L. was educated partly in the country and partly in Memphis. After his majority he followed various occupations for about ten years. In 1867 he began farming in Lewis County, and three years later came to Scotland, and farmed with his father-in-law for about two years. His present farm, to which he removed in 1873, embraces 635 acres, and on this he makes a specialty of raising fine stock. September 28, 1868, he married Ella, a daughter of Hamilton Cone, and by this union has had three children: Ella M., Nellie M. and Maud R. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church, and he is also a member of the A. O. U. W. and G. A. R.

Stephen Tuttle, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Johnson Township, was born in Monongalia County, W. Va., November 18, 1841, and moved with his parents to Clark County, Mo., in about 1856, from there to Lewis County, and in 1874 came to Scotland County, where he has since resided. He received a good common-school education, was reared on the farm, and has since followed agricultural pursuits with the exception of two years, during which he taught school in Clark and Lewis Counties, Mo. He also worked on a ranch in Nevada during 1872 and 1873. When of age he started in life for himself, and what he is now worth is the result of his labor, economy and business ability. He is the owner of a nicely improved farm of 138 acres. He was united in marriage, February, 27, 1876, to Miss Hester V. Strosnider, who was born December 3, 1857, in Scotland County, Mo., where she has always resided with the exception of the summer of 1873, which she spent with relatives in Nevada; she was reared on a farm, received a common-school education, and is the eldest of a family of five children born to Mr. E. R. and Mary E. (Butler) Strosnider, natives of West Virginia and Ohio, respectively. E. R. Strosnider is a farmer and a Republican; he was a son of Abraham and Susan (Remley) Strosnider of West Virginia. M. E. Strosnider is a member of the United Brethren Church. She was the twin sister of Joseph Butler, and daughter of Isaac, Sr., and Hester (Pearce) Butler, who were among the first settlers of Scotland County, from the State of Ohio. To our subject and wife were given two children, viz.: John E., who was born April, 2, 1877, and Cora Ellen, who was born September 26,

1882. Mrs. Tuttle is a member of the United Brethren Church, and Mr. Tuttle is a Republican. He was the third of eight children of Daniel and Jane (Stiles) Tuttle, natives of West Virginia. Daniel was reared a Democrat, but afterward became united with the Republicans, and was a member of the Christian Church. He was a son of Joel and Anna Tuttle, of New Jersey, who were among the earliest settlers of West Virginia.

Courtland Van Dyke, one of Arbela's leading citizens, located in Scotland County in 1869. He had come from Hancock County, Ill., and first located on a farm in Jefferson Township, where he remained until July, 1879, and then moved to Arbela. He first embarked in the grain trade and also in lumber, but has since confined himself to the former. He is one of the leading grain dealers of the community, and has been very successful. He was born in 1849, in Clinton County, Ill., but spent most of his youth in Hancock County, of that State. By his marriage, in 1881, with Sarah B. Boyer, a native of Scotland County, there has been but one child, Ira, born in 1882. Mr. Van Dyke is a member of the Triple Alliance, and was secretary of that society from 1884 to 1887. Courtland, Sr., the father, was born in Pennsylvania in 1811, and was united in marriage to Elizabeth Webster, by whom he had nine sons and one daughter, of whom Courtland is the fifth child, and one of the five living sons. Of these, William A. served in the Fifty-fourth Illinois Infantry for about one year. There is one child, the daughter of the father's former marriage, still living.

Hon. Levi J. Wagner, deceased, was a native of New York. He was a brother of Judge David Wagner, whose sketch appears elsewhere. From New York our subject's parents took him to Pennsylvania. He was educated in that State, and graduated from Alleghany College at the age of twenty-one. He came to Missouri about 1840 or 1842, and was one of the foremost citizens of Northeast Missouri. He spent the remainder of his life in Scotland County, which he represented twice in the Legislature. He was a member of the constitutional convention in 1875, and was a leader in all public enterprises. He was the first president of the Citizens Bank, and served until his death. He was also a lawyer of high standing and ability. He was a prominent Mason, and a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Thomas H. Wagner, lawyer, was born in Memphis, Mo., September 22, 1861, the son of the late Hon. L. J. Wagner, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject was educated in Central College, Howard County, Mo. He began the study of law in 1883 under the direction of Smoot & Pettingill, and was admitted to the bar in 1885. He began practice at once in his

native place, and has since continued very successfully. He was married, June 22, 1887, to Miss Byrd Ewin, a native of Howard County. In political affairs Mr. Wagner has clung to Democracy. He is a Knight Templar, belonging to the A. F. & A. M., and is an Encampment member of the I. O. O. F. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the southern branch.

