

about the estate, and as one who has assisted in the development of the county, and been for a number of years one of its reliable citizens, he is entitled to and receives the respect of his fellow-men.

The marriage of Mr. Ruggles was celebrated in 1871, the bride being Miss Armenia, daughter of Samuel and Harriet (Grovesy) Wilson, who was born in Lewis County, Ky., and who has been a faithful and loving wife and mother since the date of their union. Seven children have come to brighten their fireside. They are named, respectively: Hattie L., Dollie J., Annie L., Eliza J., Katie L., and Samuel W. and Vadie L., twins.



JOHN J. STANDS, an extensive farmer residing in Jackson Township, Sumner County, was born in Pike Township, Stark County, Ohio, February 24, 1850. His father, Henry Stands, was a native of Pennsylvania, where he was reared and married. When a young man, he learned the trade of a weaver, and worked at that branch of industry in his native State for a number of years. In those days hand-loomers were in use, machinery not having as yet made its appearance to benefit both the workman and his employer. Sometime after marriage he removed to Ohio, where he rented land and engaged in farming. He met with gratifying success, and after a time was enabled to purchase a partly improved farm in Pike Township, upon which he moved, and where he resided until his death in 1885. He had lived to see Stark County, Ohio, develop from a wilderness to a wealthy and populous country. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Lydia Holm. She was born in Ohio, and now resides on the family estate in Pike Township, Stark County, where she enjoys the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends. Henry and Lydia Stands were the parents of fourteen children, of whom ten were reared to maturity.

The subject of this sketch was reared on his father's farm, and commenced to assist him in his labors as soon as he was old enough to be of any

use. He continued to reside with his parents until his marriage, when he struck out for himself. He rented land in the neighborhood of his old home, and operated it as a farm until the year 1878, when he removed to Kansas. Although his native State was endeared to him by many ties of kindred and the hallowed associations of his youth and manhood, yet as it offered him no prospect of obtaining a new home for himself in the future, he concluded to sever the chain binding him to his native soil, and seek a home in the great and glorious West, where he could call the land his own. Hearing good reports of Sumner County, he decided to locate in it, and has never had occasion to regret his choice, as it has fully met his expectations in every respect.

The removal of Mr. Stands and his family was made from his native State to his new home, via railroad to Wichita, then the terminus of the line in that direction, and from that point to their final location by teams. Upon his arrival in the county he bought one hundred and sixty acres of slightly improved land, including the southwest quarter of section 20, Jackson Township. Energy, industry, and good management have secured for our subject a large measure of success, and he has been enabled to add by purchase to his original tract of land, until he now has a fine farm of four hundred acres, all good land and enclosed by a thrifty and beautiful hedge. He has erected good buildings and planted fruit and shade trees, which will in the near future amply reward him for his labor in their behalf. He manages his business of a general farmer and stock-raiser with intelligence and skill, and can show as good land and improvements as can be found in the county.

In 1874 our subject and Miss Christina Kahler were united in the bonds of matrimony. Mrs. Stands was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and is a lady well-fitted by nature and education to be the wife of a good man. She is an earnest Christian worker, and exemplifies the precepts of religion in her daily life, and as a consequence enjoys the respect and esteem of all with whom she comes in contact. She is a member of the United Brethren Church, and is a regular and devoted attendant upon all its services. Mr. Stands is a Republican in politics, and exerts his influence for

the success of his party. Mr. and Mrs. Stands have been charged with the rearing of six children, named respectively: Bertha E., Ollie M., Irving S., Della N., John H., and Myrtle L.



THOMAS A. DAVIS has been a resident of this county since 1876, and is the owner of a pleasant and well-improved farm on section 30, Sumner Township, and engaged in general farming and stock-raising. In addition to his agricultural employments, he finds time for labors in behalf of the cause of Christianity, and is the local Baptist preacher at Mayfield. He was Justice of the Peace for a number of years, and has high repute among his fellow-citizens as a just Judge, a kindly neighbor, and a worthy citizen.

The ancestral line of our subject is traced through a number of generations of North Carolinians to English ancestors. His grandfather was Daniel Davis, and his father William Davis, who was born in 1819, and is now living in Jackson County, Mo., whence he removed in 1845. He is engaged in tilling the soil, and has an honorable record as a private during the late war. The mother of our subject was born in 1818, to Thomas and Mary Winfrey, and was christened Nancy. Her father was a farmer, and like her husband's family, she and hers were natives of North Carolina. She also is still living. The parental family comprised Thomas, Elvira, Caleb J., John S., and Mary J.; all are still living except Caleb J., who died at the age of seventeen.

Mr. Davis was born September 6, 1839, in North Carolina, and being but a lad when his parents removed to Missouri, his rearing and education were completed in the latter State. He finished his course of study in 1858, and taught school until 1861, when he determined to devote his strength, and his life if need be, to the cause of the Union. He therefore enlisted in Company I, Second Missouri Cavalry, and served his country faithfully until June, 1865, when he was honorably discharged

and mustered out of the service. The principal battles in which he participated, were Lexington, Lone Jack, Prairie Grove, and Helena, and in many minor engagements, brilliant cavalry dashes and scouting exploits, he bore a gallant part.

At the conclusion of the war Mr. Davis adopted the occupation of farming, and until the year 1870 was thus engaged in Missouri, and he then entered upon a mercantile career, pursuing it until the fall of 1876, when he pre-empted the land upon which he yet resides, and again turned his attention to the pursuit of agriculture.

On January 14, 1860, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Emily S. House, a native of Jackson County, Mo., whose natal day was October 17, 1843. She was a daughter of Samuel and Julia House, who were natives of Kentucky and North Carolina, respectively. Mrs. Davis breathed her last July 30, 1884, leaving six children to mourn the loss of a loving mother, and to whom she left as a heritage, the knowledge of her kindness and consistent Christian character. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Her children are named respectively: Caleb S., Julia A., John H., William, Henry J., and Isaac W. By a second marriage, Mr. Davis has one child, DeForest, who is now living in Missouri.



FREDERICK S. PHILLIPS is making a specialty of fruit-growing and has, at his pleasant homestead on section 10, a growing orchard comprising one hundred apple trees, besides pear trees, an abundance of raspberries, blackberries, grapes, strawberries and other small fruits. For eight years after coming to his present location he followed the trade of a blacksmith, and had a shop on his farm. Gradually he gave up this business to engage in other departments of labor in connection with his farm, which consists of forty acres of well-improved land.

Of sturdy English ancestry, our subject was born March 30, 1827, in Hunterdon County, N. J. His

parents were Jonathan and Sarah Phillips, likewise natives of New Jersey, of which State their forefathers were among the very earliest settlers. It is said that to these early representatives of the Phillips family were issued during Queen Anne's reign, deeds to large tracts of land in New Jersey. Jonathan Phillips was twice married, our subject being the eldest child by the second marriage. He was reared to manhood in his native State, and until the age of sixteen was mainly occupied in the details of farm life. At that time, however, he commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade, serving a four years' apprenticeship, and afterward following it in New Jersey for a period of thirty years. His early education was received in subscription schools, and was limited to the mere rudiments of knowledge.

Mr. Phillips is numbered among those valiant patriots who offered their lives in their country's defense. In 1862 he enlisted in Company G, Thirtieth New Jersey Infantry, which was incorporated with the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battles of Chancellorville, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and other minor engagements. He enlisted as Second Lieutenant, serving in this capacity during his active campaign of nine months. He endured with hardihood the severe marches accompanying army life, for, being of a sturdy frame and compact build, he suffered less from hardships and exposure than most of the soldiers.

On the 20th of January, 1849, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Johnson, who, like himself, was a native of Hunterdon County, N. J., and was born October 26, 1827. She was a daughter of Asher and Mary A. Johnson, of the same State, and of an old family probably of English origin. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, of whom five survive, namely: Emma A., wife of John Watson, of Trenton, N. J.; William, a resident of Stockton, N. J.; Eva, wife of George Bruner, and a resident of Colorado; Sallie, who married Charles Gurtner, of Mulvane, Kan.; Lewis, who lives in Colorado. The deceased are—Mary H., Asher J., and one who died in infancy.

Leaving his Eastern home in January, 1877, Mr. Phillips cast his lot among the people of Sumner

County, Kan., where his family followed him the ensuing March. By dint of toil and good business management, he has made for himself and family a comfortable home, and there is passing the close of a well-spent life. He has gained the respect of the community by his upright, consistent character, and is associated with the Grand Army of the Republic, at Mulvane. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party, and is an earnest worker in the interests of anything calculated to benefit the county where he makes his home.



EDWARD C. JEFFRIES. Nineteen years ago there might have been seen the team and wagon of an emigrant slowly making its way across the country to Palestine Township in the month of July, and which upon arriving on the northeast quarter of section 6, halted and the travelers alighting, proceeded to look around them in contemplation of that which they expected would be their future home. The outlook was not remarkably encouraging, being a broad stretch of open country over which wild animals roamed at will and which had been scarcely disturbed by the foot of a white man. Upon the land selected there stood a little 12x14 frame house which had been put up by some discouraged "squatter" but into which Edward C. Jeffries and his family soon removed and proceeded to make the best of circumstances.

The Jeffries family, as may be supposed, were not over-stocked with this world's goods, although Mr. Jeffries had paid for his claim the snug sum of \$500. He was of a hospitable disposition, which quality was shared by his excellent wife, and that little house during that first fall sheltered from time to time four other families who sojourned there temporarily. Neighbors were few and far between and in the fall of 1872 Mr. Jeffries went only about twelve miles west of the present site of Belle Plaine to kill buffalo for his winter meat, laying low as many as five or six in an hour. Large herds of these animals then roamed over that section of coun-

try. Upon one of these expeditions while out hunting Mr. Jeffries' attention was attracted by a movement in the grass and he discovered the head of an Indian who was stealthily watching his movements. The savage upon being discovered mounted his pony and rode at a rapid rate over the hill, pointing an arrow in his bow at the white man. Mr. Jeffries leveled his repeating rifle on his threatening foe and they each came to a halt, thus regarding each other and each waiting for further demonstrations. Finally the Indian wheeled and left, much to the relief of the peaceable white man.

In due time there was constructed from this primitive tract of land one of the best farms in Palestine Township, presenting now the picture of a pleasant country home where peace and plenty abound. The first dwelling has been supplanted by a commodious frame residence, near which have been built a substantial barn, corn cribs, granaries and other necessary structures, while Mr. Jeffries has planted over a thousand fruit trees, including apple, peach, pear and cherry, besides blackberry and grape vines. The farm is mostly enclosed and divided with hedge fencing. No more fitting monument could be erected to him whose perseverance and energy have met with such ample reward.

The subject of this notice was born in Wood County, Ohio, May 12, 1836, and was reared there on a farm, acquiring a practical education in the district school. His parents, George and Rebecca (Buse) Jeffries, were natives of Pennsylvania and born near the town of Little York. At an early date they removed to Harrison County, Ohio, with their respective parents and endured all the hardships incident to pioneer life. Later the mother became a resident of Wood County, that State where her death took place in 1864. Prior to the removal there they had sojourned for a short time in Cincinnati, where the father died in 1848. The mother was a consistent member of the United Brethren Church. The paternal grandfather, Samuel Jeffries, was of Scotch ancestry and it is believed was born in the Land of the Thistle.

Edward C. Jeffries remained a resident of the Buckeye State until after the outbreak of the Civil War and at an early period in the conflict enlisted as a Union soldier in Company K, Sixty-seventh

Ohio Infantry, being mustered in as a private November 7, 1861. He served three years, then veteranized, and on March 18, 1865, was given a First Lieutenant's commission with which rank he served until the close of the war. Prior to this he had acted as Commissary Sergeant. He participated in many important battles, including the fight at Winchester, met the enemy in the Shenandoah Valley near New Market, and in front of Richmond and was at the battle of Black Water, Morris Island, Chapin Farm, Bermuda Hundred, Petersburg, and had the satisfaction of witnessing Lee's surrender at Appomattox. His company was held afterward about twenty miles north of Richmond until December 7, 1865, when they repaired to City Point where Mr. Jeffries received his honorable discharge, and the company later was disbanded at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Jeffries returned home without a scratch, able to enter at once upon the duties of a civilian. Esteeming one of the first of these duties to be the establishment of a home, he had prior to this taken unto himself a wife and helpmate, Miss Ellen North, to whom he was wedded April 24, 1865. This lady was a native of his own county and the daughter of William and Matilda (Skinner) North, the father a native of Philadelphia, Pa., and the mother of Perry County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. North became residents of Wood County with their respective parents early in life and during the pioneer days of that region. Grandfather Joseph North and his wife, Catherine, it is believed were both natives of Pennsylvania. Upon emigrating to Ohio, they settled in the heavy timber among Indians, bear, wolves, wild hogs and other animals, and they laboriously constructed a homestead from the wilderness. There they spent their last days. On the maternal side, Grandfather John and Elizabeth (Oakley) Skinner, likewise natives of the Keystone State, were early pioneers of Perry County, Ohio, whence later they removed to Wood County and underwent an experience similar to that of the North family. Those courageous spirits have long since passed away and it becomes the duty of their descendants to hold their names in remembrance.

In the spring of 1867 Mr. Jeffries removed with

his little family to Benton County, Iowa, where they sojourned until coming to Kansas. There has been born to them one child only, a son, George L., who, with his parents, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Jeffries is one of the pillars and officiates as Trustee. Mrs. Jeffries' family, as far back as she has the records, were all identified with this religious denomination. Her parents accompanied her to Kansas, remaining with her until their decease, the father dying November 29, 1880, and the mother February 19, 1881. Although usually fortunate Mr. Jeffries has met with reverses like most other men. In 1874 his crops were destroyed by the grasshoppers which put the family upon very short rations for the following winter and spring. Money likewise was scarce, and during the fall of that year Mr. Jeffries hauled corn from Ft. Reno, thus making money enough to meet his expenses.

Politically, Mr. Jeffries affiliates with the Republican party. He has served as Treasurer of Palestine Township since 1887, and as Trustee from 1884 to 1886. He belongs to Belle Plaine Post, No. 337, G. A. R., and his son to the Sons of Veterans. Mrs. Jeffries is an efficient worker in the Relief Corps.



DANIEL GILCHRIST, a farmer and stock-raiser of Belle Plaine Township and the owner of two hundred and sixty acres of land therein, is a native of Caithness Shire, Scotland, where his eyes first opened to the light April 10, 1838. He is the son of William and Margaret (Dunbar) Gilchrist and is the oldest living member of the parental family. An older brother, William, is deceased; John lives also in Belle Plaine Township; Alexander is deceased; and Margaret is the wife of J. W. Dand, of Belle Plaine. The mother now lives in that town, but the father departed this life in 1883.

The early years of our subject were spent in the usual occupations and recreations of boyhood, and

at the age of sixteen years he began an apprenticeship at the carpenter's and joiner's trade, serving four years. He subsequently pursued that occupation as a journeyman and followed it for a period of about thirty years. On May-day, 1860, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Brims, a daughter of Donald and Catherine Brims, who was born in Scotland in 1828. A son William, born July 1, 1861, came to bless this union. The wife and mother participated in her husband's fortunes until November 25, 1889, when she breathed her last, leaving behind her a wealth of love and affection, and greatly missed both by her family and the people who knew her so well. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Gilchrist emigrated to America in 1861, passage being taken at Glasgow, on the steamer "Caledonia," of the Anchor Line, which after an ocean voyage of sixteen days made a landing at Quebec, Canada. Thence Mr. Gilchrist went to Montreal, where he followed his trade for four years, after which he removed to Boston, Mass., residing near that city two years, working in a sash, door and blind factory. In 1865, he became a citizen of Chicago, Ill., and during the following ten years was employed as a journeyman carpenter in that city. His next removal was to Sumner County, Kan., and his first settlement was on Cow Skin Creek, on section 19. That location was his home for four years, after which he settled on section 25, Belle Plaine Township, which has since been his home.

The home farm of Mr. Gilchrist comprises one hundred and sixty acres, which at the time of his settlement upon it was in a primitive condition with the exception of having had the sod turned on about twenty-five acres. There was no house whatever on the land and the condition in which the estate is now seen has resulted from the energy and hard labor of the owner, and his son, who from his boyhood proved an efficient helper. They endured the hardships subject to pioneer life, the devoted wife and mother being a helpmate and counselor, and encouraging the father and son in every effort.

Mr. Gilchrist has served for three terms as Treasurer of School District No. 76. In politics he is a

Democrat while his son is an equally staunch Republican. The sturdy elements of the Scotch character have been well manifested in the career of Mr. Gilchrist, and it is a pleasure to his many friends to know that he is prospering in his worldly affairs, and to feel that he is interested in all movements which pertain to the public good in the section of which he has been so long a worthy resident.



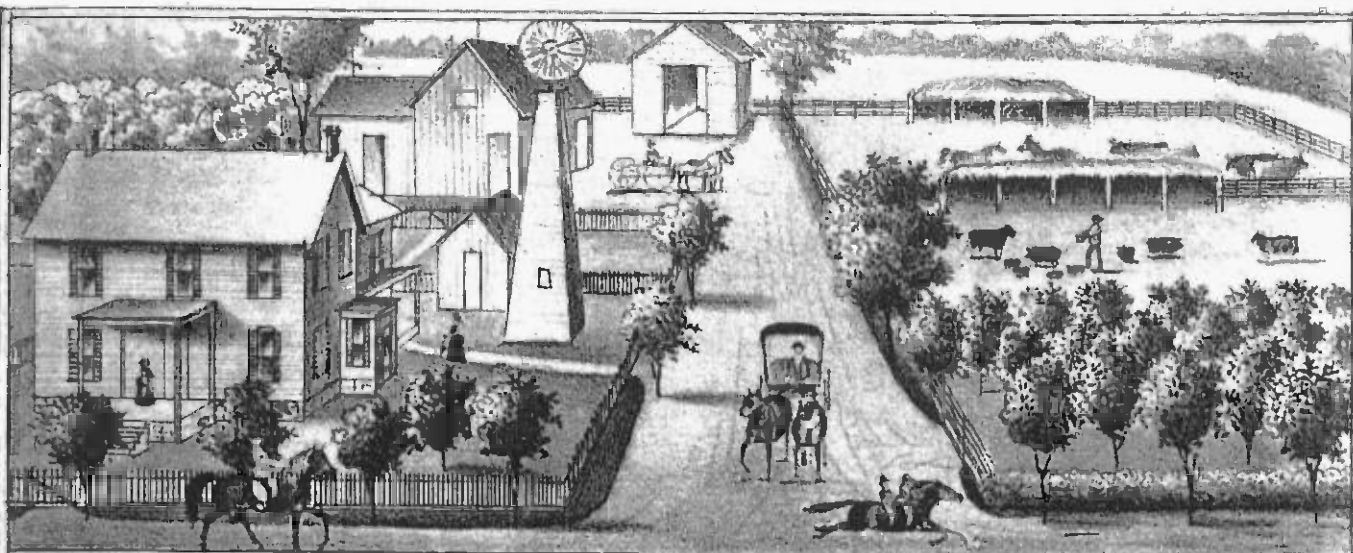
THOMAS N. CORNWELL. A mixed population has been blended together very harmoniously in the settlement of this county, men having come from nearly all parts of the United States. The subject of this notice, one of the well-to-do farmers of Palestine Township and comfortably located on section 5, is a native of Old Virginia and was born in Fauquier County, August 31, 1832. About six years later his parents, Benjamin and Nancy (Grant) Cornwell, removed to Madison County, Ohio, locating on a farm in the heavy timber, or upon land which the father, by the exercise of great industry and perseverance transformed into a farm. He felled the heavy timber, grubbed out and burned the stumps, plowed, harrowed and sowed, and this process repeated season after season in due time placed the family in comfortable circumstances.

Amid these scenes young Cornwell was reared to man's estate. He assisted his father in the development of the farm, remaining under the home roof until 1854, being then a youth of twenty-two years. In the meantime, in 1853, the mother had passed away. In 1856, Benjamin Cornwell emigrated to DeWitt County, Ill., and died the following year. Prior to this, in 1854, Thomas N. had gone to Illinois, of which State he remained a resident until 1880. He there met his fate in the person of Miss Margaret James, to whom he was married in 1858. This lady was born July 26, 1837, in Fayette County, Ohio, and was the daughter of William and Susan (Belford) James, who removed from Ohio to DeWitt County, Ill., during the early settlement of the Prairie State. They

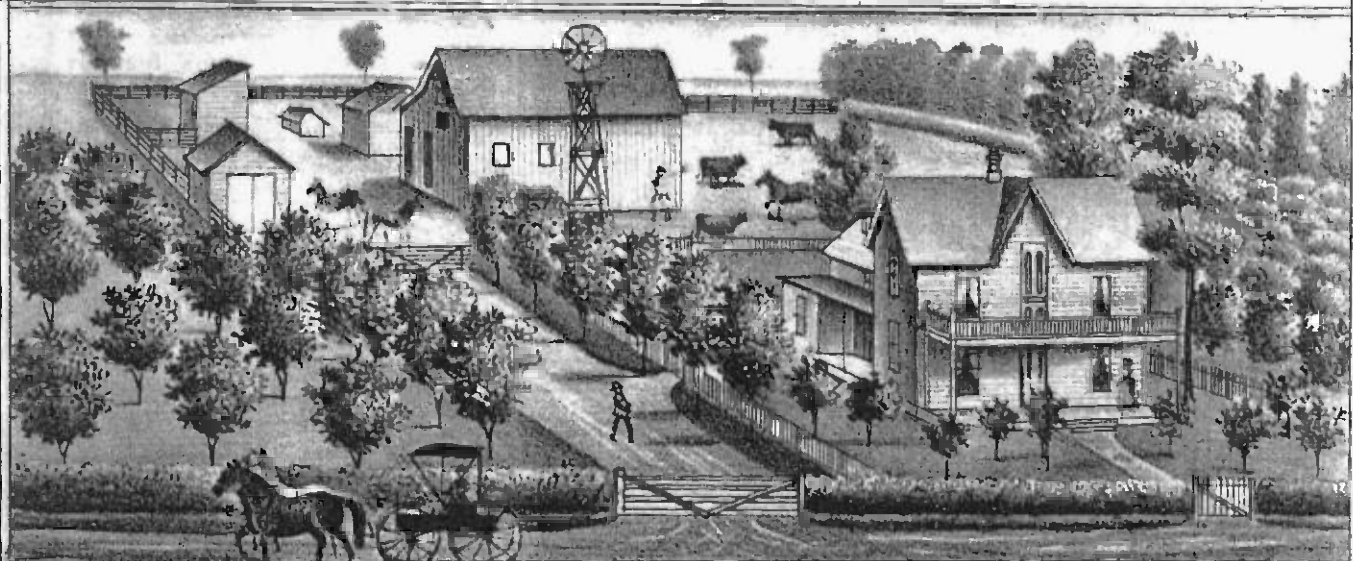
there spent the remainder of their lives. The grandfather, William James, emigrated from Maryland to Ohio at an early date and died there. On the maternal side Grandfather William Belford, removed from Virginia to Illinois, likewise in pioneer times, and there he died.

Mr. Cornwell prosecuted farming in Illinois until the fall of 1880, then disposing of his interests in that region came to Kansas and invested his capital in his present farm of two hundred and forty acres. With the exception of an old box house, which had been erected by some pioneer who had become discouraged and abandoned it, there were no improvements upon the place. Mr. Cornwell's first business was to provide a shelter for his family, and he then began at first principles in the construction of a farm. He has been greatly prospered in his labors, bringing the soil to a good state of cultivation, planting fruit and shade trees, erecting buildings and bringing about the other improvements naturally suggested to the enterprising individual. He and his family are now domiciled in a fine, large frame dwelling, a view of which appears in connection with this sketch. Adjacent to the residence is a substantial barn and other good buildings, an orchard of about five acres, and there are also twenty acres of timber which has chiefly grown up since he came here.

The household circle of Mr. and Mrs. Cornwell was completed by the birth of nine children, seven of whom are living, viz: Albert, Stephen, Alvin, Elmer, James, Anna and Ida. The two deceased died in infancy. The wife and mother departed this life February 4, 1884, at the homestead in Palestine Township; she was forty-six years of age, and her death cast a gloom over the neighborhood. Mr. Cornwell formed a second matrimonial alliance March 17, 1886, the lady being Mrs. Ruth E. (Hatfield) Shay, who was born September 9, 1840, in La Porte County, Ind., her parents being Moses and Nancy (Christy) Hatfield, natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively. They removed to Indiana at an early day, but after the late war removed to Missouri, where the mother died, aged about sixty-six years. The father is still living in Harrison County, Mo., and has now reached the advanced age of eighty-six years. Mrs. Cornwell was first



FARM RESIDENCE OF T. N. CORNWELL, SEC. 5. PALESTINE T_P, SUMNER CO. KAN.



FARM RESIDENCE OF W^M A. DARBY, SEC. 2. BELLE BLAINE T_P, SUMNER CO. KAN.



married, January 7, 1858, to Isaiah Shay, the ceremony being performed in Tazewell County, Ill. Their five children were named, respectively: Kittie, Ira, Mary, Rachael and Iva. Kittie died near Belle Plaine in 1887. All are married and have families, with the exception of Ira who makes his home in Palestine Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornwell belong to the Christian Church, attending services in Belle Plaine, and in which our subject serves as a Deacon. In Illinois he was an Elder. He has always been interested in educational matters, believing in giving to the young all the advantages, fitting them to become useful and intelligent members of society. He has served as Treasurer most of the time since coming to Palestine Township. In DeWitt County, Ill., he represented Texas Township in the County Board of Supervisors a number of years. He also in Illinois identified himself with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is a charter member of Belle Plaine Lodge, No. 198, and the Encampment at Belle Plaine. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Payton Cornwell, a native of Virginia, in which State his father located upon coming to America from England. On the maternal side his grandfather, Isaac Grant, was of Scotch ancestry and died in Virginia.



ISAAC VANCUREN. The subject of this notice holds a prominent position in the agricultural community of Palestine Township, and is successfully cultivating two hundred and forty acres of good land, pleasantly located on section 8. As a farmer, he is thorough and skillful, and as a member of the community, is held in high respect. By birth, he is an Ohio man, a native of Belmont County, and was born October 29, 1839. When a mere boy, his parents, Cornelius and Catherine (Hagen) Vancuren, changed their residence from Belmont to Hocking County, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The mother first passed away, being then sixty years old. Cornelius Vancuren lived to the advanced age of eighty

years. Both were church members, worthy and conscientious people who lived at peace with their neighbors and enjoyed the respect of all who knew them. The father, politically, was a Democrat, and had served as a soldier in the war of 1812.

Mr. Vancuren was reared to man's estate in Hocking County, Ohio, and when ready to establish domestic ties, was wedded, in March, 1849, to Miss Eliza A., daughter of Solomon and Mary A. (Flenner) Yantes. This lady was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, but her parents later removed to Hocking County, where they spent the closing years of their lives, dying in the faith of the Lutheran Church. The paternal grandfather, Henry Yantes, was born, it is supposed, in Germany. Both he and his wife, Catherine, died in Pickaway County, Ohio. On the mother's side, Grandfather George Flenner, with his wife, Elizabeth, died in Sandusky County, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Vancuren lived on a farm in Hocking County, Ohio, until the spring of 1865, then removed to Shelby County, Ill., locating there also upon a farm, and remaining three years, when they removed to Macon County, where they remained until February, 1877. Their next removal was to this county. Mr. Vancuren at once purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, which is now included in his present farm. Later he added to his landed possessions, until he has now two hundred and forty acres, all in productive condition and devoted to general agriculture. The family first occupied a small house, and beyond a few acres of ground having been plowed, this was the only improvement upon the place. The nearest market was at Wichita, to which place the farmers of this region conveyed their produce overland with teams. Mr. Vancuren labored industriously in the construction of his homestead, and its present condition indicates to what good purpose he employed his time. Besides the cultivation of the soil, and the erection of buildings, he planted a grove of forest trees and numbers of apple trees, besides the smaller fruits. The family enjoy all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

Seven children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Vancuren, all of whom are still spared to them. The eldest born, a daughter, Catherine, is

the wife of Anthony Hahn, and they live in this county; Mary J. is the wife of James L. Vaughan, of Winfield; Elizabeth, Mrs. Benjamin Aurbert, lives in Dalton, Ill.; Rebecca J. is the wife of Henry Graban of Washington; John and William remain at home with their parents; Harriet A. is the wife of William Daily, and they live in Winfield. Mr. and Mrs. Vancuren are connected with the Christian Church at Belle Plaine, and occupy a good position in their community.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Vancuren was a Tory during Revolutionary times, and after the war was over, settled in New York State, where it is supposed he spent his last days. On his mother's side, Grandfather David Hagen, it is supposed, was born in Ireland. He lived in Pennsylvania many years, and died there. On another page of this volume may be found a view of Mr. Vancuren's residence.



WILLIAM ALFRED DARBY. Here and there we find a man of advanced thought, ahead of his time, keeping himself well posted upon the march of events, and taking a warm interest in the various enterprises calculated to benefit the world in general. Mr. Darby is one of the most public spirited men of Belle Plaine Township, and is a farmer by occupation, operating one hundred and sixty acres of well-developed land on section 2. He came to this county in the spring of 1871, from Independence, this State, and during his eighteen years residence among the people of this community, has fully established himself in their confidence and esteem.

Mr. Darby was born in West Virginia, March 18, 1842, and when a child, was taken by his parents to Richland County, Ohio. His boyhood and youth were spent amid the quiet pursuits of farm life, and he acquired his education in the common school. The family left the Buckeye State about 1860, removing to Logan County, Ill., and later crossing the Mississippi, took up their abode in Independence, this State. William A. remained there one winter, then coming to this county, pre-

empted one hundred and sixty acres of land—that which constitutes his present farm—and where he has since resided. This was then a tract of wild land, without any improvements, and it has taken no small amount of labor and capital to bring it to its present condition. The results of perseverance and industry have been illustrated in a marked degree in the labors of Mr. Darby, who is now in possession of one of the most desirable homes in this part of the county.

Mr. Darby came to this section an unmarried man, but in due time formed the acquaintance of Miss Angeline Lawless, to whom he was wedded in Belle Plaine Township, April 25, 1875. Mrs. Darby was born in Russell County, Ky., April 5th, 1855, and is the daughter of James and Nancy (Cook) Lawless, who are now living in Harmon Township. The young people began the journey of life together at their own home, and toiled mutually in gathering around themselves the conveniences and comforts of modern life. Mr. Darby is a reader, and keeps himself posted upon political events, giving his cordial support to the Republican party.

The father of our subject was John O. Darby, who married Miss Sarah Neal; they were natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania respectively. They became the parents of eleven children, and spent their last days in Richland County, Ohio.

Among other lithographic views of well-developed farms in Sumner County, we present that of Mr. Darby, with some of its improvements and principal buildings.



WESLEY S. NORTH. This gentleman ranks among the leading farmers of Palestine Township, being the owner of eighty acres of choice land on section 32. This land has been thoroughly improved and embellished with good buildings, including a neat modern dwelling, with stables, corncribs, etc.; adjacent to them is an orchard of five acres, with an abundance of the smaller

fruits. Mr. North makes a specialty of stock-raising, principally Poland-China swine. He is amply worthy of a representation in this work as a thorough and skillful agriculturist and a useful member of the community.

A native of Wood County, Ohio, Mr. North was born February 5, 1838, and spent his early years learning the arts of agriculture. His parents, William and Matilda (Skinner) North, were natives respectively of Germantown, Pa., and Perry County, Ohio. Each emigrated with their parents at an early date to Wood County, Ohio. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Joseph and Catherine (North) North, and on his mother's side his grandparents were John and Catherine (Oakley) Shinner. They all took up their abode in the Buckeye State about 1836, among Indians and wild animals, the latter including bears, wild cats, wolves and other dangerous creatures. Each family put up a little log cabin and began the construction of a farm from the heavy timber at a time when the nearest settlement was forty miles away.

To the above-mentioned settlement these pioneers had also to repair in order to get their milling done, traveling laboriously through the heavy timber where scarcely a trail sometimes was discernable. There was a little trading post at Perryshurg, about twelve miles distant, where dry-goods could be procured. They took up a portion of canal land, paying to the Government \$1.25 per acre, and improved their farms with the aid of rude implements. There their children were born and reared, and there all the grandparents died. The land which they thus reclaimed from the wilderness is now valued at over \$100 per acre.

The subject of this sketch upon reaching man's estate was married in his native county, July 4, 1860, to Miss Amelia M., daughter of Michael and Fanny (Payne) Moore. Six years later leaving the Buckeye State they came this side of the Mississippi, locating in Benton County, Iowa. Mr. North purchased land upon which he operated until the fall of 1871. His next removal was to this county and he pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land, a tract of wild prairie, which is now included in his present farm. In those days about a day's

drive west there was found an abundance of buffalo, and other wild animals infested the country. Occasionally a buffalo would be seen in Palestine Township. Mr. North, with a company of his neighbors, frequently went hunting in the fall, killing buffalo for their winter's meat, upon which the early settlers lived almost entirely. Deer and antelopes were still numerous in this part of the country.

Mr. North and his family, when first coming to this county, lived for a time in a small, frame house, 12x14 feet in dimensions. The nearest market was first at Newton and then at Wichita, where the settlers transported their grain and stock, following a trail across the open prairie. Religious services were held in private houses, until the Methodist built a church at Belle Plaine. Schools were conducted in vacant-claim shanties on the subscription plan.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. North, the eldest of whom, a daughter, Emma, is now the wife of C. B. McAllister, of Belle Plaine Township; Ossie died in 1879, when an interesting maiden of sixteen years; Alta and Daisy remain under the parental roof. Mr. and Mrs. North and their daughter, Emma, are members of the Presbyterian Church. The family holds a good position in the community, and have an attractive home replete with all the comforts and conveniences of modern life.



MAJ. GEORGE W. DOUGHTY, SR., Postmaster of Dalton, was appointed to his present office in 1885, and is the only man who has been its incumbent since its establishment. The following year, in February, 1886, he was appointed a Notary Public, and thus has sufficient business to keep him employed. He came to this point in 1884, and purchased twenty-five acres of land, upon which he proceeded to lay out a town, putting up first his own residence and a store building. The former was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 20th of November, entailing

a loss of over \$5,000. In due time, Mr. Doughty rebuilt, and now has a comfortable and well-appointed home. Among his fellow citizens he is regarded as a man of strict honesty, and he has been no unimportant factor in the development of Avon Township.

A native of Roane County, Tenn., the Major was born May 28, 1838, and was reared to man's estate under the home roof in that county. His father, Sampson Doughty, was a carpenter by trade, which he followed for thirty years at Lenoirs, Tenn. George spent his boyhood days in his native county, remaining there until a youth of nineteen years. Then going to Georgia, in company with his brothers, he settled near Resaca, where he engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements until 1861.

The Rebellion now having broken out, and being surrounded as he was by the most ultra secessionists from the very commencement of the strife, and being one of the few men in the South who dared to express their Union sentiments, he at once became a target for all the fire-eating Southerners for miles around. For many months his life was a continual round of hair-breadth escapes and persecutions that would seem almost incredible if related at this day to those who did not witness, or have personal knowledge of, similar experiences during that terrible time when traitors sought to destroy the unity of the Nation. Going back to Tennessee, he joined the Union Army, being the only man from Gordon County, Ga., to enlist in the Federal forces. This was done in the month of March, 1863, young Doughty becoming a member of the Thirteenth Tennessee Cavalry, and being commissioned Major upon the organization of the regiment. He served as such until the 10th of March, 1865, when he resigned and returned to his native town to engage in the manufacture of leather. He sojourned there this time for seven years, then struck out for the Southwest, crossing the Mississippi, and going into Dennison, Tex. There he engaged in the lightning rod business for a period of twelve years and until coming to Kansas.

Maj. Doughty was married in Clinton, Tenn., January 21, 1868, to Miss Sallie Owen. This lady was a native of that place, and accompanied her

husband to Texas, dying in Denison, November 13, 1884. She was a lady of many estimable qualities, and a member of the Baptist Church.

Maj. Doughty identified himself with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has risen to the Royal Arch degree, and he is a member in good standing of the Nathaniel Lyon Post, No. 5, G. A. R., at Dennison, Tex. In politics, he was formerly an Old Line Whig, but upon the abandonment of that party, cordially endorsed Republican principles. The Major, on the 19th of February, 1886, in alighting from a passenger train at Argentine, this State, on the Southern Kansas Railroad, was thrown down by the train, striking the steps and breaking his arm, which subsequently was amputated. He also sustained other serious injuries. He is a man genial and companionable in disposition, and makes friends wherever he goes. His name will be held in remembrance by the people in Avon Township long after he has been gathered to his fathers.



JOHAN L. PEGRAM. In his migrations it is seldom the lot of the biographer to meet as fine a couple as Mr. Pegram and his amiable and excellent wife. They occupy a high position, socially, in Dixon Township and have a pleasant and comfortable home in the shape of a well-developed farm on section 8. A career of prudent industry has made them financially well-to-do, and the sterling qualities of their characters have drawn around them hosts of friends. They are among the pillars of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Argonia in which Mrs. Pegram is an especially faithful laborer, having charge of two classes in the Sunday-schools and doing good in other channels as opportunity presents.

A native of Guilford County, N. C., Mr. Pegram was born April 28, 1844, being the fifth child of Daniel and Jane (McMichael) Pegram, who were also natives of that State. They were reared and married in their native county where the father prosecuted farming, hiring colored people to do his work, as, although a Southern man, he was decidedly

opposed to slavery, and would take no part in the ownership of human flesh. Politically, he was an old line Whig, and nearly all his life was a Class Leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in North Carolina in 1854, following the wife who had passed away the year previously. Five of the eight children comprising the original household are still living, the four besides John L., making their homes in Texas and North Carolina.


The subject of this sketch, having become orphaned by the death of his parents when a boy of eleven years, was obliged to look after himself and commenced working on a farm at \$8 per month. He was thus employed until a youth of eighteen years and then, in 1862, during the second year of the war, was conscripted into Millett's Battalion of Infantry, State troops of the Confederate Army, and ineligible to go out of the State. He was thus held until June, 1864, much against his will, doing duty at Camp Instruction in Raleigh. Then, being allowed thirty days furlough, he was assigned to the Twenty-ninth North Carolina Infantry and under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston repaired to Kenesaw Mountain and for six days was under the hot fire between the Union troops and the Confederates. The latter then fell back to Atlanta, followed by Gen. Sherman. Young Pegram watched his opportunity and escaping from the ranks hid in the brush until both armies had passed him, leaving him inside the Union lines upon which he soon reported to Gen. Thomas. Shortly afterward he took the oath of allegiance at Chattanooga and remained with the Union troops until his release.

After the war was over Mr. Pegram emigrated to Bartholomew County, Ind., and in the vicinity of Hope, began working for a stockman. Shortly afterward, however, he removed to Tipton County, where he worked one season. We next find him at Kokomo, at which place he remained a resident for a period of twenty-one years, being engaged as clerk in an hotel part of the time and for eleven years was in the employ of the Panhandle Railroad. In 1881 he made a visit to his old home in North Carolina. Upon his return he located in Grant County, Ind., where he commenced farming, remaining there until 1887. In July of that year he came to Kansas and settled on the land from which

he has since constructed his present fine farm. In addition to general agriculture he is considerably interested in the breeding of horses and swine.

While a resident of Indiana, Mr. Pegram formed the acquaintance of Miss Eliza J. Reeder, to whom he was married October 1, 1877. This lady was born September 18, 1849, in Howard County, Ind., and is a daughter of James M. and Jane (Burbridge) Reeder, who were natives of Ohio. They emigrated to Indiana quite early and are still living being residents of Kokomo. They are quite aged, Mr. Reeder having been born in 1805, and his wife, Jane, in 1819. There was born to them a family of nine children, three of whom are living.

To Mr. and Mrs. Pegram there has been born one child only a son, Rephelius, August 1, 1878, at Kokomo, Ind. Parents and son are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Pegram is Steward and Trustee. He is also Chaplain of the Farmers' Alliance. He takes an active interest in politics, and while a resident of Indiana was frequently sent as a delegate to the various Republican conventions, uniformly giving his support to this party. Mr. Pegram serves as Director in his school district. He was upon one occasion nominated Justice of the Peace, but declined the proposed honor. Mrs. Pegram comes from a good family, her maternal grandfather having been Judge William Burbridge, of Crawfordsville, Ind.

 **HENRY F. HARBAUGH.** Among the agriculturists of Greene Township, none are more worthy of representation in a volume of this kind than the above named gentleman, whose enterprising character, intelligent mind, and useful labors in the teacher's profession, as well as in the business which he is now following, places him in the front rank of the citizens of the county. He was born in Trenton, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, on the 1st of August, 1849, and was but three years old when his parents removed to Washington County, Iowa, where he grew to manhood. There he acquired a fundamental education

in the common schools, supplementing it by an attendance at the High School, and becoming thoroughly versed in the common English branches.

The father of our subject, Eli Harbaugh, was a cabinet maker, and also carried on a farm, in the work of which our subject assisted as his strength would permit during his youth, and on which he labored several years after attaining his majority. The mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Engel, departed this life April 2, 1872, after having reared a family of eleven children, of whom our subject is the eldest. The father still survives, and is now a resident of Barber County, Kan.

At the age of twenty-five, he of whom we write, went to California with the intention of making that country his home, but not being as well satisfied with his surroundings there as he had anticipated, he remained but two years and eight months, when he returned to Washington County, Iowa, and there remained until he became a citizen of Kansas. In that county he taught school during the winter seasons for several years, and also engaged in pedagogical labors during some of the summer terms. Since coming to this county he has taught two terms, and here, as in his former fields of labor, he has been successful in the work of instruction, and has been popular with pupils and parents.

In April, 1878, Mr. Harbaugh came to this county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 20, Green Township, upon which he made his home, and where he now has one of the best improved farms in this section of the country. Since taking up his abode here he has added one hundred and sixty acres to his original purchase, and has made excellent improvements on the entire estate, his residence, barn and other buildings being especially good, adequate in size and numbers, and thoroughly first class in every respect. Mr. Harbaugh is engaged in general farming, and is quite an extensive dealer in stock, exhibiting a marked degree of enterprise in carrying on both branches of his employment.

The lady who ably presides in the home of Mr. Harbaugh, and who in her domestic affairs and elsewhere exhibits good judgment, a kindly spirit, and a marked intelligence, bore the maiden name of

Lizzie Blattner, and was born in Washington County, Iowa, May 24, 1857. In her native county, March 10, 1880, she became the wife of Mr. Harbaugh, to whom she has borne four children: Nellie M., George E., William G. and John P. William G. died when a little more than twelve months old, and the others form a bright group by the family fireside.

In the fall of 1889, Mr. Harbaugh was elected Trustee of Greene Township, in which he has formerly held the office of Township Clerk. He has also been a member of the School Board, and evinces an earnest interest in the cause of education, as in other elevating and developing movements. He has taken quite an active part in political affairs, and is an ardent Prohibitionist. He is a Director and Treasurer of the Sumner County Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, and is a member of the Farmers' Alliance. Mrs. Harbaugh was appointed Postmistress of Concord by ex-Postmaster Gen. Gresham, and has held the office since that time.



GEORGE PFEIFER, the subject of this notice, was born in Harrison Township, one and one-half miles west of Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, March 30, 1849. His father, Adam Pfeifer, was born and reared in Germany, and was the first member of his family to emigrate to America. He came to this country about the year 1840 and located in Montgomery County, Ohio. As he had been reared to agricultural pursuits he sought that kind of work and labored for farmers for some time receiving his pay monthly. Being economical in his habits he saved enough from his wages to begin for himself at the time of his marriage. He rented land for a few years but was soon enabled by good management and industry to buy a farm of his own. He purchased unimproved land in Madison Township and built a house into which he moved and then proceeded to

make all the improvements customary at that time on the best farms.

As Mr. Pfeifer was able he bought small tracts adjoining his original purchase and after some years traded the whole place for an improved farm in Clay Township, the same county. He operated his new place some years then again traded, giving his farm in exchange for fourteen miles of turnpike extending from Dayton to Brookville, and known as the "Dayton and Wolf Creek turnpike." He retained possession of that property until his death. He also owned a house and lot in Trotwood, a village on the "pike," and that was the family residence at the time of his death in 1865. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Mary Grim. She was born in Germany and came to America when a young lady. She lived in Montgomery County, Ohio, until her marriage which took place in that State. The parental family consisted of nine children, six of whom were daughters. They are all living and enjoying a fair degree of prosperity.

George Pfeifer was reared and educated in his native county and as soon as able to do so was put to work assisting his father on the farm. After the death of the latter our subject worked on farms for some time then bought an interest in a threshing machine and threshed for farmers in the neighborhood for four seasons. When not engaged at that he followed farming. In 1876 he rented a farm and operated it until 1879, when he removed to Kansas and rented land in Harvey County for one year then located in Sumner County. He purchased the place where he now resides, the northwest quarter of section 25, Jackson Township. There were some slight improvements made when it came into his possession and to that he has added until now he has an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres all fenced, well cultivated and good buildings erected. He has five acres in orchard trees and in all respects is prosperous and delighted with the country.

In 1876 Mr. Pfeifer was married to Miss Minnie Wogaman, a native of Madison Township, Montgomery County, Ohio. She is the daughter of Martin and Eliza (Bradenburg) Wogaman, and is an excellent woman in every respect. Mr. and Mrs.

Pfeifer are the parents of three children, named respectively—Clarence, Lena and Harry. They are worthy members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Pfeifer upholds the principles of the great Democratic party and takes quite an interest in its success.

Martin Wogaman, the father of Mrs. Pfeifer, was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, and his father, John Wogaman, was a native of Pennsylvania, and removed from there with his parents to Ohio during the early years of the settlement of Montgomery County, and was reared in the county in which his parents located and there married Miss Mary Burkett. Mrs. John Wogaman was a native of North Carolina and accompanied her parents to Ohio when quite young. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Pfeifer bought a tract of Government land nine miles west of the present site of Dayton. It was heavily timbered and difficult to clear but he succeeded in making a good farm out of it and resided on it until his death. For many years Cincinnati was their nearest market and depot of supplies. Deer, bears, wolves, wildcats and other game were plentiful and rather undesirable acquaintances except when laid low by the huntsman's unerring aim.

John Wogaman inherited land from his father-in-law and added to it by purchase until he had quite an extensive estate. He resided on his farm until his death, which occurred in 1883, when he was nearly eighty years of age. The father of Mrs. Pfeifer was reared on his parents' farm and when grown to maturity took a wife in the same county and made his home on a farm in Jackson Township, Montgomery County, where he resides at present. He owns a good farm of one hundred and forty acres, all under superior cultivation and well improved in every respect. The mother of Mrs. Pfeifer was born in Dayton, Ohio.

The grandfather of Mrs. Pfeifer, John Bradenburg, removed from Maryland to Dayton where he settled and worked at his trade, for he was a mechanic, and made his home there during the remainder of his life. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Suman. She was a model wife and mother and her last days were passed in the peaceful enjoyment of her children's love and care. The

mother of Mrs. Pfeifer has survived the storms of life to the present time and bids fair to live to be a blessing to her descendants for many years to come. Mr. Pfeifer is a staunch Democrat and highly esteemed in the community in which he lives. He is a member of the Farmer's Alliance, an organization that has been of much service to the tillers of the soil, especially in the West where means of transportation are limited.



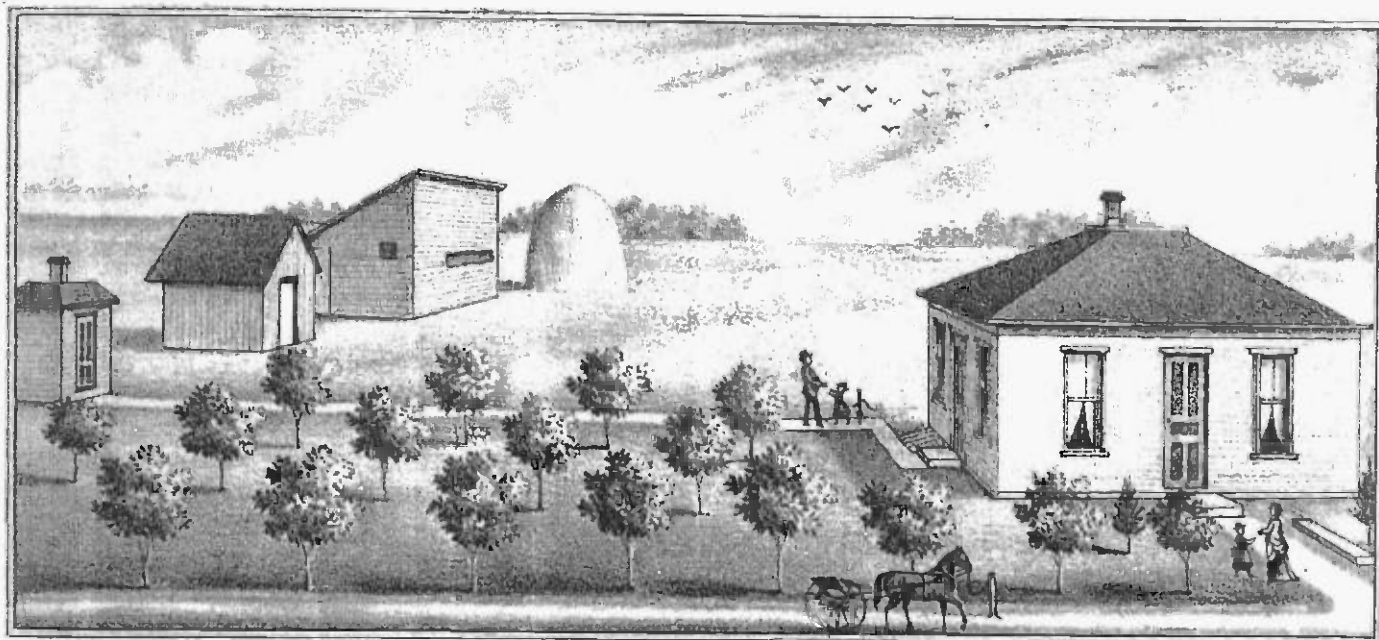
JEREMIAH D. GREENMAN. The beautiful farm which is owned and occupied by the above-named gentleman, comprises three hundred and twenty acres of the finest land in Caldwell Township. Everything about the place denotes the present prosperity and the past industry of the owner, and still further betokens that it is the home of an intelligent and refined family. Among the many improvements upon the estate a fine orchard is noticeable, and is a profitable as well as an attractive feature.

The paternal ancestry of Mr. Greenman were of Welsh stock and Rhode Island was the birthplace of more than one generation. The grandparents, Jeremiah and Mary (Eddy) Greenman were natives of Providence, whence about the year 1808 they moved to Washington County, Ohio. The grandfather had been a seafaring man, served in the Colonial army during the Revolutionary war, and drew a pension for injuries received in the service. The next in the direct line of descent was another Jeremiah Greenman, who was also born in Providence, R. I., his natal day being August 8, 1794. Being but a lad when his parents moved to Ohio, he grew to manhood there and, November 26, 1818, married Miss Letitia McCoy, who was born in Washington County, June 26, 1799. On June 1, 1830, this couple started for the West, and, embarking in a family boat, floated down the Ohio River to its mouth, thence going by steamboat to Pekin, Ill., and continuing their journey by teams to what is now Waynesville, Ill. They shortly afterward entered two hundred acres of land in what is now Padua Town

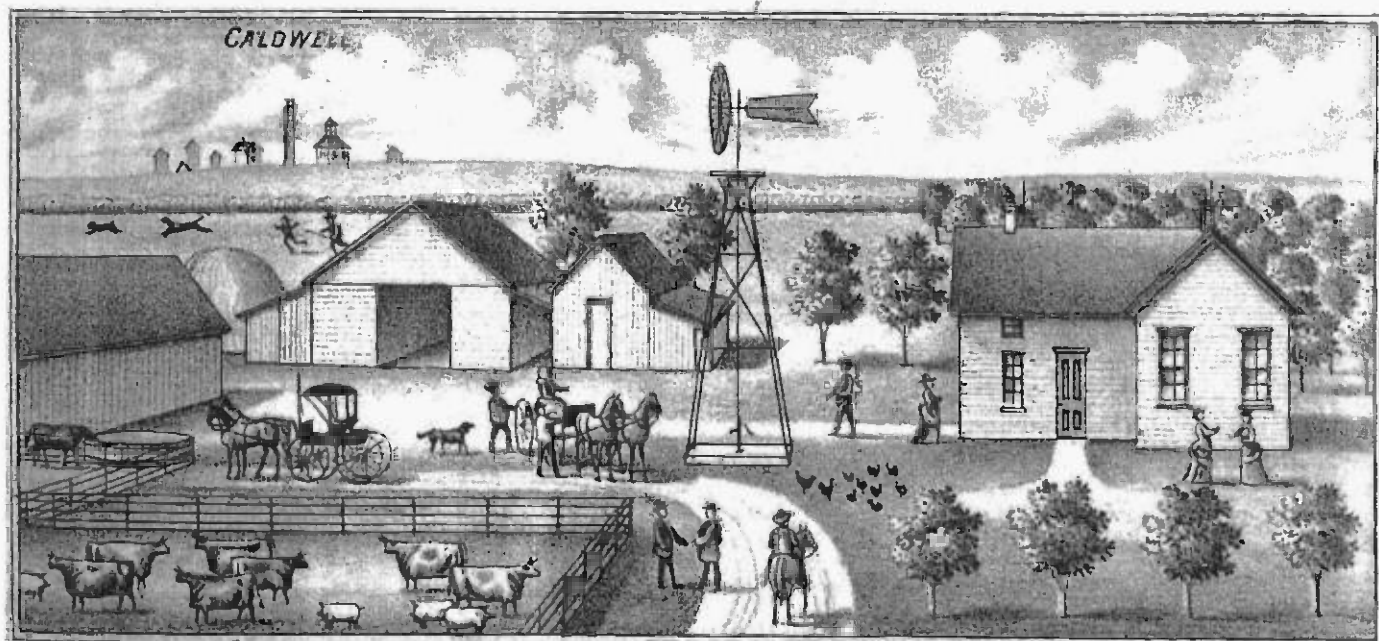
ship, McLean County, where Mr. Greenman died October 17, 1843, his wife surviving until September 5, 1878. The father was interred in Dawson's Cemetery, at Old Town, McLean County, Ill., while the mother lies buried in the cemetery on our subject's farm. They were not members of any church but were remarkable for the integrity and correct principles which governed their lives. Their family comprised nine children, as follows: Thomas M., Sarah E., Emeline, Henry C., George W., Elizabeth J., Jeremiah D., Mary L. and a son who died in infancy.

The birth of the subject of this biography occurred in McLean County, Ill., November 20, 1839, and he was reared on his father's farm there, receiving a common school education and a practical training in the duties of farm life. When the war cloud arose in 1861, no State was more prompt than Illinois to respond to the call for troops, and young Greenman with hundreds of his compeers eagerly laid aside the arts of peace and took up arms in his country's cause. Joining the Union army as a private in Company K, Eighth Illinois Infantry, in 1861, he participated in the battles of Ft. Henry, Ft. Donelson, Shiloh, and in the other work of his regiment during a period of fourteen months, when, owing to disability, he was discharged. As soon as his health was restored, he began to look eagerly toward the front with a desire to again participate in the work which was going on, and in 1865 he enlisted as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Fiftieth Illinois Infantry, in which he served until, February, 1866, when he was discharged at Atlanta, Ga.

There being no further need of his services on the field of battle, Mr. Greenman returned to his native county in Illinois, and remained there until 1876, when he removed to Kansas. He pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land and subsequently added an equal amount by purchase, making up the acreage before mentioned, which he has so conducted as to merit his reputation as one of the leading farmers of the township. He began his battle in life with no capital except what nature had bestowed upon him, and his prosperity has been gained without financial assistance, being due entirely to his own efforts and the co-operation of



RESIDENCE OF DR. W. F. WILLHOITE, CORBIN, SUMNER CO. KAN.



FARM RESIDENCE OF J. D. GREENMAN, SEC. 32. CALDWELL TP., SUMNER CO. KAN.

his worthy wife, who in her own department has shown herself a capable manager.

Mrs. Greenman was born in McLean County, Ill., May 1, 1843, and bore the maiden name of Sarah E. Vanscyoc. She is a daughter of Perry O. and Mary (Newcomb) Vanscyoc and her union with our subject was celebrated on Christmas Day, 1863. Eight children have come to gladden the house of Mr. and Mrs. Greenman with their affection and growing intelligence. They have been christened Perry D., Alvin H., John L., Millie E., Mary C., Jeremiah M., Mary L., and William L.

Mr. Greenman belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Grand Army of the Republic, and to the Republican party. An honorable man, upright in his dealings with all with whom he comes in contact, and kindly in every social and domestic relation, he well deserves the high reputation which he has among his fellow citizens.

An additional feature of interest to the readers of this volume is the lithographic view of the residence owned and occupied by Mr. Greenman.



WILLIS F. WILLHOITE, M.D., in addition to a successful practice as a physician and surgeon, is also conducting a thriving trade in drugs and medicines. He is a regular graduate of the Physio-Medical College of Indianapolis, Ind., from which he emerged in 1883 with the proper credentials, and began the practice of his profession at Colfax, Ill. A year later, in July, 1884, he came to Kansas, locating in Corbin, of which he has since been a resident. He has a full understanding of the duties of his profession, and is building up a successful business.

The subject of this notice was born in McLean County, Ill., January 5, 1859, and is the son of Lewis J. and Mary A. (Willhoite) Willhoite, who were natives of Owen County, Ky. The father was born April 24, 1829, and lived in the Blue Grass State until a man of twenty-five years. In 1854, he changed his residence to McLean County, Ill., where he still remains. His life occupation has

been that of a farmer, by which he has accumulated considerable property. For the last twenty-five years he has been a member in good standing of the Christian Church. Politically, he is an uncompromising Democrat. The paternal grandfather, Lewis Willhoite, Sr., was likewise a native of Kentucky, and the son of John Willhoite, who was born in Virginia. The latter served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The family traces its ancestry to Germany, and was first represented in this country during the early Colonial days.

