

C. and Francis T. Benjamin, Eleathea and Pennington are deceased. Josiah L. Winfrey was reared in his native county, and served during the Rebellion in Company C, Osage Regiment Missouri Home Guards, as sergeant for about six months, and was then taken to Jefferson City to guard that city. He afterward served as orderly-sergeant in Company C, Forty-eighth Missouri State Militia, and during the war purchased the farm where he now lives, on which he has resided since peace was declared. He was elected county assessor in the fall of 1872, which position he held four years, taking the census of 1876, and has held the office of justice of the peace a number of years, being the present incumbent of that office. At one time he was engaged in selling goods at Montreal, Mo., and in 1859 took the "gold fever," and made a trip to Pike's Peak, but did not remain there long. January 10, 1861, he was married to Rebecca M. Amos, who was born in Alabama, and came to Missouri with her parents in 1857. Her death occurred August 21, 1882, she having become the mother of eight children, seven of whom are living: Mary E., Valonia J., Rebecca M., Eliza E., Melissa S., Sarah A., Josiah L. and Zilpha J. Josiah L., the only son, died at the age of eleven months. Mr. Winfrey was married the second time July 23, 1885, to Melvina C. Carlton, whose maiden name was George. She was a daughter of Ira H. George, and was born in Russell County, Ky., coming to Missouri in 1850, when she was nine years old. By her first husband, Milton, who died in 1859, she became the mother of two children: Eveline E. and William R. Her second husband, Franklin S. Carlton, died September 22, 1882, and left four children, all deceased but one, Merinda I. John H., Sarah A. and an infant are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Winfrey have one of the handsomest homes in the county. They are members of the church, Mr. Winfrey being also a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the G. A. R., being Past Commander of Montreal Lodge No. 342. In his political views he is a staunch Republican.

DALLAS COUNTY.

Francis M. Adams, a substantial and prominent citizen of Washington Township, Dallas Co., Mo., was born in Montgomery County, Tenn., January 24, 1832, and is the son of Philip and Rebecca (Nanny) Adams, natives of Virginia. The father died in Dallas County, Mo., in 1859, at the age of fifty-six years. The mother is still living, in her eightieth year, is a resident of the last named county, and is a member of the Christian Church. The father is a Democrat in politics, was constable while living in Tennessee, and during the mustering of the militia was major. He started life without means, but was a successful farmer, and was in comfortable circumstances at the time of his death. During the Mexican War he enlisted, but was never called into the service. He was the father of

seven children, four now living: Francis M., Martin W., Jasper N. and Julia D. At the age of eighteen Francis M. Adams engaged in the mercantile business at Conyersville, Tenn., and was in business there eleven years, or until 1859, when he came to Missouri, and located in Dallas County, intending to go into the mercantile business, but on account of the war abandoned this idea. In June, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Woods' Battalion, Confederate service, and was on duty until his surrender at Shreveport, La., in June, 1865. He was orderly sergeant most of the time, when not holding the office of lieutenant. He was in many battles—Pea Ridge, Camden, Alexander and Price's raid. He received a flesh wound at Indianapolis. Mr. Adams was a heavy loser by the war, and after that eventful period he went back and located in Henry County, Tenn., where he farmed and dealt in stock for eleven years. He then came back to Dallas County, Mo., where he has since resided. Previous to the war, December 20, 1855, he married Miss Emily A. Simmons, daughter of Levi and Eliza Simmons, and a native of Henry County, Tenn., born November 14, 1837; she died in Dallas County, Mo., May 22, 1859. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, and an excellent woman. To this union was born one daughter, Elzerene, wife of B. F. Norris, now of Henry County, Tenn. December 20, 1860, Mr. Adams married Miss Rebecca J. Haymes, daughter of William and Rebecca Haymes, natives of East Tennessee, Hawkins County. She was born in what is now Webster County, Mo., April 22, 1844, and by her marriage became the mother of six children, three of whom are now living: Emily D., wife of Christopher H. Whittenburg, farmer in Dallas County; William A. and Alta J. Those deceased are: Frances R., who was the wife of G. B. Franklin, and who died December 2, 1886, when twenty-two years of age; Mary O., an infant, and Philip A., who also died when an infant. Mr. Adams is a farmer by occupation, is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

John M. Alford, merchant and farmer, and one of the principal stock dealers of Dallas County, Mo., was born in Knox County, Tenn., February 9, 1822, and is a son of John and Jane (McElhattan) Alford, also Tennesseans, who immigrated to Carroll County, Ark., in 1852, and there spent their declining years. The father was a farmer, and also carried on milling in his early days, and of his large family of children there are living at the present time: Malinda, Robert, John M., Orlando D., Thomas, Margaret, Rebecca and Mary. John M. was reared on a farm in his native State, and was married in Meigs County, Tenn., March 4, 1840, to Lucinda Cardell, by whom he became the father of two children, Robert and William. In 1855 he came with his family to Dallas County, Mo., and reached Four Mile Prairie November 5, 1855, where he purchased a claim that was partly improved, with about ten acres cleared, and on which was a little log house. In 1856 he entered several forty-acre tracts, 160 acres being prairie land and the rest in timber, and here has lived up to the present date. He now owns 1,600 or 1,700 acres of valuable

land, the most of which is under cultivation, and is an extensive dealer in the better class of stock. He has a good residence and other buildings on his farm, and a look over his home farm shows the thrift and energy that has put his place in its present admirable condition. Since 1862 he has been engaged in the mercantile business at Wood Hill Post-office, and in his public as well as social career would prove a valuable addition to any community. He married his present wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Hallomon, April 13, 1847, and nine of their ten children are now living: Pleasant, Jeremiah, Sarah, Matthew, Charles, Thomas, Owen, Susan, Mary and John.

John P. Andrews, a physician and farmer of Urbana, Dallas County, is a son of Mark and Virginia W. (Thompson) Andrews, and was born in Buffalo, Mo., in 1847. Mark Andrews was born in Virginia in 1812, and was a physician by profession, practicing medicine for several years in Dinwiddie County, Va., before his removal to Dallas County, Mo., where he also engaged in the practice of his profession until his death, which occurred in 1866. He had twelve children, of whom nine are now living, viz.: Martha Darby (only child by a previous marriage), Virginia Fletcher, Emily Darby, Lucy Reser, Harriet Coon, Joseph Andrews, Susan Darby, Mark Andrews and John P. Andrews. The paternal grandfather of our subject died of small-pox in the army, during the War of 1812. John P. Andrews spent his early life in Dallas County, Mo. He subsequently attended college at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and later read medicine with Drs. Slavens & Vaughn, of Urbana, having previously been engaged in school-teaching. In 1873-74 he taught in the Urbana High-school, and the following year the Morrisville School. In 1876-77 he had charge of the Dadeville School, and in 1877-78 was principal of the Rondo Institute, Polk County. In 1881 he entered the St. Louis Medical College, which he attended three consecutive terms, graduating in 1884. He then returned to Dallas County, and immediately began the practice of his chosen profession at Urbana, in partnership with Dr. Vaughn, his former preceptor. In 1874 Dr. Andrews married Miss Rintia Hightshoe, who was born in Indiana in 1849, and is a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Burne) Hightshoe, natives of Ohio and West Virginia, respectively. Of the seven children born to Dr. and Mrs. Andrews, five are now living, viz.: Henrietta V., Zula R., Alice, Rolla and Bessie. The Doctor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics his sympathies are with the Republican party.

Dr. Morgan L. Atchly, an eminent physician and surgeon of Dallas County, Mo., was born November 16, 1837, in Meigs County, Tenn. He is one of eight surviving members of a family of ten children born to the marriage of John Atchly and Elizabeth Eubanks, who were natives of the "Old Dominion," and early immigrants to Tennessee. About 1838 they took up their abode in Goodwin Hollow, Laclede Co., Mo., where they entered land amounting to about 340 acres, the most of which was heavily covered with timber. In time it became one of the finest farms in the county, and is now owned by their two sons, Seth and James. The father died about 1882,

and his wife in 1878. The following are their children who are living: Noah D., James, Seth, Miles, Dr. Morgan L., Sarah, Delilah and Elizabeth. Dr. Morgan L. Atchly grew to manhood on a farm in Missouri, and received such education as the schools of that day afforded. He began the study of medicine in 1860, and in 1864 was appointed assistant surgeon, and was stationed at Hartville and Lebanon, serving in this capacity for about two years. He attended his first course of lectures at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1863, and after the close of the war he completed his medical studies and graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of St. Louis, Mo., in 1872. He first practiced his profession at Lebanon a short time, then located in Phelps County, and in 1867 came to Louisburg, where he has since been an active and very successful practitioner. He derives a very lucrative income from his profession, and in connection with the "healing art" gives much of his attention to farming, being the owner of about 246 acres of land, with about 170 acres under cultivation and well improved. On coming to Dallas County, his possessions consisted of a good education, a pair of pill bags and six "bits," but his energy was boundless, and as a result he is now one of the successful physicians and wealthy farmers of the county. He is a member of the Dallas County Medical Association. In 1868 he was united in marriage to Miss Sophronia Marsh, by whom he had one child, Maude, the wife of C. C. Carter. His wife died in 1870, and the following year he wedded Virginia T. Lindsey, who has borne him four children: John A., Jessie E., Inez and Virgil M. The Doctor is a member of the I. O. O. F., and he and wife are consistent members of the Baptist Church.

J. A. J. Baker is a worthy and successful tiller of the soil, of Dallas County, Mo., in which county he was born on the 8th of April, 1847. He is a son of Abraham and Mary B. (Breshears) Baker, who emigrated from Tennessee to Dallas County, Mo., at an early day, the father's death occurring here. His widow afterward married Noah Bray, whose sketch appears in this work. J. A. J. Baker was reared and educated in and has always been a resident of Dallas County. By industry and judicious management he has become the owner of a fertile farm of 240 acres, and has about eighty acres under good cultivation, and furnished with commodious and substantial buildings. He is one of the enterprising farmers of the county, and is always interested in enterprises which tend to benefit the county in which he resides. In 1870 he was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Sarah E., a daughter of J. M. Alford, and by her is the father of six children: James S., Mary A., Hannah E., Lucy, Maude and Susie. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the Baptist Church. During the late war he served about six months in Company C, Forty-sixth Missouri Volunteer Infantry.

John T. Bass, farmer, was born in Wilson County, Tenn., May 2, 1844, his parents being Dolphin and Rutha (Bennett) Bass. The father was born in Tennessee, and in 1852 immigrated with his family to Dallas County, Mo., locating near Louisburg, where he entered a tract of land, consisting of 280 acres, and soon had a large portion of it

under good improvement. Here he died in 1857, but his widow is still living, and resides in Texas. Six of their eight children are now living: John T., Harriet, Lucy, Solomon (deceased), Henry, Nancy, Louis (deceased) and William. The father was twice married, and had by his first wife six children, but only two are now living: James and Elijah. J. T. Bass was reared on a farm, and educated in the common schools of Dallas County, and in 1862 enlisted in the Enrolled Militia, Company D, Fifteenth Missouri, and after two years' service enlisted in the United States service, serving in the same company. He was in several hard skirmishes, and after receiving his discharge, in 1865, came home, and has since been engaged in farming and stock raising, making a specialty of raising mules and cattle. He owns 440 acres of land, besides some town property, and gives considerable attention to raising fruit. In February, 1865, he was married to Emeline Gammon, a daughter of George P. Gammon, and by her is the father of four children: Wellington, who is in the mercantile business at Louisburg; Walter, Oattie and one deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bass are members of the Baptist Church, and he is also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

John M. Beck, a prosperous farmer and stock dealer of Dallas County, Mo., was born in Gasconade County, Mo., March 10, 1851, and is a son of John C. and Phoebe (Rennington) Beck, who were born in New York and Kentucky, respectively, and were married in Illinois. In 1846 they came to Missouri, settling in Gasconade County, but in 1857 took up their residence in Dallas County, locating on a partially improved farm of 160 acres on Four Mile Prairie, where they made valuable improvements and lived until their deaths, February 8, 1882, and December 19, 1888, respectively. The following are their children who are living: Rodolphus, John M., Joseph R., Jasper N., and Sarah E., wife of J. L. Cook. John M. Beck was educated in the common schools, and is now the owner of a fine farm of 240 acres, 120 of which are under cultivation and well improved. He raises and deals in mules and cattle, and ships to St. Louis, which business has proved highly remunerative. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Agricultural Wheel, and is considered one of the sagacious and enterprising farmers of the county. He was married in 1881 to Miss Sarah E. Wisdom, a daughter of Parson C. Wisdom.

Christian H. Behrens is one of the leading merchants of Dallas County, Mo., and was born on the 12th of January, 1856, in Lee County, Iowa, his parents, Henry and Hannah (Burgdorf) Behrens, being natives of Hanover and Brunswick, Germany, respectively. Henry Behrens came to America in 1845, and located in St. Louis, Mo., and about 1847 went to Lee County, Iowa, where he purchased a farm and resided until his death, which occurred in 1872. His widow and eight of his eleven children are living, the latter's names being as follows: Christian H., Henry J., William J., August C., Hannah, Charles C., Martha and Frederick E. Christian H. Behrens resided with his parents on the farm until twenty-three years of age, and received his education in the schools of his native county, obtaining his

academic education in Primrose Academy, and also attended several German schools of a high order. After leaving the farm he entered the employ of the large mercantile house of Chonca & Brown, of Fresno, Cal., but about the end of 1882 he came to Buffalo, and on the 11th of December, 1882, engaged in the mercantile business, which he is still successfully carrying on, the firm being now known as C. H. Behrens & Bro. Mr. Behrens started with quite a small stock of goods, but by industry and good management his store has reached its present admirable proportions, and nets him and his brother a handsome annual income. In the spring of 1887 their present building was completed, which is a commodious and handsome three-story brick, the largest mercantile house in the county, and a credit to any city, and is well stocked with all kinds of dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes and clothing, and agricultural implements. Although they have resided in Buffalo but a few years, they are already well known throughout the county as enterprising, honorable and reliable business men, and have accordingly secured a large and lucrative trade. On the 28th of November, 1878, C. H. Behrens was united in marriage to Miss Etta Able, who died in 1880, having borne one child, Aaron, and on the 25th of October, 1881, he wedded his present wife, Miss Matilda Able, by whom he became the father of three children, who are all deceased. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is ever ready to give material aid to undertakings of worth, and to further the interests of the churches and schools and enterprises of any kind beneficial to the town and county. Politically Mr. Behrens is a strong Democrat, although being reared in the great Republican State, Iowa. He is well versed in the German and American languages, and is an expert accountant.

Nathaniel L. Bennett. Among the prominent citizens and farmers of Dallas County, Mo., may be mentioned Mr. Bennett, who was born in Maury County, Tenn., November 27, 1835, being a son of Moses G. and Sarah (Woolard) Bennett, natives, respectively, of North Carolina and Maury County, Tenn., the former's birth occurring April 9, 1813, and the latter's March 2, 1817. Both are yet living, and reside in Dallas County, Mo., with their children. Moses G. Bennett is a Democrat in politics, and is a very successful farmer, and accumulated a great deal of property by industry and close application to business. He has been quite extensively engaged in stock dealing, and always finds a ready market for a great deal of his stock near home. Five of his ten children are now living: Nathaniel L., Harriet (wife of J. D. Newport), James C., Martha J. (wife of J. W. Jones), and John M. Besides his own children he has given a good home to five orphan children; the following are the names of his children who are deceased: Mary, Lockey A., Margaret D., Jackson and an infant. Nathaniel L. Bennett remained on the home farm until twenty years of age, and then engaged in farming and stock raising on his own responsibility, and is now the owner of 300 acres of as good land as there is in Dallas County. He has given considerable attention to raising blooded horses, many of which have won good records on the race-track, and also makes a specialty of training horses for driving

and the saddle. His cattle are of the Short-Horn and Galloway breeds, and he was the first man to introduce good hogs in the lower part of Dallas County, they being of the Poland-China and Berkshire breeds. He has also handled Cotswold sheep. His farm is abundantly watered, and is admirably adapted for stock purposes. After serving in the State Militia for about six months during the late war, and participating in the battle of Lexington, he, in 1863, joined Company I, Sixteenth Provisional Cavalry, United States Army, and served until the close of the war, being in the following engagements: Jefferson City, West Point, Boonville and a number of others. March 6, 1856, he was married to Elizabeth Henson, a daughter of Benjamin Henson. She was born in Dallas County February 14, 1842, and became the mother of ten children, all but two now living: Moses W., who died when an infant; Mary F., wife of N. C. Stafford; Harriet D., Sallie R., who died August 21, 1888; Lucinda J., Albert D., Ben D., Jack T., Edmond and George M. Mrs. Bennett is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and Mr. Bennett is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the Union Labor lodge.

John C. Bennett deserves honorable mention as one of the prosperous farmers of Dallas County, Mo. His birth occurred in Clark County, Ill., December 26, 1842, and he is a son of Philip and Ann (Marrs) Bennett, who were Kentuckians. After becoming grown the father went to Clark County, Ill., where he entered land and made him a home, and was one of the pioneer settlers. He was married in Illinois, his wife having been reared principally in Indiana, and by her he became the father of eight children: William M., John C., Marion F., Lafayette, Pauline J., Philip A., Emerson and Margaret A. The parents immigrated to Dallas County, Mo., in 1855, and located in Washington Township, where they made their home for four years; then sold out and moved one mile south of Buffalo, where the father resided until his death in 1886, at the age of seventy-five years, three months and five days. The mother survives him, and is in her seventy-sixth year. Since about thirteen years of age John C. Bennett has been a resident of Dallas County. He obtained a common-school education, and at the breaking out of the war served three months in the Dallas County Home Guards, in Capt. Eldredge's company, of Col. Edwards' regiment, and in 1862 enlisted in the Missouri State Militia Cavalry, in Capt. Worley's company, of Col. Richardson's regiment, the regiment being consolidated in 1863 with the Fourth Regiment, Col. Hall commanding, he being a member of Company L. In the fall of 1864 he re-enlisted in Company H, Thirteenth Missouri, United States Cavalry, commanded by Col. Catherwood, and received his discharge in May, 1866, at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., the latter part of the time being spent in quelling the Indians in Kansas and Colorado. He was in the battles of Pea Ridge, Neosho, Newtonia, Cane Hill and Prairie Grove, and also participated in many sharp skirmishes; was with the command on Price's raid, and was present when Maj.-Gens. Marmaduke and Cabell and a regiment of Confederate infantry were captured. After nearly five years' service he returned to his home and spent the summer and fall in school, and during the

winter crossed the plains to the mountains and back, and in the spring of 1867 was married, and located on the tract of land where he now lives. He has about 200 acres under cultivation, and about 480 acres in the tract, and gives much of his attention to stock raising and dealing in stock. March 31, 1867, he wedded Miss Rachel Wright, by whom he has eight children: Emma (wife of John F. Fowler), Ella, Sheridan, Sherman, Emmett, John, Odessa and Ressa. The family attend and are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Bennett has served five years as county assessor, and is a member of the G. A. R. He is a Republican in politics, and his motto is, do unto others as you would have others to do unto you—to say but little and do a great deal.

