

# Biographical Sketches.

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All men cannot be great; each has his sphere and the success of his life is to be measured by the manner in which he fills it. But men may be both true and good, may be morally great, for in true living there are no degrees of greatness—there is no respect to persons. It is not intended in the following pages to include all the several and separate acts of a man's life, important or otherwise. The design is to give the merest outline, for a complete review of the life and character of the person named, would be both unwarranted and without general value. The names which follow, for the most part, are those of men who have been or are now closely identified with the interests of the county and their respective townships. The sketches of many of the early settlers are found elsewhere in this volume; but to have given a sketch of every man in Johnson county would have been utterly impossible. If any have been omitted, who should have been represented, it was more the fault of themselves or their friends than the publishers of this work. For the most part these have contributed to the enterprise which the publishers have been able to furnish the people. Great care has been taken to give the facts in these sketches as they were given to the historian, and if occasional errors are found, it is largely due to the incorrect statement of the informant.

## WARRENSBURG TOWNSHIP.

### WILLIAM H. ANDERSON,

a leading merchant of Warrensburg, was born in Campbell county, Tennessee, on the 28th day of March, 1813. His father, John Anderson, was a native of Bedford county, Virginia, and his mother of Withe county, the same state. His grandfather was a native of Scotland, and came to America and settled in Virginia, where he lived till his death, dying at the advanced age of one hundred and one years. John Anderson, the father of William H., died at his home in Campbell county, Tennessee, in 1838. The subject of this sketch lived in his native county till twenty years of age. During this time he had made some progress in learning, and had what may be termed a good English education for his day. In

1833 he set out on horseback and traveled all the way overland to the state of Missouri, the land he had chosen for his future home. Here he settled with his brother, who had come previously. This was several years prior to the laying out of the town of Warrensburg. He was not ashamed of labor, and engaged in making rails. Three years after arriving he engaged as clerk for James A. Gallaher, with whom he continued for the space of two years. In 1838 he went to Warrensburg, when it was in its infancy, and has remained ever since, with the exception of seven years. In 1839 he was appointed deputy sheriff, and held this office for two years. After this he engaged as clerk in a dry goods store for a period of five years. In 1843 he embarked in the mercantile business for himself, running a general store, which he continued until 1857, when he sold out his stock with a view of farming, but just at that time a branch of the Union Bank of Missouri was established at this place, and he was elected cashier, and served till 1862 when the bank closed. He then took his family, also the money belonging to the bank, and moved to St. Louis, where he remained till after the close of the war, then moved to Pleasant Hill, Cass county, Missouri, where he engaged in the mercantile trade until 1869, when he returned to Warrensburg, and soon afterward assisted in the organization of the Johnson county savings bank, of which he was elected cashier, and served acceptably for two years. After that he engaged in the retail grocery trade, which he has continued to the present time, having established a reputation for honesty and fair dealing, richly meriting the esteem and confidence in which he is held. He was elected treasurer of Johnson county in 1848, and served till rendered ineligible by the law of the state. He took a very active part in establishing the line of the Missouri Pacific railroad to the town of Warrensburg, for which the people ought ever to feel grateful. He was married to Miss Mary A. Davis, February 4, 1844. She was born in Kentucky, but raised in Johnson county, Missouri. She is a lady of culture and refined domestic habits. Ten children were born, seven are now living: John D., Zachary T., Henry B., Wm. H. Jr., James I., Mary A. and Charles. Two children died in infancy; Sallie died when twelve years of age. Mr. Anderson is a plain man, though a true gentleman. In politics he has always been a democrat. He has for years been a devoted member of the M. E. church (south), and now serves as superintendent of the Sunday school in his church. He is social and temperate, and although advanced in years, he retains a wonderful vivid memory.

#### REV. A. L. BARR,

pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Born in Alabama, and when young came with his parents to Miller county, Missouri. His father, Rev. J. N. Barr, was born in North Carolina, in 1816, and moved

to Alabama in 1834, coming to Missouri in 1850. He is still living, near Pleasant Hope, Polk county, a hale and vigorous man, having reared a large and influential family to bless the world. His wife, Mary Ann Brandon, is a native of Tennessee, who moved to Alabama in 1834. The children of this worthy pair are: Ailanthus L., Fidelia S., Lalande R., Malzarine L., Ursula L., Nannie J., Ritha U., Thaddeus M., and Rufus M., who died in infancy. Malzarine L. died at the age of nineteen. A. L. attended McGee College three years, then studied at Drurie College, after which he spent two years in teaching and preaching in Green and Polk countys. He then spent two years in the school of theology at Cumberland University, Tennessee, coming directly to Warrensburg, June 5, 1881, where, as pastor of the C. P. Church, he has, in a comparatively short time, endeared himself to his own congregation, and the public generally. Rev. Barr is a clear and practical speaker, and though a young man, possesses high attainments, both as a scholar and Christian minister, and will render eminent service in the cause of Christ. He joined the McGee Presbytery August 24, 1871; was licensed in Springfield Presbytery October 5, 1874, and ordained at Pleasant Hope, March 6, 1875.

#### BENJAMIN P. BLACK,

was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, October 12, 1828. His father Daniel Black, was a native of Virginia, and moved to Kentucky in 1820. He was a farmer, and Benjamin helped him, and received a very limited education in the old log school houses of that day. He removed from there, when he was twenty-nine years of age, to this state, settling in this county, on the place where he now lives. Was married to Miss Amanda Quarls, a native of Virginia, in 1848, by whom he has had ten children, six of whom are living: Mary E., now Mrs. Harmon, living in this county; Jeremiah, Sarah, now Mrs. M. Cobler; T. G., Amos C., and N. L., the youngest daughter. Mr. Black has been an industrious and persevering farmer, and by hard work and good financiering has secured a good home, to which he has added a well improved tract of land, and he is to-day one of the substantial men, who have helped to make Johnson county.

#### WILLIAM H. BRINKER.

Of the many examples of self-made men which this western country has produced, none are more worthy of record the subject of this sketch. He is a native of Crawford county, Missouri, and was born December 23, 1851. His father, John B. Brinker, was a native of Missouri, and was among the earliest settlers of Johnson county. William's grandfather was killed by the Indians, in Jackson county, about the year 1830. His

mother is also a native of this state, and is still living, though about sixty-six years of age. Mr. William B. Brinker's father died in 1855, with the cholera, while on his way home from St. Louis, where he had been to purchase goods, being at this time one of the prominent dry goods merchants, of Warrensburg. He was an energetic, straightforward man. William H., at the outbreak of the war, was about ten years of age. In 1862 his mother's house was burned, and everything taken, and the family was left destitute. His mother took her family, and went to St. Francois county, this state, for safety. In 1864 William joined Gen. Price's army, then but thirteen years of age, and served during the war. In 1867, he and an older brother crossed the plains, and on arriving at his place of destination hired out to drive cattle to Salt Lake, and soon after was employed to work on the Union Pacific railroad, in Wyoming territory. He returned to St. Louis, and in the spring of 1869, in company with his mother's family, moved back to Johnson county, where he worked one year on a farm, and, being encouraged by Prof. Campbell, he began his first efforts to acquire an education, and in 1871, entered the State University, at Columbia, where he continued one year, then returned to this county, and engaged in teaching school. He soon studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1873. In 1874 he married Miss Lillie M. Hutchinson, of Warrensburg, a lady of culture and refined tastes, and the happy result of this union is two sons, Jesse E. and Robert H. In 1876 Mr. Brinker was elected prosecuting attorney of Johnson county. He was called upon again to fill the responsible position, and was re-elected in 1878, and again in 1880. His popularity as an officer may be inferred by the honors. He has a bright future before him. In politics he is a staunch democrat.

### JOHN W. BROWN,

postmaster, Warrensburg, Missouri; he was born in Licking county, Ohio, January 31, 1830. Attending the common school of that day, he obtained his early education. He removed to Indianola, Iowa, May, 1854, where he attended the seminary for a few terms, entering the Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in the fall of 1860. He enlisted in the union army, enrolling in the 3d Iowa volunteers in 1861; after serving two years he was discharged on account of disability, but his patriotism called him again into the service in 1864, in the 48th Iowa. Subsequently, he was honorably discharged, and in 1865 commenced the study of law, graduating from the law department of the State University in 1868. He first came to Warrensburg, Missouri, in 1865, and followed his profession, being appointed county attorney, January, 1871, which office he held two years. In 1876 he was appointed postmaster, and re-appointed in 1880. (See page 420.) He was married November

24, 1868, to Miss Emma Kirkpatrick, daughter of Thomas Kirkpatrick, who died here in 1870. The names of their children are: Thomas K., and Mary Catharine. Mr. Brown is a warm hearted and genial gentleman, and as a citizen no man in the county is more highly respected. As a public servant he is gentlemanly, obliging and diligent in his official duties.

### WILLIAM BRUCE,

superintendent of Warrensburg stone quarries. Was born in Glasgow, Scotland, July 5, 1842; came to this country in 1869, landing in St. Louis where he remained six years, and then removed to Warrensburg to take charge of these celebrated quarries, of which mention is frequently made in this history, especially on pages 427-30. Mr. Bruce was married to Mrs. Frear, of Glasgow, Scotland, in 1869; her father was an extensive contractor and builder. Mr. Bruce is a practical business manager, and just such a man as can adapt himself to handling and controlling a large number of workmen with very little of the trouble which is often experienced in works of this character.

### DR. WM. CALHOUN.

The subject of this sketch is one of the oldest physicians in the county. He is a native of Ireland. His father and mother both died when William was quite young. He came to the United States with his uncle William Calhoun, who was an extensive stock dealer as well as a merchant. William made his home with his uncle until arriving at his majority, during which time he attended the common school and prepared himself to enter Gray's institute, where he prosecuted his studies vigorously for a period of three years, after which he entered the State University, and graduated in the medical department. In the spring of 1837 he went to Lexington, Kentucky, where he secured a position in the hospital, which he held until 1839, when he emigrated to Missouri and settled where Warrensburg now stands. Immediately after his arrival he commenced the practice of his profession, to which he gave his whole attention, and was soon in the enjoyment of a lucrative business, and at the same time established an enviable reputation, which he sustained fully until he retired from the practice. In 1850 he took a trip to California to recruit his health, which had become very much impaired at this time, and returned to Warrensburg at the end of two years with his health very much improved, and resumed his practice which he followed until the outbreak of the war. In 1844 he was elected State senator of the district composed of Lafayette and Johnson counties and served two sessions. The doctor has had an active life and has set a good example; he is an honest man, a friend to the poor, a good neighbor, is widely known and universally es-

teemed. The doctor never married, but lived a life of single blessedness. He has been successful, having accumulated a considerable amount of this world's goods on which to spend the remainder of his days.

#### M. B. CARPENTER,

born in Genesee county, N. Y., August 20, 1835; son of A. H. Carpenter, who is a native of the same empire state, still living at the age of 69, in Warsaw, N. Y., engaged in the tinner's trade. Our subject was reared and educated in Wyoming county, but removed to Indiana in 1857, where he continued in the occupation which his father had taught him. In June 1862, he enlisted in the 69th Indiana Infantry, company A, and served in the union army three years. His war career was mostly confined to the Mississippi valley, Vicksburg, New Orleans and other points. He was mustered out of the service in Mobile, Alabama, and discharged at Indianapolis, Ind. He came to Warrensburg in March, 1868, and engaged in his trade. He was married to Miss Mary A. Brown, daughter of Mrs. C. J. Brown, of Franklin county, April 1869. Their children are Rush A., George L., Grace, Frank and an infant. Mr. Carpenter has a comfortable home in the south part of Warrensburg. He is a man diligent in business, honest in his dealings, and respected by all.

#### HON. FRANCIS M. COCKRELL,

Warrensburg, U. S. Senator for Missouri. He was born October 1834, near the village of Columbus, this county. His father, Joseph, was the first sheriff of the county, a native of Virginia, and moved to Missouri in 1831. His grandfather, Simon, was also a Virginian by birth, and of Irish descent. The senator's father settled on the land now owned by Mark Hammonds, in Columbus township, and died in 1837. [See sketch of this pioneer on page 242 of this work.] The senator's boyhood days were spent on a farm, and his early education was received in the log school houses of that day. In 1850 he entered Chapel Hill college, where he pursued his studies for a period of three and one-half years, making rapid progress. After he finished his college course he accepted a position as teacher in the college, which he held for one year and then commenced the study of law. In March 1855, he entered the law office of C. O. Silliman, and received his license to practice from Judge Wm. T. Wood, in October, 1855, and soon afterwards formed a partnership with Mr. Silliman which continued until the breaking out of the war in 1861. He took the side of the south and rose to the prominent position of Brig. General in the Confederate army. He returned to Warrensburg in April 1866, and resumed the practice of his profession, forming a partnership with Col. Thos. T. Crittenden. The firm was styled "Crittenden & Cockrell." In 1874 he was a candidate for the nomination of governor

on the democratic ticket, when C. H. Hardin was nominated over him by one-sixth of a vote on the third ballot. In January 1875, he was elected U. S. Senator. January 1881, he was re-elected as his own successor. Since he has been in public life his popularity has been greatly increased. He is loved and respected by both north and south. In 1853 he was married at Chapel Hill, to Miss A. D. Stopp; of this union two children are living: John J. and Wm. S. His first wife having died he married a second time, in 1866 to Miss A. E. Mann, near Harrodsburg, Ky. She died in 1871. In 1873 he was married to Miss Anna Ewing of St. Louis, daughter of Judge Ewing, who has been for a long time on the supreme bench. Gen. Cockrell, the subject of this sketch is indeed a model gentleman. He is of the balanced temperment and has a dignified form and majestic step. He is full six feet tall, and weighs 200 pounds. In his habits he is strictly temperate. He and his excellent wife are members of the C. P. church, and are among the earnest supporters in the religious work. For a long time he has been a warm friend of Sunday schools. Mrs. Cockrell is a lady of high culture and noble family. The senator owns a handsome brick residence on East Market street, surrounded with choice plants and flowers, making an attractive home and pleasant retreat during the vacation of Congress.

### JOHN J. COCKRELL,

Son of Senator Cockrell, was born in the city of Warrensburg May 10th, 1855. He obtained his early education in the city schools, then went to a select school at Lexington, where he continued for one year. In September, 1868, he entered the Cumberland University of Tennessee, where he pursued his studies for three years. In the fall of 1871, he entered McGee's College, then located at College Mound, Missouri, and graduated in June, 1873. Returning to Warrensburg, he commenced the study of law with his father and Governor Crittenden, who were at that time law partners, and in March, 1876, he was admitted to the bar. In 1881 he formed a partnership with W. C. Rowland, the style of the firm being Rowland & Cockrell, Abstracts. On the 8th day of July, 1880, Mr. Cockrell was married to Miss Bessie Cunningham, of Little Rock, Arkansas, a lady of Culture and refinement, and the daughter of Charles E. Cunningham, a prominent farmer, and who was an extensive land owner in this county before the war. From personal appearance Mr. Cockrell is about the medium stature, handsomely built and the embodiment of manliness and health.

### REV. A. M. COCKRELL,

Baptist missionary for the Johnson and Lafayette Association. Born in Montgomery County, Illinois, Aug. 28, 1835, son of Newton Cockrell.

His mothers name was Avolina Gorin, a niece of Gen. Gorin of Revolutionary fame. Rev. Cockrell lived a considerable time in Kentucky, but attended school in Nashville. He was married to Mary E. Darby, Sept. 12, 1858. Their children are: Ida, Newton F., William M., Henry G., Edward R., Thomas M., Alma M., and James W. The eldest daughter died when little more than two years old. He was baptized by the distinguished pioneer preacher, Eld. Wm. P. C. Caldwell, licensed to preach in August, 1870, at White Sulphur Spring, church Kentucky, and ordained Feb. 11, 1872. He came to Johnson county, Missouri, in Sept. 1874, and for about six years preached at High Point. Rev. Cockrell is a self made man, a plain forcible speaker and filled with Christian zeal. He has baptized over five hundred persons.

### J. H. CHRISTOPHER,

prominent among dry goods men, is the subject of this sketch. He was born in Jessamine county, Kentucky, Sept. 11th, 1848; removed to Cass county, Missouri, with his parents in 1850. In 1865 he embarked in the dry goods business at Pleasant Hill, in Cass county. In 1873 he opened a dry goods store in Harrisonville, of the same county. In 1875 he came to Warrensburg and opened one of the largest dry goods Stores in the city, and one that the citizens may well be proud of. During 1878-79 he run a dry goods store in Holden, and at the same time dealt largely in real estate and now owns in Jackson county a large farm, consisting of four hundred acres of choice land well improved, and upon which stands a magnificent residence. He was united in marriage to Miss Cena Jackson of Cass county, January 17th, 1870. This union has been blessed with one son, Marion C.

### J. C. CHRISTOPHER,

was born in Cass county, Missouri, Dec. 12, 1850. He commenced mercantile trade with his brother, a part of which was in the city of Warrensburg, moving to this county in 1875. In 1880 he settled on what is familiarly known as the Graves farm, consisting of 220 acres, well improved. He was married to Miss M. C. Baile, August 26, 1877. She was a daughter of Sarah B. Baile, at present a resident of this township. They have 2 children, Max and Maud. Mr. Christopher has lately reopened some Coal Mines on his place, which bid fair to prove of good value. He is a young man who seems to have the faculty of gaining friends and keeping them. They have a good home and success is attending his efforts on the farm, as it did in his mercantile enterprise.



**M. T. CLEMENT,**

was born in Worcester county, Massachusetts, Sept. 1, 1818. His father was a native of the same State and died when W. T. was about 8 years of age. He was brought up on the farm and received a fair education at the common schools of that day. When about 20 years of age he removed to Michigan, near the city of Ann Harbor. He came to this county in 1868. He was married in 1849 to Nancy Tolbert of New York. They have 8 children living; Theodore, William, Charly, Josephine, Asa, Henry, Eliza and May. His farm is pretty well improved and consists of 220 acres. For several years he was connected with the Lumber interests in Pennsylvania, and was resident of that State for some time.

**LOTT COFFMAN,**

was born in Fayette county, Ohio, August, 1815. He was left an orphan, and after fifteen years of age was educated at Oxford College, Ohio, by his uncle, who lived in Kentucky. Was a graduate from that institution, and soon after taught school in Indiana; from there he came to Lexington, Missouri, and studied law with Judge Ryland and Sawyer. Was judge of the court at Kansas City, and county surveyor of Jackson county for a number of years. When Kansas was made a State he was the public surveyor; was one of the commissioners who accompanied the Shawnees to Washington as an agent. In 1865 came to Johnson county, and bought a farm near Centerview, and afterward bought the one Mrs. Coffman now lives on near the city of Warrensburg. He was married to Miss Nancy Wade, a daughter of Samuel Wade, an old and respected citizen, now living in Jackson county; she is a native of Kentucky. They have four children living: Luther, Anna L., who is a teacher at Kansas City, Mittie and Early. Mr. Coffman died February 11, 1880. No man in the community was held in higher esteem, and his death was the occasion of sorrow among an extensive range of friends who had learned by long years of personal interview with him, that he was a man of worth and integrity. Mrs. Coffman has a fine home, the farm consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, well improved. She is a lady of fine social qualities and makes all who enter her dwelling feel grateful for her kind hospitality.

**WILLIAM E. CRISSEY,**

of the firm of Crissey & Hunt, abstractors; was born in Winchester county, New York, on the twenty-seventh day of February, 1840. His father, Theodore, was a native of Connecticut. He emigrated to Michigan in 1845, where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1867. The subject of this sketch spent his youth upon the farm; when quite young he began his course as a teacher, and followed this for several years. In

1866 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Dota, daughter of David C. Dota, of Bay county, Michigan. They have three children living: Maud D., Nellie D. and Mary E. Mr. Crissey became a resident of Warrensburg, Missouri, in 1865, and in 1871 engaged in the business of examining titles and abstracts. Personally Mr. Crissey is kind and affable, and as a neighbor is much respected. Mr. and Mrs. Crissey are acceptable members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has for many years been an official member.

#### H. A. CRESS,

dentist, Holden Street, Warrensburg. Dr. Cress established his present business here in 1870, and now, in connection with Dr. A. C. Griggs, does a good business. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born in New Castle, Lawrence county, and when about the age of six moved with his parents to Mahoning county, Ohio, where they resided till 1868, then came to Warrensburg. His professional training was obtained at Pittsburg, and in this city. His father, George Cress, a native of Virginia, at one time was a proprietor of the buckeye mowing machine. He died in Warrensburg, January, 1881. His mother, Diadamia Kirkpatrick, was a native of Pennsylvania, and died in this city January, 1880. Mr. Cress is a young man possessing high social attainments as well as uncommon skill in his profession.

#### JOHN DAVIS,

retired merchant and capitalist; born in Noble county, Kentucky, April 23, 1818. He continued in his native county until 1837, during which time he attended a private school, securing a good English education. In 1837 he emigrated to Missouri and stopped in what is now known as Cass county, his next move was to Johnson county where he has been a resident ever since, with the exception of a few years. Soon after his arrival at this place he engaged in the mercantile business which he successfully followed until 1854, when he returned to Cass county. He did a large and successful business and established an enviable reputation for honesty and fair dealing, seldom, if ever, oppressing any one, it being always a pleasure to him to befriend those in pressing want. In 1856 he settled on a large tract of land, inclosing a large portion of his land with a good fence, he erected a fine and substantial residence and continued to live on his farm until the war broke out in 1861. In 1867 when times became more settled, Mr. Davis identified himself with the banking business, which he continues to the present time. On the seventeenth day of November, 1857, was united in marriage to Miss Sallie J. Colbern, the daughter of Henry Colbern, Esq. They have had three sons, all of whom are dead. Mr. Davis is a plain, unassuming man, one of those genial and noble-

hearted Kentuckians, and a citizen of whom Warrensburg has reason to be proud.

### JOHN E. DODDS,

farmer; post-office, Warrensburg. Was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1814, where he resided until he arrived at manhood. He was married in southern Illinois November 9, 1840, to Emily Winter. They have five children: E. E. Maxwell, Laura McDonald, William A. Dodds, Benton Dodds, and Josiah W. Dodds. Mr. Dodds has been an office-holder in the church, and has taken an active part in church matters, and is at present engaged in writing a work entitled, "A Key to the Revelation of St. John, The Divine." Mr. Dodds came to Johnson county in April, 1868, and now resides in Warrensburg township. He is an industrious and highly respected citizen.

### PROF. C. H. DUTCHER,

occupying the chair of natural science in the state normal school for the second district of Missouri. Born in Pike county, Illinois, February 17, 1841; son of S. Q. Dutcher, who was a native of New York, and came to Illinois and settled upon the open prairie in 1839. Charles H. was raised on a farm, and after attending the common schools, among which was that taught by John Shasted in Barry, he went to the Christian university at Canton, Missouri, and then to Lexington, Kentucky, and pursued a thorough course of study at the university, graduating in June, 1864. Prof. Dutcher then commenced teaching in Kentucky, first at Danville, coming to Missouri in 1872. He was tendered the position as teacher of natural science and latin in the normal school at Kirksville. In 1877 he was elected principal of the normal school at Cape Girardeau, where he remained till November, 1880. He then went to Butler, Bates county, and with W. E. Walton started a private banking house, with a capital of \$37,000. In October, 1881, it was changed to a national bank, capital, \$50,000, with Mr. Dutcher president, and Mr. Walton cashier. In the fall of 1881, out of love for the profession, he accepted the position which he now holds with such credibility. In August 1872, he was married to Miss Laura Tucker, of Jefferson county, Kentucky. They were blessed with three children: Lydia May, Flora Belle, and Edwin T. Mrs. D. died February 20, 1880, and was buried at Butler.

### L. D. EVERHART,

watch-maker and jeweller. Was born November, 1842, in Salem, Forsyth county, North Carolina. His father, Lewis Ferdinand Everhart, was born in the same town April 28, 1804, and died in 1854, December 19. Our subject commenced his business life at the age of thirteen, learn-

ing his present business, which was acquired by years of practical work. His grandfather was born May 17, 1758, and came to this country in 1799. His great grandfather was born in Prussia, December 17, 1717. The subject of this sketch came to this county in 1866, engaging in his business for ten years at Knob Noster, and thence to Warrensburg. He married a niece of the famous Kit Carson, Mrs. Fannie Rider. They have four children: Mamie L., a step daughter, Lewis C., Katie, and Henry C. Mr. Everhart's pleasing manners and genial disposition have made him a host of friends, and while he is thorough in business, does not exclude everything else. He ranks among the artists in music, is a good shot with the rifle, of which sport he is very fond. At his business house on Holden street will be found a complete and full line of goods, second to none in the state, and his success is owing altogether to this fact. Himself and wife are members of the C. P. church.

#### SAMUEL K. FARR,

deputy county clerk, was born in St. Clair county, Missouri, October 13, 1843. His father, Judge James K., was born in Sumner county, Tennessee, April 22, 1804, whose father, James, was a native of Virginia, emigrating to Tennessee in an early day, and engaging as a planter, where he died in 1834. Judge Farr received his education in the log school house of his day in Tennessee. At the age of 17 years he went to Alabama, where he remained until he was married in 1827, to Miss Rhoda Craig, of that state, daughter of Samuel Craig, a prominent planter. He thence went to Kentucky, and to Missouri in 1842, settling in St. Clair county, remaining one year, and permanently settling in Johnson county. Here he has remained ever since, with the exception of one year, when he went to Texas. On his return from the Lone Star State he brought his wife, father and mother, making a trip of over one thousand miles in a wagon. He entered 1,300 acres of government land. In 1847 he was elected judge of Johnson county, and served till 1861. In the following fall he was elected probate judge, and by virtue of that office he was chairman of the county court, which he held four years. He was also a large contractor on the Missouri Pacific railroad from Sedalia west. His family consisted of six children: Wm. B., James D., Mary J., Samuel K., Safronia F., and Finis C. The subject of this sketch spent his youth on his father's farm in Chilhowee township. In 1879 was appointed deputy clerk of this county, and has filled the office with ability, making an efficient clerk. In politics he is a democrat; in religion a Cumberland Presbyterian.

## ADAM FICKAS,

among the oldest living settlers of this county, and a name which is familiar to almost every one who has had any thing to do with its progress, was born in Virginia, July 17, 1799. His father Adam, and mother Eve were natives of York county, Penn., and moved to Virginia at an early day. When Adam was about five years old they moved to Henderson county, Ky., taking him with them. His father died in 1816, and mother in 1814. In the fall of 1818, in company with his sister he came to the state of Missouri, on a pack horse and stopped in Boone county for five or six years. He married Miss Susan McDonald, a native of New York, but raised in Kentucky, up to the time of her marriage. She was a daughter of Joseph McDonald. Removed to Indiana and spent about a year. Again moved to this state. When he was married his possession all told would not exceed fifty dollars, and consisted of a gun, ax, and dog. He killed all the meat he used for three years, such as black bear, deer, wild turkeys etc. He had a great many adventures in his pioneer life, one of which we will mention. In an encounter with a bear, after he had wounded it, one of his dogs was being hugged to death by it when he slipped up with a knife and saved the dog's life. For the land on which he now lives he paid three dollars an acre, but some of his farm he entered at from 12½ cents to 25 cents per acre. His landed estate at present consists of about thirteen hundred acres, a large portion of which is well improved. His wife died in 1875. They had thirteen children, eight of whom are living: Levi, Jacob, James, Martha, Ann, now Mrs. Prosser, Sarah, now Mrs. Sanders, Adam, Mary, now Mrs. Beard-sley, Melinda. Was married again Oct. 31, 1875, to Miss Elizabeth Bowman, a native of Indiana, and raised in Johnson county, Missouri. She is a member of the Dunkard church, and he of the Baptist to which he has belonged more than thirty years, and been a most liberal supporter. He furnished the lot and built at his own expense a very neat structure costing about a thousand dollars, size 24x48. Mr. Fickas although past his eighty-second birthday is a man who entertains his friends in an agreeable manner, and the hours which are spent with him are full of profit and interest. His portrait is found in this work.

## CAPT. HENRY C. FIKE,

is one of the leading men in the literary, educational and religious circles of the city. He was born in Illinois, St. Clair county, near the city of Belleville, on December 21, 1832. His father, Abel Fike, who was a native of North Carolina, emigrated to Illinois about the year 1812. In 1847, Henry C. entered M. Kendre College under the presidency of Rev. E. Wentworth, and continued in this institution till 1852, when he gradu-

ated with honors in the full college classical course. His father died in February, 1852. After this he engaged in teaching. He accepted a position in the public school of Highland, Madison county Illinois, holding this till 1854, when he took charge of a school at a place called Union, near Mascoutah, Illinois, which he held till the spring of 1855. During the following summer he was appointed by the county court as commissioner to take the state census of Illinois for St. Clair county. In the fall of 1855-6, taught in the schools of Mascoutah. During the following year he engaged in the mercantile business. In 1857 he was elected by the board of education of the public schools of Mascoutah, as principal of the same, which position he held until 1862, when he was re-elected for the following year, but resigned in order to enlist in the service of his country (in defense of the union.) He was at once appointed regimental quartermaster of 117th regiment, Illinois volunteers. He was afterwards promoted to acting assistant quarter master, and was in several closely contested battles. Soon after the war he located at Warrensburg where he has made it his home ever since. Soon after coming here he engaged in milling, erecting buildings in 1867. He was married near Trenton, Ill., December 25, 1855, to Miss Lucy C. Power, an estimable lady of rare intellectual culture, whose acquaintance he formed while teaching. She was educated at the female academy of Lebanon, Illinois. Her father, Pennington Power, Esq., was an extensive land holder and farmer of Illinois. This conjugal union has been blessed by two children, the oldest dying in infancy, the second, a daughter, Miss Ellie is still living under the parental roof. Her father has given her a thorough education. She graduated in the full Normal course in the summer of 1880, and is a lady of fine mental attainments. Mr. Fike is a member of the city council and secretary of the board of regents of the state normal school at Warrensburg, vice-president of the county Sunday school association, and a leading man in all public enterprises for the public good. In politics he is a true republican, and honest in his convictions. He is a member of the M. E. church, and superintendent of the Sunday school, and one of the most liberal supporters of the cause of christianity. He is strictly temperate in his habits. He is social and happy at the fireside, prompt in business, and quick and impulsive to duty.

#### ROBERT A. FOSTER,

deceased, was born in the state of South Carolina, May 9, 1812. His father was a merchant. After obtaining a good English education, the subject of this sketch pursued teaching for ten years or more. In 1836 he married Miss Jane L. Headlee, of Maury county, Tennessee, and in the fall of the same year removed to Green county, Missouri. Here he remained some time, during which he was licensed to preach in the M.

E. Church. Mr. Foster was also a teacher. In 1861 he was made chaplain of his home regiment, which fought so gallantly at Lexington, and was made chaplain of the Seventh Missouri cavalry, and served till the close of the war. His death occurred at Warrensburg, March 10, 1881. Rev. Foster reared a large and influential family, all of whom, including his estimable wife, were thoroughly imbued with that high patriotic feeling which caused them to sacrifice everything on the altar of their country. Marsh Foster, their oldest son, while advocating the union cause in the court house, was murdered by a rebel sympathizer, early in the spring of 1861. Emory S. was severely wounded at the battle of Lone Jack, while fighting for the union, and his youngest brother, C. Morris, was shot through the left lung at the same battle. Melville U. was wounded at Briar Creek skirmish. The names of the eight children are: Marshall M., Emory S., Arminus A., Melville U., C. Morris, Mary J., died at the age of ten; Maggie C., now wife of Geo. S. Grover; Mattie J., now wife of W. W. Gatewood. C. Morris died in 1865, soon after being mustered out of service. Mrs. Jane L. Foster now lives in Warrensburg, a highly respected lady.

#### REV. CHARLES FUELLER,

pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Warrensburg, Missouri. Was born in Germany, March 19, 1836, and at the age of twelve came to the United States. Spent two and a half years in Baltimore, two and a half years in New York, and two years in St. Louis. He graduated from Westminster College, at Fulton, Missouri, in 1861, and from the Princeton Theological Seminary in 1864. His first pastorate was four years at Hannibal, then four years at Mexico, two years at Oxford, Ohio, three years at Hillsboro, Illinois, and came to Warrensburg, December 21, 1877. He was married to Miss Ann R., daughter of Rev. F. B. McElroy, November 15, 1866, at Hannibal. They have three children: Nellie, Charlie, and Frank. As a scholarly Christian, Rev. Fueller stands high. His executive and financial ability is one element of his great success as a pastor. His sermons are prepared with care, and furnish varied instruction with convincing proofs of the claims of the gospel. The cause has greatly prospered in his hands. Two years since he erected a beautiful home on Grover street, where he now resides.

#### EDWARD L. DE GARMO,

stands prominent among the worthy citizens of Johnson county. Among the successful business men of this city, who have through all the trying vicissitudes of business depression and financial panic, sustained a reputation for purity worthy of emulation, may be properly placed the subject of this sketch, now at the head of the Warrensburg Woolen Mills. (See

page 425.) He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1831. When about fifteen years of age, he moved with his parents to Louisville, Kentucky, which is now the home of his mother, who is still living. In June, 1856, he was married to Miss Schmidlap, an estimable lady, and moved to Warrensburg the same year. He was burned out in one of the early fires of the city, and lost heavily. He then purchased an interest in the Eureka Mills, which he retains to the present time. He has as partner in the woolen mills Wm. H. Hillis, whose home is in Illinois. Mr. De Garmo has filled a good many important positions, at the hands of his friends, who are numerous. While he is a person who does not want notoriety, nevertheless, has become very popular. In politics, he is a republican, quite liberal in his views and honest in his convictions. For years he has been one of the warmest advocates of education, and was for a long time a member of the school board. In the moral sphere there is no man better qualified to lead and instruct. In religion, he is a Presbyterian, and faithful to the church, a man zealous as a layman, and true to Christian duty. He is superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school of this city, and one of the earnest workers in all that tends toward the advancement of the work of Christianity. In May last (1881) he was a delegate to the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, held at Buffalo, New York. He has four children. The eldest, a son, is in Colorado. Miss Nellie is a graduate in the full course of study in the State Normal. She has assisted her father in the Sunday-school work. Frank assists in the woolen mill. The youngest child, a daughter, is now a student in the Normal. His wife is a true soul that never swerves from duty in the church or home circle. In business Mr. De Garmo has but few words, a model in this respect.

#### JOHN U. GATY,

dealer in real estate, Warrensburg. He was born in St. Charles county, Missouri, March 6, 1835. His father, Geo. M. was a native of the same place, and was one among the staunch farmers of that county. He died in 1876 and left an estate of over \$100,000.00. John U. was brought up on the farm, much of the time having it under his care, where he observed all the phases of stockraising. He spent some time at St. Charles College and received a good English education. At the age of eighteen years, he commenced business for himself and has been one of the most extensive and successful stockdealers in his section. In 1865 he commenced in the stock business which he followed till a few years ago. In 1880 he engaged in the real estate business in Warrensburg, and he is master of the situation. He has given liberally of his own purse to encourage emigration to this county, perhaps more so than any other man of the county. He is doing a good business and holds himself in readiness at all times to



show immigrants the soil and resources of Johnson county. In 1868 he came to Johnson county, and settled on a farm ten miles south of Warrensburg, consisting of 1100 acres. He was married in St. Louis in 1865, to Miss Hattie Parke, daughter of Rev. J. C. Parke, a prominent minister in the M. E. church (south.) Four children are living, Henry L., George E., Ida P., and John U. jr., two children having died. Mr. Gaty is a social, generous man, and full of public enterprise.

#### DR. A. C. GRIGGS,

Dentist. Was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Jan. 1842. When about eight years of age removed with parents to Missouri locating at Boonville, where he remained till 1865, then spent a short time in Nebraska, after which he came to Warrensburg, where he has enjoyed a large and rapidly increasing practice, and the confidence of all his patrons. He was married in May, 1868, to Miss Alice Cress, daughter of George Cress Esq., of Warrensburg, and they have the following children: Ella D., Augusta V., and Lee F. Dr. Griggs is at present associated with H. A. Cress, and enjoys a good business widely known both in city and country. His residence situated on Grover Street is one of the finest in the city.

#### PHILIP GROSS,

proprietor of the Brewery. Was born Jan. 1st, 1821, in Germany. Emigrated to the U. S. in 1849, and stopped in Boonville, Missouri. In 1865 came to Warrensburg and erected his brewery and established the present business, (see page 425). He married Miss Boller of Boonville in 1852, and has 7 children living. Julia, Matilda, Laura, Louisa, Hannah, Herman and Emil.

#### HON. BENJ. W. GROVER,

(deceased), was for a long time one of the most public spirited men of Warrensburg. He was born in Xenia, Green county, Ohio, Oct. 27, 1811. His father, Joseph Grover, was a native of Baltimore county, Md. He was of Welsh descent. He emigrated to Kentucky, and thence to Ohio, settling on a farm near Xenia, where Benj. W. took his first lessons of Mr. John Steele, who was a thorough scholar and distinguished educator. At the age of 15 years, he quit school and accepted a position as clerk with a prominent merchant, which lasted five years, afterward he went to Madison, Indiana, where he was married at the age of 23 years, to Miss Letitia D. Sheets, of Madison, Indiana, Sept. 30th, 1834. He emigrated to St. Louis in 1840, and finally to Warrensburg in 1844. The names of the children are: John E., Sallie L, now Mrs. Barret, Courtland C., George S., Anna G., now Mrs. Harris, Lizzie F., Benjamin W., Mattie

C. and Robert J. John S. and Courtland are dead, the others are still living. Mrs. Grover is a daughter of John Sheets of Indiana, and she was born in Cincinnati, October 8, 1816, but raised and educated in Madison, Indiana. Mrs. Grover is a patriotic and christian woman, refined, educated and possessed of those native qualities, without which the great life work that she has accomplished, would have been imperfect. At the death of her husband, which occurred immediately following the battle of Lexington, where he fell while fighting for his country, the whole care of the family and his property devolved upon her. A highly respected family of sons and daughters now bless the mother's hand that has directed and sustained them. Col. Grover's name often occurs in this history, for particular mention see pages 610-611.

#### JUDGE HARVEY HARRISON,

was born March 7, 1806, in Blount county, east Tennessee. His parents, Joseph and Nancy Harrison, removed to Huntsville, Alabama, when Harvey was six months old, where they remained until he was about nineteen years of age. He married Zilpha, daughter of Hugh and Margaret Bell, of Tennessee. They have had twelve children, ten sons and two daughters. His son, Alfred B., was killed by the falling of a brick store on Holden street, June 19, 1877. His father lived to see his fifth generation, and was eighty-nine years old at the time of his death. Mr. Harrison is one of the old and prominent settlers of this county. He has been county judge, justice of the peace, and in other ways stood before the people. Both himself and wife are members of the C. P. church, having united with that organization fifty-five years ago.

#### JNO. W. HARRISON,

son of Judge Harrison, is a native of this county, and was born February 28, 1838. He spent his youth on his father's farm, receiving a liberal education. When about twenty years of age he spent four or five years traveling over Colorado, Montana and many other of the western states and territories in search of the shining metal. In 1860 he returned to his old home and engaged in farming, which he followed for four years, after which he conducted a livery stable until May 1880, when he sold out. Mr. H. married in 1860 Miss Eliza C. Ovens, of this county, and a native of Tennessee. They have had four children, two of whom are dead. Mr. Harrison is a plain, unassuming gentleman.

#### R. B. HARWOOD,

clerk of Johnson county. Robert B. Harwood was born in St. Louis county, December 1, 1832; son of Wm. B. Harwood, who was a native of Fairfax, Virginia. He came to Missouri, settling at St. Louis, in 1839,

and died there in 1863. Robert's mother is also a native of Virginia. She is still living in St. Louis county. He spent his youth on the farm and attending school, and at the age of fourteen entered Des Peres academy. In 1851 he commenced teaching, which with few interruptions he followed till the breaking out of the civil war. Enlisting in the St. Louis battery he was commissioned captain under General Sterling Price, and served a faithful soldier in many a hotly contested battle, but, strange to say, he did not receive a scratch. He married Miss Rosa E. DesCombes, daughter of Frederick DesCombes, Jan. 19, 1869. The names of their children now living are: Rosa B., Willie and Ottaway B. Mr. Harwood was first elected clerk in 1874, and re-elected in 1878. With marked ability and faithfulness he has discharged his duties to the great satisfaction of the people.

#### REV. W. H. D. HATTON.

In writing biographies of persons who are of a retired disposition it is seldom we gain the proper facts which should be brought out by an interview with the parties themselves; so if this sketch does not contain many good things which should have a place in it, the reader may know the reason. Mr. Hatton was born in Ireland, and came to the United States in 1848. Was a teacher in Pennsylvania for four years, also attended Alexandria seminary, Virginia, about three years. Spent nine months in Europe, returning home just as our civil war commenced, and was appointed chaplain of the 42d regiment, which position he filled for four years, or until the close of the war. He then went to Kansas and took charge of the Episcopal parish at Wyandotte. From Wyandotte to Jefferson City, Missouri, his next move, at which place he purchased a building and conducted a school for two years. Thence to Warrensburg, where we find him now located on a farm of eighty-eight acres, which he has improved. A part of his time has been devoted to grape culture, which first he manufactures into wine and finds ready sale for all over the state, as used for sacramental and medicinal purposes. His process of fermentation is very different from the ordinary one, and he has a wine which has been very desirable for invalids or persons of a delicate constitution. His library contains many valuable and rare books. Rev. Hatton is a fine scholar, and fully up to the times on all important questions. The church should not lose so valuable a minister, but possibly he may need the retirement, which he now seems fully to enjoy, and in his later years return to the Master's work.

#### JOHN J. HATHWAY,

marble works, Warrensburg. Was born in Marion county, Illinois, May 1, 1849, living here till about fourteen years of age, then removed to

Vandalia, where he remained six years. He then went to Arcola, then to Terre Haute, Indiana, where he was engaged in delivering goods to the new railroad. He came to Missouri in 1870, and September 5, 1871, came to Johnson county, where he engaged in the stone cutter's trade. Comparatively of recent date he engaged in cutting marble, which business he is successfully carrying on at the present time. He was married at Sedalia in 1876, to Miss C. C. Neely, her father being one of the prominent brick manufacturers of that county. Their children are Sylvester L. and John Ray.

#### DR. W. L. HEDGES,

physician and surgeon. Is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Bath county, December 17, 1842. When quite a small boy he moved with his parents to Indiana, and located at a point which was called Carpentersville, a town which his father laid out, and where he continued to live until 1853, when he removed to Scottsville, Illinois, where the subject of this sketch received his early education by attending the common schools, after which he attended an academy, where he pursued his studies until 1862. He volunteered in the 122d Illinois infantry, and served during the war. In the fall of 1865 he entered Lombard University, located at Galesburg, Illinois, where he continued for a period of two years. He commenced the study of medicine with Dr. F. Jones, a very eminent physician, who has since died, and took his first course of lectures at a medical college in Chicago, and his second was taken at the homeopathic college of St. Louis, and graduated in February, 1869. He then at once entered upon his practice, and in 1871 he came to Warrensburg, Missouri. In 1875 the doctor was elected honorary member of the Kansas state homeopathic institute. In 1876 he became a member of the American institute, the oldest national medical society in the United States. He has also been a member of the Missouri homeopathic institute, and was president of this institute during the years of 1879 and '80. In 1878 he was elected mayor of the city of Warrensburg, and has held the office continuously ever since. In 1879 was appointed United States examining surgeon of pensions for Johnson county, which office he holds at present. He was married in 1877 to Miss Jennie A. Gilkerson, of Warrensburg. The doctor enjoys a large practice, as well as the confidence of the people; is a member of the Christian church, and has been one of its elders, stands high as a citizen, and is widely known and universally esteemed.

#### ANDREW J. HERD,

was born in Cocke county, Tennessee. January 8, 1815. His father, John J., was a native of Virginia, and one of the commissioners who laid off Lexington. His grandfather was burned out by the Indians, and received

pay for the same from Government, in continental money. Andrew J. moved to Missouri to what was called Cooper's Fort, before there were any counties. This was a French trading post, and afterward became a part of Lafayette county. He was a farmer by occupation and with his father knew what pioneer life in the far west meant. They were good shots and had many a lively chase with the wild animals which were abundant at that time. Bear, deer, etc., were plenty and many a hunt was filled with exploits of daring worthy the mention in these pages, but space forbids. In 1858 he moved to Johnson county. In 1841 was married to Miss Deerking, a native of Germany. They have four children living: John H., Wm. H., Daniel H., Magdalene, now Mrs. Stokerburg, of Lafayette county. Mr. Herd is an extensive reader, and well informed on all the important topics of the day. A strong and ardent supporter of the Bible and its doctrines, and a man who has the respect of all who become personally acquainted with him.

#### JACOB HABERLING,

of the firm of Heberling Bros., was born in Germany, in 1841. He was the second son. His father was a wagon-maker, and died in his own country in 1855. Jacob received a common school education, and in 1868 emigrated to the United States. In 1870 in company with his brother, Fred, started their present business here, the manufacture of boots and shoes and selling the same. Starting in a small way they have succeeded in building up a large and remunerative trade, and are to-day among the substantial and creditable firms of the city. He married Miss Baron, a native of Pennsylvania, by whom they have four children: Willie, Jake, Julia and Robert.

#### FRED HEBERLING,

was born in Germany in 1834, coming to this city with his brother Jacob, and in 1870 went into the present business, manufacturing and selling boots and shoes. The firm of Heberling Bros., is one well known throughout Johnson county, and has been a success from the first. They are well established and the facilities they have for manufacturing enable them to fully compete with any houses in the state, by which they are able to do a large retail business and add much toward the drawing of trade from a long distance. As business men they are straightforward and honorable, and well calculated to steadily increase the already large number of customers. Fred married Miss Kate Simmons of Germany. They have six children: Fred, Otto, Amelia, Charles, Albert and Frank.

## W. H. HEBERLING.

The subject of this sketch has the principal meat market in the city. He is a native of Germany, and was born on March 2, 1851. In the year 1868 he embarked upon the steamer Hansa, which was a fine ocean steamer, carrying 1,200 passengers, and made the voyage in fifteen days landing at New York city; from this place he came immediately to Warrensburg, where he hired out to work on a farm a few months, after which he accepted a clerkship, in Mr. Rosenthaw's store, of this city, which position he held until the following spring, when he opened a meat market, with one of his brothers, which partnership existed until 1876, when Mr. H. bought out his brother's interest, since which time he has carried on the business himself, and to-day is well established. In 1876 he was married to Miss Caroline Volk, who is also a native of Germany, and came to this county when quite young. By this union they have one son, George Edward.

## JUDGE W. L. HORNBUCKLE.

He is a native of this state and was born in Callaway county, December 31, 1823. His father was a native of Kentucky and became one of the earliest settlers of Missouri, having come to the state in 1820. He became a resident of Johnson county, in 1839. William L. was at this time about sixteen years of age. He went back to his native county where he attended the Independent academy for one year, when he returned to Johnson county and engaged in teaching school, following it for several years. He then engaged in farming. In the fall of 1854, he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, which he held continuously until 1861, and which office was rendered void at the outbreak of the war. In the fall of 1874 he was elected to the office of judge of the probate court, which he has continued to fill with much credit to himself and satisfaction to the citizens of the county till the present time. He is a member of the school board, and also its present treasurer. Mr. Hornbuckle was married on the 1st of January, 1846, to Melinda Walker, a native of Kentucky, her father being among the early settlers of Johnson county. They have a family of seven children: Alexander, W. C., Jefferson, Turner, Elizabeth, Mattie and Sarah J. Judge Hornbuckle for many years has been a devoted member of the Baptist church, exhibiting the highest type of Christian principle and integrity.

## G. WILL HOUTS,

born in Scott county, Missouri, March 27, 1832, son of Christopher G. Houts, a native of Pennsylvania, but principally raised in Kentucky. He came to Missouri about 1816, and settled near New Madrid, where he

became clerk of the courts and also a member of the convention that framed the first constitution of this state. He was a minister and school teacher; removed to White county, Illinois, in 1835, where he died August 30, 1840. His first wife, Mrs. Letitia Lewis, bore him two children: John Gath and Christopher B. After the death of his first wife he married Miss Sarah Meyers, April 24, 1824; the following are the names of their children: Mary E., Margaret S., Thomas D., Mary L., G. Will, Davis K., I. W., and Green V. G. Will came with his mother to Johnson county in 1842, and settled six miles northwest of Warrensburg. Mr. Houts was first married to Martha A. Farrar, January 25, 1855, by whom he had two children, Myra, (at present a teacher in Warrensburg,) and Ellen (who died when about eleven months old). Mrs. Houts died August 10, 1859. October 12, 1865, he married Anna Duffield, and the names of their children are: Wilelma, Charles and Uptonia; Wilelma died when about one and a half years old. Mr. Houts served in the union army during a greater part of the war, enlisting June 27, 1861. He was elected judge of the probate court in November, 1866, and January 1, 1867, by virtue of his office, became president of the county court, which he held four years. Judge Houts has been a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years, and as a citizen and neighbor stands high.

### T. W. HOUTS.

One of the substantial farmers of Warrensburg township, is the above-named gentleman. A native of this state, born August 21, 1838; he was raised a farmer and educated at the common country school which he had opportunity to attend only during the winter months, as his services were needed to assist in the work of his father's farm during the other portion of the year. His father, G. W., a resident also of Johnson county, was a Kentuckian by birth, and emigrated to Missouri in 1823, making one of the earliest settlers of Scott county. T. W. came to this county in 1839, being a young man. Commenced farming for himself when about twenty years old; was in business in Warrensburg at the outbreak of the war; was captain of company A, 7th Missouri cavalry, which was recruited at this city. Was promoted to major in 1863; served about three years in the western department and then returned to his farming, which he has followed up to the present time. He has two hundred and eighty acres and very substantial improvements, fine home with pleasant surroundings. Was married in 1868 to Miss L. J. Thornton, a native of Westfort, Jackson county, Missouri; they have an adopted daughter, Nellie. Mrs. Houts is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Houts has made farming a study and devotes much of his own labor to the work; has been very successful, and has the proof of the old adage, "that virtue

has its reward." All who are personally acquainted with him speak of him as a good neighbor and honorable citizen.

#### REV. JAMES H. HOUX,

was born in Lafayette county, Missouri, April 7, 1827; his father, P. S. Houx, was a native of Kentucky, who came and settled in Howard county, Missouri, in 1817. When about eighteen years of age, the subject of this sketch entered Capel Hill College; after completing his four years college course he took charge of the C. P. church at Independence, for about four and a half years. He was then appointed to the mission work in Bates, Henry and St. Clair counties; from 1860 to 1867 he preached to different churches of his denomination, in Johnson county; from 1867 to 1875 Rev. Houx was pastor of the Warrensburg Cumberland Presbyterian church. He has grown up here and has become as highly respected as he is well known throughout the county. He was married in 1861 to Miss Mary Wilson, a native of Virginia; their family consists of Charles H., Edwin W., Susie E., Mary M., Roberta M. and Samuel B. Rev. Houx has a good property and comfortable home on South Holden St, in Warrensburg. He is a man of talant and culture in his calling and highly esteemed.

#### J. HYER.

Perhaps no sketch in this work will be read with more interest than that of J. Hyer, who was born in Ross county, Ohio, September 18, 1818. His father and mother were both natives of Hardy county, Virginia, and died at advanced ages, one that of 86 years. Remained at home until he reached his twenty-sixth year, then started out for himself as a grain dealer and other pursuits. Was a director of the Marietta & Cincinnati railroad, and had charge of the real estate department of the same. In 1856 was elected to the Ohio Senate by the largest majority given in the state. In 1863 was appointed lieut-colonel of the 73d Ohio, and served in the Virginia campaign. Married a niece of Senator Harris of New York, in 1852, Miss Sayer; they have five children living. Himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are among the ones who are fully identified with its work and interest. The farm consists of three hundred and sixty-five acres, well improved, and the house is built on one of the finest locations to be found in this part of the county; standing in the center of an elevation you can have an unobstructed view in all directions. Mr. Hyer, though advanced in years, has the appearance of a much younger man.

#### JOEL P. JOHNSTON,

born in Howard county, Missouri, November 13, 1824; son of Robert Johnston and Mary Ann *nee* Prewitt, both natives of Kentucky. Joel P.



Johnston was educated for a teacher and spent about eighteen years in that profession. He had two own brothers and two half brothers, one own sister and six half sisters. He was married June 18, 1846, to Miss Virjane Reed of Howard county, this state, and they have been blessed with twelve children, six of whom have died; the names of those living, are: Sallie Ann (now wife of G. A. Lobban), Mollie J., (milliner in this city), James W. (editor in Plattsburg), Joseph P. (also at Plattsburg), Charles L. and Stella M., the two last living at home. Mr. Johnston came to Warrensburg in 1865, where he has become well known and universally respected. He is a harness maker by trade, in which success has attended his labors. Mr., Mrs. Johnston and all other members of the family, save the two youngest, are worthy communicants of the Christian church, of which Mr. Johnston has been clerk since 1866.

### JOHN R. KELLEY,

Recorder of deeds of Johnson county. He was born in this county on the 29th day of June, 1833. His father, Capt. John Kelley, is a native of Tennessee, emigrated to Missouri in the year 1819, and stopped in Saline county. From thence he went to Lafayette county, where he remained until the fall of 1828, when he moved to Johnson county, and the following year he purchased the farm on which he is still living in Columbus township. The farm contains sixty acres of very choice land. He is one of the sturdy pioneers of Missouri, a man of sterling integrity, and stands high in the estimation of his neighbors. He has attained the advanced age of 82 years, and is still in the enjoyment of all his faculties. John R.'s mother, who died early in life in this county, was a native of Maryland a lady of culture and possessed of noble and generous impulses. The subject of this notice attended Chapel Hill College one term. After which he began his career as a teacher in the district school, and followed this successfully for two years, when he entered a dry goods store as clerk, and afterward engaged in the business for himself, which he continued to follow for a period of fifteen years. In the fall of 1874, Mr. Kelley was elected to the office of Recorder of Deeds by the handsome majority of 1168 votes. During his term of office, Mr. Kelley exhibited marked ability in the management of the affairs of the office and his manly, straightforward course towards the citizens of the county secured to him not only the respect and confidence of his constituency but the people generally. In the fall of 1878, he was again called upon to fill the same responsible position by a much larger majority than before. In 1876, he was married to Miss Ella, daughter of Robert Shaw of Johnson county, an old settler and worthy citizen. The result of this union has been two sons, John R. and Luther P. Mr. Kelley politically, is a democrat, but rather conservative in his views. Socially he is of that type of character that

commands respect generally. He has been a member of the school board for several years. He has taken great interest in public education and all other matters for the good of his fellow citizens.

#### EDWARD KELLEY,

nurseryman and florist, was born in Ireland and was raised and educated in his native country. After leaving Ireland he went to Scotland, where he was employed by R. B. Bowler, the merchant prince of the city of Edinburg as landscape gardener. Here he gained valuable knowledge and a wide reputation. In 1850 he came to New York city, spent some time in traveling through some of the principal cities and finally settled at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained until 1869, when he came to Missouri and settled in this county near the city of Holden, where he at once identified himself with the nursery business, which he followed successfully. In 1874 he came to Warrensburg and established the Spring Grove Nursery, which has enjoyed a wide reputation for the choice variety of fruits kept. Mr. Kelley had his brother associated with him, who died in the fall of 1880. This was a sad affair to Edward, as his brother had taken charge of his affairs generally. Edward has always lived a life of single blessedness. His nursery contains about 48 acres of very choice lands with the best of bearing fruit trees with two good springs and 3 wells thus affording never failing water.

#### THOMAS KING,

blacksmith and general repair shop for wagons and farm implements, three doors west of Holden on the north side of Culton street, Warrensburg, Missouri. Thomas King, son of Leander King, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, May 8, 1826, where he spent his boyhood days. At the age of fifteen, he removed to Preble county, Ohio, and lived there till 1854, when he took up his abode in Huntington county, Indiana. In the spring of 1868 he came with his family to Johnson county, Missouri, where he has since resided. In 1870 Mr. King purchased property on his present business site and commenced for himself the business in which he is still engaged. October 10, 1880, the lumber yard adjoining his shop took fire and in the conflagration which ensued, his entire shop with tools and implements was destroyed. He thereby sustained a loss of \$1,500. He has rebuilt using the ground floor for repair shop and the second story for renting. His residence is situated in the southwest part of the city. He married Eliza Taylor, daughter of Enoch Taylor of Preble county, Ohio, Sept. 5, 1847. The names of the children are Enoch L., John H., Sarepta J., who died at the age of 7, Abraham, who died at the age of 17, Thomas B., Clara M. and Josie. John has removed to Indiana, the others live here. Mr. King and his wife have been members of the Christian church

for twenty years and their position in the community is that of worthy people.

### KINSLEY AND DONNELL,

dealers in Boots, Shoes, Clothing, and gentlemen's general furnishing goods. This new and enterprising firm came to Warrensburg in October, 1881, and opened out their stock of goods one door south of Eads Hotel. Martin C. Kinsley and R. C. Donnell, the proprietors of this firm, are experienced business men, well calculated to succeed in their undertaking. Mr. Donnell is a native of Illinois, where he was clerk and manager of a dry goods business for several years.

### MARTIN C. KINSLEY,

of the firm of Kinsley & Donnell, was born in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1831, son of Martin Kinsley, who was a native of Massachusetts. The mother of our subject was Julia A. Kingsley, daughter of a family who were direct lineal descendents of those who came from England in the Mayflower. Mr. Kinsley has now in his possession an old deed, dated 1756, given from Ephraim Hix to Nathaniel Kingsley, Carpenter. Martin Kinsley died in 1878, but his wife is still living, an active old lady of 81 years. Martin C. Kinsley removed with his parents to Hillsboro, Illinois, when six years of age, and has until of recent date lived there. He married Frances M. Brown, daughter of John Brown in the year 1854. Her father was an early settler of Montgomery county, and died there about 1858. Their family consists of: L. Minerva, now wife of R. C. Montgomery, real estate dealer, Maryville, Missouri; Nellie K., now wife of A. Y. Brown, station agent, Butler, Missouri; Lizzie A., and Martin E. Mr. and Mrs. Kinsley are worthy members of the M. E. Church.

### J. H. KINSEL,

cashier of the Bank of Warrensburg. Born in Warren county, this state Dec. 25, 1837. His father, Edward Kinsel, was a native of Germany, born in Dresden, Saxony, and immigrated to the United States in 1832, settling in Warren county, Missouri, on the banks of the Missouri River, where at the time of his death, which occurred in 1853, he owned one thousand acres, a portion of which was in St. Charles county. He was married February, 1837, and died Oct. 18, 1851. His mother, Catharine Gohlinghorst was also born in Germany, in the vicinity of Bremen, but they were married in this country. She is still living. Mr. Kinsel spent his boyhood and school days in Warren and Franklin counties, going to Lafayette county in 1863, thence to Montana, where he spent about four years merchandising and mining. In 1867 he came to Warrensburg and engaged in the mercantile business with W. H. Bell. In 1869 he engaged

in the lumber business on the Osage River, at Osceola and Roscoe and in 1871 established the lumber business in Warrensburg, which he has carried on with great credit, till the present time. Jan. 3, 1881, at the establishment of the Bank of Warrensburg, he was made cashier and under his efficient management the business has greatly prospered. His lumber yard including a large stock, was burned Oct. 10, 1880, but has since been reestablished. He was married in this city to Miss L. J. Ming, daughter of W. O. Ming, Esq., 1868. They have a bright family of three girls and one boy: William M., Katie May, Dora Augusta, Lillian E. As a reliable business man, his superior cannot be found in Johnson county, and doubtless the success and popularity of the bank of Warrensburg is more attributable to its cashier than to any other officer.

#### W. E. KNAPP,

was born the 23d of June, 1842, in Westchester county, New York. His father was a native of the same state, and with his mother, are now living in Connecticut. W. E. was brought up on a farm, and had but few advantages in the way of an education. When seventeen years of age started out to battle for himself, and for a long term of years, was compelled to labor at the roughest kind of work, but with a will and energy succeeded in getting a start, and today is among the live business men of Warrensburg, to which city he emigrated in 1878, and engaged in shipping mules and horses. He was married to Miss Susan Jane Cressey, Nov. 8, 1863, a native of the same county, New York, in which he was born. They have two children, William and Carrie Jane. Mrs. Knapp is a member of the M. E. church. Mr. Knapp has one of the best Livery and feed stables in the county. His success is such as always follows hard work and careful economy, and to which he is justly entitled. He is a liberal minded and honest dealing man.

#### NATHAN LAND,

of the firm of Land, Fike & Co., Eureka Mills, Warrensburg. Was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, May 4, 1817. His father was a Virginian and his mother was a native of South Carolina. He received but a limited education, spending most of his early years on the farm, assisting his father, and remained with him up to his marriage, which occurred in 1845, to Sarah Curtis, a daughter of Thomas and Catharine Curtis, of Tennessee. His first wife died in March, 1853. He was married in 1858 to Minerva Prim, daughter of Joseph and Ellen Prim, of Kentucky. Went out as captain of company K, 117 Illinois, and resigned after two and a half years service, by reason of ill health. He came to Warrensburg and in 1865 went into dry goods business. Was burned out Christmas, 1866, and then went into the firm of Schmidlapp, Land &

Co. Was member of town council, 1872. Mr. Land has been a member of the M. E. Church over 40 years. By his first wife he had three children: Garrett C., Elizabeth and Thomas. The elder son is now practicing law in this city, the other two dying young, were buried in Illinois. Mr. Land is one of the quiet but persevering men who is faithful in the performance of all known duties, and is held in high esteem as a business man and citizen.

#### GARRETT C. LAND,

attorney at law, Warrensburg. Was born in Mascoutah, St. Clair county, Illinois, August, 1846. His father, Nathan Land, now resides here. The subject of this sketch received his early education at the public schools of his native city, after which he entered McKendree College, at Lebanon, Illinois, where he remained till he graduated in 1868, receiving the degree of B. S. Soon after this he commenced the study of law and entered the law school of Ann Arbor in the following fall, (1868). After leaving this college he came to Warrensburg and entered the law office of Elliott & Blodgett, where he remained till 1871, when he entered the law school of Harvard College where he continued until 1872, and received the degree LL. B. After this he returned to Warrensburg, where he has continued to practice his profession. For some time he has been a law partner of S. P. Sparks. In his profession Mr. Land stands high. In politics he is a pure Republican, true and steadfast to his principles. He has an active brain, quick in thought and sincere in his motives. In his social relations there is no warmer-hearted and benevolent man living, always true to friends, even to the utmost degree. By proper application and deportment he has a bright future before him in the field of his chosen profession.

#### LAUPHEIMER BROS.,

confectionery and restaurant, Holden street, Warrensburg, Missouri. The Laupheimer Bros., commenced business here December 1, 1880, and although it is comparatively a new enterprise they have secured the confidence and patronage of a large trade. Martin Laupheimer, under whose immediate care the restaurant is conducted, was born in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, October 10, 1861. His father, Joseph Laupheimer, is a native of Germany, and came to St. Louis about twenty-five years ago, subsequently he removed to Sedalia, then to Warrensburg and again returned to St. Louis, where he now resides. Martin, when a mere boy, engaged as traveling salesman for J. I. Mayer & Bro., of St. Louis and followed this business for several years. He has three brothers and one sister. William Laupheimer, traveling salesman for J. I. Mayer, is the other member of the foregoing firm. With close attention to business and fair dealing with all, this firm stand high in the town and county.

## W. H. LEE,

dealer in agricultural implements. Is a native of Kentucky; born March 26, 1841. His father John H. Lee was a native of Kentucky, a farmer, and one of those sturdy pioneer settlers who give force and character so necessary in the development of a new country. He died in 1869. William H. came to Missouri in 1869, and settled at Warrensburg. He commenced the hardware trade and continued the same until 1881, when he disposed of the stock and engaged in the agricultural implement business, in which he has proved himself equal to the situation. In 1877 was elected to the office of city treasurer, also county collector, and has been a member of the school board for many years, which position he holds at the present. He married in Kentucky Miss Amanda Robertson, in the month of October 1865, daughter of W. H. Robertson, and the union has been blessed by two children: John H. and Julia.

## REV. J. CAL LITTRELL,

born in Howard county, Mo., May 5, 1835, son of Robert and Matilda Littrell, *nee* Reed, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. When about four years old he went with his parents to Henry county, then came to Johnson county and settled near Chilhowee. He pursued a course of study at Chapel Hill college, then followed the mercantile business for a few years, after which he became a teacher, and following this profession till in 1867, he commenced to preach in the C. P. church. While wandering in the wilderness near the summit of the Rocky Mountains he obeyed the Master's call and resolved to enter the ministry. This was July 27, 1865, many years after his first impressions. He joined the Lexington Presbytery in the fall of 1866, and commenced preaching in the spring of 1867, first one year in Cass county, then two years in Bates, then eight years in Pueblo county, Colorado, where he was the first protestant missionary south of the Arkansas river, and became a charter member of the Rocky Mountain Presbytery. He returned to Johnson county in the fall of 1878, and entered upon the work of traveling evangelist through the surrounding region. In the spring of 1879 he took charge of the Montserrat and Mount Moriah churches when the former had 37 members and the latter 35. Now the former has 132 and the latter 121 members. His first marriage was to Miss Sue R. Hayes, and their children are: Jennie E. and Sudie C. Married a second time, to Martha L. Seawell, October 18, 1871. Her father, Robert H. Seawell, is a native of Tennessee, who came to Lafayette county, Mo., forty years ago. Rev. Mr. Littrell is a minister of native ability, and force of character well qualified for his divine mission.

## G. A. LOBBAN,

was born in Albemarle county, Va., June 17, 1839. Received an education which he paid for by his own labors, and spent his time on the farm until nineteen years of age. Removing to Warrensburg, Mo., in 1858 he continued the same occupation, and in addition carried the U. S. mail to Lexington on a contract for two years. Went into the U. S. Service, spending over three years in the quartermaster department, returning to Warrensburg again in 1864. Twelve years he worked as plasterer. In 1876, he opened out the grocery business in which he is still engaged. Was married in 1863 to Mrs. Bratton, of this city, who died in 1874, leaving two children, Ida L. and James L. The daughter is a graduate of the normal school this year. Mr. Lobban's second marriage was to Sallie, daughter of Joel P. Johnson, an old settler of this state, and now a resident of Johnson county. Leora and Albert are the names of the children. Mr. Lobban and wife are members of the Christian church, and he has been an earnest and cheerful worker in the Sabbath school. As a business man he stands well in the county, and all who know him have good words to speak in his behalf.

## BERNHARD LOEBENSTEIN,

was born in Germany, July 12, 1836, came to this country when about nineteen years of age, and to the state of Missouri in 1856. In 1866, he came to Warrensburg and opened his present business, that of ready made clothing. The firm was started with M. Frank as partner, under the style of Frank & Loebenstein, and continued till January 1878, when it was changed to B. Loebenstein, and April 1, 1881, again changed to its present name Loebenstein & Co. Mr. Loebenstein was married to Miss Sarah Aaron of St. Louis, daughter of Rudolph Aaron, a prominent stock dealer in Germany. They have four children: Rudolph, Bertha, Sammie and Flora. Mr. Loebenstein has built up an extensive business throughout this county, and stands among the first. His facilities or business are such as a long and careful experience have fitted him, and perhaps no one has contributed more to the growth and prosperity of the country; always ready to share in the work necessary for the building up of a community, and has at the same time been very successful in business. He is treasurer of the Board of Regents of the state normal school, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the public generally.

## WILLIAM LOWE,

lumber dealer and builder. Was born in Henry county, Indiana, and reared in his native county until his majority. His education was obtained at the common schools of the day. In 1861 at the outbreak of the war he

enlisted in company C, 36th Indiana, and was afterward transferred to the United States signal corps and served three years and twenty-one days and was honorably discharged in September, 1864, after which he returned home and in 1866 removed to Missouri and located in Warrensburg. Soon after he commenced contracting and building, following this until 1873, when he engaged in the lumber business. Although Mr. Lowe commenced life a poor boy he has by energy and genuine pluck, succeeded in building up a good trade, and has at the same time established a reputation for honesty and square dealing that many might well be proud of. He was married on the 25th day of October, 1866, to Miss Anna Peed, of Tippecanoe, Indiana, a lady of fine qualities. The names of the children are: Anna Mable and Mary Maud. Mr. Lowe has built more than three hundred houses in Johnson county, among them the M. E. church, Baptist, Cumberland Presbyterian church, finished the Normal school, built Foster school, Mr. J. Brown's residence and others too numerous to mention, in fact, to leave out those he has built in Warrensburg would be a serious loss to the town.

#### W. J. MANN,

was born October 16, 1837, in Mercer county, Kentucky. James B. and Mary, his father and mother, are both living in the same county in which he was born, and are now among the oldest living settlers of the same. His grandfather was a Virginian, and one among the colony who went to Kentucky, known as the Armstrong, McAfee and Adams colony. W. J. helped his father who was a prominent farmer and stock raiser, until he was twenty-six years of age. He was married in 1864. His wife died in 1868, leaving two children: Robert J. and Nannie L. His second marriage was to Mary Jane Overstreet, of Pettis county, Missouri. They have three children: Emma Maggie, Mary Alice and Walter Crittenden. Mr. M. is highly esteemed as a neighbor and citizen. His wife is a member of the Baptist church and he of the Cumberland Presbyterian. He has a farm of 360 acres about four miles south of Warrensburg, and his home is very pleasant, having many of the comforts and conveniences which are the result of hard work and well directed energy.

#### ROBERT McELFRESH,

a Kentuckian by birth, having been born in Mason county, November 5, 1844. Wesley, his father, was a native of Maryland and died in 1879. Robert was in the army, starting out in the 10th Kentucky, 1st rangers cavalry. Promoted to brigade commissary sergeant in 1864. Had four years service in all. Was under Gen. H. Morgan, as scout, up to his promotion. He married Miss Mary Jane Montgref, a native of Vernon county, Missouri. They have four children. He came to this county



from Texas, in 1877, where he had spent two years. His wife is a member of the Baptist church.

### JOHN MILLER,

son of Peter and Mary Miller, was born June 14, 1814, in Pleasant Valley, Washington county, Maryland. Had the advantages of a collegiate education. Was a lawyer by profession but did not practice. Is a farmer and stock raiser. Married, July 29, 1852, to Miss Sarah E. Gray, daughter of Captain Alexander Gray, of Charles county, Maryland. Moved to Missouri in 1857. Stopped in St. Louis county for eighteen months. In 1858 moved to Warrensburg. Mr. Miller was opposed to the institution of slavery. Still he thought slaves were the constitutional property of the southern states. His father, Peter Miller, freed his slaves and sent them to Liberia. Mr. M. was a whig while that party existed, but when Greeley, Seward and others started the abolitionist party he went to the democratic party. Mr. M. voted the union ticket when Lincoln, Bell and Everett were for the presidency. When Gov. Jackson sent out his call for troops he assisted in organizing a company in Warrensburg, but did not join them, being too old and infirm to follow the life of a soldier. When Gov. Jackson retreated south Mr. M. went in town and took the oath to become non-combatant and to not take up arms against the government, *and was promised protection.* He took no active part in the war but was robbed and persecuted the whole time. On Sunday, September 13, 1863, Mr. M. was at home, with his family, sick. Mr. Ogden and Mrs. Hornbuckle were present. During the day a *union soldier* rode up to the door and asked Mrs. Miller for John Miller. She told him that Mr. M. was sick and could not come out. The soldier then threatened to burn the house if he did not come. Mr. M. hearing the conversation got up and went to the door. The soldier commanded him to come and go with him. Mr. M. said he was not able. The soldier then took aim, shot him down, while his little boys were clinging about his knees. After committing the murder the villain rode off and joined several men on horseback, near the road in the cornfield in front of the house. Evidence was given in but no attention paid to it and the murderer was neither arrested nor tried. Mr. M. left at his death a widow and four sons. The oldest at that time was nine years old. The family returned to Maryland in 1863, where the children were educated. They returned to Johnson county, Missouri, in 1878. Mrs. Miller and three youngest sons still survive.