Mrs. Mary A. Willhoite was born April 27, 1829, and was the daughter of Willis C. Willhoite, being distantly related to her husband. There were born to them five children, viz: Maria L., Henry L., Willis F., Mary E. and Ellis L. Willis F., the third child, was reared on the farm in McLean County, Ill., obtaining such education as was afforded by the common schools. When twenty-one years old, he began reading medicine with Dr. N. Loar, of Bloomington, and in due time entered college, as before stated. Under the influence of his honored father, he imbibed Democratic sentiments, and remains a firm adherent of that party. Socially, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in his religious views is, also like his father, a devout member of the Christian Church.

Dr. Willhoite was wedded February 23, 1886, to Miss Allie J. Stagner, of McLean County, Ill. Mrs. Willhoite was born in that county, and is the daughter of John S. and Julia (Golden) Stagner. There have been born of this union two bright little daughters—Grace M. and Nona J. The family occupy a neat residence situated in the south part of the town, and represented by a lithographic view, to be found on another page.



JESSE BARNES. There are always in every community a few men evidently born to be leaders. Those who attain the greatest influence are the men who usually pursue the even tenor of their way quietly and without ostentation, but still carry with them the moral

suation which causes them to be looked up to and tacitly recognized as possessing the sound judgment which may be relied upon and the substantial traits of character which make them worthy of being assigned to positions of importance and responsibility.

The gentleman with whose name we introduce this biographical outline, is not only a thriving farmer and business man of Avon Township, but has been no unimportant factor in promoting its social and moral interests. He is prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church and a faithful worker in the church and Sunday-school. All the enterprises which tend to the moral advancement of the people have uniformly received his cordial support. In politics he is a staunch Republican, although he has never sought office, but he keeps himself posted upon the march of events and stands ready to do his duty whenever occasion requires it.

A native of St. Clair County, Ill., Mr. Barnes was born June 29, 1829, and was reared there on his father's farm until reaching man's estate. He acquired a practical education in the common school and was content to engage in the peaceful pursuits of agriculture. He was first married in his native township in 1850 to Miss Louisa Davis and there were born to them seven children, viz: William J., Laura, Marcus, Etta, Franklin, Mary N., and Corrington. Mrs. Louisa (Davis) Barnes departed this life in Mercer County, Ill., January 18, 1866.

Mr. Barnes contracted a second marriage at the home of the bride in St. Clair County, Ill., with Miss Sarah Myer. Of this union there has been born a daughter, Jessie. From St. Clair County Mr. Barnes removed to Mercer County, Ill., and engaged in farming, sojourning there for a period of twelve years. Then, in November, 1876 he came to this county and settled in Avon Township of which he has since been a resident. His farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres of well-developed land upon which he has erected convenient and substantial buildings and gathered around himself and his family all the comforts of modern life. There is not a man in Avon Township who stands higher in the estimation of his fellow-citizens.

Joseph Barnes, the father of our subject, was a

native of Kentucky and received a good education. He followed the profession of a teacher for many years and also prosecuted farming successfully. He was a man highly respected in his community and departed this life at his home in Illinois in 1872. The maiden name of the mother was Elizabeth Barry.



CLARK R. PERSONS, Cashier of the Bank of Belle Plaine, is a lineal descendant of an old New England family and the son of a worthy couple who were born in New York. He is one of the best educated and most intelligent citizens of the county, has acquired a wide fund of information through his observation and investigation in different parts of the United States, and has accumulated a large amount of property, his real estate and stocks being estimated at about \$20,000.

Mr. Persons was born in Wyoming County, N. Y., March 13, 1847, and is the oldest son in the family of Solomon H. and Mary R. Persons. His father having been a farmer, he was reared amid the surroundings of rural life, receiving an elementary education in a district school and later attending the Academy at East Aurora, N. Y. He engaged for a short time in teaching school, but spent the greater part of his time in the intervals of study in the work of the farm. When twenty-two years old he went to Nebraska and crossed the plains with a surveying party, spending perhaps two years in the Western Wilds.

Drifting back as far as Ohio, Mr. Persons remained in that State until 1876, being in the employ of the Lake Shore Railroad Company as a clerk at Genoa, about three years. During the Centennial year he secured the position of chief clerk for the agent on the Santa Fe Railroad at Wichita, Kan., and officiated in that capacity until the fall of 1879, at which time he was appointed station agent at Wellington. He was the first agent the Santa Fe Railroad had at that point and he remained in charge of affairs there until the summer of 1884, subsequently to which he engaged in the drug business with F. B. Snyder. The business was con-

ducted under the firm name of F. B. Snyder & Co., the connection continuing over a year, when Mr. Persons sold out his interest and in the fall of 1886 came to Belle Plaine.

The firm of Fultz Millard & Co., opened a banking business here, which was conducted under that head for about three years, and then merged temporarily into the firm of C. R. Persons & Co. After having been conducted until October 15, 1889, by the above named firm, it was re-organized into the bank of Belle Plaine, E. T. Williamson becoming its President and the gentleman of whom we write its Cashier. The concern is duly incorporated under the laws of Kansas with a capital stock of \$15,000, an ample reserve fund, and does a banking business consistent with the size of the town and the contributory territory. Mr. Persons is a heavy stockholder in the bank and he also owns property in Wellington and a farm in Osborn Township. He served a term as Mayor of Wellington and since coming to Belle Plaine has become known as a public-spirited citizen. In politics he is a Democrat.

On May 27, 1874, the rites of wedlock were celebrated between Mr. Persons and Miss Clara S. Dean, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of B. and Nancy Dean. Mrs. Persons is an intelligent and well-bred lady, is a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both she and her husband take an active interest in social matters. They are popular in the circle in which they move and are regarded with respect by all who know them.



JOHN GOLIGHTLEY. Kansas has provided a home for representatives of the best nationalities on the face of the earth, including old England, from which Mr. Golightley came in 1871. He landed first at Quebec, whence he proceeded to Wisconsin, but he only sojourned a few months in the Badger State, coming then to Brown County, Kan. Of that county he was a resident about five years and then removed to Harper County. After a sojourn there of one year he came to this county and worked by the

month for several years. He was prudent and saved his earnings and in due time purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 36, Harmon Township, of which he has since been a resident.

Mr. Golightley was born in the County of Durham, England, October 24, 1846. His parents were Robert and Jane Golightley who came from pure English stock; they were born in England and spent their last years there. The parental household included nine children, eight of whom are living.

The subject of this sketch attended the common schools during his boyhood and at an early age was trained to habits of industry and economy. In his native England he was employed mostly at farming, living there until a young man of twenty-five years. After coming to Kansas he was married in Belle Plaine, September 13, 1883, to Miss Elizabeth Johnson. This lady, a native of the Dominion of Canada, was born in the Province of Ontario in 1852 and came with R. Robertson to Kansas about 1882. Their union has resulted in the birth of two sons—Robert and George—aged six and four years respectively. Mr. Golightley, politically, is a Republican. He gives his chief attention to his farm and his family, caring very little for the honors of office. He lives in a modest manner in an unpretentious residence, but surrounded by the comforts of life.



GEORGE R. STEELE was born in Virginia, January 25, 1849, and is a son of Eli and Virginia (McGuire) Steele. His father was also a native of the Old Dominion, was a son of Ralph Steele, of Fairfax County, and was killed during the late war when thirty-six years of age. He was a member of the Twenty-Second Cavalry Regiment of Virginia. Mrs. Eli Steele was a daughter of James and Betsey (Brown) McGuire, her parents also being Virginians, and she was the mother of three children—George R., Ralph and Mary E.

The subject of this biography was reared on a farm in his native State, and received a good com-

mon-school education. In 1872 he went to Cedar County, Mo., and a little later changed his location to Wyandotte County, Kan., remaining in the latter County until 1876, following the occupation of a farmer. He then went to Bent County, Col., remaining there until 1885, when he returned to Kansas, and located in Sumner County, where he has since been actively engaged in farming, stock-raising and grain buying. He now resides at Mayfield, and is filling the office of Trustee of Osborn Township.

At the bride's home, January 20, 1876, the rites of wedlock were celebrated between Mr. Steele and Miss Rachael Bousman, whose many womanly virtues and graces had won his high esteem. The bride was born in Miami County, Ind., April 17, 1857, and is a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hall) Bousman. The happy union of Mr. and Mrs. Steele has been blessed by the birth of six children—Nellie M., Maggie R., Edith C., Georgie C., and Hazel and Hiley (twins), who form a bright and charming group around the family fireside. The mother of our subject died in 1855, in Virginia, leaving three children, whose names we give above. His father married again, in 1858, in Virginia, to Miss Louisa Lockhart, daughter of John M. Lockhart. She became the mother of three children, named Charles W., James M. and Ham-milton W. They are all living.



REBECA R. WALLACE, one of the oldest pioneers of Belle Plaine Township, came to this county in the summer of 1874, and purchased land on which she still lives. It is located on section 11, comprises three hundred and twenty acres, now in a fine state of cultivation and well improved, forming an estate remunerative and attractive. There were but twenty acres of broken ground upon it when her settlement was made, and she and her boys have brought it to its present condition. She has witnessed the gradual development of the country from a sparsely settled

and uncultivated region, into a productive and prosperous one, and during the years of its growth she and hers experienced some of the hardships incidental to their surroundings.

Mrs. Wallace is still quite hale and hearty for a lady of her age, being somewhat advanced in years, as she was born March 19, 1821. She is a native of Bourbon County, Ky., and a daughter of Hughes and Elizabeth (Payne) Bowles. Her parents were natives of Virginia, and the lineage on both sides is of French stock. Her father was twice married, and had a large family, of whom the following survive: Anderson resides in Illinois; Mrs. Elizabeth Hall in the same State; Mrs. Wallace; Julia, wife of P. J. Hawes, of Butler County, Kan.; David in Illinois; Jesse P., in Mulvane, Kan.; and William F., in Illinois.

When she was about twelve years old the lady of whom we write accompanied her parents to DeWitt County, Ill., where they were among the early settlers, and where they died. She received but meager educational advantages, but with a desire to become well informed, she has taken advantage of the opportunities afforded her throughout her long life, and is very well versed on the general topics of the day. She grew to maturity in Illinois, and there, March 3, 1840, became the wife of Charles C. Wallace. Like herself he was a native of Bourbon County, Ky., born January 13, 1819, to Andrew and Hester (Campbell) Wallace, who, during his youth, removed to DeWitt County, Ill. Amid the pioneer scenes of that State he grew to manhood, and remained a resident there until his death, which took place in 1852. He was the father of four sons and daughters, three of whom are now living. Of these Elizabeth is the wife of C. A. Steward; William R., whose sketch occupies another page in this volume; and James D. resides in this county. The deceased child bore the name of Charles C.

James D. Wallace, the youngest surviving member of the above family, was born in DeWitt County, Ill., May 8, 1850, and was reared on a farm in his youth, and entered the regular army in his nineteenth year. His enlistment dated from February, 1869, and he was a member of Company F, Sixth United States Cavalry. During the period

of reconstruction he did service in Texas; in the Indian Territory assisted in keeping the red men in their place on the Reservation, and did guard duty in Wichita in 1870, when there were but a few hundred people in that town. In 1870-71-72 he was stationed with his regiment at Ft. Riley, and was on duty in Sumner County, preventing the Indians from leaving their Reservation. The five years which is the Regular Army period of enlistment having expired, he was discharged, February 15, 1874, at which time he held the rank of Sergeant-Major of the United States Cavalry at Ft. Hays. He had been a Sergeant with the escort party that accompanied the Russian Grand Duke Alexis, over the plains during his buffalo hunt.

Upon leaving the service young Wallace returned to his native State, and the following year became a resident of this county and State. On the 1st of September, 1878, he was united in marriage with Miss Alma Epperson. For eight years he traveled as a salesman for the grocery house of Ridenour, Baker & Co., of Kansas City. In politics he is a strong Republican.



ALBERT MORRILL. He with whose name we introduce this biographical record, bore an important part in the early settlement of Oxford Township, arriving here as early as December, 1870. He filed a claim occupying a part of section 13, west of the Arkansas River and one-half mile south of Oxford Post-office. There was then not even a house to mark the site of the town. Wild game of all kinds was plentiful and a year or two after settling here Mr. Morrill purchased one hundred and eighty-five buffalo hides at \$1.50 per hide, tanned. His only neighbors were John and William Burnett with John's wife and her mother who had preceded Mr. Morrill to this region that same year, settling one mile north. La Fayette, John and Perry Binkley, and John Horton traded with the Indians.

Mr. Morrill made his way to this region from Webster County, Iowa, driving overland with a

team and reaching his present location just at night-fall. He occupied himself that winter trading with the Indians and getting out timber for his first house. The nearest trading point was Emporia and the nearest mail station Winfield and Wichita. The following winter Messrs. Morrill, Buckley, Corbin and Doyle, the latter a surveyor, laid out six blocks of Oxford, calling it Neptuwa, after an Indian Chief. In March following they sold their interest to a town company who changed the name and proceeded with its improvement. In the spring of 1871 a goodly number of emigrants came, crossing the Arkansas River in an ash "dug-out" belonging to Mr. Morrill & Co. The first prairie boat was built in the summer of 1871.

After completing his first dwelling Mr. Morrill sent his son-in-law after his family, Mr. Morrill in the meantime having charge of the store which he had bought out. He then took up a tract of land which he supposed to be two hundred acres in extent, but at the survey there were found to be only one hundred and thirty-six acres. It lay in its primitive condition and Mr. Morrill broke the sod and first planted fifteen acres of corn of as good quality as he has ever raised since. He planted fruit and forest trees and effected the usual improvements suggested to the enterprising and progressive farmer. Later he embarked in stock-raising, bringing into this county the first Magee swine and with one exception being the first man to introduce this breed of swine into the State of Kansas. He continues to make a specialty of these and has at the present time a herd of very fine animals. He handles thoroughbreds entirely. He has invested his capital in additional land, having now a well-developed farm—two hundred and sixteen acres in extent—and has erected a more modern dwelling near the first one.

Mr. Morrill assisted in organizing school district No. 1, and was mainly instrumental in putting up their schoolhouse. He also instituted the first Sunday-school, conducting the services in one place after another as the houses were built up. He was the only man making a profession of religion at that time in this region and conducted the first prayer meeting, which was held in a "dug-out." He officiated as Sunday-school Superintendent and

had for his assistant later, Capt. John Folks, who was editor of the *Oxford Press*, the first paper published in this place. Mr. Morrill was then, as he is now, a Methodist in religious belief and he assisted in organizing the first society of this denomination in Oxford Township. The first man to preach for them was Rev. Mr. Perkins, a Presbyterian. Meetings for some time were held in schoolhouses. Mr. Morrill officiated as Class-Leader and Steward for a period of forty years. In his pious labors he received the assistance of his devoted wife and later their four children also became members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Morrill first voted with the old Whig party, but upon its abandonment identified himself with the Republicans. He belongs to the Farmers' Alliance in which he officiates as Chaplain at Oxford.

The native place of Mr. Morrill was at Napoli, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., where his birth took place May 1, 1827. His father, Masten Morrill, was born at Danville near St. Johnsbury, Vt., January 15, 1788. The latter was reared to manhood in his native place and was there married to Miss Sally Osborn, January 19, 1816, who was born near the early home of her husband, October 1, 1795. The parents of Mr. Morrill lived together for the long period of nearly sixty years. Masten Morrill was one of the early settlers of Olean, N. Y., but the family of ten children, nine of whom lived to mature years, was reared in Cattaraugus County. In 1861 they removed to Illinois, settling at Leon, Whiteside County, where the parents spent their last days. Their remains were laid to rest in the little burying ground which Mr. Morrill instituted on his own farm for the settlers from New York State. Most of the family were buried there. The wife and mother departed this life December 2, 1877. Mr. Morrill passed away September 22, 1882. He had been a professor of religion for many years.

Arriving to man's estate in his native county, the subject of this notice was married March 22, 1848, to Miss Hannah Boardman. This union resulted in the birth of eight children, only four of whom are living: Cynthia L. became the wife of Perry Binkley, of Oxford; Charles M. is a practicing physician of Prophetstown, Whiteside County,

Ill.; Marion is occupied at farming in Sumner County, Kan.; Willard C. is a resident of Oxford Township. Mrs. Hannah Morrill, who was born August 27, 1828, at Napoli, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., departed this life at the homestead in Webster County, Iowa, February 14, 1866.

The present wife of our subject to whom he was married in 1866 was in her girlhood Miss Jemima Jadwin. This lady was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, December 1, 1844, and is the daughter of Andrew and Mary Ann (Packer) Jadwin, who, when she was a child of six years left the Buckeye State, removing to Indiana. Locating in DeKalb County, Ind., they there spent the remainder of their days. Their daughter, Jemima, subsequently went to Iowa where she lived until her marriage. Ten children, one deceased, have been born of this union. Those who are living are named respectively: Ernest, John Delbert, Frederick, Minnie, Grace, Albert, Lettie, Alma and Flossie.



GEORGE C. CARPENTER. Without making any great pretensions to elegance, the home of Mr. Carpenter, in point of solid comfort, is probably not excelled by any in his community. It lies in the shape of a well-developed farm on section 1, Chikaskia Township, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of choice land, improved with good buildings and supplied with the necessary farm machinery. Besides stock-raising and general agriculture, Mr. Carpenter makes a specialty of fruit-growing, having an orchard of seven hundred trees, including apple, peach, plum, cherry, apricot and nectarine. He takes a lively interest in politics, voting the straight Republican ticket and is a man of decided views, keeping himself thoroughly posted upon all the leading topics of the day. Of the seven children born to him and his estimable wife, five are living. Robert V. married Miss Frances V. Ward, is the father of two children and lives in Ryan Township; George B. married Miss Nancy DeMoss, and is also a resident of Ryan Township; he is the father of one

child; Clara B. is the wife of Joseph L. Kearns, of Chikaskia Township, and they have two children; Ira W. and Mary E. remain with their parents.

The youngest in a family of eight children, Mr. Carpenter was born December 1, 1833, in Warren County, Ohio, where he acquired the rudiments of a common-school education. He commenced the battle of life for himself when a lad of fifteen years, in the State of Indiana, to which his parents removed when he was less than two years old, continuing in the agricultural districts of the Hoosier State, until 1857. That year he removed to Appanoose County, Iowa, of which he was a resident for a period of nineteen years. In 1876 he changed his residence to Monroe County, Mo., where he sojourned four years. His next removal, made in 1880, was to this county and to his present farm.

Mr. Carpenter, in the meantime, while a resident of Indiana, was married September 4, 1856, in Ripley County, to Miss Nancy, daughter of Benjamin and Nancy (Funkhauser) Kaster. Mrs. Carpenter was the seventh child of her parents and was born in Ripley County, Ind., February 9, 1837, being one of fourteen children. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania and resided there until 1828, going thence to Indiana. The father died at the old homestead in Ripley County, in 1854. The mother subsequently remarried and spent her last days in Lucas County, Iowa, passing away in February, 1885.

During the progress of the Civil War, Mr. Carpenter in July, 1862, enlisted as a Union soldier in Company F, Thirty-sixth Iowa Infantry, and was first sent with his regiment to Camp Lincoln, Iowa, and then to Benton Barracks, Mo. Thence they were ordered to Memphis, Tenn., becoming a part of the Sixteenth Army Corps under Gen. Hurlbut. Later they were assigned to the Seventh Corps, commanded by Gen. F. Steele. Mr. Carpenter participated in the bombardment of Ft. Pemberton and was in the battle of Helena, Ark., at the capture of Little Rock and Prairie De Ann, in the fight at Elkin's Ford, Mark's Mill and numerous other engagements, skirmishes and raids. At the battle of Mark's Mill he received a gunshot wound in the left jaw, the ball entering the left corner of his mouth and passing through his neck came out

behind the jugular vein, breaking his jawbone in three places and taking off a piece of his tongue. After this he was considered fully entitled to an honorable discharge, which was given him October 24, 1864. With good care and skillful treatment he recovered from this painful injury and in the course of a few months was enabled to resume his farming operations. The improvements upon his farm have all been effected by his own enterprise and industry. Ninety acres of his farm are under the plow and each year sees something added to its beauty and value. The present residence was erected in 1881.

The father of our subject was George Carpenter, Sr., a native of Virginia, who, in 1800, removed to what was then the Territory of Ohio, settling near the present site of Cincinnati, which was then designated as Ft. Washington, at Waynesville, Warren County. He commenced farming in the wilderness, sojourning in what subsequently was named the Buckeye State until 1835. That year he removed to Indiana where he prosecuted agriculture until his death in 1850.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Susan Cozad. She was a native of Maryland and was taken by her parents to Ohio when quite young where she met her future husband. There were born to them eight children, six of whom are living. The mother departed this life in Indiana, in 1874. Mr. Carpenter, of this sketch identified himself with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Iowa, with which he still holds membership. He also belongs to the Grange and Corbin Post No. 426, G. A. R. at Corbin, in which he has held the offices of Surgeon and Junior Vice-Commander.



DANIEL W. BENTON. The subject of this biography was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, August 10, 1832. He is a son of Elias Benton, who was born in Litchfield, Conn., August 9, 1795. Daniel Benton, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Con-

necticut, September 12, 1764. His wife was Margery Frisbee, and their marriage was celebrated in 1789. His father, the great-grandfather of our subject, was Nathaniel Benton, a native of Connecticut, where he was born August 25, 1726, and was united in marriage to Miss Abigail Gillett. He settled in Litchfield, Conn., during Colonial times, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. He died in that town in 1800, and was followed to the silent land by his wife some ten or twelve years later. Daniel Benton was reared in his native place, and resided there till 1821, when he started with his family for the far West, as Ohio was then called, and journeyed with a team to that State, and located at Somerset, Ohio. They crossed the Ohio River at Wilksburg, Va., on the 1st of August of that year. As soon as the family was fairly well established in their new home, Mr. Benton returned in the same year to Connecticut to finish some important business that it had been found impossible to transact before leaving that State. On his way back to Ohio to the waiting family he was stricken by a mortal disease, and died in the town of Harmony, N. J., where his remains were interred. His wife survived till the year 1835, when she too, paid the debt of nature and lies quietly sleeping in the Salem churchyard in Pickaway Township.

Elias Benton was reared in his native town and received a liberal education in the common schools of the place. He took the Freeman's oath while a resident of Connecticut, and in 1821, accompanied his parents to Ohio. After the death of the father, he took up a tract of timbered land in Pickaway County, upon which he put up a log cabin, which was afterwards the birthplace of the subject of this sketch. The cabin, according to the fashion of the time, was built with a large fire-place, and as Mrs. Benton had no stove, she performed all cooking operations by the open fire. Rail-roads were an unthought of possibility in that section at that time, and for many years the farmers hauled their produce to the river towns, where they exchanged them for cash, or, most likely, for goods of some description. Upon one occasion, Mr. Elias Benton had his wheat made into flour, and in company with a neighbor, built a flat-boat on the Sciota River, and by that means, transported the flour to

New Orleans, where, after waiting six months, they received their payment of 35 cents per bushel.

In a few years the log cabin in which Mr. E. Benton began housekeeping, gave place to a small frame dwelling, where the family lived a few more years, then it in turn gave way to the present substantial structure of brick. The residence of Mr. Benton was the first brick dwelling to be erected in Pickaway Township. He lived there many years, and reared his family in habits of industry and economy. He spent his last days in Hardin County, Ohio. His death occurred on the 18th of May, 1886. He had lived to see Ohio develop from a wilderness to a well-settled and wealthy country. It was his good fortune to be present at the ceremonies attendant upon the commencement of the Ohio canal, when the first spadeful of earth was lifted at Licking Summit, July 4, 1825, in the presence of the Governor, De Witt Clinton, and many others of note in the State. It was a gala day for Ohio, and a time long to be remembered by those present on the occasion.

Elias Benton was thrice married: his first wife was Rosanna Cherry, to whom he was united June 20, 1820. After her death he again married, his second wife being Elizabeth Johnson Caldwell, who was born June 12, 1797, and died May 7, 1865. Their marriage was celebrated January 20, 1823, and the union resulted in the birth of six children, as follows: Orlando was born July 7, 1826, and died October 17, 1852; William Johnson, March 6, 1828, died December 25, 1833; Maria Jane, born April 19, 1830, married Joseph Wright, November 9, 1852, and died November 18, 1860; Daniel W., the subject of this sketch; Almira, born February 11, 1834, died March 25, 1853; Sarah Ellen, born May 22, 1838, married John Saylor, November 13, 1856. On the 12th of February, 1867, Mr. Benton was married the third time, the lady being Mrs. Catherine Cherry.

As stated before, Mr. Benton received a good education and was a man of literary tastes. He frequently employed his pen on articles for the newspapers, also in writing a history of the Benton family, which latter work was published in book form in 1878, when the author was eighty-three years old, and blind. The book is an interesting one, and we

are indebted to it for the principal portion of the facts herein recorded. One of the stories related in the book just mentioned, reveals one of the curious laws passed by the State of Connecticut in the early days of its history. The Legislature enacted a law to the effect that every taxable person not identified with any church, should be assessed a certain amount for the support of the Congregational church, to which most of the legislators belonged. The law had the effect of making many non-church members hasten to one or other of the various religious bodies, where they signed themselves as members, by which means they escaped paying the tax. The Methodists and Episcopalians received many additions to their numbers in that way. One day Daniel Benton, upon his arrival home, announced the fact that he had that day signed himself as a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, and stated that they would thereafter attend the services of that denomination. In that manner it transpired that the father of our subject was reared a Protestant Episcopal. Mr. Benton also states in his book that the public school teachers were obliged to teach the catechism in the daily sessions of school, but were permitted to teach the one that was desired by the parents of the pupils. Politically, Mr. Benton was a Whig, and always took an active interest in the affairs of the country. He served many years as Justice of the Peace, and enjoyed the esteem of his neighbors and friends. He was an extensive and judicious reader, delighting principally in historical works, and his retentive memory enabled him to lay up a large fund of valuable and interesting knowledge. His mental faculties were preserved unimpaired to the day of his demise.

The subject of this sketch was reared in his native State, and resided with his parents until after his marriage. In 1856, he removed to Hardin County, where he bought a farm and made his home till 1887, when he emigrated to Kansas. He located at Ft. Scott, where he bought city property, and also purchased farm land in the neighborhood. He made his home in that city until 1889, when he disposed of a portion of his interests in that place, and removed to Wellington and purchased the farm which is his home at present. He has two hundred

and forty acres of fine land adjoining the city of Wellington, upon which are a superior set of frame buildings adapted to all the wants of a farm carried on in accordance with the best methods employed in modern agriculture. In addition to the farm just mentioned, Mr. Benton owns three hundred and twenty acres in Harmon Township.

The marriage of our subject took place September 18, 1855, the lady of his choice being Miss Harriet Maria Wharton. Mrs. Benton was born in Frankfort, Ross County, Ohio, February 9, 1836. Her father, Rev. Henry Wharton, was a native of Clermont County, Ohio, and his father, John Wharton, was a native of Virginia, of English ancestry. John Wharton was a pioneer of Clermont County, where he improved a large farm, and passed the remainder of his days in the State of his adoption. His wife was Eleanor (Salts) Wharton, a native of Virginia, of English ancestry. The father of Mrs. Benton was reared in his native county, and when quite young professed conversion and united with the Methodist Episcopal church of that place. In 1834 he was admitted to the Ohio Conference as a preacher, and from that time forward was an active and efficient worker in the ranks of the ministry of that denomination. His field of service extended to many different points within the bounds of the Conference, but at all places he was highly esteemed for his eminent piety and superior pulpit ability. His death occurred in 1864, when he was sixty years of age. His wife was Sarah (Winters) Wharton, a native of the same county as her husband. The father of Mrs. Wharton, William Winters, was of Welsh ancestry. He was a farmer by occupation, and followed that calling throughout his life. His wife was Nancy (Carr) Wharton, an estimable woman who performed all the duties of life in a manner pleasing to her family, and in accordance with the dictates of her conscience.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Benton have had six children born unto them, as follows: Henry W., an attorney at Minneapolis, Minn.; Guy Potter, Principal of the Ft. Scott Public Schools; Clarence and Eva are students at Winfield College, southwestern Kansas; Mary and Marguerite are at home. The entire family, except Henry and his wife, are members in good repute in the Methodist Episco-

pal Church, South. Henry and wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Benton is an ardent Republican in politics, and a strict temperance man in practice and principle.

JAMES L. M. STRANGE. The subject of this notice first struck Kansas soil in the fall of 1881, locating first on a rented farm in Cowley County. Two years later he came to this county and purchased the land which he now owns and operates, this embracing one hundred and sixty acres on section 11. It was originally an open prairie with no improvements, but by the exercise of industry Mr. Strange is now in the possession of a good homestead, with his land all fenced, provided with substantial buildings and indicating at all points the intelligence and progress of the proprietor. The most of the land is devoted to the raising of wheat, with the exception of ten acres in pasture.

The subject of this notice was born in Adair County, Ky., October 23, 1839, and is the son of William Strange, likewise a native of the Blue Grass State within which he spent his entire life. He was cut down in his prime, however, dying in 1846, at the early age of about thirty-five years. The paternal grandfather was Archelus Strange, a native of Virginia, and who was married there to Miss Elizabeth Coffee. Soon afterward they removed to North Carolina and from there to Adair County, Ky., where they spent their last days. There were born to them twelve children, viz.: Clayborne, Louis, Abram, William, the father of our subject, Archelus, Levi, Larkin, Elizabeth, Betsey, Polly, Wenston and Ellen. Elizabeth, Clayborne and Wenston are the only survivors, they being residents of Arkansas and Kentucky.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Damarius Davis; she was born in Adair County, Ky., and with her family of five children, after her husband's death, removed to Warren County, Ky., where James L. M. was reared on a farm. Our subject obtained such education as the

common schools afforded and when reaching man's estate was wedded to Miss Sarah J., daughter of Ransom and Lettie (Bevil) Conklin. Mrs. Strange was likewise a native of the Blue Grass State. Of her union with our subject there were born eight children, the eldest of whom, a daughter Lillie, is the wife of W. A. Hiser of South Haven Township; Elmata V. married M. H. Elliott and lives in South Haven, Kan.; William R., Molly B., Tandy W., Nannie D., James L. W., and Sally, remain at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Strange are consistent members of the Christian Church at South Haven, and Mr. Strange belongs to Lodge No. 336, A. F. & A. M. at Smith's Grove, Ky.

The father of Mrs. Strange was born in Tennessee and her mother in Virginia. They came to Kansas in the fall of 1881, locating, like Mr. Strange, in Cowley County where they still live. Grandfather Howell Bevil a native of Virginia, removed to Kentucky at an early day and there spent the remainder of his life.

JOHN C. THRAILKILL, of Wellington, is successfully engaged in the grocery trade, having a thriving business located on North Washington Street. He is one of the old settlers, having come to this region in March, 1872, when the present flourishing city was a village of probably five hundred souls. He has grown with its growth and contributed materially to its welfare and advancement.

The subject of this sketch was born in Trenton, Grundy County, Mo., May 18, 1844, and when a child two years of age, was taken by his parents to Andrew County, that State, where he grew to maturity. He was given a fair education in the common schools, and when starting out for himself engaged in the mercantile business at East Nebraska City, Iowa, where he sojourned from 1867 to 1872. Then, selling out, he came to Kansas, and has since been a resident of Wellington. Prior to his settlement in East Nebraska, however, he had been to this locality and entered a claim in the vicinity of

Belle Plaine, which he proved up, obtaining his clear title. He established himself in the grocery business at Wellington in 1877, prosecuting this until 1883. Then selling out, he embarked in the live stock business, and was thus occupied until 1889, buying and feeding. He is now in the enjoyment of a lucrative trade, and occupies a well-equipped store, keeping a full line of all the goods pertaining to his business. Although meddling very little with politics, he usually votes the Democratic ticket, and he belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. Thrailkill was married in Nebraska City, Neb., April 13th, 1876, to Miss Jonnie Cockrill, a native of Kentucky, and who removed with her parents to Western Iowa when a child. Her father, J. B. Cockrill, engaged in the mercantile business, and died June 5, 1887, in Wellington, Kan. The mother is still living, making her home in Wellington. Our subject and his estimable wife are the parents of three children, namely, Clyde, Lee and Ray.

The subject of this sketch was the son of John Thrailkill, a native of Tennessee, and who married Miss Emily Moore. They first removed to Missouri, where the father engaged in mining, and then in merchandising. He died in Missouri in August, 1854. The mother died October 11, 1888, at St. Joseph, Mo.



ROBERT J. SMITH, dealer in agricultural implements and also engaged in the real-estate and loan business at Wellington, came to the city in 1883 and has made for himself the reputation of an honest man and a good citizen. His native place was Brown County, Ohio, and the date of his birth February 18, 1839. His boyhood and youth were spent in a comparatively uneventful manner in attendance at the district school, and he afterward served an apprenticeship as a tanner, harness-maker and in the saddlery business. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted as a Union soldier in August, 1861, in

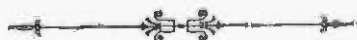
Company A, Seventieth Ohio Infantry. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee under the command of Gen. Sherman. Mr. Smith participated with his comrades in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, Jackson and Mission Ridge, besides other minor engagements. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he repaired to Knoxville, Tenn., but immediately returned and re-enlisted, in January, 1864, in the same company and regiment.

Soon afterward followed the siege of Atlanta and the Fifteenth Army Corps, of which Mr. Smith was a member, started for Savannah, Ga., and joined in the famous march to the sea. During this trying journey Mr. Smith did not ride one hour. He participated in the charge of Ft. McAllister under Gen. Hazen, and thereafter fought at Columbia, and Rolla. His division was then sent to Little Rock, Ark., and at the close of the war he was mustered out at Camp Denison, Ohio. He was never too ill to report for duty, never in the guard house and never captured or wounded, although experiencing some hair-breadth escapes. He likewise never missed a battle or skirmish in which his regiment was engaged.

Upon returning to the pursuits of civil life Mr. Smith engaged in harness-making at his father's old stand in Decatur, Ohio, where he lived until coming to Kansas. On January 11, 1869, he was married, in Adams County, Ohio, to Miss Lina McClung. This lady was born in that county in August, 1844, and is the daughter of James McClung, an Adams County farmer, who is now deceased. The four children born of this union are still living and at home with their parents, bearing the names, respectively, of Frederick M., Herschel B., Robert Charles and Nora. They are being carefully trained and will be given good educational advantages. Mr. Smith, politically, is a Republican, and in his religious views sides with the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, being connected with this church at Wellington. He also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The father of our subject was John S. Smith, who was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1813. He removed to Ohio at an early day was there married to Miss Ruth Simpson. He engaged in harness-

making and saddlery at Decatur, that State, and with his estimable wife is still living. The latter is now seventy-three years old and a member of the United Presbyterian Church.



JOHAN W. CHAPMAN. This gentleman is well worthy of representation in this volume, not simply on account of his financial prosperity and as the owner of a beautiful farm in Val Verde Township, but as a loyal, intelligent and upright citizen, useful in his day and generation, and a living example of worth of character.

Mr. Chapman is of Southern parentage and ancestry, and is a worthy descendant of an honored line in America, the early members of the family having settled in Virginia on their emigration from England. The paternal grandfather was one Daniel Chapman, of North Carolina, and in that State Thomas Chapman, the father of our subject, was born in 1803. Daniel Chapman removed with his family to Robertson County, Tenn., when his son Thomas was but a lad, and there the boy grew to maturity, making that his home until 1840. He married Miss Rachael Garrison, who was born in Tennessee about the year 1802, and who died in Marion County, Ill., in 1846, about six years after she and her husband took up their residence there. Thomas Chapman spent his life in the pursuit of agriculture, and was in easy circumstances. He served in the Black Hawk War and also in the Florida War of 1836. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years before his death, which took place in 1874. The old gentleman, father of our subject, enlisted during the War of the Rebellion, notwithstanding his advanced age, and was discharged on account of his inability to endure the hardships. The parental family comprised nine sons and daughters, namely: Jane E., Susan E., Richard M., Mary, Nancy, Sarah, John W., Daniel W. and Louisa. Susan E. is now deceased.

The gentleman of whom we write was born in Robertson County, Tenn., October 23, 1837, and was reared on his father's farm in Marion County, Ill.,

acquiring an excellent common-school education. He had been taught to love his country as a sisterhood which should be unbroken, and upon the breaking out of the Civil War he took his place in the ranks of the Union army, entering the service in 1861, as principal musician of the Fortieth Illinois Infantry, in which capacity he served the term of his enlistment, three years. He not only was present during many minor engagements and cheered his comrades on weary marches, and in the waiting hours in camp, but participated in the noted battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, Jackson, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Siege of Knoxville and all of the hard-fought conflicts of the Georgia campaign.

At Atlanta, Ga., in August, 1864, Mr. Chapman was honorably discharged and he then returned to Marion County, Ill., making that his home until 1882, when he removed to Sumner County, Kan. He purchased land and entered upon the life of a Kansas farmer, adding to his acreage and improving the estate until it reached its present state of high cultivation and development. He now owns three hundred and twenty acres, lying on sections 5 and 9, Val Verde Township, on which is an excellent residence, good barns, a fine orchard of several acres, and other minor improvements which every enterprising and progressive farmer makes. Mr. Chapman is giving his entire attention to the stock business and to tilling the soil, and is proving successful in his enterprise.

On March 11, 1857, the marriage ceremony was performed which united Mr. Chapman and Miss Margaret Rogers, of Marion County, Ill. The young and charming bride was born in Mississippi, January 18, 1840, and lived to make a happy home until April 18, 1870, when she breathed her last. The union resulted in the birth of five children: Wilber C., Fannie G., Ruth G., Laura L., and an infant that died unnamed.

Mr. Chapman was again married September 11, 1870, the lady with whom he was united being Mrs. Abigail Massey, who was born in Clay County, Ill., in 1837, and died May 4, 1878. Mrs. Abigail Chapman bore her husband five children—Aaron C., Fred M., Bertha A., Merida W. and Flora M. Mr. Chapman contracted a third matrimonial al-

liance December 5, 1878, his companion being Miss Lida A. Songer, of Clay County, Ill., who was born there August 13, 1851. This union has been blessed by the birth of six children: Pearl, John R. Forest A., Bessie J., Daisy F. and Dwight L.; the last two are twins.

Mr. Chapman belongs to the Farmers' Alliance, and to the Masonic fraternity. He gives his political support to the Republican party. He is a member in good standing of the United Brethren Church.



LANCELOT JOHNSON. The pioneer history of Sumner County and the men who were instrumental in its early growth and development forms a most interesting story which will not part with any of its importance as time rolls on. Among those who came to this region nearly a score of years ago and who battled with dangers and difficulties was Mr. Johnson, who is now looked upon as one of its most honored residents. He established himself on section 6, Oxford Township, on the 28th of May, 1871, taking up from the Government the quarter section which he now owns. He put his stakes in front of his present residence at a time when the now flourishing town of Oxford had just been laid out and contained one small store conducted by Mr. P. Binley. The latter purchased furs from the Indians and made a precarious living as best he could. There were no improvements, whatever, on the uplands and but one shanty between Oxford and Mr. Johnson's claim.

Soon after Mr. Johnson selected his location he was joined by two neighbors; in fact, fourteen claims were taken in one day by a delegation from Iowa. In those days there was a community of feeling among the pioneers which led them to take an interest in each other's welfare and very soon all were not only acquaintances but friends. Mr. Johnson proceeded with the improvements of his property, breaking the sod and putting in a full crop that same year. He filed his claim at Augusta and obtained his outfit for farm-

ing at Independence, and for building purposes made his lumber from cottonwood. At first he was obliged to haul water from Oxford. The neighbors joined together in obtaining water, one going at one time and another the next. The only ladies in the colony was Miss Cordie, the daughter of Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. Frank Evans. The ladies were sheltered in a tent while the men lived in their wagons, the camp being on the present farm of Mr. Carpenter.

The first shanty of the colony, a structure twelve feet square, was put up by Mr. Johnson and within it Mr. Johnson and family lived for two summers. In the winter Mr. Johnson and his daughter repaired to Independence.

On the 1st of January, 1872, Mr. Johnson removed his wife and family to this place and then proceeded with the improvement of his property until 1879. He then embarked in sheep-raising, transferring the scene of his operations to Meagher County, Mont. In that region he took another claim, remaining on it until proving up, then sold it and returned to Kansas and sojourned upon his farm until 1884. Upon the latter Mr. Johnson had planted a good grove and set out quantities of hedge for fencing. After prosecuting general agriculture he became interested in stock-raising and in this, as with the other, was uniformly successful.

Liberal and public-spirited, he was ever a friend of education and progress, assisting in organizing the school district and officiating as Director.

Mr. Johnson, about 1884, put up a more modern dwelling at this place assisted by his son. The latter then went to No Man's Land, where he is now engaged in stock-raising. Mr. Johnson, although making no pretensions to being a politician, votes the straight Republican ticket and keeps himself posted on matters of general interest. He is a member in good standing of the Christian Church. Such has been his course in life, his honesty and fair dealing with his fellow-men, that he has gained the unqualified respect of all those with whom he has come in contact.

A native of Shelby County, Ky., Mr. Johnson was born September 23, 1827, and when a child of two years was taken by his parents to Orange County, Ind. Later they removed to Putnam County,

that State, thence to Boone County, and finally to Benton County, Iowa, where young Johnson developed into manhood. He left the parental roof when about nineteen years old and commenced learning the carpenter's trade, then going to St. Paul, Minn., he sojourned there one year. Returning then to Iowa he prosecuted his trade in Benton County and finally purchased land five miles from Vinton, the county seat of Benton County, where he made his home for a period of twenty-five years. In the meantime he was married, March 5, 1850, to Miss. M. J. Forsythe.

After the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Johnson enlisted in October, 1862, in Company K., Sixth Iowa Cavalry, and leaving home November 3, following, was sent to the Northwest to fight the Indians. His duties led him all over Dakota Territory, and he returned home November 3, 1865, after a service of three years and nine hours. He had now a family of five children. He continued a resident of Benton County, Iowa, until 1870, although in the meantime he had sold his farm. That year they came to Kansas and purchased a town lot in Independence, where they lived until their removal to Oxford Township, this county.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Decatur County Ind., February 5, 1830, and is the daughter of J. S. and Jane (McCoy) Forsythe, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. Mr. Forsythe lived for a time in the vicinity of Lebanon, Boone County, Ind., where he was among the first settlers. He engaged in merchandising and for some years was Sheriff of Boone County. In 1844 he crossed the Mississippi into Linn County, Iowa, settling at Marion, but two years later changed his residence to Benton County. He was married in the latter county where the wife and mother died in 1849. In Iowa, as he had been in Indiana, Mr. Forsythe was prominent in local affairs, serving as County Judge and Township Supervisor and holding other public positions until quite aged. Finally, leaving the Hawkeye State in 1873 he came to Kansas and spent his last years in Avon Township, dying in 1876 at the age of seventy-nine years.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of whom only three are living. John A. mar-

ried Miss Lundy King, and is the father of five children; he has already been spoken of as a resident of No Man's Land. Eva is the wife of E. Platte, and they live on a farm near Greensburg, adjoining the county seat. Cordie remains at home; Ida married James Johnson, who died in 1884 and she died in 1888, both being the victims of consumption. Their son, Allen W., died when three years old.

Alexander Johnson, the father of our subject, was born in Ohio and married Miss Sarah Allen, of Kentucky. They made their home in Shelby County, that State, until coming West, as already stated, and reared a family of ten children to mature years. Mr. Johnson died in Iowa April 13, 1855, at the age of sixty-six years. The mother died about 1875-76, in Iowa. She was a member in good standing of the Christian Church. Mr. Johnson had served as a soldier in the War of 1812.



DEACON JAMES T. CHURCH. The subject of this sketch is particularly well known in the religious circles of Wellington, being one of the pillars of the Baptist Church, in which he has officiated as Deacon for many years. He was born in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, November 19, 1828, and is the son of Isaac Church, a native of Cape May, N. J. The latter was reared in his native State, and became an architect and builder. He was converted in his youth, joining the Baptist Church, and for many years officiated as a minister of that denomination. Upon leaving New Jersey he established himself in the city of Philadelphia, where he continued preaching. About 1820 he emigrated to Ohio, and located among the pioneers of Fairfield County.

After his removal to Ohio, the father of our subject being located in the town of Lancaster, engaged as a carpenter and builder, while he also continued his labors in the Master's vineyard. With the exception of a short time spent afterward in New Jersey, he remained a resident of Lancaster

until his death, which occurred about 1853-54. He was married in early manhood to Mrs. Susan Dunlap. She was the mother of our subject and his twin sister, and passed away about 1832, twenty years prior to the decease of her husband. The Rev. Isaac Church was four times married.

The subject of this sketch attended the primitive schools of Lancaster, Ohio, and after reaching manhood completed a business course in the Commercial School at Ottawa, Ill. He was only four years old at the time of his mother's death, and when a boy of eight years went to live with an uncle in the same county, where he was reared on a farm and remained until reaching his majority. He was then given \$100, with a horse and saddle, and started out to seek his fortune. Locating in Fairfield County he engaged with a firm of contractors six months, then secured a position as clerk and book-keeper in the employ of Mahlon Ashbrook, in Pickaway County. This gentleman also conducted a sawmill, distillery, etc. Young Church remained with him one year, then returned to his old home in Fairfield County and engaged in sheep raising, and also dealt in sheep in company with his uncle, John M. Ashbrook. He was thus occupied two years, then engaged in farming. He purchased land in Fairfield County, and continued there until 1857. Then selling out he went to Ottawa, Ill., and engaged in the grocery trade and the manufacture of vinegar. In 1866 he sold out once more, and engaged in the lumber and grocery trade until 1877. He now met with reverses, losing all of his property, and we next find him in Chicago, Ill., as a dealer in groceries. Later he embarked in the lumber business, on the Lumber Exchange, until 1880.

In the above-mentioned year Mr. Church came to Kansas, locating first at Humboldt, and engaging in the lumber trade one year. In 1882 he sold out and removed to Lincoln, Neb., where he prosecuted the lumber business a few months, and then, in 1883, came to Wellington. Here he opened a lumber yard and instituted a branch yard at Caldwell, conducting these until January, 1889. His next move was to form a partnership with J. L. Wood, and they opened an office for the practice of law, also attending to collections and insurance.

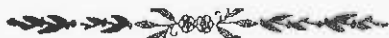
Mr. Church was married, October 9, 1853, in Fairfield County, Ohio, to Miss Laura C. Kagy. This lady was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, March 19, 1832, and is the daughter of Lewis B. and Francina P. (Ashbrook) Kagy, who were natives of Virginia, and pioneers of Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Church there were born two children—Francina and Mary. The first mentioned was married to Ricardo Miner, and they live in Phoenix, Arizona; they have one child, George E. Mary is the wife of C. A. Foss, of San Diego, Cal., and they have three children—C. Stanford, James C. and Laura C. Politically, Mr. Church is a staunch Republican.

JOHAN P. NICE is one of the most practical and prosperous farmers in Val Verde Township and an exponent of the excellent traits which are to be met with among the Teutonic races. His residence and barn are the finest in the township, and taken all in all, his farm, although not so large as many, is one of the most attractive in the entire county. Hard work, a wise economy, and a determination to succeed, have been the levers by which he has won success since he came to Kansas a poor man.

The birth of our subject took place in Prussia, April 15, 1846, and he is the youngest of three children born to Mathew and Gertrude Nice. The mother died in Germany, and in 1853 the father emigrated to America, settling in Grant County, Wis., where he lived until 1887, when he too, departed this life. Three years after his own passage across the Atlantic, his children—Gertrude, Nicholas and John P.—followed him to America, and our subject grew to manhood on his father's farm in Wisconsin. He remained in that State until 1871, and then became a citizen of this county, making Oxford his first abiding place. There he carried on a mercantile business for a time, but in 1883, moved to his present home on section 16, Val Verde Township, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land. The estate is not only furnished with the fine residence and barn before

mentioned, but with all other buildings necessary for the carrying on of the work of the farm, and with such fences, trees, and shrubs as make it beautiful and add largely to its value.

The lady to whose housewifely skill and amiable character, Mr. Nice owes the comforts and pleasure of his home life, was born in Austria, in 1855, and bore the maiden name of Mollie Potucek. At the time of their marriage in 1875, she was a resident of this county. Their happy union has resulted in the birth of four children, William, Avice, Lena, and an infant who died unnamed. Mr. Nice has held some minor offices, exercises the elective franchise in behalf of the Democratic party, and is a member of the Farmers' Alliance. He does not belong to any religious organization but is a Catholic in belief.



OSCAR J. HACKNEY. In 1871 this gentleman left Logan County, Ill., for the Kansas frontier, coming by rail to Newton, which was then the western terminus of the road, and thence by stage to Wichita, then an unpretentious village, where he was met by a brother and driven to this county, his arrival being in the month of September. Wellington had just been platted and contained but few houses, and in the western part of the county deer and buffaloes abounded, while the surrounding country was still in the possession of the United States Government. Mr. Hackney took up the southeast quarter of section 25, in what is now Wellington Township, and at once erected a house and began a successful career as a Kansas pioneer farmer. He has added to his landed estate, and now owns five hundred and twenty acres of fine land, one hundred and sixty acres being in Avon and the rest in Wellington Township.

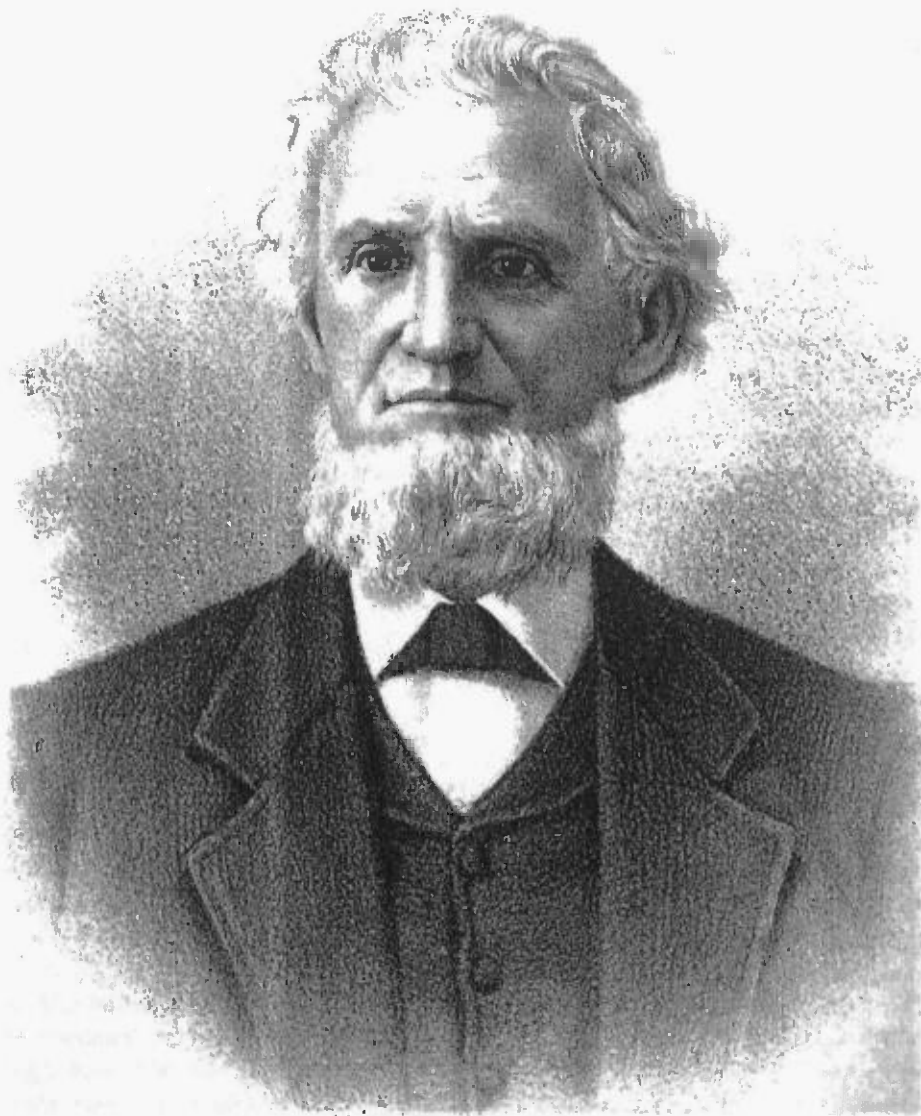
Mr. Hackney was born in Jefferson County, Iowa, April 26, 1847, and was a child of about five years when his parents removed to Logan County, Ill., where he was reared and educated until about sixteen years old. In the meantime the Civil

War had broken out, and all over the Northern States the tidal wave of patriotic enthusiasm had rolled, carrying with it to the front many a lad who, though young in years, was old in devotion to his country; while many a lad was compelled to remain at home on account of his youth or insufficient strength, whose heart was with the forces and who waited longingly for the day to come when he could enter the army.

In 1863 young Hackney enlisted in Company II, Seventh Illinois Infantry, and soon after his enrollment was taking his part in campaign life in Alabama. From that State the following year he went to Georgia, joining Sherman's forces at the famous field of Resaca, and subsequently participating in the battles, skirmishes and weary marches from that point to Atlanta, being present during the siege and at the capture of that city, and in the battle of Altona Pass. During the latter engagement he was seriously wounded, and was laid up for two months, after which he rejoined his comrades and marched with the victorious army to Washington, via Petersburg and Richmond, where after participating in the Grand Review he was honorably discharged and mustered out of the service. Returning to his home he rented land, and devoted himself to the peaceful occupation of farming, quitting Logan County only to become a citizen of Kansas.

The wife of Mr. Hackney is a native of Logan County, Ill., and bore the maiden name of Lena Clark. She is a daughter of John and Eliza Clark, and with the educational advantages afforded in her childhood and the careful training of her worthy parents, was well fitted to discharge all her duties in life upon reaching womanhood. Her union with Mr. Hackney was celebrated January 28, 1868, and six children have come to bless their fireside—Edward, John, Frank, William, Mamie and Kate.

Mr. Hackney belongs to James Shields Post, No. 57, G. A. R. Until the year 1872 he was a Republican, but since that time his suffrage has been given to the Democratic party. During Gen. Grant's presidential term he received the appointment of Postmaster at Wellington and served two years in that capacity. He is enterprising and



G. A. Sommerville

prudent in his agricultural work, keeps himself well informed regarding current events and general topics of information, and is regarded as a good citizen and honorable man.

The father of our subject is now living at Winfield, Kan., to which place he removed in 1880. He was born in Ohio, and is the son of a farmer who removed from the Buckeye State to Illinois, thence to Iowa, returning subsequently to the Prairie State and spending his last years in Logan County. Jacob T. Hackney accompanied his father to Illinois, and thence to the Territory of Iowa, and was a pioneer settler in Jefferson County. In 1852 he purchased a farm three miles from Mount Pulaski, in Logan County, Ill., upon which he made his home until his removal to this State. His wife, the mother of our subject, bore the maiden name of Lucy Chapman, and was a native of Lexington, Ky. She departed this life at her home in Logan County, Ill., some years since.



GEORGE A. SOMMERVILLE. The name of this hardy pioneer, whose portrait is presented on the opposite page, has been familiar to the people of Oxford Township since 1873, when he took up his abode in a then thinly settled region, selecting land on section 36, to the extent of three hundred acres. He comes of sturdy ancestry and was born in Harrison County, W. Va., January 24, 1812. His father, Alexander Sommerville, was born in Scotland and emigrated to the United States a single man. He married Miss Grace Miller and they made their home in the Old Dominion thereafter until the death of the father.

The father of our subject engaged in various pursuits and was looked upon as a man of more than ordinary ability. He was elected Sheriff of Harrison County when his son, George A., was a mere boy, and retained the office for many years. In the meantime the home of the family was in Clarksburg, the county seat, where George A. developed into manhood. The elder Sommerville,

also followed the profession of a teacher for a number of years. The parental household included eleven children, all of whom grew to mature years and of whom George A. was the seventh in order of birth. Alexander Sommerville departed this life at the old homestead in Virginia in 1839. The mother survived her husband for a period of twenty years and in the meantime removed to Indiana where her death took place in 1859.

Upon leaving his native State Mr. Sommerville repaired to Elkhart County, Ind., where he sojourned three years and then took up his abode in Kosciusko County. In the meantime he was occupied in agricultural pursuits and on the 6th of December, 1840, was married in Kosciusko County, to Miss Delilah Firestone. Mrs. Sommerville was born in Logan County, Ohio, in 1822 and was the daughter of Samuel Firestone. When she was a young lady the parents removed to Indiana where they lived until called home to a better land. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville of whom two only lived to mature years, both sons—Marion, a resident of Harper, Kan., and Jasper, who lives one and one-half miles north in Oxford Township.

The land which Mr. Sommerville first took up had undergone but very slight improvement, although there was a frame building on the place. He thus practically commenced at first principles in the construction of a home, breaking the land, making fences and setting out fruit and shade trees. He was prospered in his labors and in due time found himself in the enjoyment of a competence. He retired from active labor in 1881, renting the farm, but still makes his home there. Mr. Sommerville has given to each of his sons eighty acres of land and has sufficient left to yield him a comfortable income. The first schoolhouse in his district was put up the first summer he located there. He has been Treasurer four years and School Director for two years. He gives his unqualified support to the Republican party. He has been for some time a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and is looked upon as a representative man whose career has been such as to gain him the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens. Mrs. Delilah Sommerville departed this life at her home

in Oxford Township, August 14, 1881. She was a member of the same church as her husband and an active Christian.



WARREN WOLLAM, one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of Greene Township, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, November 9, 1851, and is a son of Alfred Wollam, a tiller of the soil in the Buckeye State. In 1863, Alfred Wollam, with his family, which consisted of a wife, seven sons and two daughters, removed to Mercer County, where he and his wife still reside, and where our subject grew to manhood.

Mr. Wollam, of whom we write, acquired an excellent education, and early in life adopted the profession of a teacher, spending the winters in professional work, and during the summers working upon his father's farm until he was twenty-two years old. He taught sixteen terms of school in Mercer County, seven of them being successive in his home district, and since coming to Kansas has spent one term in similar employment.