Marion Francis Bennett was born in Clark County, Ill., September 10, 1844, and is a son of Philip and Ann (Murr) Bennett, natives of Nelson and Monroe Counties, Ky., respectively. The former's birth occurred on the 31st of December, 1810, and his death in Dallas County, Mo., April 5, 1886. His wife was born September 22, 1813, and their marriage was consummated in Illinois, and they continued to make that State their home until 1855, when they took up their abode in Dallas County, Mo. Their union was blessed in the birth of eight children who lived to be grown, seven of whom are now living: William M., John C., Marion Francis, Lafayette, Philip A., Paulina J., wife of William Joyner, and Margaret, wife of Monroe Cofer. Those deceased are Emerson, who was twenty-six years of age at the time of his death, and two infants. Marion Francis Bennett resided with his parents until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in the State Militia, and served until 1863, when he became a member of Company I. Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, and was in the service the remainder of the war, then turning his attention to the peaceful pursuits of farming and stock raising, which occupations have proved tolerably successful under his skillful management. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and served as postmaster of Spring Grove for five years. February 3, 1867, he espoused Miss Mary O'Bannon, a daughter of John O'Bannon, one of the first settlers of Dallas County. She was born in Dallas County, Mo., May 17, 1848, and has borne a family of ten children: William S., George W., Edith, John O., Lizzie, Ann, Philip, Maude, James L. and Arthur.

Levi Brunner, a prominent citizen of Dallas County, Mo., was born in York County, Penn., September 6, 1834, and is a son of Peter and Sallie Brunner, who were born in Pennsylvania. The former died in his native State in 1882, at the age of seventy-seven years. After the death of his wife, whose demise occurred when Levi was a small child, Mr. Brunner wedded Elizabeth Misenbelder, who died in 1886. He followed the occupation of farming throughout life, and was a worthy member of the German Reformed Church. In early life he was a Whig in politics, but later in life became a Republican. To his first union four children were born, Levi being the only one now living, and his last union resulted in the birth of seven children, five of whom are living. Levi resided with his parents until twenty-four years of age, and then went to Tippecanoe County, Ind., but only

resided there a short time, when he went to Lincoln County, Ill., where he made his home three years. From that time until 1868 he resided in Webster County, Mo., since which time he has made his home in Dallas County. In 1869 he purchased 120 acres of land, to which he has added until he now owns a good farm, with 100 acres under cultivation. When starting out in life for himself it was without means, but by industry and judicious management he has acquired his present property. December 25, 1862, he espoused Miss Catherine Fry, daughter of Daniel Fry. She was born in York County, Penn., in 1829, and died in Dallas County, Mo., in April, 1886, having become the mother of five children: William H., Jacob, John T. and Sarah E. Emanuel died in Illinois when an infant. Mr. Brunner is a member of the German Reformed Church, and throughout life has been a member of the Democratic party. While residing in his native State he learned the carpenter's trade, but has given most of his attention to farming.

Emanuel Bower, a farmer of Lincoln Township, Dallas County, is a native of the State of Pennsylvania, and was born December 11, 1817. His parents were Michael and Susanna Bower, who first moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio, thence to Indiana in 1835, and two years later located in Dallas County, Mo. Michael Bower, who was a blacksmith and farmer, was born in 1796 and died in 1876; his wife was born in 1796 and died in 1869. They were the parents of sixteen children, but five of whom are now living, viz.: Michael, Margaret, now Mrs. Yeager, of Dallas County; Emanuel, Luvina, who became a Mrs. Stout, and is now living in California, and William, a resident of Dakota; he married Miss Louisa Beasley about 1851. Emanuel Bower spent the greater part of his early life in Ohio, and was eighteen years of age when he went to Missouri, and three years later began an independent life and devoted his attention to the pursuit of agriculture. In 1842 he married Miss Pulina J. Yeager, who was born in Tennessee in 1826, and is a daughter of Elijah and Hannah Yeager, who moved from Tennessee to Illinois, and thence to Missouri in 1834. Elijah Yeager was a farmer and minister. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bower were born nine children, six now living, viz.: Hannah Carter, Susan Smith, Mary Reser, William Bower, Jennie Whelock and Vernon Bower. As a result of industry and good management Mr. Bower became the owner of 900 acres of land; he has given each of his children a farm, and now cultivates 160 acres. He is a Republican in politics, and with his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

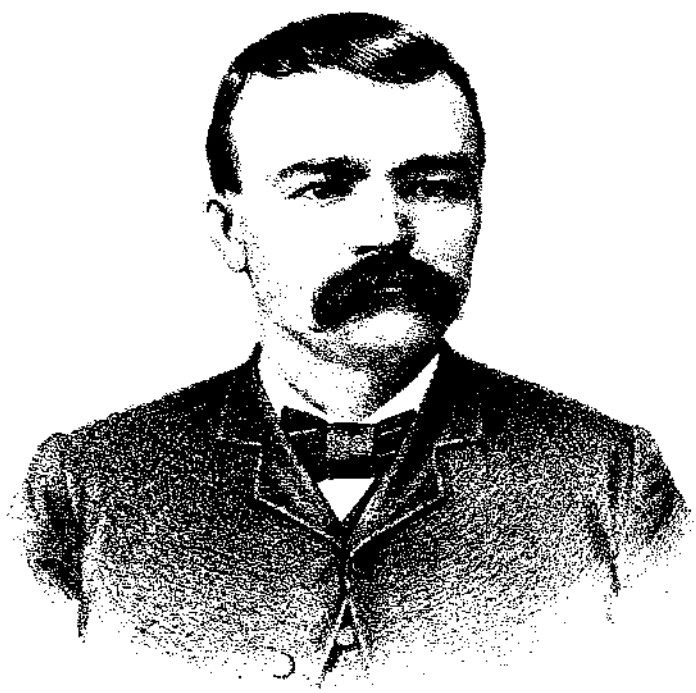
Noah Bray, a wealthy retired farmer, and one of the early residents of Dallas County, Mo., was born in Gallia County, Ohio, January 29, 1819, and was there reared and educated. In 1840 he concluded to seek his fortune in the West, and came down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers on a steamboat to Boonville, Mo., and from there walked to Dallas County, a distance of 110 miles, in three days. He had a brother who had previously located here, and he made his home with him and immediately engaged in farming. He raised one crop, then married Elizabeth Darby, of Polk County, and purchased the

farm on which he now lives, which consisted of 160 acres, on which he erected a little log house, and continued to live in this manner until he could make better improvements, which he soon did. The country was in a very primitive state at this time, and they raised their own cotton and flax and made their own clothes. Mr. Bray has resided in Dallas County for nearly half a century, and has seen the country grow from a wilderness into highly cultivated farms, and handsome residences take the place of the little log cabins of early days. He organized a company of militia during the war, was elected its captain, and while visiting at home was captured by the "Johnnies," but succeeded in eluding their vigilance and made his escape. On December 24, 1840, his marriage occurred, and his union has been blessed in the birth of six children, three of whom are living: Elizabeth J., wife of William Alford; Mary M., wife of M. D. L. Jones, and Frances A., wife of W. A. Southard. Mrs. Bray died January 21, 1851, and September 18, 1851, Mr. Bray married Mary Baker, who has borne him five children: William R., Noah J., General F., Naomi, wife of M. Alford, and Margaret, wife of J. L. Austin. Mr. Bray owns 500 acres of land, with about 250 acres under cultivation, and has also been extensively engaged in stock dealing. He held the office of justice of the peace six years, public administrator six years, deputy sheriff of the county two years, and was also county commissioner two years. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Denny) Bray, were born, reared and married in Surry County, N. C., and immigrated to Ohio in 1811, being among the early settlers of Gallia County. They entered 167 acres of unimproved land, and there spent the remainder of their days. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and he and wife became the parents of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, but only three of the family are now living: William, Noah and Reuben.

Thomas M. Brown, attorney at law, Buffalo, Mo. Prominent among the many wide-awake and enterprising citizens of Dallas County stands the name of the gentleman whose brief biography follows. Schooled and reared in the cradle of necessity, Mr. Brown has shown by his very successful life here, during the past eight or nine years, the sterling worth of his manhood, and has drawn around him many friends, the result of his close application to public and private matters, and a masterful completion of his work. He is a native of Illinois, was born in La Salle, Ill., February 4, 1854, and is the son of John M. and Mary (Mulholland) Brown, natives of the Emerald Isle, who sought for themselves in their early life a home on the American Continent. John M. Brown was a merchant by occupation, and followed this occupation in Illinois for some time. He then removed from there to Missouri, and subsequently (projecting a journey to Pike's Peak) he located in Johnson County, Kas., where he passed the remainder of his life. Mrs. Brown afterward returned to the Missouri home, where she subsequently became the wife of John M. Guthridge, and bore him six children. Our subject grew to manhood on the farm of his foster-father, and obtained a fair common-school

education. Upon attaining his majority, he sought the Lone Star State, where he spent nearly a year. He had been reared to hard manual labor, and used it as his stock in trade, but the State of Texas did not furnish him, as he thought, remuneration sufficient for his labors, and he returned to old Missouri. He here completed a good schooling, and afterward taught school. His early inclinations were for the study of law, and to this end the young man bent his energies. As soon as he could afford it, he entered a law office, his preceptor being the Hon. Daniel P. Stratton, of Stockton, Mo., from whose office he was admitted to the bar in 1880. Mr. Brown immediately cast about for a location, and for awhile he was at Hartville, in Wright County, Mo., where he made many strong and true friends, but did not stay there long, and located here. He came here in the spring of 1880, and in the fall of that year he was nominated and elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of Dallas County, a position he filled most acceptably during his term. To his credit it may be said that upon his retirement the citizens of Dallas County testified to their appreciation of his services by re-electing him to that office, and continuing him as their prosecuting attorney for another term. Upon his retirement from public life, Mr. Brown gave close attention to his practice, and has placed himself in the front rank of his profession. He is a versatile speaker, a deep reasoner, a logician of the old school on financial matters, and in this respect, which is certainly a cardinal principle in his character, we question very much whether he has any superiors, and few equals, in this judicial district. He has "hewed to the line," and made a success of his efforts. He owns over 1,000 acres of farm land, a very considerable city property here, a half interest in the Dallas County Bank and perquisites. He has a lucrative practice, and is to-day blessed with a realization of his early hopes when coming here, nominally a penniless attorney. Mr. Brown was happily married in Cedar County, Mo., January 20, 1881, to Miss Josie M. Beck, daughter of Isaac F. and Martha (Fielder) Beck, worthy citizens of Cedar County, Mo. Mrs. Brown is a lady of estimable attainments, and has, with her husband, the universal respect of all acquaintances. They are members of the Christian Church, and Mrs. Brown is a worthy and active member of the Ladies' Aid Society. Mr. Brown is a Master Mason, and a member of Reddick Lodge No. 361. He is a genial gentleman, affable and courteous to every one he meets; has a sound head, well set on a strong and healthy body. He enjoys his successful life here, however, very unostentatiously. We present his portrait.

J. P. Brownlow, banker of Buffalo, Mo., and one of the prominent and enterprising residents of Dallas County, was born in Giles County, Tenn., August 17, 1841, and is a son of James and Isabel (McCreary) Brownlow, who were also natives of that State and county, the former being killed during the late war by the soldiers, and the latter dying in Dallas County, Mo., in 1882. J. P. Brownlow received a limited early education, owing to the scarcity of good schools at that period, but acquired a fair knowledge of the "three R's." In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate army, in Company K,



Yours Truly
Thos. M. Brown

Third Tennessee Regiment, under Col. Brown, who afterward became governor of Tennessee, and participated in the battle of Fort Donelson, where he was wounded by a grape-shot in the right arm, and was afterward discharged and joined the Ninth Tennessee Cavalry, and was elected a lieutenant in Gen. Forrest's command. At the battle near Franklin he was wounded by a gunshot in the left shoulder, but was not disabled from duty. He was also in the battles of Nashville, Resaca and in a great many hard skirmishes, and was mustered out and discharged in April, 1865, at Gainesville, Ala., after which he returned home, and was engaged in farming until 1878, when he came to Dallas County, and located in Benton Township, about five miles from Buffalo, where he tilled the soil and was interested in stock trading and raising until 1882. He then came to Buffalo, where he has since made his home. All his business enterprises have been attended with good results, and in both social and business life he ranks among the first men of the county, and is a liberal giver to all worthy enterprises, having been one of the liberal contributors to the beautiful Baptist Church which has lately been erected in the town. He was married on December 4, 1859, to H. J. Ussery, a native of Tennessee, by whom he has seven children: Arabella F., Sallie P., John E., Joseph F., Cecil A., Cora and Katie. Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow and their four oldest children are worthy and consistent members of the Baptist Church, and are highly esteemed residents of the county.

Cornelius Brundridge is a representative of one of the oldest families in Dallas County, they having first become residents in 1838. He was born in Washington County, Mo., September 30, 1829, and is a son of David and Susan (Williamson) Brundridge, who were born in Kentucky and Ohio, respectively, and died in Dallas County, Mo., in 1875, their deaths occurring June 18 and June 11. The former was about sixty-three years of age, and the latter sixty-five. Their marriage took place in Washington County, whither they had moved with their parents at an early day, and they continued to reside there until the latter part of 1838, when they became residents of Dallas County. They were members of the Methodist Church for many years, and took great interest in the cause of Christianity. The father was a member of the State Militia during the late war, and until the breaking out of the Rebellion was a Democrat politically, after which he became a Republican. He was a strong Union man, and throughout a long and useful career was engaged in farming. Eight of his children are still living: Cornelius, William A., Sophronia (wife of Wilson Cooksey), John, Nancy (wife of Thomas Hardison), Abraham, Delila (wife of John Cooksey) and James D. Cornelius Brundridge resided with his parents until twenty-four years of age, and then engaged in tilling the soil for himself, which he has continued, in connection with stock raising, up to the present time, and has accumulated a goodly property. When the war broke out he first served six months in the State Militia, and then enlisted in Company I, of the Eighth Cavalry, United States Army, and after serving faithfully for three years was honorably discharged, having been a participant in the following engage-

ments: Little Rock, Grand Prairie and others. April 10, 1853, he was married to Serena Lofton, a daughter of John Lofton. She was born in Maury County, Tenn., January 4, 1830, and is the mother of seven living children: Susan (wife of John Lofton), Sarah (wife of Beverly Gammons), Martha J. (wife of John Saunders), G. F., Annie, Ella, John W. and Bell. Those deceased are Margaret and Amanda. Mrs. Brundridge is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the G. A. R., and is a Republican in politics.

Judge William H. Buckner, associate judge from the Southern District of Dallas County, also postmaster and merchant at Thorpe, was born in Cocke County, Tenn., January 24, 1842, and is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Carter) Buckner, natives of Cocke County, Tenn., and Virginia, respectively. The father was born March 23, 1819, and is now living on the farm of his son, Judge William H. The mother was born April 14, 1822, and is also living. They were married in Cocke County, Tenn., and lived there until the fall of 1869, when they came to Dallas County, Mo., where they have since resided. He for years was a minister in the Missionary Baptist Church, but of late years, on account of ill health and old age, has stopped preaching. He served over two years in the Third North Carolina Mounted Infantry, Federal service, and was in different battles. The Buckner family is of English and Irish descent, but the Carter family is of French and Irish. To Mr. and Mrs. Buckner were born four children: William H., John W. (deceased), Elizabeth (deceased) and Nancy E., wife of Reuben I. Carter, a farmer of Dallas County, Mo. William H. received his education in Cocke County, Tenn., and in March, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Eighth Tennessee Infantry, Federal Army, as orderly sergeant, and later as commissary sergeant, being honorably discharged at Knoxville, Tenn., August 18, 1865. He was in the siege of Knoxville, Dandridge and Blue Springs, Va.; then with Sherman to the sea; was at Buzzard's Roost and Resaca, Cartersville, Ga., and numerous other engagements, serving with honor and credit. After the war he began farming for himself, which he continued during the summer, and worked at the carpenter trade during the winter time. This he continued until June 6, 1884, when he formed a partnership with J. H. Davidson, and opened up a store at Thorpe. Here, after merchandising for a year, Mr. Buckner bought out his partner, and continued the business alone until 1886, when he formed a partnership with S. C. Robertson, and in March, 1888, the latter gave up his partnership interest, and J. W. W. Thompson took his place, where he has remained since. In 1882 our subject was elected justice of the peace, and in 1888 was elected judge from the Southern District of Dallas County. He has been school director and district clerk for twelve years. December 24, 1865, he married Miss Mary Eliza Holt, a native of Cocke County, Tenn., and the daughter of Josiah and Millie Holt. She was born in 1844, and died in her native county August 7, 1868. Two children were born to this union: Joseph A., a farmer in Henry County, Mo., and another son, who died in infancy. January 20, 1869, Judge Buckner married Miss Martha J. White, who was born in Cocke County, Tenn., October 30,

1843, and who is the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth White. To Judge and Mrs. Buckner were born ten children: Sarah E., born October 23, 1869, and died October 1, 1888, wife of N. S. Binkley, of Dallas County, Mo.; David W., James D., born October 13, 1873, and died April 4, 1874; Eliza J., John H., Margaret A., Levi A., Lavina, born in February, 1881, and died August 10, 1881; Charles C. and Ira P. In 1885 Judge Buckner was appointed postmaster at Thorpe. He is a Republican in politics, and an enterprising citizen.