### OLL MILLER,

house, sign, and ornamental painter, Warrensburg, Missouri. Born in Johnson county, Missouri, January 1, 1847, son of J. D. Miller. His

father came to this county in an early day, and settled at what is now Knob Noster, where the subject of this sketch was born. Young Miller was reared in the family of J. G. Morrow, and attended the common school till the civil war broke out, which disorganized all schools. Mr. Miller was on the side of the union, and did some service in the federal army. From 1863 to 1870 he resided in Sedalia, where he learned the painter's trade. In 1870 he came to Warrensburg, and commenced business in his chosen occupation, where he has since resided. He married Miss Nannie E. Morrison, daughter of W. M. Morrison, of Wheeling, West Virginia, December 30, 1869. By this union they have two daughters, Ida B. and Nellie J. H. C. McCullough is a partner with Mr. Miller, and the firm furnish the best work in their line, both for the city and the country. With careful attention to business he has acquired a good trade, accumulated property, and sustained business integrity among his neighbors. His place of business is on East Culton street, near the Eads Hotel, where skill and dispatch are employed to suit the public demand.

#### C. C. MORROW,

of Warrensburg, was born near the village of Columbus, in this county, April 14, 1842. His father, Rev. John B. Morrow, was a native of South Carolina, and emigrated to Missouri in 1819, settling in Cooper county, near Boonville, and subsequently came to this county, in 1835, where he served as minister of the C. P. Church till his death, which occurred December 16, 1863. The subject of this sketch was the youngest of three brothers. He lived on a farm till sixteen years of age. His early education was obtained at the common schools; however, by perseverance and application he pursued the English branches until he obtained a good education. At the age of nineteen he embarked in the mercantile business, at Chilhowee, which he continued till 1861. During the war he remained loyal to the union. In 1865, and from that time until 1870, continued in business. In the fall of 1870, he was elected to the office of clerk of the circuit and common pleas court, which he filled for four years. In June, 1874, he bought the *Democrat*, the organ of the democratic party of the county, and in 1876 purchased the *Journal*, and consolidated them, and changed the name to *Journal-Democrat*, which name it still bears. Continuing editor of this paper till 1879, he then sold to W. H. and J. R. Davis. In March, 1879, when the democrats organized the U. S. senate, he was appointed clerk of the senate committee on claims, which position he held till April 30, 1881. In May following he was appointed assistant engrossing clerk of the senate. He was married to Miss Mary J. Farr, eldest daughter of Judge James K. Farr, a prominent citizen of Johnson county. They have five children living: Lizzie, Jennie M., Rhoda L., Minnie A., and Effie H. One son, William H., is dead. Mr. Morrow is

a courteous, kind-hearted gentleman. He has brought up his family in the best social circles, nearly all of whom are members of the C. P. Church, with himself. He writes an elegant hand, and is a good business man.

#### W. K. MORROW,

deputy clerk of the circuit court of Johnson county. Was born in Johnson county, Missouri, January 1, 1837. His father, James G., was a native of Tennessee. He came to Missouri in a very early day, settling in Cooper county, subsequently in Johnson county, during 1835, where he died in 1875. The subject of this sketch was educated at the common schools of the pioneer days. His youth was spent on a farm when the forests of the country abounded with panthers, wolves, and bear. He was married to Miss James. In 1875 he was appointed to the position he now holds, which he has filled with much credit to himself, and satisfaction to the citizens of the county. In politics, he is a democrat; however, quite charitable in his views. In religion, is a Cumberland Presbyterian, and one of the most zealous workers of his church. He is superintendent of his Sunday school, which he has made one of the best in the town.

#### MAJOR HENRY NEILL,

was born in Lee county, Virginia, April 8, 1828, and was the son of Stephen T. Neill, who was born and raised in the same county. His grandfather was of revolutionary fame, and his father in the war of 1812. His father moved to Missouri in 1837, settling in Lafayette county. Was an extensive farmer and raiser of hemp. He died in 1861. Henry was the third son of five brothers. Entered school at Sweet Spring when 19 years of age and remained two years. Went to clerking, afterward read law under Judge Ryland, of Lexington. After the war, in 1867, he commenced the practice of law, having been admitted to the bar of Johnson county, under Judge Conklin, of common pleas court, was afterward licensed by Judge McGoffey; continuing the practice up to this time. Was city attorney three terms, dating from 1874. Was married in 1853 to Miss F. Elliott, of Fayette, Howard county, daughter of N. G. Elliott, a prominent railroad man. She died in 1870, leaving three children: H. G., Anna, now Mrs. Todhunter, of Lafayette county, and Steven T. His second marriage was in 1872, to Mrs. Pennock, of Allegany City, Pennsylvania, a brother of whom is now mayor of that city. Has a son and daughter by this marriage: Harry and Lydia. Major and wife have been members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for 27 years. The major is quite jocularly inclined, and well esteemed in the community in which he lives.

## J. R. NELSON.

Prominent among the business houses of Warrensburg, is the dry goods house of J. R. Nelson. He was born in Morgan county, Ohio, June 9, 1848. His early years were spent in acquiring an education in a practical way, and before he had reached the age of thirteen, knew what it was to earn his own living. He has been handling merchandise since. In 1879 he came to Warrensburg with a small capital and by his own efforts has built up a trade entirely by his own exertions. His business is done with a system which is worthy of mention, as it not only protects his own interests, but puts temptation out of reach of his working force. Each sale and transaction is recorded by the person making the same, and all the moneys are handled by a cashier, thus avoiding errors. Mr. Nelson is a live, wide-awake business man and devotes a large portion of his time behind the counter looking after the welfare of his customers, and studying to meet their wants. Success is his motto and square dealing his watchword.

## E. T. PENNINGTON,

station agent, Missouri Pacific railroad. Was born in Franklin, Warren county, Ohio, August 21, 1843. His father, Ephraim Pennington, was a native of Maryland. The subject of this brief notice lived in Ohio till fifteen years of age, then went to Ft. Madison, Iowa, where he lived till 1865. He came to Missouri at the latter named date, first stopping at Kirkwood, then Holden, and October 28, 1865, took charge of the telegraph business at Warrensburg, where he has since resided. Mr. Pennington having been so long identified with the railroad traffic at this point, has become well-known, and his adaptability for the position and uniform courteousness to all, renders him highly respected and popular. He married Miss Georgie Pinkston, October 2, 1866, and this pair have four children: Mittie S., Lulie M., Willie E. and Clarence V. Mrs. Pennington is the daughter of Dr. W. D. Pinkston, who was born in Madison county, New York, March 30, 1817. A brief account of the establishment of the depot here and its administration by Mr. Pennington will be found on page 420.

## ANTON PICKLE,

superintendent of the Pickle Bros, stone quarries. (For more particular mention see page 427.) Was born in Germany, April, 1854; came to this country when about fifteen years old, and spent about eight years in the city of St. Louis. Three years ago he came to Warrensburg, and took charge of the celebrated quarries of which frequent mention is given in this history. He was married to Miss Mary Dieth, of St. Louis, January, 1881. His education was confined principally to commercial col-

leges, his last course being that of Jones', located at St. Louis. Though comparatively a young man he has shown himself quite able to manage and operate a large business, and is highly respected by all who labor under him, for his generous and thoughtful care over them.

### JUDGE JOHN J. PRICE,

of Lexington, Missouri, formerly a resident and prominent office holder of this county; was born in Lancaster, Garrard county, Kentucky, February 21, 1807, of English-French extraction, of the line of Chevalier's and of the Huguenot families of France; he emigrated to St. Louis in 1828, where he was engaged as coal operator for six years; thence he went to St. Clair county, Illinois, where he married, and subsequently located in Jefferson City in 1836, where he became a successful farmer and stock-raiser. He settled in Johnson county, Missouri, in 1839, and in the following year, 1840, he was elected county judge, which office he filled with great satisfaction to his constituents; so great was his popularity that before his term of judgeship had expired the people made him their representative in the state legislature in the summer of 1842. In 1844 he was first elected sheriff of Johnson county, and his administration was so well executed that he received a second nomination and was elected again with but little opposition, in 1846. His term of office expired in 1848, after which he engaged alternately in farming, merchandising and keeping hotel until the war of 1861. During his public career as an officer he never lost the confidence of the people. When the clouds of war began to roll over the land he retired to the town of St. Charles to avoid the troubles; being a strong southern man he rendered material aid to the south, and as one of the prominent men of the county, he had political enemies who took advantage when the war asserted its animosities, and compelled him to seek an asylum in other places as an exile. He returned to Warrensburg in 1866, where he was actively engaged in farming till 1872, when he moved to Dover, Lafayette county, where he became an extensive farmer and stock-raiser, and remained there till 1878, when he located in Lexington, Missouri, where he now lives, in a comfortable home and in easy circumstances. In politics he was always a democrat and voted no other ticket. He has always taken an active part in the campaign and still continues faithful to his political convictions. Was married twice; his first wife was Mrs. Mirinda Lemmon, daughter of a prominent citizen of St. Clair county, Illinois. Ed. M., Robt. L. and Huldah, where their children. The elder son is an extensive trader in Pottawatomie county Kansas; the younger is in railroad business in St. Louis; the daughter married Francis Begole, a prominent farmer of Lebanon, Illinois. His second wife, Miss Jane Marshall, was born in Burlington, Boone county, Kentucky;

her father was cousin to chief justice Marshall, and bother of Humphrey Marshall, United States Senator from Kentucky. She was born February 16, 1816, and married March 18, 1841. Their children are: Jas. S., A. J., Josie, Virenda, John M., W. S., Almeda and Geo. B. M. the youngest. James S. is a Baptist minister, and resides in Lexington. A. J. died in 1874, in Sedalia, and was one of the brightest and most esteemed young men of that place; W. S. is also dead; J. M. is a lawyer in New Mexico; GEO. B. M. PRICE is a young attorney now residing in Warrensburg; he was born January 11, 1861, in the city where he now lives; he has a liberal education and a fine command of language; he studied law three and one half years under one of the oldest and most eminent members of the bar of this state, Judge Eldridge Burden, of Lexington, Missouri; he was admitted to the bar August, 1881, and located in Warrensburg, where he now has a fair practice and a host of friends.

#### C. N. RAND,

of the firm of Cottrell & Rand, dealers in pianos, organs and musical merchandise, Warrensburg, Missouri. Professor Rand is also an instructor in vocal culture of rare talent and success; he is a native of the empire state and when quite young removed with parents to Wisconsin, thence to Minnesota; he subsequently pursued a course of study at the Northwestern University, then engaged in musical merchandise in several of the northwestern states. Not long since he engaged in his present business with D. H. Cottrell in Holden, and in the summer of 1881 made his headquarters in Warrensburg. He is a young man of business and social qualities that make him a valuable acquisition to any community. His father, Solomon Rand, was born in Massachusetts, and resided in the east till 1866. He died in the village of Chatfield, Minnesota, August 2, 1874, aged seventy-six years, ten months. He had been a mason fifty-five years, and on the occasion of his death memorial resolutions of great respect were adopted by the lodge of which he was a member, and his funeral services were conducted by the order.

#### REV. S. R. REESE,

pastor of the M. E. Church, Warrensburg, was born in Morgan county, East Tennessee, Feby. 24th, 1839. His father well known as Dr. Reese, was one of the leading physicians of Morgan county, and was at one time possessed of a large amount of means, which was finally swept away by the payment of large security debts. He paid at one time forty-five thousand dollars, and later in life while traveling over the American bottoms, opposit St. Louis, Missouri, he was attacked by some parties and robbed of a large amount of money. He died in 1863. Mr. Reese's

mother was a native of Virginia, but was raised in Tennessee. She was a lady possessed of many womanly virtues; she died in Lawrence county, Missouri, in 1859. S. R. Reese received his early education at the common schools. He commenced the battle of life, when about 15 years of age, and owing to his father's financial embarrassment struggled amid poverty and reverses, but being determined to rise in the world he bore his burden manfully, took his first lessons in Latin under Prof. J. W. Matthias of Marshfield, Missouri. Although, when first starting out, he had but 75 cents in money and a broken arm, but being of that determined nature, he entered the ministry, and in 1866 in Greenfield, Missouri preached his first sermon, where he remained two years; then was stationed at Springfield and afterwards at Marshfield, then at Nevada City, thence to Pleasant Hill, Lee's Summit, and to Warrensburg, where he has charge of one of the best congregations in the county. Mr. Reese has been twice married, his first wife being Martha E. Reser, daughter of John Reser of Dallas county, Missouri. She died in 1859 leaving two children: John M., and James H. He married in 1876 for second wife, Miss Bell Reese, daughter of G. C. Reese, of Sedalia Mo. She is a lady of culture and refinement. The result of this union has been one son and daughter; Sherwood Vernor, and Lula C. Mr. Reese as a speaker is profound and eloquent, is warm and genial in his nature, a model christian, and most admirably fitted for the Gospel work, to which the Master has called him.

#### A. W. REESE M. D.,

A prominent among physicians of Johnson county, is the subject of this sketch, born in Jefferson county, Indiana, Aug, 18, 1828. John Reese, his father, was a native of Kentucky, and was a missionary baptist preacher. A. W. was a graduate of Hanom College, Indiana. When 22 years of age he went to Lowell, Kentucky, and read medicine with Dr. S. B. Richards for three years, and was afterward a graduate of the Kentucky School of Medicine. In 1855 he came to Missouri and practiced in Cass county. He was married to Miss Ellen Cobb a native of this county. They had 2 children: Lissie and Gertrude. His wife died Nov. 25, 1865. In 1858 he moved to Elmwood, Saline county, and was there till the war, when he accepted the position of Surgeon of the 31st Missouri infantry, Col. Fletcher Ex-Governor. Was with the regiment through the Sherman Campaign. In 1864 he was ordered to Warrensburg, and had charge of the U. S. Military Hospital until August, 1865. Had an extensive practice at Warrensburg, and was Coroner for four years of the time. His second marriage was Oct. 22, 1867, to Susanna E. Baile of Preble county, Ohio. They have five children living; Sallie B., Effie Eugenia, Minnie V., Paul and Mark. The doctor is a minister of the German Baptist, or (Brethren)

church. His wife and oldest daughter are members of the same. They have a well improved farm of two hundred acres, where the doctor is found hard at work filling in the time on the farm, between the calls for his services in the medical profession. He is a man of culture and conversant with all the matters of interest of the present day. As a neighbor and christian gentleman he stands well with all who are brought in contact with him, and no man has a larger number of friends.

#### GEORGE REITER,

proprietor of a Vineyard and Wine manufactory. Was born in Germany April 15, 1825. His father Justice Joseph, was a large farmer and George assisted him in the work. He came to the United States in 1848, when he was in his 23d year and learned a trade at Pittsburg. He traveled through a good many of the states as a journeyman, and in 1852 came to Johnson county, Missouri. He was married in May, 1852 to a native of Germany at Paducah, Ky. They have four children living: Louisa, May H., Emma J., Edward E. Mr. Reiter has been a member of the Masonic order for thirty three years. He has about four acres in Grapes and also has beautiful grounds about his residence.

#### RICHARD M. ROBERTSON,

Attorney at law, Warrensburg, Mo. Was born in Hickory county, Missouri, Nov. 29, 1853. After obtaining a good english education, he commenced teaching, first in his own county, then in Illinois. In April, 1876, he came to Warrensburg and entered upon the study of law in the office of C. E. Moorman Esq. He was admitted to the bar in 1878 and commenced at once upon the practice of his profession, which by close attention to business has grown into a good practice. The esteem in which this young attorney is held by the citizens of the town and county, may be inferred from the fact that as an earnest republican, he was nominated in 1880 for prosecuting attorney, and beaten only by a majority of 81 votes, in a county which has a democratic majority of 600. At present he is city attorney and partner with A. B. Logan. Mr. Robertson has ability and energy which will raise him high in his profession.

#### JOHN L. ROBERTS,

dealer in agricultural implements and live stock, Warrensburg. The subject of this sketch was born in Lafayette county, January 26, 1834. His father, John Roberts, was a native of North Carolina, moved to Kentucky, thence to Missouri in 1829, and settled near Lexington, where he remained till 1837, when he came to Johnson county and soon became a large land holder and stock dealer. He died in 1854, loved and respected by all. J. L. was three years of age when his father came to this county.



He received his education in the common schools. In 1858 he was married to Miss Almira Lemmon, of this county, after which he commenced farming, which he continued till the outbreak of the war, when he went to Illinois and engaged in the stock and grain trade. At the close of the strife he returned to Warrensburg and commenced business by opening out an agricultural and implement store, which he has carried on successfully up to the present time. In 1870 Roberts & Redford became connected with the firm, and in 1873 Mr. Hale purchased an interest. Then the firm was styled, "Roberts, Redford & Hale." They have the best agricultural store of the city, and are known over the county for their fair dealing. The family of Mr. J. L. Roberts consists of three children, viz: Belle E., Benj. P. and Fannie. Two are dead, John W. and Muda L. In politics, although quite liberal, he votes with the democrats. He and his family attend the C. P. church, and are liberal supporters of the church and Sunday school. Miss Belle E. is a graduate of the full course of study in the normal school, and has been a very successful teacher. She is now teaching in the city schools. Benj. P. is also engaged in teaching. Mr. Roberts is a man whom everybody admires as a straightforward business man, quiet and attentive to his business under all circumstances.

#### JEHU ROBINSON,

farmer and stock raiser. Was born in Boone county, east Tennessee, March 26, 1812. His father, Joseph Robinson, was a native of Carolina, born in 1766, January 28. Was married in 1792 and died in 1841. His grandfather was born in Ireland and came to this country when only an infant, and was of revolutionary fame; died in 1812, aged seventy-nine years. Joseph R., Jehu's father, was in the war of 1812, and rendered valuable services as a scout during the disturbances by the Indians in 1818. He came to the state of Missouri and settled within five miles of Glasgow for five years. Jehu is the only son, and remained on the farm with his father. His chances for a school education were very limited. In 1833 in company with his father and some black folks he came to this county and built a log house for their home, and is now one of the oldest living settlers. He lost about all he had during the war, but by careful management and hard work has again secured a good home. His farm consists of 452 acres, well improved, and he has it well stocked with cattle and hogs. The writer of this sketch visited him at his farm home and found him all that his friends, and they are without number, had recommended him to be, an open hearted, hospitable and kind neighbor, who is thoughtful of others than himself, and who has the confidence and esteem of all who know him. He was elected second lieutenant of the state militia at the time of the Blackhawk war, and showed a good record of service. His life has been one of hardships and privations, but his

strong physical form, reinforced by an iron will, has enabled him to overcome what would have discouraged most men. Now, in his closing years he has the enjoyment of knowing life has not been a failure. He and his wife are consistent christians, having been members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church since 1842.

### DANIEL ROSS,

was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, March 30, 1821. His father, John Ross, was a native of New Jersey. Daniel was brought up on a farm, and attended the common schools of that day. He started out for himself or rather went away from home when he was thirty-five years of age. His father dying when he was fifteen he was kept home on the old homestead until he reached this age, looking after the interests of the farm. In 1855 he came to Johnson county, Missouri, and worked for Major Holden. Carried the government proceeds of the land office from Warsaw to St. Louis overland, depositing it in the sub-treasury. He went back to New York in 1857, and remained on the old homestead until the fall of 1868, when he returned to Missouri and settled on the "Poor Farm," after spending about a year in Warrensburg. Was married to Miss Matilda C. Holden, a native of New York. Himself and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

### WM. C. ROWLAND,

abstracts and insurance. In this sketch we have not a pioneer, but a citizen, of whom the people of Warrensburg have reason to be proud. He was born in Ashland county, Ohio, September, 1842. His father, Jacob Rowland, died when William was but six years old. After the death of his father he went to live with his grandfather, who resided at Hillsdale, Michigan. In the spring of 1852 he went to Fayette county, Iowa, where he remained until 1862, when he volunteered, as a private in the 18th Iowa infantry, and served faithfully until 1863, when he was promoted to 1st lieutenant and also as acting adjutant of the regiment; in January, 1865, was promoted to captain. He participated in many hotly contested battles. After the close of the war he returned to West Union, Iowa, and in November, 1865, he came to Missouri and located at Warrensburg. In 1869 he was appointed assessor of Johnson county, and in the fall of 1870 he was elected to the same office, which he filled with much credit to himself. In 1861 Mr. Rowland studied law with the Hon. Wm. McClintock, of West Union, Iowa. For some time he has been engaged in the abstract and insurance business. At present Mr. Rowland is serving as town clerk and city collector. In December, 1867, he married Miss Matilda J. Bratton, of Warrensburg, a native of this county, and the daughter of James M. Bratton. This union has been blessed by one son and

one daughter, Izora and William. Mr. R. is possessed of that warm, genial nature, which will always secure to him a host of friends.

### WILLIAM E. SEAMANDS,

of the firm of W. E. Seamands & Co., was born in Fleming county Kentucky, in 1840. Isaac his father was a native of Virginia, born in 1800, a farmer, who removed to Kentucky in 1820, and to Johnson county, Missouri, in 1849. He died suddenly of heart disease in 1855. William, on his arrival here, was about nine years of age. His youth was spent upon his father's farm. After attending school he engaged in teaching school and proved to be very efficient. Quitting this he entered Fleming's college, Kentucky, where he continued until his health failing he left school and again engaged in teaching, taking charge of a select school, of Poplar Plains, Kentucky, where he taught one year, during which he married Miss Bettie Christy, a native of Kentucky. He then went to Fayetteville, this county, where he engaged in the mercantile trade, which he followed two years. In March, 1871, moved to Warrensburg and went into the county clerk's office as deputy, with S. P. Sparks, and held that position for four years, and was afterwards employed as clerk in Mr. Christy's store, four years; then made an engagement as traveling salesman with R. W. Atwood & Co., of St. Louis. Two years later he commenced business in Warrensburg, with a former member of the firm. Mr. Seamands has two children, one son and a daughter, Freddie M. B. and Lida B.

### G. H. SACK,

attorney at law, Warrensburg. Born in Greenburg, Decatur county, Indiana, November 5, 1841. When about three years of age removed with parents to Rush county. At the age of fifteen attended the Acton seminary, and remained there a little more than two years; then took a legal and collegiate course in the Indiana State University at Bloomington, graduating in both departments in 1865. The following year, June, 1866, came to Johnson county, Missouri and taught school at Centerview, two years, and a select school two years, at Warrensburg. Was then elected superintendent of schools for Johnson county, and held the office one term. Commenced the practice of law in 1865, and with only few interruptions continued in that profession till this date. Married Anna G. Briscoe, May 5, 1867. She died September 30, 1871. Married a second time to Alice C. Hickman, March 27, 1879. Mrs. S. is a native of Illinois, daughter of W. B. Hickman, who was a native of Kentucky. There were born of the last marriage two children, Effie and Roy H. Effie died December 27, 1880, aged one year and four days. Mr. S., besides a good house and other town property, has 585 acres of farming

lands. His careful attention to business and upright dealing has been rewarded by financial success and the highest respect of those who know him. Both Mr. and Mrs. S. are exemplary and consistent members of the church.

#### WALTER SAMS,

jeweler, and dealer in all kinds of watches, clocks, gold and silver ware, corner of Holden and Culton streets, Warrensburg, Missouri. This thrifty young business man commenced for himself, September 1, 1881, and the encouragement he has received up to the present time (January, 1882), is most flattering. He has a thorough and practical knowledge of his trade, having served six years under superior instruction, and being a young man of good morals and excellent business habits, a bright future, both in business and social circles, lies before him. He was born in Washington, Franklin county, Missouri, and when but a few months old came with parents to Warrensburg, where he has been reared and become well known. His father, Edward Sams, and mother Jessey, *nee* Oxley, are natives of England, who came to America twenty-four years ago, and settled in Warrensburg about eighteen years ago. His father is proprietor of the market on Culton street, and the family consisting of five sons and one daughter, are highly respected.

#### ROBERT SHARP,

deceased, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, February 22, 1811. His father, George Sharp, was a native of Pennsylvania, and became a prominent lawyer in Belmont county, Ohio. Young Robert, at the age of twenty-two, commenced for himself, and engaged in different enterprises, among which was a contract for building a canal. In the year 1859 he came to Johnson county, Missouri, and soon took a contract to build twelve miles of the Missouri Pacific railroad. He established a store at Knob Noster; run a flouring-mill successfully up to his death, which occurred June 11, 1875. He was married November 9, 1842, to Miss Anna Nichol, of Marietta, Ohio. By this union they had nine children, seven of whom are still living. Mrs. Sharp remained here during the civil war, and was much troubled by marauding bands. Mrs. Sharp and family are among the most respected in the community.

#### S. H. SHUMAKER.

The subject of this sketch was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, May 11, 1829. His youth was spent on the farm of which his father, Daniel, was owner. His parents were both natives of Virginia. His father was born in August, 1790, and died December 14, 1847; his mother was born in 1790, and died January 12, 1832. He started out for himself

upon the death of his father, when about seventeen years of age. Went to Mississippi about five years after. Came to Johnson county, Missouri, in 1867, settling in Warrensburg, where he spent five years, and then moved out on his farm where he now lives. Was married to Miss Eliza A. Watt, February 25, 1858, by whom he has five children, living: Frank, Herbert C., Mary L., Albert R., and George A. His home is a pleasant one, and his farm consists of 160 acres, and is nicely improved. Personally, Mr. Shumaker is a man who is held in high esteem by all who have made his acquaintance, and his word needs no corroboration in the community where he lives.

### M. SHRYACK,

one of the leading grocery-dealers of this city. Was born in Kentucky, July 13, 1832. He left his native state and went to Illinois, where he resided for some time. In 1865 he came to Missouri, engaging in farming, subsequently he came to Warrensburg, and engaged in mercantile business. He was married to Eliza S. Russell, daughter of Robert Russell, in 1855, and they have four children: M. Josie, Millard C., Elmer G., and Annie E. Mr. Shryack is a worthy member of the Christian Church. His long experience in church and Sunday school work renders him peculiarly valuable in the Christian cause. He is superintendent of the Sunday school and leader of the choir, where his talent for singing is highly appreciated.

### MRS. ELIZA S. SMITH,

was born in McMinn county, Tennessee, in 1826. She lived in her native county till about twenty-one years of age, she then married H. J. Smith, a native of the same county and state. In the fall of the same year, they removed to Georgia, and settled in Whitefield, where they remained twelve years, then removed to Missouri, and stopped in Henry county four years, after which they came to Johnson, and took up a residence south of Warrensburg, where she has since lived. The family consists of eight children: Mary A., Amanda J., Sarah F., Margaret S., William R., Emma C., Lloyd J., and Robert L. Mrs. Smith is a consistent member of the Baptist Church. She has a fine farm of 130 acres, having reared a large and highly respected family.

### JEHU H. SMITH,

of Warrensburg, formerly of the firm of Stone & Smith, liverymen. Born in Monroe county, Virginia, November 28, 1832. His father, Christopher Smith, was also a native of Virginia. He was one of the largest tobacco manufacturers of that state. He died in 1850. The subject of these notes came to Missouri in 1859, settling in Harrison county. In 1861

he entered the service on the side of the union, and ranked as captain. In 1863 he came to Warrensburg, and was appointed provost marshal of central Missouri, with head-quarters at Warrensburg. In 1866, was elected treasurer of Johnson county, and served with satisfaction. At the close of that office, in 1868, was appointed deputy sheriff, and in 1870, was elected sheriff, and served with ability for one term. In 1876 was elected mayor of Warrensburg. Was treasurer of the Warrensburg public school fund from 1866 to 1872. In 1876 he engaged in the livery business, which he continued till the fall of 1881. He married Miss M. J. McKibben, of Jackson, Ohio, December 24, 1855. By this union four children are living: Sallie J., Josie, Joseph H., and Laura. His daughters stand in the best society. Miss Josie is a graduate in the full course of the State Normal school, and is one of the best qualified young teachers of the county.

#### CHARLES SNOW,

retired merchant, was born in the city of Philadelphia, August 16, 1836. His father and mother were born in London, Eng., coming to the United States in 1832, and stopping near Philadelphia, where the subject of this sketch was born. His mother is still living. He removed to Louisville, Ky., thence to Greenfield, where his father finally located. In 1862, he came to Missouri, stopping a short time in Otterville, Cooper county, where he commenced in the boot and shoe business. In 1863, he removed to Warrensburg and formed a partnership with his brother, W. S. Snow, who had been recently mustered out of the army. Was elected as the first recorder of the county in 1867, and served two terms. He was married September 13, 1865, to Miss Jennie R. Grinstead, daughter of Dr. John Grinstead of Litchfield, Illinois. They have one child, a daughter fourteen years old, Nellie M. Mrs. Snow is a member of the Christian church. Mr. Snow made an efficient officer of the county, and has ever been identified with all enterprises tending to the good of the community.

#### SAMUEL P. SPARKS,

attorney at law, Warrensburg, is prominent in the legal profession. Was born in Surry county, North Carolina, Jan. 1, 1844, of Irish-English ancestry. His father, Wm. W. Sparks, was also a native of Surry county, N. C. He was a man of liberal education, strictly temperate, and a great economist. He was one of the pioneer teachers of Missouri. In religion he was a Methodist, and in politics a democrat. He came to Missouri in 1844, soon after the subject of this sketch was born. Here his wife died leaving Samuel an orphan in infancy. Her maiden name was Miss Lucretia Pryor, a native of North Carolina, and a lady of taste and culture. Wm. W. owned some excellent land in Jackson township,

where he pursued farming till his death. He died February 16, 1876, at his home. Samuel P. entered Chapel Hill college where he continued about one year when the war broke out, and he enlisted in the 5th Missouri cavalry, commanded by Col. Sigel, and served three years, afterwards on a non-commissioned regimental staff, and was in many hotly contested battles, in the Price raid of 1864. He was mustered out of service in May, 1865, and returned home and taught a term of school, and in the following fall entered McKendree college, Lebanon, Ill., where he continued to pursue his studies for five years, and graduated in the full classical college course in June, 1870. He then returned home and in the fall of the same year was elected to the office of county clerk of Johnson county, which he acceptably filled for four years. In 1874, he entered the St. Louis law school, and graduated from this institution in the spring of 1875; returning home he commenced the practice of law. In the fall of that year he formed a partnership with Judge Russell Hicks, one among the best and most prominent lawyers of the state. This partnership continued till the death of Judge Hicks, which occurred April 19, 1876. In the fall of the following year he formed a partnership with Garrett C. Land, which still exists. They constitute a firm extensively known to the county, and have a good practice in all the courts, and a reputation as trustworthy lawyers. Mr. Sparks was married to Miss Myra Curtis, of Clinton, Mo., April 6, 1871. She was a daughter of Capt. Curtis, then sheriff of Henry county. She died in Jan., 1872. His second marriage occurred April 8, 1874, to Miss Nannie R. Cuningham, of Little Rock, Ark., a most estimable lady and daughter of Capt. Cuningham of that city. This union has been blessed by three children: Leonard F., Russell C., and Mary V. Mr. Sparks owns a handsome suburban brick residence just north of the city limits. He and his family attend the Episcopal church, where his wife is a leading member. In politics he is a true democrat. In business he is prompt and attentive and among his friends, social, kind and benevolent.

#### ANDREW J. SPARKS,

teacher and editor, Warrensburg, is a native Missourian. Born Sept. 10th, 1848, of English-German extraction, on a farm in Lafayette county. His father, Joel Sparks, was a native of North Carolina. George, his grandfather, was born in Devonshire, England, and was among the early adventurers to the new world, where he became an extensive planter and trader. When the British molested the southern colonies during the revolution, he left his work in defense of the colonies. Joel Sparks was a leading man in moral reforms, and worked in the Sunday schools of Carolina. He served in the war of 1812, came to Missouri in 1844, dying in 1861 at the age of 87 years. The subject of this sketch became a con-

vert to christianity at the age of twelve, and since then has been faithful to his vow. He commenced teaching in his own neighborhood when in his teens, and has been at home in the school room much of the time ever since. In 1880 he was chosen statistical secretary of the Johnson county Sunday schools, and re-elected in the convention of 1881. By the co-operation of the ministers of the county, he was enabled to establish the *Sunday School Record* in January, 1881. He is five feet ten inches in height, and weighs one hundred and eighty pounds.

#### WILLIAM SPERLING,

was born in Prussia, November 21, 1826, and came to the United States in 1858, landing at New Orleans. He came to Warrensburg in about one year thereafter. He learned the barber's trade in his native country, and very successfully pursued the same occupation here. He is a prominent member of the masonic fraternity. In 1866 he joined the order, in 1867 became a master mason, and in September of the same year a royal arch mason, in 1872 a knight templar. In 1853 he married Miss Johana Jahrke, a native of the same country as her husband. The names of the children still living are: Walter W., Otto W., Anna R. and Minnie M., the other children having died in infancy or childhood. Mr. Sperling is a member of the Lutheran church. He is an industrious and careful man, possessed of considerable means.

#### ADOLPH SPIESS,

of the firm of Spiess & Brother, wholesale and retail grocers. Among the many young enterprising business men of Warrensburg, none are more worthy of mention than the subject of this sketch. Mr. A. Spiess is a native of Texas, born in Comal county, November 9, 1856, and came to Missouri in 1867, stopping at St. Louis for about six months, after which he moved to Johnson county, and located in Warrensburg. Soon after his arrival he engaged in the grocery business with his brother. The firm has always done a good business and had a steadily increasing trade. Their reputation for fair dealing is well established, and they are justly ranked as one of the fixtures of their prosperous city.

#### REV. DR. JOHN C. STEELE,

was born in Kentucky, Dec. 22, 1812. In 1817 he was taken to Xenia, Ohio, by his parents, where he received his education. He graduated at Miami University in 1832, after which he turned his attention to theology, and was licensed in 1837, and ordained in 1838. His health became so impaired by hard study and confinement, that it was with difficulty that he filled his appointments. In 1872 he came to Warrensburg and became pastor of the U. P. church, which position he filled ably for four years,



since which time he has preached occasionally. Mr. Steele was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Louisa J. Pressly, daughter of Rev. John T. Pressly, who was professor of Systematic Theology, in the Theological Seminary, located at Alleghany City, Pa. By this union they have three children, one son and two daughters, Walter C., Jennie L., and Annie M. Walter is now in business in Pittsburg. Rev. Steel's paternal grandfather was one of the first settlers, who came to Kentucky, after Daniel Boone. He was shot three times by the Indians, but recovered. His maternal grandfather was an officer under George Washington and served during the Revolutionary war.

#### D. L. STEWART,

of the firm of Stewart & Cheatam. Was born in Highland county, Ohio, March 28, 1842. At the age of 27 years he engaged in the boot and shoe business, after a time he came to this city and continued the same. In 1877 he started in the grocery trade in company with Mr. Redford. Mr. Cheatam buying out the interest of Mr. Redford in 1879, leaves the firm as stated above. Mr. Stewart married Mrs. M. W. Fisher of Tipton, his state, in 1876. She was a member of the Normal School faculty, a lady of culture and refinement. Both are members of the M. E. church, and are identified with the growth and prosperity of the same. Mr. Stewart has a good business experience and is a man well calculated to build up a substantial and honorable trade.

#### JOHN W. STONE,

liveryman, P. O. Warrensburg. Was born in Scott county, Kentucky, in February, 1840. He came to Missouri in 1865, and located at Lexington where he remained until 1866, when he came to Johnson county, locating in Warrensburg, and engaged in the livery business, which he has followed about twenty years. He was married in 1871 to Miss Elizabeth Emery, daughter of A. Emery. By this union they have four children: Nellie, John W., Jessie B. and James E.

#### J. E. TALBOTT,

tailor. Was born in Harrison county, Ohio, October 1, 1830. He was raised and educated in Belmont county, Ohio, where he learned the tailor's trade, which he followed there about 4 years; then went to Washington county, where he worked at his trade for about 15 years; then to Fort Dodge, Iowa, until 1872; then to Sedalia, Missouri, about 5 years, then to Warrensburg, where he has been a resident since, and at the present is the oldest resident engaged in the tailoring business. In 1878, Mr. Talbott opened a shop and to-day is in the enjoyment of a large and growing

business. In 1855 Mr. Talbott married Miss E. VanChief a native of Washington county, Ohio. By this union they have four boys; Rodolph, Julian W., Ralph E. and William P.

#### GEN. WADDY THOMPSON,

an enterprising trader of Warrensburg, was born in Hart county, Kentucky, March 22, 1835. Came to Missouri in 1842, locating in Macon county, where he remained till 1854, thence to Adair county, in 1861, and to Johnson county in 1877. In the fall of 1877, he bought 300 convicts, whom he worked successfully in the coal mines at Montserrat for three years. He married in Howard county, Missouri, in 1858, to Miss Elizabeth Wilkenson, an accomplished daughter of Chas. Wilkenson, Esq., a prominent farmer and stock-raiser. By this union there are five children: Fannie, John J., Sue, Gussie, and Waddy, jr. Two are dead. Mr. Thompson is largely engaged in farming and stock-trading. He is a clever gentleman and highly respectable. In politics, a Democrat.

#### JAMES K. TYLER.

Perhaps no sketch which this work contains will be read with greater interest, than that of James K. Tyler. He was born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, on the 30th day of Sept., 1834. His father was Milton W., and his mother, Miss Mary Leaton, both natives of the same state. Their family consisted of seven children; five boys and two girls. His grandfather, on the father's side, was named Moses and of Irish-English extraction, and his grandfather on his mother's side was named James. The subject of this notice being the eldest, obtained his early education at the private schools of his neighborhood. When about twenty years of age he attended Franklin College, Indiana, which at that time was a Baptist institution. After attending this college one term, he taught a term of school and then went home and spent a short time on the farm. In 1856 he emigrated to Missouri, and first stopped at Knob Noster, this county, where he secured a position as clerk in the establishment of John A. Pigg & Co. After the termination of this clerkship, he was engaged in various enterprises until 1859, when he embarked in the mercantile business, which he carried on till the war broke out, in 1861. At this time he was a member of the State Guards, and was ordered out in June of the same year, in defense of his noble state, and served his country faithfully, and participated in several hotly contested battles, among which were Wilson Creek and Lexington. In the latter, his side captured three thousand prisoners. He finally was captured in the spring of 1862, in Grover township, and taken to Sedalia and held a short time, after which he was released and returned to his home, where he engaged in farming and stockraising. During the war he engaged in teaching school a few terms

in the state of Indiana. In 1865, when matters had become settled, Mr. Tyler resumed his farming, and at the same time engaged in raising and dealing largely in the way of buying and shipping stock, which he successfully followed until the fall of 1880, when he was elected by the democrats, to fill the responsible position as Treasurer of Johnson county, a position for which his mild and genial ways have peculiarly fitted him. He has filled the office with great acceptability. In 1860, April 17, he was married to Miss Amanda J. Hocker, daughter of Larkin Hocker, Sr. a prominent pioneer and farmer, and stock-raiser of the eastern part of the county. The union was a happy one. Five children were born; one girl and four boys; Mallie M., Sterling P., Larkin M., James S., and Elmer H. Mrs. Tyler died Jan. 4, 1880. She was one of the best of mothers. Perhaps, none more dutiful and true. She had long been a faithful member of Mt. Zion Christian church, and was so at her death. In August, 1860, Mr. Tyler became a member of the Christian church, and is now one of its most liberal contributors. He is a friend of public schools. At his country home he served successfully as township clerk and school district clerk, for several years. He owns a handsome farm and residence in Grove township, called "*Summit Home*," (see page 614.) As a man, he is liberal and charitable, held in the highest estimation by all.

#### DAVID URIE,

A native of Pennsylvania, born in Washington county, March, 1829. He moved with his parents to Carroll county, Ohio, where he learned the trade of machinest, after which he went to Youngsville where he began the manufacture of threshing machines, and continued this enterprise until 1865, when he removed to Monmouth Ill., and made an engagement with the Weir Plow Company, remaining with these parties for about eighteen months. In the fall of 1867 he immigrated to Missouri, and located in Warrensburg. Soon after his arrival at this place he opened a foundry and machine shop, and commenced the manufacture of farm implements. Among the staple articles manufactured by this firm is a small, portable engine. They also make a speciality of sash-weights and all kinds of house and building castings, and many other useful articles. The establishment may be ranked as one of the permanent industries of Johnson county. Mr. Urie was united in marriage to Miss Rose McIntire, of Youngsville, Ohio, in 1855. She was the daughter of William McIntire, a prominent farmer of Adams county, Ohio. They have four children living: William F., Rue, Eva and D. A.

#### PIERRE VERNAZ,

proprietor of the vineyard denominated *Over the Rhine*, is a native of Switzerland, and born in the city of Bulle, in the State of Friburg, Decem-

ber 25, 1828. He was raised and educated in his native country until the age of eighteen years. When about fifteen years of age he went and served his time of learning the tailor's trade. After finishing this he spent some time traveling western France, Italy and many of her principal cities. In 1850 he married Miss Colette Pythoud, of the county as that of her husband. He then engaged in the tailoring business for himself, and his new wife engaged in the millinery business, which they continued successfully until 1854, when they emigrated to the United States. Arriving at New York they immediately went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he engaged in his former business, making a stay of about thirteen years. During this time he joined a company whose object was to go to Fort Laramie to trade with the Indians. While en route they were attacked by the Indians and he was shot through the hand, and beaten and bruised so that he was given up for dead. He was taken to the hospital at Fort Kerney, where he lay for a long time. After a partial recovery he was taken back to St. Louis where he continued to reside until 1867, when he moved with his family to Warrensburg and settled in Oldtown, where he remained until 1875. He then purchased five acres of land north of what is now known as New Town, on which he has grown the choicest varieties of fruits, including about two acres of grapes, consisting of eight varieties, from which he makes the best of wine. They have five children living: Eve, Adam, Mary A., Ida A. and Julius C.

#### A. J. V. WADELL,

photographer, born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, January 29, 1827. His father was a native of Virginia, and his mother of Maryland. They emigrated to Kentucky at a very early day and settled in a town known as Ruddles, her father building the celebrated Ruddles' Mills, of that place, and in which town the subject of this notice lived until his majority. He went from his native town to Carlisle, where he learned the saddler's trade and followed this ten years, after which he took music lessons under a very celebrated teacher by the name of Baldon, of Cincinnati, Ohio. He then engaged in teaching music, which he continued for twenty years. In 1854 he came to Missouri, stopping in Lafayette county, where he engaged in farming, and in 1857 he came to Warrensburg. In 1861 he opened a photograph gallery, and is supposed to have made the first photograph in Johnson county. So popular was Mr. Wadell that he run his gallery the whole time during the war without being interrupted. He has built up for himself and worthy son a large business. In 1844 Mr. Wadell was united in marriage to Miss C. J. Dora, of Bracken county, Kentucky. They have seven children, four boys and three girls: Jennie, Mary B. Oscar, Laura, Robert, William and Frank. Mr. W. is a member of the

Masonic fraternity, also of the Odd Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Wadell are worthy members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

#### HON. AIKMAN WELCH,

deceased. Was a leading attorney of Warrensburg, in *ante bellum* days. Born in Warren county, Missouri, May 25, 1827. His father, James E., a Baptist minister, was a native of Kentucky. He was a prominent man among the Baptists, establishing churches in Missouri as early as 1817, organized the first Baptist churches in St. Louis and Cape Girardeau, then French villages. He died in 1876. The subject of this sketch was liberally educated, and entered the law profession at an early age. In 1852 he moved to Warrensburg, and was a staunch advocate of the whig principles, until 1860, when he was elected to represent the county in the state legislature. He was decidedly opposed to secession, and voted for the state to remain in the union. In 1862 he was appointed by the military governor, Gamble, to the office of attorney-general, which he held to his death, which occurred in July, 1864. In 1848 he was married to Miss Annie M. Hitch, of St. Charles county, Missouri, daughter of C. B. Hitch, Esq. By this union three children were born: Frankie A., Jennie A., and Aikman.

#### THOMAS E. WHITE,

was born in Warren county, Ohio, March 31, 1831. His father was a native of New Jersey, and moved to Ohio in 1805. Thomas helped his father, who was a carpenter. Received a common school education, and commenced for himself at the age of twenty. In 1851 he went to Indiana, and spent fourteen years, a part of it in the mercantile business. Came to Missouri, and this county, in 1857, and located his present home at Warrensburg. Is carrying on a farm and dairy, and has a fine improved place. He has been quite successful, as he has a home market for all his stock of dairy products; in fact, is not able to keep up with the demands. He married Miss Isabel Thompson, of Montgomery county, Indiana, a daughter of Matthew Thompson, a prominent farmer of that state. They have two sons, William W. and Charles G. Mr. White knows what hard work and persistent effort are, and has commenced to reap the benefit of the same, after a good many years of struggle and toil. His neighbors all speak of him in commendable terms, which is an index of his character as a citizen.

#### OLIVER D. WILLIAMS,

farmer and stock-raiser, Warrensburg township, P. O. Warrensburg. Was born in New York, Yates county, April 30, 1826. Moved to Michigan, with his father, when about five years of age, and some time afterwards to LaGrange county, Indiana, where his father died in 1840.

When about nineteen years of age he went to Ft. Wayne, and learned the shoemaker's trade, and then took a trip through some of the southern cities, Memphis, Vicksburg, New Orleans, etc., and spending two years in Alabama. In 1849 he started to cross the plains, by the Santa Fe route, but the company getting broke, as it was called in those days, only reached Santa Fe that season. After getting his finances again in shape, by working at his old trade, he made another start for the city of gold, and landed in San Francisco, after a thirteen months' trip of hardships and peril, and with very little filthy lucre in his pockets. Here he remained for nearly four years, when he came to Warrensburg, Missouri, by way of New Orleans, and entered government land, the same upon which he now lives. He returned to California about a year after, and was there about two years, looking out for his former investments, after which he came back, and devoted his time to the 810 acres of land which he now owns, and has nicely improved, taking rank among the first in the county. Mr. Williams married a daughter of Philip Houx, in 1857. They have six children living—lost one: S. P., James R., Flora, Walter, Sarah Jane, Mary Margaret, and Frank Blair. His daughter Flora is the wife of C. S. Wetherspoon, deputy sheriff. Mr. Williams was sheriff of Johnson county from 1872 to 1876. He is one of the large, open-hearted farmers, who have made hosts of friends, and now stands among the best stock and grain-growers of the county.

### JAMES WILLIAMS,

of the firm of Phelps & Williams, proprietors of the Simmons House. Was born in the town of Marion, Ohio, July 9, 1849. At the age of six years, he moved with his parents to Illinois, where he was sent to the common school for two years, after which he went to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he learned the printer's trade. Being deprived early in life of the care of a father and mother, he soon felt the responsibility of caring for himself. He continued in the printing business until 1861. When the civil war broke he entered the union army, when the call was made for three months' men. After the expiration of his term of service, he volunteered in the three years' service, and was in many hotly contested battles. Was honorably discharged in the fall of 1864. After his return he resumed the printing business at Mattoon, Illinois, which he followed for nine years. Going from the case, he became editor-in-chief. He came to Warrensburg, and took charge of the Simmons House on the 1st day of May, 1881, at the same time forming a partnership with Jas. T. Phelps, a very worthy gentleman. They both are live men, and doing a good business. In December, 1865, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Jennie Cade, of Mattoon, Illinois, a lady well fitted for her responsible position.

## SELDEN P. WILLIAMS,

county collector, resides near Warrensburg. Born in Gates county, New York, February 12, 1828. His father, Selden Williams, was the youngest of four brothers, who were all of Revolutionary fame. Selden P., when only four years of age, moved with his parents to Michigan, and thence to Indiana, where he remained till eighteen years of age, then emigrated to Missouri in 1847, stopping at St. Louis, with only thirty cents in silver, which was all his wealth; there he volunteered and went as a soldier into the Mexican war, and served to the close, and was mustered out in November, 1848. He then returned to St. Louis, where he remained till the fall of 1850, and settled in Warrensburg, in February of the following year. Immediately on his arrival, he accepted a deputy clerkship in the office of the circuit and county clerk, which he held till 1852, when he was appointed deputy sheriff of Johnson county, and served four years. At the expiration of his office he engaged in farming. In 1861, he was appointed clerk of the circuit court, which he held till 1865, when he was relieved. In the fall of 1880, he was elected to the office of county collector by the Democrats of Johnson county. In 1871, in organization of the Warrensburg Savings Bank, he was elected the first cashier, and served acceptably for a period of two years. He has been engaged extensively here and in Colorado, in the stock business. He has a beautiful country home two miles west of the city, where he owns 200 acres of fertile land. He was married in 1842, to Miss P. F. Roberts, a daughter of John Roberts, Esq. She was born in Lafayette county, Mo. Her father was among the pioneer citizens of the county, and a worthy christian man. This marital tie was blessed by seven children; Hellen, Bennett, John, George, Lucy, Mary, and Charles. This family of children have all been liberally educated. Mr. Williams is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

## H. S. WITHERSPOON,

clerk of the circuit and criminal court, Warrensburg. He was born, in Hopkins county, Kentucky, June 10th, 1833. His father, Isaac, was a native of North Carolina. He was born in 1786, of Scotch-Irish extraction. He engaged as a planter of his native state. He was nephew of the John Witherspoon, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He came to Missouri in 1839, and died, in Henry county, in 1846. The subject of this sketch was mostly reared in rural districts, where he received his early education. To Mr. Buckner, a friend stopping in the family, he is indebted for considerable tutorage. He was the youngest of four brothers. At the age of sixteen years, he began business for himself, engaging in the stock and farm business till the war broke out in 1861. In 1865, after peace was restored, he engaged as a clerk for

Col. A. M. Coffey, of Knobnoster, which he continued for five years, when he engaged in business for himself, which he continued till the spring of 1874, and in the fall of the same year, he was elected clerk of the circuit court, which office he held four years, and in the fall of 1878, he was re-elected to the same office, which he still holds. In politics, he has always been a staunch Democrat. He was married twice. His first wife was Miss Margaret Pigg, of Knobnoster, she died in 1865, leaving three children, C. S., who is constable and deputy sheriff, M. C., now a jeweler, in Texas, and Laurena S., a student in the normal school. In December, 1867, he was united in wedlock with Miss Kate Pigg, cousin of his former wife, and lived in Pettis county. By this conjugal union, four children were born, two of each sex; Laura T., John R., Fannie, and Weber W. In temperament, Mr. Witherspoon is social and clever to a marked degree, always insuring him a host of friends.

#### C. S. WITHERSPOON,

deputy sheriff and constable, was born in Henry county, Mo., September 11th, 1856. He spent his boyhood days at home, and at the age of thirteen started out with a spurt of adventure, going to Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Old Mexico, California, and most of the western states. His trip was full of interest, and only a lack of space forbids our putting it in print. He returned to Warrensburg in 1877. He is a young man who makes friends by pleasant and gentlemanly conduct, and a disposition to do to others as he would have them do to him. He married Flora Williams, daughter of O. D. Williams.

#### WILLIAM W. WOOD,

attorney-at-law, and proprietor of real estate abstract office, Warrensburg. Born in Johnson county, Mo., May 1, 1850. His early education was obtained at the common schools of Simpson township, after that he entered higher schools and received a good education. In 1870, he entered the law department of the State University of Kentucky, graduating in February, 1871, and at once settled down to practice at Warrensburg, where he has been in a successful business ever since, and in the highest estimation of the people. His youth was spent on the farm, with his mother, (now Mrs. Duvall) in Simpson township; his father having died while William was quite young. He was united in marriage, May 21, 1873, to Miss Eulala Cruce, a charming young lady, daughter of Lafayette Cruce, one of the oldest settlers of Henry county, where she was born. By this union they have two children living, Wm. A., and Ralph E. In politics, Mr. Wood is a firm Democrat. He has served one term as Public Administrator. In religion is a member of the Christian Church, and one of the most studious workers in that Sunday school. Of



late he has formed a partnership with Chas. Snow, in real estate abstracts. He is a temperate, social gentleman.

### JULIUS WOODFORD,

was born in Hartford county, Connecticut, April 12, 1816. Was raised on a farm. His father, Asaph, was a native of Connecticut, and was one of the most prominent farmers of that country. Julius remained on the farm assisting his father until he was of age, and then secured a position as collector for a clock manufactory, which he filled for sometime, and then stopped awhile in this state, following the same business for one of his brothers. Afterward sold clocks throughout this and other states, and was known as the Yankee clock peddler. In 1850, he went to California and spent two years, after which he returned to Missouri, and settled on a farm of 160 acres, which he has improved. Was married to Miss Martha Huff, a native of Kentucky, who died in 1869, leaving seven children, named as follows: Asaph, Thornton T., John F., Julius H., Benjamin G., Arthusa Elnora, and Martha B., now Mrs. Warnich of Post Oak township. His second marriage was in 1862, to Mrs. Marshall, of this county. Mr. Woodford is rather on the eccentric order and enjoys sociability. His experience and adventures in traveling through different states are very entertaining, and his liberal social way has gained him a host of friends.

### J. B. WORDEN,

druggist, of the firm of Worden & Bryson, Holden Street Warrensburg, Mo. Mr. Worden was born in Licking county, Ohio, Dec. 9, 1840, son of John Worden, who was a native of New York. John Worden was born in October, 1800, and died in March 1879. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Polly Peck, also a native of New York; she is still living and resides with her son in this city. Mr. Worden was reared in Michigan, but in 1860 removed to Indiana, where in July, 1861, entered the Union army in 39th infantry, but subsequently the regiment was changed into 8th cavalry. He served in the army of the Cumberland and was with Sherman on his march to the sea, and saw General Johnson present his sword to Gen. Sherman at the surrender of the confederate forces near Raleigh, N. C. After the war had closed he returned to Indiana, where he resided till 1879, he became a practical druggist, and has carried on that business nearly all the time since. About five years he carried on a manufactory of stoves. He was married in December, 1865, to Emiline Reed, daughter of Dr. Evarts Reed, a leading physician of New Corydon, Ind. Their family consists of Frank V., Bertha E., Cora E. Mr. and Mrs. Worden are highly respected members of the Christian church. In February, 1879, he removed

to La Cygne, Kansas, and in January, 1880, to Kansas City. July 14, 1881, he commenced business with W. A. Bryson, at his present stand, and the confidence and patronage which this new firm has secured is truly flattering. Both are worthy men, and do a square business.

### MARCUS YOUNGS,

cashier of Johnson county savings bank. It is not age that makes men generous and valuable factors in social and business circles; it is not wealth and miserly hording of money, nor is it the fact of being reared in the community that makes an officer of a bank most efficient and trustworthy. Enterprising young business men who seek to forward and encourage every project which is calculated to build up the town and county in which they live, are the hope of this republic, and those only who properly develop its resources. Marcus Youngs, for whom these few sentences are intended, is a young man highly respected, and possessing the qualities of a good bank officer. He is the son of Edgar Youngs, who was a native of New York, and came to Lafayette county about the year 1832. Marcus' mother's maiden name was Mary Mock, a native of North Carolina. In March, 1877, Mr. Youngs took the position as book-keeper, and two years later was elected cashier. He is well qualified for his responsible duties, having studied the science of practical business in colleges and schools. The names of his brothers and sisters are: George, (Marcus) Theodore, Emma R., Mollie, Annie, Mattie and Fannie.

### MADISON TOWNSHIP.

#### THOMAS J. ALLISON,

farmer, P. O. Holden, Missouri, was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, June 12, 1825. He was a stone cutter and mason, and followed the business until 1865. He came to Missouri in 1857, where he remained until 1860, when he returned to Ohio. In 1866 he again came to Missouri, and located in Cass county, where he had purchased land before his trip to Ohio. In 1869 he moved into Johnson county, locating near Holden. He owns 450 acres of well improved land all in cultivation. He was married in 1851 to Miss Mariah Davidson, of Ohio, who died in 1853, leaving one daughter, Mary. He was again married in 1860 to Susan Garnett, daughter of George T. Garnett. They have no children by this union. Mr. and Mrs. Allison are both members of the Baptist church, of which Mr. A. is a deacon.

## W. P. BAKER,

blacksmith and wagon manufacturer, Holden, Missouri, was born in Monroe county, Missouri, Nov. 20th, 1840. When he was about eight years of age he came to Johnson county with his parents. He then moved to St. Clair county, where he remained about ten years, during which time he worked with his father in a cabinet shop. He served three years in the union army, after which he opened a blacksmith and wagon shop in Henry county, where he remained about eight years. He then came to Johnson county and located in Holden, where he opened a shop and established his present business, which is manufacturing wagons and doing all kinds of repairing. He was first married to Miss Mary Christian of Warrensburg, in 1865, who died in January, 1873, leaving two children. He was again married to Miss Mary Quinly of Henry county, Missouri, by whom he had three children. Mr. Bakers' father was a native of Kentucky and came to Missouri when a young man, and now lives in Henry county, and is a cabinet workman. His mother was also a native of Kentucky and died in 1850 in St. Clair county, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are both members of the Christian church.

## RICHARD BELL,

proprietor of the Bell House, Holden, Missouri, is a native of New York. In 1852 he was engaged on the Mo. P. R. R., and ran on the first engine from St. Louis to Holden. He ran a construction train until 1875, when he quit the road. In 1867 he built what is known as the Bell House, one of the best in the county. It is three stories high and 44x60 feet, with a well 44x15 feet. He also built a brick business house on the main business street. He is somewhat retired now, but still looks after his interests here and in Kansas City, and watches important investments.

## H. W. BOXMEYER,

Holden P. O. The subject of this sketch is the son of John H. Boxmeyer, and was born June 7, 1838, in Prussia, Germany. He received a liberal education in the schools of that country. When 19 years of age he emigrated to the United States, landing at New Orleans in the fall of 1857, remaining in New Orleans but a short time; he then moved to Cass county, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming; when the war of the rebellion came on, he espoused the cause of the Union, and in the early fall of '61, enlisted in the 3d Illinois cavalry. He with his regiment participated in some of the hard fought battles of the war. At the battle of Suntown in June, '64, he was taken prisoner, and for five months was confined in the Andersonville prison. After peace was declared he returned to his Illinois home, where he remained about one year, when he removed

to St. Louis, where he remained for two years. In March, 1868, he moved to Johnson county, Missouri, settling at Holden, and engaged in the grain and grocery business; he remained in the grocery business about eleven years, disposing of this business, he and his partner Mr. Bluhm erected large grain elevators, and have been extensively engaged since that time, in the buying and shipping of all kinds of grain. July 2, 1875, Mr. Boxmeyer married Miss Sarah Huzzard, a most estimable and refined lady of this city. From this union, there are three children: Charles H., Bertram W. and Edith M. Mr. Boxmeyer can truly be called a domestic man, and with his interesting little family, he enjoys the pleasure and comforts of one of Holden's most beautiful homes. In his several business relations Mr. Boxmeyer is unostentatious, enjoying the confidence of all. In business Mr. Boxmeyer has been very successful; he owns a fine farm about two miles west of Holden, well improved, and under a high state of cultivation. In this city, he owns the fine residence he occupies on Main street, and also a half interest in the large and extensive grain elevators, besides interests in other business buildings.

### JAMES H. BRADLEY,

postoffice, Holden, Missouri, was born in Tennessee, in 1798. When fifteen years old he moved to Kentucky, where he remained until 1830, when he came to the state of Missouri, and located near Columbus, then in Lafayette county, where he remained one year, and then moved into the neighborhood of what is now known as Rock Springs, and settled on and entered government land. His first house was made of logs, with a wooden chimney. In his early life he learned the saddler's trade. He was also engaged in the manufacture of tobacco, which he sold to the merchants of Warrensburg, and quite extensively through Kansas. He also run quite an extensive brick manufactory, selling brick to parties in Holden, and in the surrounding country. He afterwards engaged in farming and stock raising, and raising tobacco. In 1824 he was married to Miss Lucy S. Violett, by whom he had eight children, four of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. B. are both members of the M. E. church. James C. Bradley, the fourth son, was born March 1, 1847. At the age of seventeen he entered the confederate army under Gen. Marmaduke, and served fourteen months. He returned home after the summer of 1865, and engaged in farming. He was married October 7, 1875, to Miss Emma Stark, by whom he has three children: Leshe H., Edwin H. and Elma T. Mrs. B. is a member of the M. E. church south.

### WM. T. BROWNLEE,

deceased. Was a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Washington county, January 18, 1808. He lived in his native county until he arrived

at manhood. His early education was quite limited, and his mother being a widow, the care of the family fell upon him. In 1868 he came to Missouri and purchased land, and then returned and brought the family in 1869, and located two miles west of Centerview, Johnson county, where he remained about two years, after which he moved onto a farm on Black Water, where he remained until May 1, 1871, when he moved onto the farm on which his widow now lives, and where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred on the 29th day of December, 1879, caused by gun shot, fired by a man named Church. Mr. B. was an active and energetic farmer, and dealt largely in stock. He was first married to Miss Hester Brownlee, by whom he had two children, Robert L. and Sada J., now Mrs. Albright. Robert is now in the wholesale grocery business in Steubenville, Ohio. Mr. Brownlee was again married to Miss Mattie A. McNeal, daughter of Joseph McNeal, of Ohio. Mrs. Brownlee is a lady of culture and refinement, and rare domestic habits. She has had two sons, Rolla C. and William B. Mr. B's. land estate consists of 677 acres, most of which is well improved, with good substantial buildings. Mr. and Mrs. B. were both members of the U. P. church, and at his death Mr. B. was an elder. He was always highly honored and respected as a neighbor, and always took a very active part in church and educational matters.

#### LOUIS BERTHOUD,

Holden city, watchmaker and jeweler. Was born in France in the year 1835, February 14. He learned his trade as above in that country under the supervision of a skilled workman, and at an early age was master of the same. He came to the United States when seventeen years of age, and followed his business in the following prominent cities: Richmond, Indiana, Cleveland, Ohio, Leavenworth, Kansas, coming to this state from the last named place in 1866, and starting his present business in this city. Mr. Berthoud has built up a good business in all the departments. His thorough knowledge as a practical workman has increased each year's business, and he stands at the head among the best workmen in the county. His store is made attractive with a varied stock of all goods pertaining to the line, and no house in the county enjoys a reputation for straightforward and honorable dealing ahead of this, and Johnson county has good reason to feel proud of him as one of her adopted citizens.

#### JOHN W. CAMPBELL,

farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Holden, Missouri, was born in North Carolina, March 8, 1828. His father was a native of that state, and was a farmer by occupation, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He died in 1857. John W. spent his youth on a farm. His early education was very

limited; he, however, availed himself of every opportunity, and spent all his spare time in reading, and acquired a good English education in this way. When he was ten years of age, he moved with his parents to the state of Indiana, where he remained until 1853, when he removed to Macdonough county, Illinois, and settled on a farm, where he remained until 1866, when he moved to Missouri, and settled in Johnson county, two and one-half miles northwest of Columbus, on a farm which he still owns, consisting of 240 acres of well-improved land. He commenced business for himself at the age of twenty-one, in very meagre circumstances. Soon after his arrival in Columbus township, he engaged in the stock business, and has been extensively engaged in carrying on his farm, and dealing in cattle and hogs. He has always been successful in his dealings, associating experience with good judgment, and never engaging recklessly in any business. He was married to Miss Mary E. Payne in 1856. Miss Payne was a native of Illinois, and the daughter of James M. Payne, a prominent farmer of that state. By this union they have had four children, three of whom are living: Martha E., Cora E., and Flora A.—the last two being twins. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and one daughter are members of the Christian Church, and among its most liberal contributors. Mr. Campbell first moved to Holden in 1873, where he remained till 1874, when he moved back to the farm, where he remained two years, and again moved to Holden, where he has resided ever since.

#### WASHINGTON CARNEY,

farmer P. Holden, Missouri, was born in Kentucky in 1834. He lived in his native state until sixteen years of age, when he went to the state of Illinois, where he remained two years, and then came to Missouri, and located in Scotland county, in 1852. He came to Johnson county in 1866, and settled on his present farm, known as the Marion farm, containing 522 acres, 400 under fence, with good, substantial buildings. The main branch of Blackwater runs through his farm, affording plenty of water for the stock all the year around. He was married in Scotland county, January 22, 1857, to Miss Sarah E. Fryrear, a native of Kentucky. By this union they have ten children: Sarah, Jefferson D., Robinson Lee, Joshua C., David P., Nora O., Lillie B., Gilbert, Charles S., and Vest.

#### GEORGE D. CARPENTER,

P. O. Holden, was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1844, but was principally raised in western New York. Received primary education in the common schools, and afterward attended the Randolph Academy of New York. Ahaz F. Carpenter, his father, who is an attorney, and a citizen very highly respected for his ability, integrity, and high moral standing. Is a native of New York, and born in Chautauqua

county, January 15, 1819. He received a liberal education at the common and select schools of his county. He spent a part of his youth in a flouring-mill, and, learning the business thoroughly, he continued in milling until 1867, then engaged in the dry goods business, which he followed until 1869, when he moved to Holden, where he has resided ever since. He studied law in his native state. Soon after his arrival at Holden, he was appointed justice of the peace, and at the same time notary public, which office he has held continuously till the present time, with the exception of justice of peace one term. He was elected again in the fall of 1880 to justice of peace; in the spring of 1881 was elected town attorney, which office he holds at present. In 1842, on the 7th day of July, he was married to Miss Mary Jackson, a native of Erie county, Pennsylvania. The result of this union is five children, all living: Mary A., George D. (our subject), Elizabeth S., Henry P., and Lotta C. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are worthy members of the Presbyterian Church. George D. Carpenter, who is our subject, came to Holden the same year his father did, and was identified with the insurance and real estate business, which he followed for some time, and at the same time carried on the dry goods business, which he continued until 1881, when he abandoned the insurance, but is still engaged in the sale of real estate. Mr. Carpenter was married, in 1871, to Miss Ella S. Barr, of Ohio, daughter of James Barr. By this union they have three children: Fred S., Charley P., and Clara. Mrs. Carpenter is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

### C. L. CARTER,

physician, born in Ray county, March 1, 1832. His father, William Carter, was a native of Virginia, emigrating to Tennessee at a very early day. (Born in 1806). William's father moved to Ray county when he was quite small, and where he acquired a fair English education. His mother was a native of South Carolina, born July 15, 1808. C. L. Carter was educated at the common schools. His father had acquired a large estate, but at his death it was squandered by the administrators. Thus the youth was compelled to seek such employment as he could find. He began his career as a teacher, which he followed for a short time, then began the study of medicine, and in the spring of 1851 moved to Cass county and entered the St. Louis Medical College, and graduated with the honors of his class in 1857. In 1862 he entered the army as surgeon. On his return from the army he wrote a treatise on pathology, which was received with much favor by his *alma mater* as a text book. He came to this county in 1859 and has a fine residence in Holden. His landed estate numbers 1,200 acres, all in cultivation. The Doctor, aside from his extensive practice, devotes his spare time to the sciences, writing articles and corresponding with some of the leading medical journals of the day.

## W. L. CHRISTIAN,

of the firm of Starkey & Christian, Holden, Missouri, is a native of Pettis county, Missouri, where he was born in September, 1838. His parents were both natives of Kentucky. His father was a merchant and farmer, and came to Missouri about 1826. He moved his family to the state in 1835, and settled in eastern Missouri. He soon returned to Pettis county, where W. L. was born, whose youth was spent on a farm. His early education was obtained in the common schools. He afterward attended the Chapel Hill College, and then went to Salt Lake City, Utah; returning in 1861, he entered the army and served until 1866, when he came to Holden and formed a partnership with J. Starkey and engaged in the lumber business. He was united in marriage to Miss Emma J. Walton, of Holden, on the 30th of September, 1872. Miss Walton was a daughter of Judge Walton. By this union they have four children: Bert W., Floy, Ode and W. Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Christian are both acceptable members of the Christian church, and are among its most liberal contributors.

## HENRY C. CONNER,

of the firm of Conner & Smith, is a native of Ohio, and was born in Hardin county, Ohio, on the nineteenth day of May, 1844. His father was a native of Delaware, and emigrated to Ohio at an early day and engaged in the business of farming. He died in Hardin county in the year 1853. Henry spent his boyhood days on the farm, and followed the business till he was about twenty-five years of age. In 1868 he came to Missouri and settled in the city of Holden, Johnson county, where he has resided ever since. Soon after his arrival in Holden he engaged in the grain business with J. G. Cope. The two remained together about four years, when Mr. Cope retired from the firm and engaged in the banking business. Mr. Conner continued alone in the grain business about four years longer, when he transferred his business to the grist mill, buying out the interest of William Starkey, and forming a partnership with J. H. Smith, which still exists. They are engaged in buying and shipping grain and manufacturing flour, most of which is shipped to St. Louis, Missouri. In 1876 he was elected to the office of councilman of the city of Holden. He was married in the city of Holden, in 1875, to Miss Emma Cheney, of that city, who is a native of Illinois. By this union they have one daughter: Hettie E. Mr. and Mrs. Conner are acceptable members of the M. E. church, and are among its most liberal contributors.

## W. M. COVENTRY,

P. O. Holden, one of the oldest settlers of Holden, is the subject of the following sketch. He was born in the state of Illinois, July 29, 1816, and is of English descent. His father was among the early settlers of St. Clair





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county, Illinois, and was for many years identified with the business interests of Bellville, he building the first mill in that city. He afterward emigrated and settled on what was known as the Amerson bottoms, where he resided until 1820, when he died. Mr. W. M. Coventry's youth was spent on a farm. His advantages for an education were somewhat limited, owing to the fact of there being so few schools at that early day. He, however, applied himself, and improved what opportunities he had, fitting himself for a business life. He commenced business in Madison county, Illinois, and remained there until the year 1865, when he moved to Missouri, settling in Holden. He has resided there ever since, engaged in the mercantile business, bringing the first stock of goods brought to Holden after the war, and, at that time, the first business house established. Mr. C. followed the mercantile business for a number of years. Mr. Coventry was the first mayor of Holden, and has served several years as city councilman. He has also held positions on the board of education. Mr. Coventry had dealt largely in real estate. In 1869 he built the M. E. chapel, in Holden, and about the same time erected his fine residence. Mr. C. has laid out three additions to the town of Holden, and was for a number of years a stockholder and director in the Holden bank. Mr. Coventry has been twice married. He first married, in 1840, Miss Priscilla D. Stockland, who lived but a few years. From this union there was one child, who died shortly after the mother. He was again married, January 18, 1848, to Miss Elizabeth Semen, of St. Clair county, Ills. From this union there were three children: Sarah C., Mary E., Charles W. and James H. Sarah C. and Charles W. are both dead. Mr. Coventry, as a business man, has been very successful, always engaging his time and money in all worthy and benevolent purposes. He is one of the leading members of the M. E. church of that city.

#### HENRY B. CRANE,

liveryman, Holden, Mo., was born in Muskegan county, Ohio, on January 23, 1842. His father, Joseph Crane, was one of the early settlers of that part of the country, and was a farmer by occupation; he now lives in Marion county. Henry spent his youth on a farm. At the age of 18 he left the farm and went to clerk for his brother. He then went to Illinois, and in 1861 he enlisted in the union army in company H, 59th Illinois volunteers, and served three years. He then retired to Marion county the home of his father, and engaged in the mercantile business with his father and brother for eighteen months. In 1866 he came to Missouri, and located in Holden. Soon after he arrived he accepted a clerkship with Peer, Nichols & Co., and was with them eight months, after which he engaged in the livery business with Van Mater, until March, 1867,

when his brother J. H. Crane bought out Van Mater's interest, and the firm was H. B. Crane & Bro. On the 23d of March, 1881, he bought out his brother's interest and now continues the business himself. He is the oldest liveryman in the county, and established the first livery in that part of the county. He was appointed deputy marshal in Holden. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and Odd Fellows.

#### N. B. DAVIDSON,

farmer, P. O. Holden, Mo., was born in Alabama, Jan. 8, 1829. Wm. Davidson, his father, was a native of the same state, and came to Missouri in 1830, and settled in Lafayette county, where he remained one year, and then moved to Johnson county, and settled on Walnut Creek about eight miles north of Warrensburg, where he lived two years, and then moved out on a farm, four miles east of Holden, where he resided until his death, which occurred in May 6, 1879. Nathan B. spent his youth on a farm, and in 1847 he crossed the plains. He returned in 1848, and engaged in farming and stock-raising. He was married Jan. 11, 1855, to Miss Louisa Hatton, daughter of Joseph Hatton, Esq. By this union they have four children: J. Walker, Mary J., Virginia and Missouri. During the late war his house was burned and his family turned out-of-doors. An attempt was also made to confiscate his lands. After peace was declared he went to work again with renewed energy, and now owns 225 acres, all well improved, with good substantial buildings. Mr. Davidson has always been a peaceable and industrious citizen, and a kind neighbor.

