

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 R. 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 Abbyville, 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 incipiency, 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 preferment, 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 Masonry, 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) Coosey, 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 since 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) McLin, 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. Beau-drew) 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 Barkeley. 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. (Resser) 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 postmaster 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. Graves, merchant, was born in Lewis County, September 9, 1858, the son of William M. and Mary A. (Wallace) Graves, 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. Graves 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) Graves, 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 accidently 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, Burrell, 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 Waller 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 C., 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 $12\frac{1}{2}$ 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 boat-ing 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-

tled 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, 1886, 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 1783 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; Cecilius 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 (Acley) 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, a son of John Neal 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., Lutie 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. Bowls; 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. Carnegy, 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 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. Huling, 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. Merton. 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 I., 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. Ratherford and Elizabeth Ratherford'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-

scent, 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 Demarious 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, Theressa 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 Bondurant), 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 10, 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-

tice. 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 Philipine 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 landowner 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 Beaird was born in Clark County, Mo., on the Des Moines River, and is a son of Joel and Catherine Beaird, 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. Beaird 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 à 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 1853, 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 Scofield 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 I. 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 1846. 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, contemporaneously 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. Coover, 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 Coover, 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. Coover 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 Reed, 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 postmaster 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 stanch 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), Peevler, 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 (Buford) 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, Jennie (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 Levisa Flowers, who was born in the year 1858, and who is the daughter of Dr. D. D. and Mary (Curl) 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 Donnah 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 Cynthiana, 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 Kahoka, 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 Phœba (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 Harmania 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 Celemna (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) Scowden, 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 éloquence 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. Francisville, 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 1884. 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. 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 Kahoka, 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. Wiyrick), 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.

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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 four 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.