Andrew Johnson Butts, M. D., one of the leading practitioners of Dallas County, Mo., and a resident of Jackson Township, was born January 8, 1863, and is the son of John W. and Mary (Crawford) Butts, natives of Franklin, Ky., and North Carolina, respectively. John W. Butts moved with his parents to Missouri when a young man, and located in Dallas County, where he remained until the breaking out of the Civil War. He then enlisted in the Confederate army, serving until the battle of Helena, Ark., where he was taken prisoner, retained as such nine months at Alton, Ill., and fourteen months at Fort Delaware. He was in different battles, and was wounded at Pea Ridge, Ark. After the war he went to Texas, and settled in Lamar County, but afterward moved back to Dallas County, Mo. Here he remained one year, and in 1881 returned to Texas, locating in Denton County, and there died February 23, 1883, at the age of forty-two or forty-three. The mother is now living in Laclede County, Mo., and is the wife of William Benton. While in Texas the father served for some time as deputy sheriff, but his principal occupation was farming and stock raising, in which he was very successful. He was a Democrat in politics. To their marriage were born five children, three now living: A. J., Nettie and Hattie. The two last named are living with their grandfather, H. G. Butts. The two deceased were Walter and an infant. Andrew J. Butts was reared by his grandfather, and received a very liberal education at the home schools. In 1884 and 1885 he attended lectures at the Missouri Medical College, and again in 1887 and 1888, graduating on the 6th of March of the last named year. Soon after he came to his present location, where he has a large practice, which is constantly increasing. January 24, 1885, he married Miss Ellen McMillan, a native of Hardeeman County, Tenn., and the daughter of James McMillan, an old settler of Dallas County, Mo. This union has been blessed by two children, Mallie and Willie. Dr. Butts is a Democrat in politics and a good citizen.

Charles L. Curtice, dealer in marble and granite monuments, tombstones, etc., at Buffalo, Mo., is a native of the "Empire State," having been born on the 10th of November, 1842, in Washington County, N. Y. His father was a well-known Free-will Baptist minister, while his mother was a Wing, of the Wings of Troy, N. Y. Charles L. Curtice was reared and educated in his native State, and at the age of seventeen began teaching school in Wisconsin, to which State his widowed mother removed in the previous year, his father dying while the son was only twelve years old. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted, on the 27th of April, 1861, in Company F, Twentieth Illinois

Volunteer Infantry. On the 27th of November, 1861, he was discharged, but re-enlisted on the same day in Company C, Sixth Illinois Cavalry. He was on the famous Grierson raid, and participated in the siege of Port Hudson, the last fight at Nashville, and a large number of lesser engagements. He was captured twice by the enemy, once by the guerrillas, but, although he was run by blood-hounds, he escaped, and after eleven weeks returned to his regiment at Memphis, Tenn. He was discharged November 27, 1865, at Camp Butler, Ill., making his term of service four years and seven months. For two years after his discharge he taught school in Franklin County, Ill. In 1868 he came to Dallas County, Mo., and for about eighteen years he taught in the schools of Dallas and adjoining counties. He also homesteaded and improved a farm during the intervals of teaching. He was married while on veteran furlough, on the 27th of April, 1864, to Miss Nancy E. Tinsley, of Franklin County, Ill., by whom he has had six children: Alice, married and living in Gunnison, Colo.; Willie, who died in November, 1884, at the age of fifteen years; Mamie, Walter, Cecil and Neva. His wife is a lineal descendant, on her father's side, of one of the oldest German families, her grandmother being a Molkey, a near relation of the Baron Von Moltke. Mr. Cur-tice is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the G. A. R., and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

William H. Darby, a carpenter and farmer of Urbana, Dallas County, was born in what was then Polk and is now Hickory County, Mo., in 1842. His parents were Daniel and Phoebe (Evans) Darby, the former of whom was born in Ohio in 1799, and the latter in 1801. After their marriage they moved from Ohio to Illinois, and later settled in Polk County, Mo. Of their thirteen children six are still living, viz.: Ezra, Ruami, Ephraim, William H., George W. and Isabelle, all living near Urbana, Mo. Daniel Darby was a wagon-maker and farmer, and served as justice of the peace many years; he died in 1862, and his widow in 1880. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Jedediah Darby. William H. Darby spent his early life in his native county. In 1863 he enlisted in Company F, Seventh Missouri State Militia Cavalry, under command of Col. John F. Phillips and Capt. B. H. Wilson, and took part in the battles of Jefferson City, Boonville and Big Blue, Mo., and Westport and Mine Creek, Kas., receiving an honorable discharge in 1865. In the same year he married Emily Andrews, who was born in Buffalo, Mo., in 1843, and is a daughter of Mark and Virginia (Thompson) Andrews, both natives of Virginia. Mark Andrews was a physician and farmer, and moved from Virginia to Buffalo, Mo., in 1840, and thence to near Urbana, Hickory Co., Mo., in 1850. In the Andrews family were ten children, seven of whom are still living, viz.: Martha Darby, Virginia Fletcher, Emily Darby, Lucy Reser, John Andrews, Joseph Andrews, Harriet Coon, Susan Darby and Mark Andrews. Mr. Darby owns 160 acres of land, of which eighty-five acres are under cultivation. He served as justice of the peace in Hickory County four years, and in 1880 bought and removed to his present home in Dallas County. He is a Democrat in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham

Lincoln in 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Darby are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Joseph Davis is a farmer and miller of Urbana, Dallas Co., Mo., where he was born in 1842. His parents were Shepherd and Nancy (Cox) Davis, the former born in New Jersey in 1819, and the latter in North Carolina in 1822. They first moved from New Jersey to Illinois, whence they went to Dallas County, Mo., in 1839, returning to Illinois in 1843. In their family of three children our subject is the only survivor. Shepherd Davis, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1849. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Ezekiel and Rachel Davis, natives of New Jersey, who subsequently moved to Illinois; the former was a farmer and cooper. Mrs. Nancy Davis was a daughter of John and Sarah (Owens) Cox, who went to Illinois from North Carolina, and in 1839 removed to Dallas County, Mo. John Cox was also a farmer. Joseph Davis was reared to farming in his native county, and in 1863 he enlisted in Company I, Eighth Missouri Cavalry, Union Army; he participated in the battles of Little Rock, Brown's Station, Pumpkin Bend and Augusta, and received an honorable discharge in August, 1865, when he returned to his home in Dallas County. Mr. Davis owns 540 acres of land, and a three-fourths interest in a flouring and saw mill at Urbana, as well as three lots in the town of Urbana. In 1872 he married Miss Rosetta White, who was born in Grant County, Wis., in 1849, and is a daughter of Nathan White, a native of the State of Tennessee, and a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have four children, viz.: Olive Lula, Cora Nancy, Oscar Lee and Ruiah Rowena. Mr. Davis is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and his political sympathies are with the Republican party.

George Delaplain, sheriff of Dallas County, was born in Licking County, Ohio, September 15, 1835, and is a son of John and Orpha (Overturf) Delaplain, the former being an early settler of Ohio. He immigrated to Polk County, Mo., in 1849, but in 1852 came to Dallas County and located in Benton Township, where he lived until his death in 1871. His wife died in 1859, having borne a family of nine children, five of whom are yet living. George Delaplain resided in his native State until fourteen years of age, and continued to make his home with his parents until 1855, when he was married and began doing for himself. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the Eighth Missouri Cavalry, Company I, serving three years, and was in a number of skirmishes, but was in no regular engagement, as he was on scouting duty the most of the time. He also served as blacksmith of his company, and after receiving his discharge on the 2d of August, 1865, went to Illinois, whither his family had moved for protection. He remained there about one year, then moved back to Dallas County, where he has since been engaged in farming, and is the owner of ninety acres of land in Benton Township, the most of which is under cultivation. He was elected to the office of county sheriff in 1882, and was re-elected in 1886 and in 1888, and in his official capacity, as well as socially, he stands high in the estimation of the people. He was first married to Isabel Patterson, of Ohio, by whom he became

the father of five children, four of whom are living: Elvira, Orpha, Eva and Adam. His second marriage was to Miss Mary J. Cowden, who bore him one child, Charles, and his next marriage was to Miss Adaline Johnson. His present wife was Mary Battoms, who was born in Tennessee. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and G. A. R., and he and wife belong to the Baptist Church.

Silas Dillion, an enterprising farmer of Lincoln Township, Dallas County, was born in Virginia in 1819, and is a son of William and Mary (Plyburn) Dillion, both natives of Virginia, who were born respectively in 1793 and 1787, and spent their lives in their native State. They had a family of ten children, seven of whom still survive, viz.: Louis Dillion, Jacob Dillion, Lydia Sink, Silas Dillion, Jesse Dillion, Reed Dillion, Tyra Dillion. Those deceased are Becky Bonson, Polly Dillion and Moses Dillion. William Dillion, who was a farmer, died in 1846; his widow lived until 1876. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Jesse and Elizabeth (Blankenship) Dillion, of Virginia, where the former was a large planter and slaveholder. Silas Dillion was reared in his native State, where he spent his early manhood. In 1840 he went to Kentucky, and engaged in teaming until 1843, when he returned to Virginia, but the following year again went to Kentucky. In 1847 he married Elizabeth J. Vaughan, who was born in Kentucky in 1830, and was a daughter of Jeremiah and Frances (Barker) Vaughan, also natives of Kentucky, the former a farmer and merchant. Mrs. Dillion died in 1869, leaving seven children, viz.: Mary Frances Brown, Jeremiah, Anna E. Wattenboyer, William, Robert, Jennie E. Bonner and Crawford. In 1871 Mr. Dillion married Sarah E. Sample, a native of Tennessee, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth Sample, of that State. By his second marriage Mr. Dillion has five children, viz.: Dona Belle Crudginton, Jacob, John L., Mella S. and Rebecca J. In 1862 Mr. Dillion enlisted in Company E, Missouri State Militia, under command of Col. McClurg and Capt. Allen, and served until the close of the war, participating in the battles of Sentinel Prairie and Vaughn Station. He removed from Kentucky to Missouri in 1856, and first settled in Polk County, where he remained one year, and then went to Hickory County, removing to Dallas County in 1865, which has since been his home. He owns 278 acres of land, 100 acres of which are under cultivation, and devotes his attention entirely to farming. In religion he is a Free Will Baptist, and politically he is non-partisan.

Jacob Drake, dealer in saddles, harness, bridles, collars, whips, etc., at Buffalo, Mo., is a native of Jackson County, Ind., and was born in December, 1841, and when four years of age was taken by his parents, Jacob and Sarah (Sheline) Drake, to Vinton County, Ohio, where they resided until 1856. Coming west they located in Dallas County, Mo., where the father entered 160 acres of land, heavily covered with timber and totally unimproved. Here he erected a little log cabin, in which he lived until he could make better improvements, which was done in a few years. In 1869 he removed to Kentucky, where he spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring in 1875. He was born in Massachusetts in 1809, his wife having been born in

the "Keystone State." Five of their eleven children are living at the present time. Jacob Drake, the subject of this sketch, resided in Ohio until about sixteen years of age, since which time he has lived in Dallas County, Mo. When the war broke out he enlisted first in Company F of the Home Guards, but shortly after joined Phelps' six months regiment, and after serving over seven months he joined Company A, Eighth Missouri Cavalry, serving as corporal until the close, doing duty principally as a scout, and participating in a number of sharp skirmishes. He was mustered out and discharged in August, 1865, after nearly four years' service, and was engaged in farming until the spring of 1881, when he was elected county collector, and served four years. He was also engaged in the real estate business until June, 1888, since which time he has been occupied in his present calling, the firm being known as Drake & Loran, and besides this property he owns several houses and lots in Buffalo. He is a member of the G. A. R. and A. O. U. W., and he and wife, whose maiden name was Delilah B. Robbins, and whom he married in 1866, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have an adopted child, named James P. Drake, but his father's name is F. M. Routh. The child was born March 9, 1886; his mother, A. J. Routh, died when he was nine days old.

John S. Edmisson (deceased). In giving a history of the prominent and progressive citizens of Dallas County, the biographical department of this work would be incomplete without mentioning the Edmisson family, who have been represented in Missouri since 1837, at which date John S. Edmisson and his parents, Emanuel and Nancy (Johnson) Edmisson, located in Washington Township, Dallas County, where they entered land and were among the first settlers. He was born October 20, 1820, in Hardin County, Tenn., but received a fair education in the schools of Dallas County. July 8, 1847, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Wollard, and removed to Washington Township, where he was robbed and killed by the militia on the night of the 25th of September, 1863. He was a very successful farmer and stock dealer, and all his property was acquired by his own energy and judicious management, as he started in life a poor boy and received no assistance from his parents. He held a number of offices in the county, and had been clerk of the Baptist Church, of which he was a member, for a number of years. Five of his seven children are now living: George T.; Louisa R., wife of James L. Randle; Richard C.; Nancy M., wife of John H. Williamson, and Robert N. His wife is still living, aged sixty-one years, and after his death she was married to Dr. George Davison, of Murray County, Tenn., by whom she became the mother of two children: Joshua S., and Mary J., wife of John A. Brown. The Doctor died January 4, 1887, and was a member of the Christian Church, and also came to Missouri when seventeen years of age. His wife's parents were Nathaniel and Margaret (Hardison) Wollard, natives of Murray County, Tenn., where also their daughter Elizabeth was born, November 29, 1827. They came to Dallas County about 1837, and settled on a farm in Washington Township, where the father was killed by the militia September 1, 1863, his house having

been robbed and burned by them. He was a minister of the Baptist Church, and was a peaceable and law-abiding citizen. Emanuel Edmisson died at the home of his son, John S., in Jackson Township, in July, 1857.

George T. Edmisson, a son of John S. and Elizabeth (Wollard) Edmisson, is a prominent attorney and notary public of Buffalo, Mo., and was born in Dallas County September 11, 1849, and was reared on farms in Jackson and Washington Townships, being educated principally in the latter. In August, 1877, receiving appointment to fill a vacancy as county clerk, he gave up farm life, and began filling the duties of his office. He was elected to the office in 1878, which position he filled until January 1, 1883, and during this time his spare moments were spent in studying Blackstone, and he was admitted to the bar in 1887, being appointed notary public the same year. He is building up an excellent and lucrative practice, and promises to stand at the head of his profession at no distant day. He enlisted in the Fifty-sixth Missouri Infantry, United States Volunteers, April 1, 1865, and served until peace was declared, although he was only sixteen years of age. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, and his wife, whom he married October 29, 1868, is a member of the Baptist Church. Her maiden name was Amanda M. Stafford, and they are the parents of the following children: Lizzie, Felix C., George I., Robert E. and Albert P. Four children are deceased. Mr. Edmisson's connection with the professional and social affairs of Buffalo has proved fortunate for the residents of this community. Active, painstaking and thorough in everything attempted, he has aided very materially in advancing the interests of the place, and his career as a representative, progressive citizen has won for him extensive and honorable acquaintance.

Curtis C. Edmisson is a leading citizen of Washington Township, Dallas Co., Mo., and is a son of Emanuel and Nancy (Johnson) Edmisson, who were natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively. The father died in Dallas County, Mo., in 1854, at the age of sixty-two years, the mother also dying there in 1840, when a comparatively young woman. They were married in Johnson County, Ky., whither the father had emigrated when a young man, and after residing in that State for a few years went to Tennessee, and afterward to Missouri, being among the very early settlers of Dallas County. In 1849 the family went to Randolph County, Ark., but returned to Missouri in 1853, locating in Hickory County, where the mother's death occurred. After her death Emanuel married Widow Nancy McVey, who is now living in Dallas County at an extreme old age. The father was a Democrat and a farmer throughout life, and he and wife became the parents of fourteen children, twelve of whom lived to be grown, Curtis C. being the eleventh of the family. He and a brother and three sisters are the only ones living at the present time. Their names are as follows: Martha (widow of George H. Hill), Ellen (widow of Thomas Hill), Nancy (wife of John Allcorn), Curtis C., and S. R., who is a mechanic of Dallas County. In 1857 Curtis C. left home, and crossed the plains to California,

making the trip in six months. The year before he had started to make the trip, but after he and his friends had passed Fort Kearney, they had a fight with the Indians, in which one of the men was wounded, and Mr. Edmisson remained to care for him until his death. By that time the train had advanced such a distance that he was unable to join it, and he returned home and started the next year, and during a fourteen years' residence in the West was engaged in mining in Oregon, Nevada, Washington Territory, Idaho Territory, Montana Territory, Utah Territory, Wyoming Territory and British Columbia. He also followed teaming and farming, and in all these occupations was quite successful, having surmounted difficulties to which many men would have succumbed. He can tell many thrilling experiences of his Western life, and for some time, while residing in Montana, filled the office of justice of the peace. Since returning to Missouri he has been engaged in farming and stock dealing, and is a wealthy and enterprising citizen of the county, being the owner of a well-improved and well-located farm. On the fourteenth of December, 1871, he was married to Rhoda R. C. Randles, a daughter of Robert O. Randles, by whom he is the father of the following children: John R., Nancy Olive, Lillie Melvina, Curtis O., William R., James F., Ella R., and the following, who are deceased: Ida M. and Cora L. Mrs. Edmisson was born in Dallas County, Mo., April 4, 1854, and is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Edmisson is a Mason, and a member of the Agricultural Wheel.

