

# BIOGRAPHICAL

## 1883 History of Howard and Cooper Counties

### SALINE TOWNSHIP

**PHILIP M. BASS**, farmer. Mr. Bass was the youngest of a family of eight children of Talbot and Sally (Lawrence) Bass, originally of Kentucky, but only two of these are now living, the other being a sister, Julia, A., the widow of Alfred Windson, late of Moniteau county, Their mother died when Philip M. was still a boy, and the father afterward married Mrs. Agnes Campbell, a widow lady who is still living, but he died in 1859, in Moniteau county, this state. The family of children died, as follows : Isaac went to California, in 1842, and has never been heard from since ; Elizabeth died while a young lady ; Woodford died of the cholera, on the river, in about 1854 ; Bradford was killed by the militia during the war, while running the mill at Big Lick; Catherine died in maidenhood, and Warren died in May, 1876, near Overtown. Philip M. Bass was born while his parents resided in Platte county, this state, August 22d, 1843. He was reared to a farm life, and in youth acquired the substantial rudiments of an education. He was just old enough to enter the army when the war broke out, in 1861, being then in his eighteenth year, and accordingly he enlisted in the Confederate service, under Colonel McCulloch, and remained in that command until its surrender at Columbus, Mississippi, in May, 1865. His brother, Warren, enlisted at the same time, and they served together until the close of the war. Both were in all the battles in which the command took a part, and both were wounded; Philip in the right shoulder, at Harrisburg, Mississippi, by a minnie ball, and Warren in the wrist by a navy ball, at Pea Ridge. Warren's wife, formerly Miss Eliza McClanahan, since his death, has married James Broyles, of Saline township. Philip married Miss Sallie, daughter of Adolph Smith, of Moniteau county, February 26th, 1868. She was born January 16th, 1847. They have had four children, Charles R., Columbus E., and Julia A. The eldest died in infancy. Except during the war, Mr. Bass has been constantly engaged in farming, and is an industrious farmer and well respected citizen.

**SYLVESTER CALVERT**, proprietor of Cedar Ridge farm, section 7. Mr. Culvert, the owner and proprietor of the above-named farm, was born on his father's homestead, adjacent to the son's present place. February 17, 1833. His grandfather, John Culvert, was one of the pioneer immigrants to this county, settling in Jolly's Bottom with his family, from Tennessee, as early as 1813. He died there, in 1840, from the effects of an accident received while assisting in "raising" a horse mill for Gabriel Brown, a near neighbor. His widow, whose maiden name was Dorcas Collie, subsequently married James, Mahan, but she died a few years afterwards, in 1847. Leonard Culvert, the father of Sylvester, was a lad six years of age when his parents emigrated from Tennessee, having been born in 1807. After he grew up he was married to Miss Roxy Morley. This union was a long and happy one, and was blessed with the remarkably large family of sixteen children, fifteen of whom lived to maturity, and fourteen of whom are still alive and have families of their own. The parents died within two years of each other, in Pettis county, of which they had been residents for many years, the father passing away in his sixty-sixth year, and the mother two years before. Of this family Sylvester was the third in priority of birth. At the age of twenty-four he was married to Miss Lucretia F. Bell, of Boone county, the date of their births being the 7th of March, 1857. She died, however, November 4, 1866, leaving three children : Roxy, wife of Thomas Blackburn ; Ida and Lucretus, who died in his twelfth year. In 1869, October 7, Mr. Culvert was again married, Miss Frances H. Walker, of Virginia, becoming his wife. Five children have resulted from this marriage, all of whom are at home : Elva L., Alice C., Emma J., Mary P. and Leonard W. Mr. Culvert's farm is an excellent one, and is substantially improved. He raises some stock, but devotes his attention mainly to grain-producing, growing about 100 acres of wheat annually, and large quantities of corn and other cereal products. He joined General Price's army while it was in this state in 1864, and served until the end of the war. He is a member of the Baptist church.

**BRADLEY CAMPBELL**. William Campbell, Sr., the father of the subject of this sketch, was one of the early settlers of this county, having immigrated here from Tennessee in 1820, whereupon he opened a farm in what is now known as Jolly's Bottoms, locating his residence on the bluff. He died about 1840. Bradley was about thirteen years of age when the family removed to this state. He was born in Cocke county, Tennessee, November 4, 1807. After attaining his majority he was married August 21, 1829, to Miss Meeky, daughter of Samuel Hall. Her father died in St. Louis while en route to this county. The following year Mr. Campbell settled on his present farm, first entering eighty acres, which he improved. Since then he has added to and improved it until he now has a neat farm and comfortable home. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have been blessed with seven children: Samuel H., now of Nebraska; Clancy, Eliza, both early deceased ; Johannah, Smith, now of Moniteau county; John L. and William. Clancy, their second daughter, is now the widow of E. H. Williams, and Johannah is the wife of Levi Shepherd. William, Jr., the youngest of the family of children, was born on his father's farm October 22, 1843. In his twenty-third year, March 22, 1866, he was married to Miss Martha, daughter of Samuel

Kimbrough, now of Texas. They have one child, a daughter, Ollie, born April 2, 1867. William Campbell and wife are members of the Baptist church at Big Lick. His mother died September 24, 1879. She had been a member of the same denomination for over half a century, as has also his father, Bartley Campbell.

**JOHN M. CAMPBELL**, farmer, section 27. When, in 1861, the bugle-call of the south summoned her brave sons to rally in defense of her hereditary institutions and the firesides of all, the subject of this sketch, then just entering upon the twenty-first year of his age, and fired with enthusiasm for the land of his fathers, was one of the first of Missouri's gallant young chivalry to enroll his name among those, who in defense of southern rights and southern manhood, had " the heart to do " and if necessary " the courage to die." He at once became a volunteer in the 2d Missouri cavalry under Colonel McCullough and followed the fortunes of his command from the first shot it fired in the opening of the conflict until its meteor-like banner faded from the heavens to be seen no more forever. He participated in all the principal battles of the war in which his command was engaged, and finally surrendered with it at Columbus, Mississippi, in 1865. Returning home in August, after the surrender, he was married, the 2d of January following, to Miss Mary E., daughter of Nathan Cooper, and at once established himself on a farm, which he had rented in Moniteau county. Two years afterwards he went to Nebraska, where he lived seven years, but in 1874 returned to Cooper county and located on his present homestead, a neat farm of about a quarter section of excellent land. He is principally engaged in wheat growing and raising marketable hogs, although he raises other live stock and cereal products. Mrs. and Mrs. Campbell have had a family of seven children: Jesse L., Dora M., Gray D. and Ida H. are living. Lena F., William L. and Bradley are dead. He and his wife are members of the Christian church. Mr. Campbell's parents, Bradley and Meekey (Hall) Campbell, are among the oldest and most highly respected residents of the county, and he is the fifth of their family of six children, having been born at their homestead on Saline creek March 24, 1841.

**OSCAR F. CASE**, blacksmith and general repairer at Big Lick. Mr. Case is a native of Illinois, and was born in Kane county, February 2, 1849. While still a youth, his parents removed to Iowa, and, at the age of sixteen, Oscar F. entered a blacksmith shop at Bradford, in that state, to learn the ferrous art. After learning the trade there, he worked a year at Waverly, and the following two years at Connor's Mills. From the last named point he changed his location to Jewett's Mills, where he worked about ten years. In 1879, leaving Jewett's Mills, he came to Big Lick, where he has a large custom, and has established for himself a wide reputation as a thorough mechanic. May 28, 1871, Mr. Case was married to bliss Nancy, daughter of John Durnil, of this county. They have four children : Julia, aged ten years; Andrew, aged seven years, and Wirt and Birt, twins, aged four years. During the war Mr. C. enlisted in the Iowa hundred-day men volunteers, and served four months in Tennessee and Mississippi. His parents, Hoad G. and Julia (Morris) Case, are still residents of Iowa.