#### DR. SAMUEL DAY,

P. O., Holden, was born in Licking county, Ohio, Nov. 10, 1846. His youth was spent on a farm, and he received a liberal education from the schools of his native county. When about 20 years old, he commenced the study of medicine, and entered the medical college at Cincinnati, Ohio; he spent one term at this institution, then he moved to Missouri, settling at Pittsville, Johnson county, where he began the practice of his profession. Here he remained until the fall of 1874, when he returned to the medical college at Cincinnati, took a regular course and graduated in February, 1875. He then returned to Missouri and resumed the practice of his profession. While located at Pittsville, Dr. Day enjoyed a large and extended practice. In the fall of 1880, he failing in health, and wishing better school advantages for his children, moved his family to Holden. Here the Dr. took his position among the leading physicians of the city, where his skill and ability justly placed him. December 17, 1868, Dr. Day married Miss Laura A. Glancy, a native of Licking county, Ohio; from this union there are three children, viz: Clara C., Alice V.,

and Herman. The Dr. owns a fine residence in Holden, with extended grounds, beautifully ornamented with fruit, evergreen and other trees.

#### AMOS M. DEMASTERS,

farmer, Sec. 27, P. O. Holden, Missouri. Was born in Johnson county, August 5th, 1860. His father, August J. Demasters, came to Missouri with his father's family and settled in Lafayette county. He removed to Johnson county at a very early day and entered government land, on which he erected a small log house which was burnt by the jayhawkers on the 8th of July, 1862. He was one of the earliest settlers of the county and lived on the old homestead until his death, which occurred in December, 1864. His wife, Amos' mother, was a native of Kentucky. In 1868 she was again married to a very worthy gentleman by the name of J. N. Campbell, a native of Virginia, who came to Lafayette county in 1854, and to Johnson county in 1868 where he has lived ever since on the old homestead and takes care of the boys. Amos M. was married to Miss Susie Russell on February 9th, 1881. Miss Russell was a native of Kentucky. Wm. A. Demasters, brother of Amos M., was born in March, 1864, and is a resident of this county.

#### JAMES M. DORMAN,

farmer, Sec. 4, P. O. Holden, Missouri, was born in 1839, in Owen county, Kentucky. He removed to Campbell county with his parents, when he was about eight years of age, where he remained until he was twenty-one, when he entered the confederate army, where he served two years, after which he went to Illinois, where he remained for four years, during which time he was married to Miss Christina Cook of Kentucky, August 1st, 1866. During the same year he emigrated to Johnson county, Missouri, where he was engaged as a teacher until 1878, when he engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which he has been quite successful. In 1870 he moved on his present farm, consisting of 100 acres of well-improved land. His father was a native of Maryland, and was born in 1804. His mother was born in the city of Hartford, Connecticut. She is still living and enjoys very fair health. Mr. and Mrs. Dorman are both members of the Baptist church, in good standing and contribute liberally to its support.

#### J. J. FITZGEARLD,

proprietor of the Bell House, Holden, Missouri, was born in Kentucky, July 28th, 1843. When quite small he moved with his parents to Louisville, and from thence to Indiana, and at the age of fifteen years he began railroading, and was employed as a brakeman. He was afterwards promoted to conductor on a passenger train and served ten years. He then engaged in the hotel business in Tyler, Texas, where he remained two

years. In 1869 he came to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was again engaged as passenger conductor on the Ohio & Miss. R. R. for three years. In 1878 he moved to Breckenridge, Missouri, where he was appointed road master, and held the position until 1880. He then engaged in the hotel business in Brookfield, Mo. From there he went to Herman, where he was engaged in the ice business. He sold out his interest and came to Holden and bought out E. B. Bartlett, and has since conducted the Bell House of Holden.

### GEORGE GIBBS,

P. O. Holden, Missouri, was born in England in 1830, where he lived until seventeen years of age, when he came to America and located within six miles of Buffalo, with Hon. Lewis Allen, the noted fine-stock raiser, whose farm contains 1000 acres. He afterwards went to work with R. F. Elliott, the author of the book entitled, "The Hand Book of the Western Fruit Culturist," with whom he remained one year, after which he went to the State of Michigan, and purchased his first piece of land, and went to farming. During the California excitement, he went to that gold region and was quite successful. In 1853 he returned to Michigan, and sold his farm and bought again in another part of the state, where he remained until 1862, when he returned to England and traveled over his native country. In 1863 he returned to this country and disposed of his farm, and became manager of a packing house, run by an English firm. He remained with them one year, and then went to Iowa, where he was engaged in the grain and lumber business for four years. In 1870 he came to Missouri, and located on the farm on which he now lives. His success as a wheat grower is wonderful. He was married in 1850 to Miss Lucinda West of Ann Arbor, Michigan. He has four children: Ida A., Lillie E., Nellie C., and George B. Mrs. Gibbs is a member of the M. E. church, and Mr. G. of the Episcopal. He is a very successful farmer, and his articles on agriculture have been copied in all parts of Great Britain.

### M. S. GRAY,

agent, Holden, Missouri; was born in Franklin county, Missouri, December, 1841. His father was a traveling man. His early education was obtained in the common school, then known as Des Perse College in St. Louis county. He also attended Jones' Commercial College of St. Louis, Missouri. In 1860 he commenced rail-roading, and served as a brakeman until an accident occurred in which he lost his right leg. He then entered a freight office at Jefferson city. In 1865 he came to Holden and entered the R. R. office, where he has acted as agent ever since. He was married in 1870 to Miss Georgie E. Garnett of Holden, who was a native

of Virginia. By this union they have three children: William D., M. S. Jr., and H. R. His father was from N. Y. and died in 1853 in St. Louis county.

### W. W. HALL,

farmer and stock-raiser, Sec. 19, P. O. Holden, Missouri, was born in Logan county, Kentucky, May 26th, 1836. He spent his youth on a farm, and obtained his early education in the common schools of his neighborhood. He was married in his native county, in 1855, to Miss Martha Logan. In 1862 he moved to Illinois where he remained until 1869, when he moved to Johnson county, Missouri, and purchased a farm in Chilhowie township, where he remained about seven years, then sold out and bought his present farm, consisting of 160 acres of well improved land, with good substantial buildings. He is extensively engaged in wheat growing, to which his land is well adapted. Previous to this he fed stock. He has been township-treasurer of Chilhowie township, for two terms, and is at present a school director. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are both members of the Baptist church, having joined about 27 years ago. They have four children, three girls and one boy. Mr. Hall is a kind neighbor and universally esteemed by all who know him. He is the owner of the celebrated Chalybeate spring, situated in a most advantageous place for pleasure seekers and as a health resort.

### WILLIAM M. HAMILTON,

farmer, Sec. 33, P. O. Holden, Missouri, is a native of Johnson county, and was born Dec. 14th, 1874. He received his early education in the common schools. His father, A. B. Hamilton, was a native of Tennessee. He was a farmer, and emigrated to Missouri, about the year 1833, stopping one year in Lafayette county, after which he came to Johnson county and settled on Sec. 28, obtaining most of his land from the government, which he improved for himself. He owned 420 acres and was quite an extensive stock raiser. He lived on the old home-stead until his death, which occurred in September, 1878. Mm. M. Hamilton's mother was also a native of Tennessee. She died when William was quite young. Mr. Hamilton was married on March 12th, 1874, to Miss Mary M. Brown, a lady of culture and refinement. By this union they have one daughter, Dora, born Jan. 30th, 1875. Mr. Hamilton received the appointment of deputy assessor in 1880, and was reappointed in '81, which office he still holds. He also carries on his farm at the same time. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

## J. B. HANK,

Holden, Missouri, is a native of West Virginia, born in Monroe county, Jan. 22, 1832, and in 1838 he emigrated to Ohio with his parents, where he received his education, and spent his youth on a farm. His father and mother were both natives of Virginia. His father died in 1854, and his mother in 1848. J. B. is the third son of six, and moved to Knox county, Illinois in 1856, where he remained about two years. He went to California in 1859, and remained until 1861, during which time he was a miner; from there he went to Nevada, and from there to Montana, and thence to Idaho, and in December, 1868, he came to Missouri, and settled in Johnson county, locating near Holden, where he has resided ever since. His farm contains 180 acres of land, well improved. He devotes most of his time to growing small grain, to which his farm is well adapted. Mr. H. has served four years as deputy sheriff of Johnson county.

## J. P. HARMON.

Among the business men of this township, none stands higher in the estimation of the public than J. P. Harmon, the subject of this sketch. He is a native of Kentucky, and was born Jan. 21, 1840. Louis Harmon was also a native of Kentucky, and lived for many years in New Winchester. Young Harmon passed his youth like most of the boys of his native county in farming, and acquiring an education. The father moved to Missouri in the fall of 1845, and settled in the north-eastern part of Johnson county, where he resided until his death, which occurred in March, 1863. In 1865 Mr. Harmon began business for himself; that of farming and dealing in live stock, which business he has continued ever since. He was married in the year 1867 to Miss Susan Patterson, a daughter of Samuel Patterson of Lafayette county. From this union there are two children, both of whom are yet living, viz: Sarah, and Mary. In the fall of 1880, Mr. Harmon was elected from this county to the lower branch of the Legislature; and to his credit it can be said, that he made a faithful, competent, and worthy officer. Mr. Harmon is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, unassuming in appearance. In business, strictly honorable and honest, enjoying the confidence of all. Mr. Harmon owns a farm of about 500 acres, under a good state of cultivation.

## PLEASANT B. HILL,

farmer, Madison township; postoffice, Holden. Was born in Tennessee, March 22, 1823. He came to Missouri with his parents when about eleven years of age. His father was a native of South Carolina, and died in Johnson county, Missouri, on what is now known as the Brownlee farm in 1837. Pleasant spent his youth on a farm, and attended the com-



mon schools; but being the older son he worked hard to help maintain the family. When he arrived at manhood he went west and entered the Mexican war, after which he returned home, but went back to Mexico again and traveled through the republic, and then went to New Orleans, and from there he returned home. The following year he again went to Mexico, thence to California, where he remained ten years engaged in farming and mining. He returned again to Missouri about the time the war broke out, and entered the confederate army and served during the war, being most of the time in Missouri and Arkansas. In 1865 he was married to Miss May F. Mattock, of Kentucky, daughter of George C. Mattock, Esq., and has since been engaged in farming, and has been very successful. His farm and other lands amount to 417 acres. The family consists of three children: May C., William P. and Bellvinia.

### JOHN JOHNSON,

blacksmith, Holden, Missouri. Was born in England in 1836, and came to the United States in 1865, landing at Jersey City. He went from there to Albany, where he opened a shop, having learned his trade in his native country. He run the shop about eighteen months, and then moved to Illinois, where he remained about twelve months. About the year 1868 he came to Missouri, and located in Holden, and resumed his trade, and has also run a wagon shop in connection with the blacksmith shop. In 1857 he was married to Miss Margaret Johnson, daughter of Andrew Johnson, a prominent citizen of that place. By this union they have six children living: Esther (now Mrs. Philips), Adam, Lizzie, Matthew, Lena and Earnest J. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are both members of the Christiau church. Mr. Johnson identified himself with the church when quite young.

### MARTIN V. JOHNSON,

dentist, Holden, Missouri, is a native of Ohio, born in Knox county, January 20, 1839. His father, Joseph Johnson, was a native of the same place. His grandfather was a native of Pennsylvania, and died at the remarkable age of eighty-seven years. Martin's father was a prominent farmer, and is still living in the enjoyment of fair health, and is about seventy-six years of age. Martin spent his youth on a farm and received his early education in the common schools. In 1860 he went to learn the dentist's trade with Dr. McBryer, of Ohio, and was engaged for some time in study and preparation, and then entered the dental college at Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated in the spring of 1865, and went to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and practiced until 1868, when he came to Holden, Missouri. Soon after his arrival he resumed his profession, and has been actively engaged ever since, and has been very successful. He was elected to the city council

and held the position for five years. He is a director of the bank of Holden. He was married in Ohio in 1868, to Miss Malinda Bricker, of Knox county. The family consists of one son, Archie H. Johnson. Mr. Johnson has been a member of the Presbyterian church for eight years, and also one of the ruling elders, which position he held for six years. He also has been assistant superintendent of the Sabbath schools about seven years.

#### GEORGE F. KENNEDY,

of the firm of Kennedy Bros. & Co., Holden, Mo., is a native of Canada, and was born in December, 1853. He came to the United States in 1874, via Detroit, Mich., and thence to Holden, Mo., where he engaged at once in the grocery business, serving five years as clerk for Wm. Steele, after which he and his brother bought out Mr. Steele's interest, and have continued in the business ever since. They are young men, but they possess a large amount of business talent and ingenuity, and exhibit much judgment in making their purchases. The store room is 144 feet long and is literally filled with goods. They study the wants of their customers, and their stock consists of everything in the grocery line. They commenced business in very meagre circumstances. George F. when he arrived in Holden had only 40 cents. He was married on the twenty-fifth day of June, 1879, to Miss Alice Sparks, a native of Bedford, Pa. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and also of the Knights of Honor. Their sales last year amounted to over thirty thousand dollars.

#### THOMAS D. KENNEDY,

of the firm of Kennedy Bros. & Co., is also a native of the same country as that of his brother, viz: Canada. He came to Missouri and was married on May the 12th, 1881, to Miss Mattie Fowler, of St. Louis, Mo., who at that time was residing with her uncle. He is a member of the Knights of Honor.

#### WM. G. KING,

insurance and real estate agent, Holden, Mo., is a native of Johnson county, Mo., and was born June 23d, 1852. His boyhood days were spent on a farm. His early education was obtained in the common schools. He afterward attended the State University of Missouri. He was appointed agent of the Mo. P. R. R. at Kingsville, which position he held for about eighteen months, when he resigned and engaged in the dry goods business, which he followed about eighteen months, when he disposed of this and occupied his time in looking after his lands and farms, which consist of 320 acres, all of which is well improved. His father, W. G. King, was a native of Alabama, and emigrated to Missouri in 1851,

and settled at a point called Centre Knob, where he remained until his death, which occurred in March, 1859. On first coming to the county he bought five thousand acres of choice lands, most of which was in one large tract. His mother is still living, and resides at Kingsville. Mr. King was married in 1873 to Miss Mary A. Tagg. By this union they have two children: Irene C. and Clarence E. He came to Holden in 1881 and engaged in the insurance and real estate business, and is the successor to G. D. Carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. King are both members of the Presbyterian church in high standing, and contribute liberally to its support.

#### W. H. LIDDLE,

of the firm of Stearns & Liddle, is a native of Iowa, and was born in Lee county, Nov. 19th, 1837. He received a good English education and commenced business for himself at the age of 21, and engaged in farming, which he followed until 1860, when he came to Missouri and settled near Smithtown, Pettis county. Here he engaged in the nursery business until 1868, when he removed to Johnson county and located near Holden and resumed the same business in partnership with his brother, J. F. Liddle. In 1877 Mr. Liddle bought out the interest of J. S. Sherer, of the firm of Stearns & Sherer, and the firm then became Stearns & Liddle. He was married to Miss Mary M. McCormick, a native of Ohio, in April, 1867. They have two adopted children: Osker and Lilley. He has held several public offices and is an acceptable member of the Christian church. Mr. Liddle is also a member of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and A. O. U. W.

#### THOMAS S. McCLELAN,

liveryman, Holden, Mo., was born in Green county, Ohio, June 8, 1830. He received a good English education at the common schools, and at the age of seventeen, went to learn the blacksmith and plow maker's trade, with the Franklin Bros., of Springfield, Ohio. He remained in that business until 1866, when he sold out and came west, settling in Henry county, Mo., where he engaged in farming and dealing in stock. He followed this until 1870, when he removed to Holden, Johnson county, Mo., where he has resided ever since. Soon after his arrival in Holden, he engaged in the livery and feed business, in which he has been very successful. He is an experienced horseman, keeping good and substantial rigs for the accommodation of his customers. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. On Nov. 1, 1854, he was married to Miss Henrietta B. McCleland of Green county, Ohio. They have five children living; Emma Z. (now Mrs. Holden,) Elizabeth, John H., Frank C., and May B.

## J. C. McCLURE,

assistant cashier of Holden Bank, Holden, Mo., was born in Pulaski county Kentucky, Nov. 26, 1842. He went from Kentucky to Iowa, where he was married to Miss Martha Warford, on the 5th of March, 1863. On May the 5th, he started with his new bride in a wagon for Colorado. He stopped in Canon City, where he remained until 1867, during which time he was engaged in the cattle business. In 1867, he came to Holden, Mo., but still kept up his business in Colorado, and shipped the first train-load of cattle and sheep from Pueblo, over the Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe Railroad. He has been a stockholder in the Holden bank, since 1875, and has been a director for several years. Although starting out in life in very meagre circumstances, he has been very successful. His family consists of three children; Charles M., Ida May, and Minnie B. Mr. and Mrs. McClure are acceptable members of the Baptist Church, and are among its most liberal contributors.

## THOMAS L. McMULLIN.

farmer, section 27, P. O. Holden, Mo. Was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, August 3d, 1837, and came with his father to Missouri in 1840. His father, Dillard McMullin, was a native of Virginia. At an early day he emigrated to Kentucky, where he resided until he came to Missouri, and settled with his family in Ray county, where he now lives, and is a farmer and extensive grain raiser. Thomas L.'s early education was very limited, but he employed all his spare hours in reading, and storing his mind with useful knowledge. At the age of nineteen years he commenced business for himself. He was married to Miss Martha Bailey, of Indiana, on July 7th, 1858. He then engaged in the raising of tobacco, corn, and hemp, in which he was quite successful, and which he continued to follow until 1862, when he became a government employee, and crossed the plains as a teamster, where he was detained for two years, and then returned and volunteered in Co. B, 44th Mo. Infantry, and served about twelve months, and participated in several battles, among which were those of Rolla, and Franklin, and Cedar Point. He was honorably discharged in August, 1865, when he returned home and went to farming again, which he followed until February, 1873, when he removed to Johnson county, and settled on a farm known as the old Johnny Windsor farm. He sold this and bought near Columbia; in two years he sold out, and bought a farm near Pittsville; selling this he bought another near Holden, known as the Fichlen farm; disposing of this he bought the place known as the Dan Hogan place, near Rock Spring church, and planted on it one of the oldest apple orchards in Johnson county. The farm consists of 409 acres of land, well improved, with three springs of excellent water, and plenty of stone, coal, and rock quarries. Mr. McMullin has had nine

children, eight of whom are living; Mary A. (now Mrs. Scritchfield,) John D., Thomas C., Gelina, Martha M., Wm. P., Geo. D., Lethe J., and James H. Mr. and Mrs. McMullin, and three of their children are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and contribute liberally to its support. Mr. McMullin commenced life in very meagre circumstances, but by industry and perseverance, associated with good judgment has succeeded well in his line, and is a good neighbor, and has set a good example of what can be done by energy and perseverance.

### J. P. ORR,

attorney, Holden, Mo., is a native of Ohio, and was born in August, 1832. He attended the common schools, after which he entered an academy located in his native county. When he was about twenty-five years of age, he commenced the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1865, after which he engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1865, he went to Illinois, and spent some time in traveling over the state. In 1868, he came to Kansas City, from there he removed to Leavenworth, Kansas, from there to Junction City. He then returned to Ohio, where he spent about six months, and then came to Holden, where he has resided ever since. Soon after his arrival, he opened a law office, and has been actively engaged since that time. He was elected City Attorney three times, in 1872, 1875, and 1879. He has been a stockholder and director in the bank of Holden, for a number of years. He was first married to Miss Elizabeth Smith, a native of Ohio, who died in 1862, leaving two children, John S., and Marshal F. He was again married in 1872, to Miss Utila Galloday, of Holden, by whom he has one child, Laura C. Mr. Orr identified himself with the M. E. Church in 1852. He and his wife are both acceptable members and liberal contributors. Mr. Orr owns a most beautiful residence, indicative of taste and comfort throughout, with extensive grounds, and exquisite surroundings.

### JOSEPH POTTER,

farmer, sec. 3, P. O., Holden, was born in St. Clair county, Ill., on January 1, 1832. His father, Matthew Potter, was a native of Maine, and was a sailor in his young days. He emigrated to Illinois in 1818, and was one of the early settlers of that state, and was a farmer by occupation, and lived in St. Clair county until a year or two before his death, which occurred in 1875. Joseph spent his youth on his father's farm, and received his early education in the common schools of the day. He lived in his native county until 1860, when he removed to Missouri and settled in Johnson county, locating near Holden, where he has resided ever since. Soon after he arrived he went to farming and raising stock. He is at present turning his attention to

the importing of fine cattle. He now owns a farm of 140 acres, well improved and with good substantial buildings. He hauled the lumber to build his first house, from Syracuse, which was then the terminus of the Missouri P. R. R., a distance of seventy miles. Mr. Potter has at different times held the office of road overseer. He was married in Illinois, May, 1858, to Miss E. J. Turner, a native of St. Clair county, by whom he has seven children, all living: Junius F., Hannah M., Mary E., Jessie, L. D., Frederick, and Laura M. Mr. and Mrs. Potter are both members of the M. E. church. Mr. Potter is also a member of the Mutual Protective society.

#### I. P. RANDALL,

physician, Holden, Mo., was born near Auburn, Cayuga county, N. Y., September 19, 1821. He emigrated with his parents to Ohio, in 1833, and settled in Summit county. He took an academical course under the tutorship of John McGregor. His father was a native of Rhode Island. His great-grandfather came from England and was of the original family known as the Randolphs. He was also one of the original owners of the tract of land on which Providence now stands. Isaac P. chose the profession of medicine, though his father desired him to study law. In 1839, he entered the Willoughby Medical College near Cleveland, which has been closed since 1841. He was married in 1841, to Miss Diana H. Clapp, daughter of Cela Clapp, of the city of Kent, Ohio. In 1842, he joined the Christian church, and in 1843 he commenced the practice of medicine in Ohio, where he resided till 1848, when he moved to the state of Wisconsin, locating in the city of Milwaukee, where he remained about two years, after which he removed to Waupun, Badge county, where he continued to practice until 1866, when he attended the Chicago Medical college and received the honorary degree of Doctor of Medicines. In the summer of 1866, he returned to his field of practice, where he remained until 1870. He then came to Missouri and located in Holden. He became a member of the Masonic fraternity in 1861, and was elected chaplain of the lodge. He has also been an elder of the Christian church. His youth was spent on a farm, and his early education was obtained in a little old log school house.

#### JOHN C. REED,

of the firm of Reed & Daniels, of the Holden city mills, was born in Alexandria, Va., which at that time belonged to the district of Columbia, June 23, 1818. Silas Reed, his father, was a native of Massachusetts, and was one of the early settlers of Alexandria, having emigrated to Virginia in an early day, and was for many years a prominent merchant of that place; he afterwards moved to Scott county, Ill., where he continued

to reside until his death, which occurred in 1848. John C. his son spent a greater part of his youth as clerk in a dry goods store. In 1838, greater inducements being offered he went west and settled in Scott county, Ill., where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and continued till 1848, when he engaged in merchandizing, and carried on this business for three years; quitting this, he again engaged in farming, after which he went to Litchfield, Montgomery county, Illinois, which place he engaged in the milling business, and burned out, and sustained a very heavy loss, having no insurance, but being a man of industrious habits and true courage, went to work, and in a few years had regained all that he had lost, having previously moved to Washville; he then moved to Lawrenceville, Illinois, and from this place moved to Holden, Johnson county, Mo., about the year 1868. Soon after his arrival at the place he built the Holden city flouring mill which was the first in this part of the county. Soon after its completion he took A. L. Daniels in as partner, which firm has continued the business up to the present time. The firm has always done a good business, and have established an enviable reputation for honest and fair dealing. Mr. Reed was married in 1841 to Miss Caroline Kinsey of Alexandria, daughter of Zenas Kinsey, Esq. By this union they have had ten children, four of whom are living: John K., Kate E., now Mrs. G. W. McCabe, J. S. Reed and Carrie H. Mr. Reed is little above the average size, kind and affable in his manners. Being a decided Presbyterian he has always been much interested in the progress of his denomination, and he has been quite as much appreciated in the various departments of christian work as in his worldly matters. Mrs. Reed is also a worthy member of the same church.

#### T. J. ROBERTS,

P. O. Holden, Missouri, was born in Tennessee, December 21, 1843, and when about fifteen years of age he came to Missouri, with his parents. He served about two years in the confederate army, and participated in several important battles. At the close of the war he returned to his home, and was engaged in farming. In April, of 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Hays, of Johnson county. By this union they have six children: Anna, Mary E., Adah, Minnie R., Maggie, and Bertie. He has held the office of school director in his district, and is at present clerk of the district. His farm consists of 130 acres of well-improved land, with good, substantial buildings.

#### FRANK RUSSELL,

minister in charge of Rock Spring Church, was born in Kentucky, March 18, 1847. He came to Missouri in 1856, with his parents. His father J. C. Russell, was a native of Kentucky, and came to Missouri and

settled in Johnson county, on a farm, near Columbus. He now lives in Hazel Hill township. Frank attended a select school in Kentucky, and afterwards entered McGee College. Soon after leaving college he entered the ministry under the C. P. Church. He preached one year at Westport, and three years at Lee's Summit, during which time he occasionally preached at Rock Spring Church, and afterward devoted all his time to that church, where he has been for six years. Under his direction the church has advanced rapidly, and they now contemplate erecting a new building, and turning the old one into a store. Mr. Russell was married in October, 1875, to Miss Mary J. Lauderdale. By this union they have two children, Albert H. and Walter L.

#### VALINTINE SCOTT,

stock-dealer, Holden, born in Cooper county, Missouri, April 18, 1835. Here he grew to manhood, working on his father's farm and going to school. When nineteen years of age he commenced buying and selling stock. In 1865 he came to Holden, where he has since resided. He married, soon after coming to this county, Miss Anna Hill, daughter of W. P. Hill, an old resident of Missouri. Their children are: Arthur M., Lillie B., Claud, Charlie T., and Scott, the youngest. Mr. Scott is a good business man, and highly respected by those who know him.

OBITUARY.—Died on the 4th day of July, 1859, at the residence of his son-in-law, Cornelius Edwards, Robert Scott, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. Thus has fallen another of her country's noblest sons. Mr. Scott was born September 29, 1790, in Baron county, Kentucky. Having just grown up at the time our country engaged a second time in hostilities with Great Britain, he marched with the Kentucky volunteers to the south, and was in the battle at New Orleans. Throughout the campaign he deported himself with commendable propriety and courage. While on guard the night after the battle, he captured a British soldier, and delivered him over to the proper officers, as a prisoner of war. At the conclusion of the war he returned to his native county, and married. Soon after which he emigrated to Boonville, in 1817. Perhaps, few men have passed the trials and difficulties of an early settler with more patience and fortitude than did he. Possessed of a frank and mild disposition, of sterling integrity, of just and honorable principles, respectful of the rights and feelings of all humanity, and generous to the needy, gentle, kind, and attentive to the afflicted, affectionate and constant to his family, he passed through life receiving, even to the end, the respect and confidence of all who knew him. The writer is unacquainted with his religious views, but had good opportunity to observe the calm and quiet resignation with which he passed away. During a long illness he never murmured, and



when reduced to utter helplessness, no impatience or dissatisfaction was ever manifested. About eighteen hours before his decease, he quietly and calmly asked the writer if anything could be done to relieve him, and being informed that he was, perhaps, beyond the reach of remedies, he submissively answered: "I thought so, too. I know I cannot last but a day or two." From this time he slowly declined, and died twenty minutes after one o'clock A. M., on the 4th day of July, 1859. Thus passed away a good citizen, a kind husband, a generous and affectionate father, and a man of great goodness and excellence of character.—D.

#### IRA B. SMITH,

farmer, P. O. Holden, Mo., was born in Green Co., Ill., Oct. 26th, 1838. He lived in his native county until he arrived at manhood, during which time he acquired a good education. He commenced business for himself in 1861, when he left home and went to California and engaged in the stock business. In 1868 he came to Missouri and settled in Johnson county, three miles south-west of Holden. His farm being new he went to work to improve it himself, after which he engaged in the stock business, still continuing to raise wheat and corn. He has been one of the most successful farmers in his township. In 1876 he moved to Holden, where he lives most of the time, still carrying on his farm. He was married in Illinois in 1864 to Miss Nancy J. Barton, a native of Massachusetts, and a lady of culture and refinement. By this union they have three children: Belle I., Mary E. and Nellie. Mr. Smith's father was a native of Connecticut. His mother was a native of Massachusetts, and is still living and enjoys fair health, having attained the age of 83. Mr. Smith was once elected to the office of township supervisor and served one term.

#### JOHN H. SMITH,

of the firm of Conner & Smith, Holden, Mo., was born in Logan county, Kentucky, June, 1837. His father was a native of Kentucky, and his mother was a native of Virginia. His father was a miller and a merchant. John spent his youth in his father's mill. In 1839 he moved to St. Louis with his parents. He was educated in Lafayette Seminary. He came to Johnson county in 1854 and settled at Warrensburg, where his father resided until the time of his death, which occurred in the year 1872. John H. commenced business in 1855, engaging in the milling business and following this until the outbreak of the war. In 1865 he engaged in farming and continued to farm until 1868, at which time he again engaged in the milling business. In 1876 he tore down his mill and moved it to Holden and established in his present business, taking into partnership Mr. H. C. Conner. He was married in 1861 to Miss Lucy E. Violett, of Jackson township, of this county, who is a native of Ken-

tucky. By this union they have four children: Gracie F., Edward, Mamie K. and Julia B. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are acceptable members of the M. E. church South, and are among its most liberal contributors.

#### WM. C. SMITH,

son of Clark Smith, was born in the city of Newark, Ohio, October, 1843. He lived in his native city until his majority. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in Co. D, 22d Ohio Infantry, serving three years, going as a private, and was mustered out as 1st lieutenant. He took part in the battles of Shiloh, Fort Donelson and others. During his whole term of service did not loose a day by sickness. He was taken prisoner and held two hours, and was recaptured by his own men. In 1864 he returned to his farm home. He then went to Illinois, thence to Jefferson City, Mo., and to Holden, this county. Here he engaged in the implement business and continued this two years, during which time he was elected city alderman, and in 1874 was elected mayor of Holden, also in 1875, and held the office continuously until 1880, and 1881 was elected justice of the peace, which office he holds at the present. He was a candidate for State senator and came within 39 votes of being elected. In 1868 he joined the Masons, and 1867 the Odd Fellows; also is a member of Knights Templar, Knights of Honor, and belongs to the order of A. O. U. W. He married in 1868 Miss Elizabeth Wilson, of Licking county, Ohio. They have three sons and one daughter, viz.: Jennie, Wm. P., Clarence B. and Edward E. T. Mr. Smith has always been one ever active in any enterprise tending to the prosperity of his honored city.

#### H. D. SMITHSON,

merchant, Holden, Mo. Was born at Paris, Ky., Oct. 20th, 1845. His father removed to Illinois in 1858 and to Missouri in 1866. H. D. came to Missouri in 1868 and to Holden in 1872, and farmed one year, then engaged in the mercantile business which he has followed to the present time. Sept. 1, 1880, he became associated with M. T. Roberson in merchandising. He was married in Kentucky to Miss Catherine E. Fox, Jan. 16, 1868, who is a native of Kentucky. They have two children: Oliver D. and George E. The father and mother of Mr. Smithson were both natives of Kentucky; his father died in 1872, but his mother is still living. He has held the offices of city marshal and city collector. He is a member of the Masonic order, Knights of Honor, Knights of Pythias and the A. O. U. W. Mr. and Mrs. Smithson are worthy members of the Baptist church.

## INGHAM STARKEY,

lumber dealer; postoffice, Holden. Was born in Ohio, October 9, 1831, and spent his youth on a farm, and learned the carpenter's trade after twenty years of age. His father moved to Illinois in 1844, and came to Missouri in 1851. Ingham came to Holden, July, 1866, engaging in the lumber business. He served as town councilman for eight years. He has been one of the directors of the bank of holden since its organization, in 1872. He was elected vice president, and in 1880-1 he was elected president. Mr. S. is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has been master of the lodge. He was married in 1856 to Miss S. A. O'Neil, daughter of H. O'Neil. She is a native of Saline county, Missouri. By this union they have two children, Mattie W. and Charley E. Mr. and Mrs. S. are worthy members of the Presbyterian church.

## WILLIAM STEELE,

president of Farmers' and Commercial bank, Holden, Mo. Was born in Scotland, February 10, 1846. He went to Canada in 1855, where he remained until he came to Missouri, in 1870, and located in Holden, where he arrived in May, and bought out a grocery store. He followed this for eight years, when he sold out and went into the grain business, and continued in this for two years. In 1881 he engaged in the Farmers' and Commercial bank of Holden. He has been a member of the school board for a number of years. He was married in 1873 to Miss Mary E. Kennedy, of Canada, by whom he has three children: E. K., Mary M. and James H. Mrs. Steele is a strict member of the Episcopal church.

## JESSE C. STRANGE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 2; postoffice Holden, Missouri. The subject of this sketch was born in Lafayette county, Missouri, December 25, 1833. His father, S. K. Strange, was a native of Kentucky, and a farmer by occupation. He emigrated to Missouri in 1832, and settled in Lafayette county, where he lived until 1834, when he removed to Johnson county, and located at Columbus, where he remained until 1836, when he moved to Bear Creek, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1837. At the age of twenty Jesse C. went to California, and remained three years, during which time he was engaged in mining. He then returned to Johnson county. When the war broke out he was absent for four years, when he returned and bought the farm on which he now lives, consisting of about 500 acres, most of which is well improved, with substantial buildings, and a good peach and apple orchard. His residence is neat and tasty, with all the modern improvements. During his residence

on this farm he has been extensively engaged in farming and dealing in stock. He was married to Miss Dorothy J. Lee, of Howard county, Missouri, who died leaving one son, Charles L. He was again married to Miss Sarah C. Carmichael, a native of Kentucky. By this union they have two children: John W. and Tippie D. Mr. and Mrs. Strange are both members of the Christian church.

### JOHN M. TAYLOR,

of the firm of Taylor & Bettes, hardware, was born in Pleasant county, West Virginia, November 24, 1854. He attended the state university of Missouri and received a good English education. In 1875 he entered the Ontario College of Pharmacy, and graduated in 1878. He then came to Holden and entered the drug business with Z. T. Miller. The style of the firm was Miller & Taylor. He remained in partnership with Mr. Miller until January, 1881, when he sold out and formed a partnership with A. O. Bettes, and bought out the firm of H. C. Bettes & Sons, hardware. The members of the present firm of Taylor & Bettes are both young men, but have the time and energy necessary to success. Their stock includes hardware, stoves, tinware and agricultural implements. Mr. Taylor is a member of the Knights of Honor, and is an acceptable member of the Presbyterian church. He came to Missouri in 1867, and located in Holden. Wm. C. Taylor, his father, was a native of old Virginia. He was born in Tyler county (now Pleasant county), West Virginia, March 18, 1822. His father (John M.'s grandfather), came from Hampshire county, east of the mountains, and was a farmer, and was also a distant relative of Zachary Taylor, and belonged to one of the first families of Virginia. Wm. C. lived on a farm until he was seventeen years of age. He received a good common school education, and has since been a self-educator. In 1837 he went to Washington county, Ohio, and located at Marietta, one of the oldest towns in the state. Here he accepted a clerkship with Thos. W. Enoch, and held this position some twelve years. He afterward studied law and was admitted to the bar. He was appointed deputy clerk of the court of common pleas, which deputy was *ex-officio* clerk of the higher courts. He held the position by appointment for several years. In 1866 he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he engaged in the commission business for one year. In 1867 he came to Missouri and located in Holden. In 1868 he was elected to the town council. He has also held the position of city school director for a term of years. During his stay in Holden he has been a conveyancer, and has given considerable attention to the settlement of estates in the county. He was first married in 1851 to Miss Margaret Y. McCracken, who was a graduate of Marietta female seminary. She died leaving one son, John M. Mr. Taylor was again married to Miss Sarah Saxton, a native of

Canada, who came to Johnson county about the same time Mr. Taylor did. Mrs. Taylor was a member of the M. E. church in Canada.

### HON. CHARLES C. TEVIS,

who for many years has been a prominent farmer and stock dealer of this county, was born in Madison county, Kentucky, March, 1845. Cyrus Tevis, his father, was also a native of Kentucky and was an enterprising farmer, but died when the subject of this notice was about one year old. Charles C. lived in his native county until nineteen years of age, during which time he received a liberal education in the common schools and entered Center college, then located at Danville, Kentucky, an old and well established institute, where he took a regular course and graduated in 1867. After which he was engaged as tutor to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of one of the members of the faculty. In 1869 he removed to Johnson county, Mo., and located at Holden. About one year after his arrival he embarked in the grocery business which he followed eighteen months, when he disposed of this and engaged in the stock business, and at the same time farming extensively, in which business he had proved himself master of the situation. He has been twice called upon to fill the responsible position as representative of his county, and was elected in the fall of 1876, serving his people faithfully and filling the position with much credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He was again called on to serve the second time, and was again elected in the fall of 1878 by a handsome majority. He has served several years on the school board; was also a candidate before the convention for State senator, and came within two votes of being nominated. He was married in Princeton, Kentucky, to Miss May Hawthorne, December 23d, 1868, daughter of the Rev. J. Hawthorne, a prominent minister of the Presbyterian church of Princeton, of which Mr. Tevis was a member. This union has been blessed by six children—Una, James, Ruth, Rose, Mary and Daniel. Mrs. Tevis died July 7, 1879, leaving the above named children. Mr. Tevis' landed estate numbers about 800 acres, the largest portion of which is well improved. Personally Mr. Tevis is of a retiring mind, medium size, mild and affable in his deportment, a liberal advocate of the common school system and of education generally, always ready and willing to help any enterprise tending to the public good. His residence is a very substantial one, large, and of the modern improvements necessary for comfort and convenience; the spot on which it stands is sitely with all the shade and ornamental trees to render it attractive and healthy.

## ABNER VAN MATRE

was born in Indiana, May 14, 1837. His father, David Van Matre was a native of Ohio, and a farmer by occupation. Mr. Van Matre's early life was spent on his father's farm. He received a good liberal education from the common schools of his native county. When the war came on Mr. V. enlisted as a volunteer soldier in the Union army, serving until the close of the war. He was engaged in some of the hard fought battles of the war, among which was, the fight of Vicksburg, Fort Gibson, Jackson, Champion Hill, Black River bridge, and at the final siege of Vicksburg. He was mustered out of service September, 1864, then returned to his Indiana home. When about twenty years old Mr. V. married Miss Elizabeth A. Stewart, of his native county; from this union there are seven children, viz.: Lillian H., Peter C., Osee B., Minter T. S., James E. S., Maria D. A., and David J. In the year 1865, Mr. Van Matre moved his family to Missouri, settling at Holden, where he has since resided. Since Mr. V.'s residence in Missouri, he has been engaged in the practice of law, in which profession he stands well. In 1866, Mr. Van Matre was elected to the office of justice of the peace; after serving in this office for about three years, he then was elected city attorney, which office he filled for a number of years with credit to his constituents and honor to himself. At the spring elections of 1881, the citizens of Holden, appreciating his services in other offices, elected him to the responsible position of mayor of their city. To Mr. V.'s credit, it can be said, he has made as faithful and efficient officer as the city has ever had.

## ANDREW WARD.

Among the successful business men of Holden, none are more worthy of mention than the subject of this notice. He is a native of Ireland, and born upon its virgin soil in the month of October, 1831. He came to the United States in the year 1846, landing at New York city. He embarked next from this place to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he remained about six years, then moved to the state of Missouri, stopping awhile at St. Louis, in which place he was employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and where he remained until 1866, when he moved to Holden, this county, and still was in the employ of the same company, and continued with this company for an unusually long term of years, during which time he acted as dispatcher, and continued until 1878 when he retired, having served the company faithfully for a period of over twenty-five years. After which he engaged in the ice business, which he is following at the present time. Mr. Ward purchased ten acres of land, most beautifully located, and on which he has erected a very substantial residence, surrounded with elegant shade trees, and extremely beautiful in appearance, and command-

ing in view. Here he intends making his permanent home, and has wisely chosen this beautiful spot on which to spend the remainder of his days. He married Miss Hannah McPhaden, of Williamsport, Penn., a most estimable lady, and by whom he has had three children born: James W., a very worthy and intelligent boy, who now holds a responsible position as clerk in the store of F. H. Miller; also Katie, a blooming young girl, and Hannah, the pride of the family. Personally Mr. Ward is mild, and unassuming, of sterling integrity, and is universally esteemed by all who know him.

#### WILLIAM WHITE,

president of Holden college, was born in Toronto, Canada, in 1850. He was educated in his native country, and attended the Toronto University. He afterwards turned his attention to music, and placed himself under the instruction of E. A. Robbins, the celebrated artist of Boston, under whom he graduated in 1877. His system of teaching exceeds everything yet presented. His object is to have thoroughness at every step. He was married November 9, 1832, to Miss M. H. Smith. By this union they have had three children, one of whom is now living: Ethel A.

#### GEORGE S. YOUNG,

Holden, Missouri, was born in Middletown, Maryland, in January, 1840. He emigrated to Missouri in 1866, locating at Holden, where he has lived ever since. He was a carpenter and builder, which occupation he followed for a short time, and then went into the wholesale and retail furniture business, in which he engaged extensively, shipping to Fort Scott and other important points. At that time the county was almost a wilderness, the population not exceeding ten thousand, and the assessed valuation was one million dollars. Mr. Young sold out his furniture business in March, 1881, and was elected president of the Farmers' and Commercial bank, which position he declined, and accepted that of the vice-presidency of the bank. In 1876 he was elected a member of the board of education, and held the position continually until April, 1881, acquitting himself with great credit. He was elected a member of the council in 1868-70. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also of the Presbyterian church. He has held a commission in, and represents that district in the grand lodge of Odd Fellows. He was married in Baltimore, Maryland, March 21, 1866, to Miss Estella V. Hyatt, a native of his own state. By this union they have had seven children, three of whom are living: Daisie L., Blanche E. and John H.

#### HENRY P. CARPENTER.

Among the enterprising business men of Holden, who was born in the state of New York, August 6, 1848, may be mentioned Mr. C. He

left his native state and came to Missouri in 1869, stopping in Cass county, where he remained two years. Then he moved to Johnson county, locating at Pittsville, where he engaged in the mercantile business, which he followed successfully until 1880, when he came to Holden and engaged in the retail grocery trade. On the 1st day of January, 1882, he moved into an elegantly fitted up room in the New Block, where he is doing a fine business. He was married in 1873 to Miss Martha E. Fine, daughter of B. H. Fine, Esq., who came to Missouri in 1829. From this union they have had three children, two of whom are living: Reuben A., and Frederick L. Lost one daughter four years old.

#### MILTON T. ROBERSON;

of the firm of Smithson & Roberson, Holden. Was born in Boyle county, Kentucky, Sept. 28, 1845. He was reared in his native county. Entering Center College at the age of fourteen, pursued his studies until he was sixteen, when he entered the army, enlisting in the 4th Ky. U. S. troops and served twenty-one months, and was afterward transferred to the quarter-master's department, which position he held until the close of the war, after which he returned to his father's farm, where he remained until 1868, where he was married to Miss Mattie J. Bradshaw, daughter of Fredrick Bradshaw, Esq., of Kentucky. Mr. Roberson came to Missouri in 1869, and soon after located in Holden, where he accepted a clerkship with the firm of Morrison & Bro., holding this position for ten years. In 1880 he formed a co-partnership with Mr. H. D. Smithson, under the firm name of Smithson & Roberson. These gentlemen are now running the leading dry goods store of Holden. Mr. R. is a prominent Mason and is at present worshipful master of the Holden Lodge No. 262. His family consists of three boys: Cormilus B., Frank B., and Emmet B.

#### JOHN G. COPE,

prominent among the business men of Holden, none are more worthy or have contributed more largely for the development of the Queen City, than the subject of this notice. Mr. Cope was born in Harrison county, Ohio, April 9th, 1838. His boyhood days were spent on his father's farm, receiving his primary education at the common school, after which he attended a select one. He then began his career as a teacher, which he followed successfully for a period of eight years. In 1869 he came to Holden, Missouri, and soon after engaged in the grain trade, in which he dealt largely, and continued until 1872, when he disposed of this and bought an interest in the Holden Bank, and shortly afterward became its cashier, which position he holds at present. He has served one term as member of the city council, and also member of the school board. In 1859 Mr. Cope was married to Miss Lizzie H. Cary of Wyandotte, Ohio, daughter



of Geo. S. Cary, Esq. Mr. Cope has a large and substantial residence, beautiful grounds decorated with evergreens, and other shrubbery. His family consists of four children: Mary E., Frank C., Bertha E. and Charles.

#### J. D. GUNTER,

contractor and builder of the Holden College, is a native of Kentucky, born September 16, 1837, and principally raised in Ohio. He received a good English education; spending some time in pursuing his studies at the North University, Indianapolis, Indiana; quitting this school, he then went to the Delaware College, Ohio, where he continued several sessions; leaving this he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he learned the carpenter's trade and also acquired a good knowledge of architecture and building under the direction of Wm. Lilley. He then went south to New Orleans, where he carried on the carpenter and builder's business until the outbreak of the civil war. In 1868 he came to Sedalia, Missouri, where he remained until the following year, when he moved to Holden, Missouri. Since which time he has been actively engaged in contracting and building. His fine work being the best evidence of his skill. In 1866 he was married to Miss Permelia Hockensmith of Indianapolis, Indiana, daughter of Benjamin Hockensmith.

#### R. L. BOLTON,

physician. Prominent among the citizens of Holden is Dr. Bolton, who is a native of North Carolina, born Nov. 15th, 1830. After studying medicine he entered the Eclectic Medical School of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he graduated in 1861. He came to Missouri with his parents when but an infant in 1831. In 1860 he located at Holden, Mo., where he has been a resident since and where he has enjoyed a large practice. In 1865 he was married to Miss D. Bradley, daughter of R. D. Bradley, an old settler of this county. Socially the Dr. is a genial gentleman.

#### B. F. METZLER,

tradesman and speculator. Was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, June 23d, 1839. Received his first lessons at the common schools. When eighteen years of age he started to a graded school and then went to Iowa, where he attended the Collegiate Institute in Delaware county, at which place he pursued his studies for some years. In 1862 he entered the army, enlisting in Co. K, 21st Iowa Infantry, and served until 1865, participating in the following battles: Vicksburg, Spanish Fort, Fort Blakely, and many other important engagements. Being mustered out at Baton Rouge he returned to Ohio and soon after was appointed 2d lieutenant of the 85th Colored Infantry of New Orleans, where they did pro-

vost duty. On Oct. 5th, 1866, was mustered out and returned to Ohio, and in the fall of the same year moved to Holden, Mo., where he has been a resident ever since. Mr. Metzler is secretary of the building committee of the Holden College. He was married August 31st, 1866, to Miss Minerva Williams, a native of Ohio, born in Licking county. They have five children: Charley O., Dora A., Eddie E., Lena and Clide.

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

### JOHN A. ADAMS,

eldest son of Daniel and Susan Adams, was born Oct. 16, 1841, in Johnson county, on the old homestead. He received his early education in the common school. He does all his carpenter work on the farm. He married Miss D. Mack, daughter of Godfrey Mack, in 1866. Their family consists of seven children: Benjamin F., Maggie A., Sophronia J., Archie G., Jessie E., Daniel G. and Emma F. His farm consists of 80 acres, on which he has good buildings and a young orchard. He is a successful hog raiser. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are members of the M. E. church. In 1861 he entered the Union army, serving about four years. Mr. A. is a careful and systematic farmer, worthy and enterprising.

### JUDGE DANIEL ADAMS.

Among the prominent pioneer farmers of this county we mention the name of Judge Adams; born in Wilkes county, N. C., on the south side of the Blue Ridge, Dec. 18, 1813. His father, John Adams, was also a native of the same State, and his grandfather was a native of Virginia and belonged to the celebrated Adams family of that State. Daniel's father was a planter, who emigrated to Missouri with his family of ten children and settled on Bear Creek in 1834. He resided here on his farm till he died in June, 1870. Daniel married Miss Susan McClary, daughter of Elijah McClary, Esq., one of the early settlers of Howard county, Mo. Their family consists of twelve children, eleven of whom are now living: John A., Anna E., Jane A., William P., Christina C., Elijah M., Susan E., Thomas R., Clara E., Robert H., Mary F., deceased, and James L. His present farm contains 280 acres, all under fence with good substantial buildings. In 1852 he was elected justice of the peace and served four years, and was re-elected and served two years. In 1866 he was elected county judge, serving three years, at the end of which time he resigned. He was township clerk several years and has held the office of school director since the free school system was established in this State. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are members of the C. P. church. Mr. Adams is one of those sterling pioneers whose force of character coupled with his indus-

try has wielded a powerful influence in his neighborhood for good; hospitable and generous in his nature, he has secured a large circle of friends.

D. H. DEARMAN,

of the firm of DeArman & Wells, dealers in dry goods. Was born in Knox county, Tennessee, December 27th, 1844, came to Missouri with his parents in 1851. His father, Wm. H., is a native of east Tennessee, born in Blount county, June 1st, 1811, was raised a farmer, and received his education at the common schools. In 1834, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Childres, daughter, of Stephen Childres, a prominent farmer of Blount county. She was born, January 4th, 1816. In the spring of 1838, Mr. DeArman moved on to what was then called the new purchase, previously occupied by the Cherokee Indians, and he was employed by the U. S. Government to collect the Indians, and was in the service twelve months. The Indians being moved on to the Arkansas reservation, Mr. DeArman continued to reside on the purchase until the year 1851, when he removed to Missouri, stopping in Jefferson county, until the following spring, when he moved to Johnson county, and settled on Black Water, where he remained two years, when he bought a farm on Bristle Ridge, and moved on to it, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits and raising stock, and improving his farm, where he lived until the spring of 1881, when he left the farm and moved to Knobnoster, where he will spend the remainder of his days. Although well advanced in years, his step is lively and firm as he goes about his business. Personally, he is above the medium size, well proportioned, pleasing in his address, honorable in his dealings, a kind husband, and a good neighbor. He has raised a family of eight children, all of whom are living, viz: Malissa A., Margaret E., David H., Jane, Purnel B., Mary L., Wm. H., Martha E. Mr. and Mrs. De Arman and three of the daughters, are members of the M. E. Church South; one daughter, Jane, is a Baptist. D. H., who is the eldest son, and the subject of this notice, spent his youth on a farm, and early acquired the habits of industry, which is the foundation of all successful men. When about sixteen years of age, he accepted a clerkship in a dry goods store, and soon after engaged in the same business for himself. He is now associated with Mr. J. H. Wills, one of Knobnoster's best business men, and the firm is doing a prosperous business. Mr. DeArman was married to Miss E. A. Goodnight, January 26th, 1866. She is a lady possessed of many graces. They have three children, Alonzo L., Edgar L., and Lela Earl. Mr. DeArman is a man who has worked his way up in the world, and belongs to that noble army of the self-made.

## ELIJAH R. BALES,

P. O., Montserrat, Mo. Was born in Pettis county, Mo., on January 14th, 1848, where he lived until he was about twenty-one years of age. Allen D. Bales, his father, was a native of Kentucky, and his mother a native of Missouri. They were married February 8th, 1844, and they lived in Pettis county until 1859, when they went to Johnson county, and settled in Grover township, where they lived until his father died, which was on the 27th of June, 1864. His mother also died the following year, on the 17th day of May, 1865. Mr. Bales' father was born in 1817, on the 18th of October, and his mother was born on the 21st of July, 1822. At the age of eighteen, the subject of this sketch started out for himself. For the next two years he worked a rented farm in Pettis county, then he returned to the old farm in Johnson county, which he farmed for two years, then rented and worked another farm one year. In the fall of that year, he married Miss Sarah Harter, of Johnson county, the daughter of Francis and Nancy Harter. Mrs. Bales' father was a native of Virginia, and her mother was a native of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Bales were educated in the common schools of the county. They were married on the 25th day of October, 1870. After they were married, they returned to Pettis county, where they remained one year, where he bought a small farm. He then sold his place, and returned to Johnson county in the spring of 1872, and rented another farm, which he worked four years, then he bought 80 acres in Washington township, near where he now resides. A short time after he bought another 80 acres, and soon after 80 acres more was added to his present farm of 240 acres of splendid land. The soil is black loam, and mulatto soil, the buildings all good, and improvements substantial. They have two children living, a daughter, Herma A., and a son, Wm. H. Two have died, Curtis A., who died on the 28th of January, 1873, and another, Nov. 11, 1873.

## CAPT. C. BONDURANT,

farmer, P. O. Knobnoster, Missouri, was born in Madison county, Kentucky, June 19, 1816. His father, Edward Bondurant, was a native of Buckingham county, Virginia, and emigrated to Kentucky at an early day and came from there to Missouri in 1830, and settled in Pike county, Missouri, where he remained ten years, and then went to Howard county, where he remained several years, and then moved to Johnson county, and settled on a farm, three and a half miles northwest of Knobnoster, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1855. Capt. C. was raised on a farm, which occupation he still follows. He was married, in 1842, to Miss Elizabeth Geery, of Howard county. He came to Missouri in the spring of 1850, and bought a farm of Robert M. Maxwell, on which he

has resided ever since. The farm contains 240 acres, most of which is well improved, with a good, substantial residence, and a good frame barn. He entered the Union army in 1861, and served three years as first lieutenant, after which he became captain, and served till the close of the war. His present family consists of four children. Mr. and Mrs. Bondurant and all their children are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

### THOMAS H. BOYD.

Prominent among the business men, who, by his unaided efforts, has attained an enviable reputation, is the subject of our sketch, who was born in Scotland, September 17, 1838. In the spring of 1868 he came to the United States, making the voyage on the steamer "City of Brussels." On arriving at New York, he went to Canada; spent some time in traveling. Returning, he settled in Quincy, Illinois, where he remained about six years. After which he went to Ohio, and was there engaged in the coal mines for some time. From there he went to Pennsylvania, where he was employed by a wealthy firm to superintend their coal works, which position he held for a period of five years. In 1875 he came to Missouri, and located at Montserrat, and now has charge of mines owned by "Southwestern Coal Association," of which he is superintendent. The company's business has flourished under his direction. His long experience gives him superior advantages as a coal operator. The company has bought and leased over five thousand acres of land lying near the present site of Montserrat. Mr. Boyd is also running a large store, consisting of a general stock. Mr. Boyd has been twice married; first to Miss Jane McIntosh, a native of Scotland. She died in 1880, leaving six children: George M., Maggie, Thomas H., Susan, John, and Nettie. In 1881 Mr. Boyd married, for his second wife, Miss M. E. Clifford, a native of Missouri. Mr. Boyd is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

### A. C. BRIDGES,

farmer and mechanic; postoffice Knobnoster, Missouri, was born in the state of Indiana, June 23, 1823, where he lived until he arrived at manhood, and received a common school education. His father was born in Virginia, in 1789, was a farmer and mechanic, having learned the shoemaker's trade in early life, and emigrated to Kentucky in 1799, where he was married to Miss Nancy Fitch, and continued to live until 1820, when he moved with his family to Wayne county, Indiana, where he resided about thirty years, and then moved to Clark county, Indiana, where he died in 1879. Alex. C. was married in Kentucky in 1848, to Miss Elizabeth J. Thomas, and returned to Indiana and engaged in the dry goods business, which he followed for seven years, and then went to farmign

and working at the carpenter's trade. In the spring of 1866 he came to Missouri and settled in Knobnoster, where he has resided ever since. For some time after his arrival he worked at his trade, after which he planted a vineyard, and has devoted considerable time to grape culture and the manufacture of wine. He has one daughter, Laura F., now Mrs. John C. Miller, of Knobnoster. Mrs. Bridges is a member of the Christian church.

#### GEORGE BRIM,

Knobnoster. Farmer, Washington township. Was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, August 19, 1848. His early education was received in his native county. He spent his youth on a farm, and at the age of twenty-one he left home to do for himself. His father was a native of England, and came to this country when about eighteen years of age. His mother was a native of Ohio. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Loop. His father died in 1874 in Sandusky county, Ohio. George came to Missouri in 1870, and spent one year in Pettis county. In January, 1872, he was married to Miss Rebecca E. Shoemaker. Mr. Brim has been a farmer all his life, and purchased the farm on which he now lives in the spring of 1881. It contains 168 acres, all in cultivation, with good, substantial improvements. He also owns a steam thresher, which he runs during the fall of the year in connection with his farming. He has three living children: Tillie A., George and Walter. Mr. Brim is now serving as school director and clerk.

#### JOHN D. BROUGH,

Knobnoster, farmer, Washington township. Was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, June 28, 1849. He left his native state when about three years of age, with his parents, who moved to the state of Illinois, where they remained for three years, and then came to Missouri in the spring of 1855, and settled in Henry county, where they remained eight years, and then went to Benton, where his father still lives. John D. came to Johnson county in 1877, and settled on Clear Fork, where he has run a saw mill, and still owns a half interest in it. In 1878 he purchased the farm on which he now lives, containing 157 acres, eighty of which are in cultivation, and the remainder in timber. He was married in 1872, to Miss Julia Bellissime, daughter of Charles Bellissime. She is a native of this state, and has had three children, two of whom are living: Gordon H. and Aubrey L. Mr. Brough owns a steam thresher, which he runs during the fall, and runs the saw mill during the winter.

## WM. R. BROWN,

born in Franklin county, Missouri, August 31, 1829. His father, James Brown, is a native of Middlesex county, New Jersey. He was born March 24, 1802. When he was about twenty years of age he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he learned the brick mason's trade. He came to Washington county, Missouri, at a very early day. He married Miss Mary A., daughter of William Gragg. She was a native of Tennessee, and her father was a soldier in the revolution. James Brown moved to Johnson county in 1832. W. R. Brown, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the log school house. In 1850 he went to California, where he spent about three years. He was married in Johnson county, Missouri, in 1854, to Miss Sarah J. Higgins, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, September 6, 1829, daughter of James Higgins. Mr. Brown came to Knobnoster in 1866. Since about the year 1878 our subject has been clerking for De Arman & Wells. He was a member of the city council. They have been blessed with two children, but both have died: Mary A. and Samantha M. Mr. and Mrs. Brown joined the C. P. church at the same time, some twenty-five years ago.

## JOHN V. CAMPBELL,

stock-dealer, Knobnoster, Missouri, was born in Johnson county, Missouri, April 6, 1857. His father, Dr. C. C. Campbell, was a native of Ohio. He attended a literary school in Pennsylvania for several terms, and then returned to Ohio and commenced the study of medicine. He took his first course of lectures at the St. Louis Medical College. In 1838 he came to Missouri and located in Reynolds county, where he commenced the practice, and continued the same for several years. In 1851 he moved to Johnson county, Missouri, and located in Knobnoster, where he immediately resumed his practice, and in a short time he built up an extensive business, extending many miles around. He was married in Frederickston, Missouri, in 1839, and died December 31, 1876. J. V. Campbell, the subject of this notice, spent the greater part of his youth on a farm. He was married in 1879 to Miss Nannie Robertson. Mr. C. commenced business for himself at the age of twenty-one, by dealing in stock, buying, selling and shipping to the eastern markets. He has one daughter: Eula Maud. Mr. C. is now living on the old homestead, consisting of 140 acres, well improved, with good, substantial buildings.

## ADAM CARPENTER,

P. O. Knobnoster, Missouri, was born in Kentucky, July 8, 1804. His father was a native of Virginia, and emigrated to Kentucky at an early day, where he was killed by the Indians. Mr. Carpenter was married, in 1834, to Miss Mary Jones. He remained in Kentucky until 1851, when

he came to Missouri, and settled within three miles of Knobnoster. His farm at one time contained 700 acres. Mr. Carpenter was also quite an extensive stock raiser. He died on the old homestead, September 14, 1877. His widow still lives on the old place and takes care of the family. Mrs. Carpenter has nine children: One son, William D., and eight daughters, seven of whom are married. They all belong to the Christian church.

#### WILLIAM D. CARPENTER,

P. O. Knobnoster, was born in Kentucky, June 25, 1847. He came to Missouri with his father's family in 1851. In 1864 he attended an academy in Pettis county, and in 1866 he attended the State University. He afterwards engaged in stock dealing and farming, in which he was very successful. In 1872 he was married to Miss Emma Shanks, of Pettis county. By this union they have three children living. Mr. C. devotes considerable time to buying, selling and shipping stock. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are both members of the Christian church.

#### ALONZO CASE,

of the firm of Case & Larkin, hardware merchants, was born in the state of New York, near Rochester, March 20, 1839. When quite a small boy he moved with his parents to Michigan, where he was educated and reared to manhood. He came to Missouri in 1866, and located at Knobnoster, having previously married Miss Emma Green, of Michigan, daughter of William Green, a wealthy and prominent farmer. Mr. Case, soon after his arrival at this place, identified himself with the hardware and implement business, and associated with him Mr. Charles Larkin, a very worthy gentleman, as partner in the business, the style of the firm being Case & Larkin, which is still in existence. These gentlemen seem to have proved themselves masters of the situation. They are in the enjoyment of a large and extensive trade, and at the same time have the confidence of their patrons. They are enterprising men, and have contributed largely to the business interest of Knobnoster. Mr. Case is a man who delights in the prosperity of his city, and is always ready and willing to assist in any enterprise tending to the public good. He has two worthy sons: Earnest W. and Lewis F.

#### C. COBB,

postmaster. Prominent among the citizens of whom Knobnoster have reason to be proud is Mr. Cobb, who was born in the State of New York, March, 1834, receiving his education under the common school system of his native state. When about twenty years of age went to Illinois, where he engaged to work at the carpenter trade, which he followed for a period of thirteen years, during which time in December, 1859, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Stevens, of Beaver county, Illinois, daughter of



Thomas Stevens, Esq. He continued to reside in Illinois until 1866, when he moved to Missouri and located in Knobnoster, and on the 1st of April of the same year commenced business, forming a partnership with Mr. Samuel Workman, engaging in the turniture business; passed through the big fire, suffered a heavy loss, which occurred about 1869. In 1870, built the brick store house now occupied by DeArman & Wells. In the fall of 1881 was appointed postmaster of Knobnoster. He has filled the office of chairman of the board of trustees, also member of the school board. Has been a prominent member for many years of the Baptist church, of which he is a deacon. Is superintendent of S. S. school; is one of the leading members of the Good Templars' association, which organization he has been very instrumental in keeping alive. In politics is a staunch republican. Is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being initiated in 1866. Mr. Cobb has been three times married, his first and second wives dying; his present wife being a Mrs. Mildred J. Ford. The family being composed of the following named children: Nellie S., James M., Willis C. and Susie M. Mrs. Cobb is also a member of the Baptist church and one of its earnest supporters. Mr. Cobb at present is running a store at Lemont, Pettis county, with Mr. Z. T. Bailey, as business manager. Mr. Cobb always led an active life, is a kind husband, a good neighbor, and an upright gentleman.

#### A. M. COFFEY,

familiarly known as Colonel Coff, was born in Wilkes county, Kentucky, January, 1804. His father, Eli, was a native of Virginia, emigrating to North Carolina in a very early day, and in company with Daniel Boone, went to Kentucky. His mother was a native of New Jersey. Her father moved to North Carolina when she was quite young. A. M. Coffey was raised and educated in Kentucky. He is a graduate of Center college, located at Danville, now Boyle county. In 1828 he went to Tennessee, where he was married to Miss Mary Bradford, daughter of Colonel Henry Bradford, of McMinn county. Mr. Coffey's residence being at Athens, he continued to reside there until 1842, when he removed to Missouri and settled in Pettis county. Before coming to Missouri, however, he purchased land in Tennessee. In 1850 he was elected to the legislature from Pettis county. In 1851, was appointed by President Fillmore as Indian agent for the eastern border, of what is now known as Kansas. At that time it was very rare to see the face of a white man. In 1855-56 was a member of the council of the Kansas legislature, which was instituted by Congress in 1854. Then followed the Kansas troubles. Colonel Coffey, however, was an unwilling participant in many of them. He came to the neighborhood of Knobnoster in 1859 and settled on a farm. In 1873 the State Grange met at this place, and he was elected secretary of the

State Grange, and has held the office ever since. He is also member of the school board, of which he has been president for several years. His family consists of three children—Mary C., Henry B. and Rachel, who is now living in Oregon. Personally, Mr. Coffey is above the average height, is pleasing in his manner, and is possessed of rare conversational powers.

### JOSEPH F. CONNER,

a leading teacher of Johnson county; was born near his present residence January 16, 1848, of Irish-Dutch ancestors. His father, Wm. Conner emigrated from Kentucky and settled here in 1844. He was born March 5, 1805, and died April 15, 1878. In politics he was a republican. He entered land here in 1851, and owned and cultivated a handsome farm of 300 acres. He married in 1834 Miss Eliza Wolford, sister of Col. Frank Wolford of cavalry fame. She was born January 25, 1812. To them were born five sons: James, John, Cyrus, Thomas and Joseph F., the subject of this sketch. John and James are dead. All married except John, who died in 1867. Thomas resides at Independence, Montgomery county, Kansas, and is a prominent attorney. The others reside near the old home place. Mrs. Eliza Conner, the mother of the subject of this sketch, is a devoted member of the Christian church. She is in fair health and resides with Joseph F. The subject of this sketch at the age of 17 years commenced to teach. He entered the State Normal School at Warrensburg, as one of the first students and graduated with honors in his class in 1872. November 21, 1874, he was united in marriage in Clinton, Henry county, with Miss Jennie C. Budd, an estimable young lady, whose parents were formerly from New York, who emigrated to Wisconsin in an early day, and after the war came to Missouri and settled in Clinton. She was born about 1835. They have three boys and one girl: Charles L., Mary E., Frank D., and an infant. Mrs. Conner is a member of the C. P. church.

### BENJAMIN M. COLE,

born on Long Island, April 2, 1832. He was reared and educated in the city of Brooklyn. In 1856 he came west to Wisconsin, stopping in Fond du Lac for about five years. He engaged in work upon the railroad, running trains as a conductor for several years. He first came to Knobnoster in 1865, when the Mo. P. R. R. was being built through Johnson county. In 1878 he engaged in farming and raising stock. He was married to Miss Shaffer, daughter of P. B. Shaffer, in 1867.

### JOHN A. COLLINS,

merchant, P. O. Knobnoster, Missouri, is a native of Ohio, and was born in Fairfield county, May 17, 1837. His father, who was a native of Mary-

land, emigrated to Ohio in 1801, and settled in Fairfield county, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1857. His mother was a native of Pennsylvania, and died in 1866. John A. spent his youth on a farm and received his early education in his native state. He came to Missouri in 1866 and settled on a farm near Knobnoster, where he remained eight years. He then moved to Knobnoster and was engaged for five years in the dry goods business. He then engaged in the hardware business. He was married in 1863 to Miss Mary Dervar, daughter of Wm. Dervar, Esq. They have six children living: William A., Fannie B., Eugene R., Frank T., Grace and Gertrude. Mr. and Mrs. Collins are both acceptable members of the M. E. church. Mr. Collins is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is at present secretary of the lodge. He has also held several other important offices.

#### CAPT. E. W. DAWSON,

farmer and stock raiser, P. O. Warrensburg; born in Lincoln county, Ky., Aug. 11, 1819. His father, Elijah Dawson, was a native of Virginia, having emigrated to Kentucky in a very early day. His mother was a native of Kentucky, and was a woman of remarkable ability. Her maiden name was Sallie Logan. In 1845, Mr. Dawson came to Missouri, and in 1846 returned and married Martha J. Bosley, daughter of a prominent farmer. With his young bride he came to Missouri and settled in the beautiful valley about five miles east of Warrensburg. He now owns several farms, which he conducts with intelligence and success. The family consists of four children: Kittie A., J. T., John W., and Susie K. Capt. Dawson delights in the chase, and now as well as in former days, the pursuit of wild game with dog and gun frequently claims his attention. His hospitality and kind treatment of strangers is proverbial.

#### WM. DOW,

carpenter and farmer, P. O., Knobnoster; was born in Scotland in 1841. He was raised and educated in his native country. His father was a farmer. In 1859, he came to the United States, landing in New York, and came directly west to Cincinnati, Ohio; from there he went to Kentucky, where he remained fifteen years, during which time he was engaged as carpenter and builder. He followed this until 1878, when he came to Missouri, and settled on a farm near Knobnoster, containing 120 acres, most of which is well improved, with good substantial buildings. He was married in 1867, to Miss Sue V. Breckenridge, of Lexington, Ky. By this union they have five children living: Julia, Willie, Katie, John and Lena May. Mrs. Dow is a member of the Christian church. Mr. Dow works at his trade and carries on his farm at the same time, and also raises some stock.

## JOHN F. ELBERT,

P. O. Knobnoster; dealer in groceries. Born in the state of Kentucky, in Bracking county, January 18, 1826. His father was a native of Kentucky, and born in Scott county, and was a tanner by trade, and later in life became a farmer. Emigrated to Missouri in the fall of 1836, settling in the western part of Benton county, where he was elected to the office of county judge, and served ten or twelve years. Then moved to Pettis county, east of Sedalia, where he continued to reside until his death in 1863. His mother was born and raised in Kentucky; her maiden name being Eliza McDaniel. She died in Benton county, Missouri, 1848. John F., the subject of this sketch, was about nine years of age when he moved with his parents to Missouri; his youth being spent on a farm, he early acquired the habits of industry, and resided with his father until 24 years of age, when he commenced business for himself, engaging in agricultural pursuits, which he successfully carried on for ten years, when he embarked in the groceey business, which is his present business, having it well established, as well as an enviable reputation for honesty and fair dealing. He married in Henry county, Mo., Dec. 5, 1852, Miss A. M. Barrett, a native of Bourbon county, Ky. Her parents moved to Missouri about the same time of that of Elbert's parents. This union has been blessed with one daughter, Katie. Mr. E. has been connected with the Cumberland Presbyterian church many years, of which he is deacon. In 1862, he became a member of the Odd Fellows lodge, and has filled all of the chairs. Mrs E. and her daughter are both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

## P. P. EMBREE,

farmer, P. O., Knobnoster; was born in Lincoln county, Ky., April 25, 1827. His father was a native of Kentucky, and came to Missouri in 1831, and located in Cooper county, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1837. His mother was also a native of Kentucky, and died in Cooper county in 1837. Being early deprived of both his parents, he was thrown on his own responsibility. In 1849, he was married to Miss Cynthia McFarland, daughter of Jessie and Ann McFarland. He moved from Cooper county to Henry county, and then came to Johnson county, and settled on a farm three miles northeast of Knobnoster, where he remained three years, and then moved his family to Warrensburg, where he could better educate his children. He remained there two years and then moved on to his present farm, containing 406 acres, 360 acres in cultivation. He has just erected a good substantial residence, and a new barn. He has three children: Mary A., now Mrs. W. S. McIntire, Wm. L., and Jessie, now Mrs. A. B. Francisco. Mr. E., wife and one daughter belong to the C. P. church.

## MOSES V. FAIRCLOTH,

postoffice, Knobnoster, was born in Surry county, North Carolina, on the 14th day of July, 1838, and remained there until 1870. Wm. Faircloth, the father of Moses V., was born in England and emigrated to North Carolina in an early day, with his wife and a small family of children. They settled in the above named county, and on a farm, where he raised a family of twelve children, of whom Moses V. was the youngest. His father died when he was eight years of age. His mother died some years later. At fourteen years of age he became an apprentice to a bicklayer and plasterer; served until he was twenty-one. Then he set out for himself, which trade he followed until 1863, when he went into the war. He was appointed steward of hospital No. 12, situated at Greensborough, North Carolina, which position he held until the close of the war. He was married on the 11th day of November, 1862, to Miss Elizabeth E. Grant, of Daviess county. Mrs. Faircloth lived until 1865, when she died, leaving one daughter named Fannie E. Mr. Faircloth engaged in the mercantile business, which he followed until 1869. Soon he emigrated to Missouri and settled at Knobnoster, where he has remained since. He was married again in September, 1868, to Miss Augusta D. Sanders, the daughter of John Sanders, Esq., a merchant of fine ability. They have four living children: Eva M., Lena R., Harry W. and Bernard W. They lost two in infancy. Mr. Faircloth has continued to follow his trade since coming to Johnson county, and by honest dealing has made a large circle of warm friends. As a citizen, his reputation is equal to any in the county.