Benjamin S. Fraker was born in Knox County, Tenn., May 14, 1818. His paternal grandparents, Michael Fraker, and wife, came to this country from Germany in 1700, first settling in Virginia and then in Tennessee, where they died in 1700. They reared a large family of children, who became successful farmers. One of the sons, Michael Fraker, Jr., moved to Kentucky in an early day, and was instrumental in the building of a town called Frakertown. The maternal grandparents of Benjamin, Christian Sandes and wife, Mary, also settled in Tennessee in 1700. The former was a blacksmith by trade, a calling in which he made a good living. Christian Fraker, father of the subject of this sketch, was born August 19, 1782, and died in 1828, in full fellowship with the Methodist Church, of which he had lived a devoted member. He was a successful farmer, and accumulated considerable property. His wife, Mary Sandes, daughter of Benjamin Sandes, was born November 29, 1785, and died in 1854. After her husband's death she came with five children to Missouri, in the fall of 1842. The following constituted the family: Margaret, born September 20, 1804, died in 1833; Michael, born March 22, 1806 (also deceased); George W., born December 9, 1807, died in 1886; Mary, born February 23, 1810, died in 1829; Robert, born January 7, 1812, died in 1832; Sarah, born March 23, 1814, died in 1880; Elizabeth, born May, 8, 1816; Benjamin S., our subject; Catherine, born April 17, 1820, died the same year; Susan, born April 22, 1822, died in 1849; Martha J., born February 4, 1824, died in 1843; and Nancy E., born February 24, 1826. Benjamin and Nancy are the only ones now living, the latter keeping house for her brother. She has been a

member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for many years. Benjamin S. Fraker was the youngest son, and with his sister Nancy resided with and cared for his mother until her death. In 1842 he came to Missouri, to him a land unattractive by reason of the presence of a multitude of snakes and wild animals, though good hunting (of which he was fond) abounded. In 1843 he took up his abode in Dallas County, which has since been his home. During the war he lost heavily, but has since managed to retrieve his fallen fortunes, and is now in good circumstances, and is considered one of the enterprising and prosperous citizens of the county. His farm consists of 240 acres of excellent land, and is well adapted to stock raising, an enterprise in which Mr. Fraker has taken considerable interest. He has always been a stanch Democrat, and for the past thirty years has been a steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Judge John Franklin. Among the many prominent and esteemed citizens of Dallas County, and among those deserving special recognition for their long residence in the same, stands the name of the above mentioned gentleman, who was born in Moniteau County, Mo., August 20, 1834, and is the son of John and Susan (Foster) Franklin, natives of North Carolina. John Franklin was married in North Carolina, and afterward immigrated to East Tennessee, going from there to Central Illinois, where he remained for some time, but afterward moved to Moniteau County, Mo. Later they moved to Dallas County, of the same State, and here both died, the father in 1862, at the age of eighty-six, and the mother in 1851, at the age of fifty-five years. They were both members of the Baptist Church for many years, and he was a Republican in politics after the organization of that party. To their marriage were born eleven sons and one daughter, and of this large family only two are living: Nancy and John. Nancy is the wife of Green Stafford, who was a Union soldier, and died during the war. She is now living in Jasper Township, Dallas County. Judge John Franklin remained with his parents until their deaths, taking care and providing for them in their old age. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry, Federal Army, and served sixteen months and a half, when he received a gunshot wound in the right side, which disabled him from further service. Previous to the war, December 23, 1852, he married Miss Lavina Flannagan, who was born in Illinois July 16, 1832, and who is the daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Holly) Flannagan. This union resulted in the birth of six sons and one daughter: Andrew J., William T., Albert J., George R., Joseph H., Almas M. and Mary. Judge Franklin has been a farmer and stock raiser all his life, and as such has been successful. He has 240 acres of land, with the greater portion under cultivation and well improved. In 1872 he went to Wilson County, Kas., and lost considerable money on this venture, but has since made good the loss. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, and is J. W. of Reddick Lodge No. 361, also a member of Lodge No. 430, I. O. O. F., at Buffalo, and is a member of the Wheel. He was constable of Jasper Township for eight years, and in 1882 was elected

county judge, and re-elected in 1884. He is a Republican in politics, and he and wife are members of the Free Will Baptist Church.

D. M. Gammon is a merchant of Louisburg, Mo., and was born in Roane County, Tenn., August 1, 1841, his parents being George and Malinda (Galbreath) Gammon, who were born in Virginia, but were reared and married in Tennessee, whither they had moved at an early day. They remained in that State until 1860, and then came to Dallas County, Mo., and located on what is known as Four Mile Prairie, where they purchased a large tract of land and resided until their respective deaths. D. M. Gammon is one of eight surviving members of their family of eleven children, and received his education and rearing in his native State. When about twenty years of age he came to Missouri with his parents, but continued on his western course, and resided in Kansas for about eight months. In March, 1862, he rejoined his parents, and enlisted in Company B, Fourteenth Missouri State Militia, which was consolidated in February, 1863, with Company A, Fourth Missouri State Militia, and served until April, 1865, being a participant in the battle of Prairie Grove and several hard skirmishes. At Air Rock, Mo., he was wounded by a gunshot in the right knee, and was taken to the hospital, where he remained about fourteen months. After receiving his discharge he returned home, and was engaged in husbandry until 1875, when he began merchandising at Louisburg. He has been deputy postmaster of the town for several years, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. In 1865 he espoused Miss Margaret Knox, by whom he has six children: Charles O., Leonard T., William, Eva, Margaret and Stella. Mr. Gammon is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Francis M. Gann, who is also classed among the prominent and enterprising citizens of Dallas County, was born in Hamilton County, Tenn., March 12, 1848, and is the son of Cornelius and Lydia (Morland) Gann, natives of Tennessee and North Carolina, respectively. The father was born August 3, 1819, and died in Dallas County, Mo., December 3, 1875. The mother was born in 1817, and is still living on the old homestead in Washington Township, Dallas Co., Mo. They were married in Tennessee, where they lived until 1853, when they came to Webster County, Mo., and there resided until 1857. They then came to Dallas County, and located in the neighborhood of where their son, Francis M., now lives. He was a successful farmer, the result of industry and good management; was a Republican in politics, and both he and wife were members of the Baptist Church for many years, he being deacon of the same. In 1861 he enlisted and served six months in the State Militia, or Home Guards, then enlisted in Company B, Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry, Federal Army, and served until honorably discharged at St. Louis, Mo., in the latter part of 1864. He was in the battles of Pea Ridge, Tupelo, Miss., Pleasant Hill, La., and many other skirmishes. To his marriage were born ten children, our subject being the fourth: Sarah E., Martha J., Delilah, Francis M., Thomas (deceased), Nancy, Sallie, James M., John and Henry D. Thomas was born March 12, 1850, and died November 1, 1888. Of this family Francis M. is the eldest son. He

remained at home and assisted in taking care of the balance of the family until seventeen years of age, or until August, 1864, when he enlisted in Company F, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, Federal Army, and served until June 23, 1865, he being the youngest soldier in his regiment. September 10, of the last named year, he married Miss Clara J. Alley, a native of Kentucky, born November 23, 1847, and the daughter of Wiley and Charlotta (Shelton) Alley. This union was blessed by the birth of ten children, viz.: James W., who died when seven years of age; Rebecca Ann, wife of T. F. Legan, a farmer of Dallas County, Mo.; John W., at home; Martha J., at home; Starling C., also at home; George R., died in his third year; Marion, Joseph, Franklin N., Lucy E. and Thomas J. When first married Mr. Gann began life as a farmer, and this he has since continued. He is the owner of a well-located and well-improved farm, and he and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, Mr. Gann at present being clerk of the same. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the G. A. R.

Joseph S. Goheen, editor of the *Dallas County Democrat*, was born in Greene County, Ill., May 24, 1855, and at the early age of fourteen years began learning the printer's trade, serving an apprenticeship in the office of the *Register*, at White Hall, Ill. He afterward went to Texarkana, Ark., where he worked as a journeyman for a number of years, and then became foreman in the job printing department of the *Springfield Herald*, with which paper he was connected for some time. In the fall of 1888 he came to Buffalo, Mo., and took charge of the *Dallas County Democrat*, and became proprietor of the establishment in January, 1889, and owing to his many years' experience in the newspaper business and knowledge of political affairs, the *Democrat* has become one of the most flourishing papers of the county. It is published in the interests of the Democratic party, and is newsy, entertaining and instructive. In 1878 he was married to Miss Nettie Light, a native of Macoupin County, Ill., and by her is the father of three children: Jo-Nettie, Charles and Harry.

B. W. A. Henson, one of the leading stock traders and dealers of Dallas County, Mo., and the son of Benjamin and Fanny (Wollard) Henson, was born in Dallas County, Mo., near his present place of residence, April 17, 1848. The parents were natives of Tennessee, and both died when the subject of this sketch was a young lad. Benjamin Henson, a farmer by occupation, was one of the first settlers in Dallas County. To his marriage were born four children: Elizabeth, wife of N. C. Bennett, a prominent citizen of this county; William T., also a Dallas County farmer; Catherine, wife of Timothy Cloud, of Hot Springs County, Ark., and B. W. A. The last named, after the death of his parents, lived with his grandparents, his uncle, Robert Randels, and with N. L. Bennett. He has farmed the most of his life, and in connection has dealt and traded in stock. May 26, 1867, he married Miss Minerva A. Davis, who was born in Dallas County, Mo., December 8, 1850, and who is the daughter of Woodford J. Davis. Six living children were born to this union: William T., Benjamin F., Augusta E., Charles F., Cora D. and Mamie E. Those deceased were

named: Thomas E., who died October 25, 1868, at the age of five months, and John L., born July 13, 1878, and died December 13, 1881. In 1880 Mr. Henson began selling goods where he now lives, which he continued four years, and was appointed postmaster at Greasy, which position he has since filled. He is the owner of some of the best land in Dallas County, 700 acres in all, with 320 in the home place. Though starting life with limited means, Mr. Henson has, by industry and good management, been unusually successful, and is now in very comfortable circumstances. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. He has, for some time past, been extensively engaged in stock business, and it is said that he handles more stock than any other man in Dallas County. He is a warm supporter of the educational interests of the community, and, indeed, supports all worthy movements tending to the welfare of his native county.

George W. Herd, one of the leading merchants of Dallas County, doing business at Charity, was born in Tennessee September 26, 1823, being the son of John and Rebecca (Martin) Herd, natives of Kentucky and North Carolina, respectively. The father was a farmer all his life, and died in Tennessee when the subject of this sketch was a very small child. After his death the mother moved to Macoupin County, Ill., here married James Derrick, and soon after moved to Missouri, locating in Greene County (this county was soon after changed to Webster County), when George W. Herd was but seven years of age. The mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died in 1875, at the age of seventy-two. By her first marriage she became the mother of two sons: James C. (deceased) and George W. The former died in Greene County, Mo., January 20, 1888, at the age of sixty-one. He was a farmer. By the last marriage were born two children: Joshua, and Cynthia J., wife of Alex. Blay. George W. Herd was nineteen years of age when he started for himself as a farmer, and this business he has continued up to the present, in connection with rearing and dealing in stock. In January, 1880, he opened up a general store at his present location, where he has remained ever since. August 26, 1848, he married Miss Sarah M. Drumbeller, a native of Sumner County, Tenn., born December 22, 1831, and the daughter of Nicholas L. and Eliza (Hollis) Drumbeller. This union has been blessed by the birth of nine children: Rosa J. (wife of William T. Henson, a farmer of Dallas County), Eliza C. (wife of Solomon B. Jones, a farmer of Texas), James T., (farmer, of Dallas County), Phoebe V. (wife of L. F. Jones, merchant, of Buffalo), Sarah C. (wife of J. W. W. Thompson, farmer, of Webster County), Lougenia M. (wife of A. J. Graves, a Methodist minister now on the Buffalo Circuit), Parthena (wife of S. B. Robertson, a blacksmith) and Alma, at home. There was one who died—Mary R. Mr. and Mrs. Herd are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a Democrat in his political views.

Warrenton Hunt, liveryman and farmer, of Buffalo, Mo., was born in Washington County, Tenn., November 22, 1835, and is a son of Dr. Peter and Easter (Morrison) Hunt, who were also natives of that

State and county. They immigrated to Dallas County, Mo., in the spring of 1840, and located on what is known as the Straitor farm, near the Rock Spring Camp-ground. Here they resided until after the war, then went to Arkansas for the father's health, but his death occurred in Polk County in 1874. He was a practicing physician, which profession he carried on in connection with farming, and bore an excellent reputation among his medical brethren. His wife died in 1843. He was married four times, and reared a large family of children. Warrenton Hunt was about five years of age when he was brought to Dallas County, and was here reared to manhood on a farm. Owing to the scarcity of schools in his boyhood days, he received no schooling, but managed to acquire enough education by self application to fit him for the ordinary business affairs of life. He remained with his father until the Rebellion broke out, then enlisted in the Home Guards, but after a short time was furloughed, and returned home and engaged in threshing wheat. He followed this occupation for two years, and as the men were all serving in the war, he was assisted in this work by the women. He then joined Company H, Eighth Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia, and served until the close of the war as commissary sergeant, and participated in several hard skirmishes, but in no regular fight. In 1865 he returned home, and purchased 183 acres of land, all under fence and well improved, where he continued to reside and deal in stock until November, 1885, when he moved to Buffalo, and engaged in his present business, in which he has been quite successful. September 12, 1869, he was married to Miss Martha Olinger, by whom he has six sons and one daughter: William T., James R., Ella (wife of G. B. Austin), Adolphus F., Marcus F., Jasper I. and Varda V. Mr. Hunt is a member of the A. O. U. W., and he and wife belong to the Missionary Baptist Church.

C. F. Johnson may be mentioned as one of the successful farmers and stock dealers of the county. He was born in Karlstead, Sweden, November 4, 1844, his parents being John J. and Margret A. (Swenson), Johnson, both of whom lived and died in their native land. Three of their eight children are now living. C. F. Johnson was reared and educated in his native land, and before coming to America learned and worked at the stone-mason's trade. In May, 1865, he embarked for the United States, taking passage at Gottenburg, Sweden, and landed at Castle Garden, New York City, after a fourteen days' voyage. After residing in that city for about four months, he went to Chicago, thence to St. Louis, and worked in the latter city at the stone-mason's trade for about four years, and for about three years worked on the San Francisco Railroad construction. He was then employed on the construction of the Laclède & Fort Scott Railway, and worked on it until it stopped work at Buffalo, in which city he located in 1873, purchasing the farm of 305 acres on which he is now residing. In all he owns 700 acres of valuable land, fairly well improved, all of which he has acquired by industry and economy, and can now enjoy the fruits of his labor. He has given a great deal of attention to dealing in hogs and cattle, which he ships to St. Louis, and the county fair ground is located on Mr. Johnson's farm, and con-

sists of twenty acres. March 8, 1874, he was wedded to Rebecca P., a daughter of Thomas P. and Polly A. (Rice) Welch, and by her is the father of seven children: Alfred L., William O., Walter T., Minnie D., Charles F., Margret A. and Fannie J. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and his wife belongs to the Christian Church.

John Washington Jones, a successful agriculturist and fruit grower of Jackson Township, Dallas Co., Mo., was born near his present place of residence February 24, 1852, and is the son of Bills and Altha (Randles) Jones, natives of Tennessee. The father was born in 1821, and died in Dallas County, Mo., January 10, 1876. The mother died on January 9, 1874, when forty-six years of age. They were married in Missouri, and lived and spent the principal part of their lives in Dallas County. The father was a farmer and stock raiser, at which he was quite successful. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, was a Democrat in politics, and was sheriff of Dallas County in 1860. To his marriage were born twelve children, eight now living: Mary, wife of J. W. Henderson; Sarah, wife of J. C. Bennett; Solomon B., John Washington, Lemuel T., Robert L., James E. and Green S. One deceased was named Nancy, and three died in infancy. John W. Jones, the subject of our sketch, was married March 6, 1870, to Miss Martha Bennett, a native of Dallas County, Mo., born May 25, 1853, and to this union were born seven children, viz.: Moses B., James F., Nathaniel L. (deceased), Sarah A., Jackson B., Solomon L. and Christopher Alonzo. Mr. Jones is a Democrat in politics, and ever since his marriage he has been successfully engaged in farming and stock raising. He is the owner of a well-improved and well-located farm, and is also engaged quite extensively in the fruit business, raising apples mostly. He and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Dr. Samuel J. Latimer, a leading physician of Dallas County, Mo., was born in Washington County, Mo., April 22, 1833, being the son of Samuel and Nancy (Bottom) Latimer, both natives of Green County, Ky. The father was born December 19, 1795, and died in Webster County, Mo., July 19, 1873. He had followed agricultural pursuits, and was first married to Miss Elizabeth Garrett, who died in Missouri. He afterward married Mrs. Day, who was the widow of John Day, and whose maiden name was Bottom. She was born July 18, 1797, and died in Webster County, Mo., December 15, 1885. After his second marriage Mr. Latimer and wife lived in Macoupin County, Ill., a short time, and then moved to Washington County, Mo., where they resided until November, 1837. At that date they moved to Webster (then Polk) County, Mo., settling on Niangua Creek, and while living on one farm he was a resident of three different counties. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He held numerous minor offices in Washington County, Mo., and was one of the much esteemed citizens of the county. His father, Jacob Latimer, was a native of Virginia, who went to Kentucky with Daniel Boone, and helped fight the Indians at Crab Orchard. To Samuel Latimer and his second

wife were born a large family of children, five of whom are now living, Dr. Samuel J. being the eldest. The others were named as follows: Margaret Ann and Martha Ann (twins), William H. and Jacob L. (twins), Lydia M. (deceased). By his first marriage Mr. Latimer became the father of one son, Dr. G. W., and two daughters, the last two only living, Adaline and Nancy G. By her first marriage Mrs. Latimer became the mother of five sons and one daughter; three are living: Edward, Allen and Hiley. Dr. Samuel J. Latimer received his education chiefly at home, and at the age of nineteen began teaching school in Dallas County. This he continued at irregular intervals for several years. From 1852 to 1856 he was engaged in teaching school, attending school as a student, or filling the place of salesman in general merchandise at St. Luke, Newburg and Breezeville, Mo. September 13, 1855, he chose for his life companion Miss Mary F. Mehaffey, who was born in Pulaski County, Mo., August 18, 1835, and who is the daughter of Dr. A. D. Mehaffey. The fruits of this union were eight children: Nancy A., born October 2, 1856, and died June 26, 1870; Wesley B., born in Dallas County, Mo., September 12, 1858; Samuel A., born May 6, 1861; Mary M. M., born January 1, 1864; Sarah E., born December 4, 1866; Nathan W., born November 25, 1869; Ida J., born August 29, 1872, and Cora B., born September 21, 1875. In the spring of 1857 Dr. Latimer purchased a farm in Dallas County, Mo., where he has since continued to reside. He is an ordained minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and has been licensed to preach since 1858. He studied medicine under Drs. A. D. Mehaffey and G. W. Latimer, his father-in-law and elder half-brother, who were both respectable practicing physicians of Dallas and Webster Counties, Mo. Dr. Samuel J. Latimer has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine since January, 1862. His wife and five of his children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity; also of the National Grange and Good Templars organizations. He is a Democrat in politics, and believes firmly in the doctrine of "the greatest good to the greatest number."

