

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

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HON. H. A. APPLGATE, born December 28, 1828, in Burlington