**WILLIAM E. CLAYTON, SR.**, farmer, section 5. William E. Clayton, who was born in Maryland, December 16, 1826, was less than a year old when his parents, John and Sarah (Leath) Clayton, immigrated to Missouri, and settled in Clark's Fork township, six miles southwest of Boonville, in Cooper county. They reared a family of six children : John M. ; Martha, wife of John Gilbreath, of LaPlata, Missouri ; Nancy A., died with her husband, Robert Hardcastle, in the Black Hills, on their way to California, in 1852 ; William E. ; Susan, died in her seventeenth year; and Charles Turner. The mother of these died in 1832, and the father, in 1858, on his homestead in the bottom, one and a half miles southeast of Overton, where he had settled a number of years before. William E. Clayton married in his thirty-eighth year, October 4, 1854, Miss Lavina, daughter of Moses Street, formerly of Virginia. She was spared to him nearly nineteen years, but was at last taken away by death, May 7, 1873. Nine children are the fruits of this lone and happy union: Rachel Leath, wife of John Fitzpatrick ; Sarah, wife of D. C. Bell; James B., Charles, John W., Marv E., Lucy, Martha and Andrew Thompson. All but the first two are still at home. In 1850 Mr. Clayton went to California, but returned soon afterwards and followed farming in the bottom until 1862, when he settled on his present place. He has a good farm of nearly a quarter section of land, about 100 acres of which are in the bottom, but the balance is on the bluff. He has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church since 1867, and of the I. O. O. F. since 1856.

**MARTHA F. DRISKILL**. Mrs. Driskill was a daughter of John and Nancy (March) Davenport, formerly of Kentucky, but later, residents of Boone county, this state, both of whom are now deceased. She was born in Boone county, October 10, 1835, and of the family of children of which she was a member, but one is now living, William H., who resides with her on her farm in this county. She first became the wife of John Stone, of her native county, where they lived a number of years after their marriage, but he died, in 1863, at Petersburg, Virginia. Four children were the fruits of their union: William H., now in Texas; Mary A., widow of George Powell; Nancy A, wife of Samuel Hickon, and Susan H., wife of George Vaughn. After Mr. Stone's death his widow, the subject of this sketch, was married, April 7, 1870, to Moses Driskill, of this county, who was born October 26, 1827. He was a widower at the time of his marriage to Mrs. Stone, his first wife, previously Miss Sophia Turner, having died some years before. By his former marriage there are four children; Margaret, wife of James Bruce, of Moniteau; Missouri A., wife of Wesley Bruce; Henry and Sophia. Mr. Driskill, lately deceased, universally regretted by all who knew him and deeply mourned by his family and a large circle of friends. He was a man of the better

qualities of mind heart, and at the time of his death was a sincere and exemplary member of the Baptist church. By her last husband Mrs. Driskill has a family of three children ; Ruth P., aged twelve years ; Ella Blanche, aged ten years, and Mattie Pearl, aged eight years. Mrs. D. has been a member of the Christian church for the last twenty years. She now resides on her farm in Saline township, a comfortable homestead of nearly a quarter section of excellent land comfortably improved. Five years ago they met with the misfortune of losing their dwelling and all their household goods by fire - a fine residence - entailing a loss of over \$2,000, but they have put up a neat, substantial house in its stead, and are rapidly recuperating from the loss so unfortunately visited upon them.

**CHARLES L. EAGER**, farmer, section 21. Lewis Eager, the father of Charles L., is a name familiar to all the old settlers of the Eastern part of the county. He was a native of Virginia, and was born in Louisa county, of that state, in 1809. He settled in this county about the middle of the thirties, opening a farm at Big Lick, and also engaged in milling there, which he followed for over thirty years, or until within ten years of his death, which occurred March 29, 1878. He married in Louisa county, Va., in early manhood, Miss Cynthia, a daughter of William D. Gooch, becoming his wife. She preceded her husband in death nearly twenty years, crossing the silent river to the unknown and echoless shore of eternity April 30, 1859. They reared a family of four children, of whom Charles L. is the youngest, viz. : John W., Mary L. V., wife of H. C. Simms, Tyre H., and Charles L. Charles L. Eager, the subject of this sketch, was born at his father's farm May 5, 1850, and as he grew up received a good ordinary education in the common schools. In his twenty-sixth year he was married to Miss Rebecca J., eldest daughter of Levi Shepherd, their marriage occurring February 17, 1876. The spring of the same year he settled on the farm where he now lives, an excellent homestead of nearly 200 acres, nearly all of which is under fence, and is otherwise substantially and comfortably improved. he gives his attention to grain growing and stock raising, in both of which he has satisfactory success. He has built an excellent house and a good barn on his place, both of which are above the average of farm buildings. Mr. and Mrs. Eager have a family of two interesting; children : Anna Lee, born January 27, 1878, and Lewis Virgel, born August 6, 1881.

**BLASIUS EFINGER**, farmer, section 1. Mr. Efinger is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and was born January 25, 1830. He was a son of Matthew Efinger and wife, whose maiden name was Cardule. When twenty four years of age he came to this country, and for four years made his home in Pennsylvania, where he married Miss Louisa Zellar, formerly of Wurtemberg, the date of their union being April 29th, 1858. After their marriage they removed to Cooper county, this state, where Mr. Efinger farmed on rented land and worked at Ennor's mill until 1863, when, having accumulated enough to buy a farm, he purchased his present place and devoted his whole energy and attention to grain and stock raising, and to improving his place. His farm contains 250 acres of good land, and is a comfortable homestead, in good condition. During the war he served four months in the M. and M. in the second year of the war. He has a family of three children Mary Louisa, Louisa Caroline, and Henry E. Mrs. E. is a member of the Presbyterian church.

**J. ALBERT ELLIOTT**, farmer and stock raiser, section 2. Although a young man, Mr. Elliott, its a new-era, educated and progressive farmer and stock man, has done not a little and will doubtless do far more to advance and elevate the occupations in this county to which lie is devoted. He has an excellent farm of 350 acres, and gives it his undivided attention, producing large quantities of grain and raising fine stock, particularly horses and mules. He began with the Norman stock of horses and afterwards added the Clydesdales, procuring the finest representatives of these breeds that could be had. For mule raising he also has the best quality of stock, and by his enterprise in these lines he has done much to improve the general average of the stock raised in the community. He was born in the neighborhood where he now lives, April 30, 1850, and was the second of three children of Henry and Laura (O'Bryan) Elliott, who were married in 1847. The youngest of the children, Henry, died in infancy, but the eldest, Mary E., is living, and is the wife of John E. Willson, of Muncie, Indiana. The father was a native of New York, but came to this county in early manhood and lived here until his death, June 29, 1880. The mother was a daughter of John O'Bryan, of this county. After their marriage they lived on the O'Bryan homestead until 1852, when they settled on the farm where J. Albert now lives. The father, however, removed to Boonville in 1864, but two years afterwards bought the William Ragland farm, four miles east of Boonville, where he lived until his death. The mother still survives her late husband, and is now living in Boonville. J. Albert, the subject of this sketch, received his education in the Kemper family school at Boonville, in the St. Louis university and the Cayuga Lake academy, of Aurora, New York, but had to quit the latter before his graduation on account of his father's ill health. November 1, 1870, he was married to Miss Nellie R. Ding, of Cayuga county, New York, but she survived her marriage less than three years, dying April 3, 1873. Some three years afterwards Mr. Elliott was married, July 19, 1876, in Lafayette county, to Miss Aline E., daughter of George W. Jones, of that county. They have two children: Mary, born August 30, 1877, and Henry E., born October 4, 1879. After returning from college, Mr. Elliott was engaged in farming two years, and then merchandised at Morrisville, Polk county, about two years. On the death of his father he settled on his present farm, where he has since lived. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for ten years, and is a Royal Arch Mason. Mrs. E. is a member of the Christian church.

**B. E. ELLIS, M. D.**, at Big Lick. Dr. Ellis is a young physician who, after a thorough preparatory course of reading, and a regular Graduation in medicine from one of the best institutions west of the Alleghanies, entered upon the practice of his profession in 1881, in this county, and, considering the length of time he has been engaged in the practice, he has succeeded in building up an unusually good patronage. He is a native of this county and a son of Dr. William H. Ellis, an old physician and a highly respected citizen of Prairie Home township. His mother was formerly a Miss Ann M. Johnson, and C. E. is the third of a family of four children: William, Maine, C. E. and Anna. He was born in Prairie Home township, December 16, 1857, and his youth was employed with the ordinary duties about his father's homestead and in attending school. The more advanced acquirements of his education were received at Prairie Home Institute and Parrish Institute. After completing his education he began the study of medicine under his father, which he continued with diligence until he was prepared to become a matriculate in a medical college. He then attended a term of nine months in the medical department of the university of Louisville, and afterwards continued his course there until his graduation, which occurred in March, 1881. For the first six months after the completion of his medical education he practiced with his father at Prairie Home, but in July of the same year located at Big Creek, where he has since been. Dr. Ellis was married November 9, 1882, to Miss Bettie Winterbower, sister to Dr. Winterbower. She is a native of Hardin county, Missouri, and was born December 16, 1860.