At the home of the bride in Mercer County, Ohio, August 16, 1873, Mr. Wollam was united in marriage with Miss Elscina, daughter of Wesley Copeland. The bride was born in Anglaize County, Ohio, June 15, 1851, and has been an able assistant and loving companion since their marriage. After that event the young couple continued to reside in Mercer County until the spring of 1883, when they removed to Kansas, locating on section 29, Greene Township, where they have ever since resided. There Mr. Wollam now owns one hundred and sixty acres of fertile and productive land on which excellent buildings have been erected and other good improvements made. Since coming to this State he has devoted considerable time to carpentering and has built several houses in Green Township. He is a good workman at the trade, as well as a successful farmer. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Wollam comprises four living children:

Nellie, Alfred, Oma, and Carl, and two infant daughters, Eva and Gertie, were removed from them by the reaper—Death.

Mr. Wollam is an active worker in the Farmers' Alliance, and has been business agent since the organization of the society here. He has held the office of Trustee of Greene Township for three successive terms. He takes an active part in political matters, laboring earnestly for the advancement of the Republican party. In July, 1888, he was sent as a Delegate to the State Republican Convention. In the fall of 1889 he was the Republican candidate for County Clerk, but was defeated by William H. Carnes. Few men of his years within the bounds of Kansas possess a wider fund of information, a more agreeable manner, or a more energetic nature than does he, and his reputation among his associates is that of an upright man and reliable citizen.



ALEXANDER BARNES, a homesteader of 1876, established himself that year in London Township, taking up one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 32. The country around him was then mostly in a wild condition, where few people had settled, presenting thus not a very cheerful outlook. Mr. Barnes, however, had abundant faith in the future of his adopted State, and held his ground, while others, to a certain extent, were coming and going. He carried on the cultivation of his land as rapidly as possible, erected the necessary buildings, planted fruit and shade trees, and in due time found himself the possessor of a snug homestead. He prosecutes general agriculture, and makes a specialty of attending strictly to his own concerns, meddling very little with public affairs, otherwise than to maintain his allegiance to the Democratic party.

A native of what is now West Virginia, Mr. Barnes was born in Brook County, November 4, 1835, and lived there until a young man of twenty years. He then emigrated to Illinois, accompanied by his brother, and subsequently moved to Iowa,

of which he was a resident until coming to this county. After leaving his native State, he was married February 4, 1858, to Miss Harriet Barker. This lady was born in Fulton County, Ill., on the 9th of August, 1841, and is a daughter of John and Rachel (Harris) Barker, who were natives of Ohio. Mr. Barker followed farming as his chosen vocation, and is now deceased. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, whom they named respectively: John W., Warren A., Elmer, Carrie, Mattie, Melvin, Walter, Clyde, Dollie, and Cora. They are all living, making an exceedingly bright and interesting group. Carrie married David E. Rogers, and lives in this township.

The father of our subject was Alexander Barnes, Sr., a native of Maryland, who emigrated to the western part of the Old Dominion when a young man. Later we find him in Washington County, Ohio, where he followed his trade of carpenter, and spent his last days. The parental household consisted of ten children. The mother is long since deceased, having died in Ohio at the advanced age of eighty years.



JAMES H. WILLIAMS. The subject of this notice lives quietly and unostentatiously at a snug homestead in Harmon Township, where he has three hundred and twenty acres of choice land, occupying a part of section 19. He came to this county in the fall of 1881 from Sangamon County, Ill., where he was born August 8, 1842. He spent the first twenty years of his life on his father's farm, little occurring to disturb the even tenor of his way until the outbreak of the Civil War. He celebrated his twentieth birthday by enlisting as a soldier in the Union Army in Company E, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, and rendered a faithful service of three years or until the close of the war. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee and he endured the various hardships inseparable from life in the army, but preserved his health and strength

in a remarkable degree, escaping capture and wounds from the enemy. He was present at the battles of Jackson, Vicksburg, Brandon, Nashville, Mobile, Ft. Blakely and numerous other engagements.

After receiving his honorable discharge from the service of Uncle Sam, Mr. Williams returned to the place of his birth and sojourned there until 1868. In the meantime he was married March 12, 1868, to Miss Caroline F. Hedrick. The newly wedded pair settled in Christian County, Ill., where Mr. Williams engaged in farming and where they lived until the spring of 1881. Then returning to Sangamon County they resided there until the fall of that year and then set their faces toward the country west of the Mississippi. Mrs. Williams, like her husband, is a native of Sangamon County, Ill., and was born August 11, 1851. Her parents were Alfred and Nancy Hedrick, natives of Tennessee and Ohio. The father resides in Taylorville, Ill., the mother is deceased.

To our subject and his estimable wife there have been born five children, viz.: Herbert I., Frederick, Emma, Hattie, and Rosa. Hattie died when an interesting child of twelve years; the other children are at home with their parents. It is hardly necessary to state that Mr. Williams thoroughly believes in the principles of the Republican party to which he has given his support since becoming a voting citizen. He was elected Township Trustee in the fall of 1885, serving two terms and was re-elected in the fall of 1889. He has been a member of the school board of his district and occupied other positions of trust and responsibility. He and his wife, with their son Frederick and daughter Emma, are members in good standing of the Christian Church.

The home surroundings of Mr. Williams and his family present a picture of plenty and content which is delightful to contemplate. The dwelling is a comfortable structure and adjacent is a goodly assortment of fruit and shade trees, together with the various other appurtenances usually belonging to a rural home. Mr. Williams keeps a fair assortment of live stock and realizes each year from his well-cultivated fields a sufficient income to supply his wants and enable him to lay by something for

a rainy day. Isaiah B., and Phebe Williams, the parents of our subject, were natives of Vermont and Kentucky and came to Illinois when small, where they have since resided. They live in Custer, Ill.



ANDREW S. OMO. Among the honored veterans of Jackson Township none are held in greater respect than Mr. Omo and his estimable wife. They commenced the journey of life together over fifty years ago, a journey in which their interests have been mutual, and which has been singularly blest by affection and contentment. Both are remarkably well preserved, and from choice still continue the performance of their daily duties, finding in them a solace far more comfortable than idleness. Mr. Omo has passed his seventy-seventh birthday, having been born in 1813, and his native place was at Little York, York County, Pa.

In reverting to the antecedents of the subject of this notice, we find that he is the son of Simon Omo, who was born in Paris, France, and entered the army when a lad of fifteen years, serving under Napoleon. He thus spent seven years of his life, and at the expiration of this time was detailed to cross the Atlantic with three vessels for provisions. The vessels laid at the port of Philadelphia nearly three months, and in the meantime Simon Omo and three of his comrades deserted. They had but fifty cents between them, and were unable to speak the English language. They struck out for the country, and luckily found a well-to-do Frenchman on a farm, who gave them a square meal besides provisions to take with them and \$2 in cash.

Thus equipped, the father of our subject and his comrades proceeded to Lancaster, Pa., and young Omo engaged with a blacksmith to learn the trade. He served an apprenticeship of four years, and continued with his employer a number of years longer. Then, being married, he located at Little York, where he continued to sojourn until

1820. That year he removed to Union County, and was a resident of Lewisburg one year. Subsequently he rented a tract of land four miles south of New Berlin, where he lived two years. Next he removed into the town, where he resumed work at his trade and resided many years.

Finally, selling out, Simon Omo left the Keystone State, emigrating to Allen County, Ind., where he spent his last days with his children. His death took place in 1871, after he had reached the advanced age of ninety-three years. His wife, the mother of our subject, bore the maiden name of Mary Mosher. She was born in Lancaster, Pa., and descended from German and Swiss ancestry. She departed this life in New Berlin, Pa., about 1859. There were born to her and her husband eight children.

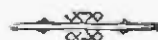
Mr. Omo, of this notice, remained a resident of Union County, Pa., until 1852. In addition to blacksmithing, his father also engaged in the manufacture of brick, and Andrew learned the trade, which he followed in Union County until the date above mentioned. Then, removing to Lycoming County, he officiated as Superintendent of a brickyard there three years. In the fall of 1855 he set out for Iowa, making his way by railroad to Rock Island, Ill., which was then the western terminus of the Great Western Railroad. Thence he took a stage to Tipton, Iowa, crossing the Mississippi on a steamboat at Rock Island. He purchased land in Cedar County to the extent of a half-section ten miles northeast of the town and one and one-half miles east of the present site of Clarence. He put up a frame house and then returned to Pennsylvania for his family. The nearest markets to his land were at Davenport and Muscatine, forty miles away. Mr. Omo settled upon his land, which he brought to a good state of cultivation, and whereon he erected comfortable buildings.

Sojourning in the Hawkeye State until 1876, Mr. Omo then sold out and came to Kansas, locating in Pawnee County and taking up a timber claim as a homestead. In common with his neighbors, he suffered from drouth, grasshoppers and other ills, but lived there until 1883. Then, selling out at a sacrifice, he came to Sumner County and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of

land on section 23, in what is now Jackson Township. His house is now but a few rods from Rome station—a roomy and convenient structure, where Mr. Omo and his excellent wife entertain travelers in that home-like manner more like a private family than an hotel. At the time Mr. Omo took possession of his land only sixty acres had been broken, and the only improvement was a small “box” house. It is hardly necessary to say that the premises presented a widely different appearance from that of to-day. Mr. Omo in due time put up a more modern residence and planted about fourteen hundred fruit trees, which are now in a good bearing condition, including a large and choice variety. As time passed on, he gathered around himself and his family the other comforts and conveniences of modern life. His course has been signalized by industry and perseverance, while as a man and a citizen Mr. Omo has conducted himself in such a manner as to gain the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

The marriage of Andrew S. Omo and Miss Sarah Rudy was celebrated at the bride's home, in New Berlin, Pa., August 10, 1839. Mrs. Omo was born in Union County, Pa., May 6, 1821, and is the daughter of Philip and Sarah (Overmoyer) Rudy, who were natives of Pennsylvania, and spent their last days in that State. To Mr. and Mrs. Omo there was born a family of sixteen children, of whom the following were reared to mature years. Agnes, the eldest living, is the wife of Harvey Lowrey and the mother of four children; her husband is deceased, and the widow resides in Wellington, Kan. A. Percival during the Civil War served as a Union soldier in an Iowa regiment; he is married and the father of eight children, making his home in Pratt County, Kan. Simon A. is married, and has two children; Sarah J. is the wife of Robert Laporte and the mother of two children; Laura married Edwin Olive, and also has two children; Henrietta, Mrs. Donald Cory, is the mother of eight children; George Ira is married, and has four children; Alice, Mrs. James Hagerty, is the mother of four children; Cyrus died when thirty years old; Jerome is married, and lives in Montana; Frederick is married, and has two children; Lizzie remains at home with her parents; Maggie is the

wife of William Newton. Mr. and Mrs. Omo pride themselves on the possession of thirty-two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. They form a large and pleasant family, and are recognized as among the most respectable elements of Sumner County. Mrs. Omo, a kind, motherly woman, is a member in good standing of the Presbyterian Church.



JONATHAN D. BILLITER is a typical Southern gentleman, brave and high spirited, enthusiastic in his support of any measure to which he gives adherence, the soul of hospitality, and generous and whole-souled to those in need. The paternal ancestry were Scotch, and North Carolina was the home of both the parental lines for more than one generation.

The parents of our subject, Mathew and Sarah J. (Yates) Billiter were born, reared and married in the State above mentioned, and there the father carried on his occupations of a mechanic and a farmer until his death in 1847. The widow subsequently married Richard Ransom of the same State, who has since died, and she still lives there at the age of seventy-two years.

The gentleman of whom we write was the youngest of three children born to his parents, and is the only one who now survives. His natal day was September 17, 1846, and the place of his birth, Forsythe County, N. C. He received a common-school education and an excellent home training, and began life for himself at the age of twenty years without financial assistance and in possession of only the clothes he wore. He adopted the occupation of a farmer, has made it his life work and successfully prosecuted it for nearly a quarter of a century.

Mr. Billiter was in his teens when the Civil War broke out but, young as he was, was deeply interested in the internecine strife and at the age of eighteen years he took up arms in behalf of the Confederacy. He enlisted in Company B, Third North Carolina Infantry, and took part in the bat-

tles at Petersburg, Ft. Fisher, Kingston, Goldsboro and Smithfield, bearing himself gallantly in every conflict, and enduring cheerfully the toils incidental to a soldier's life which proved so monotonous when unmingled with the excitement of battle. He was attached to the army of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston and was present at the surrender of Goldsboro, N.C. Whatever may be our opinion regarding the rights and wrongs of the Civil War, honor belongs to all who abandoned home and friends for the field of battle and who displayed in the thick of the fight their bravery and devotion to the principles in which they believed, and it is a pleasure to the biographer, while deeply regretting the losses of the great struggle, to note the worthy conduct of American citizens from the North and the South during those sad years. Both the brothers of our subject served in the Twenty-first North Carolina Regiment—John, the second son, dying in the service, and Phillip L., going through the war and surviving until 1874.

In 1866, Mr. Billiter went to Missouri and settled in Jackson County, where he remained twelve years. While there, November 17, 1869, he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret E. Benton, a most estimable lady, who has shared his fortunes since that day, adding to his joys and endeavoring to assist and encourage him in every good work. Mrs. Billiter is the fourth of twelve children born to her parents, is a native of Tennessee, and her natal day was August 11, 1844. She received a common-school education, and by reading and observation has added to the knowledge thus obtained an excellent fund of information.

The parents of Mrs. Billiter are C. L. and Mary (Gentry) Benton, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively. They were wedded in Indiana, lived in that State two years, thence removed to Tennessee and nine years later returned to the Hoosier State where they sojourned four years. In 1856 they removed to Missouri, settling in Harrison County, where they resided four years, removing thence to Decatur County, Iowa. After a sojourn of four years in the Hawkeye State they went again to Missouri, spent a year in Clay County, and then took up their abode in Jackson County. There Mrs. Benton died in 1869. After living in Jackson County five years Mr. Benton removed to

Cass County, where he now resides with his second wife, his age being sixty-nine years. He served in the Union army during the Civil War as a member of Company A, Thirty-fourth Missouri Infantry. Of the children borne by the mother of Mrs. Billiter eight are now living.

In 1878 Mr. and Mrs. Billiter removed from Jackson County, Mo., to Kansas, locating upon a farm in Ryan Township, Sumner County, where they have since resided. When they began their occupancy of the farm it was all raw land, but it is now in an excellent condition of cultivation and improvement, with one hundred and thirty-five acres of the quarter section which comprises it under plow. Cattle, horses and hogs are raised in the numbers usually to be found on a quarter-section of Kansas land.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Billiter comprised four sons and daughters—John C., Edgar F., Sarah Lutitia and James Dawson. John C. died in 1879. Mr. Billiter is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, is actively interested in politics and votes the Democratic ticket. He served two terms as Township Treasurer and one term as Township Trustee. He is Elder in the Christian Church and Superintendent of the Sunday-school, and his wife also is a member of the same religious organization. Both are prominent in the community in which they live, are well known and held in high repute by their fellow-citizens.



LESLIE COOMBS. The subject of this notice is numbered among the prominent and well-to-do farmers of Dowus Township, being the owner of three hundred and sixty broad acres of land and having his residence on section 15. A part of his land lies on this section and the balance on sections 11 and 16. He came to this county in 1884 and has proved a valuable acquisition to its agricultural interests, having had a life-long experience as a farmer and dealer in live stock and prosecuting his labors in that thorough and syste-

matic manner which forms an excellent example for others to imitate. He was born in LaRue County, Ky., February 24, 1852, and is the son of Walter W. and Sarah E. (Churchill) Coombs, who were likewise natives of the Blue Grass State.

Walter W. Coombs was born July 8, 1829, and spent his entire life in his native State, being, however, cut down in his prime when only thirty-three years of age. His father, Samuel Coombs, likewise a native of Kentucky, was born in 1799 and died in that State. The mother of our subject is still living in Kentucky, being about sixty years old, having been born February 4, 1830. Her parents were Armstead and Mary (Brown) Churchill, natives of Virginia and members of well-known Virginia families. To Walter W. Coombs and his estimable wife were born a family of five children, viz. Churchill, Leslie, Susan, John A. and Ida. Three are living, two residing in Kentucky with their mother and our subject.

The subject of this sketch spent the days of his boyhood and youth amid the peaceful pursuits of farm life in his native county and at an early age gained a good insight into the arts of plowing, sowing and reaping. After coming to this county he was married April 2, 1885, to Miss Fanny Rasdall. Mrs. Coombs is likewise a native of Kentucky and was born in Warren County, March 21, 1866, thus being twenty years old at the time of her marriage. Her parents were Clay and Belle (Clayton) Rasdall natives of Kentucky who came to this county in 1880 and are still residing here in Downs Township.

an incentive to those around him to do likewise as far as in them lay. He has one of the most attractive homesteads in the township, comprising three hundred and twenty acres of highly-improved land, embellished with tasteful and convenient modern buildings. He has found stock-raising extremely profitable, and to this industry gives the most of his attention.

The native place of Mr. Neal was on the other side of the Atlantic in Lincolnshire, England, where his birth took place February 19, 1851. He comes of staunch English ancestry, being the son of Rev. William H. and Phebe (Dudley) Neal, who were both descended from good families and who emigrated to America during the same year in which their son Ruben was born. They settled in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., where the father for many years officiated as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving with distinction, being possessed of marked ability and a good education. He remained connected with this denomination until 1878, then went over to the Society of Friends, and later, coming West, is now installed as pastor of a Quaker Church in Emporia, this State. He is now aged about sixty-six years, having been born in 1824, while his estimable wife is two years younger. They are the parents of three sons—Ruben, William H. and John T. The two younger are residents of Buffalo, N. Y., and Bay City, Mich.

Mr. Neal was reared in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., where he attended the city schools and upon becoming his own man, chose farming for his vocation. He followed this in Erie County, N. Y., until 1876, then determined to seek his fortunes in the far West. Coming to this county he pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 30, Falls Township, where he settled and has since resided. Subsequently he purchased another quarter section, these lying on sections 19 and 30, so that he now has in all three hundred and twenty well-tilled acres, comprising as fine a farm as is to be found within the limits of this county. When coming to this region he was entirely without means, having even to borrow the money to pay for entering his land.

The first dwelling of Mr. Neal in Kansas was a sod house, which he constructed at a cost of \$6, and

RUBEN NEAL. This model farmer and stock-raiser of Falls Township, is considered one of the most liberal and public-spirited men in his community, and who, by his genial and companionable disposition and courteous treatment of all around him, finds friends wherever he goes. He has been no unimportant factor in advancing the agricultural interests of this section, his own example of thrift and industry furnishing

which he occupied with his family for two years. He is now domiciled in a fine two story frame residence, finished and furnished in modern style, and has an equally fine barn and conveniently arranged outbuildings. Providence smiled upon his efforts from the beginning, and he is in the enjoyment of this fine property, free from incumbrance, and with the prospect of a sufficiency for his old age. He operates almost altogether in high-grade stock of all kinds and has contributed in no small degree to the live stock interests of this county, assisting in raising the standard and laboring with his brother farmers in eliminating the poorer grades, so that each year there is noticeable an improvement throughout Sumner County in this respect.

Politically, Mr. Neal is a sound Republican. He and his excellent wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Caldwell, contributing a liberal support thereto and being among its chief pillars. Mrs. Neal was in her girlhood Miss Clara Broughton, daughter of William and Adelaide (Palmer) Broughton, and was married to our subject at Buffalo, N. Y., January 1, 1875. Her native place was Covington, Wyoming County, N. Y., and the date of her birth September 6, 1856. Eight children came to bless this union, four of whom are living, viz: John F., George H., William R., and Howard. Jessie, Phoebe and two infants unnamed are deceased.



NORMAN GRIST, an early settler of Sumner County, Kan., resides on section 4, Belle Plaine Township. He was ushered into this world May 27, 1842, in Bradford County, Pa. His parents, Lyman and Caroline (Ellis) Grist were also born in that State, and their ancestors are supposed to be natives of New England of English stock. Lyman and Caroline Grist were the parents of nine children, named, respectively: Savannah, who is the wife of Morris Wilcox and lives in Bradford County, Pa.; Mary, the wife of George Burgess, resides in Barber County, Kan.;

Thomas H. makes his home in Wisconsin; Salina is the wife of Andrew Melville, of Bradford County, Pa.; Norman, the subject of this sketch; Ann, John and Sarah are at home, and one is deceased.

The subject of this notice was reared on a farm in his native State, where he secured a fine physical development and a fair elementary education in the common English branches taught in the country schools of that State. Although the means of obtaining a good education were far more limited in those days than in the present time, yet our subject was undismayed at the prospect and kept "pegging away," learning a little here and a little there until he has managed to obtain a large fund of useful and interesting knowledge embracing all the essentials of a liberal education.

When the dark cloud of Civil War burst upon the devoted head of the nation, our subject was only a boy of eighteen years but, in response to the call for troops to defend the old flag from misguided zealots who would have trailed the starry banner in the dust, he enlisted April 21, 1861, in Company I, Sixth Pennsylvania Reserves and was assigned to duty in the Army of the Potomac. He remained with that portion of the Federal troops during the entire war, a period of over four years. He made an honorable record as a gallant soldier and was faithful to his duty during all the vicissitudes through which that famous army passed. He fought in the battle of Manassas and during the Peninsular campaign his regiment was engaged in guarding railroads leading from Whitehouse Landing on the Pamunky River to the main body of the army. He was also in the second battle of Bull Run when the boys in blue were a second time put to flight by the lads in gray, and in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam where the "blues" cleverly turned the tables on their exultant foes and drove them across the Potomac.

Mr. Grist was in the fiercely fought battle of Fredricksburg where he was wounded in the left shoulder. This necessitated his removal to the hospital where he was detained some three months, and during that time the battle of Chancellorsville was fought. As soon as his wound was healed our subject rejoined his command and participated in the conflict at Gettysburg when the tide of victory

turned in favor of the Northern arms. He was afterward in the three days' fight in the Wilderness; at the siege of Petersburg where, while assisting to capture the Eidon Railroad, he was wounded in the right side, which sent him to the hospital once again, but he recovered in time to be present at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox. When the latter event took place our subject was a member of the Fifth Corps under Sheridan. He was finally discharged, July 4, 1865, and returned to his home in Pennsylvania. While in Washington he participated in the grand review of the troops which took place in the presence of the President and all the high officials in addition to the principal generals. It was a grand sight and one not easily forgotten.

Upon returning to Pennsylvania our subject took up his life again at the old home, but soon wearied of the place and resolved to try the West to make a fortune. He went to Fayette County, Iowa, where he resided several years. February 24, 1869, he was married to Miss Libbie Davis, a daughter of John and Ann (Fox) Davis, who were both natives of Wales. Eight children have come to their home to share their love and claim their care, named, respectively: Harry B., Carrie A., Maggie M., Earl J.; Hattie, who is deceased; Kate, Lura and Fay.

In the spring of 1871 our subject emigrated to Sumner County, Kan., and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land, upon which he now resides. It was all new, unimproved land and our subject turned the first furrow on the section. By energy and persevering industry he has brought it up to its present state of high cultivation and productiveness. The usual hardships of a pioneer life have fallen to his lot but cheerful courage has enabled him and his excellent wife to surmount them all, and they are now rewarded for their faith in the possibilities of the country which they found in such an undeveloped state, by its present fine condition as regards education, morals and refinement.

For some years Mr. Grist has not enjoyed good health, rheumatism and other ailments have contributed to undermine his physical well-being, but he is a patient sufferer and keeps up good heart not wishing to dampen the pleasure of his family by useless repining. He is a member of the Old Set-

ters Society and finds himself regarded as a representative farmer and veteran soldier. No one is more deserving of the respect and esteem which he receives than the subject of this biography. He has seen the growth of the county from nothing, as it were, to its present thriving condition and rejoices in the progress which has been made. He is a Republican in politics and favors whatever will help to build up the community in material or intellectual prosperity. Mr. Grist is now Clerk of the School Board and has served one term as Director, in which position he gave good satisfaction.

REV. ROLLIN H. SEYMOUR, proprietor of the Waldon House at South Haven, is well-known to the people of this vicinity, and is doing the entire hotel business of the city. He located at this point in 1886, putting up the present structure, which has become an almost indispensable institution to the traveling public. It is conducted upon first-class principles, and "mine host" is not only a favorite with his guests, but among the people of the entire community.

Of Eastern antecedents, the subject of this notice was born in New Haven County, Conn., August 24, 1834. He lived there on a farm until a lad of fourteen years. His father, Stephen Seymour, was a member of the firm of Ives, Kendrick & Co., brass manufacturers at Waterville, where he lived until about sixty-eight years old. Then, retiring from active labor, he removed to Waterbury, Conn., where he spent his last days, dying at the age of about seventy-one years. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, to which the various other members of the family belonged.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Flora Harrison. She was the daughter of Aaron Harrison, and was born in Wolcott, Conn., of which her parents were residents many years. Grandfather Harrison was a musician of considerable talent, and officiated as Drum-Major in the War of 1812. He died in Camp at Brantford,

Conn. The parents of our subject both died at the old homestead. Grandfather Seymour was a native of Wales, whence he crossed the Atlantic with three brothers and their families and located on the Connecticut River, where they all spent the remainder of their lives. They were prominent members of the old Welsh colony which made for itself a name during the early settlement of Connecticut, and were members of the Episcopal Church. The Harrisons traced their ancestry to England.

After reaching his fourteenth year young Seymour began to assist his father in the office at the factory, and two years later he entered a good school in the city of New Haven, where he took a four years' course, in the meantime assisting his father during vacations. After completing his studies he worked in the factory for a time, and later entered the Middleton Theological Methodist Episcopal College, having identified himself with this religious denomination at the age of twenty-one years. He soon exhibited uncommon talent as a pulpit orator, was ordained, and preached until about 1881.

The elder Seymour at one time entered upon the hazardous undertaking of going to England for the purpose of bringing two English mechanics to the United States, these being Samuel Forest and Israel Holmes, the plan being to convey them from the Old Country in a water cask, as there was a severe penalty for importing such service to this country. The enterprise, however, proved successful, they being placed in the cask and fed through the bung-hole until they were out of English waters. They worked in the factory many years, and died in Waterbury, Conn, at a ripe old age.

To the parents of our subject there was born a family of eight sons, all of whom lived to mature years—the eldest, Mason S. S., has for thirty years been practicing medicine successfully on Long Island; Charles H. was graduated from Trinity College at Hartford, and is now a prominent clergyman of the Episcopal Church; Rollin H., our subject, was the third in order of birth; William G., who won considerable distinction as an artist, died at the age of twenty-eight years, in

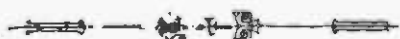
Haverhill, Mass.; Harry A. is living on a farm near Watertown, Conn., and is a large grower of fine-wool sheep; John O. died at the age of eighteen years; Ralph died when two years old; Benjamin F. was graduated from Trinity College, and from Francova Eva, at Montreal, Canada, after studying in the latter seven years, and was an Episcopal clergyman, also professor of French and German in a college at Puget Sound. Prior to his removal to the West he held a Professor's Chair in a school in Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch was married in September, 1857, at Norfolk, Conn., to Miss Ellen L. Brown, of that city. About that time he associated himself in partnership with one Samuel Ives, in New Haven, engaging in the mercantile business. In the spring of 1863 he disposed of his interest in the concern to his partner, and his home was broken up by the death of his wife, which occurred that same year. In 1865 he contracted a second marriage with Mrs. Agnes S. (Murphy) Dunce, of Salisbury. He continued to reside in New Haven until October, 1868, then coming to Kansas, located at Junction City, and became a contractor for the erection of brick buildings. In the spring of 1870 he removed to Ottawa County, where he engaged in the live-stock business, and also kept supplies for stockmen.

Five years later Mr. Seymour removed to Norton County, and now turned his attention more closely to religious matters, entering the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he had officiated on Sundays for many years. As time passed on he organized a number of churches in the Northwestern District of Kansas, but was finally compelled to resign his labors on account of ill-health. We next find him a resident of South Haven, in which he put up the first hotel. At Norton he also erected the first hotel, the first store and the first residence, having taken up land as a homestead claim. He was for some time President of the Town Site Company there. He was a third time married at Alma, Neb., in 1886, to Mrs. Mary A. (Ramsey) Simpson, and they have one child living, a daughter, Bessie M.

Soon after the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Seymour, in June, 1861, enlisted as a Union sol-

dier in Company H, Forty-third New York Infantry, as a private. On the 21st of September following he was commissioned Second-Lieutenant of his regiment, in Hancock's Brigade, and served in that capacity until wounded by a gunshot, May 5, 1862, at the battle of Williamsburg. He was struck three times, once in the knee, once on the foot and once in his side. He carried the latter ball until January, 1877, when it was removed. As may naturally be supposed he has been a great sufferer from this, and for two years his side was wholly paralyzed, and is only now partially restored to its natural condition. He was honorably discharged on account of wounds received while in line of duty.



ALLEXANDER K. CULBERTSON, the founder of Drury, which he laid out in 1877, on his farm, has his residence in South Haven Township, on section 6, where he has erected a fine dwelling and gives his attention to agricultural pursuits. He is the owner of five hundred and ten acres of land, being thus well-to-do, financially, and is a self-made man, the architect of his own fortune, indebted simply to his own energy and industry for his possessions. A native of Ohio, he was born near Zanesville, Muskingum County, March 18, 1844, and is thus in the prime of life, and the midst of his usefulness. His career since coming to the Sunflower State has furnished an admirable example of persevering industry, and should be a source of encouragement to the young man beginning at the foot of the ladder in life, and having only his own resources to depend upon.

Mr. Culbertson is descended from substantial Pennsylvania stock on his father's side, being the son of William B. and Louisa B. (Moody) Culbertson, the former of whom was born in Chambersburg, Pa., about 1808. William B. Culbertson, when an infant, was taken by his parents to Muskingum County, Ohio, where he was reared to man's estate.

and chose farming for his life vocation. At this he was very successful, becoming the possessor of a fine property. He did not live to be aged, departing this life in March, 1861, when about fifty-three years old. His father was Samuel Culbertson, likewise a native of the Keystone State, and of Irish extraction.

The mother of Mr. Culbertson was born in the city of Portland, Me., November 12, 1809, and departed this life January 22, 1890, at Muncie, Ind. The ten children of the parental family are recorded as follows: William M. is engaged as a coal and lumber dealer at Lawrence, this State; Granville M., died in infancy; Harriet A. is the widow of A. E. Fillmore, of Zanesville Ohio; Sidney E. is the wife of Jefferson Van Horne, a banker of Zanesville; Louisa and Stillman are deceased; Ida L. is the wife of A. E. Lyman, a boot and shoe dealer of Muncie, Ind.; George V. died when a promising young man, about twenty-four years old; Samuel W. died when about twenty-seven years old; and the subject of this sketch. Samuel W. was the eldest.

The subject of this sketch was the sixth child of his parents, with whom he spent the years of his boyhood and youth, residing on the home farm near Zanesville, Ohio, and acquiring a practical education in the district schools, also attending school in Zanesville. He lived in the Buckeye State until a man of twenty-seven years, then in March, 1871, turned his steps toward the farther West, coming to this county and pre-empting one hundred and sixty acres of land on the Chikaskia River. This embraced the northeast quarter of section 1, Falls Township, where he put up a log cabin and lived six years. At the expiration of this time he changed his residence to his present homestead, and is now the owner of five hundred and ten broad acres. He deals largely in sheep and cattle, and has been no unimportant factor in developing the agricultural interests of Sumner County. He is a sound Republican, politically, and belongs to the Farmers' Alliance, and has held some of the minor offices.

On the 8th of March, 1877, Mr. Culbertson was wedded at the bride's home in South Haven Township, to Miss Drury Davis. This lady was born in

Nodaway County, Mo., June 12, 1855, and is the daughter of Hiram and Mary J. (Broyles) Davis. Her parents were natives of Virginia, and are now residing in Oklahoma. There have been born of this congenial union three children, all sons; William B., Sidney B. and Berryman K. In addition to being a thorough and skillful farmer, Mr. Culbertson is considered one of the most liberal and public-spirited men in his community, encouraging the projects calculated to advance the interests of the people, socially, morally and financially.



NELSON H. SNOWDEN has for several years been Superintendent of the Sumner County Poor Farm, and so successful and satisfactory has been his management that he is re-engaged for the years 1890-91. He is a native of the Hoosier State to which his grandfather, James Snowden, moved from Ohio, settling among the early inhabitants of Union County and entering a tract of Government land, located partly in Harmony and partly in Liberty Townships, building a log house in the latter. At that time and in that section timber was valueless, and in clearing the land large logs were rolled together and burned. The grandfather cleared and cultivated his farm and lived upon it until his death. His son Jacob, the father of our subject, was born in Ohio, but was a mere child when his parents moved to the Hoosier State where he spent the remainder of his life. Having grown to manhood, he married Miss Eliza A. Langston, and purchased a tract of land in Harmony Township, upon which he built the log house in which our subject was born. There were no railroads in that section for many years, and the nearest market was Cincinnati, forty-five miles distant. Like his father before him, Jacob Snowden cleared his farm, and there ten children were born to him, nine of whom lived to mature years. His death took place December 15, 1869, and his wife survived until August, 1878, both passing away on the home farm.

The natal day of our subject was January 1,

1852. In his youth he attended school as regularly as was possible, and as his strength would admit assisted in the work upon the farm, of which he took charge at the death of his father and upon which he continued to reside until 1875. He then entered the employ of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad, and after four years spent in railroading, again took up his labors on the home farm which he rented until 1884, at which date he became a resident of this county.

At the home of the bride's parents, G. W. and Ellen Mills, in Houston County, Minn., July 11, 1877, Mr. Snowden was united in marriage with Miss Emma Mills, a native of Henry County, Ind., and a young lady whose character and acquirements promised well for the future happiness of the home. Mr. and Mrs. Snowden are the parents of two children—Cora and Louis. In politics Mr. Snowden is a sound Republican. He belongs to the Christian Church and endeavors in his daily life to carry out the Golden Rule and fulfill all the duties which devolve upon him as man and citizen, in a worthy manner.



JOHAN C. LAMBDIN. This gentleman has a large circle of acquaintances throughout the State of which he is a pioneer, and is held in high esteem by all who know his life and character. He was the first Probate Judge of Butler County, which he assisted in organizing in 1858, and the title which was then bestowed upon him, is the one by which he is familiarly known to this day. In 1859, he was elected a member of the Territorial Council, and served in the sessions of 1859-60. Although capable of serving a constituency in any department of public life, he declines to be a candidate for office, preferring to serve his fellow-men in a private capacity.

Judge Lambdin was born in Pittsburg, Pa., October 15, 1819, and is the only survivor of a family of six children. His boyhood was passed in Cincinnati, Ohio, and he received only a common-school education. When about seventeen years of

age, he went on to his father's farm in Clermont County and remained there until 1837, when he removed to Johnson County, Ind., and engaged in a manufacturing business. He moved the business to Paris, Ill., in 1851, and to Point Commerce, Ind., about two years later, remaining in the latter place until May, 1857, when he started for Kansas. A few months later we find Mr. Lambdin located in Butler County, at Chelsea, and soon after filling the positions of public responsibility before noted, and in the intervals of public life, devoting his time to farming and stock-raising.

When the Civil War broke out, Kansas was not behind her older sisters in her desire to uphold the Union and it was not long until almost every able bodied man living in the section with Judge Lambdin had joined the army, even his two sons having left their home for a life on the tented field. He determined to send the remainder of his family back to Illinois, and he too joined the Union forces as stock Quartermaster of Lane's brigade. He subsequently left that command, assisted in the organization of the Indian brigade of five regiments and re-entered the service as Quartermaster of the Fifth regiment of Indian troops, serving in that capacity until the fall of 1863, when he was called to Leavenworth and put on Provost Marshal duty in the Southwest. In that capacity he served until the close of the war, when he returned to Butler County, and resumed the arts of peace.

Judge Lambdin again took up his former occupations of farming and the stock business, and he also conducted a mercantile business at Eldorado for more than fifteen years. In 1884 he moved to Caldwell, but has been engaged in no regular business since except that of looking after his real estate business. He was Superintendent of the Water Works, the first year the system was put in, and although he declines office is one of the most liberal and public-spirited citizens of the town, manifesting a deep interest in every scheme which is promulgated for the public good and contributing generously to all in which his judgment concurs. Being possessed of mental abilities of no mean order, and desirous of adding to the knowledge obtained in his early years, he has taken advantage of every opportunity which reading and observation

would afford and has become well informed on current topics and in various lines of thought. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Knights of Pythias.

Judge Lambdin has been twice married. His first matrimonial alliance was contracted in 1839 and he became the husband of Miss Caroline Beachbard of Madison, Ind., who was spared to him and her family until 1853. She was the mother of three sons, William R., Joshua T., and John W. The first two served during the late war; John W. is now deceased. After having remained a widower until 1855, Judge Lambdin became the husband of Mary V. Vaught, of Paris, Ill., who has borne him one son—Robert M.

In the paternal line, Judge Lambdin is of Welsh descent, his grandfather, Robert Lambdin, having emigrated from Wales to America prior to the Revolutionary War and settled in Maryland. John Lambdin, the father of our subject, was born in that State about the year 1776, grew to maturity there and married Miss Mary Roberts, a lady of Irish extraction. They removed to Pittsburg, Pa., whence, in 1821, they departed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Mrs. Lambdin died in 1857. A portion of their time was spent on a farm in Clermont County. Mr. Lambdin was a carpenter and one of the most skilled workmen of his day; his financial circumstances were easy. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and his death, which occurred in 1852, found him prepared for the scenes of futurity.



THOMAS DUNBAR, a successful general farmer of South Haven, may usually be found at his headquarters on section 16, where he has one hundred and sixty acres of land in a high state of cultivation and makes a specialty of stock-raising, mostly good grades of cattle and horses. He came to this county in 1876 when the greater part of the land in this region was the property of the Government and when wild animals were plentiful, including deer, antelope, turkeys and

wolves. The nearest market was at Wichita to which the produce of the few farmers who had settled in this region was hauled laboriously overland with teams, across the prairie, in many places unmarked save by an Indian trail.

Upon first coming to this region Mr. Dunbar took up his abode in a little frame house, 14x20 feet in dimensions, which he occupied for three years and in the meantime proceeded with the improvement of this property. He sold this farm in 1879, purchasing that which he now owns. His career has been marked by close application to his calling and straightforward dealings with his fellow-citizens by which he has established himself in their confidence and esteem.

A native of New York State, Mr. Dunbar was born in the romantic regions around Lake Champlain, February 4, 1844. Two years later his parents, John and Mary (Linton) Dunbar, removed to Canada, locating at Ormston, where the father occupied himself as a carpenter. About 1853 they changed their residence to Lashute, on the North River, and there the father died in 1867, aged sixty-five years. He was a native of Northern Scotland, where he was reared in the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church and where he was married to his first wife, who died there. His second wife, Mary Linton, the mother of our subject, likewise a native of Scotland, was born in the city of Edinburgh and when a mere child was brought by her parents to Canada; they settled in Montreal where the parents died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Dunbar after the death of her husband, removed with her family of eight sons to Livingston County, Ill., and later came to this State of which she is still a resident, making her home with three of her sons in Gunnison County. Thomas, our subject, on the 25th of February, 1888, was wedded at the bride's home in South Haven Township, this county, to Miss Jenny E., daughter of Henry and Melissa (Jourdan) Clayton, a native of Byron County, Ky. Mrs. Dunbar came to Kansas with her mother in 1883, her father having died in Kentucky. Mrs. Clayton was subsequently married to Stephen Riggs and is now a resident of South Haven Township. Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar have had one child, a son, Bruce, who died when five months

old. Mrs. Dunbar is a member in good standing of the Christian Church. Mr. Dunbar was reared in Presbyterian doctrines but is not at present identified with any religious organization. Politically, he votes independently.



THOMAS J. MYERS has been a resident of Wellington for nearly a decade, and has been engaged in buying and shipping livestock. He is the third son of Abram and Margaret Myers, and the parental history will be found in the biography of L. K. Myers, in this book. Our subject was born in Knox Township, Jefferson County, Ohio, on the 4th of December, 1830, and during his boyhood attended the pioneer schools of the county, which were taught in the log house where the benches were made of hewn logs, with wooden pins for legs. He was a lad of ten years when his parents moved to Carroll County, where he attended school during the winter months, and and the rest of the year assisted his father in clearing land and tilling the soil. There were no railroads in that section for a number of years, and all their transportation was done on the Sandy and Beaver Rivers, and the Ohio Canal.

In 1853 Mr. Myers, with a brother and three sisters, made the journey to Indiana with teams, and spent the winter in Whitley County, whence the family went to Iowa. Soon after their arrival in the Hoosier State our subject and his brother took a contract to build a mile of railroad, a short distance west of Columbia City. Work on that part of the road ceased in the spring of 1854, and Mr. Myers secured a situation as fireman on another part of the road, which he resigned after a short time to follow the rest of the family to the Hawkeye State. He traveled by stage to Goshen, Ind., thence by rail to Rock Island, Ill., where he again boarded a stage which landed him in Washington, Washington County, Iowa. He there secured a ride in a carriage to Winterset, nearly one hundred and fifty miles distant, and then continued

his journey on foot. He walked hard all day, and made a distance of fifteen miles.


Coming upon a log cabin after dark Mr. Myers asked the privilege of remaining during the night. The house consisted of one room, and the two bedsteads in it were made by boring holes in the wall and inserting poles, the other ends of which were supported by posts. There was not a chair in the house, and neither lamp nor candle. Corn bread and fat meat constituted the supper, which Mr. Myers ate from the top of a chest while sitting on a small trunk. The inmates of the cabin consisted of a man and wife and seven children, but notwithstanding the meager accommodations, a kindly welcome was accorded to the stranger. Being very tired he passed a very comfortable night, but arose in the morning not feeling well, with twelve miles yet to walk. He had heard of the town of Pisgah, and expected to see something of a place, but on reaching its site found it consisted of one log cabin, occupied by a Mr. Locke, who was one of the first settlers of Union County. Mr. Myers was quite exhausted when he reached this place, but succeeded in hiring a horse from Mr. Locke, and made the rest of the journey more speedily and with a little more comfort.

The father of our subject had entered a tract of Government land, upon which the family lived, and during the winter our subject and his brother L. K., entered and sold several tracts of land in Union County, and in the spring of 1855, began to improve the land the father had taken, continuing together there until 1859. Our subject then removed to Afton, and engaged in mercantile business. The nearest railroad station was at Ottumwa, one hundred miles distant, and the greater part of his goods were teamed from there. In connection with his mercantile employ Mr. Myers had bought and shipped live stock, and some three years after becoming a resident of Afton he abandoned the former business and devoted his attention entirely to the latter, remaining in that city until 1880, when he came to this place, bought a home, and entered upon the same pursuits, shipping his stock to Kansas City and Wichita.

The wife of Mr. Myers bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Roberts, and the rites of wedlock were

celebrated between them in 1864. She is a daughter of Dr. J. F. and Tamar (Smith) Roberts, the latter of whom died when she was an infant. The father was born in Culpeper County, Va., and it is probable that his father, Benjamin Roberts, was also born in that State. In 1822 the grandfather moved to Ohio, and having purchased land in Athens County, tilled the soil there for a number of years. His wife, Mary Delaney, died in Perry County after having lived to a good old age. Mr. Roberts departed this life also ripe in years, in Athens County. His son, J. F., received a liberal education, and took up the study of medicine in his early manhood, being graduated from the Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and successfully practicing his profession for many years. His skill was displayed in Meigs and Vinton Counties, Ohio, until 1859, and he then removed to Afton, Iowa, where he continued his professional labors for two years. He next opened an office in Brookfield, Mo., and some time later went to Centralia, Ill., where his death took place in April, 1889, at the age of sixty-five years. His daughter, now Mrs. Myers, received an excellent education, and is a worthy and efficient companion. She has borne her husband two children—Frank L. and Harry W.

In politics Mr. Myers advocates the principles of the Democratic party. His wife and two sons are members in good standing of the Presbyterian Church, and both have many friends in the community, where their uprightness, intelligence and friendly natures are well known.

 **A**ARON KING, late of Oxford Township and who owned one of the most valuable quarter sections of land in Sumner County, departed this life March 31, 1889, leaving behind him the record of an honest man and a good citizen. He pitched his tent at his late homestead on section 6, June 1, 1871, and maintained his position through the scourges of grasshoppers, drouth and chinch bugs, and was one of the three men who,

with their families, spent the winter following in one small dwelling. Upon coming to this region Mr. King drove overland from Vinton, Iowa, looking out for a location as he traveled and being one of the first men to cross the Arkansas River. He dug a cellar and while on a trip to Thayer, one hundred and twenty miles away, Mrs. King arrived August 25, 1871, and put up with the family of a Mr. Carpenter, remaining there until Mr. King had completed a roof to shelter his family.

The Carpenter domicile comprised one room only 16x24 feet in dimensions and into it three families moved and lived there until Mr. King had his own home ready. This domicile sheltered thirteen persons, including two children, but they had all come to this region with a mutual purpose in view and assisted each other. They bought their supplies from peddlers in the eastern part of the State and paid \$2.50 per bushel for seed corn of a very poor quality. Wichita at that time was a hamlet of a few houses and one saloon. Mr. King proceeded with the improvement of his land, setting out fruit trees, hedge and forest trees, from the latter of which they still obtain all the fuel needed.

Mr. King was elected the first Director in his school district and Mrs. King was Chairman of the first meeting and administered the oath of office to him. They voted upon the question of building a schoolhouse and by the aid of the women present, carried it in the affirmative. Mr. King served as Director a number of terms and Mrs. King was the one who invited the minister to preach first in that vicinity, the services being held at Mr. Carpenter's house, and there a Methodist Episcopal church was organized. After the schoolhouse was erected the services and Sunday-school were conducted in it and Mrs. King was Superintendent of the latter for several years. She has been connected with this church for the long period of fifty years.

The subject of this sketch was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, July 30, 1812, and was the son of William King who spent his last days in Ohio. He grew to mature years in his native State and then removed to Indiana where he was married to Miss Lydia Hoover. Of this union there were born seven children, all of whom are living.

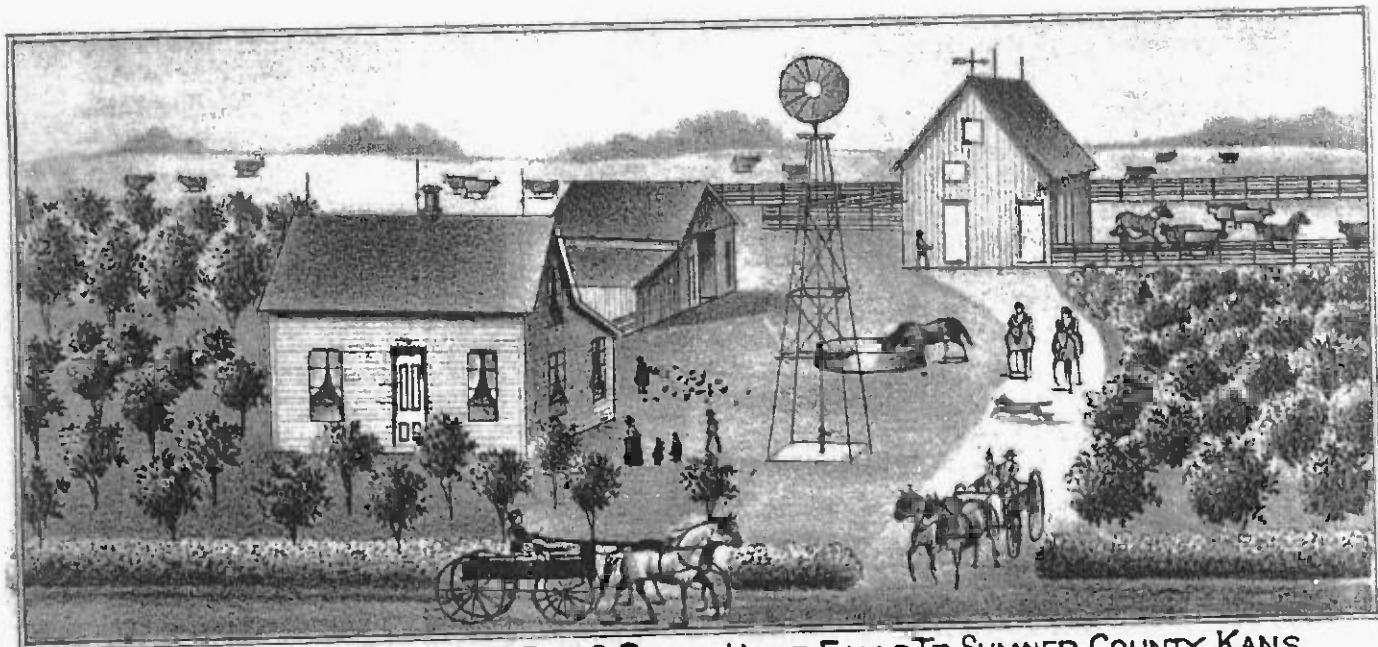
Mrs. King was born near Batavia, Ohio, March 14, 1822, and is the daughter of Richard and Margaret Allison, the former of whom was born in Cayuga County, N. Y. His wife was formerly a Miss Patton. Mr. Allison died in Ohio. The mother subsequently removed to Indiana and made her home with her daughter until her death. Miss Allison was first married to David Craig, October 12, 1842, and they settled in Rush County, Ind. There were born to them four children, only two of whom are living: Demetrius, in the Choctaw Nation, and Huldah M., the wife of Enoch Platt. Mr. Craig died in Vinton, Iowa, (to which place he had removed with his family) January 6, 1857.

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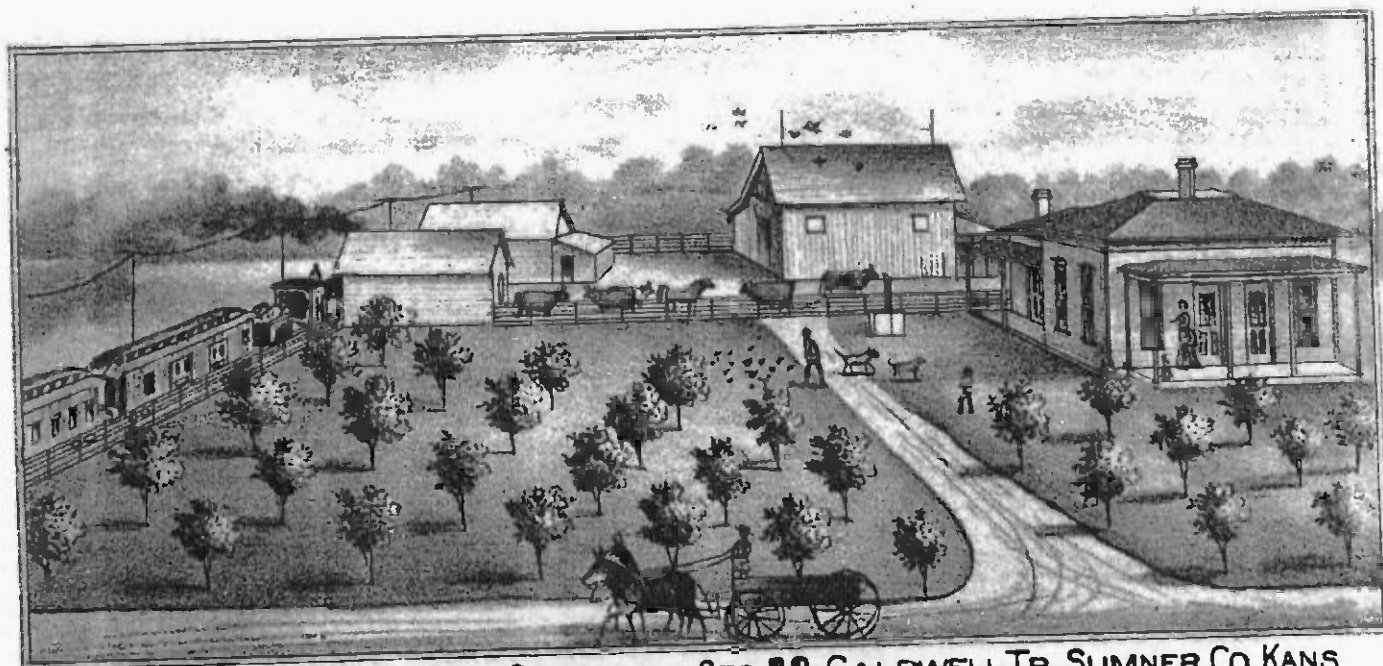
SOLOMON MILLER. This peaceable and law-abiding citizen of Falls Township, came to Sumner County in 1877, and pre-empted eighty acres of land on section 2, to which he subsequently added another eighty acres, and is now in the possession of a well-improved farm provided with convenient and suitable buildings. Upon his arrival here he was without capital, and has not only evolved from the soil of the Sunflower State a comfortable living, but managed to lay by something for a rainy day.

A native of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Mr. Miller was born May 29, 1837, and lived there with his parents until 1846. The family then emigrated to Grant County, Ind., where they spent their last days. The parents were John and Susan (Penrod) Miller, natives of Pennsylvania. John Miller was an enterprising and industrious farmer, becoming well-to-do, and was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church. Possessing decided views, he was not easily turned from his convictions, and from the time of becoming a voting citizen, gave his unqualified allegiance to the Democratic party. The parental household included nine children, viz: Polly, Daniel, Lizzie, Henry, Mary A., Solomon, Rachel, John and Susan. Three of these are living.

Mr. Miller was the sixth child of his parents and



RES. OF SOLOMON MILLER, SEC. 2 SOUTH HALF FALLS TR. SUMNER COUNTY, KANS.



RESIDENCE OF ANDREW CZAPLINSKI, SEC. 82, CALDWELL TR. SUMNER CO. KANS.

was reared on a farm in Grant County, Ind., acquiring his education mostly in the district school. He worked with his father until after the outbreak of the Civil War, then, in 1862, joined the Union army as a private in Company K, One Hundred and Eighteenth Indiana Infantry. He repaired with his regiment to Cumberland Gap, and shortly afterward was injured in a railroad accident, which so disabled him that, being unfit for further military duties, he was obliged to accept his honorable discharge. Returning then to the farm in his native county, he remained there until coming to this State, in 1877. Mr. Miller finds his religious home in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a member in good standing of the Grand Army of the Republic. He keeps himself posted upon current events, and is identified with the Farmers' Alliance.

Miss Mary E. Kirkendall of St. Joseph County, Ind., became the wife of Solomon Miller, in February, 1864. The young people commenced the journey of life together in Grant County, Ind., where Mr. Miller prosecuted farming on his own account until removing west of the Mississippi. To him and his excellent wife there were born three children, viz.: Rachel A., Sarah C. and Mary J. Mrs. Mary E. Miller departed this life at the homestead in Falls Township, October 15, 1873. In 1875 Mr. Miller contracted a second marriage with Miss Margaret Clevinger, of Howard County, Ind. There have been born of this union two sons—Henry and William—bright and intelligent lads, who remain at home with their parents.

A lithographic engraving of the residence wherein Mr. and Mrs. Miller are so comfortably domiciled is presented in connection with this sketch.



ANDREW CZAPLINSKI. A well-improved farm of two hundred and forty acres indicates the perseverance and industry of this well-to-do resident of Caldwell Township, who came to this region poor in purse, and who has by his own exertions and perseverance, sur-

rounded himself with all the comforts of life. He was born in the Province of Posen, Prussia, November 30, 1835, and comes of substantial German ancestry. His parents, Toney and Josephine Czaplinski, were natives of the same Province as their son, and there spent their entire lives. The father was a distiller of liquors. There was born to them one child only—Andrew, of whom we now write.

The subject of this notice was reared in his native Province, and received a common-school education. He was trained to habits of industry, and at an early age went to work at the manufacture of fur goods. When reaching his majority, he determined to seek his fortune in America, and accordingly crossed the Atlantic, settling first at Toledo, Ohio. He worked there at his trade until the outbreak of the Civil War and soon after the call for troops, enlisted as a private in Company B, Thirty-seventh Ohio Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, and to the Fifteenth Army Corps, under the command of Grant and Sherman. Mr. Czaplinski participated in many of the important battles of the war, being at Vicksburg, Missionary Ridge, and upon other hard-fought fields. At Vicksburg, on the 22d of May, 1863, he was wounded by a gunshot; from this, however, he recovered in due time, rejoining his regiment, and on the 25th of November, following, at the battle of Missionary Ridge, received a second wound which disabled him for further service. He received his honorable discharge at the city of Washington, September 9, 1864.

Returning now to his native haunts in Toledo, Ohio, Mr. Czaplinski established himself in the mercantile business, at which he continued until 1871. The following year, resolving upon a change of location and occupation, he pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land on sections 32 and 33, Caldwell Township, this county. He proceeded in true pioneer style to cultivate and improve his land and here he has since made his home. He added to his first possessions by the purchase of eighty acres on section 28, and has brought the whole to a productive condition, erecting thereon suitable buildings, and gathering about himself and family the comforts and conveniences of modern life.

The subject of this sketch was married in Toledo, November 7, 1865, to Miss Elyvina Demki. This lady is a native of the same Province as her husband, and was born January 12, 1845. She came to America with her parents in 1864, settling in Archibald, Ohio. Eight children have been born of this union, viz.: Hugo, Laura, Oscar, Charles, Hammond, Ada, Annie and Lydia. Laura and Oscar died at the ages of ten and seven years, respectively.

Mr. Czaplinski has gathered around himself and his family the comforts and conveniences of life, and a lithographic view of his pleasant homestead, with its principal buildings, is a valuable addition to the ALBUM.



DE WITT S. BLACKMON. A well-regulated farm of one hundred and sixty acres indicates the industry and perseverance which have signalized the operations of Mr. Blackmon since the year 1877, during which he settled on section 14, Walton Township. Aside from dealing somewhat in farm lands, he has given his attention strictly to agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of stock-raising. A native of Lewis County, N. Y., he was born November 24, 1829, and is a son of Sylvester and Clarissa (Peek) Blackmon, who were natives, respectively, of Connecticut and Vermont.

Sylvester Blackmon emigrated at an early date to Lewis County, N. Y., whence he removed, about 1839, to Defiance County, Ohio. He followed farming successfully in the Buckeye State and died at the homestead where he first settled, in 1864, at the age of about eighty-two years. He became well-to-do, leaving an estate worth about \$10,000. He was one of the early members of the Masonic fraternity in that State and, politically, was first a Whig and then a Republican. The wife and mother died at the homestead in Defiance County, Ohio, during the boyhood of her son, DeWitt S. The parental family included six children, viz: Per-

melia, Delia, Maria, Mary, DeWitt S. and Fanny. Our subject and his sister Permelia are the only survivors, and the latter is a resident of West Virginia.