## GEORGE T. GALLAHER,

postoffice, Knobnoster, Missouri. Was born in Johnson county, Missouri, July 6, 1840. His father was a native of Tennessee, and was born in 1799, and came to Missouri in the fall of 1833, and settled on a farm about two miles north of where Knobnoster now stands. He entered government land and improved it himself. In 1838 he was appointed county judge, to fill a vacancy, by the governor. He resided on the old homestead until his death, which occurred in 1876. George T. attended the common schools, and also a select school. During the war he served in the Union army, in company E, 27th Missouri infantry. In 1862 he came home and went to farming, and was elected county surveyor, November 4, 1862, and served six years. He also held various small offices. He was married on January 7, 1864, to Miss Mary C. Knaus, daughter of Judge Knaus. By this union they have three children living: Henry L., James T. and Fannie. Mr. and Mrs. Gallaher are both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

## JOHN A. GALLAHER,

was born in Monroe county, Tennessee, October 5, 1842. His father, James A. Gallaher, was a native of East Tennessee, and was born in Rone county, 1797. He became a merchant early in life, which he followed successfully until 1833, when he was married on the 5th of September, 1834, to Miss Mary F., fourth daughter of Capt. Robert Wear, a government surveyor and prominent planter. In the fall of 1834 he started *en route*, with his new bride, in wagon, for Missouri. Arriving in the state, he settled on Clear Fork, in this county, where he at once established a mill, store and blacksmith shop, or properly a gunsmith shop. These improvements were the first in the county. Being possessed of means, and a man of great energy, he soon became known, and was very popular as a man, and soon was in the enjoyment of a fine trade, people coming from a long distance to trade with him. As his means accumulated, he purchased lands, until he owned large tracts. He then began to deal largely in mules, and shipping them to the southern market, until he became one of the most extensive traders in all this part of Missouri. He was a man of unusual executive ability, and did a great deal in way of the developing of the country. He might be said to be a true business man, embarking in enterprises which gave employment to scores of men, which was a source of their living, and at the same time was benefited himself. In 1841 he disposed of his mill property and moved onto a farm, which at present is the town site of Montserrat, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in February, 1844. He had five children, three of whom died in infancy: James R., who died a few years since; John A., who is the second son, is the only one surviving. His mother, who at present is his housekeeper, is an aged lady, smart on foot, and well remembers the events on first coming to Missouri. She is quite intelligent, and in the full enjoyment of all her faculties. She is a kind neighbor, and universally esteemed by all who know her. John A., the subject of this sketch, spent his boyhood days on a farm, receiving his early education at the public school, afterward attending a select school at Knobnoster, then accepted a clerkship in a dry goods store and served one year. Soon after he made a visit south. Returning, he engaged in farming, which he followed successfully till 1861. When the war broke out he entered the confederate army, General Price commanding, then General Van Dorn and General Horton, and served during the war, and belonged to the non-commissioned staff. At the close of the war he came home and entered the college of Christian Brothers, of St. Louis, after which he entered the Missouri Medical College, where he took a thorough course. He then returned to his home and was several years engaged in various enterprises, among the principal were merchandizing

lumber and mining. Mr. Gallaher was united in marriage to Miss Kate H. Gillum, October 5, 1875, a lady whose social virtues have made his home one of the happiest in the world. She died in December, 1879, leaving two promising boys, Leo and Victor. Their mother lies buried in the lawn beneath the summer house, with a very costly and elaborate carved monument marking her last resting place, her grave being decorated with flowers of every clime and of every hue. The spot, although sacred, is the most beautiful in the county, and one over which Mr. Gallaher watches with the greatest care. Mr. G. is the owner of the celebrated coal mines of Montserrat, and has been the manager of the company ever since its organization. Personally Mr. G. is of medium size, with a very pleasing expression, as a rule, reticent upon all subjects, is well informed, is a good citizen and neighbor, and is highly respected.

### J. T. GILLUM

was born in Albermarle county, Virginia, May 17th, 1826. His father, Henry L. Gillum, was a native of that state and county, and an extensive dealer in tobacco, in the State of Kentucky. He died in 1871. J. T. was brought up on a farm. His parents with him, moved to Kentucky when he was less than a year old. He started for himself in 1847, in Logan county, Kentucky. Was married to Miss Stark, a native of Kentucky; she died September 20, 1850. In 1853 he moved to this state and county, settling on a farm. His second marriage was to Margaret Mayes, a Kentuckian. Have five children living: Robert F., Lina C. Addie M., Henry Lea and George M. His wife, himself and four of the children are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. His farm consists of two hundred acres under cultivation, and sixty acres of timber. Has a beautiful home, surrounded by a large yard and handsome shade. He is located about due north, one and a-half miles from Montserrat. His two little grandchildren, Leo and Victor, are now members of his family, their mother, Mrs. Kate Gallaher, having died December 13, 1879. She was the wife of John A. Gallaher. Mr. Gillum is one of the best farmers in the county, and has been successful in his efforts as such by a steady application of hard work and good financiering. He is an open hearted, whole souled man, and held in high esteem by all who know him.

### W. T. GOUGH.

Among the worthy citizens of Knobnoster may be mentioned Mr. Gough, who is a native of Scotland, and born near the city of Edinburgh, April 12, 1843. When about three years of age was brought by his parents to the United States. His father, Robert, was educated for a Presbyterian minister, but never engaged in preaching. He afterwards became a merchant and died soon after coming to the United States.

Walter T., who was raised and educated in the city of Lockport, in Niagara county, N. Y., and who attended the Union academy of Lockport for several terms, and after quitting the academy, entered Bryant & Stratten's Commercial College of Buffalo, N. Y., where he took a regular course, and graduated in the year 1860, and soon after a position was secured for him, with a firm running the Black Fall line of steamers as their bookkeeper, which position he held for two years. In 1863 he came west to Dayton, Ohio, where he was in the employ of a nursery for a period of several years, during which he traveled over several states. In 1868 he came to Missouri and soon after engaged in the drug trade, which he followed successfully until the spring of 1881, and moved on to his farm, immediately east of town, in a high state of cultivation, with a handsome residence with beautiful surroundings. He married Miss Emma T. Dodd, of Wayne county, Ohio, daughter of John H. Dodd, Esq., and by this union they have one son, Harry C. Mr. Gough is widely known and much esteemed, and a very affable gentleman.

#### WM. R. GUM,

proprietor of the City Hotel, Knobnoster, was born in Highland county, Virginia, October 22d, 1838. He was raised and educated in his native county. At the age of twenty-two years he spent some time in traveling over the western states, and finally located in Cooper county, Missouri, where he resided several years, and during which time he was married to Miss Mary H. Wade, daughter of William Wade. In 1871 he moved his family to Pettis county, Missouri, and located near Lamont, where he engaged in farming, which he continued until the 7th day of November, 1881, when he moved to Knobnoster and took charge of the City Hotel, which is the principal one in the place. His family consists of six girls and five boys. Mr. Gum's father was born and raised in Virginia, and is still living. His mother, who was the daughter of Nathan McCloud, was also a native of Virginia, and died in 1852.

#### SILVESTER HALL,

P. O. Knobnoster, born in Kentucky, February 7, 1811. His father was a native of Maryland, and born in 1777, and emigrated to Kentucky in 1779, and came to Missouri in 1819, and settled near Boonville, where he remained a short time, and then moved to Boonville, where he lived five years, and then moved to Saline county, where he died in 1827. His mother died in 1860. In 1849, Silvester, started for California, and was gone four years. When he returned he located in Pettis county. In 1854 he was married to Miss Nancy E. Gallaher, after which he engaged in farming. In 1865 he came to Johnson county, and settled near Knobnoster, where he owns a large farm. He owns about 1500 acres in all



1200 in cultivation. He has one farm on Black Water containing 800 acres, all in one body. He has three children living: Alice C., George L., and Charles H. Mrs. H. and Alice are members of the Old School Presbyterian church.

### ISAIAH HANNA,

farmer. Born in the state of Missouri in Cooper county, February 28, 1835. His father being a native of Kentucky. He learned the blacksmith trade in his native state, which he followed until 1838, when he emigrated to Missouri, first stopping at Boonville, where he remained for several years, after which he moved some ten miles south of Boonville, where he carried on his trade until 1839, when he went to California, where he died in about one year afterward. Mr. Hanna's mother is a native of Maryland, who is still living and is residing with his brother, who is now living in the town of Knobnoster. Her maiden name was Mary Robinson; she has attained the advanced age 72 years. Isaiah, who is our subject, was educated at the public schools. Spending a greater portion of his time in working upon his father's farm, and at the age of twenty one had gained quite a knowledge of the business, and had at intervals worked out for other parties. In 1856 commenced business for himself, engaging in farming and stock-raising, and in the same year was married to Miss Mary Houx, a cousin of the Rev. J. H. Houx, of Warrensburg, and daughter of John Houx, Esq., with whom Mr. and Mrs. Hanna lived many years. In 1878 Mr. Hanna moved on to his present farm containing in all 560 acres, most of which is well improved with a good substantial residence on a high slightly place, commanding a fine view of the surrounding country. Mr. Hanna feeds cattle and hogs quite extensively and is one of the thorough substantial men of his neighborhood. His family consists of eleven children, all living: John T., Anna B., Jennie, J. D. David P., Samuel E., Finas, Lee, George, Mamie and Isaiah. Mr. Hanna and his worthy lady are both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Hanna has been one of its prominent elders for over fifteen years, and united with the church some thirty years ago. In politics he is a democrat and is strong in his convictions.

### JOSIAH HARPER,

J. O. Montserrat, is among the respectable citizens of Washington township. He was born in the State of Tennessee, Smith county, (then eKalb), April 17, 1834, of German extraction. His father was also a native of Tennessee and his great-grandfather came from Germany. He is of the well known family of Harper's Ferry stock. His father was an esteemed farmer of Tennessee. The subject of this sketch, very early in life, became an orphan and had to depend upon his own resources with-

out much material aid from others. His mother died when he was in childhood, and his father when Josiah was eleven years of age. His early education was limited and received in the log school houses of his time. He is, in the main, a self-made man. By his own exertions and honest industry he has accumulated a good living. He was married to Miss Serrena Whitley, daughter of a prominent farmer of Tennessee. She is of Irish descent and a lady of deep religious convictions and of social nature. She is a Baptist in faith and her husband a member of the Southern Methodist church. Annie Harper, the only child, was born July 1, 1875. She is a bright, intelligent girl, very studious in school, and kind and affectionate at home. A bright future lies before her, and her parents deserve great praise for thus bringing up a child to honor them in their old age. God will bless them as they deserve. During the civil war Mr. Harper served faithfully as a confederate soldier, till the close of the struggle, in company H, under Gen. Cockrell. In politics he has always been a true democrat. His handsome cottage residence is just east of Gallaher's lawn. Mr. Harper at home is quite sociable and sincere in conversation, and appreciates honest thought. He is hospitable and kind to friends and stands high among his neighbors and acquaintances.

#### WILLIAM HARVEY,

farmer, P. O. Knobnoster, Missouri, was born in Ashland county, Ohio, July 20, 1840. His father was a native of Pennsylvania. His mother was born in Ohio. William was reared and educated in his native county, and attended an institute in Hayesville for several terms, after which he entered the army, at the first three months call, and enlisted, in 1862, in company H, 15th Ohio infantry. He participated in several battles of note, and in 1864 he returned to Ashland county, where he remained until 1868, when he moved to Missouri, and settled on his present farm, containing 280 acres, most of which is under cultivation, and is well improved. He was married in 1871 to Miss Eva Fridley, daughter of Jacob Fridley. She is a lady of culture and refinement. By this union they have two children: Elsie H. and John. Mr. Harvey has held the office of school director.

#### GEORGE W. HARRISON,

farmer, P. O. Knobnoster, was born in Johnson county, Missouri, April 9, 1840. He was educated in his native county, and attended a select school at Hazel Hill for several terms. He entered the army in 1861, answering the first three months call. He was afterward appointed by the government as wagon master on the plains, and served four years. In 1865 he was married to Miss Brunette Glars, a lady of culture and refinement. In 1866 he settled on his present farm, containing 200 acres of

well improved land, situated in section thirteen, range twenty-four. In 1868 he commenced the study of law, and was admitted to the bar. He has two children: Belle and Addison M. Mr. and Mrs. H. are both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mr. H. is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has taken all of the degrees, and at present holds the office of high priest of the chapter order at Knobnoster. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows order, and is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

### JOHN F. HENSHAW,

farmer, P. O. Knobnoster, was born in Madison county, Virginia, February 3, 1821. His father, Thomas Henshaw, was a native of Virginia, and moved to Kentucky in 1831, where he remained one year. In 1832 he moved to Clay county, Missouri, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1840. His mother was also a native of Virginia, and died in Clay county in 1860. John F. was about eleven years of age when he came with his parents to Missouri. In 1845 he came to Johnson county, and purchased eighty acres of land in Washington township. In April, 1845, he was married to Miss Susan M. Adams, daughter of Spencer Adams, one of the early settlers of Johnson county. In 1865 Mr. Henshaw moved onto his present farm, containing 164 acres of prairie land and seventy acres of timber land, making 234 in all. Most of it is in a high state of cultivation, with good buildings. It is located on section sixteen, township forty-five, range twenty-four. His family is composed of the following children: Pascal, Levi, Nancy, Albert and Elizabeth. Mr. H. has served several years as school director. Mrs. H. and Elizabeth are members of the C. P. church. Levi, the second son, lives in Rich Hill, Bates county, and is a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, ordained in 1875.

### WM. HOGAN,

P. O. Knobnoster, Mo.; was born in Kentucky in 1813. His father was a native of Kentucky. His grandfather was a native of North Carolina, and made his second trip to Kentucky in company with Daniel Boone. William's father was a farmer and lived in Kentucky till 1832, when he came to Missouri and settled in Howard county. He afterwards lived in Cooper county, then in Pettis county, and then moved back to Cooper county, where he died in 1867. William spent his youth on a farm. He attended the Western Theological Seminary for three years. In 1832 he came to Missouri with his parents, where he taught school for one year, and then engaged in the mercantile business, which he followed until 1844, when he went to Texas. He remained there until 1851, when he went to Washington, D. C., where he remained until 1861, during which time he held various responsible positions under government employ. In

1861 he returned to Missouri, and in 1868 he came to Johnson county and located near Knobnoster. He was married in 1845 to Miss C. V. Holmeade. His family consists of five children: Medora, James, Eugene, William and Alice S. James Hogan, son of Wm. Hogan, was born in Texas, June, 24th, 1848. He went with his father to Washington, D. C., in 1851. He commenced business for himself when 18 years of age. He was married in 1879 to Miss Maggie A. Fisher, of Illinois, a lady of culture, who devoted much time to teaching. Mrs. H. is a member of the M. E. church.

### VALOROUS HUGHES,

P. O. Knobnoster, Mo.; was born on Oct. 31st, 1833, in Nelson county, Ky. His father was a native of the same State and died in 1859. His mother was also a native of Kentucky, and is still living in Andrew county, Ky., where her husband died. She is now (1881) 73 years of age and is keeping house and in the enjoyment of good health and all her faculties. Valorous commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade at the age of 14, and worked five years for his board, clothes and washing. He was married Sept. 28th, 1854, to Miss Mary E. Terrell, daughter of H. H. and Nancy Terrell. In the spring of 1855 he moved to Indiana, where he engaged in farming until the fall of 1856, when he sold out and moved to Missouri, locating in Knobnoster. On the next day after his arrival he went to work at his trade at \$1.25 per day, working fourteen days, and then formed a partnership with his employer, R. H. Rue, which lasted two years. He then conducted the business alone until 1860, when he engaged in farming. During the late war he served in the Confederate army. In 1866 he returned to Knobnoster and resumed his trade, which he followed until July, 1880, when he rented his shop and retired from the business. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are both members of the Baptist church. Mr. H. is also a member of the Masonic fraternity and Odd Fellows.

### GORDON HARDY.

Among the prominent merchants of Knobnoster may be mentioned Mr. Hardy, who was born in Henry county, Missouri, October 10, 1847. His father was a native of Maryland. He was a farmer by occupation. Emigrated to Missouri in 1842, and settled in Clinton, Henry county, where he resided until 1861, during which time he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. During the war he moved to St. Louis, where he remained until 1866, when he moved to Johnson county, locating at Knobnoster, at which place he is still a resident. Gordon's mother was born in the state of New York, and moved with her parents to this state. Her name was Jane, daughter of Gordon Robinson. She died in St. Louis, Missouri, January, 1871. Gordon Hardy, the subject of whom we write,

was raised and educated in Henry county. Commencing his business career in 1863, accepting a clerkship in the dry goods trade in St. Louis, then came to Knobnoster in 1869, and at once opened a dry goods store, which he has conducted successfully. His purchases always have been very judicious, and has held several positions, of which his first being trustee of the city, nice president of the old national bank of this city, and then president of the bank of Knobnoster, which position he held for several years. Has dealt considerably in real estate, also largely in sheep, which business he is interested in at present. In 1870 he was united in marriage with Miss Minerva Lilly, of Greencastle, Indiana, a lady of culture and refinement. She died in 1875, leaving two children, Walter R. and Genevieve. In 1876 he was married to Miss Etta L., sister of his first wife. The result of this union is one son, Henry. Mr. H. and his estimable lady are both members of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

#### S. G. KELLY,

attorney, was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1840. He continued to reside in his native county, until arriving near his majority, where he was educated. When about twenty years of age he went to Ohio, in which state he spent some seven years in traveling over various portions of it. In the spring of 1868 he was married to Miss Bell, daughter of John A. Dodds, a prominent farmer residing near Cincinnati, Ohio, and in the same year he came to Missouri, and settled in Johnson county, and engaged in farming and feeding stock, and at the same time dealing in stock, in which he was very successful, and as a farmer and stock-dealer exhibited much ability, and continued to follow this until 1874, when he was admitted to the bar of Johnson county, and immediately came to Knobnoster, since which time he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession, and enjoys the reputation of being one among the best jurists in the county. He is a gentleman widely known, and is universally esteemed. His happy little family is composed of four sons, viz. Charles M., Clarence C., George H., and Samuel G. Mr. Kelly has selected a beautiful site on which he has erected a stately mansion, to which he will soon move his family, and one in which he, doubtless, will spend the remainder of his days.

#### ELBERT KIDWELL,

druggist and grocer, was born in Clark county, Illinois, on the 11th day of March, 1837, and lived in the same county until 1854, receiving a common school education. His father, Mr. Delana Kidwell, was a native of Kentucky, and so was also his mother. They were married in Kentucky, where they remained for several years after, then they emigrated to Clark county, Illinois. They were the parents of a large and interesting family

of eleven children—six sons and five daughters. Elbert and his twin brother went to Texas in the year of 1854, where they staid one year, and emigrated to California, and remained until 1869. While in California they were very prosperous. They returned to Illinois, and bought lands in Clark county, and farmed five consecutive years. During this period of his life Elbert was married to Miss Mary, the daughter of William H. and Lydia Ann Clough, of the same county. In 1876 he emigrated to Missouri, and settled in Putnam county, where he remained until the fall of 1879, when he moved to Knobnoster, Johnson county, where he now lives. He purchased a drug and grocery house, and soon was doing a fine business. In a short time his business increased, and became very profitable. They have raised two sons and two daughters, named as follows: Flora O., James A., Isaac A., Maggie A. All young and interesting children. Not members of any religious organization, yet they are good moral citizens.

#### JACOB KNAUS,

P. O. Knobnoster, Missouri. Was born in Mason county, Kentucky, October 27, 1810. His father and mother were both natives of Pennsylvania, and were married in 1791, after which they moved to Kentucky, and from there to Ohio, and came to Missouri, in 1817, and settled in Howard county where his mother died. His father remained in Howard county one year, and then came to Johnson county, and settled near Knobnoster, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1851. Judge Knaus, the subject of this notice, was the sixth son of seven, and is the only one now living. He spent his youth partly on a farm, and partly in the blacksmith shop. His early education was quite limited, being confined to the subscription schools. He was married in his twenty-second year to Miss Catherine Maxwell, who died October, 1834, leaving one son, John. He was again married to Miss Sophia Prigmore, of Pettis county, Kentucky. By this union they had six children; Benjamin P., May C., Jacob H., Wm. C., Walter Y., and Geo. W. In 1839, he was appointed by the county court as magistrate for Washington township, and served a short term. In 1840, he was elected and served two terms of four years each. In the general election in 1848, he was elected one of the county justices, and served four years. He has also held various small offices in his township. His last wife was a member of the Christian church, and died in 1870.

#### WM. W. KOONTZ,

farmer, Washington township, was born in Virginia, in 1832, and came to Missouri in 1839, and settled in Cooper county, where he arrived at manhood. He came to Johnson county, in 1858, and settled on the old

homestead, where he engaged in farming. He has also been engaged in feeding cattle, and is quite an extensive and successful farmer. He was married in September, 1878, to Mrs. W. T. Graham, widow of W. T. Graham, and daughter of Wm. Carter. She is a native of Washington county, Ind., where she was raised and educated. She has one child by her former husband. Mr. Koontz is a member of the Southern M. E. church.

### JOHN LAY,

farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Knobnoster, Mo., was born in Clayborne county, Tenn., Dec. 3, 1823. His father, Lewis Lay, was a native of North Carolina, and came to Missouri, in 1840, and settled in Adair county, which was then a wild prairie. In 1878, he went to Montana, where he died in February of the same year. John Lay was about twenty years of age when he came to Missouri with his parents. Soon after his arrival he took a claim, and commenced improving it, farming and raising stock, at the same time enjoying the sports of pioneer life. He was married in the fall of 1844, to Miss Catherine Capps, daughter of David Capps. She was born and raised in Granger county, Tenn. Mr. Lay resided in Adair county, until 1863, when he sold out and came to Washington township, and settled on his present farm, containing about 560 acres, 500 of which are in cultivation and well improved, with good substantial buildings. He is quite an extensive stock-raiser, and has raised many fine mules. He was elected one of the township judges, and served two terms, and was also elected justice of the peace. He has had seven children, five of whom are living; Lewis P., John T., King D., Barbary E., and Catherine M. The family are all members of the Baptist church.

### CHARLES LARKIN.

In this sketch we have a man who is by nature happily constructed. He was born in Harrison county, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1826. When eight years old moved with his parents to Highland county, Ohio, where he was principally raised and educated. In 1853, he moved to Iowa, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he followed until 1865. At the close of the war he removed to Missouri, and selected Knobnoster for a location. Identifying himself with the livery business, which he followed successfully for three years, when he disposed of his livery stock and engaged in hardware and agricultural implements, associating himself with Alonzo Case, a very honorable gentlemen. The popularity of the firm may be inferred by the success attending their career. In 1849, Mr. Larkin married Miss H. A. Elliott, daughter of Wm. and Hannah Elliott. Mr. Larkin has for some time taken charge of the elevator, and the firm are handling grain extensively, and have con-

tributed largely to the business interests of Knobnoster. Mr. and Mrs. Larkin by their happy union have two children living: Hannah A. and Martha J.

#### J. L. LEA, M. D.,

P. O. Montserrat. Among the prominent men of this county, and one who has been represented in its growth and progress is Dr. J. L. Lea, of Montserrat; having moved to this county in 1844, and settling at the above named place. The Dr. was born in Cocke county, Tenn., March 2, 1820. His father, Rev. Robt. H. Lea, was a native of North Carolina, and is now living at the advanced age of 87 years. J. L. received a portion of his education at the pay schools of that day. Was brought up on the farm, and moved to Missouri when about twenty years of age. He was married to Miss Tandy, a daughter of Roger Tandy, of Virginia. Have three children living: Mary Jane, now Mrs. Tandy, A. J., now Mrs. W. J. Mayes, and A. M., now Mrs. John S. Mayes, all residents of this county. Himself and wife are members of the M. E. church, south. The Dr. is a man of large experience, and has been a very successful practitioner. He still attends to the calls of a physician, and is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends, which are hard to limit in number. We found him in his office and ready to assist us in anything which would help the work or add to the history of his county, and we feel under obligation to him in this respect, as some important facts and dates were gathered through his efforts.

#### PETER C. LINK,

P. O. Knobnoster, Mo.; was born in Belmont county, Ohio, April 23, 1856. His parents were raised in Virginia. His mother is of Scotch descent. After their marriage they remained in Virginia for some time, then moved to Ohio, and settled in Belmont county. After living here for a year or two they moved to Morgan county, Mo. When Peter C. was two years of age, his mother died. The family remaining in Morgan county for 10 years, when they moved into Cooper county, Mo., where they lived about one year, when his father died leaving two daughters and a son, whose names are as follows: Addie who was born in Virginia, Peter C., the subject of this sketch was born in Ohio, and Bina in Missouri. He was eleven years of age when his father died, hence their advantages for an education were limited to the common schools of the county, and one or two terms at Bethlehem college. Peter then went to farming, the occupation his father followed for a livelihood. He continued farming until 1881. Mr. Link is of good morals, economical in habits, and a thorough Christian gentleman. He was married to Miss Julia C., the accomplished daughter of Geo. W. Lutz, Esq., of Knobnos-



ter, Mo. He has settled in Knobnoster, and is proprietor of an extensive grocery house. He is a worthy member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

#### C. B. LITTLEFIELD,

cashier of the bank of Knobnoster; was born in Kentucky, January 23, 1855. Came with his parents to Missouri, when about three months old; his father locating about twelve miles south of Knobnoster, on a farm, where the subject of this sketch was raised and received his early education. He was attentive to his books, and made rapid progress in his studies, and entered William Jewell college, where he continued to pursue his studies for two years. Leaving this institution he returned to Knobnoster, and was elected cashier of the bank of Knobnoster, July 1, 1876; which position he has filled with much credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of his patrons. Also has filled the office of town councilman, city clerk and treasurer. Mr. L. was married, Oct. 1, 1877, to Miss Theodosia Webb, of Pettis county, daughter of Rev. W. S. Webb, a prominent minister now living in Girard, Kansas. This union has been made happy by one daughter being born: Edith Grace. Mrs. L. is a lady possessed of many graces, and is a prominent member of the Baptist church. Mr. Littlefield is one of the foremost of the prominent men of eastern Johnson county.

#### GOE. W. LUTZ.

Mr. Lutz is a native of Virginia, and was born in the Shenandoah valley, May, 1822. He lived in his native state until about the year —, when he, in company with his family, moved to the state of Illinois, where he was raised and educated, and continued to reside until 1857. He was married October, 1844, to Miss Christina, daughter of Abraham Funkhouser, a prominent farmer of Virginia. In the fall of 1857 he moved with his family to Illinois, where he remained about ten months. In the fall of 1858, emigrated to Missouri and bought a farm in Pettis county, on which he settled; here he lived two years, then moved into the old town of Knobnoster, and when the war broke out he moved his family back on the farm in Pettis county, where they remained until after the close of the war. Soon after this Mr. Lutz entered the Union Home Guards, serving for some months, then was called into service by the militia in which service he spent three years and was mustered out in the fall of 1864; after which he retired to his home and engaged in farming. This not being suited to his taste, he disposed of his farm and moved to Knobnoster and embarked in the sewing machine and furniture business, establishing his business in the year 1875-76, which business he has conducted successfully. Mr. Lutz has held various township offices: first as constable, in

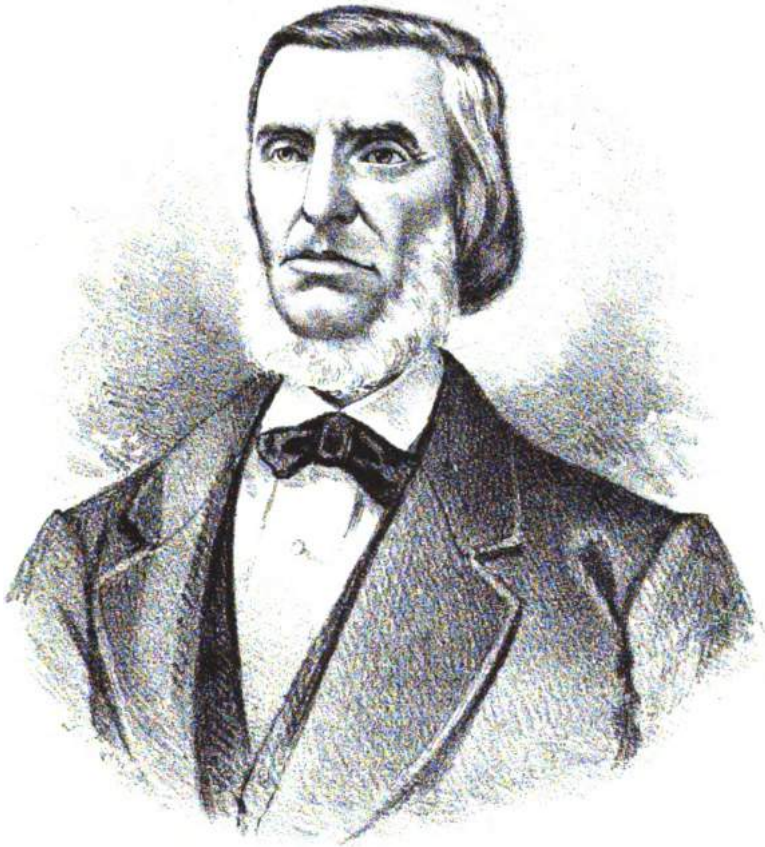
which capacity he served four years; also on the school board for several years. They have four children, one son who was a prominent young minister in the M. E. church, of the St. Louis conference. He died in 1876. The following are the names of the living: Sallie M., Julia C. and Laura V., all of whom are married; Sallie to Mr. Kiblinger, Julia to P. C. Link, of Knobnoster and Laura to a Mr. Zemmerman. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz and their daughters are all accepted members of the M. E. church in which denomination they are zealous workers.

#### T. H. MADDOX,

architect and builder, P. O., Knobnoster, Missouri, was born in Kentucky, April 24, 1833. His father died when he was quite young. He came to Illinois when about sixteen years of age, where he remained until 1860, when he came to Missouri, and worked at his trade. In May, 1866, he moved to Knobnoster, where he has followed his trade ever since. He devotes much of his time to architecture and drawing, having drafted nearly all the fine buildings in the town and adjoining country. He was married in 1856 to Miss Elizabeth A. Cooter, Lewis county, Missouri, daughter of a prominent merchant. By this union they have one son, James M., who is now in partnership with his father.

#### JAMES T. MAHIN,

section 24, P. O., Knobnoster, Missouri, was born in Jessamine county, Kentucky, November 16, 1830. His father was a native of Kentucky, and was a farmer by occupation. He came to Missouri in 1862, and settled in Johnson county, near Knobnoster, where he lived until his death, which occurred on May 23d, 1873. His mother, Sarah A., daughter of Wm. Scott, is also a native of Kentucky, and is still living on the old homestead. James T. was raised and educated in his native county, and at the age of seventeen he became an apprentice to the carpenters' trade, which he followed until 1855, when he came to Missouri, and worked at his trade several years, after which he came to Knobnoster. He purchased a tract of land lying southeast of Knobnoster, consisting of one hundred acres, eighty in prairie and twenty in timber, with a good substantial residence and a good orchard on each place. Mr. Mahin was first married in 1855 to Miss Jane Mahin, of his native county, who died in Johnson county, in 1879, leaving three children: E. T., Sallie B. and George W. He was again married on November 9th, 1880, to Miss Jennie Christy, of Knobnoster, daughter of Wm. Christy. At the death of her father, who was postmaster at that time, she assumed the duties of the office, and was soon afterward appointed postmistress by President Hayes, which position she held for nearly four years. Mrs. M. is a member of the Cumberland, and Mr. M. of the Old School Presbyterian church.



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## CHARLES MAUPIN,

was born in Albemarle county, Virginia, May 4, 1846. His father, William A., was a native of the same state and county, and a very prominent physician, as were also his two brothers, Socrates and Addison. His grandfather and great-grandfather were also natives of the same state. His great-great-grandfather was of English birth. His father died in May, 1848, when Charles was only two years of age. He commenced a college education, but at the outbreak of the war, although but fifteen years of age went out in the 10th Virginia cavalry. Was in the commands of Gen. Robert Preston and Gen. William Henry Lee. Was in the battle of the Wilderness, and was taken as a prisoner to Fortress Monroe, in June, 1864. At the close of the war he returned to his home, and taught school for a few months. Came to Johnson county Mo., in 1867. Was married in June, 1867, to Miss Ramsey, granddaughter of John Mayes, Esq. She was born in this county, and raised in Virginia. By this union they have five children: William Lucian, Lilly Chapman, Socrates, Albert Addison, and George Harvey. Mr. Maupin is one of the board of education of his township, and a man well fitted for any of the positions to which he may be called upon to fill. He is a liberal, large-hearted, whole-souled fellow, and does not fail to gain your confidence and esteem by his manly and gentlemanly social qualities, and as a citizen and neighbor ranks with the best in Johnson county. Himself and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist church. His present farm contains 235 acres, a large part under cultivation, with good, substantial improvements. Is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

## JUDGE JOHN B. MAYES.

One who stands prominent among the old settlers of Washington township may be mentioned Mr. Mayes. He is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Green county, December, 1821. He moved to Missouri with his father, John Mayes, who was originally a Pennsylvanian by birth, but was principally raised in Virginia, and moved to Kentucky in a very early day, where he remained several years. In 1834 he emigrated to Missouri, stopping in Lafayette county one winter, and in March, 1835, moved to Johnson county, and settled on Bone Creek, where he engaged in farming and raising stock, and where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in March, 1881, having attained the advanced age of ninety years. John B.'s mother was a native of Virginia, and lived in her native state until grown to womanhood. Her maiden name was Nancy H. Berry. She died in this county in 1878. John B. spent his boyhood days on a farm. He received his early education in the pay schools of Kentucky, at which he

spent about eleven years. Coming to this county with his parents he engaged work in the woolen mills of Warrensburg, where he spent some eight years. In 1844 he married Miss Martha A., daughter of William T. Gillum, Esq. He then engaged in farming, which he has successfully followed until a few years since, when he has been engaged in the mercantile business. In 1850 he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, which office he held continually until 1861, when the civil war broke out, which virtually did away with the office. During the war Mr. Mayer lost everything except his lands. In 1872 he was elected supervisor of his township, and at that time, under the old law, was ex-officio county judge. Under the new law, was appointed, first by Governor Phelps, and the second time by Governor Crittenden, which office he holds at present. He is the father of eight children, four boys and four girls, named as follows: W. J., Lou, (who married Mr. J. Kelly), John S., Katie T., (now Mrs. Hannah), Cluey G., Jefferson D., Annie E. and Mintia H. Mr. Mayer, for the past twelve years, has been engaged in the general merchandising business, his present store being in the town of Montserrat. This affords him employment for both his hands and his mind. His large landed estate has been divided up among his children, but he has kept 295 acres for himself, well improved, with a good, substantial residence, situated on a most beautiful site, very high and commanding to the view. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer are both prominent members in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and so are all the children.

#### WILLIAM J. MAYES,

P. O. Montserrat, a leading stock dealer and farmer of Washington township. He was born in this county May 7, 1847. His father, Judge J. B. Mayer, has long been one of the prominent citizens of the county, whose biographical sketch appears elsewhere. Also, under the head of pioneer settlers will be found a brief notice of his grandfather, John Mayer. (See pp. 240, 490). November 12, 1872, he married Miss Josie Lea, daughter of Dr. J. L. Lea, a prominent physician of the township. She was born September 1, 1851. They have four children: Eula G., was born Aug. 27, 1873; Finis E., was born April 12, 1876; Roy B., was born March 16, 1879; at this date the youngest child is not named. He has a large, commodious residence, beautifully located, surrounded by elegant out-buildings, and one of the finest orchards in the neighborhood. He is among the most successful stock feeders of the township. He has, at present, 200 acres of land in wheat. In politics he is a staunch Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

### JAMES McKEEHAN,

farmer, P. O. Knobnoster, Missouri, was born in Green county, East Tennessee, December 7, 1820. His father was born in the same county, and was a farmer by occupation. He came to Missouri in 1835 and spent one year on Black Water. He then came to Johnson county, and settled on a farm near where the Knobnoster cemetery now stands, where he remained until 1862, when he moved to Franklin county. He remained there until 1865, when he again moved to Johnson county, with his son James. He died in the fall of the same year. James was married in 1858 to Miss Mary Gilmore, daughter of John Gilmore, Esq. Soon after his marriage he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and stock raising, particularly mules. He entered a portion of government land, now known as the Churchill property, where he resided until 1859, during which year he moved on to his present farm, 1½ miles north-west of Knobnoster, where he has lived ever since. He has four children, all boys: John G., Jehu, James C., and Frank. Mr. McKeehan served four years as constable of his township, and was school director for several years and holds the position now (1881). He and his wife are both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

### L. C. MILLER,

physician, was born in Callaway county, Missouri, October 29, 1836. His father, Abraham Miller, who was a native of Kentucky, had emigrated to Missouri in 1818 and settled in Callaway county in 1819, and by occupation was an agriculturist, and continued to reside in the above named county until his death in 1862. The doctor's mother was also a native of Kentucky. Born and raised in Bourbon county, and was the daughter of Capt. Rule, he being a Captain under Col. Thompkins, commanding in the war of 1812. She died in the year 1848. The doctor spent his youth on a farm, and his first lessons were taken in the common school and afterward he attended the high school at Independence, Jackson county, Mo. After quitting this school he went to California, where he remained five years. Returning, he then entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia and graduating in 1857. Returning to his native state he located in Shelby county and at once entered upon his practice and in a short time he was in the enjoyment of a lucrative practice, it extending into Jackson and Cass counties. In 1876 he came to Knobnoster and resumed his practice. The doctor has been twice married, first to Miss Shanks, niece of Col. Shanks. She died in 1860, leaving one child, William E. For his second wife he married a Miss Nesbit, daughter of John Nesbit of Shelby county, and in 1881 she died, leaving two children: Minnie B. and John W.

**JOHN M. RAGNER,**

farmer, is a native of Germany and was born in 1835. When five years of age he came to the United States with his parents, landing in New York, and immediately came on west to Missouri, locating in Boonville, Cooper county, where they remained one year, and then came to Johnson county in 1841, and settled on Clear Fork, where they remained about three years, and then moved to a place ten miles south west of Knobbooster. Mr. Ragner was married in 1858 to Miss Dorothy Endrich, a native of Germany. She came to America when 12 years of age. Soon after his marriage he settled on his present farm, containing 80 acres. He owns in all 455 acres, most of which is in a high state of cultivation. He is quite an extensive cattle and hog raiser, feeding most all of his stock ready for market before selling. His family consists of four children: George M., Louisa A., Helen C., and William Henry. He resides in a good substantial brick residence.

**ALFONZO RAY,**

farmer, postoffice, Knobbooster, Missouri. Was born in Johnson county, February 4, 1841. His early education was obtained in subscription schools. About the only text book was the spelling book. His father was a native of Kentucky, and died when Alfonso was quite young. Alfonso, being early deprived of a father's care, continued to live with his mother until he attained his majority. His mother was a native of Virginia, and has had nine children, four of whom are now living: George W., Martha A., Victoria and Alfonso. Mr. Ray has been a farmer all his life. His mother is now residing with her son-in-law, Mr. Shepherd, of St. Clair county, Missouri, where she has lived for three years. Mr. Ray has a farm of 240 acres, most of which is in cultivation. He also deals in cattle and hogs. His grandfather, Jas. S. Ray, was born in Kentucky, and was one of the first settlers of that state.

**JOHN ROSENBROUGH,**

deceased, was born in Kentucky, in 1807, where he lived until about sixteen years of age, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked at the stone mason's trade. He afterward went to Rock Island, and from there to Indiana, where he remained for some time. In 1852 he was married to Miss Elvira Kibbel, daughter of Millard Kibbel, Esq. Mr. Rosenbrough, after his marriage, remained in Indiana until 1869, when he moved his family to Missouri, and settled on the farm now owned by J. Applegate. In 1870 his team of horses ran away with him, injuring him so severely that he only partially recovered, and died August 4, of the next year, in Saline county, Missouri. His widow is still living in Wash-



ington township, and takes care of her family of five children: James N., C. Elmer, Wm. C., Frank L. and Jessie. Mrs. R. is an acceptable member of the M. E. church.

#### JOHN H. SPARR,

postoffice, Knobnoster, Missouri. Was born in Switzerland, November, 1806, and came to the United States when about thirteen years of age. He received the greater part of his education in his native country. After coming to this country he was engaged in the United States banking business, and was afterward engaged in a bank in Alton, Illinois. In 1823 he determined on going to St. Louis. In 1840 he commenced in the hotel business, which he followed for thirty-five years, during which time he kept some of the best hotels in St. Louis, among which were the Lindel, Planters', the Virginia, and others. In the burning of the Lindel Mr. Sparr lost very heavily, previous to which time he had been very successful as a landlord. He then became proprietor of the Planters' House, in which he was again very successful. He retired from the hotel business in 1875, and moved to Knobnoster, where he purchased property, and is living somewhat retired. He has raised eight children, all of whom are doing well. He was married to his first wife in 1837. She was a native of Maine, and died in 1854. He was again married in 1856, to Miss Dodds, daughter of Col. Dodds, of Ohio. He has four children by this union.

#### JOHN A. SHOEMAKER,

postoffice, Knobnoster. Is a native of Ohio, born in Ottawa county, September 8, 1850. He lived in his native county until about fifteen years of age, when he moved with his parents to Missouri, and settled in Johnson county near Knobnoster. In 1877 he commenced business for himself by engaging in farming, and during the same year was married to Miss Bettie Shepherd, daughter of John Shepherd, Esq. Mr. Shoemaker, although a young man, is much noted for his enterprise as a stock breeder, having imported into Johnson county some of the finest and most thoroughbred Norman horses ever brought to this part of the state, and in point of thoroughbred Durham cattle he has no parallel. Mr. Shoemaker is a man who delights in good stock, and is contributing his full share in this direction. Aside from his stock he manages to raise annually from 700 to 1,000 bushels of wheat. Mr. Shoemaker is a quiet, unassuming man, and much esteemed by all who know him.

#### JACOB SHOEMAKER,

farmer, postoffice, Knobnoster. Was born in Franklin county, Ohio, December 4, 1824. He went with his parents to Seneca county, where

he was raised and educated. At the age of twenty-one he commenced farming for himself. In 1847 he was married to Miss Rosanna Pufferberger. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, was a farmer, and died in Seneca county, Ohio, in 1835. His mother was also a native of Pennsylvania, and died in 1854. Jacob remained in Ohio until 1864, when he entered the union army, joining company A, 177th Ohio infantry. After the war he returned home and went to farming. In the spring of 1866 he came to Missouri and settled near Knobnoster, where he remained one year, and then moved on his present farm, which contains 920 acres, all in cultivation. In 1871 he erected a fine, substantial brick residence, one of the finest farm residences in Johnson county. He has six children, two boys and four girls: John A., Mary C., Becca E., Susan A., Wm. S., Sarah F. Mr. S. is a Mason, having joined the fraternity in Ohio.

#### MARTIN SHUMATE,

P. O. Warrensburg. Born on the virgin soil of Johnson county, April, 1844. He was raised on a farm, and was educated in the common schools. In 1867, was married to Miss Salina Thomas, daughter of Diggs Thomas, a native of Tennessee. They have five children: Hulitt, Frank, David C., Emma A., and Katie M. Mr. S. devotes considerable attention to the raising of stock, he also grows wheat and other grains. He has a farm of 400 acres, 300 of which is well improved. A large portion of his farm is underlaid with a coal vein of superior quality, of from twelve to thirty inches in thickness. His moral qualities are of high character, and his energies never fail,

#### SIMON W. SOUTHER,

(deceased.) Was born in Boone county, Kentucky, near Cincinnati, April 27, 1814. His father was born in Virginia, in 1776, and emigrated to Kentucky, at an early day. He served in the war of 1812. Simon W. was a merchant, trading in various kinds of goods, which he run down the river on flat boats. He came to Missouri in 1855, and settled on his present farm, containing 510 acres. In the following year he was married to Miss M. Thornton, daughter of George Thornton, who was one of the early settlers of Johnson county. Mr. S. was engaged in farming and stock-raising, dealing largely in young cattle. He was once elected magistrate. He continued to reside on the old homestead until his death, which occurred in February, 1874. He was an acceptable member of the Christian church, at his death. His widow is still living and has five children; Geo. W., Fannie E., Thomas S., Annie M., and Theodosia M. Mrs. S., George and Annie are members of the Christian church.

## ALEXANDER SPEIR.

Among the worthy and enterprising men of Montserrat, who left their native country and adopted this, may be mentioned Mr. Speir. He was born in Scotland, February 8, 1821. He continued to reside in his native country until he attained his majority. His father dying when Alexander was quite young, he was early in life thrown upon his own resources. He came to the United States in 1854, embarking on the Middlesex, a sailing vessel. Arriving at New York, he immediately went to Ohio, and stopped at a place named Chopaway, where he remained fifteen months. He then went to Maston, O., and was there one year. From that place he went to Illinois. He came to Missouri, in 1868, and located at Montserrat, and engaged in coal mining, in which business he has had large experience. Although commencing in very meagre circumstances, he has, by industry and energy, succeeded well, and is now a member of the South Western Coal Association of Montserrat, and is an honorable gentleman. Mr. Speir married in Scotland, in 1850, Miss Lizzie McFarland. They have no children.

## JAMES H. STEVENS,

farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Knobnoster, Mo. Was born in Cole county, Mo., February 5, 1834. His father, Absalom Stevens, was born in east Tennessee, in 1811, and came to Missouri with his parents, when five years of age. He was married in 1833, to Miss Elizabeth Hamil, daughter of Tarleton Hamil. He is a farmer and stock-raiser, and came to Johnson county, in 1863, and settled on his present farm, containing 140 acres, well improved, and well adapted to growing all kinds of grain. He has had five children: James H., Rachel, David, John T., Alexander, and Bob. He and his wife are both members of the Christian church. James H. Stevens, the subject of this sketch, was married in 1860, to Miss Jancy Renfrow. Previous to his marriage he went to Iowa, where he spent three years, during which time he was farming, except one year, in which he took a trip to Pike's Peak, Colorado. On his return to Missouri, he went to Monitor, where he remained until 1861, when he came to Johnson county, and settled near Knobnoster. In 1876, he moved on his present farm of 200 acres, of well improved land, where he devotes his time to growing wheat and corn, and raising stock. He has served ten years as school director. He has four children living; H. F., E. R., Mary F., and Cora Ella. Mr. Stevens is a member of the Grange, and a republican in politics. He is a good neighbor, well respected, and widely known.

## WILLIAM SUTTON,

farmer. P. O. Warrensburg. Born in Kentucky, November, 1812; son of Alexander, also a native of Kentucky. William came to Missouri in 1856 and settled on a farm in this vicinity. He married Miss Amanda Bosley, in 1845, and their family consists of six children: Frances M., America A., John W., James A., Haydon J. and Sarah E. He owns a good farm of 247 acres of well improved land and a good orchard.

## ELIAS SWOPE,

farmer; P. O. Knobnoster, Missouri; was born in Seneca county, Ohio, October 10, 1833. His father was a native of the same state, where he still lives. His mother was also a native of Ohio, and died in 1874. Elias spent his youth on a farm, and was educated in the common schools. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he commenced business for himself by engaging in farming. In 1855 he was married to Miss Lyda Fiantt, daughter of Martin Fiantt, Esq. Mr. Swope resided in Ohio until 1878, when he came to Missouri, and settled in Washington township, sec. 12., where he purchased his present farm of 340 acres, all in cultivation, except thirty acres of timber. He is one of the largest and most successful wheat grower in his township. He owns a fine orchard and a good substantial residence. His family is composed of six children, three boys and three girls. Mr. and Mrs. Swope are members of the Evangelical society.

## BENTON P. TAYLOR,

farmer and stock-dealer; P. O., Knobnoster. Was born in Pettis county, Missouri, December 6, 1833. His father, B. P. Taylor, was a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in 1795, and emigrated to Kentucky at an early day. From there he moved to Illinois and thence to Missouri, in 1822, and settled first in St. Francois county, then in St. Louis county, and from there he moved to Cooper county, thence to Pettis county, about 1828, and settled on a farm on which he resided until his death, which occurred in March, 1854. He was a farmer and miller, and his favorite amusements were chasing and hunting the deer. Benton's mother was born in Pennsylvania, in 1799, and is still living in Pettis county. Benton P. commenced business for himself in 1853, as a farmer and miller, and followed this for about twenty years, after which he engaged in the mercantile business, which he followed about ten years. He then engaged in the grain and stock business, which he follows at present, dealing in cattle, hogs and sheep. He was married in Pettis county in 1854, to Miss Martha M. Vanbibber, great-grand-daughter of Daniel Boone. By this union they have five children: George S., Annie M., Mary, Maggie, and

the baby. Mr. Taylor has held the office of assessor and collector for several terms. In politics he is a democrat.

### J. H. WARREN,

physician and surgeon. Prominent among the old settlers is Dr. Warren. He was born in Lee county, Virginia, December 27, 1818. His father, Martin Warren, was a native of Kentucky, and was a farmer by occupation. His mother's maiden name was Nancy Hubbard; she was born in the state of Virginia, and was married in her native state. Dr. Warren's parents emigrated to Missouri in 1819, and stopped at a place then called Boone's Lick, now in Howard county; from there they moved to Lafayette county, this state, and thence to Johnson county, in 1832, locating on Clear Fork, where he settled and improved a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits and the raising of stock, and where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1840. The Dr.'s mother died in Lafayette county, Missouri, in 1833. J. H., the subject of this notice, spent his youth on a farm, and early in life acquired the habits of industry; was educated at the common schools, after which he commenced his career as a teacher, following this three years; then began the study of medicine with Dr. Wm. Calhoun, a most eminent and worthy physician, now living in Warrensburg. He took his first course in the St. Louis medical college, after which he commenced the practice, and was very successful for several years, when he returned to the same college taking his second course of lectures, graduating in the spring of 1848, and immediately resumed his practice in Cass county, and continued until 1861, when he entered the Union army as surgeon of the 5th Missouri State militia and served until 1863, when he was mustered out, and soon after located at Knobnoster, and at once engaged in his practice, and where he has been a resident ever since, not only enjoying the confidence of his patrons, but a lucrative business. The Dr.'s grandfather, Martin W., was one of the first settlers of Warrensburg, and was well known by the pioneers of that locality. In 1840 the Dr. was married to Miss Sarah Warren, daughter of John Warren, of Lafayette county. She died in Johnson county, July 4, 1866. He was again married in October, 1868, to Miss Sue Young, who was the daughter of James Young, Esq. The Dr. has never raised any children of his own. The Dr. and his estimable lady are both acceptable members of the Christian church. His residence is of a very substantial character, and is provided with many comforts. He is a kind and unassuming man, is a good neighbor, and highly respected.

### J. H. WELLS,

merchant and stock dealer. In this sketch we do not have a man who inherited a fortune, or received a finished education, but we do have one

who possesses true merit. He is a native Missourian, born in Saline county, June 23, 1842. He was reared on a farm, and when quite a small boy exhibited signs of being his own man, and when about 17 years of age started out in life without a dollar; his first agreement was to drive a team across the plains and to receive for his services \$25.00 per month and expenses, which he followed for two years. In the fall of 1864 he settled on government lands in Montana territory, which at that time was a part of Idaho, where he engaged in farming and raising stock, and also worked at blacksmithing, also in government contracting, which he followed till 1877. Since which time he has been engaged in buying western cattle and shipping them to Chicago. In the year 1877 he also opened a dry goods store in Knobnoster, taking in Mr. D. H. De Arman as partner and business manager. He also is partner in the grocery store, the style of the firm being Collins & Wells. He was married in September, 1861, to Miss Jane Reese, a daughter of J. E. Reese, a prominent farmer and stock trader of Montana. The result of this union has been four children, viz: Gomer, Perry, Reese and Lena. Mr. Wells is a straightforward man in his dealings, his popularity may be inferred by the success which has attended his career.

#### A. W. WHEATLEY,

farmer, P. O. Knobnoster, was born in North Carolina, May 6, 1833. His father Wm. Wheatley was a native of North Carolina, and came to Missouri in 1857, and settled in Washington township, one mile west of Knobnoster, where he remained until 1861, when he entered the army and was taken sick and died in 1862. His mother was also a native of North Carolina, was born in 1811, and is still living with her son, Adolphus W., the subject of this sketch, who was about 24 years of age when he came to Missouri, with his parents. In 1865 he commenced farming for himself. In 1866 he moved on to his present farm, containing 70 acres, with good substantial improvements. He has a small apple orchard and many varieties of small fruit. He has served as school director in his district. His father's family was composed of nine children, five of whom are living: Adolphus W., Benjamin F., Amelia E., May C., Adelaide A. They have lost four, two of whom were killed in the war, one died in infancy and the other at 10 years.

#### HERMAN WILPERS,

farmer, P. O. Knobnoster, was born in Prussia, June 12, 1845. In 1846 his parents came to America, and stopped one year in Buffalo, New York, then came to Illinois, where he remained until 1869, when he moved to Nebraska, where he was engaged in farming for 8 years, when he was eaten out by the grass-hoppers. In 1876 he came to Knobnoster and

rented a farm and went to work with a will. He afterwards moved on to his present farm, containing 118 acres. He also owns other land, and has been a very successful wheat-grower. He was married in Adams county, Illinois, in January, 1867, to Miss Catherine Nicwoohner, a native of Germany. By this union they have four children: Garret H., John B., Joseph H., and Mary C. Mr. W. is a member of the Catholic church. His father and mother were both natives of Germany.

### SAMUEL WORKMAN,

Retired farmer and capitalist, was born in Adams county, Penn., near Gettysburg, Sept. 14, 1811, and was principally raised in York county, in the town of Hanover, in which place he learned the tanner's trade, and some time after, saddletree-making, in which he exhibited much skill, and his work was in great demand. In 1836, he moved to Indiana and settled in Tippecanoe county, on the Wabash river, where he remained until 1839, when he moved to Missouri, and settled in Howard county, where he resided one year near New Franklin. In 1840, he removed to Johnson county, and purchased the land which is the present site of the town of Knobnoster, entering his land from the government. Mr. Workman was the founder of the town, and has continued to reside here, and raised a family of seven children, all living, and all married. Two of his sons studied medicine. Wm. J. served one term in the legislature of Missouri. James L., his youngest son studied medicine in Indiana, and graduated from the St. Louis Medical college: They are both in the enjoyment of a lucrative practice, of whom their father may well be proud. The subject of this notice was married to Miss Sarah Walter of Adams county, Penn., Feb. 11, 1834. She was the daughter of Jacob Walter, Esq. Mr. Workman after locating in Knobnoster, among the first things he did was to plant a good orchard, which in a few years afforded him an abundance of fruit. He then engaged in agricultural pursuits, at the same time making saddletrees; his work was first class, and of ready sale. Soon after he was elected justice of the peace, which office he held continuously for a period of ten years. In 1866, he was engaged in the real estate business, and was also notary public. He is one of the stock holders in Knobnoster bank, and also one of the directors. He is the owner of 280 acres of well improved land, and some 300 town lots. Has several good business houses, which affords him a handsome income. Has a fine substantial brick residence. He was instrumental in securing the present location of the depot by donating the lots to the railroad company, and giving them one thousand dollars in money. He has given great encouragement to churches, donating the lots on which to build them; also has been liberal toward them by giving them money. He gave to the M. E. church, of which he is a prominent member, two thousand dollars. Mrs.

Workman is also a worthy member of the same church. Was born in Adams county, Penn., Oct. 15, 1816. They have had eight children, seven of whom are living: Eliza A., Sarah J., Mary M., Walter A., Samuel I., Dr. William J., and Dr. James M. Mr. Workman has set a good example, is a good neighbor, is widely known and esteemed. He has always been on the side of temperance, law and order, and in politics is a staunch republican, and has always been a firm believer in the support of the government.

#### D. M. WYRICK,

farmer; P. O. Knobnoster, Mo., was born in Granger county, Tenn., Jan. 3, 1837. His father, Michael Wyrick, was a native of Virginia, and moved to Tennessee at an early day, and came to Missouri, about 1841, and settled in Miller county, where he died in 1878. His mother was also a native of Virginia, and died in 1877, in Miller county. D. M., the subject of this notice, was educated in Miller county, and was married in 1864, to Miss S. Mercersmith, of Miller county. In 1866, he came to Johnson county, and settled on or near Long Branch, and purchased his present farm of 244 acres. He now owns about 603 acres of choice land, 500 acres of which are in cultivation. He is one of the most extensive wheat growers of his neighborhood, and devotes considerable attention to raising fine cattle. He has five children, one son and four daughters: Arizona, Lizzie J., Daniel S., Ida, and Niina. Mr. Wyrick is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having joined in 1868.

#### W. J. ZIMMERMAN,

farmer, P. O. Knobnoster, Missouri, was born in Johnson county, Iowa, November 29, 1855. He moved to Johnson county, Missouri, in 1868, and settled on his present farm, containing eighty acres, all well improved. He was married October 7, 1880, to Miss Laura Lutz, of Knobnoster, daughter of George W. Lutz, Esq. Mr. Zimmerman devotes the most of his time to growing grain. He is the youngest of a family of nine children.

#### THEODORE E. ZINK,

livery, was born in Bureau county, Illinois, September 11, 1856. He moved with his parents when about ten years of age to Missouri, in the year 1866. His father settling on a farm one and one-half miles east of Knobnoster, and where T. E. remained with his father and mother until thirteen years of age, when he set out in life for himself by engaging to work on a farm, and followed this about six years. Then he engaged in farming for himself, continuing in the business for four years, in which he was quite successful. He then quit farming, and embarked in the livery business, which is his present business, and which was purchased from



John Harper, his stable being the first livery stable established in Knobnoster. Mr. Zink is conducting the business on a good plan, and has established himself as the principal man in that enterprise, and his popularity may be inferred from the success attending his efforts. Mr. Zink was married May 22, 1875, to Miss Georgia Blackmore, of Boone county, Missouri. The result of this union has been two children: Willie E. and Frank M. Mr. Zink is a kind, clever gentleman, and well fitted for his business.

### DANIEL STEARNS, .

hardware, etc., Holden, Missouri, was born in Waltham, Massachusetts, March, 1824. He lived in his native city until about thirty years of age. He received his early education at the common schools of that state. At eleven years of age he entered a cotton and woolen factory, where he remained engaged until about thirty-one years of age, when he went to Wisconsin, where he remained about ten years, during which time he was engaged in farming and mechanical work. In 1865 he removed to Johnson county, living in Warrensburg about two years. He then removed to Holden, where he has been a resident ever since. Soon after his arrival in Holden he engaged in contracting and building, and followed this until 1873, when he engaged in his present business, hardware, and took into partnership Mr. J. S. Sherer, with whom he remained for several years, when he went into partnership with Mr. William H. Lindle, his present partner. Mr. Stearns was married in 1845, to Miss Nancy J. Emmerson, of Great Falls, New Hampshire, by whom he had six children, five of whom are now living: Frank, Nancy J., Laura M., J. H. and Lillian M. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns are both members of high standing in the Presbyterian church, and contribute liberally to its support. Mr. Stearns has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for thirty years.

### KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP.

#### W. H. CARPENTER,

physician, P. O. Kingsville. He was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, July 8, 1829. When he was about two years of age, he was taken by his parents to Hamilton county, Ohio, where he was raised. His father, William, was a native of Kentucky, but died in Hardin county, Ohio. William H., the subject of this notice, entered a store as a clerk, after which he commenced the study of medicine, entering the Cincinnati Medical College in 1849, and the next year graduated, then entered upon the practice. About the year 1852 he removed to this county. From 1864 to 1868 he lived in Shelby county, then returned to Kingsville. He was

united in marriage to Miss Wilson in 1849, who was a native of Hamilton county, Ohio. She died in St. Louis, of that dreaded plague, the cholera. He was married a second time, to Mrs. Susan Lemmon, daughter of Gen. King. She died May, 1863, leaving three children: Charlie, Laura, and Willie. He married his present wife in 1867, and they have four children: Alonzo L., Walter, Nellie May, and Clara M. Mrs. Carpenter is a worthy member of the Baptist church.

#### MAURIS CONNELL,

Kingsville, Missouri, was born in Ireland. His father, Dennis Connell, was a native of Ireland, and died at the age of ninety; his mother died the same year at the age of eighty-eight. He lived with his father on the farm until twenty-one years old; he then emigrated to America. He landed in the state of New York in 1853, remained there one year; he then removed to Illinois, and from there to Missouri. He engaged in railroading—had charge of the grading of the Missouri Pacific from Jefferson City to Kingsville. Was married, in 1857, to Miss Mary Murphy, a native of Ireland. They have four children: Dennis, Kate, James, and Joanna. Mr. Connell has 240 acres of well-improved land, located in Kingsville township. The family are members of the Catholic church.

#### THOMAS A. CONRAD,

originally a Pennsylvanian, was born in February, 1840. His father, James Conrad, was a native of Pennsylvania, a miller by trade, and followed that until his death, which occurred in 1879; age, sixty-eight years. The subject of this sketch received his early education in the common schools of his native county. Is a miller by trade, and worked in his father's mill until he came to Missouri, which was in 1868, and settled in Johnson county, on the farm where he now lives. His farm consists of 100 acres of land, well improved, and beautifully located. His house stands on an elevated spot, displaying the beauties of nature in the valleys below. In 1876 Mr. Conrad had the honor of being elected justice of the peace, and has attended to the duties of the office since that time. In 1861 he enlisted in the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania volunteers, and served in this regiment two years. Re-enlisted in the Third Pennsylvania heavy artillery, and served during the war. Was married, in 1867, to Miss Caroline Tiley. By this union they have five children: Dessa, Edward, Luvenia, George, and Garretta. Mrs. C. is a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. C. is liberal in his religious views.

## JAMES DOUGLAS,

Kingsville, was born in Missouri, August 29, 1829. His father, T. J. Douglas, is a native of Virginia. Moved to Missouri in 1828, and settled in Cooper county, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1852. The subject of this sketch received his education in the public schools. His early life was spent on his father's farm. Was married in 1856, to Miss Virginia Barr, a native of Cooper county, Missouri, and daughter of Henry Barr. After the death of Mrs. D. he was married to Jerda Fryer, a native of Cooper county, and daughter of James Fryer. By this union they have five children: Kelly D., Elvin, Burton, Mattie, and Frank. Moved to Johnson county in 1866, and bought 280 acres of land, where he now lives.

## A. G. FRENCH,

postoffice, Kingsville. Was born in Cooper county, Missouri, March 21, 1841. His father, John R. French, is a native of Connecticut, moved to Missouri in 1840, and settled in Cooper county. A. G. moved to Johnson county, where he engaged in real estate. In 1868 Mr. French went to Texas, where he dealt in cattle, afterward returning to Kingsville, and is now engaged in the mercantile business with his brother. He was married in 1867 to Miss Sallie Jones, daughter of John L. Jones. Mrs. F. is a native of Cooper county, Missouri. They have four children: Lucy A., Mary M., Nora C., John R. Mr. and Mrs. F. are members of the Christian church.

## HON. ROBERT T. FRYER,

is a native of Missouri, born in Cooper county, April 23, 1835. His father, James H. Fryer, was born in Addison county, Kentucky, and emigrated to Missouri in an early day. He married a daughter of Thos. McCullough, who, with his family had moved from Albemarle county, Virginia. The father of our subject was a brick mason, who settled in the thriving town of Boonville, and many of the brick structures in that city are monuments of his skill and labor. During the California excitement, in 1850, he died of cholera on his journey home from the Golden State. The responsibility of the support of the family devolved upon Robert T., and he performed his duties well. He married the daughter of James G. Talliaferro in the year 1861. Mr. Talliaferro was a farmer well known in Cooper and Maniteau counties for his sterling worth and integrity. In 1867 Mr. Fryer removed to Johnson county. He has a fine home, high and commanding a delightful view. In politics he is a democrat. In 1874 he was elected to the general assembly of Missouri. His family consists of: Bertie M., Lulu, James T., Lena, Maggie L. and Alice C.

## J. T. HIGGINS,

was born in St. Louis county, March, 1851. His father, W. W. Higgins, is a native of Maryland. The subject of this sketch grew up as the sons of most farmers do, working on the farm in summer and attending school in winter. He early evinced a taste for raising fine stock, and followed that until 1881, when he thought the western part of the state afforded better advantages, he, with his wife, moved to Johnson county, and settled in Kingsville township, on section 14, where he has 168 acres of well improved land. He was married in 1877 to Miss Nanna H. Blount, a native of Missouri, and daughter of James E. Blount, a native of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. H. are both members of the South Methodist church.

## JOSEPHUS HOBBS,

a native of Missouri, born in Putnam county, November 13, 1843. His father, S. Hobbs, was a native of Kentucky, and emigrated to Missouri in 1841, and settled near the Chariton river, on what was called disputed grounds. He came and settled in Johnson county, settling on the Black Water, where he resided till his death, which occurred in 1873. Josephus Hobbs' mother was a native of Bourbon county, Kentucky. She still resides in Jackson township, this county. The subject of our sketch was educated in the common schools of Appanoose county, Iowa. He joined the federal army and served three years. He returned to the farm in 1865. By diligence in business and economy, he has accumulated some property, including eighty acres of land. He married Mary E. Jones, August 6, 1866. The names of the children are: Eunice A., Mary J., William W. and Andrew T. Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs are members of the Seventh Day Adventists.

## PHILIP ISLEY,

farmer and stock raiser. Postoffice, Kingsville. Born in Gwinnett county, Georgia, May 7, 1840. His father, George Isley, was a native of Orange county, North Carolina, and emigrated to Missouri in 1853, and settled on a farm near Kingsville. He died in 1864 at the advanced age of eighty-five years. In 1861 he entered the confederate army, and served four years, participating in many battles. He returned to his farm in the spring of 1866. He was married in 1864, himself and bride, each on horseback, dressed in martial array, with pistols and other offensive weapons girded to their belts. This occurred on the side of Boat Mountain, Arkansas. She was the daughter of General William King.

## RUFUS KING,

farmer and stock raiser, postoffice, Kingsville. Born in Jackson county, Alabama, March 26, 1822. His father, William King, was a native of Kingston, Tennessee, and his father was the first white settler in Kingston. The father of our subject was a public man, having been representative several years. He came to Missouri in 1853, and settled on the lands where the town of Kingsville now stands, entering the lands from the government, and died about the year 1870 at a very advanced age. Rufus early engaged in the mercantile business, and followed it till the year 1850, when he came to Johnson county and settled on the land which constitutes his present farm. He followed farming and stock raising till the outbreak of the war. He enlisted in the confederate service, and engaged in eleven hotly contested battles. He was shot through his clothes several times, but escaped without a wound. In 1867 he returned to his old home at Kingsville, and found only one gate post standing—his house and all other buildings were burned. His landed estate numbers about 700 hundred acres. He married Miss Mary A. Taylor, June, 1850, daughter of W. O. Taylor, a wealthy planter of Jackson county, Alabama. By this union they have five children: W. O., Lucilla T., Sallie E., Freddie and Clem Clay. Mrs. King and her three daughters are consistent members of the Christian church.

## PLEASANT W. PAUL,

farmer and stock raiser. P. O. Kingsville. Born in Ray county, Tennessee, July 22, 1823. He came to Missouri with his parents in 1835; his father, James Paul, was a native of South Carolina, and was an extensive planter. He died in 1853 on his farm here. Pleasant W. spent his youthful days on a farm and obtained his early education in the log school house. He was married to Miss Anna Longacre, June, 5, 1845; she was the daughter of John Longacre, who was a tanner in early life and later a wealthy farmer. The children are: Washington T., James H., John L., Archie D., William P., Robert K., Goodlett E., Thomas M. and Finis E. Mr. Paul has a fine farm of 160 acres. The house in which he first conducted his young bride, was 12x14 feet. Has now a good estate. Mrs. Paul is a member of the Christian church.

## REV. R. G. THOMPSON,

a native of Butler county, Penn. His father, John Thompson, was born in Huntington county, Penn. He moved to Grundy county, Ohio, in 1825, and in 1846 moved to Monroe county, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1847. The subject of this sketch was born May 31,

1816; his boyhood school days were spent in the old log school houses, when they used oiled paper for window lights, and one end of the house was used for a fire place. When 14 years of age he entered a grammar school and finished this course in 1838; he then entered the U. P. Theological Seminary at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1842. Was licensed in 1842, and in 1844 was ordained and installed in charge of three organizations: Auburn, DeKalb, and Eden, in the respective counties of Richmond, Crawford and Seneca, Ohio. In 1857, a Seminary being instituted in the village of DeKalb, and he being elected as principal, gave up the other two charges, and the one connected with the seminary. He continued the service there in regular order until 1863, when he was appointed chaplain in the 64th Ohio infantry volunteers, and was in nineteen battles, was shot through the clothes several times, but never received a wound. He remained with his regiment until the close of the war, and after Lee's surrender his regiment was ordered to Texas, and stationed between Port Lavaca and Victoria. Was mustered out in December, 1865, and dismissed at Columbus, Ohio, January 6, 1866. His health being somewhat impaired after the war, was advised by his physician to change climate, and he resolved to move to the west. Being well pleased with Missouri, he settled in Johnson county, Kingsville P. O., on sec. 30, where he bought 135 acres, and where he now lives. He was married in 1844, to Miss Sarah L. Brown, a native of Vermont, born April 24, 1817, daughter of Jos. Brown of Vermont. By this union they have seven children: Julia F., now Mrs. Skiles; John P., now in California; Mary, E., now Mrs. Wright, now in Otoeco, Nebraska. Sarah M., now Mrs. Stiles, now in California; Maria G., now Mrs. Park, Johnson county; Samuel F., now in Colorado; Carry C., Mrs. Thompson, died in 1859, age 42 years. Mr. T. was married again in 1861 to Miss Martha T. Scott of Virginia, and by this union they have one child: Robert S. The family are acceptable members of the U. P. church.

#### WILLIAM H. ZION,

was born in Lee county, Virginia, September 11, 1844. When about twenty years of age he removed to Missouri with his parents in 1854. His father, John Zion, on coming to Missouri, located first in Cass county, where he remained till his death, which occurred in 1859. The mother of our subject was also a native of Virginia and now lives with her son William. Mr. W. H. Zion was married to Miss Clara Reeves in 1874. Her native state is North Carolina, daughter of John Reeves, Esq. Their family consist of John A., and Eva L. Mr. Zion is a worthy member of the Baptist, and his wife is a member of the M. E. church. He has a neat little farm of eighty acres, well improved with good buildings. He devotes considerable attention to the raising of stock.

## CENTERVIEW TOWNSHIP.

## O. R. ANDRUSS,

section thirteen, Centerview township, was born in east Tennessee in 1827. Moved from Tennessee to his present location in the year 1849. Was married to Miss Weltha Jane Cox in 1851. They have six children, four boys and two girls, all living. The boys' names are: William H. Andruss, James R. Andruss, George Andruss and Edward Andruss. The girls' names are: Mary Emma and Clara Lillie. Mr. Andruss came to this country a young man without any means, and has worked himself up to his present comfortable circumstances. He has now 330 acres of land in all, about 245 acres of which are under cultivation, and about eighty-five acres of wood land. Does a general farming business, raising grain and hogs mostly.