C. C. Lightner, of the firm of Lightner Bros., proprietors of a general store in Urbana, Dallas County, was born in Lewis County, Mo., August 6, 1852, and is a son of J. M. and Elizabeth (Snapp) Lightner, natives, respectively, of East Tennessee and Vermilion County, Ill., and born in 1828 and 1834. The parents located in Hickory County, Mo., in 1859. J. M. Lightner was a blacksmith and farmer. In 1861 he enlisted in the Missouri State Militia under Capt. Lindsey, and served three years. He died August 23, 1885, the father of three children, two of whom are living, our subject and George W. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Christopher and Nancy (Glass) Lightner. The former, a blacksmith by trade, was born in Pennsylvania, and was of German descent. He died in 1861. C. C. Lightner spent his early life in Dallas County, Mo., and attended the common schools; he afterward attended Johnson's Commercial College of St. Louis, where he graduated in 1878. When eighteen years of age he began life for himself, and chose farming and stock

raising as an occupation, which he abandoned in 1878, and with his father and brother established his present business, under the firm name of J. M. Lightner & Sons. In 1884 the firm became Lightner Bros., under which style it is successfully conducted. October 4, 1873, Mr. Lightner married Miss Ellen Bower, a native of Dallas County. She was born in 1855, and is a daughter of E. and Pelina (Yeager) Bower, the latter of whom died in 1881. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lightner, viz.: Georgia C., Jessie L. and Rosa Cornelia. Mr. Lightner is a Democrat politically, and has served as postmaster of Urbana for more than six years.

Ezekiel Lindsey, an early and prominent settler of Dallas County, Mo., has been a resident of the same since 1836, whither he came with his parents, Sterling and Mary (Azbell) Lindsey, from his native State of Tennessee. He was born in Lawrence County September 7, 1819, and there received a fair English education, and made his home with his father until the latter's death. He spent two years in the Cherokee Nation, and in 1850 went to California, taking the overland trip, and after mining two years in that State returned home, and in the fall of that year purchased a drove of mules, which he took to Texas, being absent until 1854. He then returned home and married, but took his wife to Texas with him, and there made his home until 1868, serving during the late war on the frontier. In the fall of that year he returned to Dallas County, Mo., and has since resided on his present farm of 220 acres, the greater part of which is under cultivation. He deals some in stock, is engaged in fruit growing, and up to 1880 was in the mercantile business, but has since been occupied in farming. He was first married to Mrs. Elizabeth A. Tinnell, a daughter of Col. Miles Vernon, by whom he had nine children, seven now living: Larissa (wife of Greenstreet Mitchell), Vivia and Alice (twins, wives of D. M. Rush and Thomas Booth, respectively), Luella (wife of A. Bottom), Nellie, Melvin and Lester. The mother of these children died December 8, 1883, and in July, 1885, Mr. Lindsey wedded Mrs. Martha A. (Bridges) Hucaby, a daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Hogg) Bridges, who settled in Polk County, Mo., in 1845. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a Royal Arch Mason, and is one of the prosperous farmers of the county. His parents were born in the Eastern States, and were early immigrants to Tennessee. The father was born in 1797, and after residing in Tennessee for a number of years moved with his family to Dallas County, Mo., and located near Louisburg, on the prairie, where he took a "squatter's claim," and after the land was put on the market by the Government, entered eighty acres. He erected a very primitive log cabin, in which he lived for a number of years, and then made better improvements. All their clothing was home-made, and at that day a suit of jeans was considered a very handsome outfit. Neighbors were very scarce, but the woods and prairies were covered with wild game of nearly all kinds, and Mr. Lindsey has many a time stood on the prairie and seen a drove of 100 deer. He was a skillful marksman, and his cabin was always plentifully supplied with choice wild meats. He and wife became the parents of twelve children, but

only six are living at the present time: Ezekiel, Sterling W., Mary (wife of Henry Sawyer), Elizabeth (wife of William Hale), Emily J. (wife of J. Drum) and Hannah B. (wife of T. J. Hayes). Those deceased were Eliza, Drucilla, William C., John J. and Daniel A.

S. W. Lindsey, one of the largest stock dealers in Dallas County, Mo., and also a prominent farmer of the county, was born in Lawrence County, Tenn., March 18, 1833, his parents being Sterling and Mary (Azbell) Lindsey, a short history of whom is given in the sketch of Ezekiel Lindsey. They were the first family to settle in that part of the county, and suffered many privations incident to pioneer life. They had to go sixty miles to Waynesville to get their seed-corn, and their clothing was all home-spun. The father was a tanner by trade, and would often kill deer and make moccasins out of their hides. He was also a cooper, and made nearly all their household utensils. He entered two forty-acre tracts where Louisburg now stands, and the deeds for these were among the first recorded. Here he made his home until his death March 4, 1846, his wife dying September 12, 1867. Sterling W. Lindsey, whose name heads this sketch, has been a resident of Dallas County since about three years of age, but owing to the scarcity and very primitive condition of the schools of that day, he never went to school but about three months, and that was to a private teacher. He worked hard to help improve the home farm in his boyhood days, but in 1853 left the paternal roof to seek his fortune in the gold mines of California. He took the over-land route, and made the journey in three months and twenty days, the objective point being Sacramento. He took a drove of cattle with him, and while there turned his attention to stock dealing, which occupation met with fair success. While on his way he killed buffalo, deer and panthers, and can tell many anecdotes of thrilling interest connected with some of his hunting expeditions, as well as some of his experiences with the more civilized inhabitants of that region. In 1855 he returned to the old homestead in Missouri, and resumed farming, and has also been largely engaged in stock dealing. He has a large farm well adapted to stock raising, and has driven large droves of cattle through to Illinois and sold them at Jacksonville and other points. His land amounts to about 500 acres, nearly all of which is under cultivation, and well supplied with water. In 1861 he enlisted in the Home Guards, and served for six months, and the following year enlisted in the Enrolled Militia, and was stationed at Buffalo the most of the time. In 1864 he joined Capt. Brown's company, and was transferred afterward to Capt. Sullivan's company, in which he served until the close of the war. His first wife, Mary Drum, whom he married in 1857, bore him two children, Carroll J. and Daniel J., and died in April, 1864; and in August, 1865, he wedded Martha Paine, by whom he has ten children: Ella, wife of Charles E. Burton; Minnie, Anthony, Emmet, Jeanette, Bertha, Blanche, Berniece X., Roscoe and Grant. Mrs. Lindsey is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a member of the G. A. R. He has in his possession a paper, the *New England Weekly Journal*, published at Boston, on Queen Street, April 8, 1728, and also has a powder-horn dating

1763, made by William Betts, his name being engraved on the horn. He has a small round table made of sixty-three different kinds of wood, made by a man by the name of Gardner, and also a walking-stick of hickory that grew up by the side of Davy Crockett's house in Tennessee.

M. G. Lovan. The manufacturing interests of Dallas County, Mo., are ably represented by M. G. Lovan, who is a manufacturer and dealer in harness, saddles, hardware, etc., and is also treasurer of the county. He was born in Hopkins County, Ky., August 22, 1842, and is a son of William M. and Maria (Carnahan) Lovan, who were also Kentuckians, the paternal grandfather being one of the early pioneers of that State. The father of our subject was reared on a farm in his native State, and after his marriage learned the saddler's trade, which occupation he followed most of his remaining days. From 1844 until 1847 he resided in Greene County, Mo., and at the latter date removed to Dallas County, locating in Buffalo, where he worked at his trade for several years, but died in Polk County, Mo., in 1875. His wife died in Dallas County, having borne a family of seven children, five of whom are living: James R., Marshall G., Mary E. (wife of John O'Bannon), Henry G. and Gertrude (widow of Peter Wilson). Marshall G., whose name heads this sketch, was brought to Missouri when two years of age, and was educated in Buffalo, where he also learned the harness and saddler's trade of his father, which calling he has since followed. In 1862 he enlisted in the Missouri State Militia, which was afterward a part of the Eighth Regiment, and after serving three years was discharged in April, 1865. In 1878 he was elected county treasurer, and served by re-election three successive terms, and was again elected in 1886 and re-elected in 1888. He has been a prominent citizen of Dallas County for a great many years, and was married in 1864 to Miss Mary E. Bledsoe, by whom he has five living children: Alfonso B., Leonidas, Ida, Marshall E. and Edmund A. Mr. and Mrs. Lovan are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a staunch Republican in his political views.

T. C. Lovell, merchant, came to Buffalo, Mo., in 1873. He was born in East Tennessee, and when quite small both his parents died, and he was reared by strangers. The most of his early life was spent in Hickory County, Mo., on a farm, but when the Rebellion broke out he was residing near where Peirce City, Mo., is now located. He enlisted at Neosho in the six months' service, and at the expiration of that time he enlisted in the three years' service, joining Company G, Eighth Regiment Volunteer Infantry, in 1862, serving three years under Capt. Curry and taking an active part in the battles of Neosho, Lone Jack, Prairie Grove, Banks' raid up Red River, Jenkins' Ferry and others, and was paroled at Alexandria, La., in June, 1865. At this time his worldly possessions consisted of a few dollars, and his wearing apparel was in rather poor condition, but he decided to come to St. Louis, Mo., with a comrade, which he did, and afterward located in Linn Creek, which place he reached with only 25 cents between him and starvation, and this he gave to his friend to buy tobacco. Here he met Gov. McClurg, who took an interest in his

welfare and found him employment. He went to work making rails, but not being used to such labor his hands soon gave out, and he was obliged to give this up for a time. At this time he did not know a single letter of the alphabet nor one figure from another, but Gov. McClurg kindly gave him employment for five or six years, and he also attended school a portion of the time, and thus secured a fair business education. He worked on the farm one year, and the balance of the time was employed in the store and warehouse. In 1873 he came to Buffalo with \$700, and engaged in the mercantile business in partnership with Frank C. Wilson, but at the end of a few years Mr. Lovell formed a partnership with S. B. Roll, but since the election of the latter to the office of probate judge Mr. Lovell has been in business alone. He carries an excellent stock of dry goods and groceries, and occupies a large, two-story brick building, receiving from the sale of his goods a snug annual income. He is in every respect a self-made man, and deserves great credit for the success he has achieved and the difficulties he has overcome. Starting in life with no friends, home or education, he now has all, and has won the confidence and respect of all who know him by his genial nature and strict integrity. After his parents' deaths he was bound out to a man who promised to send him to school, but failed to live up to his promise. Accordingly Mr. Lovell ran away and hired out for \$10 per month, but was taken sick, and after a nine months' siege the war broke out. In 1878 he was married to Miss Alice J. Ramsay, of Buffalo, Mo., who is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a daughter of A. A. Ramsay.

Daniel W. McCoy, miller and merchant at McCoy's Mills, was born in Armstrong County, Penn., April 22, 1854, and is the son of Andrew and Susan (Binkard), McCoy, natives of Pennsylvania. The father is living in Warren County, Penn., and is engaged in agricultural pursuits, but the mother died when the subject of this sketch was three years of age. Their family consisted of four children, Daniel W. being the third in order of birth. At the death of his mother, he was taken by Washington Campbell (no relation), and remained with him until sixteen years of age. He then started for himself; first went to the oil regions of Pennsylvania, where he remained for three or four years, and then went to Iowa, remaining in that State until 1886, when he came to his present place of residence. For several years he was on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers as engineer. In 1879 he turned his attention to milling, and in 1886 fitted up the mill property he is now operating, where he has a splendid custom. He has recently opened up a general store in connection with the mill. In 1881 he selected his companion in life in the person of Miss Ladora Cook, of Pennsylvania. They have two children: Maud and Myrtie. Mr. McCoy is a Republican in politics, and Mrs. McCoy is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Solomon M. McGee, one of the prominent and enterprising citizens of Jackson Township, Dallas Co., Mo., was born in Hardeman County, Tenn., May 8, 1836, his parents being William and Louisa (Martin) McGee, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively. The father was born April 2, 1802, and died in Dallas County, Mo.,

in 1872, March 1. The mother was born in 1815. They were married in Tennessee, and lived in Hardeman County of that State until they came to Missouri, and located in Taney County, in November, 1851, coming in March, 1854, to Dallas County. They then located where the subject of this sketch now resides, and here the mother is still living. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also Mr. McGee, who was a Republican in politics. He was a farmer and stock raiser, and although he left his people in North Carolina and started out with little or no means, he was very successful in all his business enterprises. They were the parents of ten children, Solomon M. being the second child, and eight of whom are now living: John O., Solomon M., Delila B. (wife of Jacob Drake), Mary Ann (wife of P. T. White), Margaret (wife of Jerome H. Powell), James W., Frances (wife of I. J. Wingo), Louisa T. (wife of John Popejoy). Those deceased were named Jane and William H. Solomon M. McGee remained at home until twenty-one years of age, when he began for himself as a farmer and stock raiser, which occupation he has since continued. September 2, 1858, he married Miss Margaret E. Robbins, a native of Sangamon County, Ill., born December 15, 1841, and the daughter of William and Catherine Robbins. To Mr. and Mrs. McGee have been born a large family of children: Gilson F., William K., Dialtha C. (wife of Nathaniel Dornan), Amanda F., Rosie E., Jacob, John T., Solomon A., Martin L., Charles E., Sarah Louisa. Gilson F. is a farmer in Christian County, Mo., and the remainder of the children are at or near home. July 29, 1862, Mr. McGee enlisted in the Eighth Missouri Cavalry, Company A, Federal Army, and served until July 20, 1865, when he was honorably discharged at St. Louis. He was in the battle of Prairie Grove and in many skirmishes. Mr. McGee is not a member of any church, but takes an active part in church support. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, a member of the Agricultural Wheel, and is a Republican in politics; is also a member of the G. A. R.

J. K. P. Maddux is one of the representative farmers of Dallas County, Mo., and was born in the State March 9, 1845, and is a son of Alfred B. and Caroline (Brown) Maddux, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of South Carolina. They located in Dallas County, Mo., in 1849, but are now residing in Jackson County, Mo. J. K. P. Maddux is one of their eleven children, and since four years of age has been a resident of the county. In 1862 he enlisted in the State Militia, and was at the battles of Neosho, Prairie Grove, and on the Price raid, and during his three years' service in the field was ever a faithful and trusty soldier. After his marriage he located on the farm on which his father first settled on coming to the county, but in 1881 removed to his present valuable farm, consisting of 335 acres, which is well improved with excellent buildings and a small orchard. He is an extensive stock man, and in all his enterprises for the accumulation of this world's goods he has met with good success. He was married in 1865 to Miss Martha A. Southard, by whom he has seven children: Tamza C., wife of B. Edmondson; Mary E., Rebecca, John,

Burton, Clarence and Ernie. Mrs. Maddux is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John J. Montgomery, a well-known farmer of Lincoln Township, Dallas County, was born in Pulaski County, Mo., in 1826, and is a son of William and Nancy (Ballew) Montgomery, natives of North Carolina. William Montgomery was born in 1792, and was a farmer and blacksmith; he moved from North Carolina to Tennessee, from there to Crawford County, Mo., and later to what was then Pulaski and is now Dallas County. He served as justice of the peace in Pulaski County for several years, and was one of the first county judges of Dallas County; he died in 1853, and his wife, who was born in 1800, died in 1854. They had twelve children, five of whom are still living, viz.: John J., Margaret A. Morrow (formerly Margaret Davis), Charity C. Poynter, Thomas J. B. and Nancy E. Leckie. The paternal grandfather of our subject was John Montgomery, of North Carolina, a farmer by occupation. The maternal grandfather was Jesse Ballew, also a native of North Carolina, who located in Missouri about 1820. John J. Montgomery spent his early life in Pulaski and Dallas Counties. In 1850 he went to California with his father, where they farmed and kept a hay-yard until 1855, when he returned to Dallas County, Mo., having been very successful financially. In 1861 our subject enlisted in the Missouri State Militia, under command of Capt. Williams, where he served one year, and then enlisted in Company D, Eighteenth Missouri Volunteers, Confederate Army, under command of Col. Hunter; he participated in the battles of Prairie Grove, Helena, Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, Saline River, and served until the close of the war. In 1856 Mr. Montgomery married Julia W. Clark, who was born in Indiana in December, 1836, and is a daughter of George and Nancy (King) Clark, natives, respectively, of Vermont and Kentucky. Three children have blessed this union, viz.: John William, Gilford W. and Allie Virginia. After the war Mr. Montgomery moved to Texas, where he remained three years, and then returned to Missouri, where he has since lived. He owns about 600 acres of land, 100 acres of which are under cultivation, and which he devotes entirely to farming. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Politically he is a Democrat.