**CHARLES W. ERHARDT**, farmer, section 2. Mr. Erhardt is another of the many farmers of German birth, who have achieved success by their own personal worth. He was a son of Andrew and Mary (Stein) Erhardt, who emigrated from Germany, in 1836, to this country, and settled on the Ginger farm, in Saline township, this county. In 1849, the father went to California to dig a fortune out of the gold-decked Cordilleras. He died there, however, within a few months, after his arrival. His widow, the mother of Charles W., resided with the latter until her death, in 1872. The other members of their family of children were, Augustus who died December 25, 1881, in St. Clair county, where he then lived; Albert died in the fore-winter of the same year in Henry county, of which he was a resident; and William resides near Butler, Missouri. April 15, 1849, Charles W. Erhardt was married to Miss Margaret Burger, originally of Bavaria, Germany. They have seven children, Herman, Sophia, wife of Henry Suanch ; Mary, Charles, Caroline, Louis, and John. In 1844, Mr. Erhardt located on his present homestead, which contains nearly a quarter section of land. He is also interested in farming in St. Clair county, where he has a farm of 200 acres. He is a typical representative of his nationality, industrious, frugal and level-headed in his farming, as well as in other matters - a substantial, valuable citizen of the community where he lives.

**TYRE H. FARRIS**, farmer, section 7. Tyre H. Farris is a descendant of the third generation of one of the early settlers of Cooper county. James Farris, his grandfather, came to this county with his family and settled in Jolly's Bottom as early as 1822. He died there in 1845, but his wife, formerly Miss Lydia Morley, survived him over thirty-five years, dying in August, 1881, at the advanced age of seventy-five. Of their family of seven children reared to maturity, James H., the father of Tyre, was the second. At the age of twenty-five, James H. Farris was married to Miss Zerelda J. Bell, of Chariton county, after which he continued to live on his parental homestead until his death, which occurred August 5, 1871. His widow still survives him, and lives with her son, Tyre, on the farm. She has two other children living : Emma, wife of James Mitchell, and Lydia, at home. One, Daniel B., the eldest, is dead. Tyre was reared on the farm, and was married September 25, 1879, to Miss Marian, daughter of James Powell, of Jolly's Bottom. She, however, was born in Bates county, where her father had removed before the war. Tyre was born August, 3, 1859. They have one child, James W. Mr. Farris, although a young man, is an enterprising and successful farmer, and manages his farm of over 250 acres with as much business judgment and energy as a farmer far more experienced and advanced in years might be expected to do. He grows annually about 120 acres of wheat, besides raising large quantities of corn and other products, and also considerable live stock. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

**GEORGE F. FLUKE**, farmer, section 5. The subject of this sketch was born at Connor's Mill, in this county, May 27, 1850, and is the second of a family of three children of John and Louisa (Fisher) Fluke, the other two being John W. and Mary E., wife of Z. R. Neal. The father is a native of Pennsylvania, and a miller by trade. He came to this county in 1838, when about twenty years of age, and has followed milling here many years. Among other mills he has run is the Jewett mill, which he run with Jewett a number of years. The mother is a native of Monroe county, Illinois. When quite young she came to this county, and was partly reared in the family of Leven Cropper, then living near Overton. There she met and married Mr. Fluke, and they have since continued to reside in this county, where they have reared their family. George F., the second son, was brought up to the occupation of a farmer, which he has since followed. He was married March 13, 1872, to Miss Eliza A., only daughter of Walter and Mary J. Givens. They have two children: Andrew Jackson, aged nine years, and Mary Lou, aged three years. The mother of these was born January 7, 1852. He now has a farm of nearly 300 acres, about 200 acres of which is fine bottom land, the balance being on the bluff. He raises grain and stock in a general way, giving his attention principally to wheat, of which he produces large quantities for the market. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

**JAMES MADISON FREEMAN**, farmer and stock raiser, section 25. Squire Freeman settled in this county in 1840, and was originally from Madison county, Kentucky, having been born there August 19, 1813. When he was twelve years of age, however, he was brought by his parents, Jonathan and Anna (Coulton) Freeman, to this state, who emigrated to Boone county in 1825, and settled near Columbia, where the mother died in 1837, and the father in 1853. They were both natives of North Carolina, but came next to Kentucky early in life, and were married in the last named state. They had a family of nine children - six sons and three daughters - but three of whom are now living, and of those Squire Freeman is the eldest. William, the next youngest to the squire and the fifth of the family, is a resident of Tipton, Missouri, and Caroline is the widow of Rolla West, and resides in Pettis county. Squire Freeman received a good education while he was growing up, and when he came to Cooper county taught school here five or six years. March 31, 1846, he was married to Miss Rebecca A., daughter of Michael Hornbeck, who came to this county in an early day and settled on the farm the Squire now owns. He died before the war. He and his wife, Lydia, reared a family of nine children - eight sons and one daughter. But one son, Robert, and Mrs. Freeman are all that are now living. Robert lives in Texas. Squire and Mrs. Freeman have a family of four children: James M., aged twenty-four years ; Lona, aged twenty-two years; William Robb, aged twenty years, and Hogan, aged fifteen years. The two elder have received collegiate education, James M. graduated from Kemper's school, of Boonville. 'Squire Freeman's farm contains 320 acres, over 100 acres of which are devoted to grain growing. He also raises considerable numbers of stock, principally cattle and hogs. He has abundant water on the place for stock raising, and a good meadow. For twelve years prior to the war he served as justice of the peace, and until he refused to accept the position any longer. He has often been urged to offer himself for public office in county offices, but has steadily declined to become mixed up in politics. He has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church for twenty years.

**WALTER GIVENS**, farmer, section 8. Alexander Givens, the grandfather of Walter, the subject of this sketch, was one of the early settlers of this county, coming here from Bourbon county, Kentucky, in 1818. He settled in section 1, township 48, range 16, where he died in 1833, and where Walter Givens was born, three years before, February 9th, 1830. Robert M. Givens, the father of Walter, was thirty-six years old when he came to this county, in company with his father's family, in 1818. He was twice married. first to Matilda, daughter of David Stevens, from Tennessee, by whom he had eight children, six sons and two daughters, and of these Walter was the fifth. His second wife was formerly Miss Susan Thomas, now a resident of Hickory county. By her he had four children, all sons but the youngest. He died in 1859. His first wife died in 1837. Walter grew up on the old homestead, and at the age of twenty-one, was married, December 10, 1851, to Miss Nancy J. Vivian, of Moniteau county. She survived her marriage only a short time, bearing her husband one child at her death - Eliza A., now the wife of George Fluke. In 1855 he was again married, Miss Nancy A. Norman becoming his second wife. Three children were born of this union, all of whom died in infancy, and their mother followed them to the grave in 1859. On the 3d of April, 1863, Mr. Givens was married to Mrs. Mary J. Norris, widow of John O. Norris. She has been spared for twenty years to comfort and brighten his home. They have three children: Richard Hubart, Walter Lee, and Warren Thompson. Mr. G. first lived on the farm adjoining his father's, but in 1863 settled on his present homestead. It contains 160 acres, and is devoted mainly to grain growing. Live stock is also raised for home use, except hogs, of which he fattens a number every year for the market. Mrs. G. is a member of the Baptist church. In 1864 Mr. Givens joined Shelby's command, under General Price, while in this state, but was captured the following fall in Greene county, and confined in Rock Island prison until the close of the war.