## E. J. BURK,

was born in Johnson county, Missouri, August 19, 1840. His father, William Burk, was a native of Virginia, and was born in 1809, and emigrated to Missouri in 1834, and located in Saline county. He came to Johnson county in 1838. Edward J. was educated in the common schools. He is a farmer, and devotes considerable time to feeding stock, and occasionally dealing in real estate, in which he has been quite successful. He remained with his parents until his marriage to Miss Zantippa Whitsett, daughter of John R. Whitsett, Esq., in April, 1872. By this union they have four children: Charles A., Sarah L., George G. and Maggie E. Mr. B. has held the office of school director for nine years. He and his wife are both members of the C. P. church, in which Mr. B. has been an elder for eleven years. Mr. Burk's farm contains 195 acres, and he also owns another farm of forty acres, making 235 acres in all.

## E. B. CONWAY,

farmer and stock raiser, was born in east Tennessee, November 22, 1828. His father, W. T. Conway, was a native of Tennessee, born December 25, 1800, and emigrated to Missouri about 1832, and settled on a farm near Columbus, where he resided until 1849, when he moved to Texas, and engaged in farming and stock raising, and followed this until his death. Edward B. spent his youth on a farm, and received his early education in the common schools of that day, at which time the wolves were so fierce that it was dangerous for children to cross the prairies to school. He has resided in this county ever since he was a small boy. He has spent considerable time in traveling over the different states. He was married Aug. 25, 1867, to Miss Martha A. Sterling, daughter of J. C. Sterling. They

have three children living: Alexander, Veranda V. and Nancy L. They lost one, Porter, who died at three years of age. Mr. C. owns a good farm, containing 120 acres of choice land, all in cultivation, with a good, comfortable residence. Mr. C. and wife are members of the C. P. church.

### JOHN DELANEY,

The subject of this sketch was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, in the year 1826. Moved from there with his parents to Morgan county, Illinois. He has followed the business of farming and stock raising all his life. He moved his family, in 1869, to Johnson county. His farm is located on sections seventeen and twenty. He was married in the year 1852 to Miss Isabel Duhope, a native of Scotland, born at Leith, near Edinburgh. Her mother died in Scotland. Her father died in Illinois. Mr. DeLaney has served the neighborhood as school director for two terms, and takes an active interest in the welfare of the county. He was elected justice of the peace, and held the office for two years. They have six children, whose names are as follows: William Richard DeLaney, Mary Ann DeLaney, John DeLaney, Margaret Helen DeLaney, James Benjamin DeLaney and Charles David DeLaney. He is descended from good old Revolutionary stock, his grandfather having served as a soldier from Kentucky, during those struggles for national existence. His wife's uncle being an old sea captain, left as heir-loom to the family a beautiful barometer, manufactured at Edinburgh, Scotland, with large silver dial and handsomely furnished case. It is in good working order, indicating approaching storms on the prairie as faithfully and correctly as it did for the old weather-beaten *tar* as he sailed the pathless ocean in "Auld lang syne," and is a constant reminder that "auld acquaintance should ne'er be forgot."

### W. R. DELANEY,

principal of the Centerview schools. Was born in Morgan county, Ill., April 23, 1856. In 1869, he came to Missouri with his parents, and located in Centerview township, where he spent the remainder of his youth, and attended the common schools. He also attended the State Normal at Warrensburg, for two and one half years. He has recently bought out the interest of Whitsett & Porter, changing the name of the firm to Porter & DeLaney, dealers in grain and agricultural implements.

### MATTHEW DUFF,

farmer. Was born in Pennsylvania, April 21, 1827. He received his early education in his native state, and afterwards attended the Ellsworth academy, in Ohio, and after that, the Mount Union college. He then engaged in teaching, and taught two schools, of forty weeks each. He was married in 1854, to Miss Lizze Clark, daughter of David Clark. He



then engaged in farming in his native county, and followed it until 1871, when he came to Missouri, and located at Centerview, where he and James Kiddoo built the Centerview Mills, the first mills in the town. He exchanged his mill property for his present farm, containing 160 acres, all in cultivation, with a first-class residence, and excellent out buildings, and a never-failing spring of water, near the barn. He moved to his farm in 1876, since which time he has been engaged in farming and stock-raising, and is quite an extensive wheat grower. His family consists of five children; Flora J., Mary L., James W., Wm., H., and Lizzie E. Mr. and Mrs. D., and all their children, are members of the U. P. church.

#### WM. H. ENGEL.

Among the prominent and intelligent, of those whose occupation is farming, may be mentioned Mr. Engel. He was born in Frederick county, Md., in 1826. His father and mother were originally from Pennsylvania, and emigrated to Maryland in a very early day. Wm. H. spent his youth in a country store, then went on to a farm. He received his primary education at a common school. He then went to Calvert college, attending several terms, after which he entered the Ohio University, at which place he pursued his studies one year, and then graduated at Dickenson college, in June, 1851. He then began his career as a teacher of a select school, which he followed for a number of years. In 1854, he had the degree of B. A. conferred. In 1854-5, he served as reading clerk in the Maryland legislature, one year. In 1857, he came to Missouri, and soon after he purchased 250 acres of land, and erected a large flour mill, and followed milling until the outbreak of the war. He sold this, and in 1867, moved on to his present farm, and engaged in farming, which he has followed ever since. He has a neat and comfortable residence, with ninety-five acres of choice land, all in cultivation. In 1860, he married Miss Virginia Owings, (daughter of N. H. Owings,) a most worthy and estimable lady. They have four children; Edward D., Ida V., Harry B. and Houdard. In politics, Mr. E. is a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. E. are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

#### JAMES M. FITCH,

who is the subject of the following sketch, was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, in the year 1840. He came to Warrensburg in the year 1865, and went to work on the farm he now lives on. He was married on Nov. 1, 1857, to Miss Martha Ellen Davis, daughter of Mahala Davis, who was born in Tennessee, in 1805. Her parents settled near Boonville in Cooper county. She was married to Mr. Davis in the year 1820, and settled on the present farm, about the year 1839. She had nine children, six of whom are now living, named as follows: Robert Milton Davis, John

B. Davis, Ann Eliza Davis, Mary Saffronia Davis, and Martha Ellen Davis. She remained with her family on the farm during the war. Her husband died in the year 1855. Mr. Jas. M. Fitch, her son-in-law, has managed the farm since he came here. During the past six or seven years, he has turned his attention to dealing in stock, and has become a well known shipper of hogs, mules, and cattle, in the St. Louis markets. He has five children; Albert Crawford, Chas. H., Forrest, Earnest and Mahala Fitch. His farm contains 205 acres of well improved land.

#### J. C. GEERY,

farmer. Was born in Johnson county, Mo., February 24, 1861. His father, James Geery, was born in Howard county, Mo., about 1832, his father having been one of the pioneers of this state. He was married in 1848, to Miss S. M. Eaton, daughter of Elu Eaton. By this union they had one son, J. C. Geery. James Geery settled about two and a half miles south of Centerview, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1862. John C., who is the only surviving member of the family, spent his youth on a farm, and was educated in the common schools. He is one of the most enterprising young men of his neighborhood, and is well known, and highly respected. He owns 150 acres of choice land, well improved.

#### DANIEL GIFFIN,

was a native of Virginia, born in Ohio county, near Wheeling, February 8, 1839. He resided in his native county, until twenty-three years of age, and received his early education in the common schools. He also attended one session under Prof. A. F. Roosa, after which he taught one term of school, and then went to Ohio, where he was married in 1865, to Miss Mary Waddell, a native of Marion county, Ohio. He came to Missouri in 1868, and settled on his present farm, containing eighty acres, well improved, with good substantial buildings, where he has resided ever since. Mr. G. and wife are both members of the U. P. church.

#### SAMUEL C. GRAHAM,

section 36, Centerview township. The subject of this sketch was born in Withe county, Southwest Virginia, on the 14th of December, 1814. He, with his father, Robert Graham, moved to Boone county, Missouri, in 1833. The family remained there during the winter, and in March, 1834, moved to what is now Hazel Hill township. Here; the father, Robert Graham, died in April 1856, having held the office of county judge for several years previous to his death. In 1840, the son, Samuel C., was married to Margaret G. Hobson, and moved to the present township of Centerview and entered 160 acres of land, adjoining to what is now the

village of Centerview. Here he has resided since that time, and has raised a family of eight children, five of whom are still living. His wife, Margaret G. Graham, was born in Salina county, Kentucky, December 18, 1818. Her father was a native of Tennessee. Mr. Graham now owns about 400 acres of land, all under cultivation, except a few acres of wood land. The wheat, known as the Graham wheat, so extensively grown in all the region of the state, took its name from this family—a brother having first grown a very fine crop, and farmers came from all directions to obtain the wheat for seed. Hence the name Graham wheat.

### R. B. GRAHAM,

section 10; born in Centerview township, in 1842. His father was J. G. Graham, mentioned elsewhere in connection with the sketch of John H. Graham. Mr. R. B. Graham has lived in the township of Centerview ever since he was born. He was married in 1866 to Miss Nancy J. King. They have had nine children, eight of whom are now living. Has 130 acres of land, all of which is under cultivation. Does a general farming business, mainly raising grain; wheat and corn being the principal products.

### JOHN H. GRAHAM,

section 35, Centerview P. O., son of J. G. Graham, was born at the old homestead in which he now lives, November 6, 1844. His father was born in Virginia in 1811, and moved to Centerview township in the year 1838, having the previous year been married to Miss Mary E. Hobson, who was a native of Lafayette county, Missouri. They have eleven children, all living, and all married but three. The father, J. G. Graham, died July 3d, 1878, and the son, J. H. Graham, the subject of this sketch, is now living with his family and mother, upon the old homestead and estate.

### GEO. E. GRIFFITH,

section 5, Centerview township, was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1823. His father was a native of Maryland. He has resided in Warren county, Iowa, for about twenty years. In the year 1865, he was elected a member of the house of representatives for Iowa, and served in that capacity one term; immediately thereafter, in 1866, was elected State senator, and served till 1870. He did not seek political honors, in fact was nominated while away from home, and was elected by an overwhelming majority. He occupied the very important position of chairman of the committee on public buildings, and was largely influential in securing the passage of the bill authorizing the construction of the present magnificent capitol building, at Des Moines, Iowa. No man stood higher as a wise legislator, or a more efficient worker for the large interest intrusted

to his care. He was also mainly instrumental in obtaining the construction of the branch of the Rock Island railroad, from Des Moines to Indianola. He was made president of the construction company, and carried the project through, although on account of the failure of other parties connected with the enterprise, it resulted in quite a pecuniary loss to himself. Mr. Griffith was also instrumental in securing the building of the college at Indianola, having through his efforts, and great sacrifice of time and expense, obtained subscriptions to the amount of \$20,000 and over, thus securing the adoption and patronage of the Des Moines conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, thereby securing to the conference and the State of Iowa an institution, in which they may both justly take pride. Mr. Griffith moved to his present residence in Centerview, in the spring of 1874. He has three children, one being a widower with one child. He now owns 686 acres of land, and does a general farming business, and at the same time deals largely in stock. He raises a good many cattle and hogs, and also buys largely for the purpose of feeding and fattening for the market. He sends to market this year some 220 head of very fine fat cattle. He has a beautiful situation and fine facilities for his stock; and as the writer of this sketch was shown through the shaded and pleasant grove, where about fifty head of as fine and fat three-year-old steers and heifers as he ever looked upon were feeding, having before them a constant supply of corn and fresh cured hay, and at the same time ranging in fresh pastures and a plentiful supply of good water, verily we were constrained to believe that Mr. Griffith understood thoroughly the business in which he was engaged.

#### ANDREW GOWANS,

deceased, was born in Ohio, Sept. 25, 1834, and resided in that state until his majority, and was educated in the common schools. He entered the Union army in 1862, in company H., 94th Ohio infantry. He entered as a private and was promoted at different times, until he became captain. He participated in several hotly contested battles. He was honorably discharged at the close of the war, and then went to Illinois, where he remained until 1867, when he came to Missouri, and settled on the farm on which his widow now resides. The farm contains 120 acres, all in cultivation, except twenty acres of timber. In 1869, Mr. G. erected a fine residence, and also has an excellent barn. He was married in 1872 to Miss Carrie A. Lorimer, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of Alexander Lorimer, Esq. Mr. G. at the time of his death, which occurred in 1881, was engaged in farming and stock-raising, and was a member of the U. P. church. Mrs. G. is also a member of the U. P. church. She has three daughters: Grace, Mary E. and Katie I.

## R. C. HULL,

merchant and express agent. Prominent among the business men of Centerview, we mention the name of Mr. Hull, who was born in the state of New Hampshire, at the foot of the White Mountains. When about 16 years of age went to southern Ohio, and remained until 1868, when he came to Missouri in the fall of the same year, locating in Centerview. In the following year he built his store house, which was the first of the kind in the town, which is now the principal store of the place. He does a large business, and his popularity may be inferred by his success. In 1861, he was married to Miss Margaret Clifton, of Ohio. The result of this union has been one son and one daughter. Birdie W. and Rodney C. Birdie, who is the telegraph operator at Centerview, is well qualified for the responsible position.

## JOSHUA BURTON JACKSON,

is a native of Missouri; born in Lafayette county, in the year 1824. His father was a native of Virginia, and his mother a native of Tennessee. They emigrated to Missouri in the year 1819, and settled near Lexington, Mo. The subject of this sketch was about six years old when he came to Johnson county, and has lived in what is now Centerview township ever since. He was married in Johnson county, in the year 1854, to Miss Martha E. Ripley. Her parents were natives of Tennessee, and moved to this county in the year 1848. They have three children living: David William Jackson, Nathaniel Burton Jackson, and Cora Ida May Jackson. He was in this county when it was all known as Lafayette county, and when the city of Warrensburg was located. His father built the first mill in this part of the country, which ground the bread-stuff for settlers coming from as great a distance as Clinton, Henry county. He has run the mill often days and nights to accommodate the customers. The mill burned down, and was rebuilt by him and his father. The mill was started about the year 1831, or 1832, and was run almost constantly to the year 1854. Mr. Jackson built his own house in the year 1856, on land that he had entered some time before. His farm consists of beautiful rolling prairie, and timber. During the war he lost almost all his personal property, the accumulation of years, and removed his family to McLean county, Ill., for safety. He came to Clinton, Missouri, in the fall of 1865, and found employment, rebuilding the water mill at that place, known as the Jackson mill. After remaining there for some time, he returned to his farm, which, during the war, was neglected and run down, that it was almost like commencing life anew. Ten years of energetic industry of himself and thrifty wife and children, have made their farm a delightful home again, where they expect to spend their declining

years under the shadow of their own vine and fruitful orchard. He has served the citizens in the capacity of school director for six years. He is highly esteemed by all who know him in the neighborhood where he has lived for almost fifty years.

### GEO. HAYMAKER,

retired farmer. Among the worthy citizens who have contributed much to the development of his township, may be mentioned Mr. Haymaker. He has been prominently identified with the Presbyterian church for many years. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Westmoreland county, July 20, 1828. He received a limited education at the common schools. In Oct. 1857, he married Miss Matilda McConnel. In 1863, Mr. H. entered the Union army, joining company D, 15th Pennsylvania cavalry, and participated in the celebrated raid under Gen. Stoneman, marching through North Carolina, over the Blue Ridge to Lynchburg, to Salisbury, through the state of Georgia, Huntsville and Nashville, Tennessee, and was mustered out at the close of the war. In the fall of 1867, he moved his family to Missouri, and settled about four miles from Centerview, where he engaged in farming, and remained for several years, then moved into the town of Centerview. He still owns a farm of 260 acres of choice land. In 1872, Mrs. Haymaker died, leaving three sons: Edward M., Oliver R. and Milo M. Edward, who is a graduate of Eastor College, is now attending the Theological school at Princeton, N. J. In 1872, Mr. Haymaker was married to Miss Sarah A. McGinnis, of Pittsburg. She is a worthy member of the same church as that of her husband. Mr. H. owns a good substantial residence in Centerview, and some town lots.

### MATHIAS HOUX,

one among the oldest and most enterprising citizens of this township, was born in Logan county, Kentucky, in the year 1816. Moved with his father, Jacob Houx, to Cooper county, Missouri. He started out while a young man, with nothing but his hands and a vigorous determination to carve out his own fortune. How well he has succeeded the sequel of this sketch will show. Being full of ready wit and a strong constitution, he was prepared for any kind of business that might present itself to advance his interests, and having the advantage of an early training in frontier life, was familiar with the use of the rifle, the ax and the hunting knife. This kind of capital was more valuable in those early times than money, and his skillful hands and steady nerve furnished him with a home and food where money could not buy it. He commenced opening and improving his farm in 1836, entered the first forty acres in that year, and by additions gradually increased it to its present size. In a field a little

west of the house lies a relic of by-gone days, and an evidence of his mechanical skill, the remaining wheel of a wagon, which was hewn out and made entirely by himself and brother the second year they were on the place. He was married in 1853 to Miss Lissey Bradley, who was born in Virginia, the daughter of a planter of that state, who moved to Missouri in 1831, and settled in Lafayette county. The names of their children are: Susan, Mary, Achilles, Eva, Maggie and Katie. The mother of Mrs. Houx is still living. His home is situated on section 23. His entire farm consists of 740 acres of beautiful rolling prairie and timber. A fine grove of timber just north of his house has grown to its present size during his lifetime, there being no timber there when he first came to the place. Another article of old times is seen in a buckskin coat, which was made from deer shot in this neighborhood. He suffered very severe losses during the war in stock, consisting of cattle, mules, horses, hogs, etc., but since then has greatly increased his property, having at present 340 head of sheep, a large number of cattle, mules and horses. He sold last year over eighty head of cattle. As a stock raiser and farmer he has been very successful.

#### T. R. HUGGINS,

the enterprising proprietor of the Centerview mills, was born in Ohio, August 22, 1849. Being induced by the growing prospects and glowing descriptions of the west, he left home when he was only seventeen years old. He settled in Johnson county in the year 1867, and during the first three years of his life here followed the business of farming. He was afterward employed as salesman in the store of Hull & Co., which place he filled for eight years. He was married to Miss Helen Graham on May 8, 1873, daughter of I. H. Graham, one among the oldest settlers of his part of the county. He has four children, whose names are as follows: Calvin, Lawson, Carrie and Virginia. Coming here after the close of the war, he was among the number of energetic young men necessary to infuse new life into a community prostrated by the inevitable consequences of war, and pushing forward has kept pace with the growth and progress of the county ever since. He owns one of the best mills in the county, keeping up with the times in all new and valuable improvements, thus improving the quality of the flour, of which he makes three straight grades to meet the demands of his steadily increasing trade.

#### JOHN H. KINYOUN, A. M. AND M. D.,

was born October 4, 1825, in Davie county, North Carolina. His father, James Kinyoun, was born February 4, 1804, in North Carolina, where he died in 1857. His paternal grandfather was born in England,

near London, in 1756, and came to America in 1777, landing at Norfolk, Virginia, and enlisted under Gen. George Washington, and was afterward promoted to assistant quartermaster. After the close of the war he settled in North Carolina, where he resided until his death. John H. spent his youth on his father's farm, and attended school during the winter seasons. At the age of twenty he went to the Jonesville academy, where he remained five months, and then went to the Mocksville academy, where he remained two years, and was prepared to enter college. He then went to Wake Forest college, North Carolina, where he remained but one year, not liking the course of instruction, after which he went to Columbian college, located at Washington, D. C., where he remained one year. He then went to Union college, the State University of New York, where he graduated with the honors of the college, and then returned to North Carolina, where he taught school for four years. While teaching school he studied law in the school of Chief Justice Pearson, and was admitted to the bar, but not liking the profession, he abandoned it and commenced the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Valentine Mott, professor of surgery in the university of the city of New York, graduating in 1859 with the honors of the university. He then returned home and commenced the practice of medicine. In 1861 he entered the southern army, was elected captain, and passed through thirteen regular battles, and was afterward appointed surgeon, and served until the close of the war, proving himself to be a fine surgeon, as well as practitioner, by his many successful operations. At the close of the war he returned to North Carolina, and went to farming and practicing, and afterward went to Texas, but returned the next year to North Carolina, where he met Mr. Ridings, of Warrensburg, who persuaded him to come to Missouri, and in 1868 he left North Carolina, and arrived at Warrensburg on the 6th of May, having borrowed the money from Mr. Ridings to pay freight and traveling expenses, and had only ten dollars left when he arrived. He located on Post Oak, three miles south of Centerview. Here he went to farming and making rails, and during the fall and winter he made 12,000 rails for his neighbors, and enough stakes to make three-quarters of a mile of post fence. He would take his pony with him to the timber, and when sent for he would make the visit, prescribe, and then return to his work; but the second year his practice required all his time. He was married December 18, 1856, to Miss Bettie A. Conrad, daughter of Joseph Conrad, of North Carolina. She died in 1872, leaving two sons and three daughters: Joseph J., Lula A., Flora R., Stella K. and John C. The last named died when a baby. Mr. K. lived a widower for five years, and then married a widow, Mrs. Martha A. Hammond. He now owns a fine and comfortable home, and enjoys great prosperity.



## WILLIAM C. KING,

P. O. Holden. Was born in Johnson county, Missouri, May 14, 1842. He was educated in the common schools and lived with his parents until 1862, when he entered the Union army in company C., 40th Missouri enrolled militia, and served two years. In 1864 he returned home and went to farming. He then crossed the Plains, but returned in the following year, and went to Texas, and returned with 1640 head of Texas cattle. He was married in December, 1874, to Miss Annie E. Taggart, a native of Missouri. By this union they have four children: Agnes, Jennie, William A., and Ora Minta. Mrs. King is a member of the M. E. church, south. Mr. King has served as district clerk and school director for eight or nine years. His farm contains 145 acres, all in cultivation, except 25 acres of timber, with a new residence and good out buildings. Mr. King's father and mother were both natives of Tennessee, and came to Missouri in 1841. His father was born in 1813 and is still living, but his mother died when he was about 6 years of age.

## AMOS MARKEY,

the subject of this sketch, for twenty six-years has been identified with the growth of Johnson county. He was born in Frederick county, Maryland, in the year 1832, and moved with his parents to Preble county, Ohio, in the year 1839. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania. He was married in the state of Indiana, September 24, 1867, to Miss Nancy Frits. The children by this marriage are Edward Markey, born July 14, 1869, and Ellie Markey, born September 10, 1872. He came alone to Johnson county, stopping at Warrensburg on the 1st of April, 1855. He bought and improved a farm of 480 acres, which he afterward sold to Judge McClain. He commenced to improve his present farm in the year 1868; it contains 419 acres of beautiful rolling prairie land. During the past few years, he has turned his attention to improved grades of sheep, and has at present a fine flock of high grade Cotswolds. Taking a zealous interest in the moral and religious welfare of the community, he gave freely of his time and money to build up the church of his choice and became one of the first trustees of the German Baptist, or Dunkard church, which has a large membership in this township. In all his farming enterprises he has been very successful, and is now enjoying the fruits of his labors in one of the pleasantest homes in the township.

## REV. S. H. McELVAIN,

pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Centerview, was born in Simpson county, Kentucky, near Franklin, November 16, 1846. His father, S. A. McElvain, is also a native of Kentucky, and emigrated to Missouri in 1857, and settled on a farm near Hazel Hill, where he is

still living. His mother, who is a native of the same state, is living in the full enjoyment of all her faculties. She raised a family of thirteen children, ten of whom are now living. S. H., who is the subject, received his primary education at the common schools. He then entered McGee's College, where he pursued his studies and graduated in June, 1874. After which he engaged in teaching school in the town of Centerview, and in the fall of the same year was ordained and took charge of his present congregation. The church owes much of its prosperity to efforts put forth by its worthy pastor. In 1880 he was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Auld, daughter of A. T. Auld, Esq. She is a native of Henry county, Iowa, and was born near Mt. Pleasant. Mr. McElvain is a fine speaker, a clear reasoner, widely known and much respected.

#### MOSES G. MULLINS,

Sec. 2., Centerview P. O., was born in Clark county, Kentucky, in the year 1820. His father, Anthony Mullins, moved to Clark county, Kentucky, at an early day. From thence, in 1826, he moved to Howard county, this state, near where Rochefort now is. He lived there about seven years, teaching school and farming until the spring of 1834, when he moved to Pettis county and located at a point twelve miles west of where Sedalia now is. At this place he died September 3, 1835. The subject of this sketch, Moses G. Mullins, was but fifteen years old, and the oldest of seven children, when his father died, and the care of the widowed mother and family devolved mainly upon him. He lived at this place and cared for his mother until he was twenty-six years of age, when he was married to Kesiah McFarland, a native of Missouri, and they moved to this county in 1847, and to his present residence in the spring of 1850. They had seven children, five daughters and two sons. One daughter died in infancy and one at about thirty years of age. Mr. Mullins lost his first wife April 6, 1876, and is now living with his second. He has been an influential member of the M. E. church since 1841, and has assisted in the organization of two churches. He has 173 acres of land, 100 acres improved and balance wood-land. His mother remained a widow and is still living, aged 77 years.

#### J. P. OZIAS,

the subject of this sketch is one of the most prominent and intelligent, as well as enterprising citizens of his township. He has erected a dwelling that is a credit to himself and neighborhood. It is situated upon a very beautiful and sightly spot, commanding a fine view of Warrensburg and surrounding country. He has a beautiful reservoir a few feet from his house, with living water from a never failing spring, elevated by means of wind pump, securing pure and fresh running water. The reservoir is

nicely cemented, in which abound the german carp in great numbers. His model farm contains 225 acres of choice land in a very high state of cultivation, with a splendid barn and numerous out-houses. His orchard is a choice one. Mr. Ozias is a native of Ohio, and was born in Preble county, September 6, 1838. He was educated in the common schools, and lived with his parents until 1861, when he married Miss S. Pretzingea, a native of Ohio, and who died in 1874, leaving three children: Charley O., Newel J. and Oscar E. Mr. O. came to Missouri in 1868, and settled on his present farm. As a farmer, stock raiser and feeder he has been a success. He married his present wife, who was Miss Sarah Conrad, in 1875. She is a native of Ohio. Mr. O.'s parents were originally from North Carolina, and were of French extraction. Mr. O. and his wife are prominent members of the Presbyterian church.

#### ALBERT OWINGS,

farmer, P. O. Centerview, born in Frederick county, Maryland, July 23, 1845. He came to Missouri with his parents in 1856. His father, H. N. Owings, was also a native of Maryland, and born June 8, 1799. He died in 1867, having been one of the leading Masons of Maryland. Albert's paternal great-grandfather came from Scotland, and his maternal grandfather came from Germany. The subject of this sketch was reared in this county, attending school here and at Prof. Kernper's school at Boonville. He clerked a short time in a store, then engaged in farming. He married April 5, 1866, Miss Narcissa Fitterling, daughter of Jacob Fitterling, a native of Maryland. She is a lady of estimable qualities. They have one son living: Charles A. Earnest died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Owings are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mr. Owings is also a large and successful stock raiser. He has a fine residence and two large farms.

#### NATHAN W. PERRY.

Prominent among the worthy and substantial farmers of Johnson county is the subject of this brief notice. His well stocked and cultivated farm is about three miles north of Centerview, in one of the most highly productive regions in the state. Col. N. W. Perry, as he is usually called, was born in the sunny South, state of Tennessee, in the year 1830. In the year 1842 he went to Georgia, and at the age of eighteen he walked all the way to Clermont county, Ohio, for the purpose of attending school. After pending one year at school he went to St. Louis, and thence to Lexington, Missouri. When he came to this state he had but seventy-five cents in his pocket; this was his capital stock. He was first married to Miss Lizzie Houx, who lived but a short time thereafter. Two years after the death of his first wife he married Miss Bettie Rice, daughter of Pleasant

Rice, the first permanent settler of this county. They have one daughter, Lizzie, who is at home with her parents. Col. Perry has been one of the most successful school teachers in the county. He clerked in the United States Land Office about four years. He purchased his present farm of about 640 acres in the year 1858. He raises large numbers of cattle, sheep, horses, mules and hogs. During the war much of his personal property was lost. His front lawn is adorned with beautiful maples, which he planted twenty years ago. Mr. Perry is a staunch Democrat, which party he has rendered lasting service. He is independent and fearless in his strict adherence to those principles which he believes to be right, and for the good of humanity. He has long been a resident of this county, and stands high in the estimation of all who know him.

#### WILEY H. PHILLIPS,

P. O. Holden, farmer, was born in Illinois in 1836. He spent his youth on a farm, and came to Missouri in 1870, locating near Holden. He has been on his present farm about five years, and is one of the most successful wheat growers in his neighborhood. He was married in Kentucky, September 28, 1873, to Miss Lydia Bise, daughter of Henry L. Bise. By this union they have four children: Mary E., Mattie B., Wiley H. and Nelie P. Mr. P. now owns 560 acres of land, all in cultivation and well improved.

#### JOHN PINKERTON,

section three, Centerview township, was born in Preble county, Ohio, in 1830. Moved from thence to Rush county when a boy. In 1849 moved to Peoria county, Illinois, and lived in Peoria and Henderson counties, Illinois, till 1871, and then moved to Clay county, Illinois, and in 1874 moved to his present residence in Centerview township. He was married about 1852 to Miss Sarah J. Leslie. They have had ten children, eight of whom are now living. Mr. Pinkerton has 367 acres of land, all under cultivation, except seventeen acres of wood-land. His residence is six miles from Holden, and about three miles from Centerview, and is pleasantly situated, commanding an extensive view of the surrounding country. From his house can be seen the four villages; Holden, Warrensburg, Centerview and Kingsville.

#### REV. JAMES S. POAGE,

pastor of the Presbyterian church of Centerview. Was born in Brown county, Ohio, July 13, 1821. He continued to reside in Brown county until attaining his majority. He spent his youth on a farm. Entered Ripley college, and took a regular college course, graduating in 1841, after which he entered the Lane Theological Seminary, and pursued his studies until

his health failed him, when he went south. On his return he studied medicine, and took a course of lectures. Finding that his health was very much improved, he finished his theological course, when he was ordained at Felicity, Ohio, and preached in that place seven years. From this place he went to West Alexander. In 1857 he went to Mercer county, Illinois, where he spent some eighteen years, and in 1875 came to Missouri, and took charge of his present congregation at Centerview, which, under his direction, has prospered; having to-day a new church and out of debt.

#### E. B. REPP.

Among the practical farmers of this township, none are more worthy than the subject of this notice. He is a native of Maryland, and was born on March 12, 1820. He spent his youth on a farm. Received a limited education at the common schools. His father and mother were both natives of Maryland. He came to Missouri in 1866, purchased 160 acres of land and went in debt for part of it. In 1845 he was married to Miss Susan Wolf, daughter of H. Wolf, Esq. Mr. Repp has had wonderful success as a wheat raiser. His theory of growing wheat is based on actual practice. He has contributed much knowledge in this particular direction. He now owns two large farms in a very high state of cultivation, with good substantial buildings, which he has made by growing wheat. Mr. R. is a prominent member of the German Baptist church. He is quite successful as a cattle feeder, shipping his stock by the car load. He raised a family of seven children.

#### REV. J. A. SHERRARD,

minister of the U. P. church, was born in Ohio, on August 21, 1853. He received his primary education in the common schools, after which he went to the Cambridge Union school; leaving this, he taught for one year and then entered college, and graduated in 1876, after which he attended a theological seminary in Ohio, then went to the U. P. theological seminary at Alleghany City, Pennsylvania, and graduated there in 1879, and came to Missouri in the following summer, locating in Centerview, where he became pastor of the U. P. church in the fall of 1880, which position he still holds. The church has been very prosperous under his direction. He was licensed in Bloomfield, Ohio, and preached his first sermon in Centerview. He was married in 1874 to Miss Alice A. Wallace, daughter of David Wallace, Esq. By this union they have three daughters: Clara B., May L. and Alice Maud, all born in Ohio. Mr. Sherrard's mother was a native of West Virginia, and is now in her seventy-third year. His father died in the fall of 1876, at the age of eighty-five.

## PETER SHAINHOLTZE,

was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1815. Although Mr. Shainholtze is well advanced in years, he still retains a great deal of vigor of mind and body. His father died while he was yet a child. He moved with his mother and family to Muskingum county, Ohio. He lived in Ohio forty-two years, following his occupation of farmer and dealer in real estate. He traveled over this county, prospecting, in 1866, and bought the most of the farm he now owns in that year. Moved his family in the year 1868. He was married in the year 1850, in Ohio, to Mrs. Frances J. Connor. They have three living children, whose names are: John, Joseph L. and Surrah Emily. He owns in this township 600 acres of fine land, about 300 of which is in a high state of cultivation. During his long life he has constantly recognized his duty towards the rising generation, and has been active and liberal in support of the church of his choice, and other benevolent and progressive enterprises that tended to advance the moral and material interests of the neighborhood. He contributed liberally to build the O. S. Presbyterian church at Centerview and Warrensburg.

## ROBERT SPILLMAN,

who is the subject of this sketch, was born in Medina county, Ohio, in the year 1818. When he was a young man he moved to the state of Indiana, in the year 1837, and while there was married to Miss Abigail Stoops, in the year 1840. They have had four children, three of whom are now living: G. W., E. T. and J. D. He moved back to Ohio and remained there a number of years, and then moved back to the state of Indiana, in the year 1847, where most of his children were born. After farming a number of years in that state, he came to look at the lands of Johnson county, in the year 1865; and after satisfying himself that the lands in this county were desirable, he bought some land in April of that year, but did not move his family until the month of August following, and has lived in Centerview township ever since. He has been school director of the township for ten years, and during his residence in the township has never known an entire failure of crops. In later years he has turned his attention more to raising stock. Being of decided literary taste and culture, he has gathered a fine miscellaneous library, which he intended for the instruction and thorough education of his children.

## ABRAHAM STONER,

deceased. Few men have passed away, whose memory is more cherished than the subject of this notice. He was a native of Maryland, and was born in the year 1827. He spent his youth on a farm. He was educated

at Baker College, Maryland, and as a mathematician, had few equals. After leaving college he taught school for several years. In 1853 he married Miss Susan Roger, daughter of Jesse Roger. She was born and raised in Carroll county, Md. Mr. Stoner continued to reside in Maryland, until 1867, when he came to Missouri, and settled on the farm on which his family is now living; his landed estate numbering 550 acres. He erected a fine substantial brick residence, and died soon after, in 1875. He was a prominent member of the Brethren church at his death. His family consists of six children: Daniel P., Laroy, Susan L., Robert R., Jennie A. and Mary C. Mrs. Stoner is a lady of fine executive ability, taking charge of her beautiful home and fine farm. She is a member of the same church as that of her husband.

#### REV. JOSIAH THOMPSON,

minister of the Presbyterian church. Was born in Washington county, Pa., August 24, 1820. He graduated at Jefferson college, in 1845. He then entered the Theological Seminary of Alleghany City, attending two sessions, when he left school on account of ill health. In 1856, he was licensed, and was ordained, January 14, 1858. He continued to preach in his native state until 1867, when he came to Missouri. In 1873, he returned to Pennsylvania, where he remained until the spring of 1878, when he again came to Missouri, where he has resided ever since. He was married in Pennsylvania, October 14, 1847, to Miss Elizabeth G. George, daughter of Jacob George, and a fine estimable lady. By this union they have had three children: Jacob G., John A. and Ella M. Mr. T. owns a fine farm, well improved, with a fine residence and good barn. He has a fine young orchard and vineyard.

#### THOMAS E. TORBOT,

was born in Virginia, February 15, 1830. He came to Missouri with his parents in 1848. He first engaged in the mercantile business, as clerk at Boonville, Alasco, and other points, and afterwards at Waverly, Mo. He came to Johnson county, in 1859, and commenced dealing in stock, and followed this until 1872. Mr. T. is a brother of Dr. John S. Torbot, the celebrated physician, who now lives in Cass county, Mo. In 1862, Mr. T. was appointed justice of the peace, and served two years, after which he resigned, having moved out of the township. Mr. Torbot's father, Samuel Torbot, was a native of Virginia, and died in Missouri, in 1850. His mother was also a native of Virginia, and died in 1880.

#### HON. GEO. WASHINGTON,

who is the subject of this sketch, was born near Charlestown, West Virginia, Dec. 9, 1830. He removed with a colony of friends and relatives,

to Johnson county Mo., in March 1856. From here he went to California, in June, 1857. He was cashier of customs, under his brother, B. F. Washington, who was at that time U. S. collector of customs, for the port of San Francisco. He also edited the daily, and weekly *National*, during the year 1858, and in 1859, in conjunction with Geo. P. Johnson, he obtained a license to practice law in the supreme court of California. Resigning his position of cashier of customs, he returned to Missouri during the summer of 1861, and entered the Confederate service. He was wounded and captured, during one of Price's raids, near Fort Scott, Oct. 25, 1864, and was sent to Johnson Island, and remained there until the fall of Richmond. He was then transferred to Cairo, from thence to New Orleans, and finally exchanged at the mouth of the Red River, May 4, 1865. He returned to St. Louis, in the summer of 1865, and to Johnson county, in the spring of 1866. He was married at Otterville, Cooper county, Mo., on the 11th of April, 1871, to Mary Virginia Demapsey, of Otterville, Mo. The children by this marriage are: Robert Washington, born, March 17, 1872, died in infancy; Vernon De Hertburn Washington, born, July 27, 1876, and Mary Virginia Washington, born, June 14, 1878. He has held the office of county judge, from 1872 to 1878, and at present holds the office of justice of the peace, and postmaster at this place. The fortunate possessor of this illustrious name has a very interesting genealogy, which fully identifies him as a collateral kinsman of the Washington family. The genealogical tree and branches are as follows: Hon. Geo. Washington of Centerview, who is a son of John Thornton Augustine Washington, (ensign during the war,) who was the son of Samuel Washington, the oldest full brother of Gen. Geo. Washington of hallowed memory.

### JOHN J. WHARTON,

druggist and pharmacist; was born in Stevensburg, Va., Aug. 4, 1840. He spent his youth in his native state. He graduated at the Ohio school of pharmacy, about the year 1856, after which he came to Missouri, and located about three miles south of Centerview. In 1858, he was appointed deputy clerk, which position he held until 1861, when he joined the confederate army, and participated in many hotly contested battles. After the war he went to Cooper county, where he remained until 1881, when he came to Centerview and opened a fine drug store, which he still conducts in an excellent manner, his store being filled with a complete stock of medicines. Mr. W.'s mother is a native of Virginia, and is still living in Cass county.

### T. JEP. WHITSETT,

Sec. 36, P. O. Centerview; was born at Mount Hebron, Lafayette county, Missouri, Oct. 22, 1832. His father, Rev. John R. Whitsett, was a Cum-



berland Presbyterian preacher, was born in Kentucky, May 3, 1803, and moved to Old Franklin, Howard county, Mo., in 1818. He was one of the pioneer preachers, and did valiant service as one of the first settlers of the country. Not alone did he carry the glad news of salvation to those who had cabins away out on the borders of civilization, but helped the pioneer to drive back the bands of hostile Indians, who persistently opposed the progress of the white man, and he often in his travels as a preacher also had to confront the wild beasts of the forest, that some times slinked along the wild and lonely paths he was obliged to travel, and disputed with him the passages in the wilderness. About the year 1824, he moved to what was then Lafayette county, which embraced also the present Johnson county, and located near where Columbus now is. In 1842, he moved to Centerview, and then died, Aug. 11, 1879, being 76 years old at his death. His son, T. J. Whitsett, with whose name this sketch commences, has lived in Centerview most of the time for the last 39 years. He is a farmer and stock dealer, and owns about 560 acres of land. He has been quite an extensive traveler in this and some in other lands.

#### GILBERT P. WHITSETT,

stock dealer. Among the enterprising citizens of Centerview, may be mentioned Mr. G. P. Whitsett, who was born in Johnson county, January, 1845. He is the second son of John R. Whitsett, a native of Kentucky. In 1874, Gilbert P. was married to Miss Georgia Mitchell, of Centerview, a native of Kentucky, and daughter of T. H. Mitchell, Esq. He then engaged in the grain and live stock business, and followed this until 1881, when he opened a livery stable, and is at present engaged in the livery business. He has three children living: Jeddie P., Mary M. and Birdie I. Mr. Whitsett's mother was a native of Tennessee, and was a daughter of James Cull.

#### C. E. WILLIAMS,

farmer, was born in Lawrence county, April 4, 1845. He received his early education in his native county. He served in the Union army, and located in Jasper county, Iowa, at the close of the war, where he remained about three years, and then came to Missouri in January, 1868, locating on his present farm, where he has resided ever since. His farm contains 80 acres, the greater part in cultivation, with a good, substantial barn. He has here been engaged in farming and raising stock. He was married in 1871 to Miss Alice A. Huggins, daughter of widow Huggins, a native of Ohio. Mr. W. is a prominent member of the U. P. church, and has been one of its elders since 1877. He is at present the superintendent of the Sunday school. He has two children, Emma B. and Howard N. Mrs. W.'s mother is still living.

## ROSE HILL TOWNSHIP.

## F. H. ANDERSON.

Among the representative young men of this township, there are none more worthy of mention than the subject of this sketch. He is the son of R. M. Anderson, and was born in Johnson county, Missouri, April 28, 1856. He passed his boyhood days on his father's farm, engaged in farming and stock raising. January 1, 1880, Mr. Anderson married Miss Nannie C. Horn, a refined and accomplished lady, the daughter of the Rev. Horn. They have one child: Mabel F. Mr. A. owns a fine farm of 240 acres, which, for productiveness of soil, is not to be surpassed in Johnson county. He feeds quite a number of cattle each year. These he generally ships to the eastern markets. Mr. A., though a young man, yet possesses business ability, and in the course of time will make one of Johnson county's substantial, influential citizens.

## R. M. ANDERSON,

postoffice Holden, is the son of Thomas Anderson, and the fifth child in a family of seven children. He was born in Ray County, Tennessee. With his father's family he moved to Lafayette county, Missouri, when but nine years old. His advantages for an education were only those common to the early settlers of that day. In the spring of 1836 Mr. A. moved to the southwestern part of Johnson county, and settled in what is now called Rose Hill township. Mr. Anderson was married in March, 1852, to Miss Sarah F. Hodges. Seven children, six of whom are living, were born to this pair. His wife died March 2, 1873. He was again married October 26, 1874, to Miss Iro Smith. In the civil war his sympathies were with the south, and he enlisted under Colonel King. He participated in the battles of Lexington, Pea Ridge and other engagements. He was taken prisoner in August, 1863, and banished to New Mexico. Here he remained until the close of the war, when he returned to his home in Johnson county, and engaged in agriculture and stock raising. He owns a farm of 830 acres, well improved, handsome residence and other conveniences. This season he has 210 acres of corn, and other grain in proportion. Mr. A. is well fixed financially, and can pass the remainder of his days in comfort.

## J. L. ASHBY,

is the son of E. R. Ashby, who was a native of Kentucky. J. L. was born in Union county, Kentucky, on the 27th day of March, 1856. In the spring of '66 young Ashby was brought to Missouri, settling in Pettis county. Here the family remained one year, and then moved to St.

Clair county, remaining there about one year; then the father moved to Johnson county, near Rose Hill, where the family still reside. Mr. Ashby received his education from the common schools of this county, completing his business education at Kansas City. October 25, 1876, he was married to Miss Alice F. Hess, who is a daughter of Wm. F. Hess, and a native of Ohio. From this Union there are two children: Enoch R. and Martha E. Mr. A., before his father's death, was engaged in merchandizing with his father. He owns a beautiful farm of 372 acres, which he has well stocked. This farm is one of the finest improved in this section of the county. E. R. Ashby, the father of J. L., was a merchant, doing business at Rose Hill, and at the time of his death was considered one of the wealthiest men in his township. He had about 1,500 acres of land in real estate.

#### O. S. BARNETT,

is a native of Johnson county, Mo., and was born in June, 1840. He is the second child in a family of eleven. His father, Geo. H. Barnett, was a native of Kentucky, who moved to this county in the year 1855, and died in the fall of 1859. O. S. Barnett's advantages for an education were very limited. During the civil war his sympathies were with the South, and he enlisted August, 1862, under Warner Lewis. He was in the battles of Prairie Grove, Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, and Willow-Swamp. After the close of the war he returned to his home and engaged in farming. In the fall of 1867 he married Miss Martha A. Key, and from this union there are eight children: Hiram C., Harrison L., Rufus E., Bettie F., Mary E., Myrtle M., Lula P. and Linnie L.; seven of whom are now living. Mr. Barnett has always made Johnson county his home, living in the same neighborhood in which his father settled. He owns a very pretty farm of 146 acres.

#### A. G. BEARD.

One of the oldest and most extensively known citizens of the county is the subject of this sketch. He is the son of Robert Beard, who was a native of Virginia. The grandfather of A. G. Beard, upon the maternal and paternal sides, were both soldiers under General Washington. A. G. Beard was born in Washington county, Tenn., June 22d, 1819. His advantages for an education were very limited. Schools at that early day were not common, and what opportunities the child had in those days were received from the limited subscription schools. In October, 1840, Mr. B. moved to Missouri, settling in Cass county, then called Van Buren, whence he moved to Lafayette county, where he remained one year, then in the spring of 1842 he moved to Johnson county, settling on what is called Lost Creek, three miles north of Rose Hill. He remained here

until the spring of 1850, when he moved his family to California. In that State he remained for about two years; returning again to Johnson county and settling in the south-western part of the county, where he now lives. When the war came on Mr. B.'s sympathies were with the South, and he enlisted in her army, first under Colonel King, but afterwards he was transferred to Rains' division. He was in the battle of Pea Ridge and participated in a number of smaller engagements. At the close of the war he returned to his home in Johnson county, where he has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. B. was married Feb. 15, 1842, to Miss Sallie M. Ferguson, and from this union there are three children: Sarah C., William P. and Lucy A. Mrs. Beard dying, he was again married, Oct. 8th, 1848, to Miss Susan Anderson, and from this union there were four children: Harriet J., Malissa A., Mary F. and Aria A., all of whom are living. At the November election, 1878, Mr. Beard was elected to the responsible position of county judge, and he faithfully and impartially performed the duties of this office for two years. In politics he is a Democrat of the old school, but in public matters he always was temperate and acted for the greatest good. Mr. Beard has a farm of 325 acres, well improved. He can pass the evening of his life happy and pleasantly, surrounded as he is by a most interesting family.

### JOHN BELL,

the subject of this sketch, is the son of Mordicai Bell, a native of Pennsylvania, who was married at St. Louis in 1802. John Bell is a native of Missouri and was born in Callaway county, Aug. 23d, 1822. In the spring of 1835, with his father's family, he moved to Morgan county, Mo., where he remained until the fall of 1849, when he moved to Cooper county and remained there until the fall of 1865, when he moved to Johnson county, settling in the south-western part near Big Creek, where he has since resided. Nov. 12th, 1840, Mr. Bell was married to Miss Martha Stoeckman, of Cooper county, and from this marriage there were nine children, eight of whom are living: William L., Sallie V., Mary J., Lucy A., Mordicai C., Rebecca E., Millard F. and John R. Nearly all the children reside in Johnson county, excepting Lucy A., who is living in Colorado. During the rebellion Mr. B.'s sympathies were with the Union and he was enlisted in a provincial regiment in the spring of 1864. His regiment was engaged against Price at Jefferson City, and was at the battle of Marshall and participated in other engagements. Mr. B. has been an active business man for a long time. He owns a beautiful little farm of 182 acres, well improved and under a high state of cultivation.

## D. L. W. BOSTON.

Perhaps there is no citizen of the western part of Johnson county, Mo., so thoroughly known as the subject of this sketch. He is a native of Jefferson county, Ky., and was born on the 29th day of April, 1817. His advantages for a school education were somewhat limited, though from his early boyhood he has always evinced a desire for good books. In 1837 Mr. Boston moved to Missouri, settling in St. Louis county, where he remained until the year 1854; then he moved to Johnson county, settling on a farm about five miles south-west of Holden, where he remained until the following spring, when he moved on the farm where he now lives. At that time this part of the county was very sparsely settled, there being a few settlements along the streams. Mr. Boston was married October, 1840, to Miss Elizabeth Scutland, of St. Louis county, Mo. From this union there were six children, five of whom are living: James W., David B., Isaac, Mary E. and Henry. Mrs. Boston died Aug. 21st, 1859. He was again married July 17th, 1861, to Miss Mariah Wooton, a native of Kentucky, and a daughter of H. Wooton, Esq., who was one of the first settlers of Lafayette county, Mo., and at present living in Kansas. From this union there are six children: George D., Elizabeth, Martha A., Charles L., Hattie B. and Richard H. Mr. Boston has for many years been a member of the church, and at present is a consistent and leading member in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, near his place. His estimable lady has been a member of the Mission Baptist church since her seventeenth year. Mr. Boston during his whole life has been public-spirited, engaging in whatever he thought good for his community. In school-matters he has been progressive, ever laboring to advance the interests of education. In politics Mr. Boston is a Democrat, believing in those grand old principles that public office is the property of the people, and that places of official trust can only be rightfully distributed to men of noble purposes, of pure lives and proper qualifications for the work to be performed. Mr. Boston, by industry and economy, has sufficient to enable him to pass the remainder of his days in ease and retirement, should he wish to do so. He owns a good farm of 400 acres, well improved.

## C. H. BOTHWELL,

particular mention of whom is also given on page 241 in this volume, is the son of J. T. Bothwell, who was a native of Ohio. The grandfather, James Bothwell, was a lieutenant in the war of 1812. The subject of this sketch was the second child in a family of fifteen, of Scotch descent. Mr. Bothwell received a good education from the common schools of his native county. August 26, 1868, he moved to Johnson county, Mo., and entered 120 acres of prairie land, about five miles south of Holden. During the

war Mr. B. served as a union soldier in Company A, 98th Illinois. He participated in the following battles: Hover's Gap, Tenn., at the capture of Chattanooga, in which battle he was wounded and made prisoner. He was immediately paroled and was exchanged in May, 1864. In the fall of 1864 his regiment was transferred to Wilson's corps of Sherman's army, and participated in the following battles: Selma, Montgomery, Columbus and Macon. The Fourth Michigan of his corps was the regiment that captured Jefferson Davis. On the 27th day of June, 1865, after marching five hundred miles on their return, his regiment was mustered out of service at Nashville, and was discharged at Springfield, Ill., July 6, 1865. His company, when they left their Illinois home for the service, numbered 101 men, but they returned with only forty-four. After the close of the war Mr. Bothwell was engaged in agricultural pursuits until he moved to this State. September the 11th, 1867, he was married to Miss Ellen G. Crackle, and from this union there are seven children, viz: Priscilla E., Charles F., Edward K., Connard H., Mariette, Harvey H. and Barney B. Although a young man, Mr. Bothwell is popular in his county, and at the November election, 1880, he was elected to the responsible position of county judge, and to his credit it can be said he is making a competent, faithful officer.

#### H. M. CASS,

P. O. Holden. The subject of the following sketch is comparatively a young man, the son of W. R. Cass, and the second child in a family of ten children, only four of whom are now living. He was born in McCoupin county, Ill., April 7th, 1843, and was taken with his father's family to Sangamon county, Ill., when but eight years old, where he remained until a man. At the age of 19 he entered the Union army in Company A, 73d Illinois, and remained in the army until the close of the war. He was with the army of the Cumberland and participated in eighteen battles. He was slightly wounded at the battle of Stone River, and also at the battle of Franklin. After the battle of Stone River he was promoted to corporal, and was a member of the brigade staff for about nine months. He was mustered out of service at Camp Butler, at the close of the war. He then returned to his Illinois home and engaged in farming. In the fall of 1867 he moved to Missouri, locating in Rose Hill township, Johnson county, and engaged in grain and stock raising. April 8th, 1873, Mr. C. was married to Miss Mary F. Bagby. They have two children. Mr. Cass owns a beautiful farm of 250 acres of the richest soil, well improved, situated south of Holden about four miles, on the beautiful rolling prairie.

## T. E. COLEMAN,

is the son of Edmund Coleman, who was a native of Ireland. The subject of this sketch was born in Ireland in the year 1830. In the spring of 1847 he immigrated to the United States, landing at New York. From New York he went to Lewis county, Ky., where he remained until the spring of 1857, when he moved to Johnson county, Mo., settling where he has since resided. Mr. C. was partly educated in Ireland and partly in the United States. December 31st, 1860, Mr. Coleman was married to Miss F. Phebe Thistle, a very estimable and worthy lady, a daughter of Samuel Thistle, and a native of Johnson county. From this union there were eight children, six of whom are yet living, viz: Samuel T., John E. Thomas M., Eleanor E., Mary and Julia E. Mr. Coleman owns a farm of six hundred acres, well improved. When Mr. Coleman came he was a poor boy, with only enough money to bear his expenses to Kentucky, but he possessed those qualities—industry and integrity—which are of more benefit to a young man than gold, and to his credit it can be said that this large farm is the fruits of his own industry and economy. He is held in the highest esteem by his neighbors, and is looked upon as one of the influential farmers of this section. In politics Mr. C. is a Democrat, and believes in that grand old Jeffersonian doctrine, that honesty and right should rule.

## A. J. COLVIN,

postoffice Holden, is the son of Thomas Colvin, who was a native of Kentucky. The grandfather, James Colvin, was a soldier in the revolutionary, and also in the war of 1812. The subject of this sketch was born in Highland county, Ohio, on the 4th day of March, 1830. He received a liberal education from the common subscription schools of that day. In March, 1853, Mr. Colvin moved to Pike county, Illinois. Here he remained fourteen years, engaged in agricultural pursuits; then he moved to Johnson county, Missouri, settling in Rose Hill township, in the southwestern part of the county, where he has since resided. Mr. Colvin was married on the 7th day of March, 1850, to Miss Diana Good, and from this union there were nine children, six of whom are now living, viz.: Mary J., Benjamin F., Mahala S., William J., Sarah E. and Louisa E. Mrs. Colvin dying, he was again married; September 20th, 1877, to Mrs. Annie E. Guyon, and from this union there is one child, Aldora M. Mr. Colvin is a man unassuming in appearance, thoroughly practical in his opinions, and enjoys a reputation among his neighbors as a man of strict integrity. Mr. Colvin has considerable business ability, and is one of the best farmers in this section of the country. He owns a fine farm of 225 acres, well improved and under a high state of cultivation.

## LAFAYETTE CRUCE,

is a native of Kentucky, being born in Crittenden county, October 13, 1830. His father, Richard Cruce, was a native of South Carolina, and served under Gen. Jackson in the war of 1812. His childhood and his earlier manhood days passed on his father's farm. In the spring of 1841 his father moved to Missouri, settling in Hickory county. Here he remained until the breaking out of the war, when his family moved to Paris, Texas. In the fall of 1865, Mr. Cruce moved to Johnson county, settling at Warrensburg, remaining there about seven years; then in the fall of 1878 he moved with his family to the south-western part of Johnson county, settling near Big Creek. When the war came on, Mr. C.'s sympathies were with the south, and he advocated her cause. In February, 1851, Mr. Cruce was married to Miss Mary Cock, daughter of Archibald Cock, who is at present living in Clinton, Missouri. From this union there are eleven children: Annie B., Richard A., Eulalia, Walter L., Columbus, John L., Stella, William H., Archibald, Clara and Jessie. During Mr. Cruce's residence in Missouri, he has been engaged in the mercantile business and farming. He owns a fine farm of 257½ acres, extending to the rich bottom lands of Big Creek. The farm is under a good state of cultivation. Mr. C. enjoys the reputation of being one of Johnson county's most upright citizens; in disposition, he is generous and kind, ever ready to give assistance, where needed. Though his earlier advantages for an education were not good; yet through his whole life he has studied men, as well as books; and to his credit it can be said, he is a man of large and liberal views. In politics he is strictly democratic, desiring to inculcate and enforce the doctrines with which the party came into existence, declaring that the only qualification for office rests upon the wise, safe and patriotic platform of personal capability, personal honesty and personal fidelity. Mr. Cruce and his estimable lady have been members of the Christian church for about thirty years, and he has been an elder in the church for a number of years.

## JOHN A. DOAK,

son of A. A. Doak, who was a native of Tennessee. The subject of this sketch was born, January 26, 1834, in Lafayette county, Missouri, which then also comprised Johnson. In the spring of 1842, with his father's family, he moved to what is now Johnson county, settling upon what is known as Bear Creek. Mr. D.'s sympathies were with the south during the war, and he enlisted in the 16th Missouri infantry, under Col. Lewis. He was engaged in the following battles: Prairie Grove, and Helena, Ark. In the early part of the war Mr. D.'s health failing, he was transferred to the hospital department. When the war closed he returned to his home in Johnson county, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr.



Doak was married February 1, 1854, to Miss Susan J. Potts, and from this union there were seven children, only three of whom are now living, viz: Toba S., Dora A. and Charles R. Mrs. Doak dying in the fall of 1872, he was again married in the spring of 1874, to Miss Martha Tuttle. From this union there are two children, both of whom are now living; viz: Ettie M. and Mary E. Mr. Doak is public spirited, and a man of intelligence; he has held for many years the public position of justice of the peace, and has frequently been school director in his district, and is looked upon by his neighbors as a man of principle and integrity. He has a fine little farm of 110 acres in this county, besides 320 acres in Henry.

### B. J. FARNSWORTH,

is the son of Thomas Farnsworth, who was a native of Green county Tenn. Henry Farnsworth, an uncle of J. B., was a soldier in the war of 1812. The subject of this sketch was born in Green county, Tennessee, on the 29th day of May, 1829. He is a twin brother of C. L. Farnsworth, in a family of seven children. Mr. Farnsworth's advantages for an education were somewhat limited. In the fall of 1854, Mr. F. moved to Missouri, stopping in Henry county; he remained here until the spring of 1855 when he moved with his family to Johnson county, settling near the fork of Big and Bear creeks. When the war came on Mr. F.'s sympathies were with the Union, though he took no active part in the conflict. On the 31st day of March, 1852, Mr. Farnsworth was married to Miss Eliza Girdner, and from this union there are seven children, five of whom are living: Isaac G., John C., Emma E., Helen L., William R., Eliza J. and Benjamin B. Mrs. F. dying in the fall of 1871, he was again married October 10, 1872, to Miss Rebecca E. Bell, and from this union there are two children: Jimmie D. and Georgia F. Mr. Farnsworth since his residence in Johnson county, has been extensively engaged in stock raising and farming; he is a man of energy and activity, following closely the business he has chosen. In his stock business he has been very successful, he has had at one time on his farm eighty head of mules, 130 head of cattle, 700 head of sheep, and as many as 250 head of hogs. He has a fine farm of 983 acres, under a good state of cultivation. There is on his farm over eight miles of hedge fence.

### C. L. FARNSWORTH,

is the son of Thomas Farnsworth, and was born in Green county, Tennessee, the 29th day of May, 1829; he being the twin brother of B. J. Farnsworth, and the fourth child in a family of seven. He had but the advantages of a common subscription school education. In the fall of 1854 Mr. Farnsworth moved to Missouri, stopping in Henry county, but remaining there but a few months; then he came to Johnson county, set-

ling in what is now called Rose Hill township. He remained here about two years, and then moved to Cass county; here he remained about seven years, then returning again to Johnson county, where he has since resided. When the rebellion broke out, Mr. F.'s sympathies were on the Union side, though he took no particular part in the conflict. On May 2, 1854, Mr. F. was married to Miss Caroline George, and from this union there were ten children, nine of whom are yet living: Robert A., Louisa J., Helen E., Mary L., Lucy A., Albert A., Ida F., Edna E., Cyrus L. Since Mr. Farnworth's residence in this county, he has been extensively engaged in the raising and handling of live stock. He has at the present time about 150 head of cattle on his farm, among these are some very fine short horn and high grade cattle. He has also a very fine lot of sheep, said to be as good a grade as there is in the county. Mr. F. owns a fine farm of 780 acres, well adapted for the purpose of grain-raising, or grazing. At present he has the greater part of this large tract of land in grass. He is a thorough practical farmer, investing his time and capital where he is sure to reap a good reward. In business he is just and honorable, enjoying the confidence of his fellow men.

#### MANUEL P. FISHER.

Prominent among the pioneer settlers of Johnson county, is Mr. Manuel P. Fisher, who was born in Kentucky on the 23d of April, 1814, married to Miss Sarah B. Scott, of Saline county, December 24, 1835, and in February, 1836, came to Johnson county and settled on the farm, from which he has never moved. He erected a rude log hut, which was first heated by a fire in the middle of the earth floor, and ventilated by the openings between the logs; a little later he built an addition of sticks and mud, which was dignified with the name of chimney, by which, also, with a skillet and kettle, all the family cooking was done. Such things as planks were unknown, and so Mr. Fisher hewed out rude puncheons for a floor, and with his untrained talent in cabinet work, manufactured his own furniture from the native forest trees, by the aid of axe, auger and saw. By close attention to business, by untiring industry, working all day on his farm and at night, when others slept, devoting his time to shoemaking for his neighbors, (being by nature a "handy man" and capable of serving them in various ways,) and last, but not least, by the economy and good management of his worthy helpmeet, Mr. Fisher succeeded in making for himself a comfortable home, raising and educating his children, providing for them generously, and to-day owns one of the finest and best improved farms in Johnson county, and although sixty-seven years old, shows more activity and accomplishes more than many men of one-half his years. He has made the "pay as you go" system a rule of his life, and says when he couldn't pay he didn't go. He is a kind neighbor.

a good citizen, and is universally respected. May his days be lengthened to a ripe old age, for the plaudit of "well done" awaits him.

### CHESLEY GATES,

P. O. Index. One of the oldest and most-respected citizens of this township is the subject of this sketch. Chesley Gates, who is the son of James Gates, a native of Virginia, was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, January 22, 1803, and is the eighth child in a family of ten. In the spring of 1839, Mr. Gates moved to Missouri, settling in the eastern part of Johnson county, remaining there one year, when he moved to Cass county, Missouri. Here he remained eight years, returning again to Johnson county in March, 1849, where he has since resided. In the fall of 1849, Mr. Gates was married to Miss Margaret A. Moore; from this union there were five children; these children were born at three births, the two first births being twins. Of these children, there are but two living: Nancy E. and Martha V. These ladies are both married, and living near their father. Mrs. Gates dying in the fall of 1855, he was again married in the fall of 1856, to Rebecca McDonald. Since Mr. Gates' residence in Missouri, he has been engaged in farming; at the beginning of the rebellion, Mr. G. owned a farm of 1,200 acres; of this land, he has given to his two daughters, 400 acres. Mr. Gates' sympathies were with the Union, though he took no active part in the conflict, remaining at his home until General Ewing issued his famous order, No. 11, when he went to the military post. When Mr. Gates first settled in Johnson county, there were but very few settlers. Many are the rich anecdotes Mr. Gates tells of those earlier days in Missouri. Since living at his present place of residence, there have been as many as twenty Indians visited him at one time; they were always peaceable, and came to him to trade. He is a man of intelligence and genius, and has received patents on several useful inventions. He has been a member of the Christian church for more than thirty years, and has held the office of deacon in that church for many years.

### JOHN S. GRAVES,

the son of Liven Graves, who is a native of Kentucky, and living at the present time in Mercer county. The subject of this sketch was born the 30th day of September, 1830, in Mercer county, Kentucky. When he was about twelve years old, he was taken with his mother's family to Hendrick county, Indiana, where he remained until the fall of 1855. Mr. Graves' advantages for an education were limited, he attending the common subscription schools only a few months in the year. April 30, 1854, he was married to Miss Jane A. Bailey; with his wife he moved to Missouri, in the fall of 1855, settling in

the south-western part of Johnson county, upon what is known as Bear Creek. From this union there were eight children; only one, Miss Etie M., is now living. At the breaking out of the late rebellion, Mr. G.'s sympathies were with the South, and he enlisted in her cause, joining the 16th Missouri infantry. He was at the battle of Prairie Grove and Helena; at Helena, which was fought July 5, 1863, he was wounded and made prisoner, but was paroled upon the field, and was exchanged in the fall of that year. Afterwards, in the battles of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, and Saline. At the close of the war he returned to his home in Johnson, and engaged in his occupation, of carpenter and builder; he followed his trade for about three years. Since that time he has been engaged in agriculture and stock raising. Mr. Graves has a very fine farm of 350 acres, well improved. He is a quiet, unostentatious man, held in high esteem by his neighbors, as an industrious, upright citizen. He has been a member of the Christian denomination for many years, and is a deacon in that church.

#### WILLIAM HILL

is the son of Thomas Hill, a native of Herefordshire, England. The subject of this sketch, is the youngest child in a family of ten, and was born at Ross, in the county of Hereford, England, March 4, 1819. He was educated in Walter Scott Charity School, England. February 19, 1852, Mr. Hill sailed for the United States, landing in New York about the 1st day of April, 1852, being about forty days in making the voyage. From New York, he went to Fleming county, Kentucky, where he remained for more than two years. Then in October, 1855, he moved with his family to Missouri, settling in Johnson county, where he has since resided. When the war of the rebellion came on, Mr. Hill's sympathies were with the Union, and he espoused her cause by enlisting, April, 1862, in the 7th M. S. M., serving for about eighteen months. Mr. Hill was married November 15, 1840, to Miss Ellen Clark, and from this union there were ten children, only five of whom are now living: Emma M., Fannie, Alice J., Mary M. and Henry H. During Mr. Hill's residence in Missouri, he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a man of intelligence, unostentatious in his appearance, seeking the happiness of those around him, rather than his own personal aggrandizement. He has always been held by his neighbors as an honorable, Christian gentleman. Mr. Hill has for many years been a member, and deacon in the Brethren, or as it is called, Dunkard church. Mr. Hill has a fine farm of 180 acres, under a good state of cultivation, and well improved. He also has a stock farm of 180 acres, in Cedar county, Missouri.

## D. W. HOLDER,

P. O. Holden, is the son of James Holder, who is a native of Harrison county, West Virginia. The subject of this sketch was born in Scott county, Illinois, October 27, 1847, and is the fifth child in a family of eleven. He received a good practical education from the common schools of his native state, and when about twenty years of age he was taken with his father's family to Scotland county, Missouri, where he remained about one year; he then returned to Illinois, where he remained until the fall of 1875, when he again, with his father's family, returned to Missouri, settling in the southwestern part of Johnson county, where he has since remained. Dave, as he is familiarly called by his friends, is a young man of more than ordinary energy and perseverance, strictly honorable in his dealings, having acquired for himself a business reputation scarcely attained by others of his age. Kind to his family and those with whom he is associated, courteous and pleasant with those he comes in contact, he finds friends among all classes. Mr. Holder, with his brother, Martin V., owns one of the best farms in Johnson county, consisting of 480 acres. To the credit of these young men, it can be truthfully said that this beautiful farm is the product of their own industry and economy. The farm is situated upon the beautiful, rolling prairie, about five miles south of Holden, and is under a high state of cultivation.

## R. L. JACKSON.

Among the prominent citizens of Rose Hill township, we find none more worthy of mention than R. L. Jackson, the subject of this sketch. He is the son of F. R. Jackson, a native of Virginia, who, when quite young was taken with his father's family to settle in Kentucky; thence, he moved to Ray county, Missouri, where he settled in the year 1832. R. L. Jackson was born December 5, 1833, in Ray county, Missouri. He, with his father's family, moved to Johnson county, Missouri, in the spring of 1835, settling in the southwestern part of the county, upon what is now called Bear creek. February 11, 1869, he married Miss Susan Hughs, and from this union there are five children: Sallie E., Walter S., Annie M., Pearl, and Dick. All of whom are living. Mr. Jackson has been engaged extensively for many years in agriculture and stock-raising, excepting the years from 1859 to 1864, when he was in California, engaged exclusively in the stock business. Mr. Jackson has a farm of 520 acres, well improved. This farm is one of the most beautiful in this section of the country, situated upon the rolling prairie, about six miles south of the city of Holden. Mr. J. has built a handsome residence, and has spared no pains in beautifying his grounds, with shade and other adornments. He has lately built a large commodious barn and other out-buildings.

## JOHN LINCH.

Among the representative young men of Rose Hill township, we find none more worthy of mention than John Linch. His father was Micheal Linch, a native of Ireland. The subject of this sketch was born in Ireland, November 17, 1850, and is the oldest child in a family of six. The father of young Linch emigrated with his family to the United States when the boy was but three years old; they settled in Fayette county, Ohio. Mr. Linch received an English education at the district schools of Fayette county. In the spring of 1868 he moved to Missouri, settling in the south-western part of Johnson county. They had lived here but a short time when the father died, leaving young Linch to take charge of the business, and provide for the family. In business matters he has shown himself to be honorable and competent, worthy the confidence of his family, and the esteem of all who know him. By industry and economy the heirs have provided for themselves a beautiful home of 240 acres, of as productive and fine land as there is in Johnson county.

## L. W. PEMBERTON,

P. O. Rose Hill. The subject of the following sketch was born in Albemarle county, Virginia, December 2, 1819. Moved to Missouri, with his father's family, in the fall of the year 1832, and settled near Marshall, Saline county. With his father's family, he moved to Johnson county in the spring of 1840, and settled near the present site of Rose Hill. Mr. Pemberton was married in the fall of 1849, to Mrs. R. M. Davis. From this union there were two children. Mrs. P. died in the spring of 1864. He was again married, August, 1868, to Miss Revina Lankford, of Saline county, Missouri. By this union there was one child. His sympathies were with the south, and he went into the army as quartermaster, under Warner Lewis. He was in the battle of Little Rock, Arkansas, and his brigade, numbering not more than 700 men, fought Smith's army corps, for one whole day. He was with his regiment when Steele was led into Camden; participating in a number of other engagements. After peace was declared, Mr. Pemberton returned to this county, and engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He owns a beautiful farm of 855 acres, well improved, and under a high state of cultivation. Mr. P. has been very successful in business matters, and is esteemed by his neighbors, as being an honorable, upright gentleman.

## CYRUS PLOWMAN,

P. O. Holden, is the son of David Plowman, who was a native of Pennsylvania. John P. Plowman, an uncle, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The subject of this sketch is of German and French descent, and

was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1814. His education was received from the common subscription schools of that day. In the fall of 1837 he moved to Vermillion county, Illinois, where he remained a few months. In the spring of 1838 he moved to Johnson county, Missouri; here he remained until the fall of 1840; then he returned to Illinois, where he remained until the fall of 1857; then moved again to Missouri, and settled in the southwestern part of this county, in the township of Rose Hill. July, 1845, he was married to Miss Mary Chance, and from this union there were ten children, five of whom are now living: George W., John E., Mary A., Amanda E. and Dora B. When the war came on, Mr. P. was a strong advocate in favor of the Union. Mrs. Plowman dying he was again married in November, 1872, to Miss Julia Ferry. From this union they have one child, Amia J. Mr. Plowman is a man of great energy and industry, and in public affairs he has taken an active part. He is a warm advocate of the present school system, and would advance the grade to a more perfect standard. Mr. Plowman owns a good farm of 320 acres, under a good state of cultivation.

#### D. C. QUICK,

P. O. Holden, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, June 24, 1819. His father, Benjamin Quick, was among the first settlers of that county, being a native of Pennsylvania. The subject of this short sketch was educated in the common schools of that day, and remained on his father's farm till he became of age. When he attained his majority he went to Kentucky, and hired out to his uncle to work in a mill. He lost his earnings of \$900 by the bankrupt law of that state. He soon returned to Ohio, from whence, in 1844, he removed to Johnson county, Missouri, where he entered 160 acres of government land, built a log cabin and commenced farming. He was married in the year 1843. During the war he entered the United States service, but lost nearly everything except the bare land. He now owns about 2,000 acres of land, nearly all of which is enclosed, including a large deer park, and excellent, arable and highly productive soil. He has raised, in a single year, as high as 3,000 bushels of wheat. Mr. Quick is a wealthy, respected and influential man.

#### MAURICE QUICK, .

the son of Cornelius Quick, a native of Ohio. The subject of this sketch was born in Cass county, Missouri, February 7, 1857, and is the third in a family of eight children. He received an education from the district schools of his county. In the spring of 1881, he moved to Johnson county, Missouri, settling on what is known as Big Creek. Mr. Quick is a young man of more than ordinary business ability, being strictly honorable in his dealings, and courteous to all, he has made many friends wherever he is known.

He owns a beautiful farm of eight hundred acres, rich in soil and well improved. Mr. Quick farms extensively, having on his farm this season about 250 acres of wheat, 200 acres of corn, and other small grain in proportion. Is also engaged, to some extent, in the live stock business. Although a young man he enjoys the reputation of being one of Johnson county's substantial business men.