A boy of ten years when going with his parents from his native State to Ohio, Mr. Blackmon was reared in Defiance County on the home farm, living there, with the exception of the time spent in army, until 1877. That year, coming to Kansas, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 14, Walton Township, of which he has since been a resident. While a resident of Ohio, he, in 1862, during the progress of the Civil War, enlisted as a private in Company B, Forty-Seventh Ohio Infantry, and served until June, 1865, when, the conflict being ended, he repaired to Washington, D. C., and received his honorable discharge. His duties as a soldier were performed in that faithful and uncomplaining manner which gained him the respect of his comrades and the approval of his superior officers. He served in the Army of the Tennessee under Gen. Logan and was in all of the principal engagements of his regiment from the taking of Atlanta to the surrender of Lee.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Blackmon served in the War of 1812, while his paternal great-grandfather shouldered his musket and fought with the Colonists during their struggle for independence. He attained to the ripe old age of ninety-nine years and nine months, spending his last years in New York. Mr. Blackmon is a member in good standing of the Masonic fraternity and also belongs to the Farmers' Alliance. In politics he is independent.

Nearly thirty-eight years ago, on the 14th of July, 1852, Mr. Blackmon was married to Miss Elizabeth Butler. The bride was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, December 31, 1834, to John and Sarah (Devall) Butler, who were natives of Ohio, and spent their last years there. This union resulted in the birth of ten children, viz: Clara, Vinal, John, DeWitt S., Jr., Elizabeth, Mary, Allen, Albert, Mattie and Maude. John, Allen and Albert are deceased. The Blackmon homestead invariably attracts the eye of the passing traveller as presenting a picture of one of the most elegant homes in Sumner County. The fine residence in

all its appointments is indicative of cultivated tastes and ample means, and its surroundings reflect great credit upon the intelligence and enterprise of the proprietor. The family occupies no secondary position among the best residents of the township.



NEWELL S. COZAD. There is probably not within the limits of Falls Township a more prosperous or enterprising citizen than he with whose name we introduce this sketch. He is descended from an ancestry possessing marked peculiarities and who were noted almost uniformly for their wealth and influence in the communities where they resided. The landed possessions of Mr. Cozad embrace one thousand broad acres in Sumner and Kingman Counties, this State, including one of the finest farms on section 15, Falls Township, where he settled in the spring of 1880. He also owns three hundred and forty town lots in Caldwell and valuable real estate in Cleveland, Ohio, where he spends the greater part of his time. In addition to the prosecution of farming extensively, he is also largely interested in live stock, of which he possesses a thorough knowledge and which yields him large returns.

The subject of this sketch was born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 23, 1831, and is the son of Samuel and Mary (Condit) Cozad, the former of whom was a native of New Jersey. The parents of Samuel Cozad upon leaving that State settled in Washington County, Pa., when their son was a child of two years. Ten years later they removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where the father departed this life in 1870. He was a successful farmer and a man of large means leaving an estate valued at \$300,000. His farm occupied ground now included in Wade Park, which is one of the most popular resorts of the people of the Forest City. Samuel Cozad in early life was a Presbyterian in his religious views, but afterward, in company with fifteen others, organized the Euclid Avenue Congregational Church in Cleveland, and was largely instrumental in the

erection of the church edifice. He contributed liberally to the support of the society until his death. In early manhood he had served as a soldier in the War of 1812. His father, likewise named Samuel, was a native of New Jersey and of French descent.

The mother of Mr. Cozad was likewise a native of New Jersey, where she was reared to womanhood. When she was nineteen years old her parents removed to Ohio, they likewise settling in the city of Cleveland where Miss Mary met her future husband and where they were married. She died in Cleveland, Ohio, September 5, 1871. Grandfather Abner Condit was likewise a native of New Jersey. To Samuel, Jr., and Mary Cozad there was born a family of six children, viz: Silas H., Hettie A., Mary C., William, Newell S. and Martha J. Hettie and Newell are the only surviving members of the family; the former is the wife of J. D. Bennett and is living in Kingston, N. Y.

Mr. Cozad was reared at the old homestead in the vicinity of Cleveland and attended the city schools until sufficiently advanced to enter an academy. Later he was in college two years. He then took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar in Cleveland about 1855. He practiced two years only but, being inclined to a more active life, then abandoned the profession and turned his attention to farming and gardening near the city, which vocation he prosecuted successfully until 1876. That year, coming to Kansas, he purchased land and began dealing in cattle with such success that he has since prosecuted the business and become independent, financially. In the meantime his son Charles, under the able tuition of his father, has also developed fine business qualifications, and the two together are members of the Cherokee Strip Live Stock Association, having large pastures in the Territory and operating under the firm name of Cozad & Son. Mr. Cozad is a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, to which he gives a liberal support, and in politics he is a sound Republican, strongly advocating prohibition doctrines.

Soon after the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Cozad, in 1861, joined the army with the "Squirrel Hunters" from Cleveland, a body of men organized

to protect the southern border of Ohio. In 1864 he joined the regular army, enlisting in Company D. One-hundred and Fiftieth Ohio Infantry, serving one hundred days. His services being then no longer required, he received his honorable discharge and returned to the pursuits of civil life.

The marriage of Newell S. Cozad and Miss Sarah J. Goe, of Cortland, Ohio, was celebrated at the bride's home June 16, 1858. Mrs. Cozad was born in Cortland, May 7, 1835, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Meek) Goe, who were natives, respectively, of Ireland and Pennsylvania. The latter spent their last years at Cortland, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Cozad there have been born a son and daughter, the latter named Mary A. and now the wife of George W. Bradford, of Caldwell. Charles N. is unmarried and remains at home with his parents. The home farm has been brought to a high state of cultivation and embellished with modern buildings. Everything which cultivated tastes and ample means can afford has been brought together in the improvement of the premises, and it is not only a matter of pride to the people of the neighborhood, but is the means of enriching the county treasury each year by a handsome sum in the way of taxes. Mr. Cozad occupies no secondary position among the prominent men of this county and has contributed his full quota toward advancing its material interests.



JOHN STIGER was born in Dale Township, McLean County, Ill., on the 9th of November, 1845. His father, William Stiger, is a native of Bedford County, Pa., and his grandfather was also a native of the same State. Abram Stiger, the grandfather of our subject, was reared in his native State, and continued to reside there for some years after his marriage. His wife was a native of the old Keystone State, and their marriage was celebrated at her home in the usual style of those times. Hearing the marvelous tales that were related of the unsurpassed richness of

the soil of Illinois, Abram Stiger packed his household goods and family in wagons, and in that manner they were drawn to their new home in McLean County, Ill. They were among the early settlers of that county, and as there were no railroads built, or even thought of, they were obliged to travel slowly across the country, in order that the cattle and teams should not be too much fatigued with the long journey.

The father of our subject was but a boy when his parents located in Illinois. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, receiving such education as the schools of the time afforded, and has a vivid recollection of the times, when, for want of a nearer market and better facilities for transportation, they were obliged to haul their produce to Chicago in wagons drawn by horses or oxen. He has lived to see the wonderful transformation wrought by the advent of railroads in the State of his adoption. He is still a resident of the place where his childhood and youth were passed, and has no desire to remove until he receives the summons to go up higher. The mother of our subject was Miss Mary Beeler. She was a native of Dale Township, McLean County, Ill., and a daughter of William and Betsy Beeler, who were natives of Ohio, and pioneers of Dale Township.

John Stiger was reared in Dale Township, where he attended school during the early years of his life, but as soon as he was able to work, was obliged to do what he could to help his father carry on the farm. He remained with his parents until his twentieth year, when he started out for himself. For a time he worked by the month for his grandfather Beeler, and resided in his house, then rented a farm and operated it by himself. Being industrious and economical, he prospered in his undertaking, and was able to lay up a fair share of wealth besides furnishing himself and family with the comforts and conveniences of modern rural life.

Mr. Stiger was a resident of Dale Township, McLean County, until the year 1883. In the fall of that year he removed to Sumner County, Kan., and located on section 34, southwest quarter of Jackson Township, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land. He now has an excellent farm, well

improved, having fruit and shade trees, and good buildings, and neither himself nor family have ever regretted leaving their old home in Illinois.

September 5, 1865, Mr. Stiger and Miss Mary Banner were united in the bonds of matrimony, and the union has been blessed by the birth of eight children, namely: William, Edward, Amy, Julia, Alice, Ora, Burtie, and Estle. Mrs. Stiger is an estimable lady, and commands the respect and esteem of all who know her. She is a native of Forsythe County, N. C., and daughter of Joshua Banner, a native of the same State. The grandfather of Mrs. Stiger, Joshua Banner, as far as known, spent his entire life in North Carolina. The father of Mr. Stiger grew to manhood, and was married in his native State, and resided there until the year 1865, when he removed to Illinois, and settled in Dale Township, McLean County. The entire journey was made in wagons drawn by horses, and consumed a great deal of time. They camped by the way, and during the trip Mr. Banner caught a cold which terminated fatally, about two weeks after their arrival in Illinois. Mrs. Banner was thus left a widow with seven children to support. She was a woman of energy and spirit, and succeeded in keeping her family together until they were grown and able to do for themselves. Her maiden name was Amy Ogburn, and she is a native of North Carolina. She is now living with a daughter in Colorado. The family of Mr. Stiger attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. Stiger is a worthy member, she having united with that denomination in Illinois.

1, 1816, and is the son of Patrick McDonald, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and of Scotch ancestry.

He emigrated to America early in life and located in Circleville, Ohio, where his death took place in 1849, when his son, William A. was a child of three years. He had been married in Circleville to Miss Rebecca Loofborrow, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, and the daughter of Maj. Wade Loofborrow, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, whom it is believed was a native of Pennsylvania, and of German ancestry. The latter settled in Fairfield County, Ohio, during its pioneer days, and followed farming there the remainder of his life. To Patrick McDonald and his wife there was born two children. The brother of our subject, John Wade McDonald, now practicing law at San Diego, Cal., was one of the pioneers of Sumner County, and held the offices of Probate Judge and County Attorney, respectively, during his residence in the county. The mother died in 1849; the same date of the death of her husband, both dying with the cholera.

Young McDonald was thus left an orphan early in life, and was taken into the home of his maternal uncle, B. F. Loofborrow of Delaware County, Ohio, where he attended the common school, obtaining a very good education. In 1861, when a youth of not quite fifteen years, the Civil War having broken out, he enlisted as a Union soldier, November 26, 1861, in Company I, Eighty-second Ohio Infantry, and participated in many hard-fought battles, among them the second battle of Manassas or Bull Run, besides minor engagements. At Bull Run he was severely wounded and sent to a hospital, but before being fully recovered, rejoined his regiment. Later he participated in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and was slightly wounded at both places. He fought at Chattanooga and Mission Ridge, and went with his corps to the relief of Burnside at Knoxville. He returned to Chattanooga, and on the 1st day of January, 1864, his term of enlistment having expired, he was veteranized, and was granted a furlough of thirty days. At the expiration of this time he rejoined his regiment at Columbus, Ohio, and soon afterward they were ordered to Bridgeport, Ala,

WILLIAM ALLEN McDONALD. There is probably not a more talented lawyer in Sumner County, or one understanding the intricacies of his profession more thoroughly than Mr. McDonald, who established himself in the city of Wellington, in January 1, 1875. He was born in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, December

Two weeks later Mr. McDonald was placed on detached duty, and returned to Columbus to assist in collecting, drilling and forwarding recruits, drafted men, and substitutes to the front. He was thus occupied until the close of the war, and received his honorable discharge July 12, 1865.

Upon retiring from the army, Mr. McDonald, desirous of increasing his store of book knowledge, attended school until March, 1866, at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. He entered upon his business career as a dealer in live-stock, especially horses, making his headquarters at Huntsville, Ala. He had all these years improved his opportunities for reading and observation, and in due time became an important factor in politics in Alabama. On the 29th of April, 1869, he was appointed Register of the Land Office at Huntsville, which office he held for a period of five years. In the meantime he improved his leisure hours by studying law. In December, 1874, he started Westward, and in January, 1875, arrived in Wellington, this State, where he entered in earnest upon his law studies, devoting to them his whole time. He was admitted to the bar in Wellington, in 1876. Judge W. P. Campbell presiding, and at once opened an office, and since that time has engaged in a continuous and successful practice. He is considered one of the leading members of the profession in this part of Kansas.

Mr. McDonald was married July 4, 1876, at the bride's home in Wellington, to Miss Sarah M. Bates. This lady was born in Yates County, N. Y., in April, 1847, and is the daughter of Charles and Mary (Payne) Bates. Her father died December 3, 1872. The mother is still living, and resides in San Diego, Cal. Mrs. Bates was the first woman to reside in Wellington. The only child born of this union, a daughter, Mary Della, died when three months old. Mr. McDonald cast his first Presidential vote for Gen. Grant, but from 1876 to 1888, affiliated with the Democratic party. During the Presidential election of the latter year, he gave his support to Gen. Harrison. He has served two terms as City Attorney, and as an ex-soldier, belongs to James Shields Post, No. 57, G. A. R., of which he is Past Post Commander, and also Post Judge Advocate of the Department of

Kansas. Socially, he belongs to Wellington Lodge, No. 24, A. O. U. W., and is also a member of the Masonic Lodge at Wellington.

He was also a member of the Twentieth and Twenty-second National Encampment at San Francisco, Cal., and Columbus, Ohio, 1886 and 1888, respectively. Mrs. McDonald is a member of the Methodist Church.



GEORGE H. WINSOR. One of the finest farms in Oxford Township is that owned and occupied by the above-named gentleman, who came to this section before either county or township were organized, and who assisted in forming school district No. 1, which extended to the Territory, and in other pioneer work of this vicinity, besides making for himself a beautiful home. His estate comprises a quarter of section 31, and was staked out by him in the early part of April, 1871, before the section survey had been made. He was looking for a location with living water, and finding a spring and branch, and a dry building spot above the spring, he put up a log house and a Kansas barn—i. e., a board frame covered with straw or willow withes twisted in closely. Mr. Winsor used the former. He now has a fine grove of five acres on the branch, which will furnish wood enough to keep his fires going for years, and an excellent orchard, together with all the usual improvements of a progressive farmer. The residence is of a pleasing design and first-class construction, and two stories in height, and both main portion and L are 26x24 feet. It was erected in 1883.

The birth of Mr. Winsor took place at Dartmouth, Devonshire, England, October, 3, 1822, and the parental home was at the mouth of the Dart River till our subject had reached the age of twelve years, when a removal was made to Upper Canada. The mother, Mary (Couch) Winsor, departed this life in the fall of 1860. The father, George Win-

sor. Sr., having moved to Marion, Iowa, died there in October, 1873, at the age of seventy-eight years.

The gentleman of whom we write grew to maturity in Canada, and on October 21, 1845, near Simcoe, was united in marriage with Miss Mary Wiltse. The bride was a native of Vienna, Chautauqua County, N. Y., and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Wiltse, natives of Dutchess County, N. Y. During her early childhood her parents removed to Canada, where she was educated and married.

Mr. Winsor learned the boot and shoe business at Simcoe, and engaged in the same in that place, and later in St. Charles, Kane County, Ill., whence he removed to Marion, Iowa, after a sojourn of a year. Some time after taking up his abode in the latter place, he changed his line of business, and engaged in the sale of agricultural implements, which he continued until 1866, when he located in Miami County, and bought an Indian Head Right, which he sold four years later to become a resident of Kansas.

Seven children are now living of the ten born to Mr. and Mrs. Winsor. Edward W. is prosecuting the ice business in Chicago; Frank is on a farm in Avon Township; Jennie, wife of James Holliday, lives in this county; George G. is now living in Avon Township; Harry and A. D. are graduates of the Kansas Normal School, and are engaged in teaching; Lizzie is also a teacher. All have been given excellent educational advantages, Mr. Winsor having resided in Oxford for two years before there was a school here, in order that they might not lack school privileges.

After his return to his farm and the organization of a new school district, Mr. Winsor was made Director and filled that office during a period of ten years. He has voted the Republican ticket until within the last four or five years, since which time his allegiance has been given to the Union Labor party. While ever interested in good government, he has never aspired to political honors, but has endeavored to serve his country in a more quiet way, as one of the cool-headed and reliable citizens. He is of a social and benevolent nature, and belongs to the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Farmers' Alliance. He

possesses excellent judgment, not only in business matters but in affairs which relate to the welfare of the community, and is highly respected by his fellow-citizens as one of the most upright and reliable of their associates.



WILLIAM C. F. CUMMINGS, one of the early pioneers of this county, made his first appearance in South Haven Township, in 1873, and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 26. He put up a plank house 16x28 feet in dimensions, and occupied this several years while he proceeded with the improvement of his property. His nearest market for some time was at Wichita, to which his grain and produce was transported laboriously overland with teams. The country was in its wild and uncultivated state, with not even a wagon road, and nothing to mark a path to any point except an Indian trail. The red man still prowled around, while buffalo and other wild animals were plentiful, deer, antelopes, and a great many wolves. The present site of South Haven was marked by a solitary store.

Notwithstanding the disadvantages under which he was obliged to labor, Mr. Cummings was prospered, and in due time added eighty acres to his original purchase. He placed one hundred and eighty acres under the plow, reserving the balance for pasture and meadow. He planted an orchard of apple trees, and set out two hundred peach trees, besides trees of the smaller fruits. The necessary buildings were also erected, the plank house giving place to a modern and comfortable residence. Mr. Cummings resided there until the fall of 1881, when he removed to South Haven, where he has a pleasant home, including a neat frame dwelling with the other necessary structures, and five lots. He still retains possession of his farm property, and has the management of its operations.

The subject of this sketch was born in Erie County, Pa., June 7, 1823, and was reared as a farmer's boy. The father, John Cummings, was a

native of Strasburg, Pa., where he lived until reaching manhood, and then went to Erie County, that State. There in due time he was married to Miss Sarah, daughter of Michael McKelvy. Grandfather McKelvy was a native of Virginia, whence he removed with his family to Erie County, Pa., during its pioneer days. John Cummings, died in that county in 1829. The paternal grandfather, John Cummings, Sr., was a native of Germany, and emigrated to America when a young man, settling near Strasburg, Pa., where he spent the remainder of his life.

When a youth of sixteen years, William Cummings migrated to Buffalo, N. Y., where he learned blacksmithing with his brother John, and where he lived five years. Then starting out again, he commenced traveling over different parts of the United States and Canada, working at his trade as opportunity afforded. He likewise spent three years on the lakes as fireman on steamers running from Buffalo to Chicago. Finally he located in Kendall County, Ill., where he took unto himself a wife and helpmate, being married in 1856, to Miss Anna E., daughter of James and Margaret (Wilson) Mack. Mrs. Cummings was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to America with her parents in 1846, when a child of six years. They lived for a time in New York City, then removed to Illinois, and from there to Wright County, Iowa. In the latter county the parents spent their last days. The father was a native of Paisley, and the mother of Glasgow, Scotland. They were married in the latter city, where for a number of years Mr. Mack occupied himself as a weaver. In their own country they were members in good standing of the Baptist Church.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cummings removed to Wright County, Iowa, where Mr. Cummings worked at his trade, and also prosecuted farming about nine years. We next find him in Davis County, Mo., where he sojourned about seven years, after which he returned to Iowa. From there, in 1873, he came to this county.

There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, eleven children, six of whom are living, viz: Addie, Mrs. James Clark, of South Haven; Anna, Mrs. William Noble, of Sumner County;

Wilson; Mattie, the wife of Albert Moss, of South Haven; Charles, and Daisy. The five deceased are Marion, who died at the age of six years; Rosanna, who died when four years old; William who died aged sixteen months; Andrew, and Allen, twins, who closed their infant eyes at the ages of two and three months. Mrs. Cummings is a member in good standing of the Christian Church. Mr. Cummings, politically, votes the Democratic ticket, but otherwise than serving as Justice of the Peace for one term, has had very little to do with public affairs.

John Cummings, the father of our subject, went to Canada during the War of 1812, and being a citizen of the United States, was arrested as a spy, convicted and sentenced to be shot. He, however, succeeded in effecting his escape before the day appointed for execution, receiving, it is believed, assistance from the Masonic lodge, of which he was a member.



CHARLES W. SMITH, the leading agricultural dealer of Wellington, was born near Fulton, Oswego County, N. Y., September 29, 1859. His father, James Smith, was born in Ireland, and the paternal grandfather of our subject was also, as far as known, a native of the Emerald Isle, in which he spent his last years. He was a member of the Methodist Church and reared his family in that faith. James Smith remained a resident of his native land until sixteen years of age, when he accompanied his brothers, George and Samuel, to America and all settled in Oswego County. The father of our subject had been reared to agricultural pursuits, and after living in Oswego County a few years he bought a tract of timber land three miles from Fulton and cleared a farm from the wilderness, residing there until 1865. He then sold out and removed to Fulton, where he engaged in the butchering business and where he is still living. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Jane Mason and she is also a native of Ireland.

Her father, James Mason, came to America with his family and spent his last years near Fulton, where he had purchased a farm. James and Elizabeth Smith reared four children—George L., Emma J., R. J., and our subject.

The gentleman of whom we write attended school quite steadily until fifteen years of age and then commenced working in a grocery store, continuing in the employ of one man for four years, when with a friend he started out to seek his fortune in the West. Young Smith was the fortunate possessor of \$30 in cash as a capital with which to begin his life. The two boys visited different places in New York and Ohio, and finally reached Bryan, in the latter State, out of funds. They started on foot from there and walked one hundred and twenty miles to Lenawee County, Mich., where they found employment in a sawmill at Ottawa Lake. After working a few weeks and so replenishing their pocket books, they went to Adrian and there made a contract with the city council to number the houses, stores, etc., in that city. After completing that job they went to Hudson and, their money being soon spent, they sought work on a farm.

The lads spent but a few days in agricultural labor when they started out in the interest of a Detroit firm to sell Harper's Circulating Library, and traveled in Southern Michigan from April until July when they went to the City of the Straits. There our subject met a merchant from Augusta, Kalamazoo County, and returned with him to his home, where he clerked in a general store about six months. He was then offered a better position with a farm-implement house and accepted the offer, becoming very successful in that line of mercantile work and making large sales. After a few months a Kalamazoo firm made him a very flattering offer, but his employers, rather than lose his services, took him into partnership. This connection continued about two years when it was terminated by the death of one of the partners and Mr. Smith went to Kalamazoo, where he entered the service of C. A. Crosby & Co., a firm which was afterward incorporated into the Kalamazoo Wagon Company, and traveled in their interest until 1883.

Mr. Smith then resigned his position and came

to this place, where he engaged as salesman for C. G. Larned & Co., implement and hardware dealers, with whom he remained two years. He then engaged in business for himself and is now carrying a full line of farm implements of the best quality, barbed wire, wagons, carriages, etc. His building, which is known as the Wigwam Implement House, is a commodious and substantial structure 50x120 feet, and the business which is carried on within it is conducted according to the highest principles of business integrity and honorable dealing.

In 1883 the rites of wedlock were celebrated between Mr. Smith and Miss Kate S., daughter of John G. and Martha M. Schmucker. The bride was born in Pennsylvania and is one of those intelligent and noble-hearted women who are well fitted to make a happy home. The happy union of Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been blessed by the birth of two children—Ruby L. and Mildred M.

Mr. Smith is a member of Anchor Lodge No. 9, K. of P., and of Wellington Lodge No. 133, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and his first vote for President was cast for James A. Garfield. Few young men can look back over a more successful career than has been that of our subject and he may justly be pleased with the reputation bestowed upon him by his fellow-citizens. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church.



ELIJAH M. ADAMS. Few of the prominent residents of Bluff Township are unfamiliar with the personality of the gentleman who bears this name, and who, although only coming here in 1882, has made for himself a record eminently creditable, pursuing the even tenor of his way at a well-regulated farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 33. Besides this property he has twenty acres on section 4. He is a self-made man in the strictest sense of the term, having commenced life at the foot of the ladder, and has by

his own efforts climbed up to a good position, socially and financially. He is prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, has officiated as Township Clerk, and uniformly votes the Republican ticket.

A native of Johnson County, Mo., Mr. Adams was born May 3, 1848, and was the sixth in a family of twelve children, the offspring of Daniel and Susan (McCrary) Adams. He spent his boyhood days at the homestead in his native county, attending first the common schools and later the academy. He completed his education in the Missouri State Normal School, at Warrensburg, and remained a resident of his native county until 1883, coming then to Kansas, and settling upon a claim which he had taken in 1876. On the 21st of March, the first-mentioned year, he was married to Miss Louie A. Smith, of Johnson County, Mo. This lady was born in Wisconsin, February 25, 1866, and is the daughter of LaFayette and Sarah (Custard) Smith, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Adams became the parents of four children, viz.: Ida, Alfred, Eva and Lotta. In the sketch of W. P. Adams, which will be found on another page of this work, there is furnished a more extended notice of the Adams family. Elijah M. has given considerable attention to fruit culture, having a large orchard of apple trees, and numerous varieties of the smaller fruits. He is a thorough and skillful farmer, and has done his share in furthering the agricultural interests of this county.



AMOS CANN. A pleasant and valuable farm in Wellington Township is owned and occupied by the above named gentleman, whose citizenship of this county dates from the fall of 1873, when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land, twenty acres of which had been broken, and upon which there was a small house. Innumerable droves of buffaloes crossed the plains a few miles west, deer and antelopes were plentiful throughout the region, and

farm products had to be hauled to Wichita, thirty miles distant, that being the nearest market. Mr. Cann has seen the country change from that primitive and thinly settled condition into a populous district, spanned by railroads, where the wild game of those early years is replaced by herds of domestic animals, and the far-reaching landscape is covered with fertile farms.

Before entering upon a brief sketch of the life of our subject, a few words in regard to his progenitors will not be amiss. His paternal grandfather, William Cann, was born near Washington D. C., was reared to manhood there, and served as a Justice of the Peace in the Capital City. His grandchildren have now in their possession a bond which was given for a deed, and which bears the signature of George Washington. From Washington William Cann moved to Pennsylvania, in which State the father of our subject was born. About the year 1820 he became a pioneer settler of Butler County, Ohio, the removal from the Keystone State being made by boat down the Ohio River to Cincinnati, and thence by sleds to the location which he had selected, where he took up a tract of timber land and cleared a farm, and where he resided until his death.

Amos Cann, Sr., father of our subject, grew to manhood in his native State, where he married Miss Elizabeth Biddinger, whose father, Frederick Biddinger, was a farmer and also a native of the Keystone State, and who, like the Canns, became a pioneer settler of Butler County, Ohio, where his death occurred. Mr. Cann accompanied his parents to Ohio, and clearing a tract of timber land there, built a substantial log house, in which our subject was born some years later. Cincinnati was but a small village at the time of his removal to Southern Ohio, and for many years after, though still a small place, was the only available market.

The people in those days spent their time almost entirely at their own homes, the facilities for friendly intercourse and travel being limited, and many household duties were then necessary, which have been done away with by the introduction of modern machinery and railroads. The mother of our subject carded, spun and wove all the cloth used by her family. On one occasion her husband,

while in Cincinnati, was offered three lots on Main Street, between Fifth and Sixth Streets, for a linen vest he wore, the cloth for which she had made.

The senior Amos Cann had but meager educational advantages in his youth, but being very ambitious to acquire a good education, he spent all his leisure moments in reading and studying by the light of pine knots, and thus acquired a thorough fund of information, turning it to account as a teacher in his native State and later in Ohio, where he was one of the early pedagogues. This worthy representative of the old regime was gathered to his fathers in April, 1881. His widow is now residing on the homestead, in Butler County, Ohio, and enjoys a full measure of regard as one of the pioneer mothers of the county.

The gentleman whose name initiates this sketch is one of the eleven children born to his parents, and first opened his eyes to the light January 19, 1840, in the log house twelve miles southwest of Hamilton, Ohio. He was reared and educated in the home county, and as soon as his strength would admit began to assist in farm work, taking more and more active part in the labors of the estate as he grew toward manhood. He was an inmate of the paternal household until his marriage, and then rented land in the vicinity, carrying on agricultural labors there until the period of his becoming a resident of this county. He had previously visited this State, though not this part of it, and determined to set up his household gods within its borders. His removal here was made by rail to Wichita, thence by wagon to this county, where he now has a finely improved and thoroughly cultivated farm, which bears an excellent set of buildings, including a tasty and comfortable dwelling.

The lady who for a quarter of a century has been the valued companion of Mr. Cann, and to whose careful management and amiable disposition the comforts of his home are largely due, is a native of the same county and State in which he was born, and in which they were united in marriage January 12, 1865. She was christened Phæbe, and is a daughter of Pierson and Margaret Appleton. She has borne her husband five children: Henry, Sylvester, Maggie, Charley and Amos.

Mr. Cann is now a member of the Democratic

party, although for many years he advocated the principles of Republicanism. He is a reliable citizen, an intelligent, enterprising and honest man, and has an excellent standing among his fellow-citizens.



JOHAN A. BLAIR. Only about twenty-five families had made settlement in this county when Mr. Blair crossed its borders with the intention of making it his future home. The face of the country then presented a vastly different appearance from that of to-day, wild animals being plentiful, and the primitive dwellings of the pioneers, few and far between. It needed men of more than ordinary courage, facing such an outlook, to finally resolve upon permanent settlement, but Mr. Blair was equal to the emergency, and establishing himself as a resident, has since maintained his position.

Commencing with modest means and dependent upon his own resources, Mr. Blair, by a course of great industry and prudence, advanced step by step until he has now become one of the most prominent residents of the county, and is one of its most extensive live-stock dealers. His operations along the Cherokee Strip have probably not been exceeded by those of any man in the vicinity. He is a Westerner by birth, his native place being Plainfield, Hendricks County, Ind., where he first opened his eyes to the light September 20, 1851. His immediate progenitors were Enos and Margaret (Morgan) Blair. The father was a native of North Carolina, whence he emigrated with his parents to Hendricks County, Ind., in boyhood, residing there until a young man of twenty years.


Enos Blair, in 1871, came to Kansas and settled in Caldwell, when it was little more than a hamlet. He made his continuous residence there until 1887, then removed to Alamosa, Colo., where he now resides. During his sojourn in the Hoosier State he carried on farming successfully, dealt in live-stock, and was also interested in pork-packing at Indianapolis for several years. He became

wealthy, but subsequently met with financial reverses which nearly ruined him. After coming to Kansas he continued his live-stock operations. He also became interested in newspaper work, and for a number of years was editor and publisher of the *Caldwell Post*. He had been reared in the Quaker faith, to which he adhered until business cares absorbed his mind to the exclusion mostly of religious matters. He was identified with the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and votes the Republican ticket. He is now retired from active business.

Mrs. Margaret (Morgan) Blair was born in Knoxville, Tenn., and coming to Kansas with her family, died in Caldwell, in 1874. The household circle was completed by the birth of five children, viz.: Julia, Will P., John A., Hattie and Francis M. The two daughters are deceased. John A. spent the early years of his life in his native township, attending first the common school, and later entered Earlham College, at Richmond, Ind.; he also studied in a private school at Indianapolis. After coming to Kansas he occupied himself as a clerk until 1874, and during that year he was appointed Postmaster of Caldwell, holding the position until 1881. In the meantime he also engaged in the mercantile business. During the year last mentioned he disposed of his store and stock and turned his attention to live stock, becoming a member of the Cherokee Strip Live Stock Association, of which he has been Secretary since the time of its organization. He is a Knight of Pythias, Uniformed Rank, and is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. He cast his first Presidential vote for Grant, and has since maintained his adherence to the Republican party.

When approaching the twenty-third year of his age Mr. Blair was married, March 17, 1874, to Miss Katie Wendell. Mrs. Blair was born in Adams County, Ill., June 5, 1859, and is a daughter of the late John H., Sr., and Anna Catherine (Kouse) Wendell, both of whom are deceased. There have been born of this marriage two daughters—Mabel and Marguerite. Mr. Blair has always signalized himself as a liberal and public-spirited citizen, and the uniform encourager of the enter-

prises calculated to build up the interests of his adopted town. He is amply worthy of representation in a work designed to perpetuate the names of the leading men of Sumner County.



JOHAN H. PORTER, a farmer residing on section 20, Wellington Township, was born five miles east of Madisonville, the county seat of Monroe County, Tenn., February 28, 1862. His father, William W. Porter, was born in Washington County, of that State, and his grandfather, Boyd Porter, is supposed to have been a native of Virginia. The latter moved to Washington County during its early settlement, and there improved the farm upon which he spent his last years.

The father of our subject was reared in his native county, and learned the trade of a tanner. He purchased a farm near Riceville, and established a tannery here, managing his farm and operating his tannery until 1862, when he sold out and removed to Monroe County, purchasing property and establishing himself in similar occupations there. In 1876 he visited this county and bought two hundred and forty acres of land on sections 20 and 29, of Wellington Township. Sumner County was sparsely settled at that time, and there were no railroads within its limits, so Mr. Porter deferred moving here, but continued to operate his farm and tannery in Tennessee for several years. He had sold his property there, and almost completed his arrangements for removal to this State, when he was stricken by disease, and May 21, 1885, breathed his last. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Swan, and she was born in Knox County, Tenn. Her father, James Swan, was a native of the same county, was a blacksmith by trade, and spent his last years at his home near Campbell's Station. She passed from time to eternity in July 21, 1884.

The parents of our subject, and all of the family are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which

the father was an Elder for many years. The first and third born of the children, James and Francis, are missionaries in Japan; Belle is now the wife of S. D. Jewell, of New York. The other members of the family circle in their order are: our subject, Ella E., Jennie A., Lillie, Mamie G., and Dora.

In accordance with the wishes of the father, all the children, with the exception of James and Francis, came to Kansas and located upon the land the father had purchased. Our subject being the only son here, has superintended the improving of the land, has erected an excellent and adequate set of farm buildings, and has the estate under thorough and intelligent cultivation. It is located three miles from Wellington, and its situation adds to its value from a monetary point of view, as well as to its desirableness as a residence.

Mr. Porter received the advantages of the best schools of his native county, and supplemented his earlier education by a course of study in Knoxville Business College, and is one of the best informed young men in the county. He is displaying excellent judgment and practical ability in his agricultural work, and has already built up an excellent reputation for his manly character, and gives promise of becoming one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the county when a few more years shall have been added to his life.



THOMAS J. HOLLINGSWORTH, M. D. Although only establishing himself at South Haven, in December, 1888, Dr. Hollingsworth has already succeeded in building up a good practice, this being done by a strict attention to the duties of his profession, and his attitude as the encourager of those movements and enterprises calculated for the good of the community. He was born in Clay County, Mo., September 1, 1854, and obtained his preliminary education in Wyandotte County, this State. Later he attended the State University of Missouri, from the medical depart-

ment of which he was graduated in 1877. He began the practice of his profession in Wyandotte County, and later followed it in Kansas City, Mo., and in the city of the same name in this State. From the latter he removed to South Haven.

Of Southern antecedents, Dr. Hollingsworth is the son of Jephtha H. and Sarah F. (Jessup) Hollingsworth, who were natives of Todd County, Ky. They removed to Missouri in the spring of 1853, and located in Clay County. The elder Hollingsworth organized the first Battalion of Confederate soldiers in Bates County, of which county he was at that time resident. A short time afterward he removed his family to Collin County, Tex., while he remained in the service until the close of the war, acting under a Captain's commission. Then returning to Platte County, Mo., he engaged in stock-raising two years. Next he sold out, and coming to Kansas, located in Wyandotte County, where he was interested in live stock until his death May 27, 1888, at the age of fifty-nine years. The wife and mother died at the same farm March 4, 1884. The elder Hollingsworth was a well-educated man, having been graduated from the Louisville Law University, and he for a number of years was engaged in the practice of law in Kentucky and Missouri.

The mother of our subject was a niece of Gen. Thomas S. Jessup, who was at one time a member of the Kentucky Legislature, and later represented his district in Congress at Washington, in which city he died many years ago. She was carefully educated, completing her studies at a Female Seminary in Greenwood, Ky. She united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at the age of sixteen years, to the faith of which she consistently adhered until her death. The father of our subject was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, with which he identified himself at the age of twenty years, and in which he was an earnest worker from that time on.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Jephtha Hollingsworth, Sr., was a native of South Carolina, and traced his ancestry to Scotland. He was left an orphan when a mere child. When reaching man's estate he settled in Kentucky, and was married to Miss Mary Gordon, who was born there.

They lived in the Blue Grass regions many years, but finally removed to Missouri, where they spent their last days. Grandmother Hollingsworth was a member of the Baptist Church. On the maternal side Grandfather William Jessup was a native of Ireland, and closely related to the O'Connells of that country. He emigrated to America when quite young, and was married in Kentucky, where he reared a family and died.

Dr. Hollingsworth of this sketch was married in Chicago, Ill., November 29, 1881, to Miss Lois Kenyon Fellows, daughter of Mrs. Mary K. Fellows. Mrs. Hollingsworth was born September 27, 1861, in Syracuse, N. Y., of parents who were natives of New York. To the Doctor and his good wife there have been born three children, the eldest of whom, Jephtha B., died young. The survivors are Albert B., and Lola M. F. The Doctor affiliates with the Democratic party, and is a member of Pomeroy Lodge, No. 88, I. O. O. F. at Pomeroy, this State.



ANDERSON GILBERT FORNEY. This gentleman and his brother, J. W., occupy leading positions among the farmers and stock-raisers of Palestine Township, having about one thousand acres of land, and dealing largely in good grades of cattle, of which they usually feed about five hundred head annually, besides draft and road horses. The term "self-made" may properly be applied to them, as when coming to this section, they had but little means, but by great industry and a wise investment of that which they managed to save, they are now comparatively independent. Besides this land they have two other good farms and property in Wichita, Wellington, and Belle Plaine. Anderson G. may usually be found at his headquarters on section 7, Palestine Township, where he has a comfortable home, and apparently everything around him to make life desirable.

A native of Guernsey County, Ohio, Mr. Forney was born December 3, 1817, and spent his early

years in the agricultural districts. His primary studies were conducted in the common school, and later he entered Cambridge College, Ohio. When leaving school, he occupied himself at teaching, and in 1867 was married in his native county, to Miss Samantha, daughter of David and Eliza J. (Hamilton) Dull. Mrs. Forney was also born in that county. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, and her mother of Ohio. Her maternal grandfather, James Hamilton, was of Scotch birth and parentage. He emigrated to America at an early period in his life, and settled in Pennsylvania, where it is believed he spent his last days.

In 1869 Mr. Forney took a trip to Iowa, having in view the location of a permanent home, but finding nothing desirable, returned to Ohio, where he remained until the spring of 1871. His next venture was to this county, and he pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land, which is now included in his present farm. He put up a frame shanty which he occupied with his little family for several months, and commenced at first principles in the construction of a farm from the primitive soil. He hauled his provisions from Emporia by team, the journey occupying about two weeks, and paid \$2 for corn, \$9.50 per barrel for salt, and twenty-five cents per pound for bacon. Wild animals were still plentiful, including deer, antelope, buffalo, and turkeys. Mr. Forney upon one occasion assisted in catching a buffalo with a lasso. His companions in the sport were John Gilchrist and L. Martin St. Clair. They loaded the animal into a wagon, and hauled it into the town of Belle Plaine, where it soon died, surrounded by an admiring crowd. Indians were often seen strolling over the country, but they did not offer to molest the settlers.

There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Forney eleven children, two of whom, Emma and Sylvester, died in infancy. The survivors are Amanda B., Frank W., Jennie H., Cora, Rosa Nell, Charles D., Mary D., Josie, and Benjamin Harrison. Mr. Forney gives his political support to the Republican party. He has served as Township Clerk, and been Clerk of the School Board since taking up his residence here. A man of liberal and progressive ideas, he keeps himself thoroughly posted in regard to cur-

rent events, and is an earnest worker with the Farmers' Alliance of Home Valley.

The subject of this notice is the son of John and Eliza (Wilson) Forney, who were also natives of Guernsey County, Ohio, where the mother died in 1863, in the faith of the Methodist Protestant Church. The father is still living there. The paternal grandfather, Abraham Forney, was born in Maryland, where he lived until reaching man's estate, and was then married to a Miss Curtis. They emigrated to Ohio in 1802, the year in which it was admitted into the Union as a State. Grandfather Forney opened up a farm in the wilderness, and there, with his estimable wife, reared his family, and spent his last days. The father of our subject occupies that same homestead. Grandfather Forney shouldered his musket during the War of 1812, assisting in driving the British finally from American soil. Mr. Forney belongs to the A. O. U. W., Lodge No. 83, of Belle Plaine.



JAMES W. BELLER, now a resident of Perth, was born in Berkeley County, Va., August 29, 1838. Abisha Beller, his father, likewise a native of that county, was born in 1779. He served in the War of 1812, and was by occupation a planter. Legacia Beller, James W. Beller's grandfather, was born in France. He came to the United States when a child, located in Virginia and died in Berkeley County at an advanced age. He served in the Revolutionary War, and was a farmer, cultivating a large plantation.

Margaret (Morgan) Beller, the mother of the subject of this notice, was born in Berkeley County, Va., in 1797, and died at the age of sixty-three years. To her and her husband, Abisha, there was born a family of thirteen children, of whom James W. is the only surviving member. He was given a good education, being graduated from Prof. Frazer's High School in Jefferson County, Va. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted, September 6, 1861, in Company H, First

Maryland Dragoons, and was mustered out at the hospital in Williamsport, Md., December 16, 1862. He re-enlisted, January 14, 1863, in Battery D, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, as a private, and was promoted by special order No. 161, Current Series 64, Adjutant General's office, Washington, D. C., dated April 28, 1864, by order of Abraham Lincoln and countersigned by Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, as Second Lieutenant, and assigned with brevet rank of Captain to the command of Battery E, Prov'l, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and was taken prisoner by the Confederate Army, July 30, 1864, in the crater, caused from blowing up of the rebel fort, in front of Petersburg.

Mr. Beller for a period of seven months was held a prisoner of war in the "officer's prison" at Columbia, S. C., being at the expiration of this time paroled and passed through the lines at Wilmington, N. C. He arrived at Camp Parole, Annapolis, Md., on Sunday, March 3, 1865. He was in all the principal battles of the Army of the Potomac, except those of the Peninsular campaign and the fight at Gettysburg; during the latter his battery was stationed at Ft. Ethan Allen, in the defense of Washington, D. C.

After he was mustered out of service Mr. Beller returned to Martinsburg, which had now become West Virginia, and where he resided for several years. He there engaged in the sale of engines and sawmills for the firm of Griffith & Wedge, at Zanesville, Ohio. In 1879 he went to Porter County, Ind., where he was a contractor and builder, and where he also engaged in the mercantile business. He was married there in 1879, to Miss Matilda Miller, who died April 15, 1885. In 1880 he came to Kansas, and for some years was a resident of Labette County. On the 1st of March, 1887, he came to this county, settling in Perth, where he is now engaged in the real-estate business and insurance, and is also a Notary Public. Politically, he is an active, working Republican.

On the 19th of January, 1887, Mr. Beller contracted a second marriage in Martinsburg, W. Va., with Miss Lizzie L., daughter of Dr. John and Mary (Elderdice) Carpenter. This lady was born near Gettysburg, Pa., and was of illustrious ancestry.

Her maternal great-grandmother was a member of the Royal family of the Stuarts of Scotland, whence she went with her family to Ireland when a young girl, and was there married to a Mr. Alderdice, which name was afterward written Elderdice. They left Ireland and came to the United States about the year 1797, during the reign of persecution by Catholics, they being Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. They landed at Baltimore, Md., when that city was a small town, and letters written by Mrs. Beller's great-grandmother, and now in her possession, show that there were no postal facilities beyond the Alleghany Mountains.

Mrs. Beller is a very superior lady, possessing marked literary talent, and for some years has been a contributor to various newspapers and magazines. For some years also she was associate editress of the Martinsburg (W. Va.) *Herald*, and wrote up a history of the county and of the prominent men of Martinsburg for the special edition of that paper. She was for a time court stenographer, serving under the Hon. Judge Charles J. Faulkner, now the United States Senator from West Virginia.

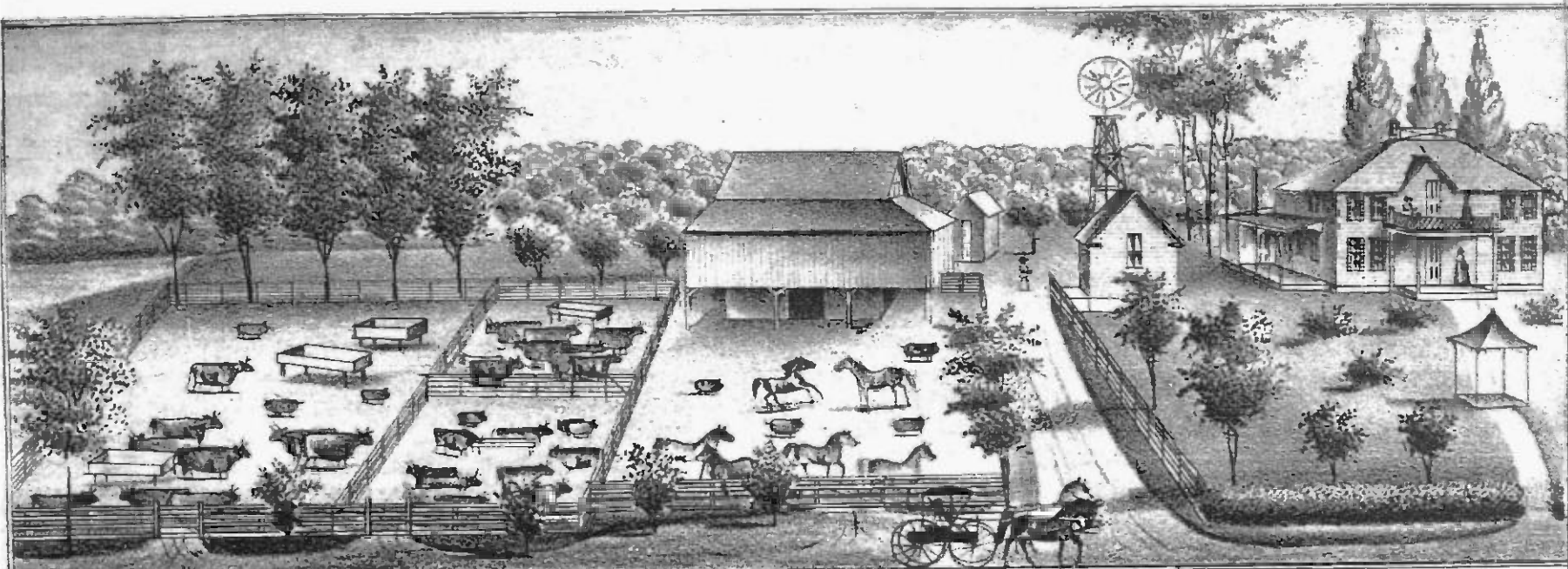
Dr. John Carpenter, the father of Mrs. Beller, came to Kansas in 1889, arriving on the 15th of November. He was born in Adams County, Pa., January 20, 1805, and in 1826 removed with his father's family to Rochester, N. Y. He studied medicine at Rochester, and at Cincinnati, Ohio, being graduated at the latter place. He practiced near Gettysburg, Pa., for a period of thirty years, residing there at the time of the famous battle, and acted as surgeon for the wounded during and after the conflict. He removed to Martinsburg, W. Va., in 1868, and practiced medicine in that city for twenty-one years. His wife, Mary (Elderdice) Carpenter, died there in 1881, at the age of sixty-seven years. Dr. Carpenter's maternal ancestors, the Zimmermans, came from Switzerland to this country before the advent of William Penn. When Penn arrived he undertook to naturalize the people, and to change all the German and Swiss names into English. A part of the people agreed to this, while others refused to accept the change. Among the latter was one of the Zimmermans, and that branch of the family are spread out

through New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the West, as Zimmermans, while Mrs. Beller's branch of the house use the English version of Carpenter. Dr. Carpenter has in his possession title deeds to lands in Adams County, Pa., a part of which was then called the "Manor of Maske," that date back to Penn's residence and were given under his hand and seal. Dr. Carpenter's grandmother, who in her maidenhood was Miss Lamon, was captured by the Indians in what is now Adams County, Pa., about the year 1765, when she was a child. Subsequently, after she had grown to be a young lady, she was recaptured by the Provincial Army and returned to her family. The Doctor is probably the only person living who saw the famous Sam Patch make his fatal leap over the Genesee Falls, at Rochester, N. Y., in the year 1828-29, he being not quite positive as to which year it occurred. He has lived a useful and long life, been eminently successful as a physician, and respected and esteemed by all who have known him.



THOMAS TRACEWELL. In noting the pioneer settlers of Avon Township, the name of Mr. Tracewell should occupy a prominent position as he came to the frontier in the winter of 1877 and located upon the quarter section of land which he had purchased in September preceding. He has maintained his position through the scourges of drouth, grasshoppers and chinch bugs, and still preserves his faith in the future of the Sunflower State. He lives comfortably and unostentatiously, occupying a substantial residence and has convenient outbuildings for the shelter of stock and the storage of grain. This property is pleasantly located on section 23, and is represented on another page of this work by a lithographic engraving. Mr. Tracewell has not only acquitted himself as a thorough and skillful agriculturist, but by his integrity of character has attained to a good position among his fellow citizens.

The subject of this sketch was born in St. Clair



FARM RESIDENCE OF D. N. GILBERT, SEC. 12, SOUTH HALF FALLS T^R SUMNER CO. KANS.



FARM RESIDENCE OF THOMAS TRACEWELL, SEC. 23, AVON T^R, SUMNER CO. KANS.

County, Ill., December 29, 1840, and there spent the first thirty-seven years of his life. His boyhood and youth were passed in the manner common to farmers' sons, he attending the district school mostly during the winter season and growing up familiar with the arts of plowing, sowing and reaping. He remained a member of the parental household until ready to establish a fireside of his own, and was then united in marriage with Miss Sarah J. Hill, April 15, 1874.

Mr. and Tracewell commenced their wedded life together on a farm in their native county of St. Clair, Ill., where they sojourned until coming to Kansas. Mrs. Tracewell was born May 20, 1851, and is the daughter of Samuel A. and Nancy C. (Sargent) Hill, who were both likewise natives of St. Clair County, Ill., where they were reared and married; thence in 1880 they came to this county and settled on a farm in Dixon Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Tracewell there have been born three children, only two of whom are living—Edward A. and Jesse H. Eugene died when about four months old.

The father of our subject was Edward Tracewell, a native of Virginia, who married Miss Margaret Glover, a native of Tennessee. They first settled in St. Clair County, Ill., where they spent the remainder of their days, the father occupied in the peaceful pursuits of farming. Thomas Tracewell is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, but aside from serving as Constable and as a member of the school board he has avoided the responsibilities of office. He forms one of the solid elements of his community, a man who casts his influence on the side of morality and good order and who lives at peace among his neighbors.



EMANUEL M. RIFFEL. In noting the prominent citizens of Downs Township, Mr. Riffel cannot be passed by without due mention. He is a gentleman approaching the sixty-seventh year of his age, having been born May 24,

1823, and his native place is York County, Pa. His father, Henry Riffel, was likewise a native of the Keystone State and born in Adams County. He died at the old home at the age of eighty-three years. He was a brickmaker by trade, but his last years were spent on a farm. An industrious and law-abiding citizen, he became well-to-do and uniformly voted the Democratic ticket.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Riffel was Meltcher, a native of New Jersey, who moved to Pennsylvania and spent his last days in Adams County. He was a farmer by occupation and during the Revolutionary War carried a musket in behalf of the Colonists. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Lydia Wolford. She was born in York County, Pa., and was the daughter of George and Eliza Wolford, who were among the earliest settlers of that State. Grandfather Wolford followed farming and was a conscientious member of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Lydia (Wolford) Riffel departed this life about 1881 in York County, Pa., at the age of seventy-nine years.

The subject of this notice was the eldest of the seven children born to his parents. He was reared on the farm in his native county and educated in the common school. When quite young he began an apprenticeship at carriage-making, which he completed in Maryland, to which he had repaired in 1840. In 1849, he emigrated to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he sojourned three years, working at his trade, then went into Butler County, that State, and sojourned there until 1855. That year found him first west of the Mississippi and upon Kansas soil. Locating in Perth, this county, he established himself in business as a carriage-manufacturer, which he has since successfully followed. He differs in his political views from those entertained by his honored father, being a sound Republican.

While a resident of Cincinnati Mr. Riffel was married June 30, 1850, to Miss Hannah Mitchell. This lady was born in Pennsylvania October 21, 1833, and is the daughter of John and Mary (Baughman) Mitchell, who, upon removing from Maryland settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they both died at an advanced age. They were natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Of

this union there were born seven children, namely: John, Charles, Mary, William, Thomas N., Ernest and Harry. John died when a babe of three and one-half months; William was called hence when a promising youth of eighteen years; Harry died when fourteen months old. The survivors are living in different States.



WILLIAM P. ADAMS. The farmers and stockmen of Caldwell Township have a worthy representative in this gentleman, and his career affords a fine example of what can be accomplished by persevering industry, integrity and wise economy. He began life with no capital except his native abilities, his physical energy, and his determination and he is now the owner of a well-improved farm, comprising one hundred and forty-six acres on section 7, and is regarded as a very successful agriculturist and fruit-grower.

The parents of our subject are Daniel and Susan (McCrary) Adams, now residents of Johnson County, Mo. The father was born in North Carolina but at an early date emigrated to his present place of abode, where he has been County Judge and Justice of the Peace. He has followed farming throughout his life and has accumulated considerable means. His father, John Adams, was a native of North Carolina and became a resident of Johnson County, Mo., in 1833. John Adams served under Gen. Jackson in the War of 1812, and his father was a Revolutionary soldier and a participant in the battle of King's Mountain. The mother of our subject was born in Tennessee and has borne her husband twelve children, namely: John A., Elizabeth, William P., Jane, Christina, Elijah M., Ellen, Robert, Thomas, Emma, James and Frances.

The gentleman of whom we write was born in Johnson County, Mo., May 29, 1844, was reared on the farm and received a common-school education. When about nineteen years of age he entered the Federal army as a private in Company G,

Seventh Missouri Cavalry, serving his country to the best of his ability from the date of his enlistment in 1863 until the close of the war. His regiment belonged to the First Brigade and he participated with his comrades on many a hard fought field.

Mr. Adams moved from his native county to Humboldt County, Iowa, in 1875, but sojourned there only a few months ere becoming a resident of Kansas. He took up a claim which has since been his home and which energetic and systematic management has brought to a high state of perfection and which now forms one of the most attractive places in the vicinity. Among its excellent improvements are a fine residence and orchard, in the former in which he secures needed rest from the toils of life and pleasing recreation in the bosom of his family, while in the care of the latter he gains both pleasure and profit.

The marriage of Mr. Adams and Miss Josephine McCurdy took place September 6, 1870, and has been blessed by the birth of four children: Lena, Ruby, Ralph and Irwin. Mrs. Adams is a daughter of William J. and Margaret (Smith) McCurdy, and was born near Dalton, Ga., and is a lady of estimable character and agreeable manners. Mr. Adams is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and he and his wife belong to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.



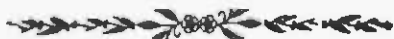
hUMPHREY B. OSBURN came to Sumner County in the fall of 1880 and settled on section 24, Greene Township, where he has since been a resident and where he is carrying on the occupations of farming and stock-raising in which all of his years of maturity have been spent. He owns a large and valuable estate, comprising six hundred and forty acres on sections 24 and 25, and is one of the most highly respected residents of the township as well as one of its large land owners.

The birth of Mr. Osburn occurred in Davis

County, Mo., and his natal day was March 15, 1835. His father, Martin Osburn, was a farmer, and our subject not only obtained the best education possible under the surroundings of his early life, but also acquired a practical and thorough knowledge of agriculture, which has stood him in good stead since he began life for himself. He was about twelve years of age when the family moved to Andrew County, Mo., where he grew to manhood and remained until his thirtieth year. He then moved to Nemaha County, Neb., where he resided three years, after which he settled in Worth County, Mo., and continued to abide there until his removal to this county, where he has accumulated property and been a useful citizen.

The marriage of Mr. Osborn took place in Andrew County, Mo., his chosen companion being Miss Emma Bohart, who grew to womanhood there, but is a native of Buchanan County. Six living children brighten the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Osburn, a cluster of maidens who bear the names of Anna C., Sarah E., Elsie, Martha, Alice and Fannie. Three sons, James, Martin and Humphrey F., have been taken from them by death.

Mr. Osburn has held the office of School Treasurer ever since coming to Kansas. Politically he is a Democrat and never fails to cast his vote in the interest of his party. Both he and his wife have high standing in the Christian Church, of which they have been members for many years.



ROBERT W. LEMOND. The mercantile interests of Hunnewell are prominently represented by the subject of this notice, who is President of the City Council, Clerk of the School Board and who is seldom without some office of trust and responsibility. He is a gentleman in the prime of life, having been born March 27, 1847, and his native place in Gonzales County, Tex. He was reared to manhood in the Lone Star State on a stock farm, and acquired his education by walking four miles to a district school, which he

attended five months, this comprising his book-learning. He, however, has improved his leisure time and keeps himself posted upon current events and by his habits of thought and observation, has formed an intelligent character which no one would suspect of having been deprived of the ordinary school advantages of a civilized community.

Young Lemond remained with his parents, John and Nancy (Brown) Lemond on the farm in Texas until May, 1863. The Civil War being then in progress, he, although being but sixteen years old, enlisted in Company E, Ford's Regiment of the Confederate Army and served as a non-commissioned officer until November following. He was then promoted to be First Sergeant with a regular commission and served in that capacity until the close of the war. In the meantime he had also had command of the company.

Returning now to the old farm in Texas young Lemond sojourned there until 1882, being associated with his father as a live-stock dealer, they keeping from one thousand to five thousand head of horses and cattle on their ranche. These they disposed of largely in the Kansas markets, to which they drove large herds periodically.