**REV. ISAAC GOOD**, homestead, section 34. Rev. Mr. Good has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for the last twenty years, and in January, 1873, entered the ministry of that denomination, since which he has been actively and earnestly engaged in the work of his sacred calling, mainly in Cooper county. He joined the church at Pleasant Green in 1863, and began to preach ten years later at Oak Grove. He is a native of Tennessee, and was born in Washington county of that state February 15, 1835. His father, Emanuel Good, was originally from Pennsylvania, but his mother, formerly Miss Elizabeth Petman, was born and reared in Tennessee. Both were of German descent. They were in the "Rhomboidal State," and made their home there until their immigration to this county in 1843. They first located about five miles below Rocheport, but the following year removed to the neighborhood of Connor's mill, and five years; afterwards settled in Moniteau county, where the father was taken off by death the 2d of September, 1852. The mother survived her husband about sixteen years, but on the 12th of October, 1868, joined her husband in the last long sleep of death. They reared a family of five children Sarah became the wife of Jesse Driskill, but after his death in California in 1852, she married Jacob Rimel and died Jul 6, 1877; LeVina wife of Thomas Pate, of Moniteau county; Martha died in March, 1843, aged sixteen years. Isaac, the subject of this sketch, and Adella, wife of James Maze, of Moniteau county. In youth Isaac attended such schools as were convenient, and also devoted much of his leisure to private study, thus acquiring as he grew up the more important essentials of an English education. On the 21st of June, 1854, he was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John and Louisa Hampton, of this county. Ten children have been born to them, but they have been more than ordinarily unfortunate in their family, having lost five of their children. Four died in infancy, and the fifth, a promising young man, died just after he had attained his majority, on the 18th of March, 1879. The five still spared then to bless and brighten their home are : Virginia L., Hugh L., Hester E., William J. and Missouri A. Hester is the wife of John C.

Potter, of Moniteau county. During the war Mr. Good served about ten months under General Price, but at the expiration of that time was honorably discharged on account of physical disability, having been confined to the hospital by ill-health during much of the time of his service. He has a neat farm and comfortable home, and is so situated that he is not compelled to rely on his ministerial work entirely, to supply the physical needs of life for himself and family. With him his services for the Master and for the church are matters of love, regardless of the rewards of this world.

**HENRY A. HOBERECHT**, farmer, section 36. Mr. Hoberecht is of German parentage, both his father, Frederick, and mother, formerly Christina Kuhn, having been natives of Prussia. His grandfather, Henry Hoberecht, was one of the earliest settlers of the county, and located on the farm where Henry Hoberecht now lives. Frederick and Christina Hoberecht reared a family of eight children, of whom Henry, the subject of this sketch, was the eldest. He was born January 13, 1851. He had four sisters and three brothers: Paulina M., wife of Charles Beck, died February 19, 1877 ; Sophia L., wife of Herman Erhardt; Frank H., Charles W., Rocenia H., Laura E., and John O. Henry A. was married June 11, 1874, to Miss Nancy J., daughter of James T. Wilson, originally of Adair county this state. Two children have blessed their union Sadie May and Alma Bertie. Mr. Hoberecht's parents both died of the pneumonia within less than a week of each other, the father, April 10, 1871, and the mother the 16th of the same month. The old homestead farm contains over 400 acres of land, about is third of which is fine bottom land. Mr. Hoberecht raises nearly 200 acres of grain, and also some livestock - cattle, hogs, horse, mules, etc. He and his wife are both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Highland.

**H. BROWN HOPKINS**, farmer, section 14. Among those who have long been extensively engaged in farming in this county, the name of Mr. Hopkins justly claims a prominent place. His farm contains nearly 700 acres of fine land and he is one of the leading grain producers of the county. For several years before the war he was a prominent farmer and had on his place forty-one slaves, being thus amply supplied with labor to conduct his farming operations on a large scale. Mr. Hopkins was born in Jefferson (then Rodney) county, Mississippi March 3, 1815, and was a son of Charles Hopkins, a native of Pennsylvania, and wife, previously Miss Susanna Stampely of the former state. His father died in 1833 while on the steamboat Memphis, and was buried in the city of that name on the Mississippi. H. Brown, the son, was then eighteen years of age, and a short time afterwards removed with his mother's family to Kentucky, where she subsequently became the wife of John B. Trueman. After this they went to Texas and remaining there two years came to Cooper county, this state, in 1856, where after working a farm they had leased, they bought and made it their permanent home. However H. Brown, the .subject of this sketch was married in Hardin county, November 22, 1856, to Miss Rebecca Burcham of that county and in December of the same year went to Texas, coming from that state the following year with Mr. Trueman and family to Cooper county. Since settling in this county, Mr. Hopkins has been engaged in farming, and although he suffered severe losses during the late war, he nevertheless is possessed of a comfortable estate and is one of the substantial, responsible citizens of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins have a family of four children, one, Ida W., the eldest, being deceased. The other five are Emma, Susan, Hattie H., Trueman B. and Atlas Brown. Mr. Hopkins is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Highland and has been a member of Masonic order thirty-five years. His wife is a member of the Baptist church at Big Lick.

**HERMAN KAISER**, farmer, section 27. Mr. Kaiser came to this country from Germany in 1860 this county where he engaged farming and soon bought a place of his own, 200 acres in Saline township on which he still resides. He has been satisfactorily successful as a farmer, and has improved his place in a comfortable and substantial manner. He was born in Hanover, Germany, June 30, 1837, and was the third of a family of five children of Henry and Mary (Wanett) Kaiser, both of whom are now deceased. The mother died in 1870, and the father in 1875. The other four children are George, Henry, died in 1873 ; Lizzie, wife of Henry Otto, of St. Louis, and Catherine, wife of Doon Depe, of the same city. During the war Mr. Kaiser served about three months, in the militia. February 10, 1866, he was married to Miss Mary Gatchett, a native of Ohio. They have eight children : John, Lizzie, Millie, Henry, Emma, Louisa, Catherine, and Anna. Sophia died at the age of eight months. Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser are members of the Lutheran church at Pleasant Grove.

**ALEXANDER LAMM**, farmer, section 22. Mr. Lamm was the youngest of a family of eight children of William and Mary (Boren) Lamm, who came to this county in 1816. All these, save one, grew to maturity and married, but only two, besides Alexander, are now living. William Lamm, the father, was a native of North Carolina. Coming to this county in the pioneer days, when game of all kinds was abundant, he became a noted hunter in this section of the county, and his name is familiar to all early settlers as the hero of many adventures in the chase. He it was who shot a deer a quarter of a mile off, across a deep slough and then swam over to it and towed it back by a plow line tied to his waist. Besides farming he also followed " flatboating " - floating grain down to the wholesale markets. He opened the farm (having entered the land) on which Alexander now lives, in 1820, and lived there until his death in 1878. His wife had gone before to light his way to Heaven some thirty years prior to his death. Alexander, born on the family homestead, November 22, 1838, was married after he grew up, prior to the late war, to Miss Margaret J., daughter of William Smith, of this county. They have three children : James, now of Jefferson City ; George and Charles. Mr. Lamm has always lived on the parental homestead, a

neat farm carefully improved. He follows farming in a general way and with satisfactory success. He is now serving his second term of three years as school director. His wife is a member of the Baptist church.

**JOHN H. MOLAN**, farmer, and of J. H. Molan & Co., proprietors marble yards, Gooch's Mills. Mr. Molan is a well-to-do farmer and prominent business man of the eastern part of the county, who commenced for himself without anything, when a young man, and has risen to a comparatively comfortable situation in life, entirely by his own merits. He is of German parentage, but was himself born in this country in St. Louis - October 22, 1851. His father, Diederich Molan, and mother, formerly Miss Elizabeth Snuck, came to St. Louis from Asnabruck, Germany, in 1845, and eleven years afterwards removed to this county and bought a place of 163 acres of land on Saline creek, where they settled and lived the remainder of their lives. She died April 1, 1870, and he December 19, 1871. There are five of their family of children - John H., Catherine, Elizabeth, John William and Julia, the last being now Mrs. Hasp, of Clark's Fork, and Elizabeth is the wife of George Meyers. John H., the subject of this sketch was married February 7, 1872, to Miss Louisa Meyer. She died January 22, 1881, having been the mother of four children, but two of whom are now living: Louisa, aged eight years, and Emma, aged four. John H. died in infancy as did also Henry. April 19, 1882, Mr. Molan was again married, his present wife having been Miss Elizabeth Herth. She was born December 20, 1854, and is a daughter of Peter Herth, of Saline township. Mr. Molan's farm contains nearly 400 acres of good land oil which he grows over 200 acres of grain, principally wheat. He also raises live stock, mainly cattle and hogs. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. The marble business in which he is a partner, was established in January, 1882, Mr. J. B. Kirkman, a skilful artisan in that line, and a capable, responsible business man, being his associate in the establishment. They carry a stock of stone valued at \$1,000, and the first year did a business of over \$2,200. Mr. Kirkman was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, March 19, 1850, and was a son of Thomas Kirkman, originally of Maryland, and wife, a native of the Old North State. J. B. did service in the Confederate army during the war, and in 1866 came to Columbia, Missouri, where he learned the tombstone business and worked there until June, 1881, when he removed to Boonville. In January, 1882, he entered into his present partnership with Mr. Molan. Mr. Kirkman was married December 19, 1872, to Miss Emma F. Blanchard, at Columbia. They have three children - Gertrude, Mandie and Huldah.