#### JOHN L. SHOUP,

farmer and stock raiser, P. O. Holden, was born in the state of Indiana, Noble county, September 18, 1834. He remained in his native county until his majority, during a portion of which time he attended the common school. His father was a native of Ohio. The subject of our sketch came to Missouri in 1868, settling in Rose Hill township, near Holden. Here he has a farm of over 600 acres, all of which is under good cultivation. He was married in Noble county, Indiana, in the fall of 1864. The names of the children are: Benjamin F., Richard R., Mary F. and the youngest. Mr. Shoup is a man of ability and integrity of character.

#### H. A. STITT,

is a native of Ohio, and was born August 28, 1839, in Fayette county. His father, James Stitt, also a native of Ohio, still lives in Fayette county. Young Stitt was educated in the high school at Bloomingburg, Ohio. In the summer of 1861, when but twenty years of age, he enlisted in the twentieth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving for a time as private, then as quartermaster-sergeant. He participated in the battles of Fort Donelson and Pittsburg Landing. He was engaged in the service for about five years. After his term of service he settled at Nashville, where he lived about two years. In the spring of 186— he moved to Missouri, settling at Warrensburg, where he was engaged in the dry goods business for about six years. Then he moved to his farm in Rose Hill township, where he has ever since resided. Mr. Stitt was married July, 1866, to Miss Emma Evans, a native of Ohio. From this union there were four children, three of whom are yet living: Alice M., Edwin J. and Bessie. Since moving to Rose Hill township, Mr. Stitt has been engaged in farming during the summer, and teaching in the winter. Mr. S. enjoys the reputation of being one of the best teachers in western Missouri. He has a beautiful little farm of 100 acres, under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Stitt is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and has frequently held positions of honor in his church.

#### J. M. WALKER,

P. O. Holden, is the son of William Walker, who was a native of Pennsylvania. The subject of this sketch was born May 11, 1838, in Knox



county, Ohio, and is the seventh child in a family of ten children. He received an education from the district schools of his county, finishing his course of education in the high school at Fredricktown, the county seat of his county. At the beginning of the war, Mr. Walker enlisted in the United States service. In April, 1867, Mr. W. moved to Johnson county, Missouri, settling in the southwestern part, where he has since resided. He was married, Dec. 3, 1869, to Miss Josephine Dunseth, and from this union there are five children, viz: Charles A., Lola B., Edna M., Robert D., and Willie. Mr. Walker is an enterprising citizen, a thorough and practical farmer. He owns a beautiful farm of 270 acres, situated in Rose Hill township, about seven miles south of Holden; this farm is beautifully located, and well improved.

#### A. M. WALL,

the son of Dr. R. Z. R. Wall, born in Rockingham county, N. C., July 30, 1839. He was brought to Missouri with his father's family when but an infant, and settled on Bear Creek, in Johnson county, where he has always resided, excepting the years between '56 and '61, when he was engaged as clerk with his father in the mercantile business, in Cass county. Mr. Wall received a good English education from the common subscription schools of this county. When the war came on, Mr. W.'s sympathies were with the south, and he entered her service. After his term of service had expired he returned to his home, and enlisted in the home guards company, and remained with them until the close of the war. Mr. Wall was married, December 20, 1864, to Miss Matilda Hunt, of Cass county. From this union there were eight children, seven of whom are yet living; Charles O., John R., Oliver W., Edgar H., Maud J., Robert A., and Addison M. Mr. W. has been engaged in agriculture, excepting the time above named. He owns a fine farm of 449 acres of excellent soil, and well improved.

#### D. B. WALLIS,

P. O. Index; son of J. C. Wallis, who was a native of Pennsylvania. The subject of this sketch was born in Lycoming county, Penn., November 26, 1855, and is the seventh child in a family of eight children. When quite young, Mr. Wallis' father moved with his family to the state of Michigan, remaining there until the fall of 1866, when they moved to Missouri; here young Wallis has since resided. Mr. Wallis is a young man of intelligence, affable in his disposition, making friends with all whom he meets. In business, he is energetic and persevering; having the confidence of those with whom he has been associated. He makes his home with his mother. For some years he has been engaged in the feeding and raising of live stock; in this business he has been very suc-

cessful. Mr. Wallis has an interest with the other heirs of his father's family in a beautiful farm of 300 acres, highly improved. The heirs also have a large farm in the eastern part of the state.

#### PETER WERT,

P. O. Rose Hill. Is of German lineage, and was born in Cumberland county, Penn., Feb. 5, 1815, and is the ninth child of a family of eleven, all of whom lived to maturity. Mr. Wert, when but a youth, was taken with his father's family to settle in the beach forest of Crawford county, Ohio. His advantages for an education were limited; there being but few schools at that early day. When 23 years of age he was married to Miss Cecelia Littler, and from this union there was one child, Margaret A., who died while yet an infant. He was again married to Miss Lydia McClasky, who died, May 17, 1843; from this union there were four children: Robert F., Joshua C., James A. A. and Charles H. His third wife was Mary Ann Kalar, whom he married Nov. 2, 1854; from this union there was one child, Samuel K. His fourth wife was Miss Belle McGee, whom he married January 29, 1857; from this union there was one child, William Lincoln. During Mr. Wert's early life he followed wagon making for 25 years; disposing of this business, he embarked in the milling business, which he followed for seven years. In the spring of 1868, he disposed of his mill and other property in Ohio, and moved with his family to Johnson county, Mo., settling in the southwestern part of the county, where he has since been engaged in farming and raising stock. Mr. Wert owns a fine farm of 1257 acres, upon which he has grown in different seasons, from 200 to 250 acres of small grain, and in corn 150 to 250 acres. He has on his farm at the present time, 25 head of horses and mules, and about 125 head of cattle. In business, Mr. Wert has always been persevering and energetic, and he justly 'points with pride to his large landed estate, as the fruits of his own labors and economy. He began life without one dollar. But industry and integrity has made him one of Johnson county's independent and honored citizens.

#### CHARLES H. WERT,

was born in Ohio, October 2, 1851, and when about fifteen years of age he came to Missouri with his father, where he remained about one year, and then spent about one year traveling over the western wilds, and was part of the time with General Custer in pursuit of the Indians. He returned to Missouri and engaged in farming, after which he went to Kansas, and located in Butler county, where he was married to Miss Elizabeth Edwards, in 1873, daughter of Charles S. Edwards, Esq. In 1881 he returned to Missouri and settled on his present farm, containing 190 acres, 170 of which are in cultivation and twenty in timber. He also

owns 160 acres in Kansas, sixty of which is in cultivation. He is at present engaged in farming and dealing in stock. He devotes considerable attention to wheat growing. He has two children, Peter S. and Lidie L. Mr. Wert is a native of Ohio.

#### W. L. WOOD.

The subject of this sketch was the fourteenth child of Mr. John Wood, of Albemarle county, Virginia, and was born the 4th day of May, 1819. (The great-grandfather, Wm. Wood, emigrated at a very early day from England, and served in the colonial war at the age of sixty. The father and the grandfather also served in the revolutionary war. The father was but sixteen years of age when he entered the army, and was on the way to Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered.) When twenty-two years of age he moved to Logan county, Kentucky, remaining there only about one year. He then turned his face toward Missouri, locating near the present site of Rose Hill. He was married to Miss Laura H. Smith in February, 1871. From this union there are three children, all of whom are living. Mr. Wood was engaged during the years 1857 to 1859 in the mercantile business at Rose Hill. His sympathies were with the south, and he conscientiously drew his sword in her defence. He participated in the following battles: Pilot Knob, Ditch Bayou and a number of smaller engagements. After peace was restored he returned to his home, and engaged in farming and stock raising. He owns a farm of 230 acres.

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### CHILHOWEE TOWNSHIP.

#### JAMES BROWN,

farmer, was born in Monroe county, Tennessee, May 10, 1825. His father was a native of Tennessee, and came to Missouri in 1829, and settled in Lafayette county, where he remained one year, and came to Columbus, Johnson county, and in 1833 he moved into what is now known as Chilhowee township. He sat on the first grand jury in Johnson county, and still lives in Chilhowee township. James spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, and attended the common and subscription schools of that day. During the war he was a southern sympathizer, but took no active part in the conflict. Mr. B. was married in 1850 to Miss Martha J. Harris, daughter of James B. Harris, one of the early settlers of Johnson county. By this union they have had eleven children, seven of whom are now living: Patrick J., Elizabeth B., William E., Marion F., George E., Thomas M. and Martha E. Mr. Brown has been for years engaged in farming and stock raising, and has a farm of 120

acres. His father and mother are both living, his father at the ripe old age of eighty-two and his mother at seventy-six.

### JOHN BROWN,

P. O. Chilhowee. Is the son of Hezekiah Brown, who is a native of Tennessee, and at present living in this township, in his seventy-fifth year. Mrs. Brown, the mother of John, died in the summer of 1839, and was the first grown person buried in the cemetery at Warrensburg. The subject of this sketch was born in Washington county, Tenn., Feb. 1, 1831. He passed his early life on a farm, and received an English education in the common subscription schools of this county. In the spring of 1839, Mr. Brown moved with his father's family to Missouri, settling in Warrensburg, where he remained until his mother's death. Then the father moved his family to Chilhowee township, where he has since resided. Mr. Brown was married June 15, 1848, to Miss Martha E. Tylor, a daughter of Felix Tylor, a native of Tennessee. From this union there were three children, two of whom are yet living, viz: William C., and Hezekiah J. When the war came on, Mr. Brown's sympathies were with the Union, though he took no part in the conflict. Since Mr. Brown has reached his majority, he has been engaged in farming in this township. He owns a beautiful little farm of 180 acres, as well improved as any farm in this section of the township. Mr. Brown and his estimable lady are enjoying the comforts of a beautiful country home, alone, their children being married, and settled to themselves.

### J. R. CARPENTER,

P. O. Chilhowee. The subject of this sketch, is the son of W. D. Carpenter, who is now living in his household at the ripe old age of eighty-eight. J. R. was born in Johnson county, August 16, 1847, and was raised on his father's farm in this township, until he was sixteen years old, when he, with his father's family, moved to Illinois, where he remained until the spring of 1870, when he returned again to Johnson county, where he has since resided. Mr. Carpenter was married, October 27, 1868, to Miss Sarah J. Shelton, a daughter of Maberry Shelton, and a native of Illinois. From this union there were two children, only one of whom is now living, viz: James E. Since Mr. Carpenter's return to Missouri, he has been engaged in farming, and the raising of live stock. He has a fine farm of 179 acres, well improved, and under a good state of cultivation. Mr. C. received a good English education from the common schools of his native state, and the schools of Washington county, Ill.

## T. N. CARPENTER,

P. O. Chilhowee. Is the son of W. D. Carpenter, who is at present living in Chilhowee township, at the ripe old age of eighty-eight. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and is a native of Tennessee. He has been a resident of the states of Tennessee, Virginia, Alabama, Kentucky and Missouri. The subject of this sketch was born in Kentucky, August 26, 1826. He passed his boyhood days on his father's farm in this township. He received his education from the common subscription schools of that early day, traveling from three to five miles to reach his school-house. These houses were built of logs, covered with clap-boards, with no chimney; a hole in the roof answered the purpose of emitting the smoke; the seats were made from puncheons, the writing desk was split from a log, and extended the whole length of the room; there was no floor save the naked earth. The writing desk upon which Mr. Carpenter received his first lessons in writing, is at present in his possession, and he has used it for years as a drag, to level and pulverize his fields; it is a heavy piece of timber, about sixteen feet long, fourteen inches wide, and about six inches thick. Mr. Carpenter came to this state with his father's family, in the fall of 1838, and settled in the south-western part of Johnson county, where he has lived ever since. When the war broke out, his sympathies were with the South, though he took no active part in the conflict. In April, 1849, Mr. Carpenter was married to Miss Sarah M. Howerton, who is the daughter of Wm. Howerton, and a native of North Carolina. From this union there were seven children, six of whom are yet living, viz: Thomas W., Joseph F., Mary J., James L., and Mattie F. Mr. Carpenter owns a fine farm of 620 acres, under a high state of cultivation, and well improved. A part of this farm was entered by Mr. C. He plowed the first furrow, built the first panel of fence, and made all the improvements as found at the present time. Mr. Carpenter is a man held in high esteem by his neighbors; he is regarded by all as a generous, honorable man.

## S. A. CATLIN,

P. O. Chilhowee. The subject of this sketch was born in Ohio, June 14th, 1849, and is the son of James Catlin, who was a native of Maine. Mr. Catlin passed his boyhood on his father's farm in Vinton county, Ohio. His education was principally received from the common schools of his native county. In the fall of 1868 Mr. Catlin moved to Missouri, settling in Johnson county, where he has since resided. Dec. 18th, 1877, Mr. Catlin was married to Miss Mary J. Guthrie, a daughter of A. B. Guthrie, who was killed July 6th, 1863, by guerillas. From this union there are two children: Robert A. and Ida A. Since Mr. Catlin has been a resident of Johnson county, he has been engaged in farming. He owns

a fine farm of 215 acres, under a good state of cultivation. Mr. Catlin is looked upon by his neighbors as a young man of intelligence and business capability.

#### W. P. CARRINGTON,

**P. O. Holden.** Among the most successful farmers and business men of southwestern Johnson county we find W. P. Carrington. He is the son of E. H. Carrington, a native of North Carolina. The subject of this sketch was born in Orange county, N. C., Oct. 30th, 1832. When Mr. C. was about four years old his father moved with his family to Adair county, Ky., where he remained until young Carrington was twelve years old; then he moved his family to Missouri, settling in Pettis county; there he remained nine years; then moved to Johnson county, settling in Chilhowee township; here W. P. entered lands upon which he is living at the present time. The father dying a short time after coming to Missouri, young Carrington was kept with his mother on the farm in Pettis county. He received his education from the common subscription schools. When the war broke out his sympathies were with the South, though he took no active part in the conflict. Mr. Carrington was married June 24, 1858, to Miss Susan J. Wall, a daughter of Dr. R. Z. R. Wall, and a native of Johnson county. From this union there were nine children, eight of whom are yet living, viz: Mary B., Richard E., Nancy A., Cornelia M., William S., Flavia A., Susan M. and Robert. Since Mr. C.'s residence in Johnson county, he has been engaged in farming, and the raising and feeding of live stock. Mr. Carrington owns one of the finest farms in southwestern Johnson county, under a high state of cultivation; on this farm there was this season, 400 acres of wheat, and he anticipated putting 500 acres in corn. Mr. C. has generally on his farm from 100 to 200 head of cattle. Mr. Carrington, though yet comparatively a young man, has accumulated by his industry and economy, enough of this world's goods to enjoy the remainder of his days (should he see fit) in ease and comfort. He is a man of liberal views, hospitable and kind in his disposition. His fine residence and well laid out grounds, will compare favorably with any country residence in Johnson county.

#### J. L. CLELAND,

**P. O. Centerview.** Is the son of Arthur Cleland, who was a native of Ireland, and who emigrated to the United States, in the year 1817, and settled in the state of Delaware. The subject of this sketch was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, Oct. 14, 1835, and was the oldest child in a family of seven children. He received his education from the common schools of Ohio. In the spring of 1866, Mr. Cleland moved to Missouri, settling in the southwestern part of Johnson county, where he has since resided.

When the war broke out Mr. C.'s sympathies were with the Union, though he took no active part in the conflict. Mr. Cleland was married August 10, 1865, to Miss Permellia Powell, a daughter of Wm. Powell, and a native of Defiance, Ohio. From this union there are three children, all of whom are living, viz: Frank P., Annie M. and Mary E. Since Mr. Cleland's residence in Missouri, he has been engaged in farming and the raising of stock. He owns a good farm of 260 acres, well adapted for the purposes of farming and grazing. Mr. C. has held the public position of postmaster in his township. Mr. Cleland though well qualified for public position, has not sought or asked for office.

### HENRY CORSON,

P. O. Chilhowee. Henry Corson is the son of Richard Corson, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and an early settler of Ohio. The subject of this sketch was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, November 19, 1810, and was the second child in a family of eleven children. He passed his boyhood on his father's farm, in Fayette county, Ohio. His school advantages were somewhat limited. In the fall of 1855 Mr. Corson moved to Missouri, settling in Cooper county, where he remained until the spring of 1867, when he moved with his family to Johnson county, where he has since resided. When the war came on, Mr. Corson's sympathies were with the Union, though he took no part in the conflict. Three of his sons, viz.: William A., Richard B. and Mathias S. were soldiers in the Union army. Mr. C. was married April 9, 1840, to Miss Harrietta E. Smith, a daughter of Mathias Smith, and a native of Ohio. From this union there were thirteen children, of whom there are yet living, viz.: John M., William A., Richard B., Mathias S., Josephus, Thomas J., Mary A., Henry S., Alice and Eliza. For the last twenty years, Mr. Corson has been extensively engaged in farming, raising and feeding live stock. He can truthfully be called the "cattle king" of Johnson county, and will rank successfully with the largest stock dealers of Missouri. Mr. Corson, with his sons, have put in the markets, on an average, for the last ten years, 100 head of fat cattle per year, of their own feeding and grazing. They have upon their lands about 750 head of stock and feed cattle. Mr. Corson and his sons cultivate on their farms from 500 to 700 acres of corn; this corn they always feed, besides buying for feed purposes, from 10,000 to 25,000 bushels per year. Mr. Corson owns a fine farm of 1,080 acres; his residence is one of the finest in Chilhowee township. Mr. Corson, from his early manhood to the present time, has been an active business man, and while he has, by his industry, made himself a wealthy man, he has no less merit and helped to make those around him.

## W. R. CULLEY,

postoffice Cornelia. One of the prominent old settlers of Chilhowee township, was born in Howard county, Missouri, in 1821. His father, John Culley, was among the pioneers of that county. He was a native of Tennessee, born August 12, 1792, and was a soldier in the war of 1812, having served five years, and after his discharge settled at Old Franklin, Missouri. Was married in 1820, and in 1836 came to Johnson county, and made it his home till his death, which occurred Aug. 15, 1876. William R. Culley was the eldest of his father's family, and on him rested many cares of the household. He has seen many changes in this county, hardship, privation, as well as enjoyment, which render the memory of those early days especially dear. He was twice married, first to Miss Mary Brown, January 16, 1849, daughter of Samuel Brown. She died in about seven months after marriage. He was again married July 2, 1857, to Miss Louisa C. Perry, a native of Tennessee. They have five children yet living. Mr. Culley has ever taken great interest in the cause of Christianity; himself and family are closely associated with the Cumberland Presbyterian church, to which he has been a liberal contributor. His firm stand for temperance and education have been strongly inculcated in the minds of his family. His well cultivated farm of 350 acres contains a good orchard and well appointed dwelling.

## A. J. DUNHAM,

postoffice Chilhowee. Of the business men of southwestern Johnson county, no one deserves a more praiseworthy notice than the subject of this sketch, A. J. Dunham. He is the son of Ira Dunham, a native of Warren county, Kentucky. The grandfather, Jonathan Dunham, was a soldier in the war of 1812. A. J. was born in Warren county, Kentucky, January 3, 1831. He passed his early years on a farm in his native county. His advantages for an education were limited. In the fall of 1846 Mr. Dunham's father moved with his family to Polk county, Mo., where he remained two years. Then, in the fall of 1848, he moved to Johnson county, settling in the southwestern part of the county. In the summer of 1847 Mr. D. was hired out, and received twenty dollars for four months service. At another time he hired to a farmer in Henry county for 106 days to make rails, and received fifty cents per day for his labor. After that Mr. D. generally hired to work on a farm during the summer for from eight to ten dollars per month, and in the winter season he would go to Fayette county and engage in breaking hemp. About the year 1860 Mr. Dunham began business for himself, and in the fall of 1861 he bought 100 head of cattle, drove them to Jefferson City and sold them to an agent for the government. In the fall of 1862 and 1863 he bought



and furnished Salmon & Owens, of Clinton, about 3,000 head of hogs. This was Mr. Dunham's real start in business; he has been an extensive buyer and shipper ever since, shipping perhaps more hogs than any one man in western Missouri. He has also been extensively engaged in the buying and feeding of cattle. These cattle he generally shipped to the eastern markets. April 15, 1851, Mr. Dunham was married to Miss Julia A. Jenoways, daughter of Peter F. Jenoways, and a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. From this union there were ten children, eight of whom are now living, viz: Jasper E., Theodore S., Elizabeth G., Perry O., Sarreptia A., Irena E., Ida M. and Windfield W. Mr. Dunham owns a fine farm of 600 acres in Johnson county, well improved and under a high state of cultivation; he also owns a farm of 300 acres in Henry county. Mr. D., with his brother Scott, has interests in silver mines in Bates county. They are sanguine these mines are rich in silver, and they are preparing to engage extensively in the mining business. The history of Mr. Dunham's life affords another instance of what energy, when rightly directed, will do; he began his life without a dollar; to-day he stands foremost among Johnson county's influential business men.

#### DR. R. H. HOWERTON,

postoffice, Holden. Is a son of N. C. Howerton, who was a native of North Carolina. The grandfather, Heritage Howerton, was a soldier in the revolutionary war, and a native of Virginia. The subject of this sketch was born in Rockingham county, North Carolina, October 8, 1823. He received his primary education partly in North Carolina and partly in Missouri; he read medicine under his uncle, R. Z. R. Wall, and afterward, in '54 and '55, took a course of lectures at the medical college, Cincinnati. After completing his medical course he returned to Johnson county, Missouri, and engaged in the practice with his uncle, Dr. R. Z. R. Wall, for about one year. Then he moved to Cass county, and practiced his profession until the breaking out of the war, when he returned to Johnson county, where he remained two years, then moved to Lebanon, Cooper county, and practiced his profession in that county until the year 1867, when he again returned to Johnson county, where he has since resided and been engaged in the practice of his profession and farming. June 27, 1857, Dr. Howerton married Miss Nancy A. Hughes, a most estimable lady, the daughter of John Hughes, and a native of Kentucky. From this union there were eight children, five of whom are yet living, viz: James B., Fannie M., Robert R., Benjamin H. and Annie C. Dr. Howerton owns a very fine farm of 410 acres, under a high state of cultivation and well improved. Dr. Howerton is a man of intelligence, and stands high in his profession. In business he is honorable, enjoying the confidence of all.

## JOHN HUGHES,

Postoffice Chilhowle. The subject of this sketch is one of the oldest citizens of the county. He is the son of Blackmore Hughes, who was a native of Virginia. The father moved to Kentucky in the year 1790, and was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. Mr. Hughes was born in what is now called Green River county, Kentucky, in the year 1799. He was raised on his father's farm in Green county, Kentucky, working during the summer season, in the tobacco fields, cultivating the staple crop of his native county. This crop was shipped to New Orleans on flat boats, Mr. Hughes frequently making these trips, taking with him from seventy-five to one hundred hogsheads of tobacco, which he put upon the markets of that city. Another occupation Mr. Hughes used to engage in was the buying of stock hogs, which he fed, and in the fall of the year would drive them to the state of Georgia and dispose of them in the markets of that state. Mr. Hughes was married August, 1822, to Miss Nancy Elliott. She was the daughter of Squire Elliott, and a native of Kentucky. Mrs. Hughes only lived four years after her marriage, leaving two children, both of whom afterwards died. February 2, 1836, Mr. Hughes again married Miss Pollie Diddle, who is the daughter of Wm. Diddle, and a native of Kentucky. From this union there were six children, only three of whom are now living, viz.: Nancy A., Sallie S. and Susan B. They are all married and living near their father. In the spring of 1850 Mr. Hughes moved with his family to Missouri, settling in Camden county. He remained here one season, then moved to Pettis county, near Georgetown, then the county seat of that county. Here he remained one season, then moved his family to Johnson county, settling in the southwestern part of the county where he has ever since resided. When the war came on, Mr. H.'s sympathies were with the south, though he took no active part in the conflict. In the fall of 1862, he took his negroes, 16 in number, to Arkansas, stopping near Huntsville. But before leaving home, Mr. Hughes promised his negroes that he would not barter or sell them, but when he returned home he would bring them all back with him. The people among whom Mr. Hughes located, claimed to be southern in sympathy, and most of them being southern in principle, enlisted in her armies; but as the war progressed they deserted, and changed, and called themselves sympathizers with the Union. Their mission then consisted in destroying and killing all who were not in sympathy with them. They took Mr. Hughes a prisoner, with eight others, Jan. 10, 1863, and confined them in the Huntsville prison; here they kept them three days, then took them from prison, under pretence of sending them back to Missouri. They had marched them about one mile from Huntsville, when they halted in an old field, and ordered the nine prisoners to turn their backs; a detach-

ment of their guards then stepped forward, a command was given and they were all shot down, Mr. Hughes being the only one of the nine who survived. He received a very severe wound in the head, which totally destroyed his sight. All of these men, including Mr. Hughes, were left upon the ground supposed to be dead. A Mrs. Vatrigh, whose husband was one of the murdered men, received permission from Gen. Herron, who was in command at Huntsville, to get her husband and bury him. When Mrs. Vatrigh, with two or three other ladies, had come for her husband, they found some signs of life in Mr. Hughes; they placed him in their wagon, and Mrs. V. took him to her home, and reported his case to Gen. Herron; he visited Mr. Hughes, and brought him medical aid. Mr. Hughes remained in Mrs. V.'s house for three weeks, and by careful nursing, recovered from his wounds, with the exception of losing his sight. Mr. Hughes had now so far recovered from his wounds, that he was able to travel, and began to think of his return to his home. He had not forgotten his promise to his slaves, who had then been freed by the President's emancipation proclamation. He sent for them, and they all came to him, excepting one, who had enlisted in the army. With his former slaves, Mr. Hughes returned to his Johnson county home, where he has since resided. Since Mr. Hughes moved to Johnson county in the spring of 1850, he has been engaged in farming and stock raising. He owns a fine farm of 600 acres, well improved.

#### J. T. HUGHES,

P. O. Holden. Among the young men of this township, we find none more worthy of mention than the subject of this sketch. He is the son of Absalom Hughes, who was a native of Kentucky. Young Hughes was born in Adair county, Ky., Sept. 7, 1848. His father dying when he was quite young, he made his home with his grandfather, until he was six years old; when he came with his mother to Missouri, settling in the southwestern part of Johnson county. Mr. Hughes received his education from the common schools of Johnson county. He passed his earlier years on a farm near where he now lives. March 18, 1875, Mr. H. was married to Miss Frances L. Wall, a native of Johnson county, and a daughter of Dr. R. Z. R. Wall. From this union there are two children, viz: Effa L. and Manford R. Since Mr. H. has reached his majority he has been engaged in farming and the raising of live stock. He owns an excellent farm of 440 acres, well adapted for the purposes for which it is used. Mr. Hughes, for a young man, has been eminently successful in his business; he possesses rare business faculties, and should he live, he will make one of Johnson county's most influential citizens.

## RUSSELL L. KING,

P. O. Chilhowee. The subject of this sketch is one of the oldest settlers of the northern part of Chilhowee township. He is the son of Peter King, who was a native of east Tennessee. Russell L. King was born in Jefferson county, Tenn., Dec. 11, 1811. His earlier life was passed on his father's farm, in Jefferson county. He received his education from the common subscription schools of Tennessee. In the spring of 1839, Mr. King moved to Missouri, settling in the southwestern part of Johnson county, where he has lived for forty-two years. The farm Mr. K. lives on, was entered over 40 years ago, he paying \$1.25 per acre. When the war came on, Mr. King's sympathies were with the south, though he took no active part in the conflict. In April, 1839, Mr. King was married to Miss Louisa A. Scott, who was a daughter of Andrew Scott, and a native of Tennessee. From this union there were no children. Mrs. King dying, he was again married, Aug. 2, 1866, to Miss Jane L. Walton, a daughter of John Walton, of Cooper county, and a native of Tennessee. From this union there are no children. Since Mr. King's residence in Johnson county, he has been engaged in farming. He owns a good farm of 210 acres. Mr. King is a man enjoying the confidence and esteem of his neighbors.

## W. H. LIVELY.

Among Chilhowee township's influential citizens, we find the subject of this sketch; he is the son of Wm. Lively, who is a native of Virginia, and was born September 15, 1836, in Warren county, Kentucky, and is the fourth child in a family of seven children. Mr. L. was raised on a farm, working during the summer months and going to school a few months in the winter. When he was about twenty-five years of age he moved to Missouri, settling in Chilhowee township, where he has since resided, excepting about three years during the war, when he was in Kentucky. When the war broke out Mr. L's sympathies were with the Union, and he was enrolled for a time in the state militia. Mr. Lively was married December 12, 1861, to Miss Fannie Evans, who is the daughter of Samuel Evans, and a native of Missouri. From this union there are nine children, all of whom are living, viz: John W., Mary A., Bettie M., Lulia L., Emma M., Fannie H., Rufus H., Ida M. and George T. Since Mr. Lively's residence in Missouri, he has been engaged in farming, raising and feeding of live stock. Mr. L. has a beautiful farm of 490 acres under a high state of cultivation, and well improved. Mr. Lively is a thorough-going business man, eminently successful in his business, and enjoying the confidence of all.



*John Robinson*

**WARRENSBURG**



## B. L. McFERRIN,

s the son of John O. McFerrin, who was a native of Tennessee. The grandfather, B. L. McFerrin, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and held the commission of Captain in the army. The subject of this sketch was born in Cass county, Missouri, March 20, 1848, and is the third child in a family of six children. He received a good liberal education from the schools of his native county. He passed his earlier years on his father's farm. In October, 1866, he moved to Johnson county, settling in the southwestern part of the county, where he has since resided. Mr. McFerrin was married October 29, 1866, to Miss Nancy O. Wall, a daughter of Dr. R. Z. R. Wall, and a native of Johnson county. From this union there are seven children, all of whom are yet living, viz: Cornelia A., Minnie M., Leander R., Edgar M., Mary J., Cory B., and Dora. Since Mr. McFerrin's residence in this county, he has been engaged in farming. He owns one of the best grain farms in this part of the county consisting of 378 acres.

## DRS. C. R. &amp; J. M. OGLESBY,

D. O. Chilhowee, are sons of F. M. Oglesby, who was a native of Kentucky. These young men were both born in Johnson county, Missouri. C. R. was born August 7, 1852, and J. M. was born September 1, 1855. They received a good English education from the common schools of Johnson county. C. R. completed his literary education at the McGee college in Northern Missouri, and J. M. completed his literary education at the Normal school at Warrensburg, Missouri. They both attended lectures and graduated at the St. Louis Medical College. C. R., after receiving his certificate, returned to Warrensburg, where he practiced his profession for a few months. Then he moved to Chilhowee in the southwestern part of Johnson county, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession ever since. After J. M. had received his certificate of graduation he returned to his home, and located with his brother at Chilhowee, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. Dr. C. R. Oglesby was married December 12, 1877, to Miss Flora H. Farr, a daughter of the Rev. W. B. Farr, and a native of Missouri. From this union there are no children. The doctors own the residence they occupy, and a small tract of land adjacent to the village of Chilhowee. These young men have been industrious in their profession, and have built up for themselves a creditable practice. They are held in high esteem by their neighbors, and enjoy the reputation of being honorable gentlemen, and professional men.

## J. F. RAKER,

P. O. Holden, is the son of J. Raker, a native of Kentucky. He moved with his family to Missouri in the spring of 1858, settling in Pettis county, near Sedalia; the family remained here until the spring of 1860, when they moved to Johnson county, settling in the southwestern part of the county, where the family has resided ever since. The father was killed in the fall of 1862, leaving a family of five children. The subject of this sketch is the fourth child in the family, and was born in Kentucky, August, 23, 1855, and raised on the farm, where he now lives with his mother. Mr. Raker received his education from the common schools of this county. Since he has reached manhood he has been engaged in farming and raising of stock. Mr. Raker was married February 4, 1880, to Miss Susan Kirkpatrick, a native of Johnson county, and a daughter of John Kirkpatrick. Mr. Raker with his younger brother owns a fine farm of 320 acres, well improved and under a good state of cultivation. Mr. Raker is but a young man, yet possesses considerable business qualification. He is industrious, making good use of his start in life.

## W. T. ROBERTS

P. O. Chilhowee, is the son of Benjamin Roberts, who was a native of Bedford county, Virginia, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. The subject of this sketch was born in Bedford county, Virginia, October 28, 1827, and is the third child in a family of nine children. He spent his early days working on his father's farm; his advantages for an education were somewhat limited. When he was about eight years old, his father moved with his family to Kentucky, remaining in that state until the fall of 1855, when he, with the family, moved to Missouri, settling in the southwestern part of the county, where he has ever since resided, excepting the years '78 and '79, when he was in Texas. When the war came on, Mr. R.'s sympathies were with the South, though he took no part in the conflict. Mr. Roberts was married the 25th day of September, 1854, to Miss Louisa Wilmore, who was the daughter of Mr. James Wilmore, and a native of Kentucky; from this union there were ten children, seven of whom are yet living, viz: Laura P., Susan T., Junius E., John M., Martha C., Sallie L. and George. The two first named are married, one living in Henry county, Mo., and the other in Collin county, Texas. Since Mr. Robert's residence in Johnson county, he has been engaged in farming and stock raising. He has a fine farm of 250 acres, well adapted for the purposes for which it is used. Mr. Roberts and his lady have been members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.



## A. N. ROWLAND.

Among the representative young men of Chilhowee township, we find the subject of this sketch; he is the son of John Rowland, who is a native of Virginia. Young Rowland is a native of Ohio, and was born in Champaign county, of that state, December 16, 1857. He passed his younger years on his father's farm near where he now resides. He received a good, liberal education from the common schools of this county, completing his education at the normal school at Warrensburg. In the spring of 1866, Mr. Rowland was brought with his father's family to Missouri, settling in the north-eastern part of Johnson county, where they lived one year, then moved to the south-western part of this county, where young Rowland now lives. Mr. R. is a man without family, and since he has reached manhood has been engaged in farming. He has a farm of 260 acres, tolerably well improved, and under a good state of cultivation.

## F. A. SHOEMAKER,

P. O. Holden, is the son of John Shoemaker, who is a native of New York. The grandfather, John Shoemaker, was a soldier in the war of 1812. The subject of this sketch was born in Yates county, N. Y., March 5, 1836. He passed his early years on his father's farm, in his native county; and he received a good, liberal education from the common schools of New York. In the fall of 1858, Mr. Shoemaker moved to Indiana, where he remained four years; then he moved to Gentry county, Missouri, where he remained one year, and taught school; then he returned to LaPorte, Indiana, September 3, 1861. He enlisted in the 29th Indiana infantry, serving in the army for three years. After his discharge he returned to Starke county, Illinois; remained there three years. In the spring of 1867 he moved with his family to Missouri, settling in the southwestern part of Johnson county, where he has since resided. Mr. Shoemaker was married the 7th day of November, 1866, to Miss Maggie J. Snare, a daughter of Joseph B. Snare, who was a native of Pennsylvania. From this union there are two children, both of whom are living; viz.: Hattie A. and Ida May. Since Mr. Shoemaker's residence in Johnson county, he has been engaged in farming and the raising of stock. He owns a farm of 210 acres, well improved. Mr. S. is a man of general information, and stands high among his neighbors.

## DR. R. Z. R. WALL,

P. O. Holden, is the son of Richard Wall, who was a native of Maryland. The subject of this sketch was the seventh child in a family of eight children, and was born in Rockingham county, North Carolina,

March the 29th, 1810. He received a liberal education from the common subscription schools of that day, but completed his education at Chapel Hill, the University of the state of North Carolina. He is also a graduate of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. After completing his medical education, Dr. Wall returned to his home in North Carolina, and practiced his profession until the fall of 1837, when he moved to Henry county, Missouri, making the long journey in the only overland conveyance of that day, a wagon. He was two months in making the journey. In March, 1840, Dr. Wall, with his family, moved to Johnson county, Mo., settling in the south-western part of the county, upon what is known as Bear Creek, a branch of Big Creek. He was married in North Carolina, October 2d, 1838, to Miss Mary J. Covington; from this union there were thirteen children, ten of whom are yet living, viz.: Adrian M., Susan J., Sarah E., Cornelia J., Nancy O., Selena M., Mary A., Francis L., Richard W. R. and Dora A. Since Dr. Wall's residence in Missouri, he has been engaged in agriculture, and the practice of his profession, which he followed until the spring of 1865, retiring on account of his advanced age, turning his extensive practice to his nephew, Dr. R. H. Howerton. Dr. Wall at one time owned 5,036 acres of land, and since dividing with his children, he has yet remaining 1,589 acres. When Dr. Wall first moved to this section, he found the country unsettled, excepting a few settlers along the streams. The general belief of the people of that day was, that the prairie lands would never be settled. Forty years ago, the Dr., with the friends of his earlier manhood, spent many an hour in chasing the deer, as he roamed the prairies in its wild state, and even to-day he takes great delight in relating the innocent pleasures of those days. Dr. Wall, though in his seventy-second year, retains much of the vigor of his early manhood. He has been characterized during his whole life, as a man of ability, honor and integrity. The first church-house built in the neighborhood, was at Bethel, about three miles from Dr. Wall's present place of residence. The house was also used for school purposes at that time. The Dr., with his estimable wife, of forty-three years, are enjoying the evening of life in the home their industry and economy made for them, in their earlier years.

## POST OAK TOWNSHIP

W. T. BAKER,

postmaster at Cornelia, was born in Schuyler county, Missouri, February 17, 1856. He followed agricultural pursuits until within the past year. In 1876 he moved to Johnson county and settled at Burnett Station. He lived two years in Henry county, then returned to Johnson county in 1879, and

in the fall of 1881 he engaged in the mercantile business at Cornelia, and was appointed postmaster. Mr. Baker is a gentlemanly and efficient postmaster, also an enterprising business man. He has an interest in the blacksmith shop of the village. Was married November 28, 1876, in Chariton county, Missouri, to Miss Burellia G. Lewis.

#### W. R. BOWEN,

county assessor and farmer. The subject of this sketch was born October 25, 1835, in the state of South Carolina, where he was reared to manhood. He came to his present location in 1868. Was married January 16, 1872, to Miss E. E. Wilson, and from this union they have these children: Mary Ella, John, Robert, Hattie May, Lula Viola. In the fall of 1879 he was elected to the office of county assessor, served two years, and was re-elected. He now owns a farm of eighty acres. Is a member of the Baptist church.

#### CHARLES S. BRYSON,

son of Rev. John C. Bryson, was born June 29, 1856. This enterprising young business man lives in Post Oak township, on his father's homestead, one mile southwest of Burnett Station. The bright future which lies before this young man will doubtless bring wealth and honor, and fit him for a prominent place among his fellow-citizens. The father of the subject of this sketch was born January 19, 1821, in the state of Pennsylvania. He studied for the ministry, graduating from Bethany college, Virginia, July 4, 1847, and from the Theological seminary three years after. He was married in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1850, to Miss Nancy Chambers, daughter of Alexander Chambers. The names of the children are: William A., John C., Emma J., Charles S., George M., Harry B., Maria McDowell, David K., Joseph M., Julius W., deceased, and Anna S., deceased. Rev. John C. Bryson came to Johnson county in 1867, where he has since resided, officiating as a United Presbyterian minister a portion of the time.

#### WILLIAM H. BURFORD,

farmer, stock raiser and stock buyer, one of the oldest stock dealers now in Johnson county, is the subject of this brief sketch. Was born August 7, 1832, in the state of Virginia, and in 1839 his parents came to St. Clair county, Missouri. In 1844 he went to California, where he engaged in the grain business, and in about three years he returned to St. Clair county, Missouri, and in 1858 he came to Johnson county, and brought a drove of cattle to feed. He has driven cattle from here to St. Louis, and has been engaged in the stock trade in Johnson county since 1858. He, at one time, owned 2,200 acres of fine land, but, as the hard times came

on, land reduced in price. He now owns 490 acres of fine land, with comfortable buildings. He was married March 27, 1859, to Miss Elizabeth Williams, and from this union they have eleven children, eight of whom are now living: Umphry M., Sallie A., William H., Belle, Daniel, James Thomas, Charles E., M. D. He lost three: Akeman, Mary E. and Archibald. Mr. Burford is a man who is highly honored by all of his neighbors.

### THOMAS J. CALDWELL.

Among the most worthy citizens of this township, none stands higher than the subject of this sketch. He was born in Caldwell county, Kentucky, April 7, 1833. Is a son of Elder William P. C. Caldwell, who came with his family to Missouri, when Thomas was about twelve years of age. He received his education in the common schools of those early days. Among his early teachers were the Harringtons, Drapers, Herefords, Barnes and Johnsons. January 24, 1856, he married Miss Martha Holmes, daughter of Benjamin A. Holmes, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of this township. She was born July 27, 1833. Eight children have been born to this worthy pair, seven of whom are living: Lulu M., William A., John J., Ida B., Earnest L., Roseau L., Eddie B. and Myrtle W. Miss Lulu M. was educated at the Normal School, and is a successful and efficient teacher. Mr. Caldwell is the eldest of ten children, six boys and four girls. In 1862 he entered the Confederate army, in company F, sixteenth Missouri infantry, and stood bravely to his post until the surrender of Shreveport, Louisiana. The following are some of the engagements in which he took a part: Prairie Grove, Helena, Little Rock, Camden, Pleasant Hill (Louisiana). He owns about 500 acres of good land, beautifully situated, near the head of Clear Fork. In 1873 Mr. Caldwell was chosen a member of the county court, and subsequently served as township trustee. In politics he is a straight-forward Democrat, and in religion a Baptist, and holds membership with the Harmony church, where he stands among its most earnest workers and liberal supporters. He takes a deep interest in public schools and all other enterprises that are calculated to promote the public good, for which the coming generations will be grateful. As a worthy citizen he exhibits a hospitable and generous feeling towards all.

### JOSEPH W. CALDWELL,

farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Cornelia. The son of Rev. W. P. C. Caldwell; born December 10, 1841, in Caldwell county, Kentucky. When his parents removed from Kentucky to Johnson county, Missouri, the subject of our sketch, was about five years of age. He attended school in his own neighborhood, at High Point; also, at Warrensburg and Calhoun. Soon

after the war broke out he enlisted in the confederate service, and did much service under Gen. F. M. Cockrell's command, in various parts of Missouri, and the southern states. He was married to Miss Martha Ann Townsley, daughter of James and Sarah Townsley, March 7, 1872. Their children are: Mary F., George T., Sarah J., and Joseph W. Mr. Caldwell has a good farm of 160 acres, all under cultivation. He feeds cattle as well as carrying on farming in a very intelligent manner. He has a genial and social bearing, which wins him many friends.

#### CHARLES CARTER,

was born in Scotland county, Missouri, March 27, 1848. Daniel Carter, his father, was a native of Ohio, and carried on farming in all its branches. He removed from Missouri to Illinois when a small boy, settling in Stark county. In 1870 he returned to Missouri, settling on a farm in Johnson county. Was married to Miss Eugenia Irwin, daughter of J. H. Irwin, a native of this county. She died May 6, 1881. He has two children living, Freddie and Charles L. Mr. Carter is the road-overseer of his district, and has been a member of the school board for three terms. Himself and wife were both members of the C. P. church; he holding the office of deacon of the same. His farm consists of 165 acres.

#### FREDERICK CULP,

farmer, P. O. Burnett Station, was born in Logan county, Ohio, July 29, 1842. He has pursued the pleasant and reliable occupation of a farmer. He was married, in 1866, to Caroline Roof, of Rockingham county, Virginia, and three children have blessed their household. In the spring of 1870 he came to Johnson county, and settled on his present farm, which consists of eighty acres of excellent land. He has a fine and comfortable dwelling, and barn of more than ordinary capacity and convenience, designed and constructed by himself. He has fine stock, which, together with his farm, are well tended and improved. He is an elder in the Brethren church, of which himself and wife are faithful members.

#### CHARLES L. DES COMBES.

The world furnishes men of every type and character. Some have breadth and liberality of mind, others never perceive that which is beyond their own narrow sphere of operations, and they never go beyond the neighborhood in which they were born. To the mind that never experiences the educating influences of new and strange surroundings a great part of life's joy and satisfaction is lost. Few men, indeed, among the quiet farmers of our rural districts, have passed through the perils by land and the perils by sea, the joys and sorrows, the success and adversity, which has fallen to the lot of Charles L. Des Combes. He was born

January 6, 1806, in the Canton of Neuchattel, Switzerland, the son of David L. Des Combes, who died in St. Louis county, this state. At the age of fourteen he came with his parents to America, embarking from Holland, and touching on the south shore of Greenland, thence through Hudson's Bay to the mouth of Nelson river. Here they disembarked and proceeded up the river by means of boats until they reached lake Winnepeg, thence proceeding up the Red River of the North, sometimes rowing up the current of streams and across lakes, then hauling the boat after them across a "carry" to the next body of water, and thus proceeding until they were far in the wilds of the northern wilderness. Here the family remained one summer and two frozen winters, subsisting a portion of the time on dried buffalo meat procured from the savages, and fish which they took from the river after having cut through ice from six to eight feet in thickness. Dissatisfied, they determined to proceed south into the United States. Accordingly, in the spring of 1823, they started on their perilous journey through the trackless forest, sometimes by river and sometimes by land, till they reached the source of St. Peter's river. At this point the father cut down a large tree and made a canoe in which the family proceeded until they reached Fort Snelling, destitute of the necessaries of life. When the youthful Des Combes was presented a loaf of bread by the garrison of the fort, he threw up his arms in joyful glee and exclaimed: "Thank the Lord, here is bread once more." They proceeded down the Mississippi river and settled at St. Louis when the great metropolis was scarcely larger than Warrensburg. He married Martha A. Wash on the sixth day of April, 1837, and the following are the names of the children, five of whom are still living: Thomas L., Mary L., Adelia A., Charles E., William F., Virginia E., Rachel R., Martha Day, John N., Susan Rand, Eugene. When Mr. Des Combes first came to Post Oak township, in 1856, his present well cultivated farm was an open prairie, without tree or fence. His farm consists of about 500 acres of fine land, well fenced, with orchards and groves, large and elegant house and barns, all of which have been the result of his own labor and enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. Des Combes, though well advanced in years, enjoy reasonable good health, and have the satisfaction of seeing their children grow up to honor and usefulness. To give one-half of the history of this eventful life would require a volume in itself, and to do justice to such a subject would overstep the limits of time and space intended in this work. We cannot, however, refrain from recording the fact that C. L. Des Combes became a member of the Old School Presbyterian church before he left Switzerland, and has been a member since that date. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopel church south, having been received into that religious organization in September, 1832, while living in Virginia. One of his sons, Charles E., lives in Georgia;

he was a soldier in the confederate army, and served under Gen. F. M. Cockrell. The vessel which brought the Des Combes family from Europe to America was three months on the voyage to the mouth of Nelson river, and three months more were consumed in the journey up the river to their first settlement, on the Red River of the North. Mr. Des Combes, in 1850, made a trip to California, crossing the plains, and returning by way of the isthmus and New York city. During fifty-two years of ceaseless activity, as a man delighting in manual labor, he knew not a day's sickness, though the weight of years is perceptible in his weakening frame.

#### LEE D. EWING, M. D.,

postoffice, Cornelia. Where there are so many good citizens and worthy men as this township contains, it would be hardly probable in our brief sketches that full justice would be done, but we should feel our task was not complete without special mention of Dr. Lee D. Ewing. He is a native of Lafayette county, this state, born at Lexington, July 24, 1848. W. P. Ewing, his father, was a native of Kentucky, and a gentleman who was prominently connected with many of the large interests of that earlier day. He was a Santa Fe trader, and was the person who settled the Geysers Springs of California, about 1857. His grandfather was also a Kentuckian, and his great-grandfather on his mother's side was of revolutionary fame. Lee was with his father in California during his early years, and went with him to Texas in 1860. Joined the 32d Texas volunteers in 1862, and served until the close of the war. Was with Col. Wood, of the 1st regiment, for about a year. After the war he attended school, and was a graduate of St. Louis Medical College in 1870. Was married to Miss Bettie Harris, of Lafayette county, daughter of Duke Harris, a prominent citizen of that county. They have four children: Delman H., Finis Waldo, Duke and Lee B. Dr. Ewing moved to Johnson county in 1871, and practiced medicine at Rose Hill for a year, and then removed to his present home in Post Oak township, nine miles south and one and a half miles east of Warrensburg. The doctor is now Worshipful Master of Cold Spring Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and a man whose gentlemanly demeanor toward strangers soon places them among his friends. Post Oak township fully appreciates the firm of Ward & Ewing as medical men, whose practice is not even confined to this county.

#### CAPT. JOHN W. GREENLEE,

was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, September 23, 1839. When about three years of age, he came with his mother to Johnson county. His father was a native of Virginia, and his mother of Maryland. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted, April 15, 1861, in the confederate ser-

vice, and continued till the very close, engaging in many of the most important battles and campaigns in Missouri, Arkansas, and other western states. He received two severe wounds, from which he afterwards entirely recovered. He was commissioned lieutenant, and before he was discharged, commissioned captain, in which office he had acted for a long time. He was married, in 1870, to Miss Mary C. Divers, daughter of F. A. Divers, one of the first settlers of Johnson county. They have three children. His home farm consists of 140 acres, and his farm on Clear Fork of 113 acres. He is a generous, high-minded, honest citizen.

#### ABNER GRINSTEAD.

Among the enterprising farmers and public-spirited citizens of Post Oak township is Mr. Abner Grinstead. He is a man of individuality and generous impulses towards all persons with whom he associates. Reared in Missouri, he may well be taken as a fair representative of that character so much admired in public and private life. On February 26, 1829, Madison county, Kentucky, he was born; but his parents removed to Callaway county, Missouri, when he was only eighteen months old. In about three years thereafter they removed to Pettis county, where most of young Grinstead's boyhood days were spent, during a small portion of which time he attended the district school in his own neighborhood. He was married to Miss Charity A. Wells, daughter of Col. Ransom Wells, November 17, 1853. The names of their children are as follows: Mary Alice, now wife of Paschal Henshaw, living in Vernon county; Jesse Ransom, and Abner Rector. By industry and economy Mr. Grinstead has accumulated a good property. He owns 260 acres of land, 205 of which are under excellent cultivation. An orchard of about three acres of bearing apple and peach trees, a fine house with barn and adjacent buildings, a flock of fifty to one hundred sheep, sixty head of hogs, 110 acres of corn, a large herd of cattle, and every facility for operating his farm, are among the resources which contribute to his wealth and enjoyment. When Mr. Grinstead first came to this township, he purchased land near the present site of Cornelia, but soon after removed to his present residence. Newton Chrisman entered the eighty acres of government land where Mr. G. now lives. The father of our subject, Jesse C. Grinstead, was born in December, 1798, near Richmond, Virginia. Although a mere boy he served in the last war with Great Britain, being stationed for a time at Norfolk. He now draws pension as a veteran soldier of that war. The wife of this aged pioneer is also living with her husband, in Pettis county. It is remarkable how they have withstood the toil and experience of so many years, and still live to see their descendants respected, prosperous and happy.



## O. B. HARWOOD,

farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Burnett Station. The subject of this short sketch was born in St. Louis county, near St. Louis, May 31, 1842. Attending school a portion of the time, he remained at home till the great civil war broke out, when he enlisted from the state of Mississippi, in the confederate army, and served three years in a company of artillery. When the war closed he returned to his home, near St. Louis. The year 1867 was spent in Texas. January 9, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Des Combes, daughter of Frederick Des Combes. The interesting family consists of three children: Mattie C., Rosa, and Charles H. Mr. Harwood's father, William B., was a native of Virginia. His farm consists of 240 acres of excellent prairie land, capable of sustaining immense crops of corn, wheat, and other grain. Besides cultivating the soil, he raises sheep, cattle, horses, and mules. Mr. Harwood is an intelligent, enterprising, and liberal-minded farmer, ever ready to lend a willing hand to every project calculated to build up the township and Johnson county.

## ROBERT H. HOLMES,

one of the prosperous farmers of Post Oak township, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, June 15, 1834. He came to Johnson county with his parents, in 1849. When he was about twenty-two years of age, he engaged in freighting goods across the plains, from Kansas City to the west. After spending three years in this employment, he returned home, and was married, on the 14th day of September, 1860, to Miss Adelia Jane Caldwell. She was born in Kentucky. In June, 1862, Mr. H. enlisted in the confederate service, and served until the close of the war. He is now in possession of a valuable farm of 224 acres of well-improved land, and a tract of 200 acres of timber. He is largely interested in stock-raising, and is comfortably situated. Himself and family are members of the Baptist church, and are among its warm supporters and advocates.

## WILEY F. JAMES,

farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Cornelia. He was born in Monroe county, Tennessee, August 16, 1829. Son of John James, also a native of Tennessee. John James was born in 1805, and died since the civil war. In 1837 the subject of this sketch came with his parents to Missouri, and settled on the Warrensburg and Clinton road, about eleven miles south of Warrensburg. Young James attended the first school taught at Shiloh, by Alexander Marrs. He lived there on his father's farm till 1855, when imbued with the spirit of adventure, he made a journey to the Golden State. He soon returned to Johnson county, but in 1860 he again went to California, where he remained till the war had closed. After again returning to Post

Oak township, he married Mary Runner, daughter of Michael Runner. The names of the children are: John B., Lee W., and Hattie. His farm consists of 292 acres, most of which is tillable, possessing the advantages of timber and creek. He also buys and ships considerable stock. During the civil war Mrs. James, then a young woman, witnessed some of the most heart-rending ferocities of blood-thirsty men. One day her brother was shot down, before her eyes, in their door-yard, and while the neighbors were burying his remains, her father was shot dead upon his door steps. While no blame is laid upon any particular citizen of this state, it may be said, without fear of contradiction, that for such conduct, on the part of any man or body of men, no sufficient cause ever existed.

#### SANDY E. JONES,

farmer and stock raiser, P. O. Cornelia. He is the son of the late John S. Jones, and was born August 30, 1834, in Casey county, Kentucky. In 1836 he came with his parents to Johnson county, Missouri, and settled in Washington township. John S. died in February, 1857, leaving the estate in the care of his son. He was married June 19, 1876, to Mrs. Rebecca A. Phillips a native of Ohio. Four children were born to this household, three of whom are living: Lee Dunn, Christina E., deceased, Calvin Sandy, and Margaret Ellen. Christina and Calvin were twins. His farm consists of 160 acres of well cultivated land, besides 40 acres of timber. Mr. Jones is an enterprising farmer highly esteemed for his worth as a man.

#### E. S. KATHERMAN,

farmer and stock raiser. Born in Darke county, Ohio, June 9, 1855. Here he was educated and raised on a farm. In the autumn of 1876 he came to Johnson county, and on the 15th of October, 1877, was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Miller, a daughter of A. Miller of this county. She is a native of Allen county, Ohio. Mr. Katherman is now conducting a farm of 274 acres, as well as doing a good business in stock raising. He is also engaged in dealing in building stone, lime and coal, which is all found in abundance on his farm, and meets with ready sale in consequence of superior quality of these productions. He is a stirring business man, and is fast becoming identified with the leading men of his township. His family consists of three children, all of whom are living: Anna Belle, Leroy and Pearl (twins).

#### REV. S. FINIS KING.

The history of the King family may be commenced by making a brief mention of Rev. Samuel King, who was born in Iredell county, North Carolina, on April 19, 1775. In 1791 he moved to Cumberland county, Tenn. In 1795 he was married to Miss Anna Dixon of Wilson county.

In 1824 or '25 he came to Missouri, and made his home in Clay county; and in 1833 came to Johnson county. In 1801 he was licensed a minister of the Presbyterian denomination, and in 1804 assisted in organizing the Cumberland Presbytery. During most of his life Mr. King was identified with the spreading of the gospel in newly settled countries, and had seen an active, toilsome life. He died in 1842. He was the paternal grandfather of our subject, Rev. S. Finis King, who is a son of Richard M. King, who was the fourth son of Rev. Samuel K. Rev. Richard M. was killed by guerrillas, May 22, 1864. Rev. S. Finis was born Sept. 29, 1848, and when about 20 years of age, began preparing for the ministry, and has since been actively engaged in ministerial labors, in the C. P. church. He was married in 1867, to Miss Mary A. Buxton, a native of North Carolina. Three children have been born unto them, Lizzie A., Robert M. and Mary A. Mr. King is a gentleman, highly respected and esteemed by the people for his many genial qualities and sterling Christian virtues.

### JOHN J. LEE,

postmaster and merchant at Burnett Station. Mr. Lee was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, December 27, 1842, the son of John N. Lee, a native of Virginia. His youthful days were principally spent at home until the war of the rebellion, and his country's call for patriotic men to defend the stars and stripes. He enlisted August 5, 1862, in company F. 97th regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. After remaining for a short time in camp at Zanesville, they were ordered to Covington, Kentucky, to check the invading forces of Gen. Kirby Smith, thence to Louisville, and drove Gen. Bragg to Murfresboro and engaged him in the battle of Stone River, thence to Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Nashville, and Huntsville, Alabama. Finally after the surrender of the Confederate forces, he was mustered out of the service at Nashville, having been a faithful soldier in the cause of his country. Soon after the war closed he went to Iowa, and acted as civil engineer on the Chicago and North Western R. R., which was then being located through to Council Bluffs. He aided in laying out the town of Missouri Valley Junction, and locating the line of railroad from that point to Sioux City. In the year 1867 he came and purchased eighty acres of land in Johnson county, where he still resides. On June 14, 1869, he was united in marriage to Bella J. Wylie, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Wylie, both natives of Pennsylvania. Three bright and interesting children shed joy and sunshine into this household: Vinnie L., Charles A. and William H. A neat and comfortable house and barn, together with a large and elegant new store and eighty acres of good land, besides 20 acres of timber, furnish profitable and agreeable employment for our subject. The store cost \$1100, and is just now completed and filled

with a good stock of general merchandise. The first store of Burnett Station was built by S. D. Wherry, and J. W. Wall put in the first stock of goods. Mr. Lee, the present merchant, took the store after it had been run about one year. The first store stood about one-half mile east of Mr. Lee's present place of business. In February, 1881, the old store was burned, and the new one has been erected on the south-west quarter of the southeast quarter of section 21, township 44, range 25. Mr. Lee is a liberal and kind hearted neighbor, highly respected for his business qualities, integrity and fair dealing.

#### S. S. MOHLER,

farmer and nurseryman, P. O. Cornelia; born in Miama county, Ohio, September 22, 1832. His early youth was spent on a farm, and this has been his principal occupation. He was married in his native county, in 1853, to Miss Mary Ann Deeter. In the spring of 1862 he removed to Darke county, and in 1869 he came to his present location, where he is pleasantly situated on a farm of eighty acres. In 1874 he established a nursery, which is becoming more and more popular as it becomes known among the farmers of this and adjoining counties. In this nursery, Mr. Mohler takes great care to have the best varieties of fruit trees grown in this latitude. When about twenty-two years of age, he united with the Brethren church, and has since become an elder, and now is a highly respected leader in his church. He has a pleasant family of nine children.

#### FOUNTAIN STACY,

postoffice, Cornelia. Fountain Stacy was born in Pulaski county, Kentucky, in the year 1833; son of James Stacy, of Irish parentage, who was also a native of Kentucky. Young Fountain, when about three years of age, came with his parents to Macon county, Missouri, where they remained till the fall of 1865. Although they came to Post Oak township immediately after the war, he did not settle on his present farm till 1869. He was married to Ettie Runner, daughter of Sarah and Michael Runner, February 17, 1869. The family consists of three children: Hattie, Walter and Delmer, three having died while very young. Mr. Stacy has five good farms, including 670 acres of some of the best land in the township or county. Besides farming, he buys and sells considerable stock. He is a straight democrat, a good neighbor and upright business man. His farms are well watered, provided with sufficient timber and admirably adapted for agricultural purposes.

## N. U. TOWNSLEY.

Prominent among the pioneer settlers of Johnson county, should be mentioned the name of N. U. Townsley. He was born in 1826, in Monroe county, Tennessee, September 9. His father, John Townsley, was a native of Ohio, but came to Tennessee at an early day. In the fall of 1833, he removed west with his family, locating in Johnson county, on the present farm of our subject. Improvements were soon commenced, and a log cabin was soon built, and a small farm soon opened. In the spring of 1850, his father, with two oldest sons, started for the gold fields of California, and remained about two years, when he returned, and was soon afterwards called to that home above. Our subject was left in charge of the farm and family. In 1866 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Marr. She was the daughter of the late John Marr, and was born in this county. She was a lady highly beloved by all who knew her, for her many Christian and lovely traits of character. She died January 12, 1875. She left two children, Arthur and Madora Belle. His success in life has been very marked, as he commenced life for himself a poor boy, and through hard work and careful management, he has succeeded in making a comfortable home and snug fortune. He has always devoted his attention entirely to his business, and has never bothered himself with political affairs, as he deems a man's principles his most important qualities. He is giving his children the advantages of a liberal education, and bringing them up in an exemplary manner. He is a consistent member of the Christian church.

## B. F. WALL,

was born in North Carolina, Rockingham county, March 3, 1828. His father, Benjamin F., was a native of the same state; born November 11, 1803, died February 25, 1868. When B. F. was about six years of age, he moved to Johnson county, Missouri, and settled on a farm. His mother, Susan F., was born September 30, 1806. Mr. Wall was married to Miss Eliza Jane Dudley, a native of this county. Her father was a Virginian, and died in 1860, at the age of forty-one years. Their family consists of three children: Henry J., who lately graduated at the Normal School, Warrensburg, Cora, and Julius Ezra. Mr. Wall is a man of determination and highly respected by all who know him. No one has larger scope of friends and neighbors than the Wall family; and nothing but kind and hospitable treatment is received from their hands. Himself, wife and daughter, are members of the Baptist church. His lands consist of 920 acres, a larger part of it well improved; he has one of the best dwellings in the county, situated in a beautiful location, surrounded by all modern improvements. With the rich blessing of Providence showered upon the work of his hands, Mr. Wall may well be termed a lord of the soil.

## S. E. WALL.

The subject of this brief sketch was born in this county, Nov. 21, 1844, son of B. F. Wall, one of the first settlers in this neighborhood. S. E. Wall was married in Pettis county Oct. 2, 1869, to Miss Alice Gray, daughter of John T. Gray; she was born in that county in 1847. In 1869, he commenced farming for himself, and in the spring of 1871, came to his present farm. His home is beautifully located on his farm of 151 acres, the house costing about \$3,000, is one of the finest in Post Oak township. He is a faithful member of the Baptist church, an intelligent, energetic and generous hearted worker in every good cause.

## DR. J. M. WARD,

physician and surgeon. P. O. Cornelia. Among the prominent and worthy citizens of Johnson county, Dr. Ward stands high. He is a native of New York, born near the city of Utica, March 21, 1829. In his youth he attended the Collegiate Institute at Clinton, then entered a drug store and commenced the study of medicine, and the following year took a course of lectures in Harvard University. He soon received an appointment in the U. S. navy, which he held two years. After this he attended full course of lectures at the St. Louis Medical College, graduating in 1856. He then came and settled on what was wild unfenced land, but now highly improved, and adorned with fields of grain, convenient and substantial buildings and stock of all kinds. His residence and the adjoining grounds are exquisitely beautiful. "West Lawn," as it is termed, is set with many varieties of deciduous and evergreen trees, presenting the appearance of an eastern villa. As a physician, Dr. Ward has been very successful, not only enjoying an extensive practice, but also the esteem and confidence of his patrons. In the spring of 1856, he married Miss Harriet Hamilton, of St. Louis, by whom he had one son, J. Mason. She dying, he married for his second wife, Miss Julina Divers, daughter of Stephen Divers, of this county. Ellen their first child died when about two years of age, and S. Russell is still living at home. J. Mason married Haidee Pattison, of Sedalia, Jan. 4, 1882, and resides at the homestead. About twelve years ago, Dr. Ward became partner with Dr. James T. Hill, for about two years, then formed a partnership with Dr. Lee D. Ewing, which still exists. Dr. Ward's farm consists of 300 acres of superior land. Mr. and Mrs. Ward and James are worthy members of the Christian church. Personally Dr. Ward is a kind neighbor, liberal spirited and highly exemplary.

## MAJ. JAMES WARNICK.

The worthy subject of this sketch was born Aug. 2, 1799. He married Siny P. Payton, daughter of John Payton, in Wilson county, Tenn., Nov. 13, 1823. For about two years after marriage they resided in Rutherford county, then removed to Henry county, where they remained about three years, and then returned to Wilson county, where they resided five years. In the spring of 1833, Mr. Warnick, with his family, started on the 16th day of April, for the state of Missouri, and arrived near Lexington in May. In the fall of the same year, he made a permanent settlement near the head waters of Post Oak Creek, about two miles southwest of the present village of Cornelia. Soon after settling here, the Osage Indians committed frequent depredations in the vicinity, and the militia were called out to drive the savages back upon their reservation. There were only three companies in Johnson county, and the captains were, James Warnick, John Ramsey and Capt. McCarty. The Indians were captured and removed beyond the settlements, after which the militia were disbanded. Going to mill in those early days was a difficult task, necessitating a journey to Grand River, twenty miles, or to Lexington, forty miles away, and then perhaps being compelled to wait from one to three days for his turn. During his prime of physical manhood, Mr. Warnick not only made an imposing soldierly appearance, but possessed the qualities of a good officer; accordingly at one of the general musters held under the old militia law, he was elected Major of the regiment, and this was the origin of his present title. Maj. Warnick was called at one time into north Missouri, to aid in driving the troublesome Mormons from the state. The names of his eight children are: Robert N., Nancy Elizabeth, John P., William S., Margaret F., Matilda Jane, James H. and Siny E. Every member of this large and highly respected family is still living, the four sons living in the immediate neighborhood of their father, in the north part of Post Oak township. His wife departed his life Dec. 28, 1876, at the ripe age of 71 years. She was in many respects a remarkable woman, having shared with her husband all the privations and toils of a pioneer life, reared a large and useful family, was the sunshine and joy of the household, a kind mother, loving wife, and an exemplary Christian. Maj. W. has been a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church for upwards of sixty years, and what is remarkable, his children and their children as soon as they have advanced to maturity, have united with the same Christian denomination. The direct lineal descendants of this worthy pair have reached the number of one hundred, and what is a source of greatest satisfaction in his declining years, is that they have become among the most respected and worthy

citizens of the township and county. Maj. Warnick is now living with his son James H., and although his bodily vigor is somewhat impaired by many years of active labor and usefulness, his mental facilities are still strong, and he enjoys the society of friends and fluently converses upon the scenes of early days in Post Oak and Johnson county. Under his observation, and to a great extent under his care and influence, has grown up the Christian community, the social and political standing of his own township, and the county at large. May the worthy example which this sturdy Christian pioneer character of more than four score years has left, be the attainment of all who shall follow him. Probably no man has been more thoroughly identified with, or more generally known in the early affairs of Post Oak township, than Maj. Warnick, and no family of greater influence than the Warnick family.

#### R. N. WARNICK,

born in Tennessee, December 3, 1824, son of Major James Warnick, whose biography is given here. When about nine years of age R. N. came with his parents to Missouri. At the age of twenty-one he commenced business for himself in raising stock. In the year 1846 he married Amanda J., daughter of Tarlton Oglesby, a prominent old settler of this county. Mr. Warnick has held several important civil offices. In 1874 he was elected justice of the peace, and holds the same office still. Mr. and Mrs. Warnick are faithful members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

#### GEORGE W. WATKINS,

was born in Madison county, New York. His father, Caleb Warren Watkins, was born in 1812, in the same state. George remained at home, clerking in his father's store, until he reached the age of nineteen years, when he came west, stopping first in Illinois for about two years, then he went to Arkansas. Returned to Illinois in 1873, and was married to Miss A. Johnson, who was born in Johnson county, Missouri. By this union they have three children living: Clifton, Rettie and Claude. In 1877 they moved to Kansas, and in 1880 to Missouri, settling on a farm in Post Oak township.

#### SAMUEL D. WHERRY,

farmer and stock raiser, P. O. Burnett Station, born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1843. Son of Samuel Wherry, who was also a native of Pennsylvania. Our subject attended school in his native county, after which he removed to Ohio, residing for a short time in Delaware county, eighteen miles from Columbus. After living in Ohio about two years he came direct to Johnson county, Missouri, where he has ever since resided. Mr. Wherry's farm consists of 320 acres of land in one tract, and



forty acres of timber in another. His farm is adorned with fruitful orchards, good buildings, fertile soil, green pastures and meadows, and, in fact, all the necessary appliances usually found on a well ordered farm. His average acres of corn is about 160, besides some wheat and other crops. About 100 head of cattle and 500 head of hogs are yearly bought, fatted and sold by this enterprising stock dealer. Mr. Wherry is, perhaps, the most extensive stock man in Johnson county. He has a pair of eight-ton scales for the purpose of weighing stock. His farm is well inclosed with about three miles of hedge fence, besides board and wire fence. The names of his three children in order of age, are: Ira, Samuel and Della. They are all small, the oldest being seven years of age. The respect and confidence with which he is held among his neighbors, is the well deserved tribute his earnest business qualities and sterling integrity so richly merit.

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#### JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP.

##### JOSEPH C. BAKER,

P. O. Windsor, is among the industrious and successful farmers of Jefferson township. He was born in the state of Baden, Germany, November 2, 1836, and educated in the schools of that country. He embarked for America at about the age of nineteen, and landed in the United States in 1855. He worked on a farm about three years, in Illinois, and then went to Louisiana, where he was engaged in cotton raising for about twelve years. When the war broke out he took the side of the south, and served three years in the Confederate army under Gen. Hindman. In the fall of 1863 he was captured by Gen. Sherman, and soon afterwards took the oath to be henceforth true to the Union, which he has observed ever since. In politics, although quite liberal, he votes with the Republicans. In the spring of 1864, in the state of Illinois, he was married to Miss Johanna Oalhas, and settled here in 1871, in section 7, township 44, range 24, and owns 355 acres of beautiful rolling agricultural land. He has 100 acres of fine blue-grass pasture. He is one of the most successful cattle feeders of the township. This year (1881) he has sixty-one acres in wheat, which yielded 1,020 bushels, which he sold at \$1.35 per bushel, bringing \$1,377. His family consists of four boys and two girls: Charles, Joseph, William, Frank, Anna and Rosa. He resides in Valley Grove school district number one. He owns an excellent farm, midway between the High Point of Tebo and Clear Fork. His farm is handsomely situated, and very suitable for stock raising and agricultural purposes. He has plenty of stock water during the driest season. Mr. Baker is an industrious, hard working farmer. Although he cares for every cent that is his own, he is quite liberal in all public enterprises that tend to improve and better the country.

## ENOCH CALLICOTTE,

P. O. Windsor. Is an industrious citizen of the township. He was born April 7, 1829, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, in Russell county, Ky. His father, Jordan, was born in 1800, and was a good and worthy citizen. He was once sheriff of Montgomery county, Ind., and filled important positions in Russell county, Ky., for several years. In religion he was a Baptist. He died at the age of sixty-two. Enoch Callicotte was married August 31, 1848, to Miss Agnes Richardson, daughter of Joseph Richardson, of Wayne county, Ky. Twelve children were born, viz: Mary A., Jane W., Enoch, Benj. F., Frances J., Emma, Geo. B., James W., Wm. H., Joseph R., Margaret and Edna M. Five are now living, two boys and three girls. Benj. F. married Miss Chloe Wheeler. Mr. Callicotte is at present engaged in farming and stock-raising, and has a beautiful farm in section eighteen, township forty-four, range twenty-four, near the head waters of Clear Fork. His land is underlaid with excellent coal, which is found in paying quantities. In many places petrified roots, and fragments of primitive trees, are found in the brooks. In politics, he is a Democrat, and in religion, a member of the High Point Baptist church. His mother was Frances Dunbar, own cousin to Martin Warren, founder of Warrensburg. Mrs. Agnes Callicotte, the wife of the subject of this sketch, was born June 4, 1828, of a good family, and is also a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Callicotte was the last convert baptized by Elder Wm. P. C. Caldwell. In his home he is pleasant, and is among the worthy citizens.