Henry D. Wellington is a native of Middlesex County, Mass., and was born October 1, 1837. He was about four years old when his parents came to Fort Madison, Iowa, where his father had located a few years previous. The father was a carpenter and house builder, and followed his trade there and in Keokuk until 1847. He then came to Scotland County, and two years later he opened a carpenter and cabinet-maker's shop, the foundation of our subject's present large furniture business. Henry D. learned the trade with his father, and at the opening of the war both enlisted in Col. David Moore's regiment. The father was in the commissary department, and during service contracted a disease which resulted in his death in August, 1865. Henry served about a year as private, and afterward as a non-commissioned officer in Company F. At the close of the war he began his present business on a small scale, and now has built up one of the largest establishments of the kind in Northeast Missouri. His two-story brick block was built in 1881, and adjoins his first house, which he also uses. About 1870 he also added window shades and carpets, and now carries a full line of goods, and controls the leading trade. He has the only hearse in the city, and does the chief undertaking business. He was married, October 17, 1857, to Caroline M. Ganoung, a native of Indiana. Their children are Florence A., wife of W. Shayler of Chicago, and Addie M., wife of W. Clapper. Mr. Wellington is a Republican, and a member of the Encampment of the I. O. O. F. He has twice represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge, and, like his father, is a reliable and prominent citizen of Memphis. The father was a mayor of the city, and a prominent Mason.

David H. Wilsey, a general merchant and stock dealer at Sand Hill, was born in 1834 in Sarotoga County, N. Y., moved to Portage County, Wis., and afterward moved to Texas County, Mo., in 1859, and in the fall of 1866 came to Sand Hill, where he has since resided. He began life for himself when seventeen and a half years old, a poor boy, and what he now owns is the result of his own efforts and good practical business ability. He owns a splendidly improved farm of 230 acres, a business house and stock of goods in Sand Hill, and a half interest in a general store at Granger, managed under the firm name of

Veing, Mattick & Wilsey. He was married in 1860 to Mary L., a daughter of Charles L. and Fidelia West, natives of New York State, near Niagara Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Wilsey have two children: Edward E. and Eva. Mrs. Wilsey is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Wilsey is a Republican, and was postmaster at Sand Hill for five years. He was the eldest of five children born to Stephen H. and Polly (Davis) Wilsey, natives of Saratoga County, N. Y., where Mr. Wilsey, the father, died in 1886, aged seventy-five. Mrs. Wilsey is still residing in Saratoga County, N. Y., and is about seventy-four years of age. They were of English and German descent, respectively. Mr. Wilsey was a son of Henry and Ruth (Jellette) Wilsey. Mrs. Wilsey was a descendant of the famous Jellette family.

Zenas Wolgamott, an enterprising farmer and dealer of Unionton, Miller Township, Scotland Co., Mo., was born in Holmes County, Ohio, January 30, 1831, and is the son of Jonathan Wolgamott and Jane (Boone) Wolgamott. The father was a native of Hagerstown, Md., born June 24, 1800, and was of German ancestry. He came with his parents to Ohio at an early date, and became a successful farmer. In 1844 he with his family moved to Iowa, and settled on a farm in Jefferson County. In 1858 he moved to Scotland County, Mo.; he was in the Union service several months, part of the time with Col. Glover's command. He is now a resident of Santa Barbara County, Cal., where he moved in 1880. The mother of our subject was born in Adams County, Penn., May 12, 1804. She came with her parents to Ohio in an early day. Her father, George Boon, was in the Government service during the War of 1812. The Boon family are closely connected with the celebrated Daniel Boone. Jane Boon Wolgamott died near Unionton, Scotland Co., Mo., March 23, 1862. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Zenas received a liberal education in Jefferson County, Iowa. In 1852 he went with an emigrant train across the plains to California, taking 169 days to make the trip; he here engaged in mining and farming, and followed this occupation until the fall of 1856, when he returned to his home in Iowa. The following spring he moved to Scotland County, Mo., where he has since resided. November 20, 1859, he married Phoebe E. Breckinridge, a native of Anderson County, Ky., and the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Egbert) Breckinridge. She was born June 30, 1837, and came with her parents to Callaway County, Mo., in 1843, and to Scotland County, Mo., in 1857. The Breckinridge family is closely connected with Hon. John C. Breckinridge, of Kentucky. This union resulted in the birth of one son and seven daughters (two daughters being