**HENRY W. MILLS**, farmer. In the lives of its venerable yeoman citizens, such as the one whose name heads this sketch, is to be found the true source of the growth and prosperity of Cooper county. Their industry has produced its wealth, their character and intelligence have given it its enviable reputation, and their sons and daughters are the rich legacy they have provided to guaranty its future. Born in Louisa county, Virginia, July 17, 1815, in 1842, Mr. Mills came to Cooper county, and, on the 20th of August of that year, was married to Miss Susan V., daughter of Charles T. Lewis, an early settler and worthy citizen of the county. First he lived on a part of the farm he now owns, and the following year after his marriage removed to the state of Mississippi ; but remaining there only two years returned to Cooper county and carried on the J. K. Ragland farm for one year. He then purchased forty acres of land in his own right, the nest-egg, so to speak, of his subsequent estate of nearly 1,000 acres. Possessed of the qualities and character he has always shown, success was as sure to come as fruit is certain to ripen on the tree when secure from injury. Up to 1866 he had added to his farm until it numbered 200 acres. Then he increased it to 536 acres. Again, he bought 300 acres more, making an aggregate of over 900 acres. But, in the meantime, he and his good wife had been blessed with a large family of children, among whom he divided his land as they grew up, leaving himself only a comfortable homestead, on which he still lives. On this he raises over 100 acres of grain, and considerable quantities of livestock - cattle, sheep, hogs, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Mills have given to the county thirteen worthy sons and daughters, ten of whom are still living, and nine became heads of families, the youngest being still at home: William H., married Miss Sallie L. Craig; Charles T., died February 29, 1880, leaving a family, his wife having formerly been Miss Nellie Brosius ; James T., married Miss Bettie Tucker; Mary A., wife of George Adams, died in 1867 ; Hunter N., married Miss Ellen Thomas ; Augustus K., married Miss Sophronia Stiffler ; Walker M., died February 24, 1878, aged twenty-four years; John A., married Miss Dora Campbell; Susan H., wife of John Elliott; Florence M., wife of O. C. Byler ; Carrie L., wife of Dr. J. D. Potts; Eagle S., at home. Mr. Mills himself was the fourth of a family of six children of William and Elizabeth (Gardiner) Mills, of Louisa county, Virginia, as follows: Margaret E., wife of Dr. A. Kueckelhan, of Lamine township, this county; Mrs. Mary J., widow of Edward McPherson, of Boonville; the eldest sister, Ann Quarles, wife of James Quarles, died in Boonville, in 1850 ; the brothers - Addison died in St. Louis, of cholera, in 1848 ; and William died of yellow fever, in Mississippi, in 1853. Mr.. and Mrs. R. have been members of the Christian church since 1863, and prior to that were connected with the Baptist church. He is also a member of the P. of H. At the age of three-score and ten, less two years, Mr. Mills is still vigorous and active in mind and body.

**HUNTER N. MILLS**, farmer, section 26. By reference to Henry W. Mills' sketch it will be seen that Hunter N. is the seventh of the former's family of ten living children, and was born November 7, 1849. The son remained with his family until 1875, when, being then twenty-six years of age, and having married the year previous, he settled on his present place, a comfortable homestead of 220 acres, which he has well improved. Since then he has been prosecuting his farm affairs with great energy, and has justly won the reputation of being one of the enterprising, successful young farmers of the township. He grows over 150 acres of grain annually, about four-fifths of which is wheat, and he also raises considerable

numbers of stock, mainly hogs and cattle. He was married October 7, 1874, to Miss Ella Thomas, daughter of Doctor Thomas, now of Greenwood, Jackson county, but for a number of years a prominent physician of this county. She was born near Pisgah, this county, April 2, 1853. They have a family of three interesting children : Mabel Gray, aged seven years ; Irene Vibert, aged four years, and William Robert, aged two years. Mrs. Mills is a member of the Baptist denomination, and he is a member of the Christian denomination and of the Patrons of Husbandry.

**JOHN J. MILLS**, farmer, section 23. Mr. Mills is of German nativity, having been born in Hanover, Germany, March 22, 1822. When quite a young man he entered into the royal army of his native kingdom and served something over a year, participating during that time in the war with Denmark. But in 1852 he came to this country and made his permanent home in Cooper county. The first year after his arrival here he worked with Benjamin Hawkins and helped build a bridge over the Petite Saline at the Lick. The following two years he worked in the mill at Big Lick for Mr. Gooch, and at about the expiration of this time was married, in October 1855 to Miss Louisa, daughter of Theobald Miller, of this county, but originally of Prussia. He then engaged in farming, buying eighty acres of land, and by industry and good management has achieved excellent success as a farmer. He has increased his possessions until now his place contains about 300 acres of good land, and he grows annually over 100 acres of grain, besides raising some stock. During the war Mr. Mills was a member of the Missouri state militia, and in 1864 enlisted in the 45th Missouri infantry, under Colonel Murphy, doing service principally in Missouri and Tennessee. Mr. Mills' first wife died, leaving him four children: Charles L., married Miss Roxy Shipley, January 18, 1880 ; Mary, wife of Henry Tine; John A. and Louisa W., now at home. Subsequently he married Miss Margaret Miller, sister of his first wife. She died ten years afterwards, leaving three children Sophia, Catherine and Sarah, all at home. His present wife was formerly Mrs. Elvina, widow of John Jacobs. She is a member of the Methodist church, and a very worthy lady.

**THOMAS MITCHELL**, farmer. For nearly three-quarters of a century the Mitchell family has been identified with the material development and agricultural interests of Cooper county. Its representatives for three generations have ranked among the substantial and well-to-do farmers of the county, and of these Thomas Mitchell, the subject of this sketch, and the grandson of the old pioneer of the family to the county, Thomas Mitchell, is by no means the least worthy. He was born in Cooper county, near Boonville, Missouri, April 12, 1822. Starting out in life for himself at a comparatively early age, and relying almost entirely upon his own exertions to make his way in the world, he devoted himself to farming, and went to work with a degree of energy and resolution that could not fail to produce substantial and satisfactory results. Accordingly, he soon became possessed of an excellent farm of his own, and for years he has held a position among the most progressive farmers of the county. He has made a specialty of wheat growing and he it was who first introduced into this county the celebrated Fultz variety of wheat, which has resulted in so much advantage and profit to farmers, and, in fact, to all classes in the county. He raises annually about 100 acres of this variety of wheat, and, as an evidence of his success in wheat growing, the fact should be stated that for six years in succession he has raised as much as twenty-five bushels to the acre on the same ground. Mr. Mitchell was married on the 15th of February, 1848, to Miss Elizabeth Pulliam, of Boone county. They have been blessed with three children, but two of whom, however, are now living: James P. and Flora. The second child, William P., died in infancy, in 1855, aged twenty months. James P. is married, and resides with his father. Mr. Mitchell was the eldest of a family of eight children of William N. and Margaret Mitchell. William N., the father, was born in East Tennessee January 20, 1799, and when seventeen years of age came with his parents to Cooper county, who immigrated here in 1816. His father, Thomas Mitchell, Sr., was originally from Virginia. His mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Moran. They are believed to be the first family that drove through to this part of the state from the Mississippi, on the south side of the Missouri river. They crossed the Petite Saline at a ford near where Hurt's bridge now stands. He died on his homestead near Boonville August 13, 1839. His wife preceded him to the grave nearly twenty years, having died October 27, 1820. He was a successful farmer, and took a zealous interest in public affairs. He was a devoted partisan of General Jackson. Of his family of four sons, including William N., the father of Thomas, Jr., all of whom became influential citizens, none are now living. William N. died May 7, 1865, preceded to the grave by his wife (formerly Miss Margaret Miller, daughter of Judge James Miller, one of the first members of the county court, November 21, 1862. She was born in Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, June 2, 1803. They were married August 17, 1820. Both William N. and his wife were kind and good neighbors, and were highly esteemed by all who knew them. Mr. Thomas Mitchell, Jr., and wife, have been worthy and exemplary members of the Baptist church at Boonville for the last thirty years.