T. J. B. Montgomery. This gentleman ranks among the prominent agriculturists and stock raisers of Dallas County, Mo., and was born in the township in which he now resides January 29, 1840, his parents being William and Nancy (Bellew) Montgomery. They were born in the "Old North Carolina State," and in the year 1817 moved to Tennessee, and in the year 1818 immigrated to Pulaski County, Mo., in which county they got a tax receipt (dated in 1824) for the year 1823, which is now in the possession of T. J. B. Montgomery. They located in Dallas County, on the Little Niangua River, but shortly after moved to Four Mile Prairie, and, as soon as the land was put on the market by the Government, he entered a large tract, and erected a little log cabin, which was a very primitive construction. He was one of the first settlers of the county, which was in a very wild and unsettled state at this time, and could stand in his cabin

door and shoot down a deer with his rifle almost any day. They raised flax, which they hackled, spun and wove into clothing, their every-day clothes being made of the tow and their Sunday suits of the fine flax. During the "gold fever" of 1849, Mr. Montgomery and his son went to California, and while there, striving to accumulate a competence for his family, he died, and was buried in Colusa County. His wife died in Dallas County, having borne a large family of children, only five of whom are now living: John J., Margaret (widow of David Morrow), Charity C. (wife of T. J. Poynter), Thomas J. B. and Emeline (widow of Dr. Leckie). The early days of Thomas J. B. Montgomery were spent at hard labor on his father's farm, which he assisted in clearing. For a short time he attended school in the little log cabin, the teacher being hired by his father and their neighbors, but he derived little benefit therefrom, as the most of the time his services were required at home. With the exception of one winter spent in Texas, he has resided on a farm in Dallas County all his life, and is now the owner of 373 acres of valuable land, 150 acres of which are well improved and under cultivation. He makes a specialty of raising stock, and is also interested in growing fruit, his farm being well supplied with excellent orchards. He has shown his brotherly spirit by joining the Masonic fraternity and the Agricultural Wheel, and in 1861 enlisted in the Home Guards, being afterward transferred to the Enrolled Militia, serving throughout the Rebellion. In 1862 he wedded Miss Augustine M. J. Edwards, a native of Dallas County, Mo., by whom he is the father of eight children: Evy M. (wife of E. E. Eason), William C., Cora E., Irena F., Thomas B., Daisy D., Bunnie and one deceased. Mrs. Montgomery is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Hon. W. L. Morrow, of Buffalo, Mo., is one of two surviving members of a family of six children, the other member being Lafayette J. Morrow, and was born September 24, 1817, in Warren County, Tenn., whither his parents, Robert and Julia (Simpson) Morrow, had emigrated from their respective States of North Carolina and Virginia about 1811. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was a participant in the battle of New Orleans, and about 1827 immigrated with his family to Washington County, Ill., where they remained until 1835, locating then in Alabama. In 1843 they became residents of Greene County, Mo., the father's death occurring in Ozark in 1849. The mother died in Illinois in 1830, and the father afterward married, and by his second wife became the father of five children: Thomas B., Robert A., Monroe I., Mary and Josephine. Hon. W. L. Morrow, whose name heads this sketch, remained with his father during his various changes of residence, and in 1844 came to Dallas County and embarked in the mercantile business, buying goods at St. Louis and hauling them through in wagons until the railroad was built. His early days were attended by many hardships and privations, but by his indomitable will and energy he surmounted these difficulties and became one of the prosperous business men of the county. He conducted his mercantile establishment in Buffalo until January, 1888, when he sold out to his son, William L., Jr., and has since been retired from the duties and cares of active business life. His real es-

tate in the county amounts to about 1,500 acres, all of which is well improved and very valuable property, and on one of his farms, on Section 22, Township 37, Range 19, a valuable lead mine was discovered by a Mr. Hatfield, and was explored about 1883. A shaft was sunk to a depth of sixty feet, and mineral was found in abundance, about 80,000 pounds being removed from it. When properly developed it gives promise of becoming very valuable. In 1844 Mr. Morrow was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Brown, a native of Georgia, by whom he has six children: William L., Jr., Robert, George, Julia, Harriet and Tabitha. Mr. Morrow was postmaster for several years in Buffalo, and also filled the position of county treasurer for a number of years. He was a member of the convention called by the Legislature to take steps in regard to the Rebellion, and in 1880 was elected to represent Dallas County in the State Legislature, serving one term. He and wife are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

T. B. Morrow, of the firm of Behrens & Morrow, lumber merchants, of Buffalo, Mo., was born in Benton (now Calhoun) County, Ala., January 2, 1842, and is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Joiner) Morrow. When about two years of age he was taken to Greene County, Mo., by his father, and here the latter died about 1849, and he was reared to a mercantile life by the Hon. William L. Morrow, whose sketch appears in this work. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted in the State Militia, and afterward in the Fifteenth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out in 1865. He was in Price's raid, but was in very few battles, being quartered most of the time at Springfield, assisting in the quartermaster's department. After the war he returned to Buffalo, where he remained in the mercantile business until 1872, when he was appointed to the office of county clerk, and in 1874 was elected to the office, the duties of which he filled until 1877, when he resigned and again engaged in merchandising. This occupation he continued to follow until January, 1886, when he sold out and engaged in the lumber business with H. J. Behrens. They have conducted this business very successfully, and handle an immense amount of lumber annually, the firm being considered one of the most prosperous and enterprising in the county. He was married in 1866 to Miss Mary A. Gammon, by whom he has four children: Lizzie, Etta, Queeny and one deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Hon. George W. O'Bannon. In every calling in life, whether of a professional, commercial or agricultural nature, there are always some men who attain the highest round in the ladder of success, and win the confidence, respect and esteem of all who know them, and such a man is Mr. O'Bannon, whose name heads this sketch. He was born in Dallas County, Mo., on the 15th of April, 1841, and is a son of John and Nancy (Proctor) O'Bannon, who were natives of Kentucky, to which State the paternal grandparents came from North Carolina at a very early day. John O'Bannon was reared and married in Kentucky, and in 1840 immigrated with his family to Dallas County, Mo., coming through to this State in a "prairie schooner,"

drawn by a yoke of oxen. He entered several hundred acres of prairie land in Jackson Township, where he made a crop the first year, and on which he, himself, erected a little shanty, in which he lived for a number of years. He eventually became a very wealthy land-owner, and by industry and good management his farm became one of the best improved in the county. Here he died in 1877, having lived a long and well-spent life. His widow and five children survive him, the names of the latter being Phoebe, George W., John, Mary and James P. George W. O'Bannon assisted his father on the farm until sixteen years of age, and was then engaged in attending and teaching school at Buffalo until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in Company I, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, and served until July, 1865, and participated in all the skirmishes along the Big Blue River, Boonville, Jefferson City, and was slightly wounded three times, being shot through the hand, arm and shoulder. He went out as lieutenant, and held that commission until he received his discharge. He then returned home, and has since been engaged in the mercantile business, being one of the oldest business men of Buffalo. His house was erected in 1882, and is a two-story brick and basement, and he carries a large and select stock of general merchandise, and has also large farming interests in Dallas County. In 1871 he was elected to represent Dallas County in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, and served one term. He has also been county treasurer for several years, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was united in marriage, in 1868, to Miss Rebecca Maddux, a native of Dallas County, by whom he is the father of six children: Floyd, Claude, Daisy, Myrtle, Ralph and Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. O'Bannon are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John O'Bannon, dealer in furniture and undertaking goods at Buffalo, Mo., is a native of Dallas County, and was born on the 10th of February, 1845, his parents being John and Nancy (Proctor) O'Bannon, a short history of whom is given in the sketch of Hon. George W. O'Bannon. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch was reared in Dallas County, and until seventeen years of age was engaged in tilling the soil on his father's farm, but when the late Civil War broke out he left the plow to enlist in Company I, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, and was a faithful soldier until peace was declared. He participated in a number of hard skirmishes, and while on duty, commanding a squad of men, was thrown from his horse and had his left leg broken. He was taken to the Lebanon Hospital, where he remained two months, when he was able to rejoin his command, and was given the office of first duty-sergeant, which position he held until the spring of 1865, when he received his discharge. The first year after his return home he was engaged in teaching school, being then engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1868, when, in the fall of that year, he was elected to the office of county sheriff and collector of Dallas County, being re-elected to both offices in 1870. Two years later these offices were divided, and Mr. O'Bannon was re-elected collector, and after holding the position one year resigned on account of failing health, and engaged in the mercantile business, which he carried on for about three years. He then sold drugs until 1885, when

he engaged in his present business, in which he is commanding a large and lucrative trade. He owns a valuable farm near Buffalo, and gives much of his attention to raising stock, especially mules. On the 16th of September, 1866, he was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Mary E. Lovan, by whom he has the following named children: William, Effie, Minnie and Roscoe. Mr. and Mrs. O'Bannon are consistent members of the Christian Church, and he is also a member of the Masonic fraternity and the A. O. U. W. of Buffalo, Mo.

J. P. O'Bannon, the popular and efficient circuit clerk and recorder of Dallas County, Mo., is a native of the county, born July 3, 1858, and is a son of John and Nancy (Proctor) O'Bannon, who were Kentuckians by birth. They immigrated to Dallas County, Mo., in 1840, and located eight miles south of Buffalo, in Jackson Township, where they entered several hundred acres of Government land, on which they reared their family. The country in that region is still called O'Bannon Prairie in honor of the family, and here the father died in 1878. His widow is still living, and resides with her children. J. P. O'Bannon, whose name heads this sketch, is deserving of more than ordinary mention for the interest he has manifested in all movements tending to the material progress and welfare of the locality in which he has always made his home. Commencing in life for himself under circumstances which, it might seem, were not the most fortunate, he has improved to the utmost the opportunities with which he has come in contact, and by an upright, honorable course has gained the esteem and respect of a wide circle of friends—his life-long residence in the county contributing largely to his extensive acquaintance. In youth he received a common-school education in this county, and remained at work on the farm until the fall of 1882, when he was elected to the office of circuit clerk and recorder, and was re-elected in 1886 on the Republican ticket, a fact highly complimentary to his efficiency and esteem. In 1876 Louisa E. Robbins, of Dallas County, Mo., an estimable lady, became his wife, and their union has resulted in the birth of four children: Howard, Lillie, Roswell G. (deceased) and Gertrude. He and wife are members of the Christian Church. In his political views he has always been a staunch Republican, which party has been greatly benefitted by the interest he has taken in the development of the principles upon which it is founded; he is a member of the State Republican Central Committee of his district, chairman of the Twentieth District Senatorial Committee of Missouri, and is also chairman of the County Republican Committee. He owns considerable real estate in Dallas County, and is always ready to give material aid to advance its interests. His position as a substantial, representative citizen of the community is well established. He is a member of Buffalo Lodge No. 430, I. O. O. F., and a Mason.

A. J. Patterson, of Dallas County, Mo., ranks among the prosperous farmers and stock raisers of the county, and was born in Licking County, Ohio, January 31, 1843, and is a son of Thomas and Isabel (Hawkins) Patterson, who were natives of Guernsey County, Ohio, and died in Polk County, Mo., and Ohio, respectively. The father came to this State in 1849, and died in December, 1851, having followed the occupation of farming throughout life. He was twice married, and



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by his first wife became the father of seven children, only one of whom is now living, A. J. Patterson. The following are the children born to his second union: Francis M., Campbell, and Lucretia, wife of John Stokeley. A. J. Patterson was quite a small lad when his parents died, and from that time until the war broke out he made his home with an uncle in Dallas County, and in April, 1861, enlisted in the Home Guards, serving three months. He then went to Illinois and enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Sixteenth Volunteer Infantry, and took an active part in the following battles: Arkansas Post, Vicksburg, Jackson, Missionary Ridge, siege of Atlanta, siege of Jonesboro, Fort McAllister, Kenesaw Mountain, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea, and served in nineteen hard battles. He was mustered out at Washington City, and was discharged at Springfield, Ill., June 28, 1865, having served his country faithfully for three long years. He remained in Macon County, Ill., until 1869, when he went to Elk County, Kas., where he remained until 1877, then came to Dallas County and purchased the farm where he now resides, consisting of 240 acres, with about 140 acres under cultivation. He has made all the present improvements on his farm, and has one of the most valuable places in the county, and as it is well adapted to raising stock, being well supplied with water and grass, he gives the greater part of his attention to raising cattle and other animals. He is a staunch supporter of Republican principles, and is a member of the G. A. R. and the Agricultural Wheel. He was married in 1862 to Miss Louisa Calhoun, a native of Virginia, by whom he has two children, Nellie and Thomas. This wife died in 1874, and he took for his second wife Miss Lora Nicholson, of Ohio. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. T. Pendleton, county clerk of Dallas County, Mo., was born in Cumberland County, of the "Blue Grass State," December 16, 1847, his parents being George L. and Martha A. (Cole) Pendleton, who were born in Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. They were married in Kentucky, and immigrated to Warrick County, Ind., in 1862, and three years later removed to Effingham County, Ill.; thence to Hickory County, Mo., in 1866, where the father died in the month of February, 1887; his wife's death occurred in Effingham County, Ill. Eight of their family of ten children are living at the present time, whose names are as follows: Tabitha P., John T., George T., Russel G., Mary S., Armedia, Susan and Sarah A. John T. Pendleton, whose name heads this sketch, was reared on a Kentucky farm, and made his home with his parents during their residence in Indiana, Illinois, and also came with his father to Hickory County, Mo., in 1866. Here he attended the common schools, and the school at Buffalo in 1869, and was also engaged in teaching at intervals, but in 1875 removed to Dallas County, locating at Urbana, where he engaged in the mercantile business, which occupation he followed at that point until 1882, when he located in Louisburg, remaining one year engaged in the mercantile business. In December, 1882, he was elected county clerk, and removed to Buffalo, where he has since made his home, being re-elected to the same office in 1886, and is at present ably filling the duties of this position. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity

and the I. O. O. F., and has been a member of the County Republican Committee, also a member of the Senatorial Committee, and filled the office of postmaster at Urbana for seven years. He was first married to Cynthia A. Lindsey, who died in 1873, leaving one child, Neva, and in 1875 he was married to Alice Wright, of Hickory County, by whom he has four children: Luther E., Bertram E., Clara G. and one deceased. Mrs. Pendleton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Hon. William P. Porter, attorney at law, of Dallas County, Mo., and a representative citizen of the county, is a native of Perry County, Tenn., and was born April 20, 1851, being a son of William C. and Matilda (Ledbetter) Porter, who were born, respectively, in South Carolina and Tennessee. The former was a farmer by occupation, and in 1860 immigrated to New Madrid County, Mo., where he purchased a farm, and remained until 1868, when he removed to St. Francois County, and there resided until his death, in 1884. His wife died in 1878, their union having been blessed in the birth of eight children, five of whom are living: Martha, Mary, Henry, Sarah and William P. The latter has resided in Missouri most of the time since he was nine years of age, and received a good education in the schools of Farmington, and when twenty-seven years of age began the study of law under F. M. Carter, being admitted to the bar at Farmington in 1880. Since that time he has been in the active practice of his profession, and has become one of the foremost members of the legal fraternity in Dallas County. In the fall of 1888 he was elected on the Republican ticket to represent this county in the House of Representatives, and has also held the offices of assistant prosecuting attorney and justice of the peace, and was filling the duties of the latter office when he was admitted to the bar. He was married in 1871 to Laura Bradshaw, a native of Illinois, by whom he is the father of eight children: Nettie F., William W., Robert H., Lula B., Maude, Ellis B., Mabel and Mollie. Mr. and Mrs. Porter are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he belongs to the A. O. U. W. When the war closed Mr. Porter's father had been stripped of all his personal property by the rebels, and he was left a poor man, and the subject of this sketch had a poor show in life. When about eighteen years of age his father turned him loose to do for himself. He at once engaged himself to a stone-mason to labor for money to pay his expenses, etc., at school. In this way he acquired all the means with which he educated himself. In 1874 he moved to Meridian, Tex., and commenced the publication of the *Bosque County Standard*, an independent paper in politics. Not liking Texas, he returned within a few months after locating there, to Missouri.

Hon. M. L. Reynolds. No worthy history of Dallas County could fail to make honorable mention of the Reynolds family, prominently identified with its earliest settlement. Mark Reynolds, grandfather of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, a native of South Carolina, was reared principally in Georgia, and as a soldier in the War of 1812 participated, among others, in the battle of New Orleans, also serving in the Florida War. Subsequently he resided near Nashville, Tenn., rearing a family of five sons and five daughters, with all of

whom, except the oldest son, John (who became a resident of Illinois), he moved to Pulaski (afterward Polk) County, Mo., in 1831; and afterward he settled on the place now occupied by his grandson, M. L. Reynolds, at the Buffalo Nurseries, in Dallas County. [Mention is made of this elsewhere in the present volume.] For thirty years he was a member of the Baptist Church. He was the first assessor of the county, and served for eighteen years. His children have mostly married. Elizabeth married John Wells, who was famous as being one of the best millwrights of his day, and building Brice's, Bennett's, Edwards', Hamilton's and Haynes' mills, on Niangua, and many of the Sac River mills; Dianna married Charles Self, who died soon after; Nancy married Peter Self, father of William J. Self; Charlotte married Eaton Tatum; Ailie remained single until her death; William Reynolds married Darcus Wisdom, sister of Rev. Colum Wisdom, of whom Elizabeth Reeser, wife of Solomon Reeser, this county, is their only child; Cyrus, his youngest son, married Theodosia Wisdom, also a sister of Rev. Colum Wisdom; Mark Reynolds married Margaret Cox; they had born to them six sons and five daughters, of whom John J. Reynolds, near Buffalo, James K. and Mark B., near Urbana, Mo., are the only surviving sons, and Sarah Brush, widow of the late B. L. Brush, of Howard, Kas., Nancy L., wife of James B. Garrison, and Margret, J., wife of John Thomas, all of Urbana, Mo., are the surviving daughters. Robert D. Reynolds is mentioned farther on. These children are well known by the early settlers of this country as being prominent among its pioneers. It was largely by the assistance of their strong arms and determined will that the giants of the forest stubbornly succumbed, and the then wild and desolate prairies were converted into broad, fertile fields and comfortable homes. Many were the obstacles that had to be surmounted, and many the hardships endured. At the period when they first came no mills were in existence save a wooden mortar and pestle, in which the grain was beaten. Springfield contained the nearest and only store and a blacksmith shop. There were no roads, nothing but trails made by Indians and buffalo. R. D. Reynolds, father of M. L., was quite young when brought here. He assisted his father in opening up his farm, and during the summer season managed a large team of cattle, turning the prairie sod. In 1843 he was married to Eliza Adams, daughter of William Adams, who had a few years before moved from Tennessee, and one among the early settlers of this country. After living one year with his father-in-law he settled a claim adjoining his father's, where he remained one or two years, and then moved to Fort Smith, Ark. One year later he returned to his former home, but upon the breaking out of the Mexican War he enlisted in Col. Gilpen's battalion of Mounted Dragoons, and was elected and served as orderly sergeant of Capt. Jones' company, serving as escort and keeping the line of communication open from the States through the Indian Territory and New Mexico, wintering at Santa Fe. After peace was restored he returned to his former home, and in 1850 bought his father's farm, and moved upon it, where he resided until his death. He was a Whig until the party went down, when he voted with the Democratic party. In 1860 he voted for Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois, and when the war clouds

began to hover over the nation, he was one of the first to gather around the flag of his country. In January, 1861, he assisted in raising the first flag for the Union in Dallas, afterward serving conspicuously in organizing Home Guards and militia companies for the preservation of the Union. He was first lieutenant of one of the Home Guards companies, and after the retreat of the troops from Springfield to Rolla, Mo., he re-enlisted in the Twenty-fourth Regiment of Missouri Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until November, when he was taken with measles, suffered a relapse, and was discharged on account of disability. After the close of the war he resumed the nursery business, which he had begun in 1857. In 1864 he voted for Abraham Lincoln; in 1868, for Ulysses Grant, and again in 1872, and in 1876 for Peter Cooper; in 1880 his last ballot was for James B. Weaver. In the year 1873 he made a profession of religion, and joined the Missionary Baptist Church, of which he lived a consistent member until his death, in 1888. He joined the Masonic fraternity, and was a devoted and consistent member. He was patriotic, public spirited and charitable, and lived to be a useful citizen, and died on the 17th day of October, 1888, regretted by all. His widow, who survives him, lives at Nichols Junction, Mo., with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Tippin. They had born to them eight children, four sons and four daughters; four are dead, two sons and two daughters. Those who are living are Sarah A., wife of T. J. Normon, who now lives at Rome, Iowa; Margaret J., wife of G. T. Tippin, who lives at Nichols Junction; George W. Reynolds, unmarried, lives with his brother, M. L. Reynolds, near Buffalo, Mo., and M. L. Reynolds, the eldest of the surviving children. He was born January 9, 1846, in Dallas County, Mo.; the educational facilities of the country during his rearing being very limited, and his parents being poor, he received only such an education as the common schools, which were of a poor grade, would afford. At the early age of fourteen his father put him forward in the business transactions of life as salesman and collecting agent for his nurseries. At the early age of fifteen he enlisted in the first companies of Home Guards, and after they were disbanded enlisted in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry, where he served about five months, re-enlisting in Battery K, Second Missouri Light Artillery, where he served until the close of the war, eleven months of the time serving as clerk in the commissary department. After the war closed in the States, he went with an expedition, against the Indians, into the Yellowstone country, and after returning home in December, 1865, he went to school for a short time at Buffalo, Mo., following which he engaged in the mercantile business. In December, 1866, he was married to Susanna Vanderford, daughter of R. M. Vanderford, of Polk County, Mo. Sixteen months after their marriage, to them was born a son, but their happiness, like all things earthly, came to an end, for in one short month both mother and child were consigned to the grave. After this he took an interest with his father in the Buffalo Nurseries, which the latter had founded in the year 1857. In January, 1870, he married Sarah A. Cowden, daughter of W. O. P. Cowden, of Polk County, Mo. They have had born to them, and now living, five children: Eliza J., aged eighteen years, and the wife of E. L. Yarbrough;