John Lemond departed this life at Gonzales, Tex., in 1878, aged sixty-three years. He was a native of North Carolina, whence he removed to Texas at an early day. His wife, Nancy, survived him until 1881, dying at Gonzales when about fifty-five years old. The parental household consisted of eight children of whom Robert W. was next to the eldest and of whom besides himself, there is only one survivor. One brother, Alexander, was killed while in the Confederate service during the late war. Upon leaving Texas Robert W. located on a ranche in the Indian Territory, where he sojourned until 1885, coming then to this county. He was married at Hunnewell, July 17, 1883, to Miss Lena, daughter of G. A. and Lucinda (Vernon) Hale. Of this (his second) marriage, there have been born two children—Walter and an infant unnamed. The first wife of Mr. Lemond, to whom he was married in Texas, was Mrs. Mattie (Price) Apathi. That union resulted in the birth of three children, viz: Cornelia A., Kate H. and Robert W. Mrs. Mattie Lemond died in 1879 at

Coleman, Tex. She taught school some years in Texas and for one term Mr. Lemond was her pupil.

Mr. Lemond in March, 1887, after locating in Hunnewell associated himself in partnership with George K. Van Hook, under the firm name of Van Hook & Lemond. They have a full line of general merchandise, including groceries, hardware, flour, wood and queensware, and carry a stock of from \$2,000 to \$4,500. Their sales aggregate probably \$12,000 per year. Mr. and Mrs. Lemond are prominently connected with the Presbyterian Church in which Mr. Lemond officiates as Superintendent of the Sabbath-school. He mixes very little in political affairs aside from giving his hearty support to the Democratic party.



DAVID M. HARDMAN. Among those who arrived in Oxford Township in time to assist in its early growth and development was Mr. Hardman, who pitched his tent on section 1, in the fall of 1876. He had come to this vicinity the year previous and still remains upon the land which he purchased as a claim, and upon which he has effected nearly all of the improvements which to-day attract the attention of the passing traveler. His farm embraces two hundred and forty acres of fertile land, which is finely adapted to general farming and stock-raising.

The subject of this sketch was born in Wayne County, Ind., June 9, 1835, and lived there until reaching mature years. His father, Israel Hardman, was a native of Kentucky, and born October 12, 1801. The latter removed with his parents to Dayton, Ohio. Grandfather David Hardman was one of the hardy pioneers of Kentucky, and was with the famous Daniel Boone at the siege of Blue Lick and Boonesboro. He married a Miss Leatherman, of Virginia, and removed to Ohio during the time of the pioneer days of the Buckeye State, settling near Dayton. There his son Israel, the father of our subject, grew to mature years and was married

to Miss Elizabeth Wagoner. Later Israel Hardman emigrated to Indiana and settled in Wayne County, where he followed farming until 1855. That year he removed to Appanoose County, Iowa, where he sojourned until his death, in 1878. He was a member of the German Baptist Church. The mother had passed away in 1860.

David M. Hardman, during his younger years, learned carpentering. He remained under the home roof until after his mother's death. In the meantime he was married, September 7, 1859, to Miss Elizabeth Ullrick, the wedding taking place at the bride's home. A year or two later Mr. Hardman set out overland to California, where he built a mill on Center Creek in Amador County. He superintended the operations of this until the fall of 1866, in the heart of the mining regions. He then returned to his old haunts in Iowa, via the Isthmus and New York City, arriving at his destination in December, that year, after an absence of five years.

Again resuming operations as a carpenter, Mr. Hardman also engaged in millwrighting, remaining there until his removal to this county. He came here with the expectation of putting in the machinery of the Oxford Water Mill, the first structure of any importance in the county. Upon his arrival here he assumed a half interest in the enterprise in company with Joseph Hewett, completed the mill and then sold out. This mill was driven by water-power from the Arkansas River, having a fall of ten feet in a mile race. Mr. Hardman was obliged to build a dam across the river above the island in the form of a V, running from the island up stream, instead of straight across. After withdrawing from the mill Mr. Hardman purchased the land which he now owns. The bottoms were flooded in 1876, where the year previous, there had been raised seventy-five bushels of corn to the acre. This flood swept down millions of cottonwood trees, thousands of which were taken to different counties and planted. These trees have now grown to be sixteen and eighteen inches in diameter, forming fine wind-breaks and a grateful shade in summer. Mr. Hardman while carrying on the improvements of his property has, nevertheless, maintained an interest in the welfare of his adopted

township, serving as a School Director in his district, and giving his support and encouragement to the various enterprises tending to the good of the people. He votes the straight Republican ticket, and is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workman.

Mrs. Hardinan was born in Wayne County, Ind., December 23, 1839, and is the daughter of John and Margaret (Gatz) Ullrick, who removed to Iowa in 1855. Mr. Ullrick was a native of Hesse, Germany, and for nine years served in the German army, being in the wars against Napoleon. There were born to him and his estimable wife three children, all natives of the Fatherland. Upon emigrating to America they settled in the city of Baltimore, where they sojourned from 1830 until 1835, and then removed to Hagerstown, Pa. In 1855 they turned their steps Westward, locating in Iowa, where the mother died in 1878, at the age of seventy-four years. Mr. Ullrick only survived his wife one year, dying in October, 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hardinan only two are living—Laura F. and Charles Warren—who remain at home with their parents. Katie and Ralph are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hardinan have made many friends during their long sojourn in this county, where their upright lives and hospitality have secured them the universal respect of all who know them.



GEORGE W. FRIEND. Illinois is acknowledged to be one of the most prosperous States of the Union, but Mr. Friend, in October, 1877, concluded he could remove to something better west of the Mississippi, and accordingly gathering together his family and household goods, set his face toward the State of Kansas. Coming to this county he selected one hundred and sixty acres of land, on section 29, Harmon Township, and proceeded to build up a homestead. He was prospered in his labors, bringing the soil to a

good state of cultivation, erecting substantial buildings, and effecting the other improvements naturally brought about by the enterprising and progressive farmer.

Mr. Friend has been materially assisted in his labors by his estimable and capable wife—a lady who has proven a most efficient helpmate to her husband, encouraging him in his worthy endeavors, and by the wise and prudent management of her household affairs has been no unimportant factor in the accumulation of their property. Mrs. Friend has illustrated in no small degree the manner in which a woman may influence the well-being and prosperity of a husband and a family. Mr. Friend gives his attention to general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of minding his own concerns, and has been prospered in proportion. The family occupies no secondary position among the best social elements of their community.

The subject of this sketch was born in Chambersburg, Pa., February 3, 1838, and lived in his native city until a boy of seven or eight years. He then removed with his parents to Baltimore, Md., of which they were residents four years. From there they went to Havre de Grace, that State, and not very long afterward to Philadelphia, Pa. In 1857 they struck out for the West, and took up their abode in Springfield, Ill.

After the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Friend, in August, 1862, entered the ranks of the Union Army, as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Infantry. Soon afterward he went with his regiment to the front, and participated in the siege of Vicksburg, and the battles of Jackson, Henderson Hill, Ft. Drusey, Pleasant Hill, Yellow Bayou, Lake Chicot, Tupelo, Nashville and Mobile. He was for about one and one-half years on detached service, in the pioneer corps. He escaped wounds and capture, and at the close of the war was mustered out of the service at Camp Butler, Springfield, Ill., receiving an honorable discharge.

After leaving the army Mr. Friend established himself in Springfield, Ill., as a clerk in a clothing store, remaining there one year. Later he engaged in the mercantile business for nearly ten years, and until the fall of 1877. He then entered upon a

new departure, coming to Kansas and engaging in agricultural pursuits. These he has found congenial to his tastes and health, and has been fairly prosperous in his undertakings. He votes the straight Republican ticket, and has held the office of Township Trustee for the past year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Friend are members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, attending services at the Plain View school-house.

The marriage of George W. Friend and Miss Adeline Taylor was celebrated at the bride's home, in the city of Springfield, Ill., October 9, 1859. Mrs. Friend was born in Sangamon County, Ill., January 23, 1841, and is the daughter of Jefferson Taylor, a native of Kentucky. The mother is deceased, and the father lives in Sangamon County, Ill. Her father's family consisted of seven children, six of whom are living. Of her union with our subject there have been born three sons and one daughter, viz.: Elmer; Norah, who died at the age of five years; George and William H. Mr. Friend as a Union soldier belongs to Belle Plaine Post, G. A. R., at Belle Plaine.



WILL T. WALKER. The subject of this notice is one of the influential men of the city of Wellington, and this part of Kansas, possessing more than ordinary ability and highly spoken of by all who know him. He follows the practice of law and makes a specialty of the pension business. He has been a resident of Wellington since April, 1885, and makes his headquarters at a well-equipped office on Washington Avenue.

Mr. Walker was born in Hancock County, Ind., October 17, 1849, and there grew to mature years, pursuing the common branches of study in the schools of that locality. He completed his literary education in Spiceland Academy in Henry County, Ind., after which he for a time was engaged in various pursuits and then commenced the reading of

law. He was admitted to practice at the age of twenty-seven years, in November, 1876, commencing his maiden efforts at Scottsburg, Scott County, Ind. He continued there until April, 1885. In the meantime he officiated as Master Commissioner of the Circuit Court of that county from the time the office was created until it was abolished in 1883.

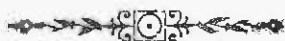
Mr. Walker, in 1882, was a candidate on the Republican ticket for Congress in the Third Indiana district. The district being largely Democratic he was defeated. In 1884 he was a member of the Republican National Convention which nominated James G. Blaine for President. The same year he represented his district on the Indiana Republican State Central Committee, serving with efficiency. In 1873-'75 he was an officer of the State Senate of Indiana, and in 1881, at the regular and special session of the House of Representatives of Indiana, was an officer of that body.

Upon locating in Wellington Mr. Walker engaged for a time in general law business, gradually working into the pension practice to which he seems peculiarly adapted, having the bulk of this business for all of Southern Kansas. In April, 1886, he was elected Police Judge of the city of Wellington and re-elected in 1887 without a dissenting vote. During the session of 1887 he was assistant chief clerk of the Kansas House of Representatives. He has always been a Republican in politics and is a member in good standing of the Presbyterian Church. He has for many years been a Knight of Pythias and at the present time is Grand Prelate of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

At Greenfield, Ind., December 3, 1874, Mr. Walker was wedded to Miss Kate Pierson. Mrs. Kate Walker survived her marriage less than a year, dying October 17, 1875. Mr. Walker contracted a second marriage July 4, 1881, with Miss Kate McKinney, of Loogootee, Ind. This lady was born in Washington County, Ind., November 30, 1852, and removed with her parents to Martin County, where she remained until her marriage. Her parents were Griffin and Mary A. (Williams) McKinney, who were natives of Indiana and Kentucky, respectively, the father deceased. Griffin McKinney who died in August, 1886, aged seventy-

one years, was born in Montezuma, Ind., in 1815, and was a soldier in the Mexican war. He had traveled when a young man over Spanish North America and the northern portions of South America. The mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are the parents of one child, a daughter, Mary Pearl.

The father of our subject was Robert Walker, a native of Clinton County, Ohio, and born March 10, 1824. When six years old he was taken by his parents to Rush County, Ind. They remained there a few years and then removed to Hancock County, Ind., and lived there until 1871. He married Miss Martha A. Tibbets and they reared a family of eight children, seven of whom are still living. The Walker family in 1871 removed to Scott County, Ind., where the parents still reside. Robert Walker has long been a member of the Masonic fraternity and is also a Knight of Pythias.



DAVID W. DORSETT. It is nearly a score of years since this gentleman took up his residence in this county and began at once to take rank as an upright citizen, an industrious man, and a kind neighbor. His home is pleasantly located on section 22, Harmon Township, and comprises eighty acres of fertile and thoroughly cultivated land, bearing an excellent set of farm buildings and such other improvements as are to be expected of a man of his ability.

Mr. Dorsett is the fourth child in a family comprising nine sons and daughters. His parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Walker) Dorsett, are natives of North Carolina, in which State they lived until 1844, when they settled in Adams County, Ill., where they sojourned forty years. They then moved to this county and are now honored residents of Harmon Township.

Our subject is a native of North Carolina, where his eyes first opened to the light April 4, 1842, and he was therefore but two years old when the family removed to Illinois. There he grew to manhood, was educated, and entered upon the pursuit of agri-

culture. Though a native of the South and of Southern parentage, he was not in sympathy with the States that desired to leave the Union, and with all the ardor of his young soul he desired to assist in the preservation of the Government which he had been taught to revere. On July 30, 1862, though not yet of age, he was enrolled in Company B, Fiftieth Illinois Infantry, and until the close of the war faithfully served his country in the ranks, being mustered out of service at Washington, D. C., and honorably discharged "when the cruel war was over."

Returning to his former home, Mr. Dorsett continued to live in Illinois until the fall of 1871, when he came to this county and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land where he is now sojourning, being therefore one of the oldest settlers in this county. He has served both as Trustee of Belle Plaine Township and Treasurer of Harmon Township, and also as Justice of the Peace, and in every position of public responsibility has shown himself worthy of the trust reposed in him. He is a member of Belle Plaine Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Belle Plaine.

In Miss Harriet Baxter, a native of Carroll County, Ohio, born April 1, 1850, Mr. Dorsett found united the qualities which he desired in a companion, and after a successful wooing he was united with her in marriage, the ceremony taking place in Schuyler County, Ill. Mrs. Dorsett is a daughter of John and Ellen (Moore) Baxter, now residents of Brown County, Kan., and is the fifth of the ten children born to them. Her happy union with our subject has been blessed by the birth of seven children: Samuel B., Elizabeth E., Orie L., Effie B., Loren E., Willie F. and Della F.



RED JAY. The subject of this notice is a favorite in the amusement circles of South Haven, conducting a billiard hall, and at all times deporting himself as a gentleman. He is a little over thirty-one years old, having been born

August 6, 1858, and his native place was Portage City, Wis. While he was still a mere child his parents, John C. and Lucy C. (Waters) Jay, removed to Southern Iowa where they sojourned for a time, then changed their residence to Northern Missouri.

The next removal of the Jay family was to Winnebiek County, Iowa, and we next find them in Hancock County, that State, located on a farm and where the boyhood days of their son Fred were chiefly spent. He attended the district school and assisted in the lighter labors of the farm, remaining there until 1882. Then a young man of twenty-four years, he went up into Dakota and purchased a claim where he engaged in farming about two years; he also operated as an insurance agent, and at the same time sold agricultural implements. In the meantime his mother kept house for him until his marriage, which occurred July 21, 1885. The lady of his choice was Miss Frances E. Mosier, who was born in Morgan County, Mo., in 1856.

Remaining in Dakota until the fall of 1885, Mr. Jay then, with his wife, parents and sister, and the husband of the latter, set out overland by team for this State, and after an enjoyable trip of two months landed in South Haven. Soon afterward Mr. Jay purchased his present residence. The first season he occupied himself in buying and selling corn. In January, 1887, he purchased an interest in the billiard hall and later became sole proprietor, and is now in the enjoyment of a profitable business. He owns considerable city property and is generally well-to-do. To Mr. and Mrs. Jay there has been born one child, a daughter, Cora.

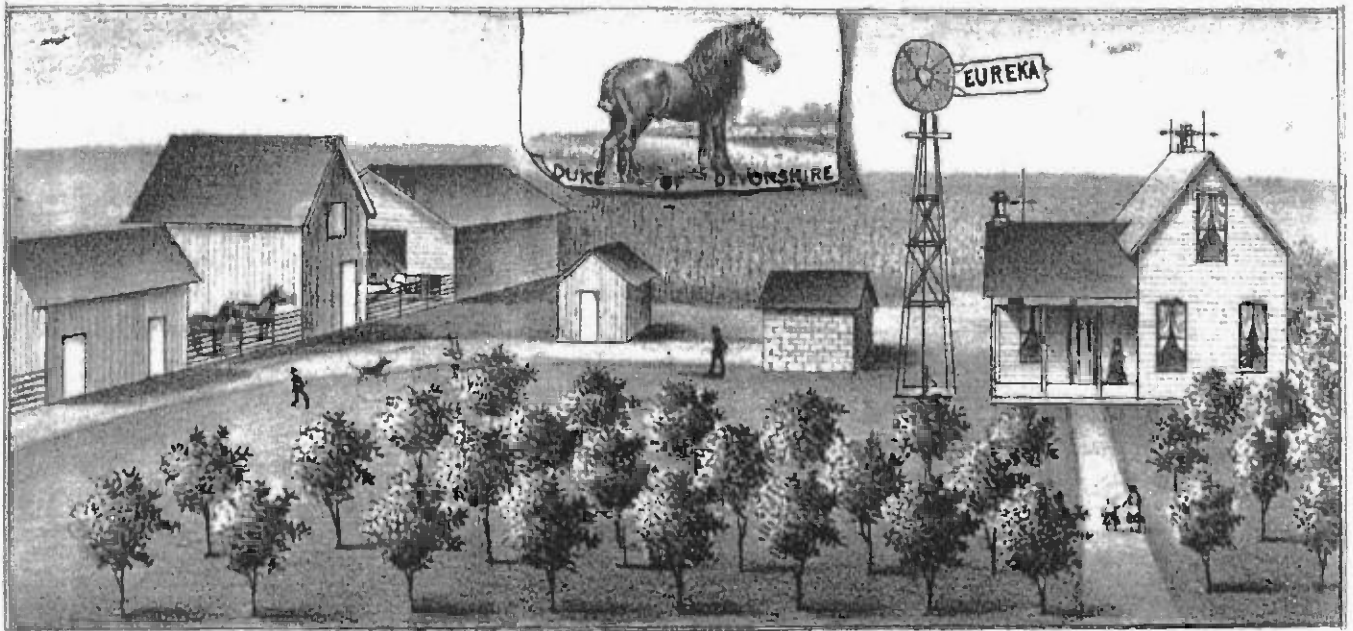


JAMES H. COX. He, with whose name we introduce this biographical outline, is accredited with being one of the most extensive and prosperous farmers of Falls Township. Intelligent and enterprising, he has been the architect of his own fortune and is the owner of eight hundred acres of valuable land, all in one body. His

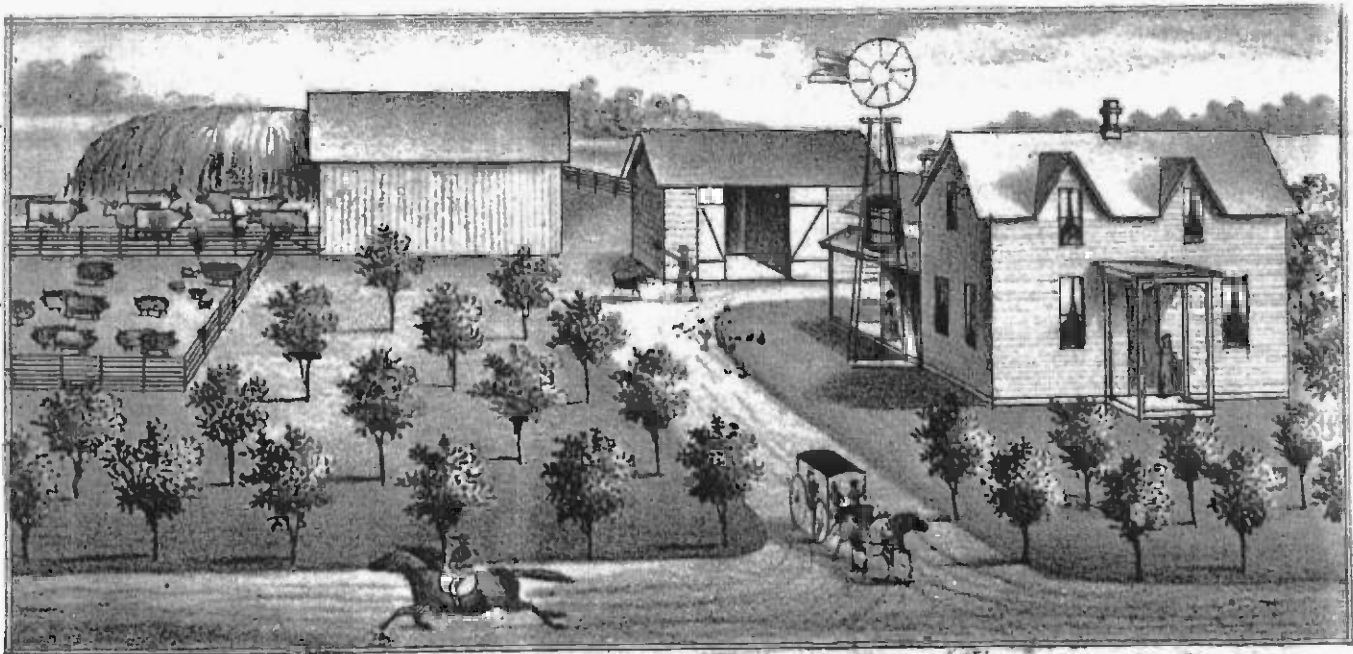
possessions have all been accumulated since coming to this State. He came to this county in 1876 and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 12, Chikaskia Township, where he lived until 1882. Then, selling out, he purchased the whole of section 3, Falls Township, where he established his homestead, and he also owns one hundred and sixty acres on section 10 of this township. He gives his entire attention to farming and stock-raising, of which he makes an art and a science and from which he realizes handsome returns.

A native of Carroll County, Ohio, Mr. Cox was born March 4, 1844, to Zebediah and Elizabeth (Ryan) Cox. Zebediah Cox was born in Maryland in 1801 and emigrated to Ohio when a young man. He spent the remainder of his life in the Buckeye State, dying in Harrison County, in 1865. He learned carpentering during his early manhood, but subsequently engaged in farming as a more congenial pursuit. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Sheridan Cox, a native of Maryland, who spent his last years in Ohio. Mrs. Elizabeth (Ryan) Cox, likewise a native of Maryland, was born in 1809, and died in Wyandot County, Ohio, in 1858.

To the parents of our subject there was born a family of nine children, viz: Sheridan, Joshua, Samuel, Mary, Hiram, James H., Rachel, William and Martha. They are all living with the exception of Hiram, who died when about twenty-one years old. James H., the sixth child, was reared in Carroll and Wyandot Counties, Ohio, attending the common school and becoming familiar with the various pursuits of farm life. When a young man of twenty years, leaving the parental roof, he journeyed to McLean County, Ill., where he sojourned for a time, then removed to Livingston County, of which he was a resident until coming to Kansas. His career presents a remarkable illustration of the results of energy and perseverance he having started out in life dependent upon his own resources without means or influence, and he is now numbered among the leading men of the county. He is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, but cares very little for political preferment, simply serving in some of the minor offices. Socially, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Farmers' Alliance.



FARM RESIDENCE OF J.H. COX SEC 8. FALLS TP SUMNER CO KAN.



RES. OF A.A. ENDERS SEC. 17, SOUTH HALF FALLS TP, SUMNER CO, KAN.

At Pontiac on the 12th of May, 1872, occurred the marriage of James H. Cox with Miss Nancy Hallock. Mrs. Cox was born in McLean County, Ill., September 17, 1856, and is the daughter of Washington and Catherine (Skaenes) Hallock, who were natives of Ohio. Mrs. Hallock still lives in Illinois; Mr. Hallock is deceased. To Mr. Cox and his estimable wife there have been born five children, viz: George, Emma, Samuel, Nelson and Edna, all of whom are living.

We invite the reader's attention to a lithographic engraving of Mr. Cox's residence on another page.



JOHN W. NYCE. There is not a more popular man in the city of Caldwell than he with whose name we introduce this sketch. Indeed he is widely and favorably known throughout Sumner County, as one who has been identified with its best interests and who has contributed materially to its growth and development. He is at present the Mayor of Caldwell and Cashier of the Stock Exchange Bank, and has occupied various other positions of trust and responsibility since becoming a resident of this place.

The subject of this sketch was born in Delanco, Burlington County, N. J., July 15, 1855, and is the son of John and Martha (Allyn) Nyce, who were natives respectively of New York and New Jersey. John Nyce was a lawyer of fine abilities and attained to a high position in his profession, which he followed for many years in Milford, Pa. At the outbreak of the Civil War he joined the Thirty-third Pennsylvania Infantry, as Second Lieutenant of a company, and subsequently rose to the position of Major, serving in that capacity until the battle of Antietam. Then, being wounded, he was for a time unfit for service. After his recovery he was promoted to be Colonel of the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Pennsylvania Infantry, a position which he filled with great credit to himself until

the expiration of his term of service. He was a man quiet and unobtrusive in his manner, never seeking notoriety of any kind, but he held some of the minor offices of his town.

Although successful as a money getter, the father of our subject never succeeded in accumulating much means, on account of his liberality. He was a devoted Christian, and for many years prior to his decease, a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He also officiated most of his time as Sunday-school Superintendent. He came of a long line of honorable ancestry, of German extraction, and was gathered to his fathers on the 14th of April, 1880, caused from a wound received through the lung at the battle of Antietam, at the early age of forty-nine years. The wife and mother, who bore the maiden name of Martha A. Allyn, is still living, making her home in Caldwell; she is a lady possessing many estimable qualities and greatly beloved in the community. She is now fifty-four years of age and traces her ancestry to Scotland. The parental household included six children, viz.: John W., Bertha, Belle C., Clara E., Mattie B. and George M.

He of whom we write was the eldest child of his parents, and spent his early years at Stroudsburg and Milford, Pa. He completed his studies in the academy, and later read law under the instruction of his father, to such good purpose that in 1877, he was admitted to the bar. He followed the profession in Milford until May, 1881, in the meantime serving one term as District Attorney. He determined to seek the West, believing that it could furnish a better field for his ambition, and accordingly in the month above mentioned, he came to Kansas, and taking up his residence in Caldwell began dealing in live stock. In 1882, however, he abandoned this and entered the Stock Exchange Bank of Caldwell as book-keeper, and was shortly afterward promoted to Assistant Cashier. He proved himself to be competent and trustworthy, and in 1884 was made its regular Cashier, which position he still holds. In 1886 he was elected Clerk of the District Court of Sumner County, and served one term. In addition to his other responsible duties, he officiates as Treasurer of the Cherokee Strip Live Stock Association, a position

requiring bonds of \$200,000. Mr. Nyce is a Mason in high standing, and a Knight Templar, and a member of Isis Temple, Mystic Shrine of Kansas, and he also belongs to the Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; he is a Knight of Pythias, Uniformed Rank; is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workman, and is Captain of the Sons of Veterans, Col. John Nyce Camp, No. 5, at Caldwell. Politically he is a sound Republican.

The marriage of John W. Nyce and Miss Maggie A. Quick was celebrated at the bride's home in Milford, Pa., May 9, 1881. Mrs. Nyce was born March 19, 1862, in Milford, Pa., and is the daughter of Peter A. L. and Catherine (Angel) Quick, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Nyce are the parents of two sons: John W., Jr., and Peter Q. The family residence is pleasantly located in the south part of town, and forms one of its most attractive homes.



WILLIAM H. LASSELL. The tasteful and attractive home of this gentleman is located on section 29, Bluff Township, and its appearance and surroundings are conclusive evidences to the passerby that the owner is in a condition of financial prosperity, and that the family is possessed of refined tastes. These indications would not be belied by closer investigation, as the estate is one of the best farms in the township, the dwelling, barns and other improvements being excellent and adequate, and the entire place pervaded by an air of neatness and order highly creditable to its owner and operator. The interior of the residence presents equal signs of good management, and the family are found to be cultured, cordial and agreeable.

Mr. Lassell was born in Clinton County, N. Y., May 25, 1840, to Harris and Lydia (Fisk) Lassell, and is the sixth in a family of seven children. The eyes of his father first opened to the light in Swanton, Vt., March 8, 1803, and when a young man he

took up his abode in Otsego County, N. Y. There he married a young lady of that county, and engaging in the mill and lumber business, continued to reside in the Empire State until 1853, at which time he moved to Green County, Wis. In the latter State he followed farming until his death, which occurred in January, 1885. He accumulated considerable means, and left an estate worth \$12,000. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Republican party. Mrs. Harris Lassell was born April 12, 1802, and died in Green County, Wis., February 14, 1873. She was the mother of seven children, Ellen and Lewis, the first and fourth born being now deceased. The survivors are: Eliza, the wife of R. W. Button, of Colton, Cal.; Luther J., a lumberman and miner in Arizona; Lorenzo H., a lumberman in Washington; and Emily A., the wife of Charles Smiley, a farmer in Albany, Wis.

The gentleman who is the subject of this biography was reared to the age of twelve years in his native county of the Empire State, and spent the remainder of his years to early manhood in Green County, Wis. In 1859, when nineteen years of age, he crossed the plains to California, and remained on the Pacific Slope until 1868, when he returned to Green County, Wis., and engaged in farming there during the succeeding eight years. He then moved to Bremer County, Iowa, and in 1878 came to Sumner County, Kan., and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres on sections 28, 29, 32 and 33, of Bluff Township. He has since made his home here, has acquired an excellent reputation among his fellowmen, and proved himself a useful citizen. He has served as Justice of the Peace, is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Republican party.

The marriage of Mr. Lassell was celebrated March 11, 1874, his bride being Miss Celia Taylor, of Avon, Rock County, Wis. Her parents, James H. and Caroline (Conger) Taylor, are natives of Fairfield, Vt., and emigrated to Wisconsin about the year 1845, still surviving at their home there. Mrs. Lassell was born in Delevan, Wis., July 7, 1848, and possesses some rare accomplishments. She was graduated from the White Water (Wis.) Normal School in 1872, and had taught school sev-

eral years before her marriage. Five bright boys and girls cluster about the fireside of Mr. and Mrs. Lassell, and gladden their parents' hearts by their growing intelligence and youthful courtesy. They bear the names of Caroline L., Harris J., Ada M., Wallace A. and Louisa A.



MELANCTHON L. BRIGGLE, a prosperous farmer residing in Jackson Township, was born in Pike Township, Stark County, Ohio, October 16, 1847. His father, Joseph Briggie, was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. The father of Joseph, also a native of Germany, emigrated with his family to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania. After a few years residence in that State he moved on further West and located in Ohio. As there were no railroads or canals built, their only mode of performing the journey was by means of teams, which was the usual method of travel adopted by the emigrants of those days. He was a farmer by occupation, and resided on his farm in Ohio during the remainder of his life.

The father of our subject was only six years of age when his parents came to America, and remembers but little of the voyage, which was not then made as quickly and easily as at the present time. He was reared in Pennsylvania, where he learned the trade of a stonemason. He accompanied his parents to Ohio, but found upon his arrival that there was small demand for his services as a mason. Instead of idly bemoaning his fate he manfully set out to secure the work in other places that was denied him at his home. In the spring following his entrance into Ohio he slung his kit of tools on his back and trudged on foot, there being no railroads, back to the State of Pennsylvania, where he readily procured work at his trade. He did this for five successive years, going to Pennsylvania in the spring and returning to his Ohio home in the fall when the work for the season was over. He worked at his trade on the Pennsylvania

Canal when that great waterway was in process of construction. He also found employment upon the public works that were being built in Pittsburgh. In this manner he secured sufficient means to purchase a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Pike Township, Stark County, Ohio, upon which he settled. Although starting in life in such an humble manner, his persevering industry secured him a fine estate of one hundred and eighty acres of excellently improved land, well stocked and provided with good buildings. His last years were spent in the enjoyment of well-earned repose amid the scenes of his manhood's struggles and triumphs. The mother of our subject was Catherine Beard, a native of Pennsylvania, who removed with her parents to Stark County, Ohio, during the early days of that county. The parental family consisted of twelve children, nine of whom are living.

The subject of this notice attended the school of his district during the early years of his life, but as soon as he was able to be of use on the farm was put to work, and from that time forward did not have many idle days to spend either in mischief or in the pursuit of knowledge. He continued to reside under the parental roof until he had reached the age of twenty-five, when he removed to a town near by and engaged in the carpenter's trade for two years. He then returned to the farm, and in connection with his brother George, bought the homestead and operated it with good success until 1883. In that year he removed to Kansas and located in Sumner County on his present place, which he purchased shortly after entering the State.

The farm of Mr. Briggie is situated on section 15, and embraces the northwest quarter. It is enclosed by a thriving hedge, and subdivided into forty-acre tracts, all neatly fenced and finely cultivated. His family residence and all other buildings, of which he has all that are necessary, are substantially and tastefully built frame structures, and contribute their share toward making the place a cosy and prosperous home.

Our subject was married in 1875 to Miss Agnes Muckley, a native of Stark County, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Mary Muckley. The father

was of German descent, and was highly esteemed in his neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Briggie are the parents of two children, whose names are—Virgil M. and John C. They are held in high regard in the community in which they live, and are fully deserving of all the kind words which they receive from neighbors and friends. They are consistent Christians, and find a religious home in the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Briggie is a staunch and devoted adherent of the principles of the Republican party.



ON WILLIAM L. CHAMBERS. During his residence of ten years in Wellington, Mr. Chambers has become widely and favorably known to the citizens of this part of the county. In former years he was engaged in the practice of law, and in the fall of 1888 was elected Justice of the Peace, which position he still holds. He was born in St. Clair County, Ill., September 8, 1834, and is the son of William Chambers, a native of Hagerstown, Md. William Chambers was reared in his native State, and after serving in the War of 1812, went to Kentucky, and was married near Scottsville, to Miss Sarah M. McReynolds, a native of that place. Mr. Chambers, who from his youth up had been piously inclined, now entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and labored in the Master's vineyard until about 1830. We next find him in St. Clair County, Ill., where he purchased land and engaged in farming a few years, then removed to Greene County. His next removal was to Waverly, Morgan County, where he resumed preaching. He also purchased land, and operated as farmer and preacher until after the death of his wife, when he severed his connection with the conference, and for some years was a local preacher.

The father of our subject, in 1854, removed to DeWitt County, Ill., and purchased a tract of wild prairie land, also property in the town of Clinton. He took up his abode in the latter, and while

preaching proceeded with the improvement of his property which he had purchased near the town, and resided there until 1858. Then, selling out, he removed to Christian County, and purchased land six miles from Taylorville, where he made his home until his death, which occurred in the fall of 1859.

To the parents of our subject there was born a family of six children, and of the second marriage of William Chambers there were born three children. William L. pursued his early studies in the old log schoolhouse near his childhood home, a structure finished and furnished in the fashion of those times, with puncheon floor and slab seats and desks. His surroundings, however, did not lessen his love of learning, and he made such good headway, that in 1857 he entered McKendree College, at Lebanon, Ill., of which he remained a student until 1859. He then commenced the study of law, in the office of Lawrence Welden, at Clinton, Ill., with whom he remained until 1862.

The Civil War now being in progress young Chambers laid aside his personal plans and interests in order to assist in the preservation of the Union. In August, that year, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Seventh Illinois Infantry, being mustered in as a private. Not long afterward he was promoted to be Quartermaster-Sergeant and then First Lieutenant and Regimental Quartermaster. He served in this joint capacity three or four months, and was then ordered to the headquarters of Gen. Cooper, Commander of the Second Brigade, and Second Division, Twenty-Third Army Corps, and served as Quartermaster of the brigade. Later he was ordered by the commanding general, Crouch, of the Twenty-Third Army Corps, to serve as Quartermaster of that division, and in addition was Quartermaster of the post at Salisbury, N. C., and of transportation. This occupied his time until the close of the war, when he received his honorable discharge at Salisbury, June 21, 1865. His duties in the army led him over the States of Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia, and after the fall of Atlanta he repaired to Washington with his comrades and was present at the Grand Review.

After leaving the army Mr. Chambers returned

to Clinton, Ill., where he resumed the study of law, and in 1866 was admitted to the bar before the Supreme Court at Springfield. He opened his first office in Clinton, and in due time became Assistant Assessor for Internal Revenue of DeWitt County. In 1868 he was elected Register of Deeds, and resigning the office of Assessor served four years. He then returned to his law practice, but in the meantime had been of such good service to the Republican party, that in 1876 he was elected to represent DeWitt and Macon Counties in the State Legislature. He afterward had the satisfaction of casting his vote for John A. Logan for United States Senator. He remained a resident of Clinton, practicing law until 1879. That year he came to Kansas, settling in Wellington, of which he has since been a resident.

The subject of this sketch was married, November 26, 1866, at the bride's home in Waverly, Ill., to Miss Ellen E. Woods. Mrs. Chambers was born in Morgan County, Ill., and is the daughter of Mason F. and Sarah I. (Chesnut) Woods, who were natives of Kentucky, and pioneers of the above-mentioned County. Her father is deceased, and her mother lives in Waverly. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, bearing the names of Edwin C., Kate S. and William M. The latter, who was the eldest, died in Wellington, in 1885, when a promising youth approaching the sixteenth year of his age. Mr. Chambers belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, in Deming, N. M., where he opened an office in 1884, and practiced two years. He is a Mason, and has attained the Royal Arch degree. Politically, he is a staunch Republican.



WILLIAM G. MOORE. The spring of 1874 first found Mr. Moore interviewing the frontier with the idea of a permanent settlement. The outlook in this region was anything but encouraging, much of the land being the property of the Government and over which roamed

Indians and wild animals, including buffalo, deer, antelopes, wolves and wild turkey. After erecting a domicile Mr. Moore could stand in his doorway and look over a long stretch of country without a dwelling where now may be seen schoolhouses, farm residences, fertile fields and all the other evidences of civilization. He, himself rejoices in the possession of a snug farm, one hundred and sixty acres in extent, one hundred and twenty of which are under the plow and yielding abundantly the best crops of the Sunflower State. In addition there are comfortable buildings, an orchard of apple trees in good bearing condition, besides pear, cherry, crab and peach trees, all planted by the hand of the present proprietor.

A native of North Carolina, Mr. Moore was born in Guilford County, February 2, 1834. About 1840 his parents, John L. and Mary F. (Bishop) Moore, leaving the South emigrated to Hamilton County, Ind., with their little family, where the father purchased a farm in the green woods, erected a log cabin in primitive style and commenced the improvement of his land. The family sojourned there until 1852, then crossing the Mississippi, established themselves on a farm in Appanoose County, Iowa. Thence they removed to Taylor County, that State, and there the father died in the fall of 1862, aged fifty-one years; the mother is still living, making her home with her son, our subject, and is now about seventy-eight years old. Mrs. Moore, notwithstanding her years, is in remarkably good health, very active, and frequently walks to town and to church, one and one-half miles away.

To John L. and Mary F. Moore there was born a family of eleven children, of whom William G. was the eldest and of whom only five survive. The second son, Hubbard, enlisted in the Union army during the late war and died in the service at Little Rock, Ark. A younger son, Enoch T., was also in the service and came home without a wound. The paternal grandfather, John Moore, was a native of North Carolina where he reared his family and died in the faith of the Baptist Church. On the maternal side of the house, Grandfather Aaron Bishop was a native of Maryland and when a young man went to North

Carolina where he was married to Miss Louisa Caffé, a native of that State. They lived on a farm and reared a family at a time when table knives and forks were manufactured from wood. Later, pewter cutlery and dishes came into vogue and were considered very fine. The Bishop family religiously as far as is known, was mostly identified with the Society of Friends. One of the early progenitors, Robert Bishop by name, likewise a resident, first of Maryland and then of North Carolina, finally removed to Delaware County, Ohio, settling among its earliest pioneers and there spent the remainder of his life. He also was a Quaker in religious belief.

The subject of this sketch was married in Hamilton County, Ind., in 1852 to Miss Angeline, daughter of Hardy and Martha (Thompson) Ward. Mrs. Moore was born in North Carolina and while an infant of a few months was taken by her parents to Indiana. In the fall of 1852 they removed across the Mississippi to Missouri, settling in Howard County. Later they came to Kansas and were residents of Coffee County about four years, then returned to Missouri where the father died in the fall of 1867. The mother is still living, making her home with her son. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Moore were James and Martha (McDonald) Thompson, natives of North Carolina. He died in North Carolina as did also his wife.

The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Moore were Samuel and Sally (Womell) Thompson, likewise of North Carolina; the mother of the latter lived to the advanced age of one hundred and one years. William G. Moore in the fall of 1852 removed to Iowa and a year later to Missouri. In 1856 he returned to Iowa and in 1857 came to this State, locating in Coffee County, near Burlington, the latter then consisting of one house in which was kept a store of dry-goods and groceries. The building was about twelve feet square formed by posts driven into the ground, sided up and covered with clapboards. Mr. Moore pre-empted land and prosecuted farming, marketing his produce at Kansas City. He sojourned there until the fall of 1866, then returned to Iowa, coming from there to Kansas.

There have been born to Mr. Moore and his ex-

cellent lady thirteen children, the eldest of whom, a daughter, Isabel, died in infancy. Sarah E. and James O. remain with their parents; Mahala is the wife of Reuben Dodson, of Sumner County; William H. died when about seven months old; Lilly Q. is the wife of Amos Chambers of Sumner; Rosa B. married Myron Lusk and lives in Sumner County; Ichabod K. died when two years old; Katie E. is one of the most popular and successful teachers in the South Haven schools; Thomas A., Elmer L., Ella E. and Clara P. are deceased. Mr. Moore, politically, is a sound Republican and has served as Township Treasurer one term, School Treasurer six years and School Director three years. He is a member in good standing of Lodge No. 114, I. O. O. F., while he and his wife are prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church in which Mr. Moore officiates as Trustee. He has also served thirteen years as Treasurer of his Odd Fellows lodge.



JESSE T. STURM. In compiling the main facts connected with the history of Mr. Sturm, one of the most highly respected citizens of Wellington, we find that he was a native of Virginia, and was born in Marion County, February 11, 1844. His father, Jesse Sturm, Sr., was likewise a native of that county and the son of Jacob Sturm, who was born and reared in Germany. The latter at an early day emigrated to America, being accompanied by two brothers; he was then a young man, and settled in the Old Dominion during the Colonial times. He served in the Revolutionary War on the side of the Colonists, and after the close of the great struggle purchased a large tract of land in Marion County, Va., and cleared a farm from the wilderness. He also erected a gristmill, which he operated, and there spent the remainder of his days. His wife was a native of his own county.

Jesse Sturm, Sr., was reared to manhood in his native county, where he learned farming and mill-

ing. When reaching manhood, he purchased a tract of timber land there, of which he cleared quite an area, then selling a part, laid out the town of Worthington, erecting a mill and several other good buildings. The mill was operated by him, and he also conducted an hotel. In 1849, selling out the above-mentioned interests, he purchased a farm and mill site along the line of Marion and Harrison Counties. There he put up another mill, which he operated until 1873. He then sold out all his interests again and purchased another tract of land on the same stream, building another mill and operating this by steam. He purchased a home in the village of Wyatt, where he spent his last days, passing away October 10, 1883, at the age of seventy-six years.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Matilda Davis. She likewise was a native of Marion County, Va., and the daughter of Caleb Davis, who was born near Moorfield, that State. The latter was a farmer by occupation, and spent his declining days in Marion County. Mrs. Matilda (Davis) Sturm died in Wyatt, Va., November 14, 1886. The parental family consisted of ten children, eight of whom lived to mature years. Jesse T. was reared and educated in Marion County, also in Harrison County, Va., and assisted his father in the labors of the farm and mill. During the second year of the war he enlisted, August 20, 1862, in Company H, Fourteenth West Virginia Infantry, and served until July 3, 1865, in the Army of West Virginia. He participated in the battles of Hulttown, Lynchburg, Carter's Farm, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. At the latter place his regiment was surprised and routed when Sherman made his famous ride at Winchester. Mr. Sturm saw the hero as he reached the line. Although Mr. Sturm was struck by a bullet and knocked down, he soon recovered and assisted in finishing the fight at Fisher's Hill, being the first man over the ramparts at Winchester, and he fired the first shot at Hulttown. In the first-mentioned place Mr. Sturm and his brother-in-law, Lieut. Hess, with about twelve others, went in advance of the line of battle, running into an ambuscade of the enemy, and Mr. Sturm was the only one left standing when the regiment came up. Lieut.

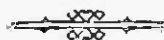
Hess was shot, and fell dead at his feet. The clothing and equipments of Mr. Sturm were perforated by forty-two bullets. He was then promoted to be Color-Sergeant, which position he retained until his discharge.

Upon leaving the army, Mr. Sturm engaged in farming and lumbering at Mannington, W. Va. In 1870 he commenced teaching vocal music, which he followed until the spring of 1872, when he started for the country west of the Mississippi. Leaving West Virginia in March, 1872, he traveled by rail to Florence, Marion County, and then purchasing a team and wagon, drove through to this county. Soon thereafter he filed a claim to a tract of land in what is now Falls Township. The country was thinly settled, peopled principally by wild animals, including deer and buffalo. Newton, eighty miles distant, was the nearest railroad station. Mr. Sturm repaired thither, and purchasing lumber, hauled it to his claim, where he put up a house and commenced the improvement of his property. That first year he harvested a fine crop of corn from the soil. He has operated upon the maxim that "a rolling stone gathers no moss," and to-day retains possession of the land, which under his careful management has been transformed from a wild, uncultivated waste to a valuable homestead. He gradually added to his possessions, and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty broad acres. He erected good buildings and supplied himself with all the necessary machinery for successful farming. He lived there until the 23d of September, 1888, then wisely retiring from active labor, took up his abode in Wellington.

On the 11th of February, 1866, occurred the marriage of Jesse F. Sturm to Miss Lavinia J. Hess. This lady is likewise a native of Marion County, Va., and was born January 28, 1847. Her parents were Peter and Orpha (Sandy) Hess, who spent their last years in Worthington, W. Va. To Mr. and Mrs. Sturm there have been born six children, viz: Leonidas W., Leodas B., Lola M., Leiten L., Leonora L. and Lucius M. Mr. and Mrs. Sturm are members in good standing of the Christian Church. Mr. Sturm belongs to Upton Post, No. 27, G. A. R., of which he is a charter member, and to Wellington Lodge, No. 133, I. O. O. F. He

votes the straight Republican ticket, and has served as Trustee of Falls Township, School Director, Justice of the Peace, Road Commissioner, and in 1887 was elected County Treasurer.

The ability displayed in the management of the finances of the great county of Sumner, and the uniform kindness and courtesy shown to all parties with whom he came in contact, raised our subject in the esteem of the people of his county, and in 1889 he was re-elected to that important and lucrative office by a largely increased majority, and is now about entering upon its duties for a second term.



MANLEY D. COVELL. As an exponent of progress and enterprise Mr. Covell stands foremost among the leading men of Avon Township. At present he is giving his chief attention to the breeding of Percheron horses, and is one of the best judges of horse flesh in this section of the country. For many years he was an importer, and has for the last fifteen years made a specialty of breeding the pure registered Percherons, of which he has thirty head on his homestead in Sumner County. More than ordinarily intelligent and well-informed, he is naturally looked up to in his community, where he has been no unimportant factor in advancing its material interests. His well-regulated homestead is situated on section 30, comprising three hundred and twenty acres of land, whereon have been erected good buildings, and which is complete in all respects as a rural residence.

Mr. Covell came from his native place—Delaware, Ohio—to this county in March, 1883. He was born in March, 1822, and is the son of Calvin Covell, a native of Vermont, and a carriage-maker by occupation. The father came to Delaware, Ohio, about the year 1816, and was married to Pamela Dopson, October 19, 1820. They had a family of eight children, who lived to maturity, and who were named as follows: Manley D., our subject; Clarissa Electa, who married William

Likes, and at her death left one son, now living; Mary E., who became the wife of G. W. Emerson, and they are now living in Delaware, Ohio; Lyman Sanford, who was united in marriage with Miss Laura Abbott, of Tiffin, Ohio; they live in Delaware, Ohio, and have one daughter living, Anna B.; Louisa Ann (Mrs. Isaac W. Hickie), who lives in Cumberland County, Ill.; of their five living children three are boys and two girls; Pamela J. (Mrs. M. C. Cochran) lives in Delaware, Ohio; Calvin Edgar was twice married, his first wife being Miss Sarah Mills, and the second Miss Margaret Emerson; Adeline Josephine became the wife of Milton Scott, and lives at Clarence, Cedar County, Iowa; they had four children, one of whom, Fannie, is deceased.

Our subject, after completing his education, learned the trade of a carriage-maker under the instruction of his father, and was engaged in this at Delaware for several years. Later, in Ohio, he became interested in farming, and there began the importation and breeding of Percheron horses. He finally resolved upon seeking the Far West, and came to Kansas in 1882, selecting the land in Avon Township, upon which he removed the following year. This embraces three hundred and twenty acres, and is finely adapted to the business to which it is devoted. Mr. Covell usually keeps about thirty head of pure-blooded Percheron horses of all ages, and his transactions extend not only throughout the State of Kansas, but the two States adjoining.

Mr. Covell was first married in his native place to Miss Louisa Lee, who became the mother of seven children, three now living—Charles, Anise and Addie. Mrs. Louisa Covell died in Delaware, Ohio, in 1872. Our subject contracted a second marriage in Franklin County, Ohio, with Mrs. Anise Lee, widow of Theron Lee, and likewise a native of the Buckeye State. This lady is the daughter of Alvin and Betsy Fuller, and was born January 30, 1828. Her parents are deceased.

For nearly fifty years Mr. Covell has been a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, identifying himself with it in Delaware, Ohio, in the winter of 1840, and has been an Elder therein since 1861. Politically, he is a sound Republican. He

meddles very little with public affairs, but has been a reader all his life, and keeps himself thoroughly informed upon the leading questions of the day. Mrs. Covell is a lady of more than ordinary intelligence, and in all respects a true help-mate to her husband, proving of assistance, financially, in the prudent and economical management of her household affairs, and assisting him also in sustaining his reputation among his fellow-citizens. They have a pleasant and attractive home, and occupy a leading position in the community.

HANNIBAL A. TAYLOR, one of the pioneers of Sumner County, was born in Ohio County, Ky., November 25, 1843. His father, Levi Taylor, was a native of the same county, and his father, the grandfather of our subject, was a pioneer of Ohio County, Ky., in which place he spent his last days. The father of our subject was left an orphan at a very early age but continued to reside in his native county, where he was reared to agricultural pursuits. When grown to manhood he bought a tract of heavily timbered land on the bank of Green River and there built a log house in which the subject of this sketch was born. He cleared a farm and resided there until his death in 1885. The maiden name of his wife, the mother of our subject, was Kittie Catherine Taylor. She was a native of Virginia, of which State her parents, Septimus and Priscilla Taylor, were also natives. They removed to Kentucky and were among the earliest settlers of Ohio County where they spent their last days. The mother of H. A. Taylor died in 1879. The parental family embraced eight children, all of whom were reared to maturity. They were named respectively, Septimus C., Mary, Lewis, Victor, Silas, H. A., Volney and Quintus S.

The subject of this sketch was reared in his native county and assisted his father in tilling the soil during his youth and early manhood. When quite well grown he engaged in occasional trips of

flat-boating on the Green River, going as far as Evansville. He made two trips down the Mississippi River to New Orleans with a flatboat loaded with hoops, poles and staves for the market. These various expeditions were keenly enjoyed by Mr. Taylor and were also profitable in a pecuniary point of view. He continued to make his home in Kentucky until 1868, in which year he went to Champaign County, Ill., where he rented land and lived on it until 1871.

In 1871 Mr. Taylor concluded to emigrate to Kansas where he could secure Government land and make a better home for himself than he could in the more populous State of Illinois. Accordingly he started with a pair of horses and a wagon and drove the entire distance to Sumner County, which was then opened up for settlement. Only a year before his arrival buffalo had roamed over the plains which were then unsurveyed and untenanted by anything superior to the wild animals which were shortly to be displaced by the settlers and their domestic creatures. Mr. Taylor made a claim to a tract of Government land, including the northwest quarter of section 11, in what is now Jackson Township, and filed on the same at the land office at Wichita. He then returned to Kentucky where he resided until 1876, in which year he again turned his footsteps Westward and located on his land in Sumner County. During his absence the railroad had been extended from Emporia to Wichita, which materially increased the value of his land besides facilitating the operations of travel and transportation. He continued to reside on his farm until 1881 when he rented it to a good tenant and went to Colorado where he spent the summer near Gunnison. In the fall of that year he returned to his farm and has resided on it from that time to the present.

The subject of this sketch was twice married. In 1877 he took Miss Martha J. Fulkerson to wife but his married happiness was of brief duration, as she was claimed by the pale messenger from the unseen land in the fall of 1879, and borne swiftly away from the sorrowing friends who would fain have detained her yet awhile longer. She was the daughter of Enis and Sissera Fulkerson and a native of Muhlenberg County, Ky. The second union of Mr.

Taylor took place in January, 1882, when he espoused Miss Phoebe Frame, a native of Montgomery County, Ill. There is one child living—Howard. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are excellent people and consistent Christians. They find a congenial religious home in the bosom of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which they are earnest and efficient members.



NOAH E. HEIZER, an old resident of this county, was born in Fayette County, Ind., January 4, 1826, and spent his early life there on a farm. His father, Joshua Heizer was a native of Virginia, whence he emigrated to Indiana in 1818 and acquired his education in the primitive schools at a time when Indians and wild animals roamed through the heavy timber. The father built a log cabin and cleared up a farm from the wilderness.

The mother of our subject, who in her girlhood was Jemima Cory, was a native of Warren County, Ohio, and going to Indiana to visit her brother, there met her future husband to whom she was soon married. They became the parents of seven children, of whom Noah E. was the fourth in order of birth. The parents spent their last days at the old farm, the father dying at the age of fifty-six. The mother lived to the advanced age of eighty-five. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. The maternal grandfather, Noah Cory, it is believed was a native of Pennsylvania, from which he emigrated at an early day to Ohio and there died.

The subject of this notice was married in Fayette County, Ind., to Miss Margaret, daughter of Nehemiah S. and Nancy (Wherrett) Raszell. The parents of Mrs. Heizer were natives of Kentucky whence they removed at an early day to Indiana, settling at Greensburg, upon the site of which Mr. Raszell erected the first brick house. Both he and his wife died in that State. The paternal grandfather, Charles Raszell, settled in the woods near Greensburg at an early day and died in that city

when over one hundred years old. He was married in Virginia to Nancy Holden; she died in Kentucky and Grandfather Raszell later was married to Miss Jennie Doles who died in Indiana.

Mr. Heizer lived in Indiana until February, 1877, then came to Kansas, settling first in Cowley County. He lived there until March, 1884, then purchased eighty acres of land from which he constructed his present farm. Five of the six children born to him and his excellent wife are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Heizer are prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, attending services at South Haven. Mr. Heizer belongs to the Farmers' Alliance. While a resident of Cowley County he served as Township Trustee.



MV. B. HOLMES is the senior member of the firm of Holmes & Co., grocers, in Wellington, where he has been engaged in business since 1874, with the exception of two years. He is in charge of one of the largest and most prominent groceries in the place, and is highly respected by all who know him for his integrity and business ability.

The parents of our subject were Samuel and Jane (Streator) Holmes, for many years residents of Quincy, Ill., in which place our subject was born July 19, 1839. His father was a native of Thompson, Conn., having been born in 1812, and took up his residence in Quincy at an early date. The senior Mr. Holmes was engaged in pork-packing and later in railroad work, having been the builder of the east end of the Hannibal & St. Joseph, and of the Quincy & Palmyra Railroad, and President of the latter. He was an incorporator of the Quincy Bridge and an extensive business man, and during the latter part of the '50s was Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. He departed this life in 1868 at the age of fifty-six years. His widow survived until 1872, when she too passed away, her age being sixty-one years.

The subject of this biography grew to maturity

in his native town, acquiring an excellent education in that town, where subsequently he engaged in the grocery business and also in grain dealing, finding his principal occupation in that employment until he came to Kansas. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his suffrage to the Democratic party, but has no political aspirations of a personal nature.

On May 20, 1885, Mr. Holmes was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary W. Peck, of St. Louis. Her maiden name was Mary Whitmore and she was born in St. Louis in 1849, growing to maturity in that city, and there marrying Rudolph, son of Charles H. Peck. By him she had two daughters—Mary and Lyda—who are now living with our subject.



MONS DAVIDSON. No resident of Wellington is more highly respected than the above-named gentleman, whose citizenship of Kansas dates from the fall of 1876, and who is well known as a man of ability and integrity of character. His life shows in a marked manner through what discouragements and trials some men arrive at prosperity and win a high reputation, and should be an encouraging lesson to other youths. Mr. Davidson was born in Norway, January 3, 1837, and is a son of Arne and Britavia Davidson. He grew to the age of thirteen years in his native country, and then accompanied his parents, two brothers and a sister to America, landing in New York, July 5, 1850. It was the intention of Mr. Davidson, Sr., to locate in Wisconsin, and the family went as far as Chicago, where they waited for an uncle of our subject to come from Wisconsin with a team, as there was no railroad to that section. When the uncle arrived, he found the father nearly dead of the cholera, and a few hours later he breathed his last. The uncle was taken sick at the burial, and he also died in a few days, and in a short time the mother and one

brother of our subject, his aunt, two cousins, and two uncles were also dead, leaving two orphans thirteen and eight years of age, without friends or relatives near them, in a strange land, with whose language even they were unfamiliar. J. R. Kinzie, a kind-hearted man, for whom Kinzie Street, was named, took the orphans in charge and found a home for the younger with a Mr. Hubbard, himself retaining charge of our subject. The following fall our subject's uncle by marriage sent his sons with an ox-team and took the boys to his home in Wisconsin, where our subject remained one and one-half years.

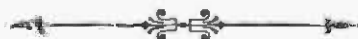
Young Davidson then hired himself out to a Mr. Jewell until he was twenty-one years of age, this being a period of six years. He then went to Warren, Ill., and apprenticed himself to D. H. Dean, a blacksmith, with whom he remained three years, after which he went to Hillsdale, Mich., having determined to devote his savings to acquiring a better education. He attended the college from 1861 till the fall of 1863, when he gave up his intention of graduating to engage in the service of his adopted country in the war that was then going on.

Mr. Davidson enlisted in Company I, Eleventh Michigan Cavalry, which was attached to the Fourteenth Army Corps, his first service being in following the famous Gen. Morgan and assisting in the routing of his band. His regiment then took part in the attack at the King Salt Works, Va., and the next winter again attacked that place and captured it. They also fought with Breckenridge between Withville and Salt Works, and in many skirmishes and raids. Near the close of the war they were engaged at Salisbury, N. C., where they captured many prisoners, and after which they joined in the pursuit of Jefferson Davis. Mr. Davidson was discharged at Knoxville, Tenn., and mustered out of service at Jackson, Mich., after having faithfully fulfilled the duties which devolved upon him in every department of a soldier's life.