**Z. R. NEAL**, farmer and miller, section 7. Z. R. Neal was the second of a family of seven children of Rev. Minor and Nancy (Amick) Neal, for many years residents of this and Morgan county. The father was a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian church for twenty-five years, and up to the time of his death, in August, 1878. The mother is still living, and resides near Otterville. Rev. Minor Neal was a native of Kentucky, but came to this county early in life, where, excepting fifteen years' residence in Morgan county, he continued to live until his death. He was twice married. His first wife survived her marriage but a short time, and by his second he reared his family of children: Margaret E., wife of W. R. Spencer; Z. R., May W., wife of Samuel Hickson ; James R., George M., Louisa J., wife of B. F. Young, and Thomas L. Z. R. Neal

was brought up to the occupation of a farmer, which he has since followed. He rented land up to 1882, when he bought his present homestead. Of his farm there are over 200 acres in the bottom. He raises about 100 acres of wheat, and about seventy-five acres of corn, besides other cereal products. March 18, 1875, Mr. Neal was married to Miss May E., daughter of John Fluke, of this county. They have one child, William, aged four years; one is dead, John M., aged eighteen months. Mr. N. is also interested in saw-milling, having had a mill since the fall of 1882. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

**P. C. NUCKOLS.** If commencing in the world without means or other advantages, accumulating a comfortable estate by one's own industry, maintaining his family in comfort, and, through all, preserving a name above reproach, may be said to constitute a worthy and successful life, then the life of Mr. Nuckols may be justly so characterized. He came to this county in 1869, then a young man twenty years of age, having been born in Goochland county, Virginia, February 1st, 1849, and began here as a farm laborer, working by the month. He is now the owner of the well-known Walker farm, near Overton, containing three hundred acres of fine bottom land - one of the choice farms of the county. He first worked a year for Mr. J. K. Ragland, then a year for Dabney Jordon, of Howard county, and after this followed overseeing three years. Having married December 3d, 1873, after overseeing, he rented land of Mr. Ragland, and farmed on his own account two years. Removing then to the Walker farm, he kept vigorously at work, economizing and managing to the best advantage, and in February, 1882, bought the place entire, and became its owner and proprietor. Still comparatively a young man and full of energy, directed by good judgment, he has every promise of; becoming one of the first farmers of Cooper county. He now produces annually over 200 acres of grain, and is making a fine beginning in stock raising. His wife, who has contributed not a little to his success, by industry and good management of their domestic affairs, was formerly a Miss Zerelda J., daughter of Fountain and Catherine Brushwood, of Boone county. She is also niece of Mrs. James Farris, of this county. They have one child, Mattie Belle, aged 6 years. One is dead, an infant, Bettie, aged 14 months. Mr. Nuckols is a member of the Baptist church. He has been a member of the A. O. U. W. three years. His parents, George P. and Martha (Crawford) Nuckols, are still residents of Virginia, where they were both born and raised.

**ULRICH OERLY,** farmer, section 33. Mr. Oerly was a son of Christian and Mary (Hanswirth) Oerly of Switzerland, where he himself was born June 21, 1827. He, with his father and family, came to this country in 1850, and settled in Ohio, where the father died in 1851. Two years afterwards Ulrich came to Moniteau county and lived there until 1865 and then came to Cooper county and located on his present farm. It contains over 300 acres of good land, and he has it comfortably improved. He gives his attention to wheat growing, and raising sheep and hogs, in all of which he has had excellent success. He was married April 13, 1852, to Miss Margaret Gather, of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, but originally of Switzerland. They have had a family of nine children, eight of whom are still living. Mary died in infancy, John, married Elizabeth Mischler; Emanuel, married Mary Mischler; who died in February, 1882, Samuel, married Mary Grauch; Mary, married Adam Schilb; William Ferdinand, Charles and Frederick. Mr. Oerly served in the militia during the war. He is an industrious, well-to-do farmer and well respected citizen.

**JOHN PURSLEY,** farmer, section 28. About the beginning of the present century John Pursley, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, then a young man, came from South Carolina, where he had been born and reared, and made his home in Illinois, then a territory. He there married and lived opposite St. Louis a number of years in what is known as the American bottom. But as early as 1815 he removed to this county with his family. He first settled on what is now known as the Wooldridge farm, and afterwards, in about 1830, on the present John S. Campbell farm, where he and his wife lived until their deaths, she dying about 1848; he about 1854. They reared a family of seven children: Rua, died unmarried; Caroline, late wife of John Lamb; Garvin, deceased father of our subject; John, died unmarried; Robert, died in boyhood; Joseph, died in 1875, and Ann, wife of Elijah Begley, of Cedar county. Garvin, the third of this family, after he grew up was married to Miss Margaret, daughter of Charles Clark, of this county, in about 1842. The first two years of their married life was spent in Cedar county, this state. They then settled on a farm on the Saline in this county, but in January, 1852, his wife died, leaving him a family of three children, two, Robert and Joseph, having died in infancy. Those living were: Louisa, wife of Smith Campbell, of Moniteau county; Charles, died July 24, 1867, aged twenty-one, and John, the subject of this sketch. In 1855 the father married again, Miss Sarah Taylor then becoming his wife. Three children resulted from this union: Preston W., Ulysses G. and Perry T. He died February 12, 1882, in his sixty-third year, having been born in St. Clair county, Illinois, April 9, 1819. His last wife still survives him. John, his only surviving son by his first marriage, was born July 26, 1848. He was reared on his father's farm, and received a practical education in youth in the neighborhood schools. January 16, 1870, he was married to Miss Julia, daughter of Enoch Rector. She was born in Cedar county, December 29, 1849. Five years after their marriage they lived on his father's homestead in this county, but in 1875 they settled on their present place, a good farm of 160 acres of land, comfortably and substantially improved. Mr. Pursley is an industrious farmer, and is well respected as a neighbor. They have three children Beulah, aged twelve years; Ernest, aged nine years, and Earle, aged five years.

**WILLIAM RAGLAND**, farmer and stock dealer. William M. Ragland, the father of William, the subject of this sketch, and J. Kelly Ragland, his brother, came to this country at a comparatively early day from Virginia, in which state they were born and reared, and purchased a thousand acres of land in Saline township, a part of which was the old Governor Miller farm. William M. Ragland was married near Bunceton, this county, to Miss Bettie, daughter of James Quarles, formerly of Louisa county, Virginia. Of their family of children, William, the subject of the present sketch, was born June 18, 1857. On account of the unsettled condition of affairs during the war, William R. Ragland removed with his family to St. Louis, where he died a short time before the restoration of peace. His widow subsequently became the wife of Richard P. Rider, president of Steven's college, of Columbia, Missouri, where she now resides. J. Kelly Ragland, the brother, married Miss Maria, daughter of Dr. Buckner. She died, however, sometime afterwards. The land J. Kelly Ragland and his brother purchased, they improved in a superior manner for the purpose of stock raising, which they carried on a large scale. J. Kelly remained in Cooper county until his death, which occurred in November, 1882. He was one of the leading stock men of central Missouri and was, besides, a man of superior education and fine business qualifications. After a long and active life, he died with as many friends and as few enemies as any man who ever passed away within the border of this county. He left a large estate at his death, appraised at nearly \$100,000, which was divided among his relations. William Ragland, the subject of this sketch, and his brother James, own the farm of their late uncle, one of the finest landed estates in the county. They are extensively engaged in grain growing and stock raising, and are among the most prominent agriculturalists in these lines. William Ragland was married September 21, 1882, to Miss Ella E., daughter of W. G. Hays, of Saline township. They settled on the "Kelly Ragland farm," in February of the present year: Both are worthy members of the church.