William D., aged sixteen; Mark W., aged fourteen; Eugene H., aged twelve years; Lillie May, aged eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds and their two eldest children are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. In the year 1879 he was elected as a member of the Thirtieth General Assembly of the Legislature of the State of Missouri, and assisted in the revision of the statutes of the State. He was a member of the national nominating convention assembled at Chicago, Ill., June 9, 1880, which nominated Gen. James B. Weaver for President. His politics were Republican until the year 1876, since which time he has voted the Greenback and Union Labor tickets, his vote and influence always being cast with what he considered the best interests of the whole people. In 1883 he purchased his father's interest in the Buffalo Nurseries, since which time he has conducted the business alone, having about 120 acres of land engaged in the growing of fruit, shade and ornamental trees. In the year 1886 he also bought of Mr. Holemon the Springfield Nurseries, situated at Nichols Junction, three miles west of Springfield, Mo., and has now about sixty-five acres there engaged in propagating trees. The two nurseries require about thirty hands in propagation of trees, and about thirty traveling salesmen, making some sixty men constantly employed by him. He has always been an earnest and constant promoter of horticulture and agriculture, and especially the former. He has always been an earnest supporter of and liberal contributor to schools and churches, as well as all public enterprises. To say the least, he has never allowed himself to be second in aiding and encouraging public movements.

Wesley S. Rice ranks among the successful farmers of Dallas County, Mo., and was born in Hawkins County, East Tenn., March 23, 1834, his parents being James S. and Frances (Harper) Rice, the father a native of Tennessee and the mother of North Carolina. They lived and died in Claiborne County, Tenn., having reared a family of seven children, five of whom are now living: Harper H., Calvin H., Wesley S., Mahala L. and Roadman H. Wesley S. Rice was reared on a farm in his native State, and was there also educated, subsequently engaging in teaching a portion of the time before the war. In 1856 he and his brother, Roadman H., immigrated with a family by the name of Dodson to Missouri, coming in wagons, and only had \$20 between them. They settled in Dallas County, and during the summer were engaged in farm labor, and in the winter attended school. This they continued until 1858, when Wesley S. crossed the plains and spent one summer at Pike's Peak, where he was engaged in gold mining. He returned to Missouri in the fall of that year, and resumed farming, and saved enough money to purchase eighty acres of land in 1859. He purchased his present farm in 1862, and by industry and good management has made some valuable improvements on each, and is now considered one of the wealthy farmers of the county. He joined the Home Guards in 1861, and in January, 1862, enlisted in the Missouri State Militia, Company A, as a Mountain Ranger, but the ranks kept filling so fast that it was made the Fourteenth Regiment. He held the office of orderly-sergeant of his company, and was at the battles of Pea Ridge, Neosho, and

several minor engagements. In 1864 he re-enlisted in the veteran service, Company H, Thirteenth Regiment, Missouri Cavalry Volunteers, and served on the plains against the Indians, being wounded and taken to Benton Barracks Hospital, where he laid for two or three months. He was mustered out and discharged on the 27th of April, 1866, and returned to the peaceful pursuit of farming, which occupation has since received his attention. He now owns 540 acres of land, with about 150 under cultivation, and is also engaged in stock buying and raising. He has two fine orchards on his farm, which furnish them with various fruits. He was married in 1866 to Julia A., a daughter of Spencer and Rosannah J. (Benthall) Dobson, natives of Tennessee, and early settlers of Dallas County, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Rice are the parents of ten children: Luvernia F. (wife of J. H. White), Rosa B. (deceased), Roadman B., Rosa T., wife of I. C. Killion; Christian B., Virginia A., Wesley W., Levi H., Oliver O. and Estella M. Mrs. Rice is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Mr. Rice is one of the progressive men of the county, having always favored advancement. His motto is "Onward and Upward" in internal improvements, science, religion and education. Knowing by personal experience the great need of an education, he is endeavoring to give to his children the benefits of at least the common schools.

W. G. Robertson, prosecuting attorney of Dallas County, was born in Jefferson County, Mo., December 10, 1850, and is a son of James A. and Mary J. (Cundiff) Robertson, who were born in Missouri and North Carolina, respectively. The paternal grandfather, William Robertson, was one of the early settlers of Missouri. James A. Robertson is still residing in Hickory County, Mo., and throughout life has followed the occupation of farming. He served in the late war, in the Eighth Missouri State Militia, and participated in several hard-fought battles. W. G. Robertson is one of his nine children, was reared and educated in Hickory County, and when about twenty-six years of age began the study of law, having been previously engaged in farming. He pursued his studies under F. M. Wilson, of Hermitage, now the county clerk of Hickory County, and was admitted to the bar of Dallas County in October, 1880, and in September, 1882, moved to Buffalo, where he has since been actively engaged in practicing his profession, and has won an enviable reputation among the legal fraternity of the county. He was elected prosecuting attorney of the county in 1886, and discharged the duties of his office in so acceptable a manner that he was re-elected to the same position in 1888. He owns a small farm one mile west of Buffalo, all of which is under cultivation, but he gives his entire attention to his profession. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Buffalo. From October, 1878, to July, 1882, he served as postmaster at Hermitage, Mo. October 17, 1869, he espoused Miss Margaret Alexander, by whom he has three children: Ida B., Laura A. and Eva W. On the 29th of August, 1879, he wedded his present wife, Miss Sarah E. Darman, who has borne him four children: Lula E., Harry W., Minnie and Gracie. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

David M. Rush, county collector, was born in Barren County, Ky., November 27, 1849, the grandson of John Rush, a Virginian, born in 1776, who was in the battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812; for that service he received a 40 and a 120-acre land warrant. David's father, Daniel W. Rush, born in Allen County, Ky., in 1824, married Rhoda J. Chapman in 1848, immigrating to Polk County, Mo., in 1852. Four of their six children survive: David M., Mary E. (wife of John Tompkins), Rhoda A. (now Mrs. R. B. Lee) and William R. John J. died in 1868, aged twelve, and Maletta, in 1883, aged twenty-two. David M. remained on his father's farm until 1870 (his mother having died in 1861), and in 1871 left the public schools to enter a select school at Urbana, Mo. A portion of his three years' course was devoted to the higher mathematics. After teaching from 1874 to 1881 he engaged in the patent right business for several years, during which time he secured two patents of his own invention, one for a washing machine, and the other for an adding machine, both a success, and of acknowledged ingenuity in mechanical construction. In 1878 Mr. Rush married Vivia Lindsey, of Louisburg, Mo. Their four children are Dolores, Lascelles, Loise and Norma L. In 1886 he was elected as a Republican county collector of Wright County, and served with such satisfaction that he was renominated in 1888 without opposition, and was, of course, elected, running several votes ahead of his ticket. He has been a Mason since 1875. His wife is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

E. L. Schofield, editor and proprietor of the *Buffalo Reflex*, was born in Allamakee County, Iowa, on the 27th of December, 1859, his parents, James and Cornelia (Seely) Schofield, being natives of the "Empire State," and early immigrants to Illinois and Iowa. When about seven years of age E. L. Schofield came with his parents to Buffalo, Mo., and was here reared to manhood and educated. His early days were spent at farm labor, but he also learned the machinist's trade, but never followed it for a livelihood. In September, 1888, he purchased the *Reflex*, which paper he has since successfully published, it being devoted entirely to the interests of the Republican party, and it is one of the spicy and ably edited papers of the county, and promises to further the interests of the Republican party to a great extent. In connection with his paper Mr. Schofield is also engaged in studying law, and will soon become a member of the legal fraternity of Dallas County. He was married in 1884 to Miss May Clark, of Bolivar, Mo., by whom he has one child, James C. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a half-brother of Gen. Schofield, of Civil War fame.

William J. Self may properly be mentioned as one of the leading farmers of Dallas County, of which he is a native. His parents, Peter and Nancy (Reynolds) Self, were born, reared and married in Tennessee, and about 1835 immigrated to Dallas County, Mo., coming in covered wagons, and located on the land now owned by J. J. Reynolds. Here he erected a very primitive log cabin, and as soon as the Government put the land on the market he took a claim, and began clearing his land. Indians and wild game of all kinds were plentiful in the region at that period, but they were little troubled by either.

They did their marketing at St. Louis, but all their clothing was home-made. In 1859 the parents moved to Arkansas, where they both died, the former's death occurring in 1863. Five of their eight children are living at the present time, whose names are as follows: Polly (wife of James Hatfield), William J., Charlotte (wife of Col. John D. Allen), Eliza (wife of Jacob Mendenhall) and Ruth (wife of L. D. Little). William J. Self, whose name heads this biography, was born on the 26th of January, 1838, and has always resided on a farm in Dallas County, in which he was the third child born. His early educational advantages were very meager, and he never entered a school-room until after ten years of age, and that was a little log cabin with a dirt floor and no windows. He has always been noted for his energy and thrift, and is now the owner of a valuable farm of 240 acres, all under fence, and with 125 acres under cultivation. He has a handsome and commodious residence, substantial out-buildings, and is an extensive dealer in stock. He enlisted in the Home Guards for three months in 1861, and after serving about two years with the Rangers he enlisted in Company D, Fifteenth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and was mustered out in July, 1865. After the war closed he returned home, and bought the land where he now lives, which was then heavily covered with timber. He has been married four times, his first marriage being to Miss Sarah Cox, in 1857, who died six weeks later, and in 1859 he espoused Elizabeth Cowden, by whom he had three sons: James H., Francis M. and William R. This wife died in July, 1863, and in August, 1865, he wedded Mary McGinnis, who also bore him three children: Mary E., Mark L. and Nancy J. The mother of these children died in 1873, and a year later Mr. Self was married to Sarah Shaw, by whom he has four children: Albert J., Minnie P., Lulu E. and Edward W. Mr. and Mrs. Self are members of the Baptist Church, and are much esteemed as citizens and neighbors.

Z. L. Slavens, a physician and farmer of Urbana, Dallas County, is a native of Springfield, Mo., and was born February 13, 1834, being the second child born in Springfield. His parents were James H. and Amanda L. (Roundtree) Slavens, natives, respectively, of Kentucky and North Carolina. James H. Slavens, was born in 1809, and when a boy went from his native State to Illinois, and from there to Montgomery County, Mo., in 1815, locating where Springfield now stands, in Southwestern Missouri, in 1831, and he was the first minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church in that part of Missouri. The following year, 1832, he married Miss Amanda L. Roundtree, who was born in 1816, and was a daughter of Joseph Roundtree and Nancy (Nichols) Roundtree, who moved from North Carolina in 1818, and thence to Springfield, Mo., in 1829, taking as a claim the land upon which Springfield is now built. To James H. and Amanda L. Slavens were born seven children, of whom four are now living, viz.: Dr. Z. L., Nancy A. Price, Lucius B. and Luther J. James H. Slavens was sent as a missionary to the Peoria and Shawnee Indians in Kansas, among whom he labored one year, when he returned to his home in Greene County, Mo., where he engaged in farming and teaching. In 1843 he took up the study of medicine, to the practice of

which he devoted considerable attention until his death, which occurred in 1888. He served as surgeon in Gov. Phelps' Enrolled Militia during the late war. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Stewart Slavens, who was a farmer by occupation, was born in Virginia in 1786, and died in 1866. Mrs. Amanda L. Slavens died March 16, 1886. Dr. Z. L. Slavens spent his early life principally in his native place. He attended the high-school at Ebenezer, Mo., two years, and later John A. Stephens' Select School, of Springfield, Mo., one year. He began the study of medicine in 1856, under Dr. E. T. Robertson, of Springfield, and in 1857 and 1858 he attended lectures at the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis. He began the practice of his chosen profession in Laclede County, Mo., in 1858, and from there went to Buffalo, Dallas County, in 1859, where he practiced until the war broke out, when he took his family to Indiana. In 1862 he entered the army as surgeon of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Indiana Infantry, under command of Col. John Mahan, and served one year, receiving an honorable discharge. He returned to Indiana and practiced medicine until 1865, when he again went to Buffalo, Mo., where, with the exception of a short time spent in Webster County, he remained until 1875, at that time removing to Urbana. In February, 1860, Dr. Slavens married Irene Z. Stanley, who was born in Indiana in February, 1839. Her parents were Horace and Sarah (Willoughby) Stanley, natives of Tennessee. They located in Buffalo, Mo., in April, 1839, and built one of the first houses on Buffalo Head Prairie. Horace Stanley died in 1863. Sarah Stanley died in 1877. They have three children living, viz.: Mrs. Minerva Morrow, Mrs. I. V. Cummins and Mrs. Slavens. Dr. and Mrs. Slavens have four children, viz.: Mrs. Alice L. Lightner, Lieut. T. H. Slavens, Mrs. M. I. Reser, of Urbana, and Robert B. Slavens, still at home. Lieut. T. H. Slavens graduated with honor from the West Point Military Academy in 1887, and was commissioned a lieutenant and assigned to duty in the Fourth Cavalry, United States Army, now stationed at Fort Lowell, Arizona Territory. Dr. Slavens is a member of the Masonic fraternity, is a Methodist, and in politics a Republican.

L. J. Slavens, a general merchant of Urbana, Dallas Co., Mo., was born in Buffalo, Mo., November 14, 1849, and is a son of Dr. James H. Slavens and Louisa A. (Rountree) Slavens. James H. Slavens was born July 30, 1809, and in 1818 went from Kentucky, his native State, to Illinois, and thence, in 1820, to Montgomery County, Mo. In 1832 he married Louisa A. Rountree, who was born in North Carolina August 31, 1816. Seven children blessed this union, three of whom are deceased, viz.: Dr. Joseph W. R. Slavens, Thomas F. Slavens and Louisa Almarinda Slavens; four are still living, viz.: Dr. Z. L. Slavens, Mrs. N. A. Price, L. B. Slavens and L. J. Slavens. Dr. James H. Slavens, father of our subject, was a minister, and did honorable service as a missionary to the Indians one year. He moved to Buffalo, Mo., in 1844, where he practiced medicine and preached, and from there moved to Ebenezer, Mo., in 1850, where he spent two years, and subsequently removed to Webster County, Mo., returning to Buffalo in 1859. In 1861 he went to Indiana, and afterward located in Springfield, Mo. In 1865 he bought a farm near Buffalo,

and in 1875 settled in Urbana, where he lived until his death, which occurred June 23, 1888. During the war he served as surgeon in Col. John S. Phelps' regiment, United States Army. He was a successful medical practitioner, to which he devoted the greater part of his attention, commanding a large patronage wherever he went. He was a son of Stewart Slavens, of English descent. The mother of our subject died March 16, 1886; her parents were Joseph and Nancy (Nichols) Rountree, natives of North Carolina. Joseph Rountree located where Springfield now stands, before the town was founded, where he lived until his death, which occurred December 27, 1875, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. He was a farmer, and served as county judge. L. J. Slavens spent his early life in Webster and Dallas Counties, Mo., receiving a common-school education. At the age of eighteen he engaged in school-teaching, which he pursued for about twelve years. May 5, 1878, he married Josephine Lindsey, who was born in Hickory County, Mo., December 11, 1855, and is a daughter of Lycurgus and Lucy (Toby) Lindsey. Lycurgus Lindsey, a native of Kentucky, is now a farmer of Hickory County, Mo.; he served as lieutenant of Company B, Eighth Missouri State Militia Volunteers, under Capt. Cosgrove. Mrs. Slavens was the third in a family of seven, two of whom, Mrs. Cynthia A. Pendleton and Mrs. Mary E. Creed, are deceased. The remaining four now living are Mrs. Matilda Coon, Mrs. Emma Thurston, Mrs. Laura White and Eugene Lindsey. Mr. Slavens engaged in his present business, at Urbana, in 1881. He was appointed notary public in 1876, which office he still holds. They have three children: Joseph Rountree, Mary Louisa and Inez Lucy. Mr. Slavens is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he is a Republican.