## WILLIAM R. CLARK,

P. O. Knobnoster. Is among the clever and enterprising young men of his township. He was the oldest of three children, and born in Tennessee, Dec. 30, 1847. His father was Benj. D. Clark, and his mother Elizabeth Robinson, both of Tennessee. William's father died when the children were quite young. The only sister, Laura, died in girlhood; Benjamin, the brother, married Miss Etta Williams, and now resides in Pettis county. Mrs. Clark had for her second marriage Russell Kendrick for a husband, who was a native of Tennessee, by whom she brought up a respectable family of children. He died in 1877. He was one of the valuable citizens of the township, and has been identified with its interests since 1853, when he emigrated from Tennessee. William's first teacher was Pam Smith, who taught in a log cabin near the woods. William has by perseverance and economy risen to easy circumstances, and influence in his community. He now owns the Fanbian farm, consisting of 540 acres of the very best agricultural land, in section twenty-six, township forty-five, range twenty-four. The land produces good wheat, and all cereals, and lies handsomely in the forks of Bushy and Big Muddy.

and is one of the best stock farms in the county. Blue-grass does well here, and the little streams furnish an abundant supply of stock water. The soil is said to be underlaid with coal. Fruits of all kinds do well on this place, and it has one of the best orchards in the neighborhood. The land is rolling sufficient to be well drained, and yet does not wash away, and in many places it is underlaid with marl, and is suitable for sub-soiling. In politics, Mr. Clark is a true Democrat. He is still a single man, but nevertheless devoted to business, and in habits, sober and temperate, and stands high in his neighborhood, with an unbroken, bright future before him.

### DANIEL COOPER,

P. O. Windsor. Is one of the successful farmers of the township. He was born in the state of Kentucky, January 3, 1822, and came to Missouri with his father David Cooper, at the age of ten. Uncle Dabner Pettis, who taught a subscription school in a little log school house, was his first pioneer teacher. The teacher was no ordinary man, and young Dan progressed rapidly, and will ever look back to that day with pleasure, as the silver hairs of age are coming on. He remained in bachelorhood until he was forty-seven years of age, strictly attending to business and improving his beautiful farm, and when the day did come for his nuptial feast he was united in holy wedlock to a beautiful and pious young lady, Miss Isabella A. McCray, daughter of a prominent farmer of Green county, Mo., April 8, 1869. Her father was a native of Tennessee, and settled in Green county, about 1851. During the late war, (1862) he was shot down while standing in his own door, by Kansas jayhawkers. By this union three children were born. Two are living, one of each sex; Jennie Lee and Stonewall; aged respectively, twelve and ten. In 1870, his present commodious residence was erected at a cost of about \$2,000, in section sixteen, township forty-four, range twenty-four. He owns 532 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres of the very best black limestone land. In his life, Mr. Cooper has made but one move, and that was one mile south of his father's old home, which will be, in January, 1882, fifty years since. In politics, he has never voted any other ticket but a straight Democratic ticket. In religion, he is a Baptist, and his wife a Southern Methodist. His location is among the finest in the township, beautifully situated on the divide between the waters of the Osage and Missouri rivers. Mr. Cooper, during the late war was with Gen. Price, and served honorably till the close of the struggle. He was present at the battle of Wilson Creek. Since the close of the war he has been counted among the enterprising husbandmen. One of the first things he did when he settled, was to plant a fine orchard. He has 200 acres of fine blue grass pasture, upon which graze fine cattle, sheep and horses. Although it was late in life when he became

the head of a family, yet he is kind and social in the domestic circle, and around his fireside home, "sweet home," is fully realized by the observer. He is a liberal contributor and supporter of his church, and very hospitable to friends and strangers.

### HENRY COOPER,

postoffice, Windsor, is among the large land-holders and stock-feeders of the township, and was born in Trigg county, Kentucky, June 25, 1818, of Irish descent, and came to Missouri with his parents in 1832, on a two-year old colt, and barebacked, at the age of fourteen years. His father, David Cooper, was born in North Carolina, and braved the hardships and turmoils of pioneer life of Johnson county, and died here at the age of eighty years. The subject of this sketch was married to Miss Nancy Stiles, the daughter of a pioneer farmer, September 10, 1850. She was born March 9, 1834. Her father, Dennis Stiles, was a native of New Jersey. The result of this union was nine children, five boys and four girls, born as follows: Elizabeth, January 10, 1853; David, January 5, 1855; Margaret A., December 24, 1856; George, 1859; Jefferson D., July 28, 1861; Lucy L., February 13, 1864; Leona W., July 4, 1867; Wm. H., August 28, 1870; John L., November 22, 1873. Two children are dead: Frank, born May 11, 1875, and died when about one year old; the other deceased was an infant. Two children are married: Elizabeth married Lee Jackson, November 14, 1871; Margaret A. and R. H. Muir, March 24, 1881. The father of Henry was among the old settlers of the township. Henry kept "bach" with Uncle Dick Pettis a while in Bates county, where he entered land. He came back to Johnson county in 1848, and commenced to improve the present place, and in 1860 erected the large frame residence, which is in section 26, township 44, range 34 at a cost of \$2,000. He started almost from nothing, and by his industry and economy owns 1,100 acres of fine black limestone agricultural land, which is well watered, and is underlaid with excellent veins of coal. He has 160 acres of good grass, and is an extensive cattle feeder. His farm is well stocked, and is indeed among the most productive of the township. His elegant residence is seen for many miles around, and has a large horizon from the beautiful eminence on the southern slope of High Point, near the head waters of Tebo. In politics, Mr. Cooper is a firm democrat. In religion, he and his excellent wife are consistent members of the Christian church, and are among its liberal contributors. At home Mr. Cooper is a dutiful husband, providing well for his family, social to friends and quite hospitable to strangers.

## ISAAC M. COOPER,

postoffice Knobnoster, is one of the worthy citizens of the township. He was born January 17, 1848, in Johnson county, Missouri. His father, Albert J. Cooper, is among the oldest pioneers now living. He was born in Christian county, Kentucky, January 30, 1808, and came here in the fall of 1832, when twenty-four years of age, with his father, David Cooper. Isaac's mother's maiden name was Eliza J. McDonald, and was born November 25, 1820. Young Isaac's first teacher was Joe Gopdin. He was married to Miss Louisa Douglas, December 24, 1871. The fruits of this union are two children now living: Pemberton and Allen Wright. He has a pleasant home in section 4, township 44, range 24, containing 148 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres of choice farming land. In politics he is a democrat, and votes the regular ticket. In religion he is a faithful and consistent member of the Windsor Christian church. At home, in the family circle, is a dutiful husband, liberal in his views, and kind and sociable to his friends.

## FRITZ CRONHARDT,

farmer, Jefferson township. Was born in Germany, in 1831. He lived in his native country until about fifteen years of age, most of which time he spent going to school. He came to the United States in 1846, crossing in an American vessel, and landed in Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained until 1852, and learned the shoemaker's trade. In 1852 he went to Richmond, Virginia, where he run a boot and shoe store for one year. In 1853 he moved to Missouri and settled in Calhoun, Henry county, where he opened a small store. He afterward moved to Warrensburg, where he was engaged in the boot and shoe trade for about three years, after which he moved to Knobnoster, and went to farming, and at the same time he worked at his trade. He continued this until his health began to fail, when he devoted his attention altogether to farming. He remained on his farm near Knobnoster for twenty-five years, and then in 1881 he moved onto his present farm, containing 500 acres of choice land, most of which is in cultivation, with a good residence. When Mr. C. came to Missouri he had only \$300, and lost that, and had to go to the shoe bench. In 1863 he was burned out, and lost heavily. He was married in Warrensburg in 1854, to Miss Catherine Endrich. By this union they have had eight children, five of whom are living: Charles J., Anna K., Andrew J., Lewis F. and Alice M.

## WILLIAM DRAPER,

P. O. Knobnoster, is among the thrifty citizens of the township. He was born in Christian county, Kentucky, January 29, 1830. His father, John Draper, was a native of Virginia, and belonged to the F. F. V. He was

a soldier of 1812, and at one time held the office of government surveyor in Kentucky. He came to Missouri in 1834, when William was only about four years of age, and purchased the place settled by Mr. Shivers, but subsequently owned by Maj. Neal. He was a good and kind-hearted man, who departed this life in the spring of 1861. William's first teacher was Mr. Hood, who taught in a log school house in the woods. William was one of three brothers. Hon. Mosbey C. resides on his farm in the township, and in 1876 was elected to the State Legislature by the Democrats; Addison M. is a liberal and very popular trader, and now lives in Windsor, Henry county. William was married to Miss Editha Dyer, January 14, 1858, daughter of Harvey Dyer, a prominent and respectable citizen, and for a long time a resident of Warrensburg. She was born Dec. 15, 1841. Of this union ten children were born, seven of whom live, viz: John, Thomas, Addison, Anna, Carl, Erlic and William M. At the breaking out of the civil troubles in 1861, Mr. Draper entered the Confederate army, but only remained a short time, until he was taken prisoner and kept in Alton, Illinois, by the Federals. He was released after a brief imprisonment, and remained the balance of the war in Illinois. He settled his beautiful place in 1859, on section 24, township 45, range 24, where he owns 2165 acres of the very best agricultural land, especially for cereals. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Harvey Dyer, is living in the family, quite feeble and well stricken in years. In politics, he was formerly a whig, but since the war has voted with the democrats. Socially, he is a kind and good neighbor, and has a good and happy family around him.

#### HENRY E. FEWEL,

P. O. Windsor, is among the rising young business men and stock-raisers of this township. He was born in this county June 6, 1855. His parents emigrated to this county at an early day. His mother is still living and an active, intelligent lady. She was educated at Boonville Academy. She was born March 12, 1830, in the state of Tennessee. Her parents moved in the following fall to Morgan county, Missouri, where they remained one year and then settled in Henry county. Her father, Henry Avery, was born October 18, 1793. He married Miss Elizabeth Green, Nov. 25, 1819; she was born November 10, 1798. The Averys were of English extraction, and came to America prior to the revolutionary war, and several of them fell among the patriots in the struggle for American independence. In politics they have always affiliated with the democrats. Henry Avery was a young soldier in the war of 1812, under Andrew Jackson. Richard B. Fewel, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born April 30, 1827, and died February 24, 1880. He came here from North Carolina at the age of eleven years, in 1838, with his father, Maso C. Fewel, also a native of North Carolina. He was born January 30, 1797.

and died February 8, 1873. Richard B. Fewel and Miss Nancy Avery were married September 3, 1850. Nine children, seven boys and two girls, were born, as follows: C. O., June 1, 1851; Harriet E., June 8, 1853; Henry E., June 6, 1855; Richard B., May 9, 1857; William M., December 4, 1859; Mary S., March 25, 1862; Green E., March 18, 1865; Hugh M., April 1, 1867; Walter C., June 5, 1871. All of the children are living. Two sons are married: C. O. married Miss Alice Yates, February 17, 1869; R. B. married Miss Rosa Vickars, September 22, 1881. The father of this excellent family was a primitive Baptist. In the late war he went with the south, and the family remained during the struggle in Arkansas and Texas, where they gave such material aid to the southern cause as lay in their power. Richard B. Fewel in his lifetime was among the best citizens; he was kind and hospitable and loved by his neighbors. He was never known to charge even a stranger for lodging. It may be truthfully said of him, "He clothed the naked, and the hungry he fed." The old place was first settled by a family named Burnett, and it is said that the husband, wife, son, and daughter were swung on a limb for murder. Subsequently, the land was owned by John Bradshaw; he sold out to Mason C. Fewel and R. B. Fewel his son, who fell heir to 1000 acres of choice land. C. O. Fewel is merchandising at Shawnee Mound; R. B. is a physician at La Duc; Henry E. is extensively engaged in stock trading, especially mules. He has now on hand a large number of very fine mules. He received his education at Clinton, and at the Warrensburg Normal School. W. M. was educated at the State Normal School; R. B. is a graduate of Gem City (Quincy, Ill.) Business College, and the St. Louis Medical School. Miss Hattie was educated at Central College, Lexington, Mo. Miss Mollie was educated partly at the same school and at the Warrensburg Normal. This fine farm residence is beautifully located on the head waters of Tebo, near the timber in section 25, township 44, range 24, and is one of the best stock farms in the county.

### J. W. GARRETT,

P. O. Windsor, stands prominent among the honest citizens of this township. He was born October 29, 1823, and was of English extraction. He came here in 1843, with his father from North Carolina. His father, James Garrett, was born, 1792, and departed this life in 1849. In religion he was a primitive Baptist, and in politics a democrat. The subject of these notes was educated in the common schools. On December 9, 1847, he was married to Miss Ann T. Perry; she was born December 23, 1828, in the state of Kentucky, and came here with her parents in 1837, and settled in Henry county. Of this union there were six children born, one boy and five girls. Those now living were born as follows: W. A., October 11, 1848; Mary E., May 10, 1849; Sarah L., January 12, 1856;

Ella A., September 6, 1857; Emma W., April 21, 1862; Anna L., March 4, 1866. Those dead are: James A., born November 23, 1852, died February 23, 1855; Flavius O., born April 23, 1854, died February 16, 1855; Harriet E., born December 3, 1859, died July 14, 1861. The following is the married list: W. A. to Miss Alice D. Walker, February 16, 1871; Mary E. to D. L. Southerland of the same date; Sarah L., to John W. Russell January 14, 1875. The subject of this sketch was engaged in the tobacco business up to 1860. In the late war he took the side of the south. He has held no office higher than road overseer. Of late he has been engaged in stock-raising and agricultural pursuits. His daughter, Miss Emma W., stands among the successful teachers of Johnson county. At present she is engaged in teaching the Henrietta school. Mr. Garrett has always voted the democratic ticket. In religion he is a primitive Baptist. He is truly an honest man, whose word is always good. Though plain, he is true to his convictions and beloved by his neighbors. May his offspring honor his name.

#### POWHATAN G. GARRETT,

P. O. Windsor, is one of the quiet, honest citizens of the township. He was born November 24, 1834, in the state of North Carolina. He came to Missouri with his father when only nine years of age, in the year 1844. His father, James Garrett, was born in 1785, and died in 1848. The subject of this sketch was one of twelve children, eleven of whom lived to be grown, and had families. He is a brother to J. W. Garrett, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Robert fell at the battle of Lone Jack, August 16, 1862. J. W. was also in that fight. Both were on the side of the South. His first teacher was Squire Dick Taylor, who taught in a log cabin near Windsor. He was married in 1872 to Miss Mary L. Russell, daughter of William A. Russell. Four children were born, three of whom are living: Anaié E., Lillie M., James M., (dead) and Robert A. Mrs. Garrett was born February 5, 1848. Mr. Garrett owns a beautiful farm of 140 acres of fine black limestone soil, in section 29, township 44, range 24. The land is underlaid with excellent coal, and has some living springs. In politics he is a true democrat. He is a faithful and consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church. His beautiful residence is on the southern slope of "High Point." As a man he stands high in his community.

#### WILLIAM T. GIBSON,

P. O. Windsor, is among the enterprising farmers of the township. He was born in Boone county, Kentucky, November 12, 1847, and is of Irish-German descent. James, his father, was born in 1820, in the same state. His mother, Mrs. Margaret Gibson, *nee* Miss Currant, was born in 1837. The parents of young William came to Saline county in 1854, where they



remained five years, then to this place in January, 1859, when this son was about twelve years old. His first teacher here was Joe Goodin. Subsequently he spent two and one-half years at McKendree college, Lebanon, Illinois. He was married November 10, 1872, to Miss Elizabeth P. Ford daughter of George W. Ford, a respected farmer and stock raiser of Pettis county. She was born in Kentucky, June 10, 1850. Her mother's maiden name was Susan W. Lytle. Of this conjugal union five children were born, three girls and two boys: Alice B., George M., James H., Perrin and Mary B. A happy group of healthy children. Mr. Gibson has a handsome, commodious residence, which is a square, two-story building, 40x28, capacious fronts, cellars and beautiful walks, which cost about \$3,000. He owns 507 acres of arable land, mostly sand and lime-soil, and is very productive for fruits and cereals. His blue-grass pasture of 100 acres produces large crops of grass every year. In his fine orchards one will see the beauty of horticulture. This elegant orchard contains 750 White Heath peach trees, besides about three acres of good varieties of apples and other fruits. Besides horticulture and agriculture he takes pride in raising blooded stock. He has 150 Canada Cottswold sheep, and some very fine short-horn Durham cattle. He is also preparing a good fish pond of upwards of four acres of water, which he expects to stock with the best fish in the country. Indeed, but few men have done more in home improvement, in Johnson county, than Mr. Gibson. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his devoted wife attend the Christian church, at Eldorado, where she is a member. They are among the liberal contributors and supporters of religion and education, and stand high in their neighborhood.

#### ELDER B. F. GOODWIN,

P. O. Windsor, is a pioneer Baptist minister, and has also been connected with the farming interests of the township for some years past. He came here in 1845 from Kentucky. Was born in that state, May 21, 1821, and received his education in the log school houses of his age. He became a convert to the Baptist faith at the age of nineteen years, and at the age of twenty eight years commenced to preach. Since then he has been connected with some of the early congregations of the county as preacher in charge. On March 14, 1845, he was united in holy wedlock with Miss Elizabeth Enlow, daughter of a pioneer wool carder. The fruits of this union were four children, two of each sex: Sarah V. was born December 23, 1845, died September 7, 1868; Drucilla A. was born March 28, 1847; William F. was born December 13, 1852; Robert was born January 16, 1854, and died November 7th of the same year. The Elder's only daughter married Mr. E. C. Arnold. The son is engaged in farming. Mr. Goodwin is of Welsh ancestry, a man of even temperament, and gen-

erally loved by all who know him. He has acted as pastor for five churches in his day, and has united a large number in the holy bonds of marriage. He served as justice of the peace from 1848 to 1854, with satisfaction to all. He owns 240 acres of fine agricultural land in section 11, township 44, range 24. Among his neighbors and all who know him, he stands very high. No one ever speaks ill of him, and we might say in commensurate terms that there is no man, minister or otherwise, who has lived so long as he has with so few enemies. His children, and those living after them, should look with pride at the pioneer minister and citizen, Eld. B. F. Goodwin.

### MRS. LUCY A. HUDSON,

P. O. Windsor, is one of the esteemed residents of Jefferson township. She was born in Pettis county, Missouri, August 20, 1845, and is of a good family, and received her education in the common schools. Her father, Archibald Lovelace, was a native of North Carolina. In politics he was a democrat, and religiously a Baptist. On March 14, 1861, she was united in marriage with Nathaniel W. Hudson, Rev. Wm. Ferguson officiating clergyman. Mr. Hudson, her husband, was born in the state of Kentucky, June 27, 1840, and died October 16, 1879. He was a good and kind husband. In religion he was identified with the Missionary Baptists, and in politics he voted with the democrats. His father, James Hudson, was one of the clever men of his day. The fruits of this marriage were nine children, six boys and three girls. Three boys and one girl are living. They are: Sallie B., James W., Alvin A. and Henry H. Mrs. Hudson was left a widow in the fall of 1879, with a family, the eldest eighteen and the youngest ten months of age. By industry and economy she has managed very successfully to cultivate her excellent farm and property, and educate her children. Her residence is handsomely located on the "High Point of Tebo," and in a good community, surrounded by a beautiful country. She owns 280 acres of fine land in section 20, township 44, range 24. Her residence is in the Thompson school district, No. 4, and convenient to High Point Baptist church, where she has her membership. She is a social lady, with a Christian heart and head, who desires to see her children grow up in the line of duty.

### J. M. KENDRICK,

Jefferson township, P. O. Knobnoster, was born in Johnson county, Missouri, March 14, 1858. He was educated in his native county, and then attended the State Normal School at Warrensburg for several sessions. At the age of nineteen he commenced his course as a teacher, teaching his first school in what is known as the Brush Creek school house. After teaching his second term, he engaged as traveling agent

a nursery in Quincy, Illinois, which he followed about eight months. He afterward took a trip to Texas, and spent the winter there, and traveled over a portion of the state looking at the country; then he went to East Tennessee, where he remained some time visiting his mother's relatives. He then returned to Missouri, and is now residing on the old homestead.

#### PERLEY W. KILBOURNE,

P. O. Windsor, is among the enterprising and industrious citizens of the township. He was born August 8, 1832, in the state of Maine, and is of Scotch ancestry. His father and grandfather bore the name Thomas. His mother's father was Maj. Samuel Warren, an officer in the army, and a worthy citizen. Dr. Wm. Warren, of the same family, was a prominent Congregationalist minister, and was at one time District Agent of the American Board of Missions. The subject of this sketch was one of eleven children, eight boys and three girls. He was liberally educated at the public schools of his old home. On November 26, 1862, he was united in holy wedlock to Miss Phebe J. Gould, a lady of high culture and good family of North Bridgton, Maine. She was born April 28, 1837. They came to Missouri in December, 1869, and purchased, and improved afterwards the very attractive and beautiful farm they now own on section 27, township 44, range 24. The residence stands upon a beautiful elevation on the southern slope of High Point, overlooking a vast country to the east and south. The farming land is a very deep soil of black limestone and can never be worn out, also never failing springs burst from the ground in several places. The land is very productive and equal if not superior to any in the county for agronomy. Around the handsome cottage grow thrifty forest trees and evergreens, many of them have an astonishing rapid growth. The fruit trees do well. This is close by the apex of High Point, about 800 feet above the Mississippi river at St. Louis, and is the second highest place in the state. The land is underlaid with coal veins from one to five feet. In fact, this is a superb place, and Mr. Kilbourne is still improving and adding to the beauty of his hillside home. In politics he is a republican, and in religion he and his devoted wife are members of the Windsor Congregational church. They stand high in their community, and are among the leading and industrious citizens.

#### JOHN E. MOORE, M. D.,

P. O. Knobnoster, is an enterprising farmer, and a regular physician, of the northeast portion of Jefferson township. He was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, February 14, 1847. His father, David Moore, is also a native of that state, and now resides in Washington township, this county,

near Knobnoster. His wife was Miss Dilyon Scott. The doctor was sent early to the common schools of his native state, and in 1861-2 attended McKendree college, at Lebanon, Illinois. Subsequently, he graduated on March 16, 1865, at Jones's Commercial College, in St. Louis. He then engaged in farming and stock-raising till 1868, when he commenced the study of medicine under Drs. J. W. and J. H. Bronough, prominent physicians of Calhoun, Henry county, Missouri, and during the autumn and winter of 1871-2 he entered the St. Louis Medical College, where he graduated with honors in 1873, and set up to practice at O'Fallon, Illinois, where he remained till 1879. Here he had a good practice and large circle of friends. At this place, on November 24, 1874, he was married to Miss Mary F. McFarland, daughter of David McFarland, a respectable citizen. She was born October 7, 1853. The fruit of this union is one girl, Nellie. In 1879, Dr. Moore came to Henry county, Missouri, where he remained a short time, and then settled here on his beautiful valley farm in section 24, township 45, range 24, west of the Big Muddy. Here he owns 256 acres of fine wheat and grass land. The doctor is a reading man, and has accumulated some valuable books beside his medical library. Being intelligent and sociable the people find him a safe physician. Although he affiliates with the democrats, yet he devotes no time to politics. As a man he stands high, with a bright future before him.

### JAMES M. OGAN,

P. O. Windsor, a farmer of Jefferson township, was born in Saline county, Missouri, January 11, 1832. He was married twice. His first wife was Miss R. C. Wood. She died March 2, 1866. Of this union four children were born, one boy and three girls. His second wife was Miss Maria J. Borthick, whom he married May 12, 1870. The fruits of the second marriage are four children, three boys and one girl. The first set of children were: Cora E. was born June 30, 1871; A. J. was born January 15, 1873; Robert D. was born August 8, 1874; John M. was born April 30, 1875. The second set, to date, (1881), are: Lora F., born November 17, 1880; Margaret J., born November 22, 1858; James W., born February 10, 1861; Lee A., born June 26, 1863. When the cloud of war arose, 1861, he entered the Confederate service under George Shelby, and served that cause till the close of the struggle in 1865. He owns a handsome little farm in section 27, township 44, range 24. The soil is black limestone, underlaid with coal, and produces excellent crops of corn. His wife is a member of the Christian church. His father was among the pioneer settlers of 1833. He died here in 1875. His mother is still living, able to travel about, and has upwards of 100 grand children. The subject of this sketch was one among thirteen children, nine boys and four girls. He received

his early education from Amos H. Goodwin, a pioneer teacher. He settled here in 1855.

### MRS. MARY A. PERRY,

P. O. Windsor, is an esteemed lady of Jefferson township. She was born in Rockingham county, North Carolina, August 2, 1832, and came to Missouri with her parents at an early day. She was a daughter of Mr. James Garrett, a prominent pioneer settler. On October 25, 1849, she was married to William S. Perry, Elder James Fewel officiating. Mr. Perry, her husband, was born in Christian county, Kentucky, February 25, 1827. He died in 1880. His father was William T. Perry. Twelve children were born; eleven are still living. They are: James W., Alpheus S., Ophelia A., Marcellus E., Susie A., (died when twenty-two years of age), Sallie E., Robert P., G. F., Everett M., Lee W. and Paul E. Five are married. James W. married Miss Dora L. Bowman, October 29, 1874, B. L. Lawler officiating; Ophelia, to William R. Douglass, April 5, 1876, Rev. B. F. Goodwin, officiating clergyman; Alpheus S. to Miss Tabitha Blewett, October 24, 1875, Rev. A. M. Cockrell officiating clergyman; Sallie E. to Lafayette M. McCraw, March 10, 1878, by the same clergyman; Henry T. to Miss Lizzie Abington, July 20, 1881, Rev. B. F. Goodwin officiating. Alpheus is a farmer in St. Clair county, Mo. Mrs. Perry is a sister of J. W. and P. G. Garrett, worthy citizens of the township. She is a member of the Missionary Baptist church of High Point. She stands high in the community, and is connected with some of the best families of the state.

### JOHN H. L. SCOTT,

P. O. Windsor. Born in Ohio, Dec. 9, 1822, of Scotch-Irish descent. He has a good academic education; otherwise he is a self-made man. His father, Wm. Scott, was born in 1796, and was a captain in the war of 1812. The subject of this sketch was left an orphan at the age of ten. His parents were natives of Kentucky, but the stock originally came from Virginia. He married, Sept. 26, 1847, Miss Eliza J. Prouty, daughter of Alva Prouty, a mechanic of Ohio. She was born March 3, 1830. Eleven children were born; four are dead. Those living are: Celeste E., Mary M., Wm. H., Chas. L., Bertha E., Estella G. and Annie G. Wm. H. and Hillis M. were twins, the latter died at four years of age. Miss Celeste has been engaged in teaching since the age of sixteen. She was partially educated in Simpson Centenary College, Indianola, Iowa, and subsequently graduated at Southwest Normal School, Lebanon, Ohio. Mary M. married Rev. Brenton H. Badley, and they are both missionaries of the Cross in India. His educational career has been, very briefly, as follows: he commenced teaching at the age of sixteen, in a deserted log

cabin, in the backwoods of Hardin county, Ohio. Taught common school some four years, and then went to Indiana, and was principal of a county seminary near Columbus, two years. He next went to Iowa, taught common school a short time, and was chosen principal of an academy, which position he held five years. He taught common school in Michigan two years, and then returned to Ohio. Was principal of a graded (union) school, at Rootstown, Ohio, also one at Marlborough, and the public schools of New Baltimore. He then went to Iowa, and taught some at Oskaloosa, and then located at Indianola, and established a high school. This was soon organized as a seminary, of which he was chosen the principal. This seminary finally culminated in Simpson Centenary College. In 1862, his health failed, and he went to California. Taught there two years and returned to Ohio. Taught two years in the Ohio State Normal, but had to resign his position on account of failing health. Taught district schools a short time, and then took charge of the Jeffersonville graded school, for five years, where his health again broke down. He then emigrated to Missouri, and located in Johnson county, 1871. Taught school in the same district seven years, which closed a career in teaching, extending over forty years, (1838-78.) Other points in his educational career. He was a member of the Ohio State Teacher's Association, and with the pen, and on the platform, advocated the cause of free common schools. The labors of this association culminated in the new school law of Ohio, and in the establishment of her two State Normal Schools. As chairman of the committee on schools and school lands, he drafted the school law, and rendered efficient service in getting it through the house of representatives. Was county school examiner several years in Ohio. Was elected township school superintendent three times (six years) in succession, in Iowa; was for several years a contributor to the leading educational journals; wrote and published a series of educational tracts, which were quite popular. He conducted several teachers' institutes in Ohio, Iowa, and other places, and gave regular courses of lectures on arithmetic, grammar, theory and practice, etc., etc., at such institutes. Prepared and delivered a number of popular lectures, among which were, Free Common Schools; Teaching as a Profession; Moral Training of Youth; etc. His political career is somewhat brief as that of most professional teachers. He represented (as a Democrat) Clark county, in the General Assembly of Ohio, two terms. Was nominated by the Democratic congressional convention, of the then (1834) nineteenth congressional district of Ohio, to represent said district, but declined the honor. Such in brief is the history of this worthy man.

## JAMES E. THOMPSON,

postoffice, Windsor, is among the worthy young men of the township. He was born in Jefferson township, Johnson county, Missouri, September 26, 1858. He was educated in the common schools of his neighborhood. His first teacher was Miss Emma Bresford, and the log school house was in the woods on Mr. Wall's land. His father, James N. Thompson, deceased, was among the most worthy citizens of his day. He was born in Rockingham county, North Carolina, near Thompsonville (which was named in honor of his father, Thomas Thompson), December 10, 1830. He was married to Miss Susan H. Garrett, June 18, 1857. He was married twice. His first wife was Miss Mary Brannock, and by her two children were born: Sallie A. and Henry T. Sallie married Willis Jerome. The following is the list of children by the second wife, Mrs. Susan H. Thompson: James E., Nellie R., Robert H., Bettie G., Willie P., Mary M. and Nancy M. Four are living, two of each sex. Mrs. Susan H. Thompson, *nee* Miss Garrett, was born April 21, 1837. She was a daughter of James Garrett, a noble and most excellent man. Her husband, James N. Thompson, the father of the subject of this sketch, died February 4, 1873, about forty-two years of age, cut down in the meridian of life. He was for many years known as one of the best music teachers of the country, and the children have inherited considerable of the father's talent. He taught in the schools with good success, and was well educated, and bore the name of being a ripe scholar of his time. He wrote an exquisitely beautiful hand. During the late war he served as a true and brave soldier in the confederate army. In politics he was always a staunch democrat, and took great pride in the cause of his party. In belief he was a Methodist. He was of Scotch descent, and always sustained the true dignity of his good family. For several years he served as justice of the peace, and often bore the common epithet of 'squire. He was found foremost in the support of schools of his time. He was a Mason and Odd Fellow, and was loved and respected by his brethern. James E. Thompson, his son, is at present a single man of excellent traits. He uses neither tobacco nor ardent spirits, and is among the most promising citizens. He is engaged in farming in section 30, township 44, range 24. He has some excellent stock, and raises fine timothy hay. His farm is of the very fertile agricultural land on the southwestern slope of High Point of Tebo. Mr. Thompson is kind and sociable, and is of the very best families of Jefferson township.

## JAMES M. WALL,

postoffice Windsor, stands prominent among the enterprising farmers and stock raisers of Jefferson township. He was born January 29, 1834, of

English ancestry, in Rockingham county, North Carolina, and emigrated here with his parents when only about six years of age. What education he has received in the pioneer schools of the county, taught by subscription. February 16, 1859, he was united in holy wedlock to Miss Nannie B. Gray, daughter of Mr. S. C. Gray, a respectable farmer. She was born in Howard county, August 7, 1842. This conjugal union has been blessed with five children, three boys and two girls, as follows: B. F., was born January 31, 1860; S. J. was born February 8, 1867; Thos. E., May 2, 1872; Ona B., September 18, 1875; Erna E., September 21, 1879. The eldest son was admitted this year (1881) as a student in the agricultural department of the State University at Columbia. The subject of this sketch became a convert to Christianity at the age of nineteen years. He and his wife are consistent and dutiful members of the High Point Baptist church, and are among its most liberal contributors and earnest supporters. Mr. Wall was chosen the first supervisor, and afterward trustee under the township system, and gave entire satisfaction. He was one of the charter members of Cold Spring Lodge, 274, A. F. and A. M., and also one of the original members of High Point Grange. In the latter order he served several years as master. When the late civil war broke out he espoused the side of the south, and entered the military service in December, 1861, and stood faithfully to the cause through every vicissitude of the war, and returned home June 26, 1865. In agricultural interests he ranks foremost, and is one of the hearty supporters of farmers' conventions. He has some of the best stock of the county. In 1872 he commenced raising fine stock, and now owns a fine lot of blooded Cotswold sheep and short horn Durham cattle. Some of this stock cost considerable price, and Mr. Wall deserves praise for such enterprise. He owns 714 acres, constituting one of the finest agricultural farms of the county. He has 160 acres in fine blue-grass, 120 acres in timothy. About all of his land is under fence. He raises in connection with his other stock fine mules, which business pays well. His large, attractive residence was erected in 1874. It is in section 19, township 44, range 24. From this beautiful situation Mr. Wall has an extended horizon, overlooking portions of Henry, Pettis and Benton counties, beside considerable of this county. In politics he has always been an unswerving democrat, firm and steadfast to principle and right under the standard of his party. At home he is a kind husband and quiet citizen, one who rules well his household, with due regard for the family circle. He is sociable and hospitable to friends, who always find him outspoken and just.



## COL. B. F. WILLIAMSON,

postoffice, Windsor, one of the esteemed and prominent citizens of Jefferson township, was born in Maury county, Tennessee, August 21, 1819, of English-Welsh ancestry. His father, John S., was a soldier of 1812. The subject of this sketch came to Henry county in 1840, subsequently to Johnson, where he now resides, in 1850. When the civil war broke out, in 1861, he espoused the cause of the south, entered the Windsor guards, afterward served under Gen. Sterling Price, and was in the surrender of Shreveport, Louisiana. His son, John S., served faithfully and bravely as a cavalry soldier. He was slightly wounded at the battle of Pea Ridge. Col. Williamson was married in Kentucky, March 4, 1841, to Miss Martha J. Cross, a daughter of a prominent farmer of that state. Eight children were born, all living except John S., who was murdered, September 17, 1871. The following is a list of the names of the children, with dates of their births: Mary F., February 14, 1842; John S., April 2, 1845; Thomas B., January 3, 1847; Eliza C., June 11, 1849; Tennie A., September 14, 1851; Lucy J., July 6, 1855; George T., July 31, 1851; Mattie S., April 14, 1866. Mrs. B. F. Williamson, the wife of the subject of this sketch, was born August 11, 1825, of Irish ancestry. The Col. entered the land where he now resides, in section 27, township 44, range 24, in the year 1851. His place is handsomely located on the southern brow of High Point, overlooking considerable country, containing some of the finest arable land of the state. Mr. Williamson opened the first coal mine of the vicinity, by sinking a shaft prior to the war. All of his fine, fertile, black limestone land is underlaid with excellent coal, varying in thickness from two to six feet. His farm consists of about 287½ acres of land, which will never wear out by cultivation. It is the very best corn-producing land. He is an enterprising agriculturist and stock raiser. At present he has on hand 500 head of Southdown and Shropshire blooded sheep, which are paying well. In politics the colonel has always been a true democrat. Although somewhat embarrassed by the late war, he submits nobly and honorably to the times. In religion he and his dutiful wife are consistent members of the Southern Methodist church, and are among its most zealous workers and supporters. The colonel is a reading, thinking gentleman, of the better class of citizens, who is always above stooping to injure even an enemy. At home he is devoted to his domestic duties, among friends pleasant and affable, and to strangers kind and hospitable.

## MRS. MARY R. WINGFIELD,

P. O. Knobnoster, is prominent among the worthy pioneer ladies of Jefferson township. She was born in Callaway county, Missouri. Her father, William Coats, came here at an early day, from the state of Tennessee.

Her husband, James C. Wingfield, was born in the state of Virginia, and died in 1870, being about fifty years of age. He was kind and dutiful as a husband. In politics, he always adhered to the Union, being strictly loyal and patriotic on the side of the government. Eleven children were born, seven of whom are now living. They are as follows: Charles W., John F., James C., Nannie E., Susan M., Joseph B., and Loudella. Three of the children are married. Mrs. Wingfield owns one of the richest and best places in the northern part of the township. The farming land is good, and blue-grass does well. Her place is upon a high elevation, near old High Point Baptist Church, and within the bounds of Valley Grove school district No. 1. The headwaters of Clear Fork on the southwest, and beautiful rolling prairie lands in the others quarters. Her residence is in section five, township forty-four, range twenty-four. In 1855 a vein of coal, about twenty-two inches thick, was discovered here, and worked successfully prior to the war. The coal being of very excellent quality. Sedalia, and towns that distance away, sought and prized this coal as superior for mechanical purposes. Many thousand bushels of coal have been taken from this mine, and it continues to be inexhaustible, and no doubt, some day will prove to be of great value.

#### JAMES A. WOODS,

farmer, Jefferson township, was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, October 17, 1837. He lived in his native county until his majority. He then engaged in farming. He was married, in 1858, to Miss Julia H. Abason, of St. Clair county, Illinois, who died soon afterward. He was again married, in 1866, to Miss Margaret Tate, of St. Clair county, Illinois, by whom he has seven children, all living: Charley A., Lewis, Mauris, Richard, Katie, Lafayette, and Cora. Mr. Woods came to Missouri in 1868, and located in Pettis county. From there he moved to Vernon county, and from there he came to Johnson county, and settled near Knobnoster, where he remained for four years, then, in 1876, moved onto his present place, in Jefferson township, containing 224 acres.

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#### GROVER TOWNSHIP.

##### M. F. ADCOCK.

The subject of this sketch was born in 1830, in Logan county, Kentucky. He was there educated and raised until he attained his nineteenth year. He then moved to Morgan county, Missouri, in which place he lived four years. He then came to Johnson county, where he has since made his home, except a short time during the war, when he went to Kansas. He was married, in 1863, to Miss Mary T. T. Fuqua. She is a

native of Kentucky, and from this union they have nine children: Nancy, Mary A., Lizzie J., Hattie M., Nina F., George A., Judith M., John H., and Moses T. Lost two infants. Through his industry he now owns a fine farm of 228 acres in Johnson county, and 400 acres in Miller county, Missouri.

#### J. A. BOBBITT,

postmaster at Sigel, was born October 9, 1831, in Kentucky, and when about twelve years of age his parents emigrated to Macon county, Missouri, where they remained for a short time; then moved to Howard county, remaining there but a short time; then came to Johnson. The subject of this sketch has lived in this county ever since, except one year that he lived in Platte county. He was married, March 19, 1854, to Miss Nancy Ferguson. Mr. B. is a man of continued industry, and now, as a reward, he owns a fine farm of 240 acres, all under cultivation, and a fine residence in Sigel. He was appointed postmaster in 1879, and has since held the office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people. He is an active member of the Christian church, and is numbered among the successful business men of Johnson county.

#### JAMES P. BOYES,

farmer and coal-miner, P. O. Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch was born July 8, 1828, in Scotland. He here spent his early days in learning a trade—carpenter and joiner. He came to Kansas in 1864, where he remained for seven years, during which time he accumulated about \$7,000, but on account of his health returned to Johnson county, Missouri, locating where he is now, where he owns 100 acres of land, and sixty acres of it is underlaid with a vein of coal three feet four inches thick. He was married, in 1868, to Mrs. E. Paterson, and from this union they have two children living, Richard and Robert James. Lost two, Martha A. and E. James.

#### A. J. BOZARTH,

P. O. Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch is a native of Morgan county, Illinois, and was born August, 1823. Here he remained until about fifteen years of age; then went to Wisconsin, where he engaged in different kinds of work for about four years. He then returned to his old home in Jacksonville, Ill., where he lived until 1846, when he enlisted in company I, Illinois infantry, and served one year in the war with Mexico; was in the battle of Buena Vista. He was married in 1847 to Miss O. P. Fickerson, and from this union they have five children. When our country was involved in war, Mr. Bozarth again offered his services and enlisted in company K, 27th Illinois infantry, and was chosen captain

of the company when they were 100 miles apart. He was in some of the most severe battles of the war. He was taken prisoner at Iuka, October 3, 1862. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea, and was in several battles on the way. In one engagement he was commanding the left of the regiment, when a shell exploded a few feet from him, killing his horse: the horse fell on him and fractured his left hip, May 23, 1864. He was then sent to the hospital, where he remained until the following August. He has since been lame from the effect of that hurt. His wife died December 29, 1864; he was again married, and from this union has one child: John R. In 1866 he came to Johnson county, and has since made his home here. He now has a farm of 340 acres. His grandfather, David Bozarth, built the first grist mill in Howard county, Missouri. He came to the territory of Missouri in 1816, and his father, Joseph Bozarth, built the first grist mill that was in Morgan county.

#### N. P. BRADLEY,

P. O. Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch was born March 30, 1841, in Grove township, Johnson county, Missouri. He was here educated and reared. When the dark clouds of war hovered over the country, and threatened its destruction, Mr. Bradley offered his services to the Union cause, June, 1861. He enlisted, and was in the battles of Marshall, Independence, Big Blue, Mine Creek, and many others. He was honorably discharged, March 23, 1865. He was married February 14, 1869, to Miss Alice A. Thompson; she is a daughter of Captain W. H. P. Thompson, one of the old settlers of Johnson county. Mr. Bradley now owns a fine farm of ninety-five acres. He is a member of the Christian church.

#### HENRY BRANT,

farmer and stock raiser; P. O. Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch is a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, and was born May 12, 1832; and when he was about six years of age his parents moved to another county, where he was educated, and lived until nineteen years of age. He then returned to his native county and learned the trade of wagon maker. He was married in Montgomery county, to Miss Lydia Kinsey, August, 1854. She was a native of Ohio; and from this union they have four children: Mary E., Mandie E., Lydia A., Bertha M. In 1859 he came to Johnson county, and since that time he has improved a fine farm of 120 acres, and has first-class buildings. When the war broke out he offered his services to the Union cause, and served nine months; then he returned to his old home in Ohio, and remained there until the war was over. He then returned to his farm in Johnson county. He is an active member in the M. E. church, and is always among its liberal contributors and supporters.

## W. E. CHESTER,

P. O. Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch was born December 2, 1839, in Green county, Illinois. He spent his early days obtaining an education, until he was about seventeen years of age, when he came to Knobnoster, Missouri, where he again attended school. He remained here until 1861, when he offered his services to the cause of his country. He was in the first company of Johnson county that was made up for the Union cause. He was first lieutenant, and was at the battle of Lexington, and he was in many places of trust; and was mustered out of the service as captain. He was in the United States secret service for about two years. He was road commissioner in Johnson county for several years after the war, and notary public. He moved to where he now lives in 1868, where he owns a farm of 240 acres. He was first married in 1860 to Miss Matilda Redfenn, and they have six children living: James C., Emma, Edda, John, William and Clarnis. His wife was called to her long home in 1877. He was again married December, 1880, to Miss Mary Budd; she is a lady of fine taste. Mr. Chester has seen many changes in life; he now owns a fine farm of eighty acres.

## DR. B. F. DUNKLEY,

Physician. Residence Sigel or Dunksburg. Among the many pioneers who have made comfortable homes in Johnson county, no one is deserving of more special notice than the subject of this sketch. He was born Feb. 26, 1809, in London, England, and when but a mere boy, his parents came to this country, locating at Washington, D. C. Young Dunkley then went to school and studied medicine under Prof. Sewell. His parents died at Washington City; he then traded some property in Washington for property in Ohio, Ashtabula county, where he engaged in farming. He became impressed with the idea that Missouri offered superior inducements to men of energy. He came, and when he landed at St. Louis he had \$1.50. He came to Johnson county in 1848, locating where he now lives. He was married in 1844, to Miss M. J. Porter, a native of Tennessee, and from this union there were born three children: Mary M., now living in Sigel; two have died. When he came to Sigel he began the practice of medicine, which he has followed ever since, and although at the ripe age of 72, he pursues it with great zeal and endures all the hardships incident to the profession. During the war he was the only physician for miles around. The doctor has always been a hard working man, and now as his reward, he owns a farm of 1,000 acres of fine land, of which 720 acres are in Grover township, and the remainder in Pettis county; he also owns a fine grist mill in Sigel. He has seen much of the progress and development of Johnson county. Additional items relative to this worthy pioneer may be found on page 616.

## S. G. FEAGANS,

P. O. Sigel. The subject of this sketch is a native of Smith county, Tenn., and was born Jan. 18, 1844. When he was about 14 years of age, his parents moved to Pettis county, Mo. He came to Johnson county in 1866, and was married Feb. 18, 1866, to Miss Henrietta Hocker. She is a daughter of Larkin Hocker, one of Johnson county's pioneers. They have five children living: Alvin, Jennie, Charles, John, Larkin. Mr. Feagans is a member of the Christian church. He is a man of continued industry and good habits, and now as his reward he owns a fine farm of 200 acres, under cultivation.

## NATHAN FISHER,

farmer and stone and brick mason. P. O. Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch was born April 2, 1827, in Pettis county, Mo. His father came to Cooper county in 1821, and remained there during the winter. He then moved to Pettis county, and remained there until 1850, when he went to California in search of gold, and then came to Johnson county, where he lived until 1854, then he went to Texas, where he died in 1863. The subject of this sketch was married, Dec. 18, 1849, to Miss Martha Marshall, and this union has blessed them with four children: Lucy M., Harriet S., Benjamin F., Richard C. They lost two, Mary A. and George L. When our country was involved in war he joined the Union cause, and enlisted in 1862, company E., 7th Missouri cavalry, and served until Dec. 9, 1862, when he was discharged on account of inability to serve. He has a farm of 40 acres, and is a consistent member of the M. E. church.

## H. E. FORSYTHE,

farmer, P. O. Sigel, was born April 22, 1848, in Johnson county, Indiana; he was there educated and raised to manhood. He was married to Miss Josie Tylor, and from this union have two children: Ora Clinton, and Emra Thomas; the latter is now dead. He came to Johnson county, Missouri, 1869; located where he now lives. He now owns a fine farm of 240 acres, with fine, comfortable buildings. He is a member of the Baptist church.

## THOMAS S. FOSTER,

farmer and stock raiser; P. O. Knobnoster. Among the many pioneers of Grover township, no one is more deserving of notice than the subject of this sketch. He was born in February, 1822, in Madison county, Kentucky, and there lived till he was about fifteen years of age. His parents then came to Johnson county, and remained a short time with relatives, then moved to Pettis county, where he remained a few years, then came

to Warrensburg, where his father was engaged in blacksmithing. The subject of this sketch then went to Lexington. He finally located where he now lives, in 1850. His mother died about the year 1840, at Warrensburg, and his father died while stopping with his son, Thomas S., in 1853-4. The subject of this sketch was married in 1848, to Miss Sarah Brown, and from this union had two children: James W., Joseph F., both now dead. His wife dying, he was again married, November 1856, and from this union they have seven children: Emma W., Jerry E., Lizzie M., Jacob V., Jesse W., John C. and Joseph M. His wife died October 19, 1874. When the dark cloud of war hovered over our country, Mr. Foster offered his help and enlisted in company B, 40th regiment of Missouri. He was in the service for about four years, and during this time he did many kind deeds for his fellowman when peace was declared, he returned to his quiet and peaceful home. He is a man of good habits and industry, and now has his reward. He owns a fine farm of 440 acres, all under fence, and good buildings.

#### JAMES GOIN,

P. O. Sigel; was born but a few steps from where he now lives, May 13, 1846. His parents came to this state early and located here. His father was a native of Kentucky, and died 1847, leaving his mother to provide for the family. His mother is a native of Virginia. She is still in good physical vigor. Mr. Goin is the youngest of his father's family. He now owns a fine farm of 120 acres, with first-class buildings, and everything around him has the appearance of good management.

#### LARKIN HOCKER,

P. O. Knobnoster; farmer and stock raiser. Among the many pioneers who have made comfortable homes in Johnson county, no one is deserving of more favorable notice than the subject of this brief and imperfect sketch. He was a native of Lincoln county, Kentucky, and was born November 20, 1811; he was there educated and grew to manhood. He was married in his native county in 1834, to Miss Eliza J. Thornton. They have six children. Three are now living: Mary M., E. T. and Larkin. Hr. Hocker became impressed with the idea that Missouri offered inducements to men of energy, and although the county was new, he came in 1835 and located where he now lives. But by his continued industry he overcame all these trials, and now has his reward. He and his sons own a fine farm of 500 acres, with first-class improvements. Himself and family are members of the Christian church.

## THOMAS HARFIELD,

P. O. Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch is a native of England, and was born on February 15, 1831. He was there educated and developed to manhood. In 1854 he came to New Orleans, and from there went to Cooper county, where he remained until the country was involved in war. He then went to St. Louis, where he engaged as coach driver. He was married in 1863 to Miss Catharine Carlon, a native of Ireland. Mr. Harfield came to Johnson county in 1866. He has overcome all obstacles and now owns a farm of 120 acres, and is in good circumstances.

## J. C. HILL,

P. O. Knobnoster. This enterprising citizen is a native of Todd county, Kentucky, was born April 13, 1840. He was raised there until he was about fifteen years of age, then came to Saline county, Missouri, where he engaged in farming until 1868, when he came to Johnson county. He located then where he now lives. He was married in 1862 to Miss S. Bradley, and this union has blessed them with eleven children, seven living: John M., Mary E., Maggie; Walter, Lulu May, James and J. Arthur. The following four died: William W., Larkin, Kune and Benjamin. His success in life may be inferred from the fact, that he began business for himself with very limited means, but through his good habits, he now owns a fine farm of 145 acres, with first class buildings. He is a member of the Christian church and one of the deacons of the same.

## TIPTON T. HUFF,

P. O. Knobnoster, was born in Tipton county, Tennessee, January 24, 1824, of good parentage. His father's name was Thomas, and his mother's maiden name was Miss Lucinda Townsend. His grandfathers, on both sides, were named Thomas. The one on his father's side, was taken prisoner by the savage Indians and kept seven years. Tipton T. came to Missouri in 1836, at the age of twelve, with his widowed mother, and settled in Morgan county, where he attended the common schools, and soon began to work for himself. He married Mrs. Lucinda Lowery, *nee* Miss Burch, whose former husband had been a prominent physician of Georgetown, Pettis county, Mo. By this union two children were born: John T. and William B. The former died at the age of two years, and the latter married Miss Mary E. Byler, of Cass county, and now they reside in Montana territory. Mr. Huff's first wife died in 1854. In 1862 he married Mrs. Lotvici Callison, *nee* Miss Oglesbey; she had two children: John and Lena Callison. The former married Miss Wall, and is now a prominent farmer and stock-dealer of Henry county. The latter married Dr. Fewel and now resides in easy circumstances at Odessa. Mr. Huff



by this last marriage has three children, one boy and two girls: Thomas T., Lula and Lena. Mr. Huff went to the state of California in 1849, where he remained three years during the gold excitement. When the late war clouds arose, although a southern man, he chose to remain quiet and at home. In politics he is a straight democrat, and socially a kind and generous man, true to his convictions. Mrs. Huff is a devoted member of the County Line Baptist church. Mr. Huff owns a beautiful farm on the Knobnoster and Brownsville road.

### J. P. HUGHES,

farmer and stock raiser, P. O. Sigel. This enterprising citizen is a native of Smith county, Tennessee, and was born August 5, 1833. In 1854 he located in Johnson county and worked by the month for about two years. He married Miss Holley W. Porter in 1857, a native of Tennessee. From this union they have four children: Mary E., William L., Martha F. and Jesse J. In 1858 he moved to his present location, where he has an improved and fine farm of 150 acres. He is a member of the M. E. church and is numbered among the enterprising citizens of Johnson county.

### G. W. P. INGRAM,

farmer and stock raiser, P. O. Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch is a native of Knox county, Tennessee, and was born in April, 1837. His father, Thomas Ingram, was born December 10, 1803, and his mother was born May 12, 1805, in Knox county, Tennessee. His parents were married September 2, 1824, and to them were born nine children, of which five are living: John G., born June 26, 1825; Elizabeth Jane, born September 1, 1827; Sarah Ann, born December 2, 1829; Mary E., born August 22, 1832; Nancy C., born November 28, 1834; G. W. P., born May 25, 1837; Rachel A., born November 11, 1839, and died October 11, 1854; William G., born August 31, 1842, and died January 8, 1881; Martha E., born May 18, 1845, and died August 7, 1861. In 1840 his parents came to Moniteau county, Missouri, where his father died in July, 1847. His mother then returned to her native state, and remained there until 1854, when she returned to Missouri, locating in Johnson county, where she worked and strove to support her family. November 6, 1875, she was called to her last resting place, leaving her children with a good home. The subject of this sketch and his two sisters are now living on the old homestead, having about 500 acres of fine land, and are numbered among the worthy citizens of Johnson county.

### JAMES T. MARSHAL,

farmer, P. O. Sigel. The subject of this short sketch was born December 3, 1832, in Grover township, Johnson county. In 1850 he went with his

father to California, where his father died shortly after their arrival, and the son experienced very poor health in that state. His father was one of the first white settlers in Johnson county. In 1854 Mr. Marshal returned to Johnson county. He was twice married; first, February 11, 1856, to Miss Elizabeth Taylor, who bore him three children, one dead and two living: Mary Jane and Sarah E. His wife died March 3, 1859. Mr. Marshal has a fine farm of 231 acres. He is a man who has seen many changes come and go in Johnson county, but he has always kept pace with its progress. He was again married, in 1860, to Miss Caroline Bradley. She is a native of Johnson county. This union has been blessed with seven children, one of whom is dead: John T.; and six living: Lucy A., Charles P., James, Cora, George R. and Etta.

#### WILEY MADDEX,

P. O. Grover, farmer and stock raiser. The subject of this sketch is a native of Morgan county, Kentucky, and was born June 22, 1826, and when about eleven years of age his parents came to Cooper county, Missouri, in 1837. He lived there about three years, then moved to Morgan county, Missouri, where his parents lived about four years, then he came to Pettis county, then to Johnson county, where he has since lived. In 1850 he took a trip to California. He remained in the gold state about one year, then returned to his home by the way of Mexico. He was married February 28, 1852, to Miss Clara C. Barnett, and from this union they have two children: Mary Jane and James H. In 1858 he came to his present location, where he has improved 517 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land, and is now among the most successful pioneers. He was a Union man during the war.

#### G. W. MARSHALL,

farmer and stock raiser, P. O. Sigel. The subject of this sketch is one of Johnson county's noble sons, and was born September 9, 1837. His father was one of the very first pioneers of Johnson county, and about the year 1850 he went to California, and died there shortly after his arrival. The subject of this sketch was married February 2, 1860, to Miss Nancy Hammond, a native of Illinois, and this union has been blessed with four children, two dead, and two living: Thomas and Richard. The latter is at school at Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Marshall is a man who began business for himself with limited means, but, through his industry and good management, he now owns a fine farm of 292 acres, all in a good state of cultivation, with good buildings. But the dark messenger of death called at his home April 1, 1880, and took his wife to her last resting place. She was a member of the Christian church. Mr. Marshall and son, Thomas, are members of the same church, and are always among its liberal contributors and supporters.

## J. T. OGLESBY,

postoffice, Knobnoster. This enterprising citizen is one of Johnson county's noble sons. He was born February 26, 1840. His father was among the first settlers of Johnson, and he located on section 25, Grover township, and died in 1861. His mother, Mary H., died in 1875. The subject of this sketch during the war was out of the county, but when peace was declared he returned to his old home, where he has since lived. He was married in 1869 to Miss Martha A. Brock, also a native of Missouri. This union has been blessed with three children: Alpha M., Samie E., Mary E. The subject of this sketch has seen many changes come and go to Johnson county. But he has been a hard working man and a good manager, and now as his reward he owns a fine farm of 190 acres in Johnson county, and 160 in Pettis county. He is now numbered among the successful men of Johnson county. His wife's mother, who has lived with him for some years, was called to her place of rest on the 8th day of October, 1881.

## C. G. OGLESBY,

farmer and justice of the peace; postoffice, Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch is a native of Cooper county, Missouri; was born April 1, 1835, and when he was just six months old his father brought him to Johnson county, October 1, 1835, where the subject of this sketch was educated. He has never been out of the state except from January 25, 1865, to September 1, 1867, during which time he was in the state of Nebraska. His father-in-law, Mr. J. Cox, went with him. Mr. Cox is one of the pioneers of Johnson county, and one of her best citizens. The subject of this sketch was married in 1856 to Miss E. F. Cox, a native of Johnson county. Her father came to the state in 1831. This union has blessed them with three children: Mary M., Charles T., Jacob M. Mr. Oglesby is a man who stands high in the community in which he lives.

## C. T. OGLESBY,

farmer and stock raiser; postoffice, Knobnoster; was born April 23, 1834, in Cooper county, Missouri, and when he was quite young his father came to Johnson county. His father died in 1863; his mother died Nov. 20, 1855. The subject of this sketch was first married November 23, 1854, to Miss Mary T. Jones, a native of Missouri, and from this union they have two children: Tarlton W. and William A. His wife departed his life December 23, 1862. He was again married, April 23, 1868, to Miss E. Rubey. They have three children: Fannie L., Charles T. and Henry R. He owns a fine farm of 300 acres, all under good cultivation, with fine, comfortable buildings. In all respects Mr. Oglesby is a worthy man.

## JOHN PARK,

farmer and stock raiser; postoffice, Sigel. The subject of this sketch is one of the pioneers of Grover township. Was born March 7, 1818, in Madison county, Kentucky. He was there educated, and grew to maturity. He came to Missouri in 1838, and located in Pettis county, where he lived until 1858, then he came to Johnson county, locating where he now lives. He was first married in 1846, to Miss L. Lewis, and from this union they have four children: Columbus, Sarah Ann, James G. and Mary E. His wife died, and he was again married in 1855, to Miss Bingham, and this union has blessed them with six children: William, Henry, David, Richard C., Ettie W. and Cora H. Mr. Park is a man who takes a pride in educating his children, and is always willing to help assist anything that will enhance the welfare of the county. Through his good habits and continued industry he now owns a fine farm of 400 acres, and he is now numbered among the successful business men of Johnson county.

## JOHN E. ROBINSON,

farmer and stock-dealer, P. O. Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch is one of Missouri's noble sons. He was born August 23, 1841, in this county. In 1861, when the whole country was involved in war, he took up arms for the southern cause. He thought it was right, and enlisted in company A, Fifth Missouri regiment; after which he was changed to company I, Tenth Missouri cavalry. He was in the battles of Lexington, Pea Ridge, Wilson's Creek, Corinth, Port Gibson, and at one time he was in the saddle for fourteen days and nights. He owns a fine farm of 700 acres, with good, comfortable buildings, and is now one of the leading farmers of Johnson county. He was married, in May, 1867, to Miss Mary M. Hocker, daughter of Larkin Hocker, and from this union there are three children, two boys and one girl: J. F., Larkin H. and Lizzie.

## JAMES C. ROTHWELL,

farmer and stock-raiser. This enterprising citizen was born November 14, 1814, in Virginia. He there spent his youth on a farm. He was married, in his native county, to Miss Mary S. Ramsey, February 7, 1836, and to this union have been born six children that are living: Mary C., Clayborne W., Anna J., Joseph H., Mattie B. and Nettie. He is a man who has taken a warm interest in the welfare of education. He began business for himself with very limited means, but, through his good management and industry, he now owns a fine farm of 320 acres of good land. He is now numbered among the enterprising men of Johnson county. See page 617.

## MILTON SWOPE,

farmer and stock-raiser; postoffice, Sigel. The subject of this sketch is a native of Pettis county, and was born in August, 1823, where he was educated and raised to manhood. In 1847 he was married to Miss V. Sandridge, and this union has blessed them with a family of children. In 1848 he came to Johnson county, locating where he now lives, it then being wild prairie. His wife died in 1873. He improved and owns a fine farm of 280 acres with first-class improvements. He was again married, in August, 1880, to Miss Melia Sandridge. They are members of the Christian church, and always among its liberal contributors and supporters.

## I. F. TANNER,

P. O. Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch is a native of Indiana, and was born October 15, 1848, where he lived until 1866, when he came to Johnson county. His father was in company H, Twenty-fifth Indiana infantry, and died while in the service, December 26, 1864. The subject of this sketch was married, January 24, 1869, to Miss Rebecca J. Marshall, daughter of R. Marshall, who was one of the pioneers of Johnson county, and this union has blessed them with three children: Mary E., Josie W., and Dellie May. Mr. Tanner now owns a fine farm of eighty acres, with a fine house. Mr. Tanner is now devoting part of his time to preaching. He was ordained in the Christian church, by Rev. C. A. Hedrick, in 1876. He is a zealous worker for Christianity.

## T. J. TEDDER,

farmer and stock raiser. P. O. Sigel. The subject of this imperfect sketch is a native of Roane county, Tenn., born Feb. 18, 1822. He was married in his native county, Dec., 1847, to Miss Mary E. Wilson; she is a native of the same place. From this union there have been five children: John W., George W., William L., Martha, Louisa J. In 1859, he came to Johnson county, where he has since resided. His success in life is evinced from the fact that he began business for himself with very limited capital, but through his continued industry and good management he now has a farm of 150 acres. He was in the home guards during the war, always remaining loyal to his country. His father was in the war of 1812, and died at a good old age in Tennessee.

## R. THARRINGTON,

farmer. P. O. Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch is a native of North Carolina, and was born, August 9, 1829. In the year 1850, he immigrated to Wickley county, Tennessee, and in 1853 he came to Johnson county, Missouri. He was married in 1856, to Miss Harriet Ann

Porter, a native of Tennessee, and from that union they have six children living: William J., Robert, Mary E., James M., Remah and John W. His success in life may be inferred from the fact that he began business for himself with very limited capital, but through his industry he now owns a fine farm of 163 acres of fine land.

#### WILLIAM G. THORNTON,

P. O. Knobnoster. He was born Nov. 11, 1822, the second son of Wm. and Henrietta Thornton. His father's portrait and sketch will be found elsewhere. July 18, 1855, he married Miss Elizabeth A. Wiley. One child was born, Virginia L., in Christian county, Ky., Nov. 16, 1864. She was liberally educated at Woodland public school and Baptist Female College of Lexington, Mo. On the evening of September 27, 1881, was married to Jerome B. Greer, son of Alex Greer, when she was sixteen years of age. In 1879, he erected his elegant highland home, called "Thornton Heights," at a cost of about \$3,000. The building is quite attractive and handsome, and is one of the finest in the county. Wm. G., in connection with his brother Vivian H. is doing a good business in farming and stock raising. They have some fine stock and take just pride in it. They own 1,460 acres of the best quality of agricultural land. The two brothers, in religion, follow the steps of their father, and are zealous supporters of County Line Baptist church. Mrs. Thornton is also a consistent member of that church.

#### WILLIAM THORNTON,

deceased, whose portrait appears elsewhere, was a native of Orange county, Va., born Aug. 30, 1795, where he resided until he married Mrs. Henrietta Rucker, *nee* Miss Standley, Jan. 19, 1819. This couple were cousins. After their union they soon became converts and were baptized into the fellowship of Salem Baptist church, Madison county, Ky., by Eld. Herndon. Three children were born, and in their childhood days lost their hearing, which rendered them mute also. Geo. A. was born Nov. 25, 1819, and married Jan. 18, 1865, Miss Nellie Lantz, and died Dec. 6, 1880, without offspring; Wm. G., whose biographical sketch is found elsewhere, was the second son; Vivion H. was born Dec. 11, 1824, and is living a happy bachelor's life with his brother William G. They inherited a large and handsome property from their father, which they have increased. His sons were liberally educated. William Thornton was a devoted christian and liberal supporter of his church. He moved to Boone county, Mo., in the fall of 1832, remaining one year; he settled permanently in the fall of 1833, near the present home of his sons, in Johnson county, where he remained until his death. He and his devoted wife joined Liberty Baptist church the first Sunday in March, 1844. They



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traveled a distance of about twelve miles to this church once a month until County Line Baptist church was organized. He was chosen the first deacon of the congregation and ordained by Eld. Thornton Rucker. He always lived a life consistent with his profession, loved and respected by all. He departed this life Sunday morning at ten o'clock, Feb. 18, 1872. He was buried with Masonic honors. His funeral discourse was preached by Eld. Wm. P. C. Caldwell. His remains now rest in the beautiful cemetery on the eminence northwest of the handsome residence built by his sons.

### MILTON W. TYLOR,

Section 15, P. O. Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch was born Feb. 28, 1812, in Jefferson county, Ky.; he there developed into manhood. He was married March 14, 1833, to Miss Mary Seaton. She was born Oct. 19, 1814, in Jefferson county, Ky. This union has blessed them with seven children, all of whom are living: James K., Lula J. T., Samuel L., Charles T., Josie, Milton W. and R. Seaton. In 1851 Mr. Tylor sold his farm in Jefferson county, Ky., and moved to Johnson county, Ind., where he bought a good farm, on which he built a fine residence, and not long after it was completed, it was destroyed by fire. During the war he lost much property. In 1869 he came to Johnson county, Mo., locating where he now lives. He now owns a good farm of 314 acres, with fine comfortable buildings. He is a member of the Baptist church and among its liberal supporters. He is a worthy and highly respected citizen.

### DR. R. SEATON TYLER,

Physician and surgeon, residence, Sigel. This enterprising citizen was born Dec. 3, 1855, in Johnson county, Ind. He was there raised until 1869, when his parents came to Johnson county, Mo. The subject of this sketch was a lover of good books, and at the age of nineteen he began to teach school. He taught four terms. He also attended the Normal at Varrensburg for one year. In 1877 he went to the St. Louis Medical College, where he studied for two years. He graduated in 1879 and returned to Johnson county, locating in Sigel, where he purchased a fine house and has built up a large trade and is now numbered among the successful physicians of the county. He was married Nov. 3, 1880, to Miss Florence Shanks, and from this union have one child: R. Seaton, Jr.

### CHARLES G. WORTHAM,

P. O. Knobnoster. The subject of this sketch is a native of Harden county, Ky., and was born Aug. 9, 1832. He was there educated and developed to manhood. He came to Johnson county, Mo., in 1854, where

he has since lived. He was married March, 1858, to Miss Nancy T. Gillen, and from that union there were four children, two of which died infants and two now living: William G. and Norah D. His wife died Nov. 17, 1873. When our country was involved in war Mr. Wortham favored the South and took up arms to defend what he thought was right, and while in the service was wounded three times. He was in some of the most severe battles of the war. He was married the second time Dec. 25, 1874, to Miss Mary E. Harrison, and by this union have two children: T. G. and Maggie Lee. He owns a farm of 120 acres.

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### SIMPSON TOWNSHIP.

#### JOSEPH ALBIN,

P. O. Warrensburg. It was in Guernsey county, Ohio, where Joseph Albin first beheld the light of day. It was there also that he had attended the common schools and received his education. His ancestors came from Virginia. Early in the fall of 1857, he moved to Effingham county, Illinois, where he commenced life's struggles for himself, and the succeeding year, 1858, he married Miss Margaret Gillmore, a native of Illinois. Here he lived, farming until 1868, when he again emigrated west, his destination being Dodge county, Missouri, where he purchased a farm and lived until the time he located in Johnson county, Missouri, which occurred in 1879, where he now lives on one of the prettiest farms in Johnson county. During his life he has reared a family of eight children, only one of whom is married. The soil of Mr. Albin's farm is of the richest quality, which characterizes the township of which it is a part: also the yard surrounding his residence presents an appearance, fully in keeping up with the other surroundings, and shows what pluck and industry can attain.

#### JOHN BOWMAN,

P. O. Aullville, is a farmer, and lives on section 29, range 25, and was born in Brooks county, Virginia, January 3, 1812. When he was about fourteen years of age, he moved with his parents to Ohio and settled in Tuscarawas county, Ohio. Henry Bowman, his father, was a native of Virginia, and was a farmer. His grandfather settled in Virginia in an early day, and bought his first farm of the King of England, in whose dominion he was born and raised. Henry Bowman, the father of John, turned his attention to milling for a few years, before he left Virginia; after coming to Ohio, he followed farming for a livelihood. Again he moved to New Cumberland, in same county, where he remained until his death. John's mother was a native of Virginia, whose name was Phebe Weeks, and who died soon after in the same county, on March 3, 1842. John Bow-

man remained on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age, then he returned to Virginia, where he was married to Miss Mariam Brown, daughter of Andrew Brown, a native of Pennsylvania, and a prominent farmer. Mr. Bowman then moved to Missouri in 1844, and stopped a short time in Lafayette county. He then built his cabin and moved on to his present farm in Johnson county, which contains 159 acres, which is well improved with good substantial buildings. Raising wheat and other grain has been his main object. During the late war he suffered largely. One season soon after he had stacked a fine crop of wheat, several men came and threshed it out and hauled it away. While they were threshing it, he was compelled to feed them, which he says was the worst of all. His crop of wheat was 800 bushels, which was all taken. They have raised five daughters, all living and named as follows: Margarette J., Phebe M., Alwilda V., Elnora S. and Bertha P.; another died at the age of five years. His education was obtained only at the district schools. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman and family are all members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

#### DR. Z. CASE,

was born in Carlisle, Illinois, in 1847. His father was born in Kentucky, and his mother was a native of Ohio. His father was a member of the legal fraternity, and while in the state of Illinois held several prominent county offices in the county of Clinton, Carlisle being the county seat of that county. Dr. Case had the advantages of a college course, and after graduating was employed as book-keeper in a large mercantile house in St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained for some time in this position. In the course of time, however, he made up his mind to study medicine, and immediately entered the St. Louis Medical College, where he graduated in medicine, March 12, 1875. The following month he visited his parents in his old home in Carlisle. In the fall of 1875 he came to Johnson county, Missouri, where he has made rapid strides in the profession of his choice, and to-day has a large and growing practice, and is known throughout Johnson county, as a careful and conscientious gentleman.

#### ALEXANDER GREER,

deceased, was among the old settlers of Johnson county, and resided in Simpson township, where he was long known as one of the most successful farmers and stock feeders of the county. He was born in Berkley county, Virginia, August 25, 1810, and departed this life, as will be noticed under the head of "Pioneers of Simpson Township," in the winter of 1881. He was partially educated in Frederick county, Virginia. His father, Johnson Greer, died when Alexander was only four years of age. His father was a native of Ireland, and emigrated to America and settled

in Virginia in a very early day, and was counted among the F. F. V.'s in the "Old Dominion." Alexander's education was somewhat limited on account of his mother being a widow. He was brought up on the farm, and always loved to stick to the farm. In 1837 he married Miss Louisa Clary, daughter of Gerard Clary, who at that time kept a tannery at the foot of the Alleghany mountains, in Alleghany county, Maryland, now the city of Cumberland. Soon after his marriage Mr. Greer emigrated to Missouri, in 1838, and settled at what is now known as Kirkpatrick's Mill, on Black Water, where he and his brother, Jerome, B. Greer, established a country store, which they kept about three years. When he left the store he entered about 200 acres of government land, and began to improve a farm, which is now known as the Fitz Patrick farm. In 1842 he disposed of this place and purchased the present excellent farm, which is the old homestead. At his death his landed estate numbered 3,200 acres of land. Soon after he settled the old homestead he commenced to engage largely in farming, raising stock and dealing extensively in shipping stock to St. Louis. Prior to the railroad facilities he drove stock to the St. Louis market. During the late war (1861-5) he lost heavily, estimated about \$30,000. He has always been an enterprising farmer of indomitable courage and energy. Commencing with nothing but a willingness to work, he rose step by step to his enviable prominence. Mrs. Greer has always been a true wife and most dutiful mother. Her wise plans and vigilant care over her children will never be forgotten by them. Fourteen children have been brought up, all liberally educated to business. During the trying times and struggles for a good share of this world's goods, Mr. Greer never neglected the paternal care of his family. Having a healthful wife and children, not one has been lost, and the family has formed but little acquaintance with physicians. The children are as follows: Mary R., now Mrs. James D. Dyer; Laura A., now Mrs. George W. Colbern; Rovilla M., now Mrs. R. M. Morrison; Sarah J., now Mrs. E. T. Smarr; Robert L., who married Miss Majors; Josephine V., now Mrs. George W. Collins; Jerome B., who married Miss Virginia L. Thornton; Ella L., now Mrs. Grove Youngs, of Lafayette county; Lillie L., now Mrs. George Youngs. The following are yet single: Wm. A., James A., John P., Minnie A. and Mattie J. The girls, Minnie and Mattie, are now students at the Central Methodist Female College, of Lexington, Missouri. A brief sketch of Wm. A. appears elsewhere. In politics Mr. Greer was an unswerving democrat, yet a prudent and wise thinker all his life.