**A. F. SANGER**, merchant and postmaster, Gooch's Mill. Mr. Sanger was a lad of twelve years when his parents, Dominique and Christiana Sanger, emigrated from Silesia, Prussia, to this country in 1859, and located in Boonville, he having been born in "the dear old Fatherland beyond the Rhine," March 6, 1847. His father died here in 1873, and his mother followed her life partner into the mysteries of death in 1880. The son spent his youth partly in this city and partly in St. Louis, here working at the potter's trade, there employed in a rectifying establishment, and for two years he traveled for J. M. Jeggler. In the fore-winter of 1863 he enlisted in the union service, and was an attache of the Rolls supply train, and wore the blue for about ten months. He enlisted again in the fall of 1864 at St. Louis, and was stationed at Little Rock, Arkansas, until July, 1865. Up to 1874 he was engaged in various lines of business, always active and full of energy, and in February of that year he took charge of the large business establishment of Meistrell & Smith, at Gooch's Mill, which he has since conducted, and with the most gratifying success. This is one of the largest business houses in the eastern part of the county, and enjoys an extensive and rapidly increasing trade. Mr. Sanger is essentially a self-made and self-educated man, and he has made himself one of the best qualified and most thorough-going business men of the county. He has been postmaster for a number of years, and is exceptionally popular with all who know him. He was married November 12, 1872, in Boonville, to Miss Mary T., daughter of Joseph and Catharine Spady. She was born July 8, 1851. They have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Mary (Nelson), they are rearing. Mr. Sanger has a neat farm of nearly a quarter section of low land about two miles southwest of the mill. He is a member of the Catholic church at Boonville.

**JACOB SCHILB**, farmer, section 34. Jacob Schilb, Sr., the father of the subject of this sketch, followed the trade of carpentry in Bavaria, Germany, of which country he was a native, and he there lived until his immigration to America in 1847. He was married in Bavaria to Miss Margaret Miller, and of this union there were five children, four sons and a daughter, Margaret, who subsequently became the wife of Henry Myers, in this county, and died some two years afterwards. The sons are all living and are residents, of the same neighborhood, all substantial and well respected citizens. They are as follows : Jacob, Adam, Theobald D. (or David), and Frederick. The father and family located on the farm where Jacob now lives shortly after their arrival in this country. They had been on the way from Germany over five months, a journey of remarkable length in the time occupied, during which they passed through varied and trying experiences. The father died on his farm in about nine years after his location upon it, the date of his death being June 30, 1856. The mother, however, survived until the 30th of December, 1875, when she followed her husband to the grave. He was an industrious, good farmer, a worthy citizen, and a generous and kind neighbor. Jacob Schilb, the eldest son, was born November 24, 1825, and was, therefore, about thirty-three years of age when his parents came to this country. He became a resident of Cooper county in 1852. Farming has constituted his principal occupation, and he now has a neat farm, comfortably and substantially improved. The following year after his arrival here, he was married, May 29, 1853, to Miss Anna B. Kiseling, originally of Bavaria. They have had a family of seven children, two of whom are dead - Barbara dying at the age of three years, and Sophia in infancy. Those living are: Margaret, wife of Aug. Stock; Elizabeth, wife of George Stock; Mary, widow of Alex. Stock; Caroline and Mamie, both at home and unmarried. Mr. S. and his family are members of the Evangelical church at Pleasant Green.

**ADAM SCHILB**, farmer, section 32. Thirty-three years Mr. Schilb has been a resident of Cooper county, and these three decades and more of the flower of his life have been devoted to honest, untiring industry, resulting not less in the material

development and prosperity of the county than in his own comfortable situation in life. His fine farm of nearly three-quarters of a section of land is but a fraction of what he has made, it is only what he has saved, and bears the same ratio to the aggregate value of his services that the net profits of a business house bear to the aggregate volume of its business. Who will undertake to estimate the worth of such men to a country? Starting out in life without anything but his own brawn and brain, for a number of years he worked in a pottery for Wesley Williamson, gradually paying for and making a farm to which he ultimately turned his whole attention, and now he is one of the substantial farmers and comfortably situated citizens of the county, and has been for years. He was married March 1, 1853, to Miss Barbara, daughter of Leonard Beltz, brought by her parents from Bavaria to this county. They have eight children, and have lost two; Adam, married Mary Oerly; Catherine, died in infancy; William, died aged fifteen years; Jacob, Theobold, Franz, Barbara, Elizabeth, Louisa and Mary. He and wife are both members of the Evangelical church at Pleasant Green. Mr. Schilb's parents, Jacob and Margaret (Miller) Schilb had a family of five children, of whom Adam, the subject of this sketch, was the second, having been born January 14, 1828. In the sketch of the eldest brother, Jacob, will be given further particulars of the father's family. Space, however, may be spared here to mention that Theodore David, one of the younger of the sons, is also a well-to-do farmer and a self-made man and resides near the subject of this sketch. He was born October 10, 1833. He commenced in life for himself by learning the blacksmith's trade with David Force in Boonville, and worked there three years. He then put up a shop of his own on a piece of land he bought, and followed blacksmithing and farming together until about the close of the late war. Since that time he has given his whole attention to farming. His place contains about 200 acres of choice land, and is well improved. He raises both grain and stock for the general markets and is a worthy brother of Adam as a farmer and citizen. As a neighbor and friend he is more than ordinarily hospitable and kind. He was married August 31, 1857, to Miss Catherine Youngkamp, a young lady formerly of Indiana, born October 15, 1839. They have been blessed with twelve children: David, Henry, Margaret, Frederick, Sylvester, Catherine E., Elizabeth, Barbara, Jacob, Adam, Catherine and Mary. Adam and Catherine E., however, being dead. Mr. Schilb is an active and earnest supporter of the public school system. He and family are members of the Evangelical church.

**HERMAN SCHMIDT, DECEASED.** It is impossible to estimate how much this country owes to the hardy, honest sons of the German Fatherland who have come over here and joined their labor and their intelligence with those of the people of the New World in building up one of the greatest nations the sun ever shone upon. There is not a county, nor scarcely a neighborhood, in the United States that does not bear the marks of their, industry and of the successful, useful lives they lead. This reflection is induced by scanning the life of Herman Schmidt, deceased, the subject of this sketch. But sixteen years old when he came to America with his brother's family, in 1836, and making his home in Cooper county four years afterwards, by his own worth and exertions he became a successful farmer and established for himself an honorable name as a public-spirited, patriotic citizen, proving of value to the community in which he lived as a civil officer, and gallantly serving his country when it was threatened with destruction by the late civil war. He was born in Saxony, Germany, December 22, 1820, and was a son of Frederick and Christina Schmidt, who emigrated to this country in 1836, and after four years' residence in Ohio settled in this county in 1840. The mother died a short time after their arrival here, and subsequently the father married Mrs. Christina Yost, of St. Louis. He died September 25, 1865, and his last wife three years afterwards. September 30, 1868, Herman, the only son of his father who reached maturity, devoted himself to agriculture and soon became remarked among his neighbors for his untiring industry, and the intelligence, frugality and success with which he conducted his farming operations. He was busily occupied with farm duties when the war burst upon the country; but he dropped everything and became an ardent and resolute soldier for the Union, being a volunteer in the Missouri state militia. After the restoration of peace he was an active republican, believing it as much his duty to protect the country against the ballots of its enemies as against their bullets. In fact, he was one of a body of seven *enfants perdus* who cast their ballots for Lincoln in this county in 1860. He held various civil offices in the township, but steadily refused to accept a county office, which he was many times pressed to do. Local positions he filled; such as justice of the peace for eight years, and others, for the accomodation of his neighbors. He was married July 28, 1847, to Miss Theressa, sister of Ernst Spieler, originally from Germany, and reared a family of six children: Henry, died aged nineteen; Ida, wife of Albert Hoberecht; Emma, Widow of Hosenbach; Herman A., Bertha and Otto G. Mr. Schmidt died January 4, 1880, regretted by all who knew him, and mourned by his family and a large circle of friends. The management of the farm - a large grain and stock farm - has since devolved on his son Herman H., a young man of great promise as a successful agriculturalist and useful citizen. At his father's death he was just preparing to enter Prairie Home Institute; but at once resigned his purpose, gild entered actively upon his farm duties. He is rapidly proving himself a worthy successor to his father, not only on the farm, but as a public-spirited, enterprising citizen. He is an ardent republican, and cast his first ballot for that party. The family are all members of the Lutheran church, as was also the father.