Before going into the army, Mr. Davidson was united in marriage with Miss Ora A. Francisco, of Grass Lake, Mich., who was attending Hillsdale College, and continued her studies there for some time after he had joined his regiment. Upon leaving the army, Mr. Davidson first took up the arts

of peace at Warren, Ill., where he built up a home and improved some land that he owned. Moving thence to Wyota, Wis., he engaged in business with his brother for four years, and then returned to Warren, where he remained until 1876, when he came to Wichita, intending to work at his trade there. Finding no job, however, he went to the western part of Sedgwick County, and took up one hundred and sixty acres of land, on which he proved up and made good improvements, living on it four years, when he was burned out by prairie fire. He then came to this place, and for a year worked by the day, after which he rented a shop and began business for himself. He afterward purchased the lots with nothing but a little shanty on them. They are finely located on Lincoln Avenue, a half block from Washington Street, and there Mr. Davidson has erected a fine two-story brick building, 50x75 feet, in which he finds abundant occupation.

To Mr. Davidson and his estimable wife four children have been born. Three of these are still living. Charles H. is a book-keeper in this place; Nellie V. is a teacher; William M. is still attending school. All are intelligent and well-informed, filling their spheres in life in an honorable manner. Mr. Davidson has served his fellow-citizens as Alderman, and is regarded as one of the representative old settlers. He belongs to the Baptist Church, and is a useful and honored member of that body.



HON. S. HARVEY HORNER, who is the present representative from Sumner County to the Kansas Legislature on the Republican ticket, has been for many years identified with the interests of Caldwell and vicinity, and is evidently one of its most popular men. The possessor of more than ordinary capabilities, he has made a good record as a business man and a citizen, and has attained to his present high position solely through his own efforts, having started in life entirely dependent upon his own resources. He

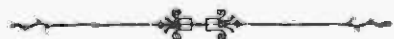
was born in Darke County, Ohio, June 8, 1854, and is consequently in the prime of life and the midst of his usefulness.

Mr. Horner was the sixth in a family of nine children, the offspring of John C. and Mary (Burns) Horner, the former of whom was a native of Adams County, Pa., and born in 1819. John Horner left his native State in 1835, when a youth of sixteen years, locating in Gettysburg, Ohio, and was thereafter a resident of the Buckeye State until his death, which occurred at Versailles in 1882. He accumulated a comfortable property, following the pursuits of farm life, and was an active member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was married in early manhood to Miss Mary Burns, who was born in Ohio about 1824 and died in Versailles, that State, in 1876. The paternal grandfather was John C. Horner, a native of Pennsylvania, whose father owned the farm upon which later was fought the famous battle of Gettysburg, Pa. The family is of Irish extraction and was first represented in this country during the Colonial days.

The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm in his native county, receiving such educational advantages as were afforded by the common schools. He was more than ordinarily bright and intelligent, and at the age of sixteen years began reading medicine. His attention, however, was turned in another direction and thereafter, until 1876, he was occupied as clerk in a drug-store at Versailles, Ohio. That year he sought the Great West, coming to Wichita, this State, and was employed as clerk in a drug-store there until 1879. That year he took up his abode in Caldwell, of which he has since been a resident. He soon established a drug-store on his own account, which he has since conducted very successfully, incorporating with it a jewelry business, from which he also realizes handsome returns. He is now well-to-do financially, and occupies no secondary position among the leading men of his community. Liberal and public spirited, he is one of the first to lend a helping hand to every worthy enterprise, being in favor of education and every measure tending to elevate society and benefit the people. He has served as a member of the City Council, also as City Treasurer and City Clerk. He is likewise a Director of the

Stock Exchange Bank, and is a large stockholder in the Caldwell water works. As a member in high standing of the Masonic fraternity he has taken all the degrees, and belongs to the Encampment degree, I. O. O. F., Uniformed Rank of K. of P., and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Horner was married, October 25, 1878, to Miss Julia York, then a resident of Wichita, this State. Mrs. Horner was born in Winchester, Ill., January 11, 1862, and was the daughter of John and Mary (Blackburn) York, the former of Illinois and the latter a native of England. The result of this union is a bright little daughter—Marie, born November 17, 1887.



JUDGE JOHN E. HALSELL, now residing in Wellington, and engaged in legal practice there, is a native of the Blue Grass State, having been born in Warren County, September 11, 1826. His parents, William and Mary (Garland) Halsell, were early settlers in that county, where the father was engaged in farming. William Halsell was born in Butler County, Ky., and when gathered to his fathers was eighty-two years of age. To him and his wife eight children were born, who lived to maturity.

The gentleman of whom we write acquired a fundamental education at the common schools near his home, finishing his literary course at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., and taking up the study of legal lore in the same institution. He was graduated from the Department of Law in 1849, and located for practice at Bowling Green, Ky., where he continued his legal labors for thirty years. During the early period of his practice there he was elected County Attorney, which office he held for four years, and was also elected Circuit Judge of the Fourth Judicial District of Kentucky. He held different local offices, Mayor, etc., and was elected to Congress from the Third Congressional District of Kentucky, serving in the Forty-eighth Congress and also in the Forty-ninth. While a

member of the Legislative Assembly he was Chairman of the Committee on Private Land Claims, and a member of the Committee on Patents, and served his constituents satisfactorily and with credit to himself. Until his election to Congress he practiced regularly in Warren and adjoining counties.

In April, 1887, Judge Halsell located at Wellington, entering into partnership with Judge Ray, and in the short space of time since he came here has acquired a reputation as one of most able attorneys in this part of the State. The firm to which he belongs is now Halsell & Mumford. Judge Halsell has had no political aspirations, but being a firm believer in the principles of Democracy, and in the duty of exercising the right of franchise, he is ever ready to cast his vote with his favored party. Of a social and benevolent nature, he is naturally interested in the societies, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic fraternity.

Judge Halsell was united in marriage, in April, 1876, with Mrs. Carrie Spencer *nee* Porter, of Todd County, Ky. The union has been blessed by the birth of one son, John T. Halsell. The accomplished wife of Judge Halsell is a daughter of the Rev. Thomas Porter, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and was born in Todd County, where she lived until after her marriage with our subject.

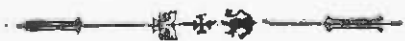


JOHAN C. JAY, at present a resident of South Haven, where he settled in 1885, is a native of New York State. His early years were spent in an uneventful manner on a farm and when reaching man's estate he was married to Miss Lucy C. Waters, who was born and reared not far from the childhood home of her husband. They lived in their native State until 1849, then removed to Columbia County, Wis., and later to Portage County, that State. In 1859 they changed their residence to Ralls County, Mo., and afterward, in 1861, removed to Macon County. That

same fall, going into Iowa, they lived for a short time in Van Buren County. Then in the fall of 1862 they returned to Portage County, Wis.

In 1863 Mr. Jay removed with his family to Ft. Atkinson, Iowa. In 1865 we find them in Castalia, that same county, and from there they removed to Hancock County. Next they journeyed to Dakota and from there came overland with a team to South Haven. Mr. Jay's family consists of a daughter, Emma D., and a son, Frederick, who is represented elsewhere in this work. Socially, he belongs to the Masonic fraternity. His parents were Jesse and Margaret (Clark) Jay, both natives of New York State where they reared their family and died.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Joshua J., a native of New York State, where he was reared among strangers, his parents having died when he was quite young. After reaching manhood he married Miss Rachel Bailey and later they removed to Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their days. On the maternal side Grandfather Elias Clark, also a native of New York State, was of Irish ancestry. He married Miss Hiley Cole, who was a native of New York and who traced her forefathers to Holland, some of whom came to America with the Plymouth Rock Colony. Mr. Jay recollects seeing in his young years an old family Bible marked by a blood stain of one of his ancestors who was murdered by the Indians; and there were also holes in several of the leaves, bearing a spear mark of the Indian who killed the person who was reading the Bible at the time of the massacre; that old book is supposed to be still in possession of some member of the family not at present known by Mr. Jay.



A BRANAMAN, who is the Cashier of the Sumner National Bank in Wellington, was born in Milledgeville, Carroll County, Ill., February 21, 1854, and was a child of about five years when taken by his parents to Tama

County, Iowa, where he grew to maturity. He finished his education at Tama City High School, and was preparing for college when his eyes failed, and he was obliged to abandon his purpose. He afterward entered a law office, and in 1875 was admitted to the bar, and practiced in Tama City for five years. Although a very young man he was given the offices of City and School Treasurer, and was actively engaged in political work although he did not seek official honors. In the summer of 1880 Mr. Branaman moved to Grundy Center, Iowa, and engaged in the banking business, continuing so interested there until he moved to this city, about the middle of April, 1886. At that time the old John G. Woods Bank became the Sumner County Bank, with J. G. Woods as its President; Paul Weitzel, Vice President; and our subject Cashier. Two years later it was re-organized as a National Bank. Mr. Branaman retaining his former position, Mr. Weitzel continuing Vice President, and Dr. S. W. Spittler becoming President of the new institution. The bank has a firm standing in the community, and has a capital stock of \$75,000.

The parents of our subject are Henry and Nancy J. (Fowler) Branaman, who are now living in Tama County, Iowa, where the father is engaged in the grain business. He was born in Louisville, Ky., June 9, 1834, and was but a small boy when taken to Indiana, where he grew to manhood and married. In 1854 he moved to Carroll County, Ill., and for some years was engaged in farming there, leaving that county for the place of which he is now a resident.

During his residence at Tama City, Mr. Branaman, of whom we write, was united in marriage with Miss Rosa V. Morris, the ceremony taking place June 15, 1873. The charming bride was born in Pennsylvania, December 1, 1854, and is a daughter of C. E. and Elizabeth Morris, who moved to Illinois when she was five years old, and thence to Tama City in 1866. Her happy union with our subject has been blessed by the birth of two children—Minnie E. and Charles H., both of whom will be given the best educational advantages which their parents' love and prosperous circumstances can compass.

The subject of this notice has been Treasurer of

the School Board in Wellington. In 1887 he was Secretary of the County Republican Central Committee, and in 1888-89 was Chairman of the same. He is highly spoken of as one of the leading citizens, and a man of business ability and of strict integrity in all transactions.



JOHAN C. PECKHAM, a well-known citizen of South Haven, well-to-do and living retired from active labor, has just passed his sixty-ninth birthday, having been born January 7, 1821. He is a native of Holmes County, Ohio, born and reared on a farm, of parents who located in that region during the period of its earliest settlement. They hewed out a homestead from the heavy timber, and there spent their last days. The mother, however, was cut down in the prime of life, dying when her son, John C., was a mere child. She was a lady of many estimable qualities, and a consistent member of the Christian Church. Eleven children were left motherless at her death, of whom John C. was among the younger. The mother bore the maiden name of Cynthia Cook. William Peckham, the father of our subject, after the decease of his first wife, was subsequently married to Mrs. Rebecca (Ralston) McLaughlin, and there were born to them six children who were all reared upon the same farm, and there the father and stepmother died. The latter was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Peckham belonged to the Christian Church. He and his first wife were natives of Rhode Island, where the paternal grandparents of our subject lived for many years. After the death of Grandfather Peckham the son brought his mother to Ohio, and she died in Holmes County at the advanced age of one hundred and one years.

The subject of this sketch was married in his native county in 1848, to Miss Isabel, daughter of James and Sarah (Leadon) Hackenberry, a native of the same county, where her father located when a boy. The parents of the latter were among its

earliest pioneers, and James, the son, was there reared to man's estate. He died in Missouri about 1872. In 1849 John C. Peckham removed to Marshall County, Ind., where he sojourned ten years. We next find him in Maries County, Mo., and from there, in 1863, he removed to DeKalb County, that State, where he prosecuted farming until 1878. That year he became a resident of this county, purchasing a farm about two miles northwest of the present site of South Haven. He occupied himself in agricultural pursuits until February, 1889, when he wisely decided to retire from active labor, and is now enjoying the fruits of his industry.

During the progress of the late Civil War Mr. Peckham enlisted as a Union soldier in Company A, Thirty-second Missouri Infantry, and served one year, at the expiration of which, on account of illness he was obliged to accept his honorable discharge. Politically, he is a Republican, but has very little to do with public affairs otherwise than casting his vote at the general elections. He belongs to South Haven Post, G. A. R., at South Haven, and with his estimable wife is prominently connected with the Christian Church. There have been born to them six children, all of whom are living, and named respectively: Sarah J., Alice, James W., Eliza, Emma and Ella. The family residence is nicely located in the east part of the city, and is the frequent resort of its best people.



FRANKLIN P. LOGAN is one of the many young men who are acquiring competencies by the pursuit of agriculture, and gaining a foremost rank among the practical and prosperous farmers. He is the owner of a tract of fertile land on section 5, Caldwell Township, marked with such improvements as are expected of an enterprising tiller of the soil, and gives his attention to farming and the stock business thereon. He is now filling the position of Trustee of the

township, and has held many minor offices, serving his fellow-men in a satisfactory manner. He belongs to the Farmers' Alliance, and his voice and vote uphold the principles of the Democracy.

Our subject is the son of James and Margaret (Clendenning) Logan, who were natives of Ohio. James Logan was born in LaFayette County, in 1819, to Thomas and Ann Logan, the former of whom was born in Ireland and the latter in North Carolina to Irish parents. When but a boy the father of our subject accompanied his parents to Cass County, Ind., where he spent the remainder of his life, engaging in farm pursuits when he had reached a suitable age, and leaving an estate of \$10,000 at his death. His demise took place in 1874. He had always avoided publicity, and pursued the even tenor of his way occupied with his own personal affairs and private life. His wife was born March 30, 1823, being a daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Brown) Clendenning, natives of the Emerald Isle, and her death took place in Cass County, Ind., February 6, 1877. The family of which our subject is the fourth member comprises Nancy A., now the wife of George W. Campbell, a lumber dealer of Cass County, Ind.; Mary E., the wife of Artemus Smith, a farmer and stockman in the same county; John T. also lives in Cass County, Ind.; our subject; Charles L., a farmer of Cass County, Ind.; and Martha I., deceased, who was the wife of E. C. McDonald, of Sumner County, Kan.

Franklin P. Logan, the subject of this sketch, was born August 11, 1853, in Cass County, Ind., reared on his father's farm, and was the recipient of such educational advantages as were to be obtained in the common schools. In 1877 he became a citizen of Kansas, pre-empting one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he still occupies, where he has since resided, devoting his attention to farming and the stock business.

The wife of Mr. Logan bore the maiden name of Mary E. Jones, and their marriage was celebrated February 5, 1879. The bride was born in Howard County, Ind., and is the third of twelve children born to James M. and Elizabeth (Freed) Jones. Her parents rank among the first settlers of Sumner County, to which they removed in 1871, and in which

they still make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Logan are the parents of three children—Clara I., Vida I. and Ethel I. Under the careful oversight of their estimable mother they give promise of becoming young ladies who will be a credit to any society, and in whom their parents can rejoice more and more as years go by.



AARON P. HARTMAN, proprietor of the "Two Orphans" livery barn at Caldwell, is looked upon as one of the reliable and well-to-do citizens of the place, who is contributing his full quota to its material interests. He comes of substantial stock, being the son of John and Margaret (Crisinger) Hartman, and was born in Somerset County, Pa., March 16, 1841. The family is of German descent and both the parents of Aaron P. were natives of Somerset County, Pa., where they spent their entire lives, the father engaged in farming. The home circle included four children, of whom Aaron P. was the eldest born. He was reared in his native town of Berlin and early in life learned blacksmithing, but not being particularly inclined to this employment, soon abandoned it. After the outbreak of the Civil War, he, in 1862 entered the Union Army as a private in Company C, One hundred and Forty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, serving until the close of the struggle. He participated in many hard-fought battles, and endured with his comrades all the vicissitudes of a soldier's life. He served until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge and returning to his native county sojourned there, variously employed, until 1871.

We next find Mr. Hartman in Lee County, Ill., where he lived a few years, then set out for the farther West, and established himself as a resident of the Sunflower State. In 1885 he came to Caldwell, but was not engaged in any regular business until July, 1889, when he became interested in his

present enterprise. He started in life without other means than his habits of industry and resolute will and it cannot be denied that he has made for himself a good record. He is a Mason in good standing, a supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He was married to Miss Mary Miller, the wedding taking place at the bride's home at Great Bend, this State. By a former marriage Mr. Hartman became the father of one child, a son, Albert, who is now living in Illinois.



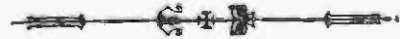
LEANDER A. PARKS of South Haven Township, made his advent in this region in March 1878, purchasing the land which he now owns and occupies, and from which he has constructed a good farm. Only fifteen acres of the soil had been broken and there were no improvements except a rude log cabin. The farm now presents the picture of smiling and productive fields, with a good residence, a substantial barn and other out-buildings, a flourishing apple orchard and trees of the smaller fruits. In addition to this property Mr. Parks has a like amount, one hundred and sixty acres, about six miles west, which he has also improved, and which is now valuable.

Of Southern antecedents, Mr. Parks, a native of Logan County, Ky., was born March 8, 1819, and spent his early years in the agricultural districts. His parents, David and Mary (Sawyers) Parks, were natives of North Carolina, where they were reared and married. Thence in 1815, they removed to Logan County, Ky., and there spent the remainder of their lives. The mother passed away when about fifty years old. David Parks survived his wife many years living to the age of eighty. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church in which the father officiated as an Elder. Five of their children lived to mature years, two having died in infancy. Leander A. was the third in order of birth. The paternal grandparents removed at an early day from Pennsylvania to North Carolina. Grandfather Parks was probably a native of Pennsylvania, while his wife was born in Ireland.

The subject of this notice attained to manhood in his native State and was married in Logan County in 1842, to Miss Hannah H. Sawyer. Miss Sawyer was a native of the same county as her husband and the daughter of James and Hannah (Henderson) Sawyer who were born in North Carolina and who died in Kentucky. Of this union there were born three children—Sarah, Robert and David. Sarah is deceased; David is in Kentucky; Robert lives in Sumner County. Mrs. Hannah Parks died in Kentucky in February, 1848, aged thirty-one years.

Mr. Parks contracted a second marriage October 6, 1848, with Miss Louisa E. Henderson, a native of Kentucky. Her father, Andrew Henderson was born in North Carolina and married Mary Mabey, a native of Ireland, who came to America with her parents and located in South Carolina. There she was reared from infancy to womanhood. She died at quite an advanced age in Logan County, Ky., to which she had removed with her husband soon after marriage. Grandfather Michael Henderson married Hannah Barnett and both were natives of Pennsylvania. They removed first to North Carolina and then to Logan County, Ky., where both died when about ninety years old.

Mr. Parks when a young man identified himself with the Presbyterian Church of which he has been a member for the long period of more than thirty years and in which he officiates as an Elder. Mrs. Parks also belongs to that church. Of this marriage there have been born four children, viz: John W., Mary M., Cyrus O. and Leander N., the latter of whom died in infancy.



HON. WILLIAM J. LINGENFELTER, at one time a member of the State Senate and likewise a Representative, is now numbered among the most able men of this county—one who has been largely instrumental in promoting its best interests. Aside from his services as a public official, he has been quite extensively engaged

in farming and makes his headquarters at a fine homestead, embracing three hundred and twenty acres of choice land in South Haven Township. He also has the same amount of land in Stafford County adjacent to the village of Hudson and an interest in another body of land adjoining St. John, the county seat of Stafford County. He is a man popular in his community, one in whom the people have confidence and whose ability as an official and whose worth as a citizen is universally recognized.

Mr. Lingenfelter was born in Jefferson County, Pa., August 17, 1840, and was there reared to manhood on a farm. His parents were John N. and Catherine (Mank) Lingenfelter, natives of Bedford County, Pa., and born near Claysburg, in what is now Blair County, where they were married. In 1839 they removed to Jefferson County with their three children and there were subsequently added to the household circle eight more children, William J. being the eldest born in that county. The children and the father are all living, the latter continuing to reside at the old homestead in Jefferson County; the mother died there May 23, 1863, at the age of forty-seven years. She was a member of the Evangelical Church. The father of our subject was seventy-four years old January 2, 1890. He has been for many years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, one of its chief pillars and holding the various offices. Although a man of decided views and an ardent supporter of his party, he would never accept the responsibilities of office.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Virginia whence he removed to Pennsylvania at an early day and was married to Miss Margaret Zeth, who was born near Hagarstown, Md. They reared their family in Bedford County, Pa., then removed to Jefferson County, in 1840, and there died at the ages of about seventy-six years each. Both were members of the German Baptist Church. An earlier progenitor of the family, George Lingenfelter, was a native of Virginia and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was married in his native State to a Miss Dively who was born in Virginia and after rearing their family they removed to Bedford County, Pa., where they spent their last days. The father of George Lingenfelter was born in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, whence

he emigrated to America at a very early day and located in Virginia.

Jacob Zeth, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Hesse Cassell, Germany, and when seventeen years old joined the Hessian soldiery and thus made his way to America. While the boats were in waiting in New York harbor he swam ashore thus making his escape from the troops and joined Washington's army, fighting on the side of the Colonists until the war was over. He was present at the battle of Yorktown and after the close of the war engaged in the mercantile business near Hagarstown, Md., where he accumulated quite a fortune. He was there married to Miss Burgoo, a native of France, and born near the city of Paris. They reared a family of children and died in Maryland.

The education of William J. Lingenfelter was conducted in a log schoolhouse, heated from a huge fireplace, with slabs for seats and desks and a floor of puncheon. When eighteen years old he began attending Strattonville Academy in Clarion County, Pa., where he pursued his studies one year. Afterward he was a student at Whitehall Academy near Harrisburg one year. He afterward went to the oil regions of Pennsylvania where he commenced drilling wells and remained for about eighteen months. Returning then to his native county he engaged as clerk in a general store and was thus occupied until 1863.

The Civil War now being in progress Mr. Lingenfelter enlisted as a Union soldier in Company C, Two hundred and Sixth Pennsylvania Infantry in which he served about six months as a private. When leaving the army he again went into a store and was thus occupied until January, 1865. Then going to Tennessee he rented a large plantation and raised a crop of cotton and corn. His employers of the store had solicited him to go there, they furnishing all the money necessary and giving him one-third of the profits. Each partner thus realized about \$800.

Mr. Lingenfelter returned to Pennsylvania in December, 1865 and in March following emigrated to Missouri and purchased a farm in Gentry County. He also engaged in general merchandising at Ridging City, remaining there one and one-half years.

In the meantime he was elected Surveyor of De Kalb County, as his farm was on the county line and his buildings in De Kalb County. He resigned that office on account of ill health and later commenced teaching, which profession he followed until 1872. That year he came to Kansas and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 3 and later purchased eighty acres adjoining. With the exception of an occasional dugout, there were no settlers in this region at that time aside from a few who had located upon the present site of South Haven and Wellington. The buffaloes had been driven back, but three strays were killed in this vicinity in 1872. The nearest market was at Wichita and for a number of years the meat used by the settlers was chiefly buffalo, antelope and deer. Black and grey wolves (coyotes) were still plentiful and frequently made night hideous with their howling.

Mr. Lingenfelter purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land about four miles east of Wellington where he lived until 1876, carrying on its improvement and cultivation. In 1876 he returned to Pennsylvania to visit his father and attended the Centennial Exposition. During his absence he was nominated for County Superintendent of Schools, but he declined the proffered honor. However, he was declared the candidate and being absent was defeated, although running ahead of his ticket. Upon returning from Pennsylvania he resumed farming.

In May, 1877, Mr. Lingenfelter was married to Miss Mary C., daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Gregson. This lady was born in Fulton County, Ind. That same spring the newly-wedded pair settled upon the farm which has since been the family homestead. In the fall of 1882 Mr. Lingenfelter was elected to represent this county in the Kansas Legislature and served one term. In 1884 he was elected to the Senate, serving also one term of four years. He was earnestly solicited to accept the nomination for a second term, but declined. His party in this district in 1884 was in the minority more than seventeen hundred and the fact that Mr. Lingenfelter was elected against this, indicates in a marked manner his popularity with the people.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lingenfelter there have been born three daughters, viz: Rosa J., Mary C. and

Susan E. One son born July 20, 1883, died October 6, 1886. He was a very bright and promising child and his death was a severe blow to the afflicted parents, to whom were extended the sympathies of the entire community. Mr. Lingenfelter is a liberal minded and public-spirited man—one who has uniformly given his encouragement to the projects tending to promote the best interests of Sumner County, socially, morally and financially.



STEPHEN DOWIS is a Southern gentleman by birth, education and lineage. His grandparents were natives of the Carolinas, and Kentucky was the native State of his father and himself. In the paternal line he is of Irish extraction. Jesse Dowis, his grandfather, was born in South Carolina, and died in Knox County, Ky., when upwards of eighty years of age. In the latter county, William Dowis, the father of our subject, opened his eyes to the light in 1812, and breathed his last in 1862. His occupation was that of a farmer, and politically he was a Democrat. The mother of our subject is still living in that county, and is now sixty-five years of age. She bore the maiden name of Alla Hart, was born in North Carolina, and is a daughter of Stephen and Alla Hart, who, after living many years in the State in which she was born, took up their abode in Knox County, Ky., and there breathed their last. The parental family comprised ten children—Lucinda, Nancy J., Jesse, Stephen, Mary A., John P., Robert P., Susan, Nancy and Rachael. Of these Mary A., Stephen, Susan, Nancy and Rachael now survive.

The subject of this biography was born in December, 1842, in Knox County, Ky., reared on a farm, and educated in his native county, receiving an excellent home training from his worthy parents. Although he was not yet of age when the Civil War broke out, he entered the Union Army, August 28, 1861, as a member of Company I, Sev-

enth Kentucky Infantry, and devoted the opening years of his manhood to the service of his country. He participated in the battles of Richmond (Ky.), Vicksburg, Arkansas Post, Jackson (Miss.), and in many minor engagements, remaining in the service until October 5, 1864, when he was honorably discharged and returned to his home.

A few months after resuming civil life Mr. Dowis took to himself a companion in the person of Miss Elizabeth Elliott, the rites of wedlock being celebrated between them February 8, 1865. The bride was born in Kentucky, April 17, 1844, is a daughter of Hiram and Adeline (Steele) Elliott, and a lady whose estimable character endears her to many friends.

In January, 1884, Mr. Dowis came to Kansas, and selecting a location in Downs Township, this county, bought a farm, upon which he lived until 1886, when he rented it and engaged in the mercantile business at Perth. The business is conducted under the firm name of Dowis & Son, and is steadily increasing, owing to the tact displayed in its management, and the honorable manner in which its patrons are treated. The junior member of the firm, Greene E. Dowis, was born July 17, 1868, and is the only child of our subject and his estimable wife. The young man gives promise of becoming a thorough and successful business man, as he already exhibits a mercantile capacity creditable in one so young.



GEORGE W. FAUCHIER is an old settler of this county, his settlement in Harmon Township having been made in 1873, at which time he began to develop the northwest quarter of section 27, where he now owns and operates eighty-five improved and thoroughly cultivated acres. He is actively pursuing his farm life, and with his chosen companion enjoying the fruits of his industry and the esteem of their many friends.

Mr. Fauchier was born in Montgomery County,

Ind., June 4, 1830, and was twelve years old when his parents moved to Parke County, thence going to Howard County, where he grew to manhood. He received as good an education as could be obtained in the counties in which his home was, and on arriving at a suitable age learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in his native State until October, 1866, when he changed both his residence and his occupation. At that date he determined to make for himself a home farther west, and selecting Franklin County, this State, settled there and engaged in farming, leaving that county to take up his abode here at the date before mentioned.

The grandfather of our subject was John Fauchier, a French Revolutionist, who, being exiled from his native land, sailed to Boston, Mass., and made for himself and family a home on American soil. He died in Parke County, Ind., when ripe in years. His son, John B., father of our subject, was born in Boston, and adopted the occupation of a farmer. He was married in Kentucky, to Miss Sarah Broyles, a native of Virginia. The result of their union was the birth of fifteen children, of whom our subject was the fourth. John Fauchier died in Howard County, Ind., and his widow died in the same county, February 7, 1890, aged eighty-five years.

The marriage of our subject took place in Howard County, Ind., February 8, 1853, and his bride was Miss Martha A. Scott, a native of Putnam County, where her birth occurred December 11, 1834. Her father, Thomas M. Scott, was born in North Carolina, and her mother, whose maiden name was Leta Anderson, was a native of Tennessee. The parents settled in the county where Mrs. Fauchier first saw the light, subsequently removing to the county wherein she was married, and in the latter they departed this life. Their family consisted of eight children, and Mrs. Fauchier is the second in order of birth. To our subject and his estimable wife four children have been born: James J. married Miss Alice I. Collins; Sarah J. is the wife of F. P. Willey; Rachel C. is the wife of J. S. Farris; and Enos F. married Miss Hattie Dorsett.

Mr. Fauchier has held some of the school offices,

and has proved an efficient servant of the people in the cause of education. For seven years he was Justice of the Peace. Since the organization of the Republican party he has been a sound believer in the principles embodied in its platform, and has been an active worker in the political field. Mrs. Fauchier is a member of the Christian Church. Both are honored by their fellow-citizens for their intelligence, uprightness, kind hearts, and earnest endeavor to fulfill all their duties in life.



EDSON WIGGINS. A pleasantly located farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 26, Sumner Township, is the home of this gentleman, who is engaged in the occupations of farming and stock-raising, and who has been a resident of the county for twenty years. His home is one of comfort and good cheer, and while not occupying any prominent public position, Mr. Wiggins in his own quiet and straightforward manner performs the duties of citizenship and of the individual in a manner entitling him to the respect of his fellow-men.

The parents of our subject were natives of Vermont, and in that State he of whom we write was born August 2, 1837. His father, Peter Wiggins, was a farmer by occupation, and died in his native State at the age of sixty-eight years. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Elmira Stephens, is still living, and is now seventy-two years old. The parental family comprised seven children, namely: Elizabeth, Albert, Charlotte, Edson, Elias S., Frank and Calista; of these, Edson and Calista are the only survivors.

Edson Wiggins was reared on a farm, early acquiring a practical knowledge of the occupation which he has since followed, and being the recipient of a good common-school education, grew to manhood in possession of the thrifty and sturdy characteristics which seem to belong to natives of the Green Mountain State. In 1865 he became a resident of Kansas, spending the first five years of

his citizenship in Jackson County, whence, in 1870, he moved to Sumner County. He pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of Government land, adding to the acreage as prosperity attended his labors, and making upon his estate such improvements as are expected of an enterprising agriculturist.

The marriage of Mr. Wiggins was celebrated in June, 1876, the lady with whom he was united being Miss Amanda Cross, who was born in Ohio, March 13, 1843. Her father, Albert Cross, was one of the early settlers of Kansas, and was engaged in farming. His death took place when he had reached the ripe age of seventy-two years. He had held several minor offices, and for many years was a Justice of the Peace. To Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins five children have been born, named respectively: Lizzie, Albert, Elsie, Laura and Frank. The latter died when one year old; the survivors are being carefully trained by their estimable mother, and receiving such educational advantages as befits their years.



WILLIAM W. LEMMON, M. D. Few physicians in this county have attained to a more enviable position, considering the time they have been in practice, than Dr. Lemmon, who is popular and prominent among the people of South Haven, where he established himself in 1884. For two years after locating here he was engaged in the drug business, but has since abandoned this, his time being all occupied in his professional duties. He is a Western man by birth, his native place being Dubois County, Ind., where he first opened his eyes to the light September 15, 1845. He spent the first eighteen years of his life upon a farm, where he grew up healthy in mind and body, and was trained to those principles of right and honesty which have characterized his dealings with his fellow men.

Soon after the outbreak of the Civil War young Lemmon enlisted as a Union soldier in Company E, Twenty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and served as

a private three years. He saw much of active service, participating in the battle of Ft. Gibson, the siege of Vicksburg, the fight at Jackson, Miss., and was at Ft. Blakeley and other important points held by the enemy during the war. Although often in the thickest of the fight, he escaped without injury and received an honorable discharge. Returning then to Indiana, he supplemented his education by an attendance of two years at Asbury (now DePauw) University, in Greencastle, and then spent two years on the old farm.

At the expiration of this time, Mr. Lemmon decided to take up the study of medicine, and entering the Medical College at Indianapolis, he was graduated from that institution in 1873, after taking a full course. Later, he attended lectures three terms at Detroit and Indianapolis. Locating in Washington, Ind., he there began the regular practice of his profession, and later removed to Hunnewell, Kan., from which place he came to South Haven in 1884.

Dr. Lemmon was married in Greencastle, Ind., March 10, 1874, to Miss Matilda, daughter of Edward H. and Desire (Waterhouse) Crow. Mrs. Lemmon was born May 29, 1850, in Greencastle, and by her union with our subject has become the mother of four children—William G., Helen, Jacob and Eddie; the latter two are deceased. The little family occupies a snug home in the southern part of the town, and number among their friends and acquaintances its most cultured people. The Doctor meddles very little with political affairs, but keeps himself posted upon current events and votes the Republican ticket. He is a charter member of Post No. 407, G. A. R., at South Haven, which was organized in 1887, and has now a membership of about forty. He held the post of Commander for two years. He also belongs to Lodge No. 407, A. F. & A. M., at Greencastle, Ind., and the Commandery.

The father of our subject was Jacob Lemmon, likewise a native of Dubois County, Ind., where he was reared to man's estate. There also he was married to Miss Elizabeth Corn, a native of Kentucky, and they became the parents of nine children. The mother departed this life at Greencastle, Ind., in 1869. She was a lady of many

estimable qualities, and a member in good standing of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Jacob Lemmon survived his wife six years, dying on the old home farm in Dubois County, Ind., in 1875. The paternal grandfather of our subject, also named Jacob, removed from Virginia to Kentucky at an early date, and finally to Indiana, where he and his wife spent their last days.

The parents of Mrs. Lemmon were natives respectively of Kentucky and Maine, and the various members of the family belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Crow are still living in Indiana, and are the parents of eleven children.



SAMUEL NUTT. The main points in the history of this prominent citizen and well-to-do resident of South Haven may be gained in the following comparatively brief outline. A native of Vermont, he was born May 29, 1840, and lived there until a youth of fifteen years. His father, Isaac B. Nutt, was a native of Massachusetts, whence he removed to Vermont in early manhood. He was there married to Miss Sarah Monroe, a native of that State, and within its limits they spent the remainder of their lives, Mr. Nutt dying December 4, 1853. He served as a minute man in the War of 1812. The mother subsequently removed to Massachusetts, and Samuel being the youngest at home, virtually became the head of the family. They were left in limited circumstances, and at an early age Samuel began learning the trade of a shoemaker, at which he worked in Massachusetts until the outbreak of the Civil War. The mother in the meantime had died, in 1857, in the faith of the Baptist Church.

On the 15th of April, 1861, the subject of this notice enlisted as a Union soldier in Company H, Thirteenth Massachusetts Infantry, and in August following was promoted to be Corporal. He remained in the army until the fall of 1862, when he was obliged to accept his honorable discharge on

account of continued illness. It was believed by all that he simply went home to die. He had participated in the battle of Winchester and other minor engagements, and experienced the various hardships and privations of a soldier's life. After the close of the war, leaving New England, he went to New York City, where he engaged in the boot and shoe business as foreman of a factory and where he continued variously occupied in different branches of his business until 1875.

January 1, 1867, at Worcester, Mass., the subject of this notice was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. S., daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Foster) French. Mrs. Nutt was born in Grafton, Mass., February 14, 1841. Her parents were also natives of the Bay State. Her paternal great-great-grandfather was one of the earliest settlers of Massachusetts, locating probably not far from the time at which the Bay Colony sought that region for its home. He was of Irish birth and parentage, and spent his last days in Massachusetts. The next in line of descent was Joshua French, who was one of fourteen sons born when the United States was composed of fourteen colonies, in one of which each one settled. Joshua chose Massachusetts for his abiding-place, within which he spent most of his life, dying in New York State.

On the maternal side the grandfather of Mrs. Nutt was Abner Foster, a native of Worcester County, Mass., and of English ancestry from the second generation settling on American soil. His wife, Judith Weatherbee, likewise traced her ancestry to England, and she also was of the second generation, many of whom fought valiantly in the Revolutionary War. Grandfather Benjamin Nutt, a native of Massachusetts, was a Captain in the Vermont Rangers during the struggle for independence, and received an honorable wound in the service. He spent the greater part of his life in Vermont, where he reared his family and died.

In 1875 Mr. Nutt, leaving New York City, emigrated to Linn County, Iowa, and located at Central City, where he engaged in the boot and shoe business. He remained there until 1878, coming thence to Rooks County, this State. He changed his residence to South Haven in April, 1884, when the present site of the town was unmarked save

by a blacksmith-shop, an hotel, a general store and a drug-store. That same season he put up his present residence and shops, and established himself in the boot and shoe business, which he has since conducted successfully. In the meantime he had become prominent in local affairs, being elected the first Mayor of the city soon after its organization, in the fall of 1887. Politically, he affiliates with the Union Labor party, and while a resident of Rooks County served as Justice of the Peace, and has been the candidate of his party for State Treasurer and Sheriff of the county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nutt there have been born two sons—Vincent S. and Vivian J. Mr. Nutt while a resident of New York City identified himself with Lodge, No. 632, A. F. & A. M., and he also belongs to Palestine Chapter, No. 255, in which he has taken seven degrees. He is also a Knight of Labor at South Haven, being a member of Lodge No. 8,685, with which he became identified at its organization, and in which he is a Master Workman. He also belongs to the Anti-Monopolists of Springfield, Mo., and is National Vice-Foreman. He is a liberal-minded and public-spirited citizen, one who keeps himself thoroughly posted upon events of general interest, and who is always to be found on the side of the enterprises calculated to benefit the people at large.



REV. AVAN LA VANCE, M. D. This veteran in the medical profession is a man whose personal history possesses very many points of interest, he having had a large experience of life and being possessed of that quality of observation in regard to what has been going on around him in the world, which has proved of great value in a moral and intellectual point of view. He is a gentleman of fine tastes and has one of the most attractive homes in South Haven. The interior has been decorated largely by the handiwork of its inmates, the Doctor and his amiable wife and their daughter, Viola, all of whom possess rare skill with

the pencil and brush. It is at once recognized as the home of culture and refinement and is no less indicative of ample means.

Dr. La Vance was born in the city of Paris, France, June 22, 1818, but when a mere child removed from there with his parents, Joseph and Anna (Napoleon) La Vance, they settling on the Rhine where their son was reared and educated. In 1834 they emigrated to America, locating in Bangor, Me. In that city the parents spent the remainder of their lives, both dying at about the age of sixty-eight years. They likewise were natives of France and of pure French ancestry. When a young man the subject of this sketch began the study of medicine in the Eclectic College of New York City and the Old School of Boston, Mass., from both of which he was graduated. He began the practice of his profession at Dorchester, Mass., when about twenty-two years old. Later he was a resident of Boston seven years and he also resided in Plymouth a number of years. From there he went to New York City and thence, in 1849, to California. The wild life of the West, however, not being congenial to his tastes he returned the following year and two years later took up his abode in Henderson, Ky.

After a three year's residence in the above-mentioned place, Dr. La Vance turned his eyes once more westward and we next find him in Carlinville, Ill. He remained there until 1867, then came to this State, locating in Marion during the pioneer days of that region. He now entered upon a widely different field of labor from that to which he had been accustomed, riding on horseback across the open prairie, frequently forty miles, when there were no roads or bridges and he had nothing to guide him but his compass. Indians still infested the country and the intrepid physician never ventured out without a brace of revolvers to protect himself from them and other natural enemies. The few white settlers were located principally along the creeks and the red man was troublesome and dangerous. The settlers put up a substantial school-house at Marion which they enclosed with a stone wall and this served as a fort to which they retreated in times of danger. Dr. La Vance in addition to the practice of his profession interested himself in the settlement of the country, locating many farms

for the emigrants. He practiced in that region until 1884, in the meantime watching the growth and development of the country with warm interest and assisting to this end whenever possible. He finally decided to cast his lot with the people of South Haven and settled here when the present flourishing town was a village of a very few houses. His intention was to gradually retire from practice, but at South Haven he found quite a number of old Illinois friends who still call upon him, unwilling to be put aside.

The first marriage of Dr. La Vance took place in the city of New Orleans with Miss Sarah, daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Jackson) Moore. This lady was born in Louisiana and died at New Orleans in 1840, where the Doctor had located temporarily. There were born to them two children, both of whom died young. The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married January 6, 1857, at Montgomery, Ill., was formerly Miss Parthenia, daughter of Daniel and Eveline (Hamilton) Bagby. She was born in Macoupin County, Ill., March 20, 1839. This union resulted in the birth of five children one of whom, Napoleon, died when two years old; Rispah is the wife of Ira P. Smith of Montgomery County, Ill.; John resides in South Haven, and Eldora the youngest is at home with her parents. Viola is the wife of C. B. Wolfe of Wabaunsee County, Kan.

Mrs. La Vance and her daughters are members in good standing of the Christian Church, in which the Doctor has labored as an Evangelist for more than thirty years. He organized the church at Palmyra, Ill., and while living there officiated as Elder, and he has also organized a number of societies since coming to Kansas. He is still devoted to his ministerial labors, confining his attention mostly to this State, although sometimes called out of it. The Sunday-school has ever received his earnest and faithful attention. He was born and reared a Catholic, in the faith of which church his father lived and died. The son was converted to the Protestant religion when a young man and at once began preaching and working in the Sunday-school. The mother, who had been born and reared a Catholic, changed her religious views at the same time that her son embraced Protestantism and died a mem-

ber of the Protestant Methodist Church. Dr. La Vance has exercised a wide influence and has been the means of causing many adherents of the Catholic faith to come under the pale of the Christian Church. He is a man of broad and liberal views and fine intelligence—one of those who will be remembered long after he has been gathered to his fathers.



JAMES F. ROBERTSON, M. D. In every qualification which pertains to good citizenship, this young gentleman has a prominent place, and in the professional ranks of Caldwell he is an able, well-informed and busy man. He has built up an excellent practice in the medical profession during the few years in which he has been a resident here, occupies a leading position among the practitioners of the place, and has a reputation second to none. He may well be called a self-made man, as his education was the result of his own exertions, and the knowledge which he acquired from books and observation, has been made of practical use by his discrimination and wise application of theories.

From worthy parents Dr. Robertson derives the characteristics which belong to the "canby Scot." His father, Amelious Robertson, was born in Scotland, in October, 1819, and was brought to America by his parents when a child. The family settled in Black Hawk County, N. Y., and in 1836 removed to Wood County, Ohio, where the remainder of his life was passed, and where he breathed his last, July 5, 1888. His occupation was that of a farmer. His wife, Margery Frazier, was born in Scotland, May 5, 1824, and still survives. She came to America with her parents when about fifteen years old, the family settling in Wood County, Ohio. Amelious and Margery Robertson were the parents of eight children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth.

Dr. Robertson was born in Haskins County, Ohio, May 2, 1855, and was reared on the farm in Wood County, acquiring a common-school education there:

In 1874, he began reading medicine with Drs. Peck and Powers, of Prairiesburg, Ohio, and after attending the Detroit (Mich.) Medical College three sessions, was graduated with high honors in the spring of 1877. He at once located in Haskins County, Ohio, began the practice of his profession, and remained in that place until 1882, at which time he removed to Caldwell, Kan. He has since been constantly engaged in professional work, and together with his professional reputation, has acquired a worthy one as a private individual.

Dr. Robertson has been a member of the Caldwell City Council for six years, and is still serving on that board. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. At the home of the bride in Haskins, Ohio, June 17, 1879, he was united in marriage with Miss Cornelia J. Meagley. The bride was a native of the town in which she was married, was born in 1834, and is a lady of intelligence, refinement, and those sterling traits of character which endear her to her acquaintances. She and her husband are the happy parents of one son, Wright.

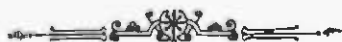


AARON T. BALL, Cashier of the Bank of Gauda Springs, although still a young man, has displayed decided business qualifications, and exhibits a high morality and courteous bearing in private as well as in public life, winning respect and friendly regard on all sides. He is a son of the Hoosier State, and the youngest of six children born to John and Mary J. (Bryant) Ball. His father was born near Louisville, Ky., about the year 1818, and having moved to Fulton County, Ind., when a young man, spent the remainder of his life there, breathing his last in 1854. He was a farmer, possessed of considerable means, held some minor offices, and was for many years connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. The mother of our subject was born in Fulton

County, Ind., and in that county breathed her last. The brothers of Aaron Ball were christened Ansel B., Daniel U., George W., John H., and William.

The subject of this sketch first opened his eyes to the light October 8, 1850, in Fulton County Ind., and was reared on the parental estate, acquiring an excellent education at Ft. Wayne. He was Deputy Auditor of the county seven years. In 1869, he went to Red Cloud, Neb., and after sojourning there a year, returned to his native State, going again to Red Cloud in 1879, and remaining there in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad until 1882. He next removed to Gueda Springs, Kan., engaged in the general mercantile business for a period of two years, when he sold out, and until August, 1888, had no regular occupation. The Bank of Gueda Springs was then organized, and he has since been its cashier; he is also a stock-holder in the institution.

At the home of the bride in Warsaw, Ind., October 7, 1875, Aaron Ball and Miss Mary McGrew were united in marriage. Mrs. Ball was born near Goshen, Ind., March 10, 1855, possesses an estimable character and many womanly virtues, and her chief object has ever been to make her home happy, and attractive to her husband and the son who was born to them, October 30, 1876. The bright lad who is the only offspring of Mr. and Mrs. Ball, bears the name of Chester B. Mr. Ball belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the Encampment Degree. He is a believer in, and supporter of the principles of the Republican party.



WILLIAM H. BROWN. Among the first settlers of South Haven may be mentioned Mr. Brown, who pitched his tent in the embryo village in June, 1885, and established himself in the livery business. There were then but comparatively few people who could act as patrons to such an enterprise, but by the exercise of patience, with a seasonable amount of waiting, satis-

factory results began to develop. Mr. Brown has now a large barn stocked with a fine assortment of horses and vehicles, and is doing a paying business. He runs a hack line to and from the railroad depot, and by his courteous treatment of those with whom he has dealings, has fully established himself as a successful business man.

A native of Steuben County, N. Y., the subject of this notice was born September 17, 1836, to Samuel and Mary (Burr) Brown. The following year Samuel Brown resolved to seek the farther West, and taking with him his little family, emigrated to Tazewell County, Ill. He settled upon a farm, and there William H. grew to be a lad of fifteen years. The family then changed their residence to Jefferson County, and later the parents removed to Fulton County, where they spent their last years, dying at an advanced age. They were most excellent and worthy people, and members in good standing of the Baptist Church. There had been born to them twelve children, of whom William H. was the sixth in order of birth.

The paternal grandparents of our subject were Thomas and Mary Brown, who lived in New York State a number of years, and then accompanied their son to Illinois. Thomas Brown was a noted preacher of the Baptist Church for many years, an active worker, preaching until past his threescore years and ten, and organizing many societies of that denomination both in New York and Illinois. No fancy salaries were paid in the pioneer days, and Grandfather Brown's labors were mostly gratuitous. His duties were performed mainly on the Sabbath day, while during the week he attended to the cultivation of his farm. He passed away firm in the faith which he had professed for so many years, justly feeling that he had earned the reward of a good and faithful servant.

The early education of William H. Brown was obtained in the district schools of Tazewell County, Ill. When the family removed to Jefferson County the latter contained a large area of land still belonging to the Government. He assisted his father in transforming a portion of this into a comfortable homestead, much of the sod being turned by the old fashioned wooden mold-board plow. In Jefferson County he developed fully into manhood,

and when ready to establish a fireside of his own was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Estes.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brown removed to Fulton County, Ill., settling on a farm where they lived about two years. There their eldest child, Columbus, was born. Illinois, however, was not quite far enough West to suit Mr. Brown, and so, in 1857, gathering together his little family and his household effects, he pushed across the Father of Waters into Douglas County, this State. Settling on a homestead claim, he operated in true pioneer style until 1872. That year he came to this county, and locating near Caldwell engaged as a dealer in live-stock about two years. Then, removing to Hunnewell, he established himself in the livery business, and was thus occupied until coming to South Haven.

Mr. Brown was wedded, October 23, 1873, at Wichita, to Mrs. Lydia (Moliere) Edwards. This lady was born in Indiana, December 31, 1841, and is the daughter of William and Mary (Aughee) Moliere, who were natives of Pennsylvania, and are now deceased. Mrs. Brown was first married, in Indiana, January 12, 1860, to Samuel Edwards, who served in the Union army during the late Civil War, and subsequently located in Sumner County, this State, of which he was one of the earliest pioneers, and where he died in 1872. There was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards one child, a son, Myron, who is now a resident of South Haven.

Mr. Brown while a resident of Hunnewell served as a member of the City Council two terms, and has held the same position the same length of time in South Haven. During the progress of the Civil War Mr. Brown, in August, 1862, enlisted in the First Kansas Battery, under the command of Norman Allen, of Lawrence. Mr. Allen died in July, 1863, and was succeeded in the command by M. D. Tinney. Mr. Brown served until the close of the war, in the meantime being promoted to Corporal. He participated in a number of important engagements, being at Newtonia, Mo., Ft. Wayne, Kne Hill, Van Buren and others. In the spring of 1863 he returned to Lawrence, and from there was ordered to Ft. Leavenworth, where the battery obtained fresh horses, and thence proceeded to Rolla, Mo. Next they went to St. Louis, and from there

to Indianapolis, Ind., after which they drove the raider Morgan from the soil of Ohio. Returning then to St. Louis they went from there to Cairo, and next to Columbus, Ky. After sojourning there one month they returned to Cairo, where they remained five months.

Afterward Mr. Brown was at Chattanooga, and in August, 1865, returning to Ft. Leavenworth, received his honorable discharge. Although not being wounded or captured, his health was undermined by the exposures and hardships which he endured, and which induced rheumatism, from which he has since suffered. He belongs to South Haven Post, G. A. R., and South Haven Lodge, No. 114, I. O. O. F., being a charter member of both lodges. Mrs. Brown belongs to Rebecca Lodge, No. 97, I. O. O. F.



JAMES P. ELSEA is a large land owner, one of the most extensive cattle men in this section of the country, and who, although doing some general farming, devotes his attention almost wholly to the handling of stock, buying, feeding and shipping, in large numbers. He owns five hundred and sixty acres of land in this county, and an extensive range in Barber County, having a controlling interest in about nineteen hundred acres there. At this writing he has about one hundred and seventy-five head of cattle, and his herds number far more at some seasons.

Mr. Elsea was born in Elkhart County, Ind., December 4, 1847, and there grew to manhood, acquiring a fair education under the fine system of the Hoosier State, and residing in his native county until the spring of 1873. Having chosen Kansas as his future home, he came to this county in April of that year, and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 32, Greene Township, where he still makes his home. During some six or seven years he spent much of his time in the Indian Territory, looking after the cattle which he fed upon the ranges there, and he also spent two or three

years in Barber County, although this has been his home since he first took up his claim here. He spent two years upon the Pacific Coast in California.

Mr. Elsen is a Democrat, and is deeply interested in the welfare of the party, although he has no political aspirations. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity. He is one of the most energetic of men, jolly and companionable, and with the exception that he still pursues a life of single blessedness, his citizenship has in it no cause of complaint. As may well be supposed, he has many friends, and is warmly welcomed in social circles.



VOLNEY S. WIGGINS, one of the pioneers of Sumner County, was born near Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, August 14, 1855. His father, H. H. Wiggins, was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada, and was a son of Samuel Wiggins, a pioneer of that province, where he cleared a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits, continuing to reside there until his death.

The father of our subject received his early training in the province, and when a young man went to Ohio and purchased a tract of land near Circleville. Thinking he could better his condition by going West, in 1858 he left his family and made his way to Louisa County, Iowa, where he purchased a tract of prairie land on the Iowa River. There were a few acres broken, and that, with a log house of which he immediately took possession, constituted the improvements. A few nights after his arrival there he was awakened by a strange sound, and jumping out of bed found himself nearly waist deep in water. There had been a sudden rise in the river, and the banks had been overflowed, an occurrence which did not often happen.

The father was soon joined by his family, and continued to improve the farm, upon which they lived until after the Civil War. He then sold and

bought a tract of wild land near by, which was the family residence until 1869, when he again sold out and journeyed farther Westward. This time he located in Crawford County, Kan., buying a claim to a tract of land one and a half miles east of Girard, which he at once began to improve. He had resided upon this place five years, when he found that it was railroad land, to which he could secure a title only by paying a large sum to the railroad company. He therefore abandoned it, and again started Westward, on this occasion coming to this county, where he was one of the pioneers. Deer and antelope still roamed over the prairie, and a few miles west buffalo abounded. He made claim to the southeast quarter of section 1, in what is now Osborn Township, and prosecuted the labors incidental to the improvement of the primitive soil. For some years there was no railroad nearer than Wichita, and that city was the nearest market for farm products. Prior to his death, which occurred March 18, 1889, he had seen the county develop to one of the most populous, and which contained more miles of railroad than any other in the State.

The wife of H. H. Wiggins and mother of our subject, bore the maiden name of Lucinda Jones. She was a native of New York, and a daughter of Nathaniel Jones, who was, as far as known, a native of the same State, and who was a carpenter by trade. Mr. Jones removed from New York to Ohio, and lived in Pickaway County a number of years, after which he went to Iowa, and thence came to this State, where for some years he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Wiggins. He subsequently went to the home of a son in Michigan, and there departed this life. Three children were born to the parents of our subject—Hiram, Volney and Charles.

The gentleman whose name initiates this sketch was three years of age when his parents moved to Iowa, in which State he attended the pioneer schools. When his parents came to Kansas he accompanied them, and as soon as he was large enough he began to assist his father in the work of the farm, and adopting his father's employment has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1882 he located upon the farm which he now owns and occupies, and which comprises the south half of the southwest quarter of section 6, Wellington

Township. He stands well among his fellow citizens as a young man of industrious habits, intelligence, and good principles, and one who merits their respect.

The home of Mr. Wiggins is brightened by the childish forms of three children—Samuel, Lucinda J. and Josephine—who have blessed his union with the lady who exercises such pleasant and orderly control of the household affairs. This lady, formerly Miss Lucy Rumble, native of Tower Creek Township, LaSalle County, Ill., and daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Rumble, whose sketch will be found elsewhere in this volume, was united in marriage to Mr. Wiggins on December 3, 1882.



GEORGE J. MILLER is the owner and occupant of a pleasantly located, well-improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 34, Wellington Township. This land was purchased by him in 1879, and was then in the primitive condition of unbroken prairie. Taking possession of it in 1880, he has erected a set of farm buildings, which, though built of wood, are substantial and well designed. He has fenced and otherwise improved the estate, among the notable features of its adornment being many fruit, shade and ornamental trees.

The subject of this sketch was born in Bennington, Wyoming County, N. Y., July 27, 1853, and is the oldest member of the parental family. His father, George Miller, was born in Germany, and came to America when a young man. He learned the trade of a miller in his native land, and followed this for some time, later purchasing a farm in Bennington Township, where for many years he prosecuted agriculture. He is now living in Warsaw, the same county. The maiden name of his wife, the mother of our subject, was Kate Clar. Her father, Adam Clar, was a native of France, and spent his last years in Wyoming County. Beside our subject the members of the parental family were Margaret, John, Charles, Sarah and Lizzie

The subject of this sketch received his early education in the public schools of his native town, and prosecuted the study of higher branches at the Union School at Batavia. When not engaged in the schoolroom he assisted his father on the farm, early acquiring a practical understanding of a farmer's life and labors. At the age of twenty years he left the parental roof-tree and started out in life for himself, visiting different parts of the State of Michigan during the next few months. He then went to Ohio, and after spending the winter in another section, visited Toledo, where he accepted a position with the Water Company for a year, following which he entered the employ of the Summit Street Railway Company, remaining with them until he became a citizen of Kansas.

Though young in years Mr. Miller exhibits a judgment and discrimination equal to that shown by many older men, and manages his estate prudently and discreetly. He possesses an upright and manly character, and is highly respected among those with whom his lot is cast.



WILLIAM B. COLDWELL. This gentleman is a Justice of the Peace in Oxford, and is well known as a stock-raiser, his specialty being Jersey cattle, of which he has the best herd in the county, made up of the A. J. C. C., registered Jerseys. Mr. Coldwell is not only widely known as a Jersey cattle dealer, but has for a number of years filled a prominent position in Oxford as a business man and a public servant, and he still holds positions of public responsibility for which a long experience in mercantile and clerical capacities has well fitted him. His home estate comprises seventy acres adjoining the town, and he also owns one hundred and sixty acres in another part of the township.

Mr. Coldwell is a son of T. M. Coldwell and a grandson of Abiram Coldwell. The latter was a native of Virginia and the son of a man who came from Scotland. He grew to maturity in the Old

Dominion, and there married a Miss Montgomery, after which he moved to the eastern part of Tennessee and engaged in farming, subsequently going to Dickson County, Tenn., where he died. He reared a family of fifteen children. Of these, Thomas M. was born in December, 1808, in Dickson County, and there grew to maturity on his father's farm. After his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Bell, he removed to Shelbyville, where he engaged in the sale of groceries and produce, and where he remained until his death, which took place in 1871. He was an able financier and a successful business man, but lost heavily in the war, saving but \$250 out of the wreck made of his fortunes at that time. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church for more than a quarter of a century. He was kind and affectionate in his home relations and a prominent and respected citizen of his county. He was the father of nine children, of whom all but one are still living.

The subject of this sketch is the first-born in the parental family. The second son and child, Emmett, is now engaged in the foundry business at Birmingham, Ala.; Alice is the wife of William E. Mathews, of Shelbyville, Tenn.; Mary, who died in November, 1872, was the wife of B. F. Pencock, of this township. John is now agent for the Adams Express Company in St. Louis, Mo.; he came to Oxford in 1871, and resided here twelve years. The above-named children were born to the first wife of T. M. Coldwell, and after her death he married Miss Jane Cannon, of Rutherford County, Tenn., who became the mother of four children. Joseph C. is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Elizabethtown, Ky.; Emma is still at home; Abbie is the wife of Mr. Black, of Louisville, Tenn.; Maggie is with her mother.

The subject of this sketch was born in Shelbyville, Tenn., January 18, 1839, and grew to man's estate in his native place, finishing his education at Shelbyville Academy. At the breaking out of the Civil War, in 1861, he went to Nashville, Tenn., and entered the Commissary Department of Gen. Thomas' command, having charge of Taylor depot, with two or three million dollars' worth of stores, shipping to the front all the time. He next entered the large retail dry-goods house of Col. W.