W. Smithpeter. The milling interests of Dallas County, Mo., are ably represented by Mr. Smithpeter, who is the proprietor of the Buffalo Roller Mills, and is a dealer in flour and meal and native lumber. He was born in Laclede County, Mo., on the 2d of July, 1849, his parents, Alfred and Mary C. (Dugger) Smithpeter, having immigrated from their native State of Tennessee to that county in 1840. Here the father purchased 700 acres of timber land, and succeeded in improving a great portion of it previous to his death, which occurred in 1861, he being killed by bushwhackers. His widow and six of his ten children are still living, the latter's names being Angeline (wife of G. Dethurum), Albert, Wilburn, Ellen (wife of M. H. Case), Marietta and Florence. Wilburn Smithpeter, whose name heads this sketch, was reared and educated in Laclede County, Mo., and remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age. In 1870 he came to Buffalo and engaged in the drug business, which business he followed until 1883, when he purchased the mill he is now operating. In 1887 he put in the roller process, and now manufactures as fine flour as can be had in any city, and supplies the demand for many miles around. His mill is a three-story frame building, run by steam, and has a capacity of fifty barrels per twenty-four hours. He also owns a valuable and well-improved farm of sixty acres, and is engaged in the lumber business, having a saw-mill attached to his grist-mill. Mr. Smithpeter is one of the progressive citizens of the

county, and has done all in his power to encourage worthy enterprises. He is a member of the Masons, the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W., being a Select Knight in the latter. In 1873 he was married to Lydia A. Shemberger, a native of Indiana, by whom he has two children: Charles W. and Herbert V. He and wife are worthy and consistent members of the Christian Church.

James M. Stafford is one of the oldest settlers of Dallas County, Mo., and was born in Hardeman County, Tenn., February 5, 1827, and is a son of Bird and Lucy (Parker) Stafford, both of whom were born in North Carolina, and died in Dallas County, Mo., whither they had come from Hardeman County, Tenn., in 1840. March 3 he landed on the place where he died. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and, although previously a Democrat, during the late war was a strong Union man. He was a successful blacksmith and farmer, and in 1863 was married to Miss Eliza Wingo, but died three years later. To his first union eleven children were born, James M. and L. L. being the only ones who are now living. The former served during the Mexican War, and was in a number of fierce battles with the Indians on the plains. After the war he returned home and began working at the carpenter's trade, but afterward engaged in farming and blacksmithing. He was without means on starting in life for himself, but his labors have been attended with good success, and he became the owner of 600 acres of land, but has given all but 360 acres to his sons. He served for a short time during the late war, a part of the time acting as orderly sergeant. May 30, 1850, he was married to Avaline Maddux, a daughter of Nathaniel and Rebecca Maddux, natives of Polk County, Tenn., and early settlers of Dallas County. Mrs. Stafford was born September 21, 1832, and died in Dallas County, Mo., August 4, 1871, having borne a family of twelve children, ten of whom are living: Amanda M. (wife of George T. Edmisson), Lucy E. (wife of E. D. Fortner), Newton C., Laura E. (wife of J. M. Bennett), Rebecca J. (wife of Thomas Routh), Martha A. (wife of J. L. Hardison), John P., Harriet T. (wife of William Norton) and Margaret S. (wife of George S. Wingo). Nathaniel Bird, William A. and Sarah E. are deceased. December 25, 1873, Mr. Stafford wedded Mary B. Harmon, a daughter of James Harmon. She was born in Missouri, and died in Dallas County November 25, 1882, having borne five children: Lydia L., Felix C., Hettie B., Floyd and Mary Ellen. Mr. Stafford is an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

J. S. Thurston, a dealer in harness and saddlery, of Urbana, Dallas County, was born in Benton County, Mo., in 1857, and is a son of William S. and Matilda V. (Phillips) Thurston. William S. Thurston was born in Kentucky in 1832, and the following year was taken by his parents, William S. and Polly Ann (Stanley) Thurston, to Benton, now Pettis, County, Mo. He went to Iowa in 1880, and in 1881 enlisted in the Missouri State Militia, and served one year. He returned to Benton County, Mo., in 1866, and in 1871 located in Dallas County. He is a farmer and stock raiser, and the father of thirteen children, of whom the following are still living: J. S., Maggie

A., Sally, Robert, John C. and Nancy A. The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in Kentucky in 1793, and died in 1839; he did honorable service in the War of 1812, for which his widow received a pension. Mrs. Matilda Thurston was born in Wisconsin in 1836, and was a daughter of Hiram Phillips, a farmer and stock dealer of that State: she died in 1882. J. S. Thurston spent his early life in Iowa and Missouri, removing from Iowa to Missouri in 1864 or 1865, and settling in Dallas County in 1868. November 26, 1878, he married Miss Emma Lindsey, a native of Hickory County, Mo., who was born in 1858, and is a daughter of Lycurgus and Lucy (Toby) Lindsey, the former born in Kentucky in 1829, and the latter in Indiana in 1837. Lycurgus Thurston is a farmer, and in 1861 he enlisted in and served as captain of the Home Guards at Preston, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey are the parents of seven children, of whom five are living, viz.: Josephine, Emma, Matilda, Laura and Eugene. Amos Lindsey, father of Lycurgus, was born in Kentucky in 1787, and died in 1877; he married Polly Madison, an own cousin of President James Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Thurston are the parents of three children, viz.: William Lycurgus, Shepherd Oscar and Thomas Fulton. Mr. Thurston owns fifty acres of land, as well as a house, two lots and two acres of land in Urbana. Politically he is a Republican. He has served as deputy sheriff of Dallas County two years.

Thaddeus S. Tinsley, Sr., of Dallas County, Mo., is a descendant of an old Virginia family, who immigrated to Tennessee at quite an early day. His parents, John and Alice (Mulkey) Tinsley, were born, married and spent their lives in Jackson County, Tenn. They were farmers by occupation, and became the parents of fifteen children, eleven of whom are yet living: William, Philip, Emily, Ruth, Amos, Milton, Elizabeth, Thaddeus S., Martha, Lucretia and Lucinda. Thaddeus S. Tinsley is of English origin, and was born on the 31st of March, 1832, in Jackson County, Tenn., and received his education and rearing in his native county. He was married in 1854 to Miss Julia A. Fowler, of French descent, by whom he has ten children: John H., married to Mary Hendrickson February 1, 1883; Lydia, wife of R. A. McCowan; Alice, wife of J. L. Hendrickson; Lee, Vanus E., T. S., May, Zela, Clay and Idylle. In 1873 Mr. Tinsley immigrated with his family to Dallas County, Mo., where he eventually became the owner of 700 acres of land, but has sold some, and given to his children, until he now only owns 315 acres, with about 225 acres under cultivation. He has given the most of his attention to stock raising, as his farm is well adapted for this purpose, and in this occupation has been more than ordinarily successful. He and wife and eight of the children are members of the Church of Christ, and their two sons, Lee and T. S., are ministers of that church.

A. R. Vanderford was born in Ross County, Ohio, on the 30th of March, 1818, and since the fall of 1838 has been a resident of Dallas County, Mo. The father, Eli Vanderford, was born in Maryland, and at a very early day immigrated to Ohio, where he was married to Susannah Ratcliff, a native of North Carolina. They moved to Missouri at the above mentioned date, coming through in covered wagons, and reached Dallas County one month after starting out. They pur-

chased the farm now owned by the Coffey family, on which they erected a little log cabin, and lived in this for a number of years, until they were able to make better improvements. At the land sale in January, 1839, he purchased 160 acres of land for himself, and 160 acres for his son, A. R. Vanderford, whose name heads this sketch. He then entered several tracts of land near by, and at one time was an extensive real estate owner, but divided his property among his children. He and wife were among the first settlers of the county, and here spent their remaining days. Their son, A. R. Vanderford, was about twenty years of age when he came to Dallas County, and after his father purchased him his farm he bent all his energies to clearing it and getting it in a tillable condition. He has lived on this farm ever since he came to the county, and now owns 300 acres of land, with about 200 acres under fence and in cultivation, and with good improvements. In 1840 he was married to Malinda Gordon, a daughter of Noah and Nancy (Bartlett) Gordon, who came to Missouri in 1835, and located in Polk County. Here the mother died, but the father's death occurred in Pulaski County. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderford are the parents of nine children, five now living: Monroe, John C., Jasper N., Marion F. and James B.; those deceased are Julia A., Nancy P., Almira and an infant. Mr. Vanderford cast his first vote for Gen. Harrison, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church. Jasper N. Vanderford, their son, is the presiding judge of the Dallas County Court, and was born in the county on the 2d of August, 1849. His early days were spent in attending school and assisting his father on the farm, and he now has a valuable farm of 120 acres, on which are some valuable improvements. His present office, to which he was elected in 1886, expires in 1890. He has always taken a deep interest in religious matters, as well as other enterprises for the public weal, and might well be considered a valuable acquisition to any community. December 8, 1869, he wedded Miss Jane Van Horn, by whom he has the following children: William M., Laura B., Ida M., Joseph A., Charles N., Annie, Dora E., Minnie J. and Pearl. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderford are worthy members of the Christian Church.

Z. L. West, an enterprising farmer and lead miner of Miller Township, Dallas County, was born in Gasconade County, Mo., August 11, 1825, and is a son of William and Elizabeth West, the former a native of Kentucky, who moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 1809, and to Gasconade County in 1811, where he was one of the earliest settlers. He erected the second house built on the Gasconade River, and had many a dispute and fight with the native Indians. He was a farmer by occupation, and the father of eight children, four girls and four boys, of whom our subject is the only one residing in Missouri. William West died in 1854. Z. L. West spent his early life in Gasconade and Maries Counties, Mo., and when but sixteen years of age began an independent life as a farmer. In 1849 he married Miss Mary M. Harris, a native of North Carolina, and a daughter of Micajah and Barsheba Harris. Mr. and Mrs. West are the parents of nine children, of whom five are living, viz.: William M., Mary E., Courtney, Zachariah, Sarah M. Duff and Wesley. The family moved to

Dallas County, Mo., in 1848, where Mr. West purchased a claim, and as a result of industry and good management has built up his present home. He owns 244 acres of land, upon which he has good improvements and a good, comfortable house. In 1884 he enlisted in Company I, Sixteenth Missouri Mounted Infantry, took part in the battles of Jefferson City, Big Blue and Mine Creek, and received his discharge at the close of the war at Springfield, Mo. Mr. West is a member of the G. A. R., and is a Republican in politics.

Frank C. Wilson, the popular druggist of Buffalo, Mo., was born December 25, 1847, in Camden County, Mo., his parents being James and Sarah (Britton) Wilson, and his grandfather James Wilson. The latter immigrated to Camden County, Mo., at a very early day, before the Osage Indians had left the country, the State then being a Territory. His nearest neighbor lived at a distance of twenty-seven miles, and his nearest market was St. Louis, whither he would repair when in need of supplies, driving a yoke of oxen. His first residence was a little log cabin, with clapboard doors and roof, and was located about ten miles from the Osage River, on the Anglaize stream. He was a noted hunter, and his cabin was always supplied with choice wild meats, which animals fell a victim to his skill as a marksman. He was an extensive farmer and stock dealer, and made a specialty of raising fine horses, being a great admirer and an excellent judge of these animals. About 1858 he took up his residence in Caldwell County, Mo., and died near Breckenridge. His eldest son, Sampson, was sheriff of a territory now comprising (but then called Kinderhook County) several counties, of which Jefferson City was the county seat. James Wilson, the father of Frank C. Wilson, was born in Camden County, Mo., and was a farmer and trader by occupation, and was captain of Company I, Osage Regiment of Missouri Home Guards. Hon. J. W. McClurg was colonel. He and Capt. McVey carried the first message for Gen. Sigel from Lebanon to Rolla. In the spring of 1861 Mr. Wilson was commissioned recruiting officer for the Union army at Springfield by Gen. Lyon. He died at Jefferson City October 13, 1861. His wife was born in South Carolina, and died at Cassville, Mo., having become the mother of eight children, six of whom are living: William L., Frank C., Mary J., Martha M., Allen H. and Charles M. Frank C. Wilson is the eldest of the family now living, and was reared and educated in Camden County. At the age of eighteen years he engaged in teaching school, but shortly after embarked in mercantile life, and continued in the business until 1873, when he established the *Lebanon Journal*, which he continued to publish until 1880, and then came to Buffalo and engaged in milling, stock trading and the mercantile business. He has now a complete stock of drugs and all the fixtures usually carried by a druggist. He is one of the prominent business men of the town, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W., and has served as postmaster of Buffalo for three years. In 1872 he was married to Jennie H. Booth, by whom he has two children, Minnie A. and Annie B. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and their eldest daughter are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Hon. Nathaniel J. Wollard. Prominent among the leading and

enterprising citizens of Dallas County, Mo., stands the name of the above mentioned gentleman, who was born in Dallas County, Mo., October 16, 1844, and is the son of Nathaniel and Margaret (Abel) Wollard, natives of North Carolina and Virginia, respectively. The father was born August 6, 1792, and died in Dallas County, Mo., September 1, 1863. He was a Primitive Baptist minister, and in connection with his ministerial duties carried on farming, at which he was very successful. At the time of his death he was the second largest tax payer of Dallas County. He was a soldier in the War of 1812; was in the battles of Horseshoe, New Orleans, Tippecanoe and others. He was in active ministerial duty for over forty years, and preached in the greater part of Southwestern Missouri. When twenty-one years of age, poor and almost penniless, he walked 800 miles to Tennessee, and located in Maury County, where he resided until 1837, when he came to Missouri and located near where his son, Nathaniel J., is now living. He was married first to Margaret Hardison, in Tennessee, about 1816. She died in Dallas County, Mo., and Mr. Wollard married the mother of our subject in 1841. She was born January 12, 1808, and is now living with her son, Nathaniel J. Wollard. She was the daughter of John David Abel and the widow of Calvin Newport. She came with Mr. Newport from Roane County, Tenn., in 1836, and located in Wright County, where she married Mr. Wollard. To this union were born four children: Louisa P., Nathaniel J., Silas B. and James M. (deceased). Nathaniel J. remained at home until 1863, when he enlisted in Company B of Woods' Battalion, Confederate States Army, and served two years, or until the close of the war. He was in many battles—Dardanelle, Pine Bluff, Pilot Knob, Jefferson City, Big and Little Blue, Neosho and others. October 22, 1865, he married Miss Alice Randles, a native of Dallas County, Mo., born December 6, 1846, and the daughter of James Franklin Randles. The fruits of this union were these children: Mary L. M., died in infancy; James F., John S., Moses W., Sarah E. M., Robert P., Estella D., Quincy Lee, died at the age of six years; Martha, died in infancy; Permelia E., and Omega F., who died in infancy. After the war Mr. Wollard engaged in farming and stock raising, at which he has been unusually successful. In 1881 he engaged in mercantile business at Buffalo, the firm title being Randles & Wollard, and at the end of one year the title was changed to Wollard & Co. He was in business about five years, when he sold out. In 1872 he was elected justice of the peace, and served six years, when he was elected county judge from the Southern District. In 1882 he was elected by the Greenback party to represent the county in the Legislature, and in 1884 he was re-elected by the Greenback and Democratic parties. In 1886 he was nominated for State senator by the Union Labor party, but declined. In 1881 he was instrumental in establishing the Dallas County Fair Association, being elected vice-president of the same the following year, and afterward president. Mrs. Wollard has been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church from early girlhood, and recently Mr. Wollard has joined the same church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Agricultural Wheel, in which lodge he takes a

great interest, is president of the County Wheel, and a delegate to the State Wheel. He was elected in 1888 to represent the State of Missouri at the National Wheel at Meridian, Miss. Mr. Wollard is one of the representative citizens of Dallas County, and at all times takes an active interest in Sunday-schools, he being vice-president of the Washington Township Sunday-school Union. When first elected to that position there were but two Sunday-schools; now there are eleven, and over 900 scholars. At the present time Mr. Wollard is engaged in building a fine church house on his premises, which will be a credit to any locality, and as he leaves out fail in his enterprises it doubtless will be completed.

PHELPS COUNTY.

Dr. Samuel F. Arthur was born August 20, 1850, in Dent County, Mo., and is the son of John and Elizabeth (Hyer) Arthur. John Arthur was born in the State of Kentucky, was of Scotch descent, receiving a common-school education, and immigrated to Missouri about 1838; he settled at Meramec Iron Works, working in the smelting furnace, and was engaged in the same business in Crawford County for five or six years, and after that went to Dent County, entered land, and there he now resides. During the late war he was quartermaster in the Confederate army. Elizabeth Hyer was born in Pennsylvania, of German parentage. She came to Missouri when young, was married to Mr. Arthur in Crawford County, and bore him twelve children, five now living: Samuel F., Mary, Mattie, Alice and Katie. Those deceased were named John, James, Lewis, Ellen, Lizzie, May and Julia. The paternal grandparents were both natives of Kentucky, and spent their entire lives there. Grandfather Hyer was a native of Germany, and immigrated to Pennsylvania, then to Ohio, and afterward to Missouri, where he died. Dr. Samuel F. Arthur was reared in Dent County, Mo., and received a good ordinary education. At the age of twenty he began the study of medicine, reading under his uncle, Dr. John Hyer, of Lake Springs, Dent County, for two years, graduating March 11, 1874. He then came to Edgar Springs, where he has since been practicing. He has been quite successful, and has an extensive practice. He was married, March 29, 1875, to Miss Josie M. Lenox, daughter of Francis M. and Elizabeth Lenox. Mr. Lenox was from Calloway County, Ky., and followed mercantile pursuits after coming to Missouri. He represented Phelps County and also Dent County in the Legislature. His father, David Lenox, was one of the pioneer settlers of Phelps County, and a minister in the Baptist Church years afterward. Dr. Arthur was defeated by fourteen votes for the office of representative of Phelps County. He was coroner for one term. He is a Democrat in politics, is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P., and the Masonic fraternity, and is a member