**HENRY CLAY SIMMS**, farmer, carpenter and undertaker, homestead, section 20. The subject of the present sketch, was born in Boone county, twelve miles north of Columbia, October 9, 1844, and was the only son of a family of four children reared by William and Vienna (Hagdon) Simms. The father was originally from Virginia, but the mother was a native of Kentucky. In 1865 the family removed to Cooper county, and after living in Boonville awhile settled in the bottom near

Overton. The mother died in 1875, and her husband followed her four years afterward, in 1879. William Simms was a carpenter by trade, and to this occupation Henry Clay, the son, was brought up, which up to the last six years has been his principal employment in life. On the 29th of June, 1867, he was married to Miss Mary Louisa Virginia, only daughter of Lewis Eager, of this county, and in 1881 he came to his present farm, the old "Eager Homestead." He has something over three forties of good land comfortably improved, and besides this has an eighty acre tract a short distance from the homestead. He also, has on his farm a carpenter's and wagonmaker's shop, and does a general undertaking business. His interests in all these lines are perhaps the most important in the eastern part of the county, and to keep them in progress he employs no less than eight hands all the time. Mr. and Mrs. Simms have a family of three children: Hattie May, aged fourteen years; Annie Louisa, aged ten years, and William Lewis, aged six years. Mr. S. is a member of the Baptist church.

**JOHN B. SPADY**, farmer, section 12. In 1849 Frank J. Spady and wife, formerly Miss Catherine Keller, emigrated with their family from Alsace, France (now Germany), of which province both were natives, and after stopping in Kentucky a short time came to Missouri and settled on the farm where they now live, in Saline township, of this county. Here their family of six children, including John B. the subject of this sketch, grew up, and all but two who had died from the effects of a stroke of lightning, received in 1857, have since married and have families of their own. The father is about seventy-three years of age and the mother seventy-one, yet they are in comparatively good health and have the promise of still more advanced leases of life. John B. was born in the Land of Vines, November 27, 1848, and was therefore but one year old when his parents immigrated to this country. His whole life thus far has been spent on the farm, having been reared to an agricultural life, which he adopted permanently after arriving at the age of majority. February 22, 1870, he was married to Miss Mary, daughter of Conrad Cash, of Pilot Grove, and four children have blessed their union : Frank, John, Anna and Clara. During the late war Mr. Spady was a member of the Missouri state militia, under Captain Shoemaker, and was captured while General Price was at Boonville, but was released on account of being under military age, and rejoined his company immediately after his release. Mr. Spady follows farming in a general way, raising grain and stock. The farm being the old family homestead of his father contains nearly a quarter section of good land, and is comfortably improved. He and his wife are both members of the Catholic church of Boonville.

**F. E. SPIELER**, farmer, section 1. Among the educated, enterprising, and successful citizens of Saline township, of German birth, the name that heads this sketch is worthy of special mention. Mr. Spieler was fifteen years of age when his parents, John A. and Christiana (Riese) Spieler, emigrated from Germany to this country in 1846, having been born January 28, 1831. His parents located near Pleasant Green, in this county, where they are still living. They reared but three children. Theresa, wife of Harmon Smith, Ernst, the subject of this sketch, and Otto, now at the family homestead. Ernst received a good education in youth, and afterwards taught school two terms of eleven months with excellent success. After this he engaged in milling, which he followed eight years, and then returned to farming, to which he had been brought up. In this he has been not less successful than in school teaching and milling. His place contains 400 acres of excellent land, and is devoted mainly to grain raising, principally wheat and corn, although he also grows considerable quantities of other cereal products, and raises some stock. In 1862 Mr. Spieler enlisted in the state militia, and in 1864 was wounded near Big Lick, by that "destroying angel," Bill Anderson, who swooped down on our subject, with ten other militiamen, while they were out looking for a stray mare, killing seven outright, F. Hofferberg, D. Huth, E. Blank, H. Weber, J. Edir, Peter Diehl, and Lieutenant B. Diedrich ; four escaped, Ernst Spieler, Otto Spieler, John Blank, and Jacob Blank. Mr. Spieler was wounded in the right arm and severely cut in the right shoulder. March 9, 1862, Mr. Spieler was married to Miss Elizabeth Young, a native of the city of New York. They have nine children, Emma, Maggie, Sophie, Louisa, Oscar, Theodore, Ida, Richard and Nora.

**AARON J. VAUGHAN** farmer and school teacher. Aaron J. Vaughan, born in Big Lick township, May 9, 1833, is descended from two of the pioneer families of this county, the Vaughan and Hammons, both having settled here in 1818. Thomas, the father of Aaron J., was about ten years old when the latter's parents, Thomas, Sr., and Sarah (Jenkins) Vaughan came to the county from Tennessee, their native state, and located on a portion of what is now known as the J. K. Ragland farm in Saline township. George Hammons, the father of Thomas, Jr's mother, also settled on a portion of the -same farm, and the grandparents on both sides, except Mrs. Hammons, died prior to 1830. She was called away from this life nine years afterwards. But three of the grandfather Vaughan's family of eight children came out to this state with him, however: Thomas, Aaron and John. Aaron died in 1842, and John in 1850. Thomas Vaughan, Jr., as already intimated, married Miss Sarah Hammons, in about 1827, and from this union, eight children resulted, Aaron J., the subject of this sketch, being the third, and follows Eloira, wife of E. Bayles; Albert B., died in Gratiot street military prison, in St. Louis, during the civil war; Aaron J. ; Lorenzo D., at Overton; Sarah J., wife of Wm. Kaley, Pilot Grove ; John J., at Overton ; Catherine, wife of Isaac Henry, Big Lick, and George W., also died in Gratiot street prison, of pneumonia. The mother afterward died, March 22, 1858 ; the father of these died May 4, 1877. Aaron J. Vaughan had no school education in youth of any practical value. He early became apprenticed to the saddler's trade, at Roanoke, in which he continued until he had acquired that occupation. But anxious to remedy the defects of his early education, he entered school after he

had attained his twenty-third year, and persevered in his studies in the school room, and in private until he had qualified himself to teach school. Then in 1858 he began teaching, and continued his own studies all the time. In a few years he became noted, and everywhere sought after as one of the best teachers, both for his acquirements and thorough practical methods in the school-room, in the county. For twenty-four years he has continued in this calling, intermitting, however, by farming about half of the time, in which he is now engaged. He also merchandised two years from 1872, at Overton. During this time he has served the people of his township as justice of the peace, and is now filling his second commission as notary public. Mr. Vaughan has been a member of the Baptist church for thirty years, and was recently ordained a deacon. He was married August 11, 1858, to Miss Mary J. McFall, originally of Kentucky. They have three interesting and accomplished daughters : Miss Fannie B., who has been teaching for several terms: Miss Mattie Lee, a most attractive young lady ; and Master Selby B. The young ladies and their mother are all members of the Baptist church.

**H. H. WOOLDRIDGE**, farmer, section 15. Merchandising and farming are the occupations to which Mr. Wooldridge has devoted his energies heretofore, and in both he has been satisfactorily successful. Born in Hardin county, Kentucky, April 12, 1838, he came to this county with his father's family at the age of twenty, and a few years afterwards, in 1863, engaged in clerking in a general store in Moniteau county. November 4, 1869, he was married to Miss Sallie, daughter of William Eager, of this county, and thereupon settled on his farm in Saline township. In 1871, however, he returned to Moniteau county and sold goods on his own account where he had previously clerked. Subsequently he resumed farming, and followed it until 1876, when he became a member of the mercantile firm of Hayes, Eager & Co., at Overton, with whom he continued about six years. But in the fall of 1882 he sold out his interest in the merchandising business and settled on his present farm, the old "Wooldridge homestead," the following spring, where he is farming on a somewhat extensive scale. The place contains 400 acres of good land, and besides stock raising and growing general farm products, he raises about 250 acres of wheat and corn, but principally wheat. Mr. and Mrs. Wooldridge have two children William J., aged twelve years, and Mary E., aged four years. Both parents are members of the Baptist church at Big Lick. Mr. W.'s father, Jesse Wooldridge, was a native of Virginia, but removed to Kentucky early in life, where he married and lived until his immigration to this state, in 1858. His mother (H. H.'s) was formerly a Miss Susan Hays, a native of Kentucky. She died on the homestead, in this county, February 25, 1871. Her husband followed her in death just eleven years afterwards, February 25, 1881. They reared a family of seven children including H. H., all of whom are residents of this county.