W. Berry & Co., on College Street, Nashville, and subsequently handled the penitentiary productions—wagons, stores, etc.—in the same city, with Messrs. McCampbell and Michael. He next held the position of Inspector of Customs in New York City during the years 1869-70, and then returned to his youthful home to assist in settling his father's estate.

In October, 1872, Mr. Coldwell came to this place, where there were but few people, and where deer were so plentiful that he could shoot all he wanted within the distance of half a mile, and herds of antelope were to be seen on Slate Creek. There were several Indian scares after he came here, but it was found that they were gotten up by desperate characters who had gathered here from various points, and the object was to steal horses. In the fall of 1873 Mr. Coldwell went into Harper County on a hunt and found but one white man in that county. His first claim here was the north-east quarter of section 22, upon which he made improvements, and in 1874 moved to the land which he now occupies, where he has also erected good buildings and placed the land under excellent cultivation, erected a windmill, and set out fruit and shade trees. At the same time he engaged in the dry-goods business, opening one of the first establishments of the kind in Oxford and after a time beginning a trade in agricultural implements, which he continued for ten or twelve years. He then engaged in the breeding of thoroughbred Jersey stock and good grades of horses, and, as before stated, has become well known in this business.

Mr. Coldwell was Secretary of the Committee which was appointed to secure a wagon bridge across the Arkansas River, his coadjutors being H. Barrett, Jasper Summerville, G. J. Hess and Dr. I. J. Maggard. They raised a private subscription and the county gave assistance, and the highway was secured. Our subject is manager of the co-operative store at Wellington, which is controlled by the Farmers' Alliance, and has been elected Secretary of the Oxford Farmers' Elevator and Mill Company, composed of members of the same body, which is soon to erect the buildings indicated in the title of their association. Mr. Coldwell has never desired office, but has been willing to serve

his fellow-citizens when called upon to fill any position which does not require his absence from home. He has therefore served as Township Clerk, and in 1888 was elected as Justice of the Peace. He has also been Chairman of the Democratic Township Committee. Of more than ordinary intelligence, undoubted ability and excellent character, Mr. Coldwell is highly respected by all who know him.

The wife of Mr. Coldwell bore the maiden name of Nellie Malaby, and their marriage was celebrated at her home, in Palestine Township on the last day of 1878. The bride was born in Pennsylvania April 27, 1854, and moved to Illinois with her parents, and in 1871 came with them to this county, where her mother is still living. Her father, the late George A. Malaby, was one of the early settlers of this county. He married Miss Esther Johnson, and their family comprised five sons and six daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Coldwell are the happy parents of five interesting children, who are named respectively: Irma, Irene, Irving, Ivan and Ion.



JAMES W. HOUSEWORTH. The work of the biographer is particularly pleasant when to a record of financial prosperity and success one can add that of a useful career on the field of battle and in various departments of local affairs, and a character above reproach. Such a life and character may well be recorded for the benefit of future generations, who will eagerly glance backward to learn what worthy examples have been given by their progenitors. The gentleman who is the subject of this sketch can look back over years well spent since his early manhood, and turning his thoughts to the future, may confidently hope for still more extended usefulness through his personal efforts and the family whom he has reared.

Mr. Houseworth is the third in a family of fifteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity. Their parents were Abram H. Houseworth, who

was born near Orange Court House, Va., and Lucy A. Blackwell, who was also a native of the Old Dominion. This worthy couple were married in Kentucky, and resided there until 1842, when they removed to Clark County, Ind., locating on a farm. They sojourned in the rural districts but a short time ere removing to the county seat, where Mr. Houseworth again occupied himself at his trade of a mechanic. Four years later they returned to their farm, upon which they remained until 1878, when they settled in Carroll County, Mo. The mother departed this life in 1885, and the father in 1888.

The gentleman of whom we write was born at Simpsonville, Shelby County, Ky., June 29, 1841, and was still an infant when the family removed to the Hoosier State, in the district schools of which he received a good common-school education. He began life for himself when he still lacked a year of his majority, by enlisting at the breaking out of the Civil War in Company B, Eighty-first Indiana Infantry. The command was sent to Nashville, Tenn., and forming a part of Gen. Rosecrans' army, took part in the battle of Stone River, and thence went to Chattanooga, later participating in the battle of Chickamauga, and fighting almost continually until the siege of Atlanta.

Under the command of Gen. Thomas they next participated in the engagement at Jonesboro, whence they returned to Nashville, fighting in the battle of Franklin on their way thither, engaging in another hard contest at their objective point and driving away Gen. Hood's army. Their next movement was to Huntsville, Ala., following which they entered East Tennessee, and then went to North Carolina on a scouting expedition. At the conclusion of this expedition they returned again to Nashville, where they remained until mustered out of service, at Camp Harper, in June, 1865. During the battle of Stone River, Mr. Houseworth was struck on the left elbow by a minie ball, but remained with his company notwithstanding the wound. He entered the ranks as a private, and was promoted to the position of Corporal.

After being honorably discharged, Mr. Houseworth returned to his father's farm, happy in the consciousness that there was no cause for regret in

a retrospective view of his conduct during the war, and that the years which he had devoted to the service of his country had been well and nobly spent. During the winter after his return home he attended school, and the following spring rented a farm, which he operated about a year. He then purchased thirty-two acres, which he lived upon until 1868, when he removed to Missouri and settled in Carroll County, where he purchased a farm of forty acres, which was his home until 1877, when he came to Kansas and settled on the farm which he now occupies. This comprises two hundred acres in Ryan Township, and when he took possession of it every acre was in the raw condition of the Sumner County prairie. One hundred and sixty acres are now devoted to crops, and the owner divides his attention equally between the raising of crops and stock. The estate bears the usual improvements, the dwelling, which was erected in the year 1879, having been added to in 1887, forming a pleasant and commodious residence. In 1887 Mr. Houseworth went to Garfield County and took up one hundred and sixty acres of land as a soldier's homestead, and on that tract he has broken forty-five acres of ground and dug a good well.

The marriage of Mr. Houseworth was celebrated in Indiana, March 26, 1866, his bride being Miss Elizabeth Mitchell, who was born in Clark County, of that State, January 30, 1840. She was the recipient of a good common-school education, has many womanly virtues, and possesses a character which endears her to many hearts. Her parents, John and Rachel (St. Clair) Mitchell, were natives of Pennsylvania, but lived for a time in Ohio and later in Indiana. Mr. Mitchell was a farmer. He died in 1879, and his wife in 1858.

Mr. and Mrs. Houseworth are the parents of six children: Theodore E., Rachael Estella, John Leno and Abram Leman (twins), Frances Olga and Lucy Gertrude. The oldest son is now teaching in School District No. 137; Rachael Estella teaches five miles north of Milan; Abram Leman is teaching four and one half miles northwest of Argonia.

Mr. Houseworth is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, and of John Goldy Post, No. 90, G. A. R., of Milan, being Chaplain in the latter organiza-

tion. He is Director of School District No. 123, and has been elected Justice of the Peace; he is also serving his second term as Trustee of Ryan Township. While a resident of Missouri, he was twice elected Township Collector, and was also Registering Officer. He takes an active interest in politics, and votes the Republican ticket. Mrs. Houseworth is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Houseworth of the Christian Church, and he has taught in the Sunday-school.



EBERLE D. WHITESIDE. In noting the business men of Caldwell, the name of Mr. Whiteside deserves more than a passing mention. In reverting to the incidents of his early life, we find that he was born in Casey County, Ky., January 13, 1863, and is the son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Wilson) Whiteside, who were natives of Kentucky. The latter lived in the Blue Grass State until about 1865, then emigrated to Illinois, and four years later to Cherokee County, Kan. The elder Whiteside spent his early years mostly in farming pursuits, but is now engaged as an hotel-keeper at Neosha. He bears the reputation of an honest man and a good citizen, is a worthy member of the Christian Church, a Democrat in politics, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity. The mother is also still living. The parental family included nine children, who were named respectively: William A., James T., Mattie, John, Eberle D., Eliza, Kittie, Lizzie, and Charles C.

The subject of this sketch was the fifth child of his parents, and was reared on the farm in Cherokee County, this State, acquiring a practical education in the common school. He made good use of his time and opportunities for the acquisition of useful knowledge, and for a time followed teaching. Later he entered the printing office of the Columbus Times, where he learned the "art preservative" and was engaged at this until 1883. That year he became the employe of the Long Bell Lumber Company, with which he has since continued, having

charge of this business at Caldwell since 1885. He possesses fine business qualifications, and is evidently bound to make of life a reasonable success. He votes the Democratic ticket, and belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

On the 29th of December, 1886, Mr. Whiteside was wedded to Miss Mamie Hammett, of Columbus, Kan. Mrs. Whiteside was born in Martha's Vineyard, Mass., May, 1865, and is a daughter of John M. and Cordelia (Tilton) Hammett, likewise natives of the Bay State, and now of Columbus, Kan. There has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside, one child, Gladys E., July 29, 1888.



WILLIAM D. MOORE, proprietor of the Wellington Foundry, Stove and Machine Works, is numbered among the stirring business men of the city, and established himself in his present business in January, 1886, being located at the intersection of Harvey Avenue and C Street. He gives employment to several men, and is contributing his full quota to the industrial interests of Sumner County.

Essentially a Western man, Mr. Moore was born in Sangamon County, Ill., July 6, 1856, and was reared to manhood on his father's farm twelve miles south of Springfield. He completed a thorough education in the university at Champaign, being graduated in the Class of '83, from the mechanical and civil engineering departments. Soon afterward he assumed the position of Assistant Superintendent of River Survey on the Mississippi River in the employ of the Government. He was thus occupied one year, and then went into the Champaign machine shops, where he worked also one year, and acquired a practical knowledge of the business. At the expiration of this time, coming to Wellington he purchased a small foundry, and was ready for business on the 1st of January, 1886.

From the start Mr. Moore has been prosperous.

being obliged to increase his facilities, and now has one of the best-equipped shops in the city, giving employment to ten men during the busy season. He devotes his entire attention to his business, having neither time nor inclination for politics, simply casting his vote in support of the Democratic party.

The subject of this sketch was married at Auburn, Ill., February 17, 1887, to Miss Mattie Hill. Mrs. Moore, like her husband, was born in Sangamon County, Ill., and is the daughter of William R. and Jane (Mason) Hill, the former of whom was a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Illinois. Mrs. Moore received excellent parental training, and remained under the home roof until her marriage.

The father of our subject was Morrison M. Moore, who was a native of Virginia, and born about 1810. He removed to Kentucky when a boy where he grew to man's estate, and then emigrated to Sangamon County, Ill. There he was married to Miss Sarah Crow, and they became the parents of eight children, all of whom are living. Mrs. Moore was born in Kentucky, and removed with her parents to Illinois when a young girl, about 1830. She and her husband are still living at the old farm in Sangamon County, and the elder Moore votes the Democratic ticket. Our subject and his family occupy a neat home in the northern part of the city, and enjoy the acquaintance and friendship of its best people. Mr. Moore has recently determined to engage in the manufacturing of stoves.



AW. SHEARMAN. Among those who have borne no unimportant part in building up the town of Wellington, and whose interests have centered here for these many years, the subject of this notice deserves special mention. Notwithstanding that he has witnessed changes that seemed more like a dream than a reality, and was in Wellington during its earliest settlement,

he is still a man in the prime of life, having been born September 23, 1836. His native place was Yates County, N. Y., where he was reared on a farm and attended the common school. The death of his mother, when he was a boy of thirteen years, resulted in his going out in the world to earn his own living, and he worked on the farm in the summer, and in the winter season in the timber. When a youth of nineteen years, he went into Chemung County, N. Y., and for some time thereafter was engaged as a traveling salesman for a boot and shoe house. He then returned to his native county, and engaged in the grocery business at Penn Yann, remaining there until 1851. Afterward he changed his residence to Niagara County, and became Superintendent of Gen. Whitney's farm, holding the position seven years. In 1858, he repaired to Louisiana and became overseer of a plantation, sixty-nine miles above the city of New Orleans.

We next find Mr. Shearman again in the North, in consequence of the outbreak of the Rebellion, located near Geneva, N. Y. In 1862 he enlisted as a Union soldier in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth New York Infantry. The regiment soon afterward was ordered to Harper's Ferry. In September, that year, Mr. Shearman was captured with 13,000 others. The next day they were paroled, sent to Chicago, Ill., and Mr. Shearman was discharged on account of disability. In February, following, he returned to New York State, and lived one year in Ontario County. He then clerked one year in Penn Yann, and going from there to Elmira, engaged again as a salesman for a boot and shoe house three years. He next established himself in the grocery business at Penn Yann, sojourning there until 1871, although for two years, he was not engaged in any active business.

In the year last mentioned, Mr. Shearman turned his face towards the Great West with the intention of settling in some new town. Coming to Kansas, he visited a brother in Leavenworth, and there learned that a new town named Meridien had just been started in Sumner County. He accordingly set out for that point, going by rail to Emporia, then the Western terminus of the Santa Fe Road, and from there by stage to Wichita. There being no stage from this point as he expected, and deter-

mined not to abandon his enterprise, he started out on foot with another man, and about two and one-half miles southeast of the present site of Wellington, he found the village of Meridien. This consisted of a few tents near the timber. The proprietors of the land offered Mr. Shearman two lots if he would put up a store building and embark in merchandising. He stopped over night with them, and the following day two gentlemen named Wood and Godfrey invited him to their camp, one mile distant. Upon arriving there, they unfolded to him their plans. They were about to lay out a village where Wellington now stands, and offered him two business lots and two residence blocks for himself and his brother.

Mr. Shearman had already made arrangements with a friend at Emporia to send him lumber, and who at once dispatched teams for this place, and on the 4th of April, in company with others, commenced laying out the town. As soon as his lumber arrived, he put up the first building erected in Wellington, and as it approached completion, placed within it a stock of general merchandise, including most everything in general use. This, with the exception of Mr. Godfrey's drug store, was the only store in the town for many years. Mr. Shearman gave his sole attention to his mercantile business about eight years, and then served two years as under sheriff. When the Wells-Fargo Express Company established an office here, he accepted the agency and discharged the duties of this position until the office was consolidated with that of the Adams Express Company. He then embarked in the grocery business, which he is still conducting.

When Mr. Shearman came to this county, deer, antelope and buffalo were numerous, and the land was owned by the Government. It was sold for \$1.25 per acre to homesteaders, who are now in possession of valuable and productive farms. Mr. Shearman has lived to see the surrounding country settled up with an intelligent and prosperous people, and a city, numbering probably 6,000 souls, grow up from the prairie. Since attaining his majority, Mr. Shearman has voted the Democratic ticket. He was the first Trustee of Wellington Township, and was a member of the Board of County Commissioners during the erection of the

court house in 1881. He has been a member of the City Council, and served as Mayor three years. As one of the old landmarks he is known to a large portion of the people of Sumner County, and will be gratefully remembered long after he has departed hence.

The first marriage of Mr. Shearman occurred December 14, 1866, the bride being Miss Ophelia Bennett. This lady was likewise a native of New York State, and died in Penn Yarn in 1868. In 1879, Mr. Shearman contracted a second marriage with Miss Alwilda DeArmand, who was born in Butler County, Ohio. Of the first marriage there was born one child, a daughter, Helen, who is now the wife of P. J. Ivers. The second union resulted in the birth of three children—Grace, Shirley and John.

The father of our subject was John Shearman, a native of Dublin, Ireland, and the son of George Shearman, who probably was born in the same country, and spent his entire life there. George Shearman was an attorney, and successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. The maiden name of his wife was Rebecca Brown. She was born in England, and died in the city of Dublin at the advanced age of one hundred and five years. Both were Episcopalians in religious belief. Four of their children emigrated to America—James, John, Frank and George—settling in Yates County, N. Y. Frank and James never married. George reared a family. John acquired an academic education in his native city and sailed for America when a youth of nineteen years. Later he engaged in farming in Yates County, N. Y., but a few years after marriage removed to Wilkesbarre, Pa., and embarked in the distillery business. After a twenty years' residence there he returned to Yates County, and purchased a flouring mill, which he operated some years. He died in that county in 1867, at the age of ninety-seven years.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Anna Woodruff. She was born in Connecticut, and was the daughter of Eliaba Woodruff, who probably was also a native of that State, and who emigrated to Yates County, N. Y., during its pioneer days, purchasing a tract of timber land in the wilderness. This was long before the days of canals

and railroads, and for a time the nearest mill to Grandfather Woodruff was at Elmira, seventy-five miles distant, to which he carried his grist on horseback. He cleared a farm, and resided there until his death. Mrs. Shearman spent her last days with her son in Tompkins County, N. Y. To her and her husband there have been born nine children, four sons and five daughters, viz.: Frank, Charlotte, Bradley, Rhoda, Anna, John, Mary, A. W., and one who died in infancy.



HENRY L. BENEDICT, Postmaster at Milan, is one of those deserving citizens whose history the biographer takes great pleasure in writing. For more than a decade he has resided in Ryan Township, and during those years he has filled positions of responsibility among his fellow-men, and has ever been found faithful in the discharge of his duties, both in those public capacities and in those of private life. His loyalty and devotion to his country were manifested during the Civil War, and proved him a worthy son of a father who had served in the War of 1812, under the leadership of William Henry Harrison.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Obadiah Benedict, a native of Scotland, and a Quaker in his religious belief; his wife was of Welsh ancestry. Among the progeny of this worthy couple was Asahel Benedict, who was born in the State of New York, and adopted the occupation of farming. During the second contest for American relief from British tyranny, he became a teamster, driving oxen and carrying stores and ammunition, and using a musket on various occasions. He participated in the battle of Tippecanoe, and during the war became very strongly attached to Gen. Harrison, with whom he at one time swapped horses.

Asahel Benedict married Miss Evelina Moore, a native of Connecticut, and a daughter of Chandler Moore, of England, who served in the Colonial Army during the Revolution, and was wounded

by a sabre cut at the battle of Brandywine. This couple was united in marriage in Ohio, and permanently resided in that State, having been among the earliest settlers of Franklin County. They were the parents of nine children, two of whom are now living. Four sons grew to manhood, and all served in the Union Army during the Rebellion—Anson was a member of the Fourteenth Ohio Infantry, and died from disease at Kingston, Ga.; Flavel T. belonged to the Ninety-fifth Ohio Infantry, and served under Gen. Thomas at the battle of Nashville, during which he received a death wound; Charles W. belonged to the Third Ohio Infantry, and was captured by the Confederates in the early years of the war, but was exchanged, and continued to serve his country until the close of the contest. The mother of this family died in 1839, and the father survived until 1881, when he passed away at the age of eighty-nine years.

The gentleman whose name initiates this sketch was the second member of the parental family, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, April 1, 1827, and was reared to the age of sixteen at the place of his birth. He received a common-school education in the district schools, and at the age of thirteen years began life for himself as a farm hand, working by the month. Three years later he went to Louisiana, and was engaged in checking timber and in sawmill work near New Orleans for about four years, after which he spent a year getting out timber in the swamps. He became of age while there, and cast his first vote for Gen. Zachary Taylor for President.

After the lumbering and milling experiences in the South, Mr. Benedict turned his face Northward and settled in Washington County, Ind., on a farm, continuing to reside in the Hoosier State and occupy himself with agricultural labors until 1871, with the exception of the time which he devoted to his country's service on the field of battle. At the date last mentioned he removed to Kansas, settled on a farm in Cowley County, and six years later removed to the farm which he now occupies. His estate comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land, all improved, and supplied with a full assortment of buildings in good condition, and everything about the place indicates

that its owner is thoroughly acquainted with the details of his chosen occupation, and a capable judge of the needs of the country, and consequently discriminating in regard to stock and crops. Mr. Benedict was appointed Postmaster at Milan, June 24, 1889, and beside conducting the office, which is a fourth-class and money order one, he handles a stock of groceries.

"The shot heard round the world" had scarcely ceased to re-echo throughout the land ere Mr. Benedict had determined to do what lay in his power to prevent the dissolution of the Union. He enlisted July 13, 1861, as a private in Company K, Twenty-third Indiana Infantry, and six months later was promoted to the rank of Corporal. The command was sent to St. Louis, and thence to Paducah, Ky., and served under Gen. U. S. Grant until after the fall of Vicksburg, following which they were under the leadership of Gen. Logan, Gen. McPherson and of Gen. F. P. Blair. Still later Mr. Benedict was a member of the force under command of Gen. Gresham, and still later fought under Gen. Sherman. He participated in the trying contests of Fts. Henry and Donelson, on the bloody field of Shiloh, throughout the siege of Vicksburg, at Raymond, Jackson (Miss.), Champion Hill and Black River. He took part in a running fight with Bragg's army, in the Sherman raid to Meridian, Miss., in the affray at Big Shanty, and in the notable engagement at Kenesaw Mountain; he celebrated the Fourth of July, 1864, by taking part in the rattle of musketry and the clash of arms on the Chattahoochee River, and during the following day also spent the hours in renewed attempt to preserve the life of the Nation that had been born eighty-eight years before. A few days after this engagement, the three-years term of service for which the regiment had been enlisted having expired, they were sent to Rothwell, Ga., discharged, and going to Chattanooga, Tenn., were there mustered out of the service. Although Mr. Benedict did not attain to a high rank, and his name was not blazoned before the world as a great general or the leader of some dashing exploit, he is nevertheless as brave, gallant and worthy a soldier as could be found in all the ranks. Praise and honor are justly due to the great leaders whose

capacity to plan and to execute campaigns led victory to perch upon the banners of the Union forces. But to the noble men, who, like our subject, left home and loved ones and endured all the privations, dangers, and arduous toils of "life on the tented field," no less is a meed of honor due; no less is the heart of a lover of his country thrilled by recollection of all they suffered and all which we owe to them. And what shall be said of the noble women who, after bidding their loved ones a fond good-bye, took up the great burden of anxiety and suspense regarding their safety, adding it to the other burden of family support, which so often devolved upon them. The wife of Mr. Benedict was left with four small children when he took up arms, and during the weary months of his absence she filled a father's place to them, exercised a wise oversight over their worldly affairs, and proved that she too could sacrifice and endure in her country's cause.

This lady, who for many years has stood by Mr. Benedict's side, sharing in his trials and his joys, and with him endeavoring to worthily fill their sphere in life, bore the maiden name of Sarah E. Andrew. She is a daughter of Thomas Andrew, a native of North Carolina and a mechanic, who departed this life in 1878, and of Lucy Dollans, a native of Virginia, whose death took place in 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew were the parents of eight children. Mrs. Benedict was the third in order of birth, first opened her eyes to the light May 24, 1831, and was united in marriage with our subject September 13, 1849. Two of her brothers, William and John, entered the Union Army, and the latter died in the service in 1865. To Mr. and Mrs. Benedict eight children have been born, and six are now living. These are named respectively: John A., Caroline, Robert A., Charles H., May and Crowder.

Mr. Benedict belongs to John Goldy Post, No. 90. G. A. R., and was Vice Commander in 1888. He is much interested in educational matters, and has been a member of the School Board for several years. He was Treasurer of Ryan Township in 1887, and he is one of the gentlemen who named it. In politics he is always actively interested, and is a never failing supporter of the Republican ticket.

Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a Trustee and the Chairman of the Board, and the entire family take an active part in the work of the Sunday-school. Mrs. Benedict has been a member of the church since 1842, having identified herself with that religious body at the age of eleven years.



JAMES C. DAVIS is the owner and occupant of the southeast quarter of section 25, Jackson Township, where he has resided for several years, and where he has erected a good set of farm buildings, planted a fine orchard, and made other improvements such as are usually accomplished by a thorough farmer. His grandfather, Samuel Davis, was born in Wales, in which country the ancestors had been living for generations. He came to America and in Vermont continued his labors as a farmer, and in that State departed this life.

Samuel Davis, Jr., son of the above, and father of our subject, was born in Rutland County, Vt., and reared to agricultural pursuits. He first removed to New York, and about 1820 went to Ohio, becoming a pioneer resident of Miami County. He took up a tract of heavily timbered land in Stanton Township, erected a log cabin, and resided there until 1834, when he sold and purchased other timber land in Union Township, Mercer County, building a log cabin in that wilderness also, and again undergoing the hardships and trials of a frontiersman. Deer, bears, wolves, coons, wild cats and gray foxes were numerous, there were no railroads or canals for several years, and the nearest town of any note was Pickaway, forty miles distant. He cleared a farm, and as there was no sale for timber, many fine logs which he cut were rolled together and burned to get rid of them. On that place he resided until a short time before his death, when he took up his abode with his children. His wife, who was born in New York, bore the maiden name of Laura Spicer, and was a daughter of Samuel and

Sarah (Rudil) Spicer. She died at the home of her children in March, 1865. She had reared seven children: Samuel, Laura, Justus, James, Mary, Sarah and Eliza. Justus and James took part as soldiers in the late war.

James C. Davis was born in Miami County, Ohio, September 8, 1827, and being a lad of seven years when his parents removed to Mercer County, he was practically reared in the latter. There were no free schools at that period, and institutions of learning were kept up by subscription, and were held in log houses, with benches made by splitting logs, inserting pins for legs and hewing the upper side smooth. As soon he was large enough, young Davis began assisting his father on the farm, and continued so employed until 1849, when he bought a tract of timber land near the parental homestead, built a log cabin, and commenced housekeeping. He cleared the land and worked it, residing there until 1864, when he entered the one hundred days' service as member of Company K, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Ohio Infantry. At the expiration of his term of service he resumed farming, and remained upon his original homestead until 1882, when he came to Kansas, locating in this county. A year later he sold his Ohio farm and bought that upon which he is now residing.

At the home of the bride in Mercer County, Ohio, July 12, 1849, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Mary H. Gordon, a native of Hardin County, Ky. Her grandfather, John Gordon, was born either in Scotland or Ireland, and came with his father, Hugh Gordon, to America, locating in Virginia. In 1801 they went to Kentucky, settling in Washington County, where he cleared a tract of land, and where both the grandfather and great-grandfather remained until their death, the latter being one hundred and three years at the time of his decease. The wife of John Gordon bore the maiden name of Mary Latham, and after the death of her husband she went to Illinois, and spent her last years with her children there.

Henry Gordon, the father of Mrs. Davis, was born in Fauquier County, Va., and was reared and married in Kentucky, in his manhood settling in Hardin County, where he lived until 1840, when he removed to Mercer County, Ohio, buying a tract

of timber land, which he cleared and made his home until his death. His wife, Miss Catherine Drury, was born in Bennington County, Vt., and was the daughter of Samuel Drury, a saddler, who after working in New York City, went to the Green Mountain State, where he married Miss Hannah Brunson, later removing to Lake Geneva, N. Y., thence to Hardin County, Ky., where both subsequently died. The mother learned the trade of a mantau-maker in Albany, N. Y., and also learned to spin and weave, as was the custom in that day. Her daughter, Mrs. Davis, also learned to spin and weave, and now has in her possession coverlets of her own manufacturing. She also learned the trade of a tailoress.



TORRANCE R. DONLEY. This sturdy veteran bears the distinction of being one of the oldest living settlers of Sumner County and the oldest settler in the village of Oxford. He came to this region when the present site of Oxford was marked simply by a sawmill, and here he has since maintained his residence, watching the growth and development of the country and proving himself a worthy and useful citizen.

When Mr. Donley came to this region, in the winter of 1871, he staked out a claim just west of the town of Oxford and also made a home at the mill which he had removed from Winfield. This latter was operated by steam, and the first structure of the kind in the county. Three years later Mr. Donley traded the mill for land. Later he and Mr. Chandler embarked in the furniture trade, and put up a substantial new building in the central part of town, bringing into the latter the first full stock of furniture, they operating under the firm name of Chandler & Donley. A year later, however, Mr. Donley disposed of his interest in the business, and in due course of time commenced dealing in live stock, being thus occupied for a number of

years. He was also at one time engaged in a store of general merchandise and groceries, in company with Mr. A. Gridley, who had the post-office in the store and who was the second post-master there.

His real estate comprises a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which is conducted under his supervision. Mr. Donley settled in Oxford Township prior to its organization or that of the school districts. He has served as Township Trustee, and was a member of the town council two terms. He has supported the principles of the Republican party since becoming a voter.

A native of Cattaraugus County, N. Y., Mr. Donley was born April 2, 1845, and lived there until a youth of eighteen years. In the meantime he pursued his studies at the schools of Little Valley and Perryville. During the progress of the Civil War he, in 1863, joined a construction corps and assisted in building bridges, houses, platforms, store-rooms, etc., in the meantime assisting to build the bridge at Bull Run and Bridgetown. Later he went to Richmond, Va., expecting to assist in building the bridge across the James River, but the war ended before it was completed.

We next find Mr. Donley in Salamanca, N. Y., where he purchased property and conducted a grocery store for eighteen months. Then coming to Junction City, Kan., during the time of the building of the Union Pacific Railroad, he again commenced working with a construction corps. The following spring he repaired to Omaha, Neb., sojourning there until 1864. That year he went to Texas, via Ft. Smith and Memphis, purchasing horses and cattle, and driving the latter to Abilene, Kan. Wichita was then a hamlet of a few log houses. Subsequently Mr. Donley was in Labette County, this State, and afterward made an overland trip to Ft. Smith in order to recover the baggage he had left there. That same winter Mr. Donley purchased a sawmill at Chetopa, Kan., which he removed first to Winfield and then to Oxford. During these years, although making several changes, he prospered financially, and is now independent.

On the 25th of November, 1878, Mr. Donley was united in marriage with Miss Virginia B. Cheuvront at the bride's home in Oxford Town-

ship. Mrs. Donley was born in West Virginia, June, 13, 1856, and was the daughter of Morris Cheuvront, who, upon leaving the old Dominion, settled near Fairmount, Ill., where his daughter, Virginia, grew to womanhood. Later the family came to Kansas. Of this union there have been born four children—Torrance E., Morris, June and a babe, Hermon.

The father of our subject was Torrance R. Donley, Sr., who married Miss Margaret Cain. They spent the greater part of their lives in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., where their remains are laid to rest.



JOHAN BOTKIN is one of the first settlers of Sumner County, and is the owner of several farms within its limits, which he rents while himself living in Wellington, practically retired from active pursuits. He has had an extended observation of life on the Plains and in the Rocky Mountain regions, and can tell many an interesting tale of experience in the Western wilds. He was born in Morgan County, Ohio, May 8, 1842, and is of remote Scotch ancestry, although the family for a time resided in Ireland, and probably one generation at least was born in the Emerald Isle.

The first of the family to settle in America was Robert Botkin, who was born in Ireland, and on coming to this country located in Lancaster County, Pa., where he operated a farm, and also ran a ferry-boat across the Susquehanna River at a point known as Crab's Ferry. He had a son who bore his own name, and who was but a boy when they came to America. Robert Botkin, Jr., was reared and married in Lancaster County, whence he went to Fayette County, and later to Greene County. In the latter he rented land and farmed for many years, spending his latter days in Morgan County, Ohio, with his children. His wife was Miss Sarah Horner, a native of Lancaster County, and a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Cook) Horner. Her death took place in Greene County, Pa., where her son,

Amos H., the father of our subject, was born, October 15, 1815.

Amos H. Botkin was reared in the Keystone State, and when about of age went to Ohio, making his home in Belmont County for a time, and then removing to Morgan County, where he was engaged in farming and where he continued to reside until 1850. He then removed to Indiana, and locating in Clark County, fifteen miles from Charleston, lived in the Hoosier State two years. He next started for Iowa with a team, and after spending a few months in Christian County, Ill., continued on to the Hawkeye State and became an early settler of Van Buren County. He bought a tract of land there, and another in Davis County, and resided upon the former until 1878, when he came to this place, where he has since made his home. The maiden name of his wife was Sarah Ann Bony, and she was born in Washington County, Pa. Her parents were Jacob and Sarah (Ault) Bony, who were natives of York County, Pa., whence they removed to Ohio in 1830, making their first settlement in the Buckeye State in Guernsey County, and later changing their residence to Morgan County. They subsequently removed to Iowa, where Mr. Bony spent his last years. He was a shoemaker, and followed his trade all his life.

John Botkin, whose name initiates this sketch, was but four years old when his parents removed to Clarke County, Ind., and was in his seventh year when they settled in Iowa. There he attended the pioneer schools, and in the intervals assisted his father in improving the farm. He was still residing with his parents when he determined to devote his energy to the Union cause, and in April, 1863, though not yet of age, he enlisted in Company G, Seventh Iowa Cavalry. He served until after the close of the war, his duties carrying him into Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Wyoming, Colorado, Dakota, Idaho, Utah and New Mexico, and including much hard riding, as all the marches from State to State and from Territory to Territory were made on horseback. The various phases of cavalry campaigns became familiar to him, and he also acquired a considerable knowledge of the untrodden wilderness, and unsettled plains and

valleys of that little known region on the eastern slope of the Rockies.

After being discharged from the army in June, 1866, Mr. Botkin returned to Davenport, Iowa, and thence to the paternal home, where he remained eleven months, after which he crossed the plains to the Rocky Mountains. At that time innumerable numbers of buffaloes traversed the plains, and deer, antelope, elk and mountain sheep were plentiful. Mr. Botkin spent nearly three years in Wyoming Territory engaged in getting out timber to be used in the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad, and also in getting wood and hay for the Government. Returning again to his home, he remained in Van Buren County a few months, and then started to cross the plains again, but at Columbus, Neb., he met his brother Simon, and concluded to come to Southern Kansas to locate.

The brothers therefore bought teams and drove across the country nearly four hundred miles, arriving in Wichita in June. That flourishing city was then a small village, and Indian tepees lined the banks of the Little Arkansas River. Our subject took a claim on a school section, but remained in that vicinity but a few weeks, when he again pursued his investigations, and in September settled in the southwestern quarter of section 27, in what is now Wellington Township, this county, and is included in the present city limits of Wellington. At that time there was not a house where the city now stands, and the land was owned by the Government. The general survey was not yet completed. There was no railroad nearer than Emporia, and Wichita was the nearest post-office. Mr. Botkin built a log house covered with sod in lieu of shingles, and began to break the soil and improve the land. The following spring the village was platted a half-mile distant. Mr. Botkin continued farming and stock-raising until 1887, when he took advantage of the boom here and sold his farm to a syndicate and built where he now resides. After selling his original farm he bought other tracts of land in different parts of the county, and is deriving a comfortable income from their rental.

On January 11, 1877, the rites of wedlock were

celebrated between Mr. Botkin and Miss Anna, daughter of Daniel and Anna E. Ellington. The bride was born in Clark County, Ill., and possesses many womanly virtues. Their family comprises four living children—Everett, Grace, Laura and Bessie. Harry, the fifth child, died at the age of twenty-nine days; John Q. died when nine months old.

Mr. Botkin is interested in the social orders, and holds membership in the James Shields Post, No. 57, G. A. R., and in Wellington Lodge, No. 150, A. F. & A. M. He is an intelligent and reliable citizen, a man of good character, and has many friends in the community.



DAVID STEPHENS. In noting the leading pioneers of Sumner County, due mention should be made of Mr. Stephens, who established himself as a resident of South Haven Township, at a time when the nearest market was at Wichita, to which point he and his neighbors hauled all their produce overland with teams. For several seasons there were to be seen only a few rude dwellings in the open country where wolves and antelopes were plentiful. He has since been a continuous resident of the township, and has evinced that warm interest in its growth and development which is only felt by intelligent members of the community. He is a Virginian by birth, and first opened his eyes to the light in Rockingham County, March 11, 1825.

The early years of Mr. Stephens were spent on a farm in his native State, and about 1831 his parents, Louis and Elizabeth (Alder) Stephens emigrated to Madison County, Ohio. The father took up a tract of new land and prosecuted farming in the Buckeye State until 1849. That year he pushed on further westward into Knox County, Ill., where he purchased a piece of raw prairie, from which he built up a valuable homestead, and there spent his last days, passing away in August, 1887, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. The mother sur-

vived her husband one year, dying in August, 1888, at the age of eighty-three. They were the parents of ten children, seven of whom survive, and of whom David was the third in order of birth.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, was Mark Stephens, a native of Germany, who emigrated to America when a young man, paying his passage by working at seven cents per day. When landing he located in Virginia, and in due time was there married to Miss Mary Wolf, a native of Germany. They settled on a farm in the Old Dominion, and became well-to-do, rearing a fine family of children, and there closed their eyes to earthly scenes.

On the maternal side Grandfather Michael Alder, was likewise a native of Germany, also crossed the Atlantic early in life, settled in Virginia, and married Miss Barbara Moyers. Grandmother Alder was likewise a native of the Fatherland. To them was born a family of sons and daughters, and they spent their last days on the soil of the Old Dominion. They passed through many thrilling scenes, having located in a wild country where Indians were numerous. About that time Jonathan Alder, an uncle of Michael, was captured by the Indians when a boy of eight years, and lived with them until a man of thirty years. He died in Ohio.

Mr. Stephens when a young man went from Illinois to Virginia, and was there married to Miss Arminda, daughter of Evan and Margaret (Burnsides) Hinton. Mrs. Stephens was born in Virginia. Her parents were also natives of the Old Dominion, and her paternal grandfather, a stanch tory, who located there at an early day, also died there, together with her parents. Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens took up their abode on a farm in Knox County, Ill., where they sojourned until 1874, coming then to this county. Mr. Stephens purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land about two and one-half miles north of the present site of the city, and established himself with his little family in a small box house, which constituted their domicile for several years. From this land the father improved a good homestead, and secured eighty acres adjoining. He placed one hundred and eighty acres under a good state of cultivation, planted an orchard of apple

trees, also other fruit trees, and effected good improvements. He sold this farm in 1880, and lived thereafter near South Haven until 1886, when he removed to South Haven.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, one of whom, Evan, died when quite young. The seven survivors are named respectively: Ezra, Evan, Ruhama, Charles, Wilson, Albert, and Lester: Mrs. Stephens departed this life in Knox County, Ill., in 1870, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she had been a consistent member several years.

In 1886 Mr. Stephens contracted a second marriage at South Haven, with Mrs. Rachel (Polk) Swiney. This lady was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, and when quite young removed with her parents to Madison County, Ind., where she was first married to Thomas Swiney. They settled in Knox County, Ill., where Mr. Swiney died in 1884. Mrs. Stephens is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Stephens, politically, affiliates with the Democratic party, and is a member of Pacific Lodge, No. 400, A. F. & A. M., at Knoxville, also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at the same place.



JAMES H. OWENS. The agricultural interests of Sumner County, are worthily represented by Mr. Owens, who was one of the pioneer farmers of Oxford Township, where, besides his home farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 10, he also owns two quarter-sections a little further West. He came to this region in 1875, and selected a fine location west of Oxford Center, where he now has one of the most attractive homes in the township. He commenced at first principles in the construction of his farm, which had been subjected to very little improvement when he assumed ownership. He put up a fine residence in 1877, which still stands flanked by a substantial barn and all other necessary outbuildings, besides forest and fruit trees and shrubbery. He avails himself of first-class machinery in the prosecution

of his calling, including a costly windmill, and he has operated with such thoroughness and skill, that he has secured the reputation of being one of the most successful farmers in the county. His landed possessions altogether embrace six hundred and twenty-four acres, forming as fine a body of land as can be found in the Sunflower State. He rents all but the home farm.

For the past seven years Mr. Owens has been quite extensively engaged in the breeding of thoroughbred Short-horn cattle. Of these he has a very fine herd from which he sold in the fall of 1889, forty-nine head at a good round sum. He is also a successful breeder of blooded horses. In bringing his farm to its present fine condition, he has expended much time, labor and money, but they have proved a wise investment. Mr. Owens is a liberal and public-spirited citizen, a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and a member in good standing of the Christian Church. He is a man of standing in his community, exercising no small influence among his fellow-citizens, by whom he is universally respected.

Born in Posey County, Ind., December 4, 1836. Mr. Owens lived there until a youth of fifteen years. His parents were James H. and Sarah (Cox) Owens, natives of North Carolina, the former of whom removed to Indiana when a child of five years. The mother died at the birth of her son, James H. The father and son removed to DeWitt County, Ill., in 1851, where the former carried on farming, and the latter acquired his education in the common school. When eighteen years old he began farming for himself, prosecuting this successfully until his marriage on the 4th of March, 1862, with Miss Jane Marquis. The young people began the journey of life together on a farm in Macon County, Ill., where they sojourned until coming to Kansas. The elder Owens in the meantime died in 1864. While in Illinois, James H. held the office of Township Commissioner until resigning, and since that time has carefully refrained from accepting the responsibilities of office, although he is acknowledged as a leading man of this township.

Mrs. Jane Owens was born in Posey County, Ind., September 22, 1836, and is the daughter of Pleasant Marquis, who spent his last years in Posey

County, Ind. Of her union with our subject there have been born five children, four of whom are living: Minnie is the wife of A. A. Richards, of Wellington; Robert remains with his father; Fanny died when two years old. The two younger are Effie and Alfred. Effie is attending school at Wichita. Mr. Owens believes in education, and has carried out his theory in regard to his own children.



WILLIAM H. NOTTINGHAM was reared to farm pursuits, and among the young agriculturists of the county has a high rank as one who is thoroughly acquainted with the details of farm work, and wise in his adoption of methods for adding to the resources of the soil. He gives his entire attention to farming and the stock business, and the one hundred and sixty acres of improved land on section 3, Caldwell Township, which is his place of abode, presents an orderly and attractive appearance to the passer-by.

Mr. Nottingham is a native of Vinton, Benton County, Iowa, was born July 29, 1856, and received an excellent common-school education in the schools of his native town. When fourteen years of age his parents became residents of Sumner County, Kan., and after assisting his father upon the home place until he had arrived at a suitable age to do so, he pre-empted some Government land, and began his individual life as a farmer.

The parents of our subject are Morgan J. and Caroline (Underwood) Nottingham, early settlers of Sumner County, to which they came in 1871. Morgan Nottingham was born in Virginia, fifty-four years ago, and was five years of age when his parents removed to Ohio. In the year 1850 he took up his residence in Benton County, Iowa, whence he came to this State and county, pre-empting one hundred and sixty acres of land in Oxford Township. Although he learned the trade of a carpenter in his early life, he has followed farming the most of the time, and is still so occu-

pied. He is numbered in the ranks of the Republican party, and in the social order of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. He is Justice of the Peace and a worthy member of the Christian Church. His wife was born in Franklin County, Ind., and departed this life in Sumner County, Kan., in 1873, at the age of thirty-three years. She had borne seven children—William H., L. G., Ella M., Susie, Anna D., James W. and John.

At the home of the bride, January 9, 1883, the subject of this biography was united in marriage with Miss Lula King, an attractive and intelligent young lady, whose birth occurred in Kosciusko County, Ind., January 14, 1863. She is a daughter of Aaron and Lydia (Hoover) King, natives of Ohio. Both parents are now deceased. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Nottingham has been blessed by the birth of three children—Bernard F., Murl and Ray—and they have suffered the loss of the second born. Mr. Nottingham follows his father's example in being a staunch member of the Republican party and a consistent member of the Christian Church. He belongs to the Farmers' Alliance.



WILLIAM N. BLAMPIED is one of the pioneers of Sumner County, Kan., and resides on section 3, Belle Plaine Township, where he came in the summer of 1871, although for two previous years he had sojourned in the Sunflower State. He is a prominent citizen, both socially and politically, being a supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and identified with any movement tending to improve the county.

Having been born August 6, 1850, Mr. Blampied is now in the prime of a useful life. Guernsey County, Ohio, was his native place, and his paternal ancestry is supposed to have been of French extraction. His father, Thomas Blampied enlisted in the Union army in 1862; he was taken prisoner in Monocacy, Va., and died in the Lynchburg prison from hardship and exposures. The mother,

Hannah (Helm) Blampied is now living in Belle Plaine, Kan. She was a native of the Old Dominion, and removed to Ohio at an early day in the history of our country, where she married Thomas Blampied, a native of the Buckeye State. Their family comprised four children, of whom three survive: Rachel, wife of Harry Halpin; Milton, William N.; our subject; Mary is deceased.

Our subject remained in Ohio until he reached the nineteenth year of his age, and in his youth worked at harness-making for about two years. He also served two years in the Ohio State Militia and did duty at Camp Chase, being subject to State call. He enlisted as a private in Company G, Forty-seventh Regiment, Ohio National Guards. After serving with them he returned to Guernsey County, and once more engaged in farming. He left the Buckeye State about 1868, and went to Polk County, Mo., where he worked as a farm laborer for a few years. He sojourned in Davis (now Geary) County, Kan., and in other counties of the same State about two years, coming in the summer of 1871 to Sumner County.

Not a furrow had ever been turned on the one hundred and sixty-acre farm, which Mr. Blampied then commenced to improve, transforming it from a wild tract of raw land to a well-regulated estate. Some of this property has been sold, the farm now consisting of one hundred and twenty acres. Mr. Blampied was married in Ohio May 22, 1873, to Miss Sarah J. Rose, who was born in Harrison County, Mo., August 16, 1855. Her father, Timothy Rose, was a native of Ohio, and her mother, Catherine (Crestor) Rose, a native of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Blampied accompanied her mother to Ohio when eleven years of age, her father having been killed during the Civil War in Missouri by Quantrell's gang, and it is said that Quantrell himself committed the murder. In company with eleven men he was returning home on a furlough, when all except one, fell victims to the enemy's unerring fire. Mrs. Blampied has two brothers, Benjamin and Timothy, both residents of Ohio. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Rose was again married to William Vansickel, by whom she had five children, namely: Ida B., wife of Willard Little, of Ohio; William M., of Ohio; Eddie, who is de-

ceased; Joseph and Harry, who live in Ohio. Mrs. Vansickel died in Ohio in December, 1886.

When Mrs. Blampied was a girl, she removed with her mother and other members of the family to Guernsey County, Ohio, where she remained until her marriage. To her and her husband have been born eight children, namely: Ida A., Elmer C., Lillian, Charles, Jesse, Willis H., (deceased) and Ora V., (deceased), and an infant daughter unnamed. The children are receiving good educations in the district schools, and are being carefully trained for future positions of responsibility. Mrs. Blampied is a member of the United Brethren Church and with her husband occupies a prominent position in society. They have endured hardships of frontier life, and have been interested witnesses of the development of the country from a wild state to a land of plenty, where well-cultivated farms are the rule and not the exception.



HENRY H. JACOBS. The subject of this notice, the present Postmaster of Perth, first struck the soil of Kansas March 20, 1886, coming directly to this county and locating on the northeast quarter of section 14, Downs Township, where he has since successfully prosecuted farming pursuits. He was born March 9, 1837, and is a native of York County, Pa. His father, George Jacobs, was also born in that county, in 1804, and died there in his prime, aged forty-five years, five months and seventeen days. He was a farmer by occupation, and a member in good standing of the Lutheran Church. The Jacobs family was of German extraction and noted principally for their substantial and reliable traits of character and the industry which has made of them well-to-do citizens, who have always been useful members of their community.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Cromer) Jacobs, the mother of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1807, and is still living, making her home with her daughter in Perth. The parental household included seven

children, viz.: Susannah; Mary, Henry H., George W., Amelia S., Elizabeth A., and John Q. Elizabeth died at the age of four years, four months and twelve days; John died when a little lad of five years; Henry H., the third child of the family, spent his boyhood and youth after the manner of most farmers' sons, attending the district school and assisting his father on the farm. He remained a resident of his native county until coming to this State. His homestead lies adjacent to the town limits of Perth, and he was appointed to the office of Postmaster in 1889. He is also connected with the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Sumner County. In politics, he is decidedly Republican.

In November, 1862, during the progress of the Civil War, Mr. Jacobs enlisted as a Union soldier in Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry, serving until July of the following year. He is a prominent man in church matters, and assisted in the organization of the Lutheran Church at Perth. He was married in his native county, February 2, 1860, to Miss Elmira F. Heagey. Mrs. Jacobs was born in Adams County, Pa., March 8, 1841, and is the daughter of Henry and Rachel (Schrivver) Heagey, who were likewise natives of that State, and spent their last days in Pennsylvania. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, whom they named respectively: Luther H., Elmer E., Annie E., Emery G., Allen G. and Melvin H. Luther died at the age of nine months and twelve days, and Elmer was taken from the home circle, aged one year and thirteen days. The other children are with their parents.

A B. FREEMAN is a prominent and rising young physician of Wellington, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession for about four years. He has built up an excellent and growing practice among the better class of citizens, and is highly spoken of

by those who know him as a man of ability in his chosen field of labor and of strict integrity in all transactions.

Dr. Freeman was born in Metcalf County, Ky., in 1859, and is a son of Albert L. Freeman, who was born in the same county about thirty years prior to his son's birth. The father was married in that county to Miss Juliette S. Morrison and carried on his occupation of tilling the soil there until 1885 when he removed to this county. Here the parents and their three children now live, two sons, E. P. and W. L., being engaged in farming. The entire family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Wellington.

The gentleman whose name initiates this notice received an excellent education, acquiring the fundamental branches in his native State and completing the literary course in Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn. He then read medicine under Dr. J. W. Good, of Hiseville, Ky., taking his lectures in the Medical Department of the Louisville University and being graduated therefrom in the class of 1885. Thinking the West afforded a better field for a young physician than localities in the East where there were so many old established practitioners, he came to Kansas and opened an office in Rome, this county, where he sojourned but nine months ere coming to this place, with the result already noted.

J OHN W. PARKS, a successful general farmer of Sumner County, came to this region from the Blue Grass State within which he was born, on the 27th of October, 1854, in Logan County. He was reared there on his father's farm, the father being Leander A. Parks who is represented elsewhere in this work. When a young man of twenty-three years John W. came to Kansas and took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres on section 32. Two months later, however, he returned to Kentucky, but came back to Kansas the following spring and purchased one hundred and

sixty acres of land, which is now the property of his brother R. N. After fencing his fields and effecting other improvements, Mr. Parks traded this property to his brother for that which he now owns and operates.

Having now established himself on a firm basis and secured the wherewithal to keep a family, Mr. Parks was married, April 5, 1888, to Miss Sarah Rinehart. This lady is the daughter of George Rinehart, a native of Carroll County, Ohio, and who is now a resident of this county. When Mr. Parks first came to this section his nearest grain market was at Wichita. Wild animals were plentiful and buffalo could be found within a day's drive west. In the fall of 1873 Mr. Parks set out with a party of four men on a buffalo hunt, and during their absence of two weeks killed twenty-two of the monarchs of the plain.

Mr. Parks, in addition to being a good farmer, has become a popular citizen. He was elected Township Treasurer in the fall of 1889, an office of which he is still an incumbent. He belongs to the Farmers' Alliance, and with his estimable wife is a member in good standing of the Presbyterian Church.



CHARLES WICHERN, the oldest settler of this county, who is now a resident of Wellington, was born near Hamburg, Germany, October 28, 1839. His grandfather John Henry Wichern, was a native of Hamburg, and spent his entire life in his native land. He was a well educated man and an accomplished linguist and acted as translator in the courts. His son, John H. Wichern, D. D., was also born in Hamburg and attended the schools very steadily in his youth, afterward studying theology and then engaging in home missionary work independently of any church or society. He held various official positions under the Prussian Government. He was for a time an officer of the Department of the Interior,

the whole prison department being under his supervision. He was a member of the Evangelical Church and was the founder of several benevolent and educational institutions. Like his father he spent his entire life in his native land, where his death took place in 1881. He was the father of nine children—Caroline, Elizabeth, Charles, Sophia, Henry, Amanda, John, Mary, and Louis. All were reared to maturity except Mary, who died young.

The subject of this sketch was the eldest son, and the only member of the family who ever came to America. He attended the Hamburg schools very steadily until he was sixteen years of age, and then went to Prussia and advanced his education by attendance at an academy and university. At the age of twenty-one he entered the Prussian army and after being in active service a year, was promoted to a Lieutenancy and served in the Reserve Corps until 1869. During this time he acquired the reputation of an energetic and active young man, a credit to himself and his worthy parentage. He then came to America, and after sojourning for a time in Virginia, in 1870 started to go to California but stopped at Salina, Kan., and concluded to investigate the territory of Southern Kansas. There being no railroads, he purchased a pony and started for the head waters of the Little Arkansas River, and on arrival there found Indians and buffalo in abundance and no white settlers.

Having heard of the new town of Wichita, which had just been laid out, he concluded to make his way there and on his arrival found a few buildings in process of erection. The surrounding country was owned by the Government and was very sparsely settled. He stopped with a man named Weikert and from his home started out to find a suitable place to establish a ranch for cattle-raising. He wished to find a tract including both prairie and timber land close to water, and finally selected the northwestern part of section 3, township 30 south, range 1 west, now known as Sumner County. The land had not yet been surveyed but he built a house of cottonwood logs and went to Emporia, one hundred and twenty-five miles distant, which was the nearest railroad station, and there procured lumber

with which to finish his cabin. When the Government survey was made he was obliged to move his house a short distance.

Immediately after locating, Mr. Wichern engaged in the stock business but in the winter of 1871-72 his herds all died and he then undertook general farming, in which he has been highly prospered. He has added to his landed estate, and at the present time owns three hundred and twenty acres, three hundred of which is under cultivation. He continued to reside upon his farm until 1884, when he rented the estate and came to Wellington, where he has since lived and where he is deservedly popular and respected. In politics Mr. Wichern is independent, voting for the candidate whom he thinks best fitted for office. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He not only possesses an excellent education, but keeps himself well posted regarding general topics and current events, and manifests an intelligent interest in public enterprises, doing his share in bringing up the status of the county in good citizenship, morality and intelligence.



ALONZO M. REECE, is one of the prominent farmers in this county, owning a finely improved farm of eighty acres, on which he built for himself one of the finest dwellings in this part of the country, and where he has the largest orchard in the vicinity coming into fruitage. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising and keeps good grades of stock.

William J. Reece, the father of our subject, was born in Clark County, Ohio, July 5, 1831, and about seven years later made his advent into Logan County, Ill., with his father, Samson Reece, who was a member of the first colony that came to that county. There he grew to maturity and on the 23d of December, 1853, was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Hull, was born in Madison County, Ohio, in 1836. Marrying young and starting in life with but one horse and \$100, the father of our subject accumulated a fine property,

and became one of the most respected men in this county, in which he held various township and county offices. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in the faith of which he died in 1882. His widow is still living on the old farm. The parental family comprised four children—our subject, Oswald T., Maria C. (now deceased), and William J.

The subject of this sketch was born on the paternal acres in Logan County, Ill., October 10, 1854, and received a good education in his county, in which he lived until 1876. At that date he came to this State and county and first rented a farm at Oxford upon which he lived two years. He then went to Harper County and took up a claim near Harper City upon which he proved up, and he then spent a year "on the range" and in March, 1883, returning to this county, bought the farm upon which he is now living and made the improvements upon it. Mr. Reece is one of the representative men of the township and is highly respected by all who know him. He has been Trustee of the township two terms and proves an efficient and satisfactory public officer.

In Logan County, Ill., December 24, 1874, the rites of wedlock were celebrated between Mr. Reece and Miss Lucy E., daughter of J. R. Johnson, whose history is found elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Reece was born in Pleasureville, Henry County, Ky., March 7, 1855, and is an educated and cultured lady. To herself and husband five children have been born. Carrie died at the age of two years. The survivors are Floyd, Gertie, Cora and Bessie.



WILLIAM H. FITZ HUGH, M. D. The gentleman with whose name we introduce this biographical record, and whose homestead is familiarly known as "The Hive," has the honor of being the largest land-owner and stock-raiser in township Seventy-Six. He possesses the warrentee deed to eight hundred acres, having his home on section 27, where he has erected substan-

tial buildings and sits under his own vine and fig tree, comparatively independent. He developed the greater part of this farm from land lying in its primitive condition and has been more than ordinarily successful in his labors as a tiller of the soil and his investment of capital.

In noting the career, especially of a successful man, it is natural to revert to his antecedents. The father of our subject was William H. Fitz Hugh, a native of Washington County, Md., and born October 17, 1794. He was of English descent and followed the peaceful pursuits of agriculture. In early manhood he was married to Miss Maria A. Hughes, a maiden of his own county and who was born April 1, 1801. After marriage they settled in Hagerstown, where they reared a family of nine children and spent their entire lives. Of the sons and daughters born to them four are living.

Dr. Fitz Hugh was born in Hagerstown, Md., January 30, 1826. He was reared to manhood on his father's farm and attended the common school there until a lad of eleven years. Afterward he received instruction from private tutors at home. When sufficiently advanced in his studies, he became a student of the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, where he attended three years. Then he pursued his studies further in the academy at Hagerstown until a youth of eighteen years.

The study of medicine was entered upon by young Fitz Hugh at Hagerstown, Md., under the tutorship of Drs. Dorsey & Son, in whose office he remained about three years. Later he attended lectures at the University of Maryland. In the meantime, however, he enlisted as a soldier in the United States army and served in the Mexican War about eighteen months. He participated in the battles of Contreras, Churubusco and Molina Del Rey, and was present at the storming of Chapultepec. In the last engagement he was wounded in the head but soon recovered. Upon leaving the army he returned to Maryland and attended another course of lectures at the University, receiving his diploma.

Entering upon the practice of his profession at Martinsburg, Va., Dr. Fitz Hugh resided there nine months when on account of the death of his father he returned home and resumed charge of the

farm. Upon withdrawing from this he dropped his professional duties for a time and engaged as a clerk in the store of his uncle in Pennsylvania for one year. The next four years were spent on the old farm, which he operated as a renter. On the 27th of November, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Amelia J. Alves at the bride's home near Henderson, Ky. The newly wedded pair took up their abode in Hagerstown where they lived until April, 1857, then removed to Logan County, Ill., where Dr. Fitz Hugh again turned his attention to farming and where, with the exception of two years spent in Pennsylvania in the employ of his uncle, he sojourned until April, 1877.

In April of the year above mentioned Dr. Fitz Hugh came to Kansas and secured eight hundred acres of land on section 27, in Seventy-Six Township, of which he has since been a resident. He named this estate the "hive" after the old farm in Maryland. He commenced his live-stock operations upon a large scale, and he deals in cattle, sheep and swine. He has all the facilities for the successful prosecution of this industry, while his good judgment and ample store of information upon all subjects connected with agriculture can scarcely do otherwise than insure success.