#### JEROME B. GREER, ESQ.,

a farmer and stock raiser, was born in Johnson county, Missouri, February, 1851. Reared and educated in his native county, and at the State University, located at Columbia. Commenced business for himself in

1875, engaging in farming and stock raising. The latter he has found to be the most lucrative. His large farm of 768 acres of choice land, lying in Simpson township, Johnson county, is nearly all covered with blue grass. His fine residence, standing on a high elevation, from which nearly every acre of his beautiful farm can be seen. From his house a large portion of eastern Johnson county can be seen. The house is substantial and two stories. Mr. Greer is a gentleman of fine business habits, moral, honest and accommodating. His eye is ever open to business, and his heart for suffering humanity. He raises cattle, mules and hogs, and does a large business in the way of shipping stock. Although a young man, he is favorably known in all the stock markets of the west as an honorable, upright and practical dealer. Mr. Greer was married September 27, 1881, to Miss Virginia L. Thornton, of Grover township, the daughter of Wm. Thornton, Esq. She is a worthy and accomplished lady, fine taste and domestic habits. Mr. Greer is an influential member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Postoffice address, Aullville, Missouri.

#### WILLIAM A. GREER,

P. O. Fayetteville, is among the straight forward business young men of Simpson township. He was born in Johnson county, Missouri, near where he now resides, December 13, 1856, and received his early education at the common schools of his neighborhood. He attended the State University at Columbia, one session, which, with what knowledge he had already received in the common schools, eminently fitted him for business transactions and agricultural pursuits. When only eighteen years of age, he took charge of his father's farm, which he controlled while his father was living. His father died during the winter of 1881. His present landed estate numbers 230 acres of excellent agricultural land, all well improved, except thirty acres of timber. The farming land is in a high state of cultivation and produces excellent crops of corn, wheat and grass. At present he is erecting one of the most substantial residences in the township. He is of a good family, being the third son of Alexander and Louisa Greer, who are known over the northeastern part of the county. Wm. A. in politics, is a democrat. He is a prominent stock dealer of the township, and takes delight in the improvement of the farm and stock enterprise. He is yet a young man, who has not chosen a wife, and since the death of his father he has been very dutiful towards his aged mother. The biographical sketch of Alexander Greer, his father, will be found elsewhere, and also an elaborate notice under the head of the pioneers of Simpson township. The subject of this sketch is a young man of steady business habits, temperate and refined. He uses neither ardent spirits nor tobacco, and is one of those whom the public may rely upon as having a bright and prosperous future before him.

## WM. LAZENBY,

section 24, P. O. Knobnoster; farmer and stock raiser. The subject of this sketch was born July 15, 1841, in Morgan county, Illinois, where he was educated. When the dark cloud hovered over our country, Mr. Lazenby enlisted in company K, 27th Illinois infantry, and was in some of the most severe battles of the war: Belmont, Union City, seige of Corinth, Stone River, Chattanooga, Mission Ridge, and several others. He was wounded at the battle of Chattanooga, shot through the hips, and he has not been a perfect man since that date. He was honorably discharged September 1864. He then returned to his home in Illinois, and was married December 7, 1864, to Miss M. Lacey, and from this union have six children living: Varazill A., Harvey, Ida A., Arthur, Charles W. and Clara; having lost two: Isabelle and George W. In 1866 he moved to Van Buren county, Iowa, where he lived for about five years. He then moved to Johnson county, Missouri, in 1871, locating where he now lives, where he owns a fine farm of 340 acres, with good buildings. He is a member of the M. E. church.

## ROBERT M. MAXWELL,

farmer and stock raiser; P. O. Montserrat. Born in Madison county, Kentucky, April 6, 1821. His father, Thomas J. Maxwell, was a native of Virginia; born in 1777, and emigrated to Kentucky in an early day. In 1818 he made a trip to Missouri to see the country, and in 1826 moved here with his family, settling in Howard county, and died the following year. Robert's mother was also from Virginia; she continued to live in Howard county, Mo., after the death of her husband, till the spring of 1834, went to Cooper county, remaining two years; then in the spring of 1837, came to Johnson county, settling near Knobnoster; several years thereafter she went to live with her children in Howard county, and in 1857 she returned to Johnson; and in 1859 she died, at the age of eighty-one years. Robert M., the youngest of fourteen children, was married to Louisiana J. Tebbs, daughter of George Tebbs, in 1841. She died in 1857, leaving six children: Lucinda J., George T., Sarah E., James M. William T. and Robert F. George T. died January, 1862, and James died August 5, 1866. He married for his second wife, in 1857, Mrs. Mary A. Lyle, a native of Kentucky. She was born September 20, 1833, and when she married Mr. M., had four children: John L., George T., Charles S. L. and Joshua L. By this union they had nine children, (two of whom died in infancy:) Mary S., Isaac, Amanda C., Jefferson C., Anna, Lucy and Ernest. Mr. and Mrs. M. are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mr. M. has held important offices in his township, among which were constable and justice of the peace.

## JACOB L. NEFF,

P. O. Fayetteville; was born in Alleghany county, Maryland, May 15, 1822. His father, John Neff, was a native of Maryland, and was an extensive coal dealer, and resided in his native state until his death, in 1879. Jacob remained in his native state until 1843, when he came to Missouri, and purchased land, in what is now known as Simpson township, and then returned to Maryland, and was married to Miss A. Koontz, who died in 1851, leaving three children: John H., Harriet and Charles A. Mr. Neff was again married to Miss Catherine Atherton. By this union they have five children: George M., Sarah E., Elmore P., Emma A. and Girtie B. Mr. N. owns a farm, which contains 420 acres, 300 in cultivation, with a good, substantial residence. He is one of the largest wheat growers of the township. Mr. and Mrs Neff are both members of the M. E. church, South.

## WM. A. POLLOCK,

P. O. Fayetteville. Was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, February 25, 1818. His father was a cotton spinner by trade, and a native of Ireland. At the age of twenty-seven, W. A. Pollock was married to Miss Margaret J. Davis, and reared a family consisting of five boys and four girls. He resided in Lincoln county, near Stanford, the county seat, until the fall of 1867, when he removed to Johnson county, Missouri, where he has since remained. His farm contains 327 acres of land, with 125 acres in cultivation. Mr. Pollock took no part in the civil war, but remained on his farm, pursuing his rustic occupation. The travelers who by chance stop under his hospitable roof, are entertained in a pleasant and lively manner by his reminiscences of his early days in old Kentucky. His high character for honesty and generosity are widely known.

## SALATHIEL H. TAGGART,

Warrensburg, Mo. Born on the 8th day of April, 1822, in North Carolina. His father Jessie R. Taggart, and mother Rachel Davidson, were natives of the state of Maryland, and were of English extraction. His father died when the Captain was eighteen years of age, and his mother three years after. About one year and a half after the death of his father, the family moved to Missouri, and settled in Lafayette county, where the Captain remained for twenty years engaged in farming. For a few years after coming to Missouri, he worked out at very low wages. Being possessed of more than ordinary energy and perseverance, he in three years time, secured at first eighty-five acres of native soil, and in a short time his farm contained 155 acres. At the age of twenty-seven he was married. The fruit of this marriage was two daughters and one son, all of whom have been taken away by death. The son died in infancy, one daughter

at the age of two years, and the other daughter at the age of twenty-one. The Captain sold out in Lafayette county, and moved into Johnson county, in 1865, purchased 247½ acres of good land, where he now resides. He has increased his farm to 320 acres, and has bought other farms, so that now Capt. Taggart is the lawful owner of 1027 acres of good prairie and timber land, and the valuation of his real and personal property amounts to nearly \$35,000. Starting in life without anything, no help but a strong constitution and an indomitable will power, and without speculation of any kind, he has accumulated all in about thirty-five years. Mrs. Taggart, the mother, and his three children have all died, leaving him without heirs. In a short time he married Miss Deborah Day, the daughter of Richard and Sarah Day, who are living in Johnson county. They had five children named as follows: Ameda R., who died in her third year, Geo. W., James A., Sammie D., (the next, not named, died very young,) Bessie S. and Frances W. Mr. Taggart was appointed the Captain of a company of the militia of the state, hence the title of Captain.

#### RICHARD H. WOOD,

farmer, Simpson township. Was born in Johnson county, in February, 1841. He was married in Dec.; 1867, to Sarah D. Pemberton, daughter of Thomas H. Pemberton, of Saline county, an early and prominent settler of that county. By this union they have five children living: Edward, Sarah, Richard, Tommie, and James M. The oldest died while young. Mr. Wood served three years in the Confederate army under Joe Shelby, and was in thirty engagements, and did not receive a scratch. He was also in Price's raid in 1864. He owns a magnificent farm of 200 acres, with a good substantial residence, and a fine barn. He has lived most of the time on the old homestead, and has been very successful. He is a sober, moral, hard-working, energetic man, and a scientific farmer. He is a hospitable and kind neighbor, never seeking notoriety.

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#### HAZEL HILL TOWNSHIP.

##### WM. B. AMES,

farmer and stock raiser. P. O. Warrensburg. Was born Jan. 17, 1835, in Litchfield county, Conn. He resided at home on a farm till he was seventeen, then commenced teaching in the winter, and followed that profession for twenty-five years. His success as an efficient teacher was excellent. He was married May 3, 1848, to Miss Clara L., daughter of Nobel Allen, Esq. They have six children: Olive S., Frank N., William C., Nellie C., Herbert L. and Maud. Olive S. and Nellie C. are dead; the other children are living at home. Mr. A. has honorably filled



several public offices both in Connecticut and since coming to Missouri. He was twice elected to the general assembly of Connecticut, was assessor for some time, and magistrate for twenty years, in his native state. In 1869, he located on his present farm, which is about seven miles north of Warrensburg. His land comprises a tract of about 350 acres. Since residing here he has been honored with the office of justice of the county court, and several other positions in the gift of his township and the county. His house with all its contents burned March 8, 1877. Mr. A. is an intelligent, sociable and generous citizen, well deserving the good name which he bears among all who know him.

#### CHARLES H. BALDWIN,

section 36, P. O. Warrensburg. The subject of this sketch was born Jan. 19, 1829, in Loudon county, Va., and in 1844, he moved to Kentucky, where he remained until 1859, when he came to Johnson county. He now owns a farm of 300 acres of fine land in Hazel Hill township. He is a consistent church member and upright citizen. The reward of his honest toil and frugal economy is seen in his wide cultivated lands and well stocked farm. He is well esteemed by his neighbors for his many manly qualities.

#### JOHN W. CLEAVELAND,

farmer and stock raiser, P. O. Fayetteville. Was born in Jefferson county, Ky., April 7, 1840, and received his early education at the common schools. He was married to Miss Emma J. Dyer, daughter of M. Dyer, Esq., Nov. 14, 1858. Their family consists of Mary A., Virginia F., Lizzie, Nora, Martha A., Miles E., John W., George F., Berry H. and Maud M. In 1876, Mr. C. was elected township collector, which position he held with credit. The farm where he resides contains 205 acres, all of which is under cultivation. He also owns 200 acres in different parts of the county. Mr. and Mrs. C. are both faithful members of the Christian church. Mr. Cleaveland is a successful farmer, and a highly respected citizen.

#### JAMES D. DYER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 36, P. O. Fayetteville, Johnson county, Mo. Was born in Warren county, Ky., near Bowling Green, on the 20th day of August, 1837. At the age of seven he removed with his parents to Lafayette county, Mo., where he remained with his parents until the age of 23. His education was confined to the common schools of the county. His parents, who were natives of Kentucky, were honest, frugal and industrious, instilling the same spirit into their children, which was of great utility to them in after life. While living in Kentucky, the elder

Dyer was engaged in farming and raising horses and mules, and driving them to Mobile and other southern markets, which was a very lucrative business. After moving to Missouri with his family, Mr. M. W. Dyer, the father of this sketch, continued the pursuit of farming and raising stock, until the present year. James Dyer, Esq., was married on the seventh day of August, 1860, to Miss Mary R. Greer, of Johnson county, Mo., the daughter of Alexander Greer, Esq. Mrs. Dyer possesses the integral characteristic of the Greer family, ever ready to assist in acts of kindness and charity. In 1861, he purchased 80 acres of land in section 36, township 48, range 26, Johnson county, and moved on to it the same year, which was the commencement of the civil war. During the next few years he did nothing in the way of improvements, losing all he had in the way of stock, etc. In 1866, having left the state, he returned to his place to commence anew where he has lived ever since. Having been raised a farmer, he has followed that occupation until the present, adding farm to farm until his present possessions amount to 320 acres of good rich lands. In connection with farming, he has made stock raising a specialty, feeding and selling from 50 to 100 head of cattle each year. They have eight living children, as follows: Alonzo M., Inez Z., Mattie M., Escobedo, Noah J., Alexander J., Miles A. and a son not named. They have lost two boys and one daughter in infancy. The oldest daughter, with the parents are members of the church of Christ. Their Christian deportment and strict integrity make them useful citizens, and their influence for good is felt in the community.

#### G. L. MOCK, M. D.,

Hazel Hill township, P. O. Fayetteville, was born in Washington township, of this county, December 29, 1850. Son of Jacob M. and Ann O. Mock. When the subject of this sketch was a very small child, his parents removed to North Carolina, where they resided till 1856, then removed to Pettis county, Missouri, and, in 1859, to Knobnoster, Johnson county. Dr. Mock commenced the study of medicine with Dr. L. H. Williams, of Pettis county, in April, 1872, and graduated from the St. Louis Medical College in 1874. He then went to Freedom township, Lafayette county, where he practiced medicine two years. In 1876 he came to Fayetteville, where he has since pursued his profession. He was married, April 30, 1874, to Miss Ella Bigley. They have one child, Annie Myrtle. Dr. Mock has the esteem and confidence of his neighbors, and proves himself one of Johnson county's best physicians.

#### JASPER E. NEWTON,

P. O. Fayetteville, was born in Johnson county, Missouri, October 23, 1847. Son of John Newton, Esq., a resident of Warrensburg. The sub-

ject of this sketch was educated at Prairie Home College, Cooper county, Missouri. He was married to Miss Florence, daughter of James F. Parker, Esq., April 17, 1870. They have four children: James M., Stella M., Emmet P., Celetia A. The father and mother are both members of the C. P. church. Notwithstanding he was well educated for a business life, he chose farming as his occupation, in which he has been very successful. His farm contains about 408 acres, situated a few miles west of Fayetteville, and is nearly all under cultivation. Mr. Newton is always ready to assist in any educational cause, or other public enterprise. He is an honest, industrious, and upright gentleman, surrounded by a pleasant family.

### J. W. TAYLOR,

P. O. Warrensburg, was born February 3, 1841, in Johnson county, Missouri. He is a son of James Taylor, one of the pioneers of Johnson county, and came here October 28, 1839. The subject of this sketch remained in his native county until March, 1862, when he engaged as teamster for the government, and he was promoted to wagonmaster. In December, 1864, he returned to Johnson county, and was married, January 12, 1865, to Miss Julia A. Potts. Her father is one of the first pioneers of Johnson county. This union has blessed them with five children: Loria Etta, Ella D., William G., Jettie L., Dolla Florence. Lost two, Minnie B. and Mary L. Mr. Taylor has seen many ups and downs in the world, and has seen many changes go and come to Johnson county. In 1877 he moved to his present location, where he has improved a large farm of 240 acres, and has built fine buildings. He is a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

### T. EUGENE WILLIAMS,

is among the promising young teachers of Hazel Hill township. He was born here, June 21, 1858. His parents died when he was quite young. He is the youngest among six children, three brothers and three sisters: E. A., E. D. and T. E. were the brothers; Parrilee, Viana and Mollie, the sisters; all of whom are married, except the subject of this sketch. His father, Thomas, was a native of Kentucky, and emigrated to this state at an early day, and was among the pioneer teachers of Missouri. He also engaged in farming and stock-raising, and as a citizen stood high in his community. T. Eugene, from boyhood, was pious and studious, and made rapid progress in the country public schools, where he received the rudiments of an English education. At the early age of fourteen years, he embraced religion, and became a member of the Mt. Moriah C. P. church, where he is loved and respected by his pastor, and all the communicants. In 1877, at the age of fifteen years, he entered the State Normal School at

Warrensburg, and graduated with honors in his class, June, 1880. The following autumn he was engaged to teach the rural school of his own neighborhood. This summer he was elected principal of the Aullville public school. He opened his school here, September 5, 1881, and is at present successfully conducting one of the best schools ever taught in that town. No doubt, the subject of this sketch, being comparatively a young man, has a bright future before him.

### THE RUSSELLS OF HAZEL HILL TOWNSHIP.

Coleman, John, Thomas, and Henry Russell are reputable farmers. Their grandfather was a major in the army of the United Kingdom of Great Britain. He resigned his commission, and emigrated to America, A. D. 1795. Their father, Major Henry Russell, who was born in Rithmelton, Ireland, was an officer in the United States army, and did gallant service in the war of 1812. The bounty land awarded him by the government he located in Missouri, and afterwards became a resident of this grand old commonwealth. Although his four sons are, and have a right to be, proud of their genealogy, they have sense enough to know that it amounts to nothing in this republic, where merit alone is entitled to rank. These Russell boys are all of them retired merchants. When they came hither, a quarter of a century ago, they were, to say the least of it, rich. Their losses, by reason of the late deplorable internecine war, were no less than twenty-five thousand dollars; nevertheless, they annoy no one with loud lamentations. Whilst they are no longer rich enough to make them proud, yet they are not poor enough to feel the pangs of poverty. The Russells still occupy their delightful homestead, situated in full view of the city of Warrensburg. They are generous, hospitable, agreeable gentlemen, exceedingly liberal in politics, and tolerant in reference to religion. They always have a kind word for those in distress, a penny for the poor, and a malediction for an enemy.

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### COLUMBUS TOWNSHIP.

#### JOHN ALLEN,

a native of Kentucky, was born in Jefferson county, in the year 1840. His parents were natives of that state. His father was a stock raiser and farmer. The subject of this sketch moved to the state of Illinois, in the year 1863, and followed the business of farming there. He was married in that state, to Miss Lata Jaquith, daughter of J. W. Jaquith, a druggist, who lived for many years, a highly respected citizen of Urbana, Champaign county, Illinois, and afterward moved to Johnson county, Missouri.

Like many other enterprising young men, Mr. Allen came to Johnson county, because he thought it possessed many advantages over other localities. He came with his young wife to Warrensburg, and remained here a few years. He then commenced to improve his present farm, near Columbus. His means were limited, and, like most of the settlers in a new country, the numerous obstacles and difficulties had to be met by persevering energy and industry. He owns, at present, a snug little farm, and is gradually surrounding himself with stock of all kinds. They have two boys: Jesse and Frank, who are now beginning to be some help to their father, and it will be but a few years until he will be able to spend his remaining years under the shadow of his own vine, and enjoy the fruits of his labor.

### LEWIS BURRIS,

a native of Missouri, was born in Lafayette county, in the year 1828. His parents were natives of Tennessee and North Carolina, who moved to this state about the year 1820. He came to Johnson county in the fall of 1866. His first wife was Miss E. Baker, by whom he had four children. She died in 1862. He was married again to Miss Bettie Upton, on the 1st day of November, 1866. Captain Burris is a first-class farmer and stock raiser, and his large farm is well adapted to the business. He has about 400 acres of good land in section 1 of this township. He held the office of township collector when the county was under township organization, and has served the school district as director, for two or three terms. He has about 360 acres under good cultivation, the remainder in pasture and wood land. He is one of the most prominent farmers in the county, an energetic business man, and a kind neighbor.

### EDWARD W. COBB,

a native of Johnson county, was born in Columbus, in the year 1841. His father, Charles D. Cobb, was a native of Connecticut, and emigrated to Johnson county in the year 1836. He received his business education in the state of New York, and moved west to St. Louis, where he carried on business for a few years. He then moved to Columbus, and was the second merchant in the place. During his life he occupied various positions of trust, and filled them with ability and fidelity. He was appointed to take the census of 1851, and, for the manner in which it was performed, he received the special compliments of the department. He was married in July, 1833, to a young lady from Ireland, who emigrated to America with her brother. She was born in the town of Clonakilta, near the city of Cork. After her marriage she came with her husband to help build up a home in the west. After a number of years of successful toil and perseverance, he took sick and died in the year 1852, and left a wife and seven

children, one of whom is the subject of this sketch, whose principal business has been farming on his father's estate. The farm is located on section 26, township 47, and was first occupied by his father and family in the year 1848. He was first married to Miss Lone Woodruff, and has one daughter by that union: Louella Cobb. He was married to his second wife, Miss H. B. Phillips, in the year 1871. The children by this union are: Maggie Cobb, Laura Cobb and Mary Cobb. He is at present engaged as salesman in the store of Mr. Wolf, a merchant of Columbus, and was appointed postmaster at this place in January, 1881.

### HENRY B. COLEMAN,

was born in Johnson county, Missouri, July 27, 1853. His parents were natives of Virginia. They moved to Johnson county about the year 1844. His father, Thomas Coleman, was a graduate of Yale College, and a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He married in Johnson county, about the year 1845, Miss Catherine Tackett. On the 29th day of June, 1854, he was drowned in attempting to cross Black Water, at what is called Gooseberry Ford. Having gone west to visit a patient, returning he attempted to swim his horse across the stream, which had swollen from recent rains, the horse floundered and sank, dragging his rider with him. The body of the Doctor was found next morning about fifty yards below the ford, clinging to a log. He left a widow and four children. The subject of this sketch was thus left, early in life, to carve out his own destiny. He received a liberal education in the public schools of the state, and afterward went to St. Louis, and read medicine at the Missouri Medical College. He graduated in March, 1878, after which he came back to Columbus, and settled down to practice his profession. The Doctor has built up a fine practice by his skill and perseverance.

### NEALY DAGGETT,

one of the most enterprising young farmers of Johnson county, was born in Illinois, in the year 1840. His father, I. S. Daggett, is a native of New York state, and when quite a young man he came to Indiana and lived in that state a number of years. He afterward moved and settled in Illinois. From there he moved to Johnson county, in the year 1871. His family consists of nine children. Nealy Daggett, the subject of this sketch, is the fifth child, and was married in the year 1868, to Miss Laura J. Russell, who was a native of Ohio. The children by this union are, Elber Otis and Birdy Alta Mabel. Mr. Daggett follows the business of general farming, but has lately turned his attention to raising fine sheep, for which his farm is well adapted. His farm of 295 acres is located on section 27, nearly all under cultivation. His home is very attractive, and gives ample evidence of the thrift, energy, and industry of the proprietor.

## JOHN B. DAVIS,

was born in Lafayette county, Missouri, in the year 1826. He moved with his father's family to Johnson county, and first settled close to Columbus. He was married in Adrian county to Miss Campbell, in the year 1846; her parents were among some of the earliest settlers of Johnson county, and the children born unto them are named as follows: William C., Susan Jane, R. C. Alfaretta and Charles Davis. He has a fine farm of 110 acres situated on section 35 and 36. Besides the occupation of general farming, Mr. Davis has been engaged in running mills and building, and repairing machinery. He also takes contracts for building houses, and other buildings in his neighborhood.

## JAMES M. FULKERSON, M. D.

The name that heads this sketch is well known throughout the county as one among the earliest settlers. He was born in Lee valley, Lee county, Virginia, on March 15, 1811. His parents were natives of Virginia. His father moved to Tennessee after the battle of New Orleans. The subject of this sketch lived with his parents in Tennessee, till the year 1829 in Ray county, one mile from the Cherokee Nation. He recollects the assembly of men at the treaty of the Hiawathy Purchase, and was present at that treaty, and recollects Gen. Jackson and Gen. Houston, and was only a boy at that time. He came with his parents to this state in the year 1829, and drove a four-horse wagon from Tennessee to Tabo Grove, Lafayette county, and went from there to St. Charles in 1834. He attended medical lectures at the medical college of Ohio, in the city of Cincinnati, during the sessions of 1831 and 1832. He settled in Columbus when it was the county seat of Johnson county. The doctor tells an amusing story of the trial of one of the first criminal cases. Having no jail to confine the prisoner, the court ordered the sheriff to confine him in an old wagon box, which he did by turning the box over him, and the jury proceeded to literally and judicially sit on the case. After a short deliberation the jury acquitted the prisoner, and the court, jury and prisoner adjourned to a large tree, near which there was a fine spring of water, and there the assembled court and citizens proceeded to refresh themselves after their judicial labors, under the cooling shade of the trees, with a few gallons of good Bourbon whiskey, and after the manner of ye early pioneer. He was married on May 5, 1836, to Elisabeth C. Houx, daughter of one of the earliest settlers of this county. They have had 10 children, six of whom are now living. He has filled several offices in the county. He was appointed commissioner in bankruptcy, and acted in that capacity for two or three years. He represented the citizens of this county and district in the state legislature during the years 1836, 1838 and 1840. He was also one of the directors of the State Bank of Missouri for

about 4 years. Besides giving each of his children a tract of land, he owns at present in the county about 2300 acres of fine land. His home is situated on a high plat of table land, which affords a splendid view of the surrounding country.

#### MARK HAMMOND,

who forms the subject of this sketch, is a native of Kentucky, was born in Woodford county in the year 1814. His father was a native of Virginia, and his mother a native of North Carolina. He was married in the year 1836 to Miss Julia Boone, of Kentucky, who is a lineal descendant of the distinguished pioneer of that name—already famous in history for his deeds of courage and daring. Mr. Hammond moved with his family to Missouri in the year 1855, and having considerable money he bought 500 acres in a body of as fine land as there is in the township. His pleasant home is part of the old Cockrell homestead, and was the birth place of the present United States senator of that name. Johnson county contains no better land. It is well adapted for all kinds of grain and grass, and finely situated for raising and feeding all kinds of stock. He has added considerable to the farm in the way of permanent improvements and it now contains about 560 acres, nearly all under cultivation. He has raised three sons, one of whom (Wm. Marion Hammond) was killed at the battle of Helena, Ark.; Wyatt Hammond, another son, is a farmer, and settled about three miles from his father; Thos. Dudley Hammond, his youngest son, is still living at home. Although considerably advanced in years, Mr. Hammond still possesses a great deal of hearty vigor, and with his genial disposition bids fair to live many years to enjoy his possessions. He has been very successful as a farmer and still pursues his business with thrift and good management.

#### JOSEPH W. HENDERSON.

Among the many enterprising farmers of this township none is held in higher esteem than the subject of this sketch. He was born on the 26th of July, 1812, in Bourbon county, Ky. He emigrated to Johnson county, Mo., in the year 1839, in the month of June. He bought some land soon after his arrival and opened a farm, and has continued the business ever since. He directs his attention principally to raising cattle, hogs and mules, and is very successful in raising stock. Believing in the sound political maxim "that the office ought to seek the man, and not the man the office," he has never been an office seeker, but the people of his district knowing him to be strictly honest and discreet, cast upon him the office of justice of the peace, which he reluctantly accepted and filled with credit to his constituents for one term. He was married to Miss Lena Ann Houx, March 23, 1843, who was a daughter of Nick Houx, one of



the oldest settlers in the county. He has seven living children: three boys, now at home, and one daughter. His farm at present consists of about 425 acres of land, situated in sections 21, 22 and 28, adjoining the town of Columbus.

#### W. C. HYATT,

stock dealer, P. O. Columbus. Was born in 1851 in Maryland and came with his parents to Warrensburg in 1860. The family lived here till 1867, then removed to Columbus and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1872 W. C. bought out his father, L. T., and carried the same business till 1880, when he commenced to deal in stock. He was married May 3, 1876, to Martha Henderson, daughter of H. A. Henderson. They have one child: Estelle. Mr. H. is a young, enterprising business man, of whom Columbus township and Johnson county may well be proud. His father's family are members of the Christian church, widely known and universally respected.

#### ELIAS JACOBY,

was born in Schuylkill county, Penn., Oct. 8, 1815, but was mostly reared in Ohio, whither he had gone when eight years of age. In 1847 he removed to Indiana, where he remained subduing the land till October, 1871; he then sold his two farms and with wife and children started for Oregon. Becoming dissatisfied they returned to Missouri in the following February and settled on the farm, where he resided till his death, which occurred July 20, 1877. He was buried in the little cemetery on the south side of his farm, which he had set apart for neighborhood burial. He was a hard-working, honest Christian man, at the time of his death a member of the Presbyterian church of Warrensburg. He was married April 18, 1837, to Margaret Schaaf, daughter of John Schaaf, who was born Dec. 15, 1794, in Germany, and still lives in Indiana. The family of Elias and Margaret Jacoby are: Samuel, killed in the U. S. army; John E., Elias, died July 11, 1851; Mary Ann, David, Catharine, died Nov. 2, 1870; Margaret, Levi, Eliza Jane, Isaiah, Annettie E. and William D. Mrs. Jacoby was born Jan. 9, 1819, in Wortenberg, Germany. She has reared a large and highly respected family. She is a worthy member of the Presbyterian church at Warrensburg. Levi married May Silvey in 1881. He is an industrious, thrifty young man.

#### L. B. MURRAY,

was born in Columbus Township. He is the grandson of Uriel Murray, one of the early settlers of Johnson county, who was appointed one of the judges of the county when it was first organized. He was a native of Tennessee, emigrated and settled in Lafayette county, Missouri. The

subject of the present sketch is the principal owner of the Columbus mills. He has been running them very successfully for the past four years. The style of the firm is L. B. Murray & Co. Mr. Snyder, a member of the firm, is a practical miller of long experience. They manufacture large quantities of flour, which finds a ready market on its merits in Warrensburg, Holden and Odessa. The mill cost originally \$10,000. They have added all the new improvements which enable them to manufacture New Process and Perre patent flour. The subject of this sketch was brought up a farmer and stock raiser, and manages a farm of 160 acres adjoining the mill. He is also an extensive dealer in cattle and hogs.

#### JAMES E. RANKIN,

stock dealer and farmer, was born near Lexington, Missouri, in the year 1827. He came with his parents to Johnson county, on the 14th of July, 1831. His father, Robert W. Rankin, was the ninth settler, and first and only doctor for many years in this part of the county. Dr. J. M. Fulkerson studied medicine with him for some time. He was also one of the first judges of the county court. The subject of this sketch is an extensive stock dealer and farmer, turning his energies to buying and feeding stock for the St. Louis market. He has handled cattle for twenty-eight winters, and is as well and favorably known in St. Louis as in Johnson county, being a good judge of stock. He was chosen to buy cattle in Texas for the confederate army. He was married to Miss Mary Jane Reavis, near Bowling Green, Kentucky, in the year 1854. They have seven children, five of whom are living. He served three years in the confederate army, and lost considerable property during the war. After the war closed he was sued under the confiscation act, and lost a great deal of time and money defending the suit. Notwithstanding his difficulties, losses and trials during his sojourn in Johnson county, he still maintains the confidence and respect of the whole community, and owns at present one of the largest farms in the county, which contains about 800 acres of fine prairie and timber land. He still takes an active part in all the public enterprises of the county, and was one of the committee who wrote out the early history of Johnson county, at the Centennial picnic, held in a grove on the eighty acres of land on which the original town of Columbus was laid out.

#### PLEASANT RICE,

postoffice, Columbus, was born in 1803, in Tennessee. His father was a native of East Tennessee, and died on his farm near Lexington, Lafayette county, Missouri, in 1826. His mother was a native of the same state, and died in 1804. Pleasant, being the oldest son, soon learned to work and assist his father, who was extensively engaged in the stock business.

At the age of twenty-one he set out for himself. His first work was to make rails. He made 1,800 rails for eighteen yards of muslin, and 300 rails for every yard of jeans which he purchased, and during the winter he made 11,000 rails. He then went to farming and was quite successful. In 1830 he moved to the farm on which he still resides. He has always been a prominent farmer and stock raiser, taking great pride in fine horses, having raised some of the finest in the county. His land before it was divided among the children amounted to over 1,000 acres. He has raised eleven children: Margaret A., Virilinda A., John M., Wm. R., C. C., Sarah E., Elizabeth M., James P., Mary A., Madora and Ruth J. Mr. and Mrs. Rice have been identified with the C. P. church over fifty years, and all the family, except one, are now members of the same church. Mr. Rice has always been a kind neighbor, and is widely known and universally esteemed. For further particulars see page 664.

#### JOHN M. RICE,

P. O. Columbus, the eldest son of Pleasant Rice, was born in Johnson county, Missouri, January 12, 1833. He attended one term of school at Chapel Hill College. He was raised a farmer, an honest tiller of the soil, thus choosing early in life a vocation, which promotes health, happiness and thrift. He resided with his father until twenty-three years of age, when he engaged in farming for himself, and at the same time, giving considerable attention to raising stock. In 1856 he married Miss Mary M., daughter of John Tackett, Esq. Mr. Rice moved on his present farm in 1857. His farm contains seventy-four acres of very rich land, and is in a high state of cultivation. Mr. R. is an intelligent man, and has held various offices: township trustee and deputy assessor, the latter of which he holds at present. He has a family of seven children, two boys and five girls: Sallie S., Mattie F., Virilinda R., Mary C., Cora L., John M. and Marvin M. Mr. Rice is a prominent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Rice belongs to the M. E. church, south.

#### EDWARD SCHREINER, M. D.,

was born in the state of Georgia. He removed with his parents to the city of Philadelphia, and remained there at college until the year 1841. He graduated at the Jefferson Medical Institute in that city. When a young man he emigrated to Johnson county, in the fall of 1842; he afterward went to Kentucky, and took his degrees in medicine, at the Kentucky Medical Institute, in the years 1844-45. He was married in the spring of 1843, to Miss Emily June Houx, a daughter of one of the early settlers in Johnson county. Although the doctor is well advanced in years, he is still a careful and eager student, keeping up in his studies with all the new remedies, and learning valuable discoveries in his profes-

sion. As an instance of his zeal and enterprise in his business, he took the preliminary step to organize a medical institute in the county, which, if it had succeeded, would have been of lasting benefit to the citizens.

### JAMES R. WALDON,

farmer and large land owner, Columbus township. Born in Rockingham county, Virginia, November 3, 1811; son of Thomas and Ruth Waldon, who were natives of Virginia. The names of the entire family are: John, Edward T., Nancy, Mary, Sarah, Jane, Margaret, James R., Jeremiah and Delilia. The family left the Old Dominion and settled in Ohio, when James was a mere boy, and in 1826 removed to Sangamon county, Illinois, where they resided a short time, then staked out a claim near Bloomington, Ill., before the government had placed it in market. Thomas Waldon died October 27, 1827, thus leaving a large family unprovided for; the mother determined upon binding out the two boys, but their stout hearts refused to go, saying: they could work hard and support the family, and true enough, that widowed mother lived to experience the luxuries of wealth, provided by the energy and hard work of her two sons. In the year 1854, Mr. Waldon made a tour of observation to this county, and in 1856 removed here with his brother, Jeremiah, and their mother, and settled in Columbus township. Mr. Waldon now owns a large landed estate of 400 acres; but at one time, before he sold, had over 1,100 acres. He has made several trips to California, having crossed the plains twice by wagon train. The school house in his neighborhood is named in honor of him; to its erection he paid \$180. His mother died February 27, 1861. His brother died July 3, 1872, and his sister Delia died December 1, 1880. Mr. Waldon was never married, and though above seventy, has a strong and vigorous frame, apparently in perfect command of all his faculties, both mental and physical. He served as a soldier through the whole of the Black Hawk war.

### ABRAHAM B. WHALEY,

one of the most prominent school teachers of the county; was born in Palmyra, Missouri, April 13, 1835. His father and mother lived in Marion county up to 1865. The subject of this sketch was a captain in Marmaduke's brigade, and was captured during the war in Moore county, north Missouri, and was held as a political prisoner in Cincinnati, until the close of the war. He returned to Missouri in April, 1865; then went with his parents on a trip through New Mexico and Arkansas. He was married in Arkansas to Miss Lucinda Henderson in the fall of 1869. She is a native of Missouri, and daughter of one of the old settlers of Johnson county. They have four children living: Marion Henderson, Wm. Albert Henderson, Fitzhugh Bird Henderson and Grace Forenum

Henderson. He taught school for eight years in this county, receiving the highest price paid any teacher for his service. He has at present a well located farm of 100 acres, with good substantial improvements, which will in time be one of the most desirable small farms in the county.

### JOHN W. WRIGHT,

dealer in general merchandise, Columbus. Was born near Chilhowee, this county, Oct. 28, 1839, son of Douglass Wright, a native of Virginia, who, while young, was taken to Kentucky, and thence to Missouri, and to what is now Chilhowee township, about 1830. He died there, Oct., 1872. Elizabeth P. Wright, the mother of our subject, is the daughter of Thos. Cull. She still lives and resides with her son, John W. Wright. Mr. Wright married Anna C. Snodgrass, and four children cheer their household: Early, Ora, Charley and Stella; Lee died Oct. 1872. Mr. Wright went into business for himself at Chilhowee, succeeding J. R. Johnson in merchandising. He then engaged in farming, and since that time has engaged in different enterprises from 1875 to 1880, merchandising in Holden, then lived a time in Bates county. In the fall of 1881, he came to Columbus and bought out G. C. Wolfe, and now provided with a full stock carries on a general mercantile trade, which, though good, is rapidly increasing. The coming spring will find him supplied with a full stock of farm implements and general farm supplies. Mr. Wright being a native of Johnson county, has witnessed many of the changes which have come and gone. He is an enterprising liberal spirited man, ever ready to encourage that which is calculated to build up the township and county. He is a worthy member of the M. E. church, south.

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### JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

#### BENJ. A. BRADLEY,

P. O. Holden. Retired farmer; whose name is inseparably associated with Jackson township, was born in Johnson county, Mo., Jan. 9, 1832. He was raised a farmer; was first instructed in the common school, then attended a select school taught by Jasper Ferguson. Mr. Bradley's father was a native of Georgia, born Feb. 19, 1790, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He immigrated to Missouri in 1830, and settled in Jackson township, where he continued to reside until his death in 1870. Mr. Benj. A. Bradley's mother was a native of Kentucky, and died in Holden about 1873. The subject, Benj. A., after leaving school engaged in teaching, which he followed ten years, during which time he taught in different counties in this state. In March, 1861, he was married to Miss Martha R. Briggs, daughter of John Briggs. Mr. Bradley has been one of the

enterprising farmers and stock dealers of his township; he owns a fine farm of 275 acres, all in cultivation, with a good residence and barn; also owns a good residence in Holden. He is a prominent member of the M. E. church, south. Mrs. Bradley is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Their family consists of the following named children: Seth B., John D., Clara B., Edgar and Charley A.

#### F. M. BRADLEY,

was born in Logan county, Kentucky, December 10, 1827. His father, R. D. Bradley, was a native of Florida, and was of English extraction, and a soldier under Gen. Jackson. His grandfather was a soldier of the revolution. F. M.'s mother was born in Kentucky, and was the daughter of Jonathan Baker. His father emigrated to Missouri in 1830, and settled in what is now Jackson township, entering his land from the Government, and became one of the most enterprising farmers and stock dealers of his neighborhood. He died in 1868. His mother died in 1873. F. M., who is the subject of this sketch, was raised on a farm, and received a limited education at the schools of that day. He lived with his parents until his majority. In 1858 he married Miss Ellen, daughter of Reuben Fulkerson, Esq. They have three children: Alice S., Richard Dicky and Reuben J. Mr. Bradley owns a fine farm of 400 acres, and is one of the prominent stock dealers of his township, and has a good coal vein on his farm. Mr. B. is a member of the M. E. church, south.

#### CHARLES D. BOISSEAU,

was born in Johnson county, Missouri, April 18, 1845. He has always lived in Johnson county, and is a farmer and stock raiser. He was married to Miss Jane Gilliland on January 13, 1867. His wife is also a native of Missouri. By this union three children were born: Benjamin W., Jessie and Mary. At the commencement of the war of the rebellion, he enlisted in company A, of the first Batallion of the 7th M. S. M., of which Emery S. Foster was Major. Mr. Benjamin W. Boisseau, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Simpson county, Kentucky, in 1802. He was married in 1828 to Miss Sarah A. Fuquey, a native of Logan county, Kentucky. The names of children by this union were as follows: John, who died when two years of age, Mary A., Nancy C., Susan and Judith. Soon after his marriage he moved to Johnson county, Missouri, and settled near Columbus, the oldest post office in the county. His principal occupation while there was farming. He then moved five miles farther west, where he lived until his death. Here his first wife died, and he again married, this time, Miss Syble Duncan was the object of his choice. By this union their household was blessed with six children: Sarah J., John Oscar, Charlie D., Lucy M., Daniel T. and Rob-

ert. The last dying in infancy, and John Oscar, when 17 years of age, in 1861. He died in the spring of 1863, being 61 years of age. Mrs. Boisseau, the second, and mother of Charlie D., was born in 1809, in Virginia, and moved with her parents to Kentucky, and lived there several years, then came to Johnson county, Missouri, where she married Mr. Boisseau. She still lives in Johnson county, Jackson township, at the advanced age of 72 years.

### ISAAC N. BRIGGS, JR.,

is the third son of Isaac Briggs, Sr. He was born in Bridgeport, Addison county, Vermont, May 31, 1827. At the age of ten he moved with his parents to Ticonderoga county, New York, in the immediate vicinity of old Ticonderoga Fort, situated at the mouth of Lake George. From thence they moved to Middleburg, New York, the county seat of Addison county. Here Isaac was apprenticed to learn the painter's trade. When he was 16 years old his father died, leaving a wife and a younger son than Isaac. Mr. Alvin Briggs is now a resident of Kansas. In the year 1849, Isaac, with his mother and brother, emigrated to Jackson county, Ohio, and in 1851 to Eight Mile Island, on the Ohio river, in Scioto county, Ohio. He married Miss Epalonia Sisler on April 27, 1852, and the union was blessed with five children, three daughters and two sons: Mahalia, Edith, Sarah, Orville and Edson. In the year 1860 he moved with his family to St. Louis, Missouri, his mother having died some two years previous at Kigersville, Gallia county, Ohio. Early in the commencement of the rebellion, he secured a position on the police force of St. Louis, in which capacity he served, until the close of the war. In December, 1863, his wife died and was buried in the beautiful cemetery of St. Peters. The three daughters remained in St. Louis, and were educated in a female seminary of that city. The eldest son died in infancy and Edson, the youngest, in 1863, was left to be cared for, with a Mrs. Shepherd, at the corner of 21st street and Franklin Avenue, St. Louis. Sometime in the year 1866, Mrs. Shepherd mysteriously disappeared with young Edson in her possession and no clue to her or the boy has yet been obtained, although vigilant search has been made. In February, 1865, Mr. Briggs came to Holden, Johnson county, Missouri, where he married his second wife, Miss Sallie W. Denney, of Kingsville township, July 30, 1865. To this union eight daughters were born: Maggie, Florence, Laura E., Theresia E. and Minnie, are living in Johnson county. Estelle Ruth and two infant twins are dead, and sleep beside their mother who died on December 12, 1877, and was buried in the Bluff Spring cemetery, one half mile northwest of the town of Kingsville. Mrs. John Wear the first daughter of the first union resides in Johnson county. The second daughter, Sarah, now Mrs. Peters, lives at Troy, 16 miles from East St.

Louis, in Illinois. Mrs. Borches, the third daughter, is living in St. Louis. Mr. Briggs is now located at Kingsville, Johnson county, Missouri. He still uses the brush as a means of livelihood, and is admitted to be classed in the ranks of his art, as a painter of no mean ability.

### J. P. CRAIG,

born in Augusta county, Virginia, near Stanton, February 14, 1823. His father, Robert, was also a native of Virginia, and born in the same county, and emigrated to Missouri in 1829, and in 1830 he moved his family and settled near Columbus, on a farm, where he remained until his death in 1847. J. P. Craig's mother was also a native of Virginia, and died on the same farm as that of his father, in 1849. J. P., who was principally a resident in this county, began to trade in stock when quite young, and today is one of the leading stock dealers of his township. He married in 1850, Miss Catherine J. Baker, daughter of Peter Baker. She died, leaving one child, Jennie. In 1857, Mr. C. married Miss Anna Phillips of this county, for his second wife. She is a native of Indiana. Soon after his marriage he moved on his present farm, containing 230 acres, 120 acres lying in Centerview township, with a good vein of coal. His present family consists of two sons, James P. and John W. Mrs. C. is an acceptable member of the M. E. Church South.

### M. POLK CRISP,

was born in Johnson county, January 8, 1845. He was the son of Granville Crisp, a native of Alabama, who moved in an early day to Tennessee, where he remained a short time, and then removed to Missouri with his father, and when he was nineteen years of age went with a trapping company to California. He stayed in California engaged in the fur business, about four years, when by this time he had accumulated large sums of money, and returned to Missouri, and married a young lady, cousin of Hon. F. M. Cockrell. By this union ten children were born, viz: John F., James C., Reddin, Pemelia R., Polk M., Louisa S., Martha E., Mary S. and Granville. The youngest died in infancy. He went to Texas during the war, and there died, Dec. 20, 1865, near Georgetown. M. Polk, the subject of this sketch, was married Dec. 5, 1872, to Miss Jane M. Tate. She was born Dec. 1, 1856, and was a native of Lone Jack, Jackson county, Mo. She was living at Lone Jack when the noted battle occurred there. One incident she distinctly remembers, that of a shell passing through the building in which she was. By their marriage they have had six children, named as follows: Bessie, Granville, John Tate and George, the other two (twins,) are not yet christened. At the commencement of the war, our hero went to Texas with his father, where he attended school a part of the time, and also assisted his father in taking care of his stock, of which his



father was a large dealer. He enlisted under Joe Shelby's command at Camp John C. Moore, in the winter of 1863, and was in Price's raid, and Steele's invasion of Arkansas. He was a volunteer under Gen. Price at the battle of Lexington, and was in the battles of Okolona, West Point, and several skirmishes. After the war he attended the State University at Columbia, about five months, and about the same length of time at Christian Brothers' College at St. Louis. He returned to Johnson county and married, where he has ever since lived in section 23, a farmer and large stock dealer.

### SAMUEL DANIELSON,

physician. Was born in Licking county, Ohio, Dec., 1852. He was educated in his native county, and commenced the study of medicine with H. C. Dicus of Martinsville, Ohio. He took his first course of lectures at the Phyomedical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1875, commenced his practice, and in 1880, he completed his course of lectures, when he graduated. He practiced several years at Swan Creek, Ills., and, in 1877, came to Missouri, and located at Pittsville, where he enjoys a good practice. The Doctor married Miss Minnie Day, sister of Dr. Day, a prominent physician of Holden. By this union they have two children, Alva E. and Bertha Z.

### HOLT DAVIS.

Mr. Davis, one of the most successful business men of this township, was born Nov. 28, 1847, in Johnson county, Missouri. His parents are both natives of Tennessee. They emigrated to Illinois, about the year 1843, and remained there until the year 1846, when they moved to Johnson county, Missouri. They raised a family of seven children, five of whom are still living. Holt was married, March 19, 1873, to Miss Julia Warford, daughter of Wm. and Martha Warford, of this township. Mr. Davis entered the Confederate army in October, 1864, when he was only sixteen years of age, and remained until the close of the war. Since the war he has dealt largely in stock, making two trips to Texas, and three to Colorado. He embarked in the mercantile business at Pittsville, this township, in February, 1881, and is doing well; he was also appointed postmaster at Pittsville, in February of the same year. Holt was educated at the common schools in this county. He commenced his career in meagre circumstances. He and his wife are both worthy members of the Baptist church.

### MICHAEL DAVIS,

postoffice, Pittsville. Was born in Morgan county, East Tennessee, November 23, 1819. His father and mother were both of southern fam-

ilies—his father of North Carolina, his mother born in Tennessee. Her maiden name was Rebecca Curtis. His father, Abraham Davis, emigrated to Missouri in 1843, and stopped in the southern part of the state, and died soon after. Michael Davis, who is our subject, came to Missouri in 1846, and settled on his present farm in Jackson township, in 1849, consisting of 900 acres, most of which is in cultivation. Mr. Davis commenced life in meagre circumstances, but as a farmer he has been a success. He married Miss Marsha Riggle, in October, 1838, daughter of George Riggle, Esq., and they have raised a family of twelve children: Isaac B., Holt F., Lizzie, Jonathan F. and Catherine C. Lost seven. Mr. Davis is a good neighbor, widely known and much esteemed.

### JASPER N. FERGUSON,

county surveyor; section 3, Jackson township; postoffice, Kingsville. Mr. Ferguson is a self-made man, having battled on to success, an honored and highly respectable citizen, through his own unaided abilities, and what he is he owes to his unerring perseverance. He was born April 15, 1823, in Ray county, East Tennessee. When but six years of age he moved with his parents to Lafayette county, Missouri. In 1830, some four years prior to the organization of Johnson county, his father moved into the territory now known by that name, and settled in the region then termed the Blackwater county. His father, John C. Ferguson, in 1830, erected what he said was the twelfth house in the county. In 1854 he moved eight or nine miles farther westward to a farm known as the old James farm, of 180 acres, which he bought, and lived there until his death, which occurred August 10, 1857. His wife died September, 1861. He was born, June 21, 1797; his wife January, 1798. They were both natives of North Carolina, Lincoln county. Her maiden name was Sarah Falls, and they were married in 1820. They had ten children, of which our subject was the second, and their births respectively occurred in regular alternate order, commencing with the year 1821 and continuing to 1839. Our hero commenced life for himself about the year 1844, when he was twenty years of age. He commenced by learning carpentry and wagon making. In 1846 he took a trip on horseback with his father to East Tennessee, and extended the trip to Lincoln county, North Carolina, his father's birth place. When he came back he attended the common schools for a time, and after attending a grammar school taught by Rev. David Hogan, of the C. P. church, at Blackwatertown, he commenced the career of teacher. He taught both in Johnson and Lafayette counties. In 1848 he attended Goshen's male and female academy, at Pleasant Hill, Cass county, Missouri. In 1850 he attended a high school, at Chapel Hill, taught by A. W. Ridings. Thus he continued going to school and teaching until 1852, when he married Miss Mary E. Cheatham, a native

of Adair county, Kentucky. She was born January 15, 1829. By this union seven children were born, as follows: Emma A., Sarah J., Thomas E, Alice M., Mary E., John B. and Nanna. In 1852 Mr. Ferguson was appointed surveyor of Johnson county by the governor, to fill a vacancy in that office, caused by the resignation of John Givens, surveyor elect. Served as deputy surveyor under A. M. Perry from 1856 to 1860; also served as deputy under John J. Craig, who died in 1861, and George T. Gallaher was his successor, under whom Mr. Ferguson served as deputy surveyor. In 1872 Mr. Ferguson was elected by the democratic party surveyor of Johnson county, and re-elected by the same party in 1876 and 1880, which office he now holds in connection with that of *ex-officio* road and bridge commissioner.

#### R. A. HAMPTON,

postoffice, Pittsville, a prosperous and respectable farmer of this township, was born in Wilkes county, North Carolina, May 26, 1839. His father, Micageor Hampton, was a native of South Carolina, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. His mother was born in North Carolina, and was the daughter of David Mikel. His parents were married in North Carolina, and emigrated to Missouri in 1835, and settled in Johnson county, near Chapel Hill, and became one of the active farmers and stock dealers of his neighborhood. He continued on his farm until his death, in August, 1874. His mother is still living and making her home with R. A., who is the subject of this sketch, and who is the youngest, except one, of nine brothers. In all his father's family consisted of thirteen children, ten of whom lived to be grown men and women. Mr. R. A. Hampton was married to Miss Nancy Wagoner in 1859, daughter of Amos H. Wagoner. Mr. H. has been one of the most active and enterprising, as well as successful, stock dealers of his part of his township. He moved onto his present farm in 1867, containing 145 acres, including thirty acres of timber, 115 acres of choice land and good substantial buildings. His family is composed of the following named children: James P., Mary I., Albert M., Fannie M., Nally S. and Ella L. Mr. and Mrs. Hampton are both members of the M. E. church, south. Mr. H., as well as a dealer in hogs and cattle, is one among the prominent feeders. He is a good neighbor, is widely known, and is universally esteemed.

#### JAS. HOWARD,

was born in North Carolina, Aug. 11, 1816. His father, Jessie Howard, was a native of North Carolina. Jas. Howard is a miller; he learned this business when a boy and followed it through life. In October, 1837, he moved to Missouri and settled in Johnson county. His farm consists

of 648 acres. Mr. H. is the oldest settler now living in Jackson township. He has a fine grist and saw mill just down the slope from his residence. His house is situated on a beautiful hill; in looking off to the south and east it forms a beautiful picturesque scene of all that is grand in the beauties of nature. He was married in North Carolina in 1836, to Miss Caron Denny, daughter of Jordan Denny, a well-to-do farmer. They have three children: Martha M., Jessie J. and Jas. P. Mrs. H. died in 1842. Mr. H. was married again in 1843 to Miss Amanda W. Suncox, daughter of Thomas Suncox; by this union they have seven children: Ephraim D., Thomas B., Columbus F., Sarah S., McDaniel, Wm. P. and Andrew J. Mr. and Mrs. H. are acceptable members of the S. M. E church, and liberally contribute to the same.

### WILLIAM HOPPER.

Mr. Hopper is one of the oldest settlers; is a native of Hamilton county, East Tennessee; was born October 27, 1820. He lived in his place of nativity until twenty years of age, then moved with his father, John Hopper, to Missouri, in the spring of 1840; stopped a short time in Lafayette county, then moved, and settled in Johnson county, about midway between Chapel Hill, in Lafayette county, and Pittsville, in Johnson county, then known as Brushy Knob district. Here his father died, January 18, 1842. Excepting four years during the war, Wm. has always lived on the farm his father settled here. He was married to Miss Lettie M. Cobb, January 4, 1844, and six children have been born to them, as follows: Elizabeth J., Martha S., Meredith W., Mandaville L., Sarah A. M. and Mary Rebecca, four of whom are living, the other two are dead. The son and two eldest daughters are married. His early education was not neglected, receiving for the most part his early training in the schools of Tennessee. His occupation has always been that of farmer and stock raiser. Prior to the war he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South; since the war he has held no membership with any denomination. During the war he belonged to the M. S. M., and was under Colonel Nugent's command. He was in the noted battle of Lone Jack, August 16, 1862. At this battle, Mr. Hopper was strack by three bullets; one seered the back part of his hand, the second struck him squarely on the knuckles, but being a spent ball, it did him little injury. The third played a freak by striking and glancing from the side of a building, near to which he was, in the act of loading his gun, and struck him on the back part of his head, knocking him sprawling on the face to the ground. However he had nothing to do but get up again, though he was considerably shook up. He had a large cord tie round his hat, and singular as it may seem, this cord in this last shot, undoubtedly saved his life. It was tied in a knot behind, and the ball struck squarely upon the large knot; thus he

## JOHN E. LONG.

Among the most successful farmers and worthy citizens of Jackson township may be mentioned Mr. Long, who was born in Alleghany county, Maryland, November 4, 1821. His father and mother were both natives of Virginia. His father was born in 1792, and his mother in 1788. They raised a family of five children. His father died in 18—, and his mother June 30, 1881. John E. Long, the subject of this sketch, lived in his native state until grown to manhood. He received a very limited education at the subscription schools. He went to the state of Illinois in 1849, where he engaged to work at the carpenter's trade, which he followed for ten years, after which he engaged in farming, and worked at his trade at intervals. He was married to Miss Rebecca C. Peer, daughter of John Peer, Esq., in 1851. He continued to reside in Adams county, Illinois, until the spring of 1869, when he moved to Johnson county, Missouri, and stopped one year in the then thriving little town of Holden. On the following year he purchased and moved onto his present farm, of 240 acres of choice land, of which 180 acres are under cultivation, and the balance in timber. He has erected on his farm a good residence and large barn, with all the necessary out-buildings. His shop, which stood near his residence, with all his tools, was burned in 1881. He is one of the most active as well as one of the most liberal men of his township. He contributed largely in money and labor to his church building—Wesley Chapel—of which he is the architect. He and his wife are both members of the M. E. church. His family consists of five boys: Charles E., Harry W., Ora E. and Ira E., twins, and Willie H. Mr. Long is a good neighbor, an affectionate father, a true Christian, and an honest and honored man.

## PAUL McNEEL,

P. O. Odessa, who stands prominent among the citizens of this township, was born in Nicholas county, Virginia, May 27, 1840. Isaac McNeel, his father, who is also a Virginian by birth, and emigrated to Missouri in 1852, was born 1814. His mother was born in the same state, and died in this county, 1878. Paul's parents settled first in Davis county, this state, where they remained until the close of the war, when they moved to Lafayette county, and to this county in 1868. Paul, the subject of this notice, came to this county in 1869, and purchased his present farm, but did not move on to it until 1881. He has just built a neat and handsome residence on a slightly spot, with a very beautiful surrounding. His farm contains 140 acres of land, lying near Rock ford, on Black Water. In 1875 Mr. McNeel was married to Miss Minnie Yankee, daughter of David Yankee. They have one son, Otha. Mr. McNeel is a successful stock-

## J. A. O'BRYAN,

P. O. Holden; a prosperous and respectable farmer of this township, was born in Cooper county, Missouri, July, 1843. His father, J. T. O'Brya, was a native of North Carolina, born in 1819. His parents emigrated to Missouri in 1838, and settled in Cooper county, where he remained until 1849, when he went to California, and was gone until 1859, when he returned. He moved to Johnson county in the spring of 1867, and died the following year, on the farm now owned by James A. The mother of the subject of this sketch was born in Missouri, and was the daughter of James A. Revis, one of the first settlers of Cooper county. James A. was educated in the county district school until eighteen years of age, when he went to Prof. Kemper's select school at Boonville, where he attended several terms. He then went to Eureka Collegè, Illinois; after leaving this he read law, and soon after turned his attention to farming, which he has followed successfully ever since. He owns a fine farm near Whalebuck Ridge, of 320 acres, with a large and spacious residence. In 1877 he married Miss E. G. Lowery, daughter of Dr. Lowery, of Holden. They have three children: Richard, Edith and Estell.

## JACOB PFAUTZ.

Among the most wealthy, industrious and enterprising citizens of Jackson township, may be mentioned Mr. Pfautz, born in the city of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1824, of German and French extraction. His great-great-grandfather was Alesael, and belonged to the Huguenots, and came to Philadelphia in 1716. His grandfather on his father's side was from Switzerland, and spoke the German language, and came to Lancaster in 1720. Jacob's father was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was born in 1785. His mother was also a native of Lancaster county, and his father worked for and aided Gen. Washington. Jacob, our subject, was educated at Litiz, Pennsylvania. His father was a merchant, and failed in business, consequently Jacob was thrown on his own resources. Commencing life poor, he struggled with poverty and adversity, but with an iron will, backed by industry and great energy, he has succeeded in accumulating a large amount of this world's goods. He has a fine house near Lisbon, Iowa, where his son and daughter are living. He has a large amount in government bonds, also a fine farm in Jackson township, of 44 acres, and one of the choicest orchards in the county. He married, in 1855, Miss R. Hammer, a native of Maryland. She died in 1863, leaving two children: John M. and Mary E., who is a lady of rare accomplishments. Mr. Pfautz is a pleasant, affable gentleman.

## WILLIAM B. PEMBERTON.

Among the prominent and worthy citizens and successful farmers of Jackson township may be mentioned Mr. Pemberton, who was born in Barron county, Kentucky, January 30, 1843. His father and mother were both natives of New York, and emigrated to Missouri in 1846, when William B. was only three years of age, and settled in Johnson county. They raised a family of three children, one older and one younger than William B., all of whom are still living. His father died September 27, 1879. His mother is still living and enjoys moderate health. William B. was married October 17, 1867, to Miss Margaret L. Renick, daughter of William Renick, of this county. She was born October 4, 1844. From this union they had four children: Martha J., Nellie A., Maggie L. and Johnson W. Mrs. Pemberton died April 7, 1877. She was a member of the M. E. church, south. Mr. Pemberton was married again, October 1, 1878, to Miss Price, daughter of Adam Price, of this county. She was born September 22, 1844. Mr. Pemberton is a farmer by occupation; for the last ten years he has been a successful stock dealer and feeder. He has 260 acres of choice land, 240 in cultivation, with good dwelling house and out buildings. He enlisted in the Confederate army in the fall of 1861, and remained until the fall of 1863. He then went to Montana, and remained until the fall of 1866. While there he was engaged in mining, and was very successful. He was educated at the common schools, and commenced his career in meager circumstances. Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton are both members of the M. E. church, south.

## MERIDETH RICE,

P. O. Pittsville. Among the enterprising citizens of Jackson township, may be mentioned Merideth Rice, who was born in Madison county, Ky., April 11, 1825. His parents were both natives of Virginia. His father died in 1863. His mother died in 1862. Merideth, the subject of this sketch, came from Kentucky to Missouri in 1869, and settled in Johnson county, near where he lives at the present time. He was married Aug. 25, 1868, to Miss Catherine A. Nelson, daughter of Archibald Nelson, of Green county, East Tennessee. Mr. Rice has a family of six children, viz: Minnie B., Charles L., Beauregard, Joseph, Laura S. and Merideth. Mr. R. has 120 acres of good land. He is a successful stock raiser and dealer, and while in Kentucky he drove horses, cattle and mules from Kentucky into Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida. He was elected assessor of Jackson township, and served one term, giving general satisfaction. He was appointed constable for the same township in the spring of 1877, and was elected to the same office in 1878, and re-elected in 1880. Mr. R. commenced his education at the subscription schools, and finished with a two years' course at the Richmond Seminary, Ky. He commenced his career with small capital. Mrs. R. is a member of the M. E. church, south.

## SAMUEL RICE,

P. O. Pittsville. Among the prominent men of this township, is Mr. Rice, who was born in Madison county, Ky., in 1830. James Rice, his father, was also a native of the same state, born in Fayetteville, and was an extensive stock dealer. He continued to reside in Kentucky till his death in 1863. His mother, who was the daughter of Thos. Turner, was also born in Kentucky. Samuel's grandfather was a prominent Presbyterian minister. Our subject, Mr. S. Rice, came to Missouri at the age of 23 years, to seek his fortune, and settled in the state in 1854, and stopped on Clear Fork. In the spring of 1856, he settled on his present farm, and has been quite successful as an agriculturist. In 1869, he married Miss Susan R. Easley, of Jackson county, Mo. The results of this union are four boys and two girls: Wm., Carrie, James, Mary, Thomas, and Miller. Mr. Rice and his worthy wife are both members of the Baptist church. Mr. Rice owns a good farm of 356 acres, with good substantial buildings. In 1861, Mr. R. entered the confederate army, with Gen. Cockrell as captain, and served four years, and was in many fiercely fought battles, and was taken prisoner at Vicksburg. In politics he is a democrat. Is a man of strong convictions, is a good neighbor and an honorable citizen.

## JOSEPH SLACK,

P. O. Chapel Hill, Mo. Among the most worthy citizens of Jackson township, is Mr. Joseph Slack, who was born in Kentucky, March 13, 1825. His father, John Slack, was a native of Kentucky; his mother was also a native of Kentucky. They immigrated to Illinois in 1827, when Joseph (the subject of this sketch) was only two years old. Joseph remained with his parents and moved with them to Iowa in 1851; they settled at Hartford, Warren county, at which place his parents both died; his mother in 1863, his father in 1871. Joseph was married, Nov. 13, 1851, to Miss Clarkey B. Taylor, daughter of Rev. David Taylor, a prominent Baptist minister, who came to Cass county, this state, in 1871, where he died, Oct. 22, 1881, at the advanced age of 85 years, having been a preacher of the gospel for 50 years. Joseph moved to Johnson county, Mo., in Aug., 1870, and settled in Jackson township. He has 148 acres of choice land, 120 acres in cultivation, with good substantial buildings. He is one of the successful farmers and stock raisers of his neighborhood. He is a worthy member of the Grange at Chapel Hill, No. 560. He commenced his career a poor boy. Mr. and Mrs. Slack have ten children living, viz: Mary E., John M., Sarah E., Jennie, Nancy L., Joseph W., Cora C., Ida May, James F. and Thos. J. Mary E. was married Dec. 19, 1873, to Addison C. Ridings. Sarah E. was married Jan. 15, 1879, to B. B. Chambers. Mr. and Mrs. Slack and Jennie and Cora, are all members of the Baptist church. Mr. Slack is a cousin to Gen. Slack, who was killed in the battle of Pea Ridge.



## JOHN C. SPARKS,

J. Chapel Hill, Mo. Among the enterprising and successful farmers Jackson township, may be mentioned Mr. John C. Sparks, who was born in Surry county, North Carolina, June 5, 1815. His father, Joel Sparks, and his mother were both natives of North Carolina. John C., subject of this notice, went from his native state to Indiana in 1836; to Missouri in 1842, stopping in Lafayette county. He was married July 9, to Miss Sarah M. Cobb, daughter of Maurice Cobb of this county. She was born, April 30, 1831, in Surry county, N. C. Mr. Sparks continued to reside in Lafayette county, until 1871, when he moved to this county, and settled in Jackson township. He has 257 acres of land, of which 165 acres are in cultivation, with good residence, barn and out buildings. He received his education at subscription schools in North Carolina. He commenced his career with no fortune except an iron energy, and a pair of willing hands, and has never received any aid. He (John C.) is father of thirteen children, all living, viz: Martha M., Maurice E., Arminda E., Joel W., Sarah C., Mira J., John Henry E., Hattie A., Rosa B., Samuel N., Charley W. and Walter W. Mr. C. was married March 3, 1875, to Frank Brannock. Mira J. was married Dec. 13, 1874, to Edward Hampton. Arminda A. was married August 4, 1880, to Frank Bueller. Hattie A. was married August 1, 1880, to Ed Sisk. Martha M. was married in the fall of 1865, to Aaron Colburn. Maurice E. was married in 1875, to Miss Amanda Brooks. Joel was married in 1877, to Miss ———. John R. was married in 1879, to Cassie Alambaw. Mr. John C. and wife are both members of the church.

## CHARLES C. SMITH,

Stittsville. A prosperous farmer and stock dealer, was born in Johnston county, Mo., January 6, 1838. His father, Joseph Smith, was originally from Virginia, and born in 1810, and immigrated to Missouri in 1817, as captain of a company of militia during the Mexican war. His wife, who is a native of Tennessee, was born in 1809, and her maiden name is Nancy Beck. Mr. Chas. Smith's father died in 1857. Chas. was raised and educated on a farm. When 19 years of age he commenced business for himself, and has been very successful as a stock raiser. In 1861, he entered the confederate army, Gen. Shelby commanding, and served until the close of the war, and participated in several battles. In 1865, returned home and engaged in farming, and in 1871 was married to Miss Lizzie McNeel. The result of this union is Marlin P. and Charley S. Mr. S. owns a fine farm of 250 acres of well improved with neat residence, a first class barn and other improvements. Mr. Smith and his worthy wife are both members of the church, south.

## A. W. STARKEY,

was born in Washington county, Ohio, in May, 1830. His father, Stephen Starkey, was born in Hampton county, Virginia, and emigrated to Ohio in 1824, where he resided until 1854, when he emigrated to Missouri in the same fall, and settled on a farm on section 25, containing 300 acres, all well improved, and where he continued to live until a short time before his death in 1879. Mr. A. W. Starkey's mother was a native of Pennsylvania. His grandfather on his mother side, was one of the children left after the Wyoming massacre, and his grandfather on his father's side was a volunteer soldier, who died in Mud Fort. A. W. Starkey, our subject, came to Missouri in 1854, and in 1856 went to Mississippi where he engaged in teaching, and continued until 1861, when he returned to Missouri, and spent one year with his father. He has devoted a greater part of his life to teaching. He was principal of a school in Quincy, Illinois, for twelve years, after which he spent some time in traveling through the western states. In 1859 he married Miss E. B. Bywater of Quincy, Illinois. By this union they have one son and daughter: Fannie M. and George S. Mr. Starkey is now occupying the old homestead.

## HENRY C. VIOLETT,

P. O. Chapel Hill. He is a native of Johnson county, Missouri, and was born July 14, 1843. He is a son of Willis H. Violet, who is now living in Johnson county, and who settled in this county, near Pittsville, in the spring of 1839, and is a native of Kentucky. Henry's father married Miss Sallie Ann Windsor, also a native of Kentucky. Six children were born to them: Thomas E., Henry C., John H. and Mary E. are living. The two youngest died in infancy. He was born in 1818, and at the age of 15 commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade, which occupation he has followed up to the present time. Henry learned from his father, the art of shoeing horses, sharpening a plow, &c. He carries on farming in a systematic and practical manner, to which his neat farm and residence, and its pleasant surroundings, give abundant proof. He was married on Nov. 12, 1865, to Miss Mary J. Yankee, and their home has been gladdened with four children; two of them died in infancy. The other two, a son and a daughter, Willie and Annie E. are living. Mr. Violet's education is that of the common schools of the county. He served four months under J. V. Cockrell during the war, and was in the battle of Lexington in September, 1862. He is a member of the M. E. church, south.

## L. M. WINDSOR,

farmer, Jackson township; postoffice, Holden, Missouri. Was born in Johnson county, Missouri, May, 1843. John Windsor, his father, was a native of North Carolina. At the age of sixteen he left his native state and went to Kentucky, where he lived until he came to Missouri, which was at an early day. He came to Johnson county the following year after the county was formed and named, and first settled near where Columbus now stands. Shortly afterward he moved to that part of the

county now known as the Jackson and Madison township line, and continued to live on the old homestead until his death, which occurred on February 13, 1872. L. M. Windsor's mother was a native of Kentucky. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Barrett. She was married in Johnson county, and died February 26, 1874. L. M. spent his early youth on a farm. His early education was limited to the inferior schools of that day. At the age of eighteen he entered the union army and served until the close of the war, when he returned to his home in this county where he has resided ever since. He was married in 1868 to Miss M. J. Givons, a native of Kentucky, and daughter of Alexander Givons. By this union they have three children: Robert A., John and Mary E. Mrs. Windsor is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

#### JOHN WINFREY,

farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Pittsville. Mr. Winfrey was born in North Carolina, September 10, 1820. His father, Thomas Winfrey, died just before he was of age, in February, 1838. His mother died in February, 1840. There were brothers and sisters as follows: Nancy, John, Simon, Caleb, Eunice, Isaac and Thomas H. Three are dead: Simon, Isaac and Thomas. The other four are living in Missouri. John Winfrey, our subject, came to Missouri in April, 1851, and settled on a farm, a part of which he bought, and a part he entered, and has since resided there, and his intelligence, integrity, and generosity have secured to him the respect of all who know him. He was married, December 15, 1842, to Miss Jane A. Martin. They have no children of their own, but have generously opened their hearts and home to the care of orphan children, which admirable quality deserves special mention. During their stay in Missouri the following persons, once orphaned children, five in number, have been special objects of their care, all of whom they reared from youth up to manhood, respectability and woman's noblest sphere: William Carlyle and his sister, Lydia, were the first. William was five years old when this good couple took him to their home. He is now a prominent and well-to-do farmer, near to his foster home. William Sparks and his sister, Mary R., were the next who went to live with them. William's education was not neglected. He attended the State Normal School at Warrensburg, and is now one of the prominent teachers of Jackson township, and also a member of the Baptist church, and worker in the Sunday school of that church at Elm Spring. Jessie Alexander was the fifth and last homeless orphan which this estimable couple cared for. He was quite young when they took him, and still lives with them. He is a relative of Gen. Morgan, of late war fame. Mr. Winfrey has been justice of the peace for twenty-one years. He was postmaster of Basin Knob postoffice for eleven years. He and his wife are both members of the Baptist denomination, and hold their membership with the Elm Spring congregation. In politics he is one of the leading republicans of his township.