deceased). After moving to Scotland County, Mo., Mr. W. first engaged in the mercantile business, in partnership with George C. Calhoun. In the spring of 1859 they traded their store and building for a farm two miles north of Unionton, and engaged in farming, where he resided until 1866, when he sold his interest in the farm, and moved to his present residence, where, with his farming interests, he connected merchandising; this he continued until 1878, when he closed his mercantile business. He is a prominent citizen of Scotland County, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and like his father is a Republican in politics. His wife is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

W. G. Woodsmall, one of the county's oldest pioneers, was born in Nelson County, Ky., December 8, 1811. His parents moved to Oldham County of that State when he was but four years old, and on reaching manhood he married Elizabeth Ellis, a native of that county, in 1834. They lived there but two years, and in September, 1836, started for Lewis County, Mo. They made the trip on horseback, and in the same month located near Monticello. Just one year later he moved to his present home, 240 acres of which had been entered by his brother-in-law in 1835, and which he has himself increased to 480 acres. His wife died in 1835, after becoming the mother of ten children. There was an equal number of both sexes, but three sons are now deceased. Our subject's ancestry is English, and is known back to the paternal grandfather, who died in Kentucky whither he had gone from Virginia about 1785. The father, William, died in that State also in 1837, in Oldham County; he was born about 1780 in Virginia. The mother, Sarah (Eldridge), died in the same county in 1829, and in her native State. She was the mother of six children, three of whom were daughters, and the youngest of these died in infancy. John, Nancy and W. G. came to Missouri, and the sister died March 30, 1872, as the widow of Walter Ellis, who died in Louisville, Ky., in 1857. Mr. Woodsmall and brother, John, are the only survivors of the family.

Daniel Yeager, a prominent farmer in Johnson Township, was born in Barbour County, W. Va., in 1817, and moved to Scotland County, Mo., in 1863. He has acquired his education to a considerable extent since becoming grown, doing a great deal of reading while attending to his business, and is an exceedingly well informed man. He was reared on a farm, and has made agriculture his principal occupation. He served as agent for many years in obtaining land warrants for soldiers of the War of 1812, and also served as pension agent. He began life for himself when he became of age, and also assisted materially in the management of his father's affairs before he left home. He had little or nothing

when he started in life for himself, and all that he now possesses is due entirely to his good management and business ability. He owns a splendidly improved farm of 200 acres on which he resides, and also owns other tracts in the county. He was married in February, 1842, to Miss Lucretia Holder, a daughter of David and Eleanor (Kittle) Holder, natives of Virginia. To Mr. and Mrs. Yeager three children have been born: Mary E., afterward Mrs. Charles (deceased), Luther Flavius Josephus, and Dama R. (now Mrs. Taylor). Mr. and Mrs. Yeager are both members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Yeager is a Democrat, and served about two terms as judge of the county court of Barbour County, W. Va., resigning his office upon his removal to Missouri. He was also justice of the peace and school commissioner for many years. He was the third of the twelve children of Solomon and Mary (Teter) Yeager, natives of West Virginia, and principally of German descent. Solomon Yeager was captain of the State militia for many years, and was the son of George and Eva (Hill) Yeager, early settlers of "Tiger's Valley," W. Va. Solomon Yeager was drafted for the War of 1812, but peace was declared before he could join the army. Mrs. Mary Yeager was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Friend) Teter. Mr. Teter, the father, was a farmer and blacksmith, but was mostly noted for his hunting proclivities. His first wife having died he was married a second time, when Miss Nancy Cade became his wife.





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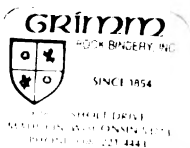


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