To the Doctor and his estimable lady there have been born two children only, William H., Jr., who married Miss Emmie Alves, and Alves, who is a resident of Wellington. The Doctor has always taken a warm interest in politics and gives his support to the Democratic party. While a resident of Illinois he officiated as Collector of the township for several years. The Doctor and his wife are regular attendants and liberal supporters of the Episcopal Church. The paternal grandfather of Dr. Fitz Hugh, also named William, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and for a time was Aid-de-camp to Gen. Washington. His great-grandfather won distinction as an officer in the British army. William H. Fitz Hugh, Sr., father of our subject, suffered the affliction of blindness several years prior to his death.

Mrs. Fitz Hugh was born near Henderson, Ky., October 7, 1833, and is the daughter of Dr. William J. and Augusta (Hughes) Alves. Her father was the owner of a plantation known as "Hurricane-

nia." Dr. Fitz Hugh enlisted as a private in the Mexican War and on account of excellent service rendered was promoted, first to be Sergeaut and then Second Lieutenant, with which rank he was mustered out.



JOHAN R. SPARR, one of the most highly-respected young farmers of Illinois Township, operates one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 12, and by his straightforward methods in his business affairs, gives promise of occupying in the near future a leading position in his community. He was born in Blair County, Pa., June 14, 1865, and is the son of John Sparr, a native of Center County, that State. The latter when two weeks old was taken by his father to the vicinity of Williamsburg, Pa., where he was reared by his grandparents, Christian and Mary Sparr, his mother, Mrs. Sarah (Foutz) Sparr having died in April, 1820, two weeks after the birth of her son. John Sparr, Sr., upon reaching man's estate, was married in Huntingdon County, Pa., to Miss Susan J. Shultz, who was a native of that county. They settled upon the old Sparr homestead and John Sparr, Jr., departed this life May 13, 1865. His remains were laid to rest in the old family cemetery. The paternal great-parents of our subject was early settlers of the Keystone State and are supposed to have been of German birth, or at least of German ancestry, and the family were almost without exception members of the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which John Sparr, Sr., likewise passed away.

On the maternal side the grandparents of our subject were John and Mary (Beaver) Shultz, natives of Huntingdon County, Pa., wherein they spent their entire lives, dying on the old farm where they reared their family. They also were members of the Lutheran Church. An early progenitor was Henry Shultz, also a native of Huntingdon County, and who married Miss Sarah Solma, of that county. They belonged to the Ger-

man Baptist Church. Anthony Beaver, the paternal great-grandfather of our subject, married Miss Susan Clapper, both of whom it is supposed were natives of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry.

In the fall of 1873 the mother of our subject came to this county with her five children and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land in London Township. They commenced farming in a primitive style, marketing their produce at Wichita and Wellington. Their first dwelling was a structure 10x12 feet in dimensions, built of cottonwood boards. But few houses were in sight, the country being open and the land mostly the property of the Government. Mrs. Sparr kept the post-office in her own house one year. In January, 1875 the sons put up a more substantial dwelling which the family occupied until 1878. Buffalos roamed the country a short distance west, while antelopes and wolves were numerous. There were no churches and religious services were held in schoolhouses and private dwellings. Both John Sparr and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church in the faith of which the father died about 1865.

John Sparr, father of our subject, was married twice; his first wife was Sarah Hall, and a native of Pennsylvania. She died in that State leaving two children, named—Lucy J., now deceased, and William M., living now in Iowa.



CAPT. JOSEPH A. CORBETT. Who is there in Chikaskia Township unacquainted with or, at least, unfamiliar with the name of Capt. Corbett, who is one of its most stirring citizens and the hero of a history of more than ordinary interest. He has been for many years successfully engaged in farming and is the owner of four hundred acres of choice land, well improved and finely situated on section 9. There are few enterprises of any importance and none affecting the progress and advancement of the people to

which he has not given his hearty assent. An active member of the Republican party, he takes a lively interest in politics, remaining loyal to the old flag since the time when, in the State of Kentucky, his rebel neighbors twice put the rope around his neck, threatening to hang him on account of his adherence to the Union. He has served as Justice of the Peace in Chikaskia Township, has officiated as a member of the school board in his district, is President of Dobbs Farmers' Alliance, and at Milan belongs to the A. H. T. A., is Secretary of the Masonic Lodge and Post Commander of John Goldy Lodge, No. 90, G. A. R. In his farming operations he raises the crops common to this region and is somewhat interested in live stock.

The fourth in a family of five children, the subject of this notice was born October 20, 1838, in Gallatin, Sumner County, Tenn., and is the son of Joseph and Agnes L. (Bigus) Corbett, who were natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Virginia. The father emigrated to Tennessee when a young man, where he was married and employed himself as a carpenter. He left Tennessee with his family in 1854, removing to Kentucky, and thence, in 1857, crossing the Mississippi into St. Charles County, Mo. The mother died there that year, the father lived until 1865, spending the closing years of his life in Kentucky. There are living of the parental family only two children, the one besides Joseph A. being D. W., a resident of Kentucky. One son, William D., was a very prominent physician and died in Hickman, Ky., in 1878, from the effects of yellow fever. On account of the services which he had rendered during that terrible epidemic, Gov. Blackburn recommended the appropriation of funds by the Legislature for the erection of a monument over the grave of him who had so faithfully performed his duties amid disease and death.

Leaving home when a youth of sixteen years, young Corbett commenced the battle of life wholly dependent upon his own resources, having no capital and few friends or advisers. He was a courageous and adventurous lad and soon, in 1857, he joined an expedition to chastise the Mormons, the enterprise being under the command of Gen. Albert

Sidney Johnston. This occupied seven months. Afterward Mr. Corbett lived in Missouri one year, then returning to Kentucky located in Butler County and engaged in farming two years and until after the outbreak of the Civil War. On January 1, 1862, he enlisted as a Union soldier in Company B, Twenty-sixth Kentucky Infantry, which was attached to the Army of the Cumberland in Gen. Buell's division. Prior to this, however, he had been in the smoke and heat of battle, eight miles west of Russellville, Ky., where there were about three thous. and rebel cavalry as the outposts of Gen. Buckner's army at Bowling Green. Capt. Netter of Company B, Twenty-sixth Kentucky Infantry, took sixteen men, including Mr. Corbett, who had volunteered to accompany him, and procuring turpentine carried it in canteens to a bridge across the Whip-poor-will River, which was guarded by sixteen rebels, with whom they had a desperate fight but carried the day, firing the bridge and thus cutting off communication. They left their wounded in care of a Union man who lived in the vicinity and escaped from a whole battalion of rebels who pursued them for forty miles.

After entering the regular service our hero took part in some of the principal battles of the war, viz; Shiloh, Perryville, Kingston, Ft. Fisher and Wilmington. After the fight at Perryville, the regiment was transferred to the Eastern Army under the command of Gen. Scofield. In the meantime Mr. Corbett had been promoted to be Sergeant and in 1864, at the end of his term of enlistment, he veteranized. He frequently executed important commissions, and at one time with a squad of four men under his command was left to guard an immense quantity of stores left on the bank of the Cumberland River at Harpeth Shoals. He succeeded in saving the stores in the face of the army of Gen. Wheeler, five thousand strong, being assisted by Capt. Allen of the gunboat "St. Clair" and his marines.

In December, 1864, Sergt. Corbett was commissioned as First Lieutenant by President Lincoln, being attached to the One-hundred Twenty-fifth United States Infantry as Regimental Quartermaster. He remained in the service after the close of the war, and in August, 1866, was presented with a captain's

commission and made the acting assistant Quartermaster at Ft. Cummings, New Mexico, where he sojourned three and one-half years. Then on account of failing health he was obliged to send in his resignation.

Returning now to Kentucky, Capt. Corbett followed the peaceful pursuits of agriculture until 1883. That year he left the Blue Grass regions, and coming to Kansas took up his abode in Wellington, and was there engaged as a dealer in real estate two years. His next removal was to his present farm. He took unto himself a wife and helpmate in the person of Mrs. Mary J. Johnson, the wedding being celebrated at the bride's home in Kentucky, May 20, 1882. Mrs. Corbett was born June 25, 1854, in Smith County, Tenn., and is the daughter of John and Amanda (Walker) Kittle, who were natives of that State, and there spent their entire lives, the father dying in 1857 and the mother in 1876. Their family consisted of five children, of whom Mrs. Corbett was the third, and only one living. The Captain and his excellent lady are the parents of one child only, a daughter, Sierra Florieta, who was born February 11, 1883. Mrs. Corbett is connected with the Missionary Baptist Church at Milan. In his younger years the Captain also belonged to the Baptist Church.



JAMES Q. BROWN, who has been a resident of this county since 1875, is well worthy of representation in a volume of this nature, his good citizenship, his fine moral character, and his intelligence and practical ability in agriculture, alike entitling him to respect. His paternal ancestry is of Scotch and English blood, and the long line of honored lineage have transmitted from generation to generation, sturdy qualities of manhood, and a record for industry and honor which are the best inheritance a man can have.

Going back to the fifth generation prior to our subject, we find James Brown, who was born in 1686, and died in 1770. The next in the line is

another James, born in Dorchester County, Md., in 1710, who married Priscilla, daughter of Judge Thomas White, and who died in 1794. Following him comes his son, White Brown, who was born in the same county as himself, the date of his birth being March 23, 1749. After reaching years of maturity, White Brown engaged in tilling the soil in Delaware, and was a resident of that same State until 1801, when he emigrated to the Northwest Territory, and settled in what is now Ross County, Ohio. He was one of the first settlers in that almost untrodden wilderness, where bear, deer, wild cats, coons, beavers, and wild turkeys were numerous for many years, and where many privations and hardships and frequent dangers beset the pathway of the frontiersman. He settled on military land, buying a large tract for twelve and a half cents per acre, which is still owned by his descendants. His land was heavily timbered, with an excellent water-power on it, and after damming the stream, he put up one of the first mills ever built in that section. He cleared his farm and operated it and the mill, continuing to reside there until he had reached the advanced age of ninety-three years, when he departed this life. His wife bore the maiden name of Anna Withgott, and she, like her husband, earned the respect of their contemporaries for her cheerful and arduous labors in the development of a new country, and in the proper rearing of her family.

The father of our subject was christened Nelson, and was born in Newcastle County, Del., he being twelve years old when his parents went to the Northwest Territory. He learned the trade of cloth manufacturing, and built a woollen factory on Deer Creek, the same stream his father's mill was on, and after operating the factory some years, abandoned it and devoted his attention entirely to farming. He was a large land owner, holding thirteen hundred acres in Ross and Pickaway Counties, and on his farm he resided until his death in 1862. He was an old-line Whig, and upon the disintegration of that party, became a Republican. His wife was Miss Anna Maria, daughter of John and Sarah Hughes, who was born in Maryland, and who departed this life in Chillicothe, Ohio. She was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

The parental family comprised twelve children, and nine reached maturity. These are: Ellen, Sarah, White, James, Eliza, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Allen F., and Alice.

James Q. Brown, the subject of this sketch, was born in Ross County, Ohio, November 13, 1828, and was reared and educated there, beginning to assist his father in the woolen factory as soon as he was large enough, and later bearing his share in the farm labor. He remained with his parents until twenty years old, and then farmed in connection with his father for a time, and in 1849 went to Illinois on horseback. He located in Pike County, and with his brother bought an improved farm, upon which he lived seven years. He then changed his location to Macon County, and bought a four hundred-acre farm seven miles from Decatur, making that his home until 1864, when he sold it and moved into the town.

While a resident of Decatur, Mr. Brown dealt in land and lumber, continuing to abide there until 1873, after which he spent two years in Cameron, Mo., whence he came to this county. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Wellington Township, where he still lives, and where he has created buildings suited to the various needs of agricultural life, has fenced and otherwise improved the place, which, when he took possession, had no improvements but twenty acres of broken sod, and made of it a highly productive and attractive estate. In addition to this Mr. Brown has one hundred and sixty acres in Sumner Township. At the date of his arrival here, Wellington was a village of about two hundred and fifty inhabitants, and a few miles west deer and buffalo were still plentiful, while Wichita, thirty miles distant, was the nearest railroad station.

The marriage of Mr. Brown took place in Pike County, Ill., in 1856, his bride being a native of that county. She bore the name of Sarah F. Chenoweth, and a daughter of Samuel and Rachael Chenoweth, whose sketch occupies another place in this volume. The happy union has been blessed by the birth of two children: Seymour N. married Sarah G. Gatliff, and lives in Wellington; Cleo resides in Kingman.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been members of the

Methodist Church for many years. He is a Republican, and never fails to cast his vote in the interest of good government, manifesting an intelligent interest in everything which pertains to the good of the community. Possessing well-informed minds and pleasant manners. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are deservedly popular among their neighbors and associates. The wife of Seymour N., died January 21, 1889, in Wellington, leaving one child, named Charley C., aged nine years, who makes his home with his grandparents, our subject and wife.



HENRY BOWERS, a retired farmer now living in Wellington, is of German ancestry, and two generations of his progenitors were natives of the Keystone State, where the line was planted in Colonial times. There Daniel Bowers first opened his eyes to the light, and so also did his son, John, who was born in 1803. About six years after the birth of the latter, the family removed to Ohio, and among the pioneers of Stark County, Daniel Bowers carried on his employments of farming and butchering. The later years of his life were passed in Allen County, and he died at a ripe age.

John Bowers grew to manhood in Stark County, and there married Miss Elizabeth Bysel, who was born near Harrisburg, Pa., and while quite young, was brought by her father to Ohio. Mr. Bowers took up a tract of timber land, and cleared and resided upon it until 1835, when he undertook the labors of a frontiersman in Hancock County, by opening up a tract of timber land about six miles from the present site of Findlay. At that time a few log houses constituted that village, and he built a dwelling of the same kind on his farm. Timber was so abundant in the region, that it was practically valueless, and large black walnut logs were rolled together and burned, to get rid of them. Deer, bears, wild turkeys, coons and wolves were numerous, and the nearest market was Sandusky, sixty miles distant, while for many years

railroads were unknown in that region. The settlers were practically home liver, and Mrs. Bowers cooked by a fire-place, carded, spun and wove flax and wool, and clothed her family in cloth made by her own hands. After some years a railroad was extended to Findlay, wooden rails with a strip of iron nailed on the top, forming the track.

Mr. John Bowers cleared a small tract of the land which he had obtained, and after sojourning upon it about three years, sold the property and bought another piece of timber land twelve miles west of Findlay. There he cleared a good farm, upon which he resided until his death, which took place July 6, 1887. His wife passed away on the home farm in 1876. Their family comprised seven sons and three daughters, and the subject of this biography was the first born: Jonathan is now living in Hancock County, Ohio; Andrew J. lives in this city; Philip B., in Seattle, Wash.; Daniel on the homestead in Hancock County, Ohio; Wesley at Genda Springs, this county; John served in an Ohio Regiment, and was killed at the battle of Chickamauga; Lydia married John Haddock; Elizabeth married D. F. Brooks; and Sarah A. married Moses Fermis. All the sisters are living in the Buckeye State.

The maternal grandfather of our subject was Philip Byers, who moved from Pennsylvania, to Stark County, Ohio, about the year 1823. He leased a tract of land for a time, and then bought a flour mill on the line between Stark and Wayne Counties, and operated it until his death. During his last years he made his home with a son in Wayne County.

Henry Bowers was born near Canton, Stark County, Ohio, March 11, 1826, and was a lad of nine years when his parents moved to Hancock County. The removal was made with teams through the wilderness, and the father's circumstances being very limited, his children were obliged to assist him as much as possible in clearing the farm, and securing their inheritance. Our subject attended the pioneer schools, and in the intervals labored on the homestead. The schoolhouse was built of logs with the chimney on the outside, constructed of earth and sticks, the floor of puncheon, and roof and door of boards; the windows were of greased

paper, and the seats were made by splitting logs, leaving one side smooth, and inserting pins in the other for legs.

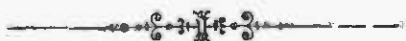
Mr. Bowers resided under the parental roof until his marriage, when he bought a tract of Government land in Putnam County, built a log house, himself splitting the puncheon for the floor and clap-boards for the roof, and in this primitive abode the young couple began house keeping, the wife doing her cooking and other household work by the fire-place, as was the custom at that time on farms, and in the frontier settlements. The land upon which they located was timbered, and Mr. Bowers cleared a considerable tract, upon which they lived for six years.

In 1857, Mr. Bowers purchased some prairie land near Gridley, in McLean County, Ill., thirty acres of it being under cultivation, and a log house standing upon it. On this farm the family resided until 1875, good buildings being in the meantime erected, and the acreage thoroughly cultivated and improved. At the date above mentioned, they removed to this county, which Mr. Bowers had visited the year before, and where he had purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land near this city. Twenty acres of the estate were broken, and there was a small frame house upon it. The nearest railroad ran through Wichita, and Wellington was a village of two hundred inhabitants. As soon as the family settled in their new home, Mr. Bowers set to work to farther improve the estate, and when the boom came he took advantage of the high price of land, and sold the greater part of his quarter-section. He still owns twenty acres adjoining the city, and is now also the fortunate possessor of two farms which are rented.

Mr. Bowers has been twice married. The first ceremony took place in 1848, the bride being Miss Lydia A. Fisher, who was born in Stark County, Ohio. She departed this life in 1880, after having borne nine children—Martha J., Levi B., Jasper P., Clinton, Annie, John, Eddie, Minnie, and Abbie D. The second marriage of Mr. Bowers took place in 1881, and the lady with whom he was then united was Miss Mary J. Layman. Her parents, John H. and Catherine (Royer) Layman, were the children of German parents, and were born in Pennsylvania,

the father in Cumberland County, and the mother in Lancaster County. Their family comprised five children—Lucinda, Mary J., Sarah A., Daniel, and H. W. Mr. Layman moved to Ohio about the year 1836, and settled in Portage County, where he bought timber land and cleared an excellent farm, upon which his death took place in 1887. In that county Mrs. Bowers first opened her eyes to the light.

Mr. Bowers is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which he united in 1853, since which time he has served as Treasurer and Steward, and also as Class-Leader for many years. His first wife was a worthy member of the same denomination, and the present Mrs. Bowers is a member in good standing of the Christian Church. In his early life Mr. Bowers was a Democrat, but differing with the party on the question of slavery, at the formation of the Republican party, he identified himself with it, and has ever since given it his suffrage. The upright character, industrious habits, and friendly nature of Mr. Bowers are recognized and appreciated by all with whom he comes in contact, and they accord him a corresponding measure of respect and good will.



ON. ALEXANDER HANNIBAL SMITH.

HON. ALEXANDER HANNIBAL SMITH. There are few people sojourning any length of time in Sumner County, who are unacquainted with at least the name of Mr. Smith, who is recognized as one of its most popular and prosperous citizens. Nature has endowed him with fine abilities, intellectually, and with great kindness of disposition, besides the qualities which have made him successful financially. He is of Southern birth and antecedents, his birthplace having been in the vicinity of Bucksville, Cumberland County, Ky., where he first opened his eyes to the light March 30, 1836.

John C. Smith, father of the subject of this notice, was born in Fauquier County, Va., and was the son of Mathew Smith, a native of the city of

Edinburg, Scotland. The latter left home when a boy, and came to America during the colonial times. He located in Virginia, but later entered the Continental Army, in which he arose to the command of a company, being given a captain's commission under Gen. Nathaniel Green, his brother-in-law. He was shot through both limbs and crippled for life. Later he became the owner of land in Virginia, where he spent his last days.

Mathew Smith married Miss Pamela, a sister of Gen. Nathaniel Green, who, after the death of her husband, removed, in 1811 to Kentucky. The journey was made overland with ox-teams, and the widowed mother was accompanied by her nine children, taking with her her household goods and farm implements. She was a woman of great courage and resolution, and entered a tract of Government land in the timber of Cumberland County, where, with the assistance of her children, she improved a farm, building up a good homestead.

Late in life she removed to Warren County, where she spent her last years. Her son, John C., the father of our subject, was a lad of nine years when the family removed to Kentucky, where he was reared to man's estate. After his marriage he purchased a tract of timber land in Warren County, in what was known as Smith's Grove Valley. He put up a log cabin in the most primitive style, with puncheon floor, and the chimney built outside of earth and sticks. In this pioneer structure the subject of this sketch was born. The mother was a very industrious woman, devoted to her family. She spun and wove wool and flax, manufacturing thus all the cloth used in the family, and making up the garments with her own hands. The father cleared a considerable extent of his land, and was prospered in his labors, being finally enabled to erect a good brick house. For some time after the Smith family settled in that region, wild game of all kinds was abundant, including deer and turkeys.

Mrs. Sally D. (Gearhart) Smith, the mother of our subject, was born in Cumberland County, Ky., and was the daughter of Peter Gearhart, a native of Germany. Grandfather Gearhart was reared to farming pursuits, and emigrated to America when a young man, locating in Virginia. He was there married and removed to Kentucky at an early day.

settling among the timber of Cumberland County. He cleared a farm and died there. The parents of our subject resided on that farm until their decease, the mother passing away in 1855, and the father in 1857. Six of the ten children born to them lived to mature years, namely: Alexander H. Herschel P., Mercenia, Carroll J., Dobney W., and Julius O.

The subject of this notice was reared to man's estate in his native county, and acquired his early education in the subscription schools, conducted in a log schoolhouse. The temple of learning was erected and furnished in the most primitive manner, the seats being of split logs, upheld by wooden pins, and the chimney built outside of earth and sticks. Light was admitted through an aperture made by removing a log from one side of the building, and closed by a wooden shutter. The school was conducted mostly during the winter season, while in summer young Smith assisted his father on the farm. He remained with his parents as long as they lived, and then being the eldest child, the care of the family devolved upon him. He managed the farm, and reared the children, taking the place of both father and mother, the youngest child being then two and one-half years old, and his oldest sister, a little girl of seven. The father had made a will, giving to Alexander the homestead with the provision that he was to look after the children until they should be able to take care of themselves. He fulfilled the duties assigned him in an admirable manner and continued to reside on the old farm until 1880. He was a Union man during the Civil War, but took no part therein, and although that section of country was overrun by both armies, he did not in any wise suffer from personal outrage or loss of property.

Disposing of his interests in the Blue Grass State in the year above mentioned, Mr. Smith came to Kansas and purchased city property in Wellington, also farm lands in Sumner County. He has one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the city limits besides other lands in different parts of the county, and has been identified with many of the enterprises which have assisted in the growth and prosperity of Wellington. He was instrumental in the organization of the State Bank, of which he was elected President, and still holds this office. Dur-

ing his early manhood he was a Whig, politically, but later developed into a Jeffersonian Democrat. He was prominent in the politics of his native State and represented Warren County in the Kentucky Legislature, casting his vote for James B. Beck for Senator. Since coming to Kansas, among other positions of trust and responsibility, he served one term as Mayor of Wellington. As a financier he stands pre-eminent, and is now in the enjoyment of not only a large share of this world's goods, but the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen. Of late years he has operated extensively as a money lender.

Mr. Smith was married in his native county, in 1857, to Miss Rebecca Shobe. Mrs. Smith like her husband, was born in Warren County, Ky., and there reared to womanhood, receiving a common-school education, and becoming versed in all useful household duties. The twelve children born of this union were named respectively: Herschel P., Jesse G., Moses S., Carrie C. L., Anna, Golsen N., Girden B., Walter, Hannibal, P. F., Talmadge and Dudley.



DR. S. EWING SMITH. The gentleman with whose name we introduce this biographical record is recognized as the leading dentist of Wellington and a member of the profession who thoroughly understands his calling in all its details. He was born in the town of Princeton, Gibson County, Ind., and is the son of Jesse Smith, a native of Glasgow, Scotland and who was born in 1794. The latter when quite young emigrated with his mother and sisters to America, locating with them in Raleigh, N. C. There Jesse was reared and educated and remained until 1830. That year he emigrated to Indiana and located among the early settlers of Princeton. This was before the days of railroads and canals and the removal was made overland with teams.

Jesse Smith during his younger years had learned the trade of a carpenter, which he followed after

removing to Indiana until 1845. That year he pushed on further westward into Jefferson County, Ill., and purchasing a farm near Spring Garden, sojourned there until 1876. That year he came to this State and settled in Wabaunsee County, near Alma. His death took place at the home of his son, Alonzo, in 1877.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Rhoda P. Dimmick. She was born in Vermont and was the daughter of Adam Dimmick, a native of New York State, who removed to Vermont and then to Indiana, being one of the earliest settlers of Gibson County. He cleared a farm from the timber and there spent his last years. To the parents of our subject there was born a family of twelve children, of whom the record is as follows: William died at the age of ten years in Indiana; John B., during the Civil War served in the Thirty-sixth Illinois Infantry and died in the army; Octavia became the wife of James Prigmore of Spring Garden, Ill.; Augustus practiced dentistry in Sedalia, Mo., and is now deceased; B. Frank is a resident of Weir, Kan.; S. Ewing, our subject, was the next in order of birth; James died in Lutesville, Mo.; Delia died in Kansas; Halla and Matilda, are twins; the first mentioned became the wife of Jonathan Casebolt, the inventor of the curve to the cable car system and lives in San Francisco, Cal.; Matilda married George Thomas of Linnville, Ind.; Thomas is a resident of Union, Ind.; Alonzo resides in Wabaunsee, this State.

After the removal of the family to Illinois Dr. Smith made his home for a time with a sister, Mrs. Prigmore. Her husband was a wheelwright with which trade Dr. Smith became quite familiar and at the same time completed his studies in the common school. In 1859 he went to Philadelphia and studied dentistry, remaining there two years. At the expiration of this time the outbreak of the Civil War turned his attention in another direction and in 1861, returning to Illinois he enlisted, in February, 1862, in Company I. Sixtieth Illinois Infantry, and served until the close. The greater part of this time he was under the command of Gen. Thomas. At the battle of Lookout Mountain he was wounded and sent to the hospital at Madison, Ind. As soon as able to be of assistance in any way, he was de-

tailed to the hospital service and remained in the army until the expiration of his term of enlistment.

We next find Dr. Smith in Philadelphia where he practiced dentistry two years, then removed to New York City, where he sojourned until 1876, having his office at No. 710 Broadway. In the year above mentioned he set his face toward the Great West and coming to Kansas located in Council Grove, Morris County. In 1882 he repaired to Kerr City, Fla., and in the fall of 1883 he purchased one thousand acres of land at Lake Kerr where he planted an orange grove. In 1885 he traded three hundred acres of this land for the Commercial House, the leading hotel in Manhattan, Kan., which he still owns. In 1885 he removed hither to look after his property, remaining until 1888. That year he came to Wellington and opened an office and during a year's time has built up a large practice. He still owns seven hundred acres of his Florida land upon which he has expended large sums of money in improvements.

Dr. Smith was wedded January 25, 1865, at the bride's home in Indiana to Miss Anna Lund. This lady was born in Madison, Ind., and died in Oregon in 1868, leaving one child, F. Ewing, eleven months of age and who was legally adopted by S. D. Ewing, of Ohio. The Doctor contracted a second marriage in 1872 with Miss Helen Love.

Mrs. Helen (Love) Smith was born near Auburn, N. Y., and is the daughter of Volney Love, a native of Niles, that State. Her paternal grandfather was Capt. Samuel Love, a native of Scotland who upon coming to America settled in New York State. He served in the War of 1812 as commander of a company and died in the service. He had married Miss Sarah Bassett, who, after his death became the wife of the father of President Fillmore and spent her last years in Aurora, N. Y. Volney Love was reared on a farm and later conducted a hotel at Skaneateles, N. Y., and at Niles. In 1860 he came to Kansas, settling among the pioneers of Wabaunsee County. He purchased a tract of land and engaged in farming some years prior to the building of a railroad in this region. Later he removed to Alma, Kan., where he was in the United States mail service and where his death took place in the fall of 1876.

The maiden name of the mother of Mrs. Smith was Lydia Coon. She was born in Scipio, Onondaga County, N. Y., and was the daughter of Eli and Margaret (Van Auken) Coon and was married in her native State. She is still living, making her home in Florida. Her two children living are, Mrs. Smith and Ida May, the wife of Luther Bovece of St. Augustine, Fla.

Mrs. Smith understands the profession of dentistry nearly as well as her husband and is his efficient assistant in his business. The Doctor belongs to the Congregational Church and is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of Honor and the Grand Army of the Republic.



JUDGE JAMES A. RAY, Judge of the District Court of Sumner County, established himself as a resident of Wellington on the 22d of March, 1883, and with the exception of one year, which he spent as Internal Revenue Agent in the employ of the Government, has been continuously engaged in the practice of law. He was born near Bowling Green, Ky., August 22, 1848, and there spent his boyhood and youth, completing a practical education in the common schools. He commenced the reading of law at home and later entered the law office of Halsell & Mitchell and was admitted to practice in 1874. He commenced the duties of his profession in his native town, remaining there three years thereafter. He then removed to Cumberland County, Ky., and accepted the position of Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, still continuing, however, his law practice. During that time he had many adventures with the Moonshiners whose operations had become quite extensive in that region.

In 1885 Mr. Ray was appointed Judge of the District Court, the district then comprising four counties, he filling a vacancy and serving one year.

He has always been an active supporter of the Republican party, and was at one time the City Attorney at Wellington. While a resident of Kentucky he was active in politics, but since coming to Kansas has been too busy with the duties of his profession to give much attention to public affairs. His religious views coincide with those of the Presbyterian Church, and with which he is connected in Wellington. He bears the reputation among his fellow citizens of an honest man and a useful member of the community.

Judge Ray was married in Berksville, Ky., August 22, 1879, to Mrs. Nana (Dodd) Eckles who was born in Adair County in 1851. Mrs. Ray when quite young went with her parents, Henry and Sarah J. Eckles, to Cumberland County, where she sojourned until her marriage. Of this union there have been born five children, viz: Lawrence W., Roseoc C., Anna, Frederick A. and Clifford. To Mr. and Mrs. Dodd there was born one son, Charles B. who remains with his mother.

The father of our subject was Benjamin Ray, a native of Warren County, Ky., and who married Mrs. Louisa E. Chapman. He farmed in Kentucky until about 1878, and then retired from active labor. Besides our subject, there are living three other sons and one daughter. W. D. is the Republican Postmaster of Russellville, Ky., Charles L. is farming in Texas; Joseph W. lives in Bowie, that State; Katie, Mrs. Hobbs, is a resident of the same place.



DAVID N. GILBERT. Among the farmers and stock dealers of Falls Township, the above-named gentleman deserves mention, both on account of his excellent character and the share he has in the interests of the county. He has been a resident here since 1875, his home being on one of the best improved farms of the township, the estate comprising two hundred and forty acres on section 12. For several years after his arrival here he dealt largely in sheep, but now gives his attention to farming and

cattle dealing. His financial success proves his ability, as he was poor when he began his career, and he has made all that he possesses and is now quite well-to-do.

From a long line of honorable ancestors whose home was in Virginia, and one of whom settled in that State in Colonial days, Mr. Gilbert derives his origin. Prior to the emigration to the Colonies the family had lived in England. The parents of our subject were Samuel and Melvina (Crutcher) Gilbert. The father was born in Lincoln County, Ky., about the year 1804, but spent the most of his life in Taylorsville, Spencer County, where he died in 1877. He was a miller and mechanic, and at one time was quite wealthy but was bankrupted through paying security debts. From early manhood until his death he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Melvina Gilbert was born in Spencer County, Ky., dying there when our subject was but seven years of age.

Our subject was the only child of his parents, and was born December 28, 1829, at Taylorsville, Spencer County, Ky. He was reared in his native town, receiving a common-school education, and in early life doing wool-carding with his father. In 1850 he went to California, but a year later returned to the States and located in Buchanan County, Mo., where he lived until 1856. He then located in Leavenworth County, Kan., where he was successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising until 1873, when he moved to the city of Leavenworth, where he lived until 1875, when he sold out his interests there and became a resident of Sumner County. Here he has since resided, continuing to meet with success in his chosen vocation, and adding to his worldly possessions.

During the war Mr. Gilbert belonged to the Kansas State Militia, and has commissions as First Lieutenant and Captain. He has held various minor township offices, among them that of Justice of the Peace. Politically he has been a Greenbacker since the institution of that party. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance.

The first marriage of Mr. Gilbert took place in Buchanan County, Mo., October 22, 1852, the bride being Miss Mary Martin, of that county. She was born in Washington County, Ky., in 1828,

and lived until May 1882. She became the mother of four children—Martha A., Samuel J., William W. and Zula V.—all yet living. On October 6, 1884, Mr. Gilbert contracted a second matrimonial alliance, being on this occasion united with Mrs. Elizabeth J. Alexander, of DeLand, Fla. She was born in Taylorsville, Ky., January 15, 1830, and was the widow of William Alexander, by whom she had six children—John I., Katie, William, Anna, Susie and Joseph. Her present marriage has been childless.

A view of Mr. Gilbert's residence will be found on another page.



AARON A. ENDERS. Few men in Falls Township have so valuable a farm or so pleasant a home as he whose name introduces this sketch. His estate consists of one hundred and sixty acres of finely improved land on section 17, of which he took possession in 1885. The dwelling is one of the noticeable ones of the vicinity, and all the buildings upon the estate are well built, affording adequate shelter for crops and stock. The entire attention of Mr. Enders is turned to farming and the stock business, and his capability is being abundantly displayed. His excellent financial standing is due to his own efforts, every dollar that he possesses having been made by himself.

The birth of Mr. Enders occurred in Dauphin County, Pa., August 15, 1842, and on the farm where he first saw the light he was reared to man's estate. He received a good common-school education, and an insight into the business he is now following, his father being a life-long farmer. At the age of twenty-one years he began railroading, but afterward followed mining in his native State three years. He then learned the trade of a stonemason, working at it until 1876, when he turned his attention to farming. In 1884 he came to

this county, purchased the land which he now occupies, and in a short time moved upon it..

The parents of our subject are Samuel and Leah (Etter) Enders, who are natives of Dauphin and York Counties, Pa., respectively; they were reared, married, and still live in that State. The father is a member of the German Reformed Church, while his wife is a member of the United Brethren Church. Socially Mr. Enders belongs to the Knights of Pythias. His family consists of the following children—Isabella, Aaron A., Rebecca, James, Louisa, Charles and Ann J. The Enders family is of German stock, the great-grandfather of our subject having been born in the Fatherland.

Aaron Enders and Miss Susan A. Miller celebrated their marriage rites January 6, 1870. The bride was born in the same county as her husband, her natal day being February 5, 1845. Her parents, Christian B. and Mary (Warfle) Miller, now live in this county. She is an estimable woman, looking well to the ways of her household and winning respect from all about her. She has borne her husband three children—Otto, Leodora and Claude. Mr. Enders is a member of the Republican party and of the Farmers' Alliance. He is a man of intelligence and good character, whose life, though unmarked by any remarkable event, is well worthy of record in a volume of this nature. On another page will be found a fine view of the home and surroundings of Mr. Enders.



ROBERT F. INGRAM. Although not yet thirty years of age, the subject of this sketch may be called an old settler of Kansas, and in her borders few, if any, men can be found who have exhibited more energy and capability than he. He was born in West Virginia, April 1, 1863, and was about four years old when his parents came to Kansas, settling in Johnson County, near Olathe. After remaining there some eight years a removal was made to this county, and

section 31, Osborn Township, became the home of the family.

When fourteen years old young Ingram began life for himself, and for some years prior to the death of his father, which took place in 1882, he had sole charge of his father's affairs. When he became of age, he purchased and removed to the farm which he now occupies in Ryan Township. It comprises eighty acres of section 25, is thoroughly and intelligently cultivated, and about sixty head of stock are carried upon it. The present residence was erected in 1886, at a cost of \$1,600, and is as fine a dwelling as can be found in the township. Mr. Ingram also owns eighty acres in Missouri. Besides carrying on his home place he runs two steam threshers, and such is the confidence of his fellow-citizens in his judgment that they have made him Road Overseer, feeling satisfied that the interests of the agriculturists will be safe in his hands.

On January 27, 1886, the interesting ceremony took place which transformed Miss Edith P. Waters into Mrs. R. F. Ingram. The bride was born on the 10th of November, 1865, to Gardner and Sarah Waters, and is the fourth of their five children. Mr. and Mrs. Waters were natives of Missouri. The father, who was a farmer, died in 1870, and his widow subsequently married F. B. Crigmore, and now lives in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram were the parents of two children, both of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Ingram takes a deep interest in politics, and exercises the elective franchise in behalf of the candidates on the Democratic ticket, his judgment concurring in the principles which they are expected to uphold. He and his wife belong to the Christian Church, are regular attendants at the Sunday-school, and their intelligent minds, cordial natures and upright lives, endear them to a host of friends.

The parents of our subject, William and Elizabeth Ingram, were natives of West Virginia, and were married in that State. The father served in the Fiftieth Pennsylvania Infantry during the Civil War, and his death was occasioned by disease contracted in the army. The mother died in 1868, and the father subsequently married Miss

Margaret Fletcher, who is now living in Osborn Township, this county. The first marriage of William Ingram was blessed by the birth of seven children, six of whom are now living, our subject being the fourth in order of birth; the second marriage resulted in the birth of six children.

EVAN R. JONES, one of the early settlers of Oxford Township, came to this region in March, 1871, and secured a quarter section of land on Slate Creek. Subsequently he traded for that which his widow now occupies. He put up a good frame house that same year, and was joined by his wife in February, 1872, the latter driving from Humboldt. Together they lived and labored until the death of Mr. Jones, which occurred February 9, 1885.

The subject of this sketch was born in Merionethshire, North Wales, November 8, 1821, and lived there until a man of twenty-nine years. He then emigrated to the United States, settling in 1850 in Madison County, N. Y. From there he removed to Dayton, Ohio, and in the vicinity of that now flourishing city, engaged in farming. There also he married Miss Clara Davis, March 15, 1856. They removed to East Virginia in May following, purchasing a farm in Loudoun County, and sojourned there until the outbreak of the Rebellion. After the second battle of Bull Run they removed to Washington, Mr. Jones having been taken prisoner and held for four months, notwithstanding the fact that he was neither a citizen of the United States or a soldier in the Union Army. After being released he lived with his family in Washington until 1871, and then they all came to Kansas. Mr. Jones was reared in the doctrines of the Church of England, to which he afterward loyally adhered.

Mrs. Clara (Davis) Jones was born at Pompey Hollow, Onondago County, N. Y., March 13, 1833, and is the daughter of Allen Davis, a native of Cooperstown, N. Y., whence he removed to the above-mentioned place. He was there married to

Miss Chloe Benson, and they lived in Pompey Hollow until the death of the mother, which occurred September 23, 1847. Next they removed to Madison County, N. Y., where Miss Davis remained with the family until her marriage. Allen Davis met his death by drowning in Onelda Lake in June, 1872, at the age of seventy-two. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones there were born six children, of whom but two are living: Edward R., the main stay of his mother, was born in Washington, in 1866, and has charge of the homestead; Nellie A., also lives with her mother; John died at the age of five years; Molly died when sixteen months old; Robert and Catherine died at the ages of three months and six years, respectively. Mrs. Jones is a lady highly respected in her community, and a consistent member of the Episcopal Church.

At the organization of the school district in which they lived, Mr. and Mrs. Jones were present, and the latter was the only one casting her vote for a schoolhouse who is still living here. Mr. Jones, although by no means a politician, kept himself well informed upon public events, and officiated as a Justice of the Peace. He was a Greenbacker, with Democratic proclivities.

WARREN J. WOLLAM is an enterprising and progressive farmer of Green Township, who was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, November 9, 1851, and is a son of Alfred Wollam, a tiller of the soil in the Buckeye State. In 1863 Alfred Wollam with his family, which consisted of a wife, seven sons and two daughters, removed to Mercer County, where he and his wife still reside, and where our subject grew to manhood.

Mr. Wollam, of whom we write, acquired an excellent education, and early in life, adopted the profession of a teacher, spending the winters in professional work, and during the summers working upon his father's farm until he was twenty-two years old. He taught sixteen terms of school in

Mercer County, seven of them being successive in his home district, and since coming to Kansas has spent one term in similar employment.

At the home of the bride in Mercer County, Ohio, August 16, 1873, Mr. Wollam was united in marriage with Miss Elscina, daughter of Wesley Copeland. The bride was born in Auglaize County, Ohio, June 15, 1851, and has been an able assistant and loving companion since their marriage. After that event the young couple continued to reside in Mercer County until the spring of 1883, when they removed to Kansas, locating on section 29, Green Township, where they have ever since resided. There Mr. Wollam now owns one hundred and sixty acres of fertile and productive land, on which excellent buildings have been erected and other good improvements made. Since coming to this State he has devoted considerable time to carpentering, and has built several houses in Green Township. He is a good workman at the trade, as well as a successful farmer. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Wollam comprises four living children—Nellie, Alfred, Oma and Carl; and two infant daughters, Eva and Gertie, were removed from them by the reaper—Death.

Mr. Wollam is an active worker in the Farmers' Alliance, and has been business agent since the organization of the body here. He has held the office of Trustee of Green Township for three successive terms. He takes an active part in political matters, laboring earnestly for the advancement of the Republican party. In July, 1888, he was sent as a delegate to the State Republican Convention. In the fall of 1889 he was the Republican candidate for County Clerk, but was defeated by William H. Carnes. Few men of his years within the bounds of Kansas possess a wider fund of information, a more agreeable manner or a more energetic nature than does he, and his reputation among his associates is that of an upright man and reliable citizen.

WILLIAM H. LASSELL. The tasteful and attractive home of this gentleman is located on section 29, Bluff Township, and its appearance and surroundings are conclusive evi-

dences to the passerby that the owner is in a condition of financial prosperity, and that the family are possessed of refined tastes. These indications would not be belied by closer investigation, as the estate is one of the best farms in the township, the dwelling, barns and other improvements being excellent and adequate, and the entire place pervaded by an air of neatness and order highly creditable to its owner and operator. The interior of the residence presents equal signs of good management, and the family are found to be cultured, cordial and agreeable.

Mr. Lassell was born in Clinton County, N. Y., May 25, 1840, to Harris and Lydia (Fisk) Lassell, and is the sixth in a family of seven children. The eyes of his father first opened to the light in Swanton, Vt., March 8, 1803, and when a young man he took up his abode in Otsego County, N. Y. There he married a young lady of that county, and engaging in the mill and lumber business, continued to reside in the Empire State until 1853, at which time he moved to Green County, Wis. In the latter State he followed farming until his death, which occurred in January, 1885. He accumulated considerable means and left an estate worth \$12,000. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of Republican politics. Mrs. Harris Lassell was born April 12, 1802, and died in Green County, Wis., February 14, 1873. She was the mother of seven children: Ellen and Lewis, the first and fourth born, being now dead. Of the survivors Eliza is the wife of R. W. Button, of Colton, Cal.; Luther J., a lumberman and miner in Arizona; Lorenzo H., a lumberman in Washington; and Emily A., the wife of Charles Smiley, a farmer in Albany, Wis.

The gentleman who is the subject of this biography was reared to the age of twelve years in his native county in the Empire State, and spent the remainder of his years to early manhood, in Green County, Wis. In 1859, when nineteen years of age, he crossed the plains to California and remained on the Pacific Slope until 1868, when he returned to Green County, Wis., and engaged in farming there during the succeeding eight years. He then removed to Bremer County, Iowa, and in 1878 came to Sumner County, Kan., and pre-empted one hun-

dred and sixty acres on sections 28, 29, 32 and 33 of Bluff Township. He has since made his home here, has acquired an excellent reputation among his fellow men and proved himself a useful citizen. He has served as Justice of the Peace, is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Republican party.

The marriage of Mr. Lassell was celebrated March 11, 1874, his bride being Miss Celia Taylor, of Avon, Rock County, Wis. Her parents, James H. and Caroline (Conger) Taylor, are natives of Fairfield, Vt., who emigrated to Wisconsin about the year 1845, and are still residing there. Mrs. Lassell was born in Delevan, Wis., on the 7th of July, 1848, and possesses some rare accomplishments. She was graduated from the White Water (Wis.) Normal School in 1872, and taught school several years before her marriage. Five bright boys and girls cluster about the fireside of Mr. and Mrs. Lassell, and gladden their parents' hearts by their growing intelligence and youthful courtesy. They bear the names of Caroline L., Harris J., Ada M., Wallace A. and Louisa A.

JOHN C. WEBBER, M. D. The legal profession of Perth and vicinity finds a worthy representative in Dr. Webber, who established himself at this place in 1886. Being equipped with a thorough knowledge of the duties of his profession, he soon established himself in the esteem and confidence of the people, and is now in the enjoyment of a good practice. He is essentially a Western man, and was born in Davis County, Iowa, March 17, 1857.

The subject of this notice is the son of David Webber, who was born near Vincennes, Ind., in 1836, and who died at the early age of thirty-seven years in Sibley County, Minn. In early life he emigrated to Missouri and thence to Davis County, Iowa. He went to Minnesota in 1870, and lived but three years thereafter, dying after a short illness, in 1873, from the effects of a suddenly-contracted cold while out in a snow storm. He was a chair-maker by trade, an industrious and law-abiding citizen, and a staunch supporter of the Republican party.

The paternal grandfather was Nathaniel B. Webber, who was born in the State of Maine in 1804, and who died in Texas at the advanced age of eighty-three years.

The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Frances S. Kein, was born in South Carolina, and is now living in Davis County, Iowa. There were born to her and her husband six children, viz: John, Sarah, Mary, Ambrose, Isaac and David, all of whom are living, and those besides John C., making their homes mostly in Iowa.

Dr. Webber spent his early years in a comparatively uneventful manner under the home roof, attending the common school, and being variously employed until making up his mind to adopt the medical profession, he spent two years at the Southern Iowa Normal school, at Bloomfield. After the proper time spent in reading medicine, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, from which he was duly graduated, and commenced the regular practice of his profession in Savannah, Iowa, where he met with good success for the following five years. He was married May 10, 1884, in Iowa, to Miss Florence Brunk. He then came to Perth where he has since remained. This lady was born in Grayson County Ky., August 6, 1863, and is the daughter of Samuel and Ann (Gray) Brunk, who were likewise natives of the Blue Grass State. Upon leaving that region, in 1870, they removed to Davis County, Iowa, where they now live and where the father is engaged in farming. The Doctor and his amiable lady are the parents of three children, namely: Gaillard, Glen and an infant unnamed. The family residence is pleasantly situated in the southeast part of the city, forming an attractive home, and the Doctor and Mrs. Webber enjoy the friendship and acquaintance of the best people of their community.

JUDGE JOHN T. SANDERS. The city of Wellington recognizes in Judge Sanders one of its most important and useful citizens. He has been connected with many of its important enterprises and has uniformly given his



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support and encouragement to whatever would assist in its advancement and welfare. He was at one time Mayor of the city, and served nine years as a member of the Board of Education, being President of the same for five years. He holds the office of Probate Judge, having been first elected in 1886, and after serving two years, was re-elected in 1888. The varied duties associated with the position he has discharged with eminent ability and to the general satisfaction. Politically, since becoming a voting citizen, he has been identified with the Republican party. He was a charter member and the first Commander of James Shields Post, No. 57, G. A. R., and also belongs to Wellington Lodge, No. 150, A. F. & A. M., Wellington Lodge, No. 133, I. O. O. F., and Sumner Chapter, No. 37, R. A. M.

A gentleman still in the prime of life, Mr. Sanders was born June 20, 1842, his native place being Spring Mills, Richland County, Ohio. His father, James Steel Sanders, was a native of Virginia, born in Frederick County, February 13, 1809, while the paternal grandfather, Isaac Sanders, was a native of London, England, and was born about 1765. Isaac Sanders came to America when eighteen years of age and located in Frederick County, Va., where he died in 1822. He was by occupation a weaver, and was twice married. His first wife bore him two children, Joshua A. and William. The latter died in Virginia when young, and the former passed away in Mississippi about 1833.

Isaac Sanders contracted a second marriage with Elizabeth Steel, who was born in 1776, in Frederick County, Va., and died in Richland County, Ohio, September 7, 1859. Her father, Thomas Steel, was born in Ireland, and her mother in Wales. At an early day they emigrated to America, and located in Virginia. Elizabeth Steel Sanders had four brothers and two sisters, all natives of the same county in the Old Dominion. She bore Mr. Sanders seven children, as follows: Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Thomas, James S., William C. and Sarah. All are dead with the exception of James S. and Sarah.

After spending his boyhood in Virginia, James S. Sanders emigrated to Westmoreland County, Pa., in 1825, and four years later was married at Greens-

burg, that county. In 1835 he removed to Ohio, settling in Richland County, which was the home of the family for a number of years. His means were limited and the opportunities for a poor man not so good as those offered further West.

Accordingly, in 1846, the elder Sanders started with his family for Indiana with an ox-team and a covered wagon. They carried their household effects, cooking and camping by the way-side. Locating in Lake County the father took up a tract of Government land in the timber, four miles from any settlers. The family lived in the wagon while a log cabin was being erected, this being chinked with chips and clay. The chimney was built outside of earth and sticks. The mother had no stove and did all her cooking by the fireplace. They kept sheep and raised flax, the mother breaking the latter, and spinning and weaving both flax and wool. She thus made all the clothing for the family, and everything required for the household.

There then roamed in the wilds of Indiana, deer, bear, wolves and other wild animals, and whatever the larder lacked in other provisions, there was always plenty of meat. The Sanders family were prospered in their labors at felling the trees and tilling the soil, and the father accumulated land until he had about two hundred acres, all of which they cleared. After several years, selling out, they purchased three hundred and twenty acres of timber, four miles distant. The greater part of this was also cleared, and an orchard was set out and good buildings erected. The country grew up around them, peopled by a happy and prosperous community, and the Sanders family became well-to-do.

James Sanders, however, not yet satisfied with his surroundings, sold out again, but now wisely retiring from active labor, left the farm and removed to the village of Westville, where he and his estimable wife are still living. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Mary Haines. She was born April 4, 1808, in Westmoreland County, Pa., and was the daughter of Frederick Haines, of German descent, who was born in Northampton County, Pa., where he married Joanna Jarret, of English ancestry. Soon after their marriage they emigrated to Westmoreland County, Pa., where were born to them nine children, four boys

and five girls. The mother died about 1844, and the father about 1857. Three of the children survive.

To James and Mary Sanders there was born a family of eight children: William P., the eldest living, is a resident of Bremer County, Iowa; Catherine E. married John Shaw, and is a resident of Westville, Ind.; Reuben H. lives in Door Village, Ind., and is a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church; James F., a resident of McCallsburg, Iowa; Johanna M. married Lemiah Shaw, and she is deceased; Benjamin F. is a resident of Chicago, Ill.; John T. was the next in order of birth; Rachel J. is the wife of Sanford Culbertson, and lives in Westville, Ind.

The subject of this sketch was a boy of six years when his parents removed to Indiana. He distinctly remembers many of the incidents of the overland journey, and of pioneer life there. His early studies were conducted in the old log school-house, the benches of which were made by splitting small trees, hewing off one side and inserting wooden legs. He usually attended school three months during the winter season. The balance of the year he assisted in clearing land and tilling the soil. He remained under the parental roof until 1860, and then commenced working out by the month, being thus occupied until after the outbreak of the Civil War.

Resolving now to have a hand in the preservation of the Union, young Sanders, a youth of nineteen years, enlisted, June 25, 1861, in Company B, Twentieth Indiana Infantry, for three years, or during the war. This regiment participated in the most important battles of the war, namely: the Chickahominy, Hampton Roads, Norfolk, Oak Grove, Peach Orchard, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hills, Kelly's Ford, the second battle of Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, and a number of minor engagements. In the fall of 1862 Mr. Sanders was seized with inflammatory rheumatism, and conveyed to the hospital in Philadelphia, from which, there seeming little hope of his immediate recovery, he was honorably discharged Dec. 23, 1862. He returned home, but seven days later, being much encouraged by the

improvement in his physical condition, he re-enlisted in Company G, Twelfth Indiana Cavalry, in which he served until January 7, 1865. He then participated in the battles of Franklin, Nashville and Hurricane Creek, near Huntsville, Ala. In the latter battle he was wounded in the side, and a bullet passed through both arms, completely disabling him forever from doing manual labor. He was taken to the hospital at Huntsville, and from there to Nashville, later to Indianapolis, and in due time was discharged on account of disability and returned home. He had been mustered in as Sergeant, in which capacity he served until retiring.

Being unable to perform manual labor Mr. Sanders now commenced learning telegraphy, and was soon given a position as night operator at LaFayette, Ind., by the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad Company. Six months later he was made Station Agent at Wanatah, La Porte County, and continued thereafter as agent and operator for a period of thirteen years. He resigned his position as station agent to accept one as a traveling salesman with the firm of Walter A. Wood & Co., with whom he associated nearly two years.

We next find Mr. Sanders occupied as Station Agent on the St. Louis & South Eastern Railroad, at Mt. Vernon, Ill. Two years later he resigned this position also and accepted one with the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, first as telegraph operator at Chamois, Mo., and shortly afterward as Station Agent at Herman, that State. Later he was with the Adams Express Company, temporarily assigned to the office in Dodge City. On the 27 of September, 1879, he arrived in Wellington and opened the first express office in the place in the interest of the Adams Express Company. That same day the first express matter was brought to this place by train. When the Wells, Fargo Company extended their route to this point their office was consolidated with that of the Adams, for a time Mr. Sanders had charge of both. He continued his labors as agent for the Wells, Fargo Company until 1886. Then having been elected Probate Judge, he resigned to accept the latter office.

The marriage of John T. Sanders with Miss Hessie E. Crawley, was celebrated at the bride's home.

in La Porte, Ind., in April, 1868. Mrs. Sanders was born in Greencastle, Ind., and is the daughter of John and Nellie Crawley, who are now deceased. Of this union there have been born two children, a son and daughter: Claude is a stenographer and clerk in the general office of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, at Topeka; Maude A. will graduate from the High School in Wellington, at the close of the spring term of 1890.



GEORGE W. GELBACH, junior member of the firm of Dowis & Gelbach, general merchants of Perth, pursues the even tenor of his way as a man giving due attention to the details of his business, and is held in general respect in his community. Like many of the substantial citizens of Sumner County, he is a native of Pennsylvania and was born in Adams County, March 11, 1861. His father, Joseph Gelbach, likewise a native of that county, is still living there on a farm and is now about fifty-five years old. Honest, industrious and steady-going, he is respected by his neighbors and uniformly votes the Democratic ticket.

The ancestors of our subject originated in Germany, where his paternal grandfather, John Gelbach, was born in 1771. He emigrated to America at an early day, settling in Pennsylvania, where he followed blacksmithing and died at the advanced age of ninety-four years. The mother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Eliza Raffensburger. She was born in Gettysburg, Pa., in 1843, and died at the early age of thirty-seven years. Her parents were Jacob and Eliza (Miller) Raffensburger, natives of Pennsylvania and of English extraction.

To the parents of our subject was born a family of eight children, all of whom are living. They bear the names respectively of John, Mary, Jennie, Laura, Allie, Charles, George W. and Grace. It will thus be seen that George W., of this notice was next to the youngest born. He was reared in his native township and completed his education at

the Millersville State Normal School. After emerging from this institution he commenced teaching, which profession he followed in Pennsylvania until 1884. That year he came to this county and occupied himself as before, until 1887, in the meantime also serving as Postmaster at Perth. That year he associated himself with his present partner, and has since given his attention to mercantile business.

Mr. Gelbach was married October 13, 1889, at Perth, to Miss Josie Rosdall. This lady was born in Kentucky, September 11, 1869. Mr. Rosdall came to this county in 1877, and is engaged in farming in Downs Township. He is a man of decided views and votes the straight Democratic ticket.



JACOB LEIGHTY. Among the business men of Conway Springs none stand higher in the estimation of their fellow-citizens than Mr. Leighty, whose thorough workmanship, honorable business methods and upright character, alike entitle him to their respect. He has been engaged in the harness business in this place since February, 1888, prior to which time he had been a resident of Wellington for two years, and in that place also, as in other towns in which he has lived, he was ranked among the best citizens.

The birth of Mr. Leighty took place in Connelssville, Fayette County, Pa., January 25, 1846, and in the same county, his father, Daniel S. Leighty, was also born. The latter was a son of Jacob Leighty, who lived in the section of Pennsylvania where his son and grandson were born, and where he breathed his last. Daniel Leighty was a carpenter by trade, and in 1856 removed his family to Warren County, Ill., which was his home until his death. In 1861, he joined the Union army as a private in the First Illinois Cavalry, was captured by the Confederates at Lexington, Mo., but was afterwards paroled and re-enlisted. In the Eleventh Illinois Cavalry he served until January, 1864, when at Vicksburg he was stricken down with

chronic diarrhoea which caused his death. For many years he was a member of the United Presbyterian Church; his political adherence was given to the Republican party. His wife, in her maidenhood Miss Rebecca Gilchrist, was also a native of Fayette County, Pa., and belonged to a notable family of Scotch-Irish, who emigrated to America before the Revolution, making their settlement in the Keystone State. Her death occurred in Warren County, Ill., March 12, 1874. To her and her husband seven children were born, named respectively, Joseph W., Mathew, Jacob, Elizabeth B., Edward, Anna and Walter.

The gentleman whose name initiates this sketch was reared to his tenth year in his native county in the Keystone State, and then accompanied the other members of the family to Illinois, where he continued his studies in the common schools, acquiring a good understanding of the branches taught therein. His early life was spent on a farm, which he left at the age of eighteen to begin work at the harness-maker's trade at Galva, Ill. He enlisted in May, 1864, in the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Illinois, was discharged the 14th of

October of the same year. In 1867 he returned to his home and remained there two years after which he engaged in the harness business in Osage City, Kan. Some three years later he returned to Warren County, Ill., established himself in business at Monmouth, and carried on the establishment there until August, 1882, when he returned to Osage City and there remained two years. From that time until February, 1886, he had no permanent location, but at that date he established himself in Wellington, Kan., whence he subsequently removed to Conway Springs, as before noted.

Mr. Leighty was united in marriage with Miss Ida B., daughter of Thaddeus and Octavia (Shaw) Clarke, of Monmouth, Ill. They were married January 20, 1880. The parents of Mrs. Leighty are natives of Illinois and Ohio respectively, and to them were born seven children: E. Joe, Ida B., Elva J., Cora M., Nellie M., David E. and Bessie E. Her father was an enterprising and prominent journalist. His death occurred at Monmouth, Ill., in 1873. Mr. Leighty belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and is a staunch member of the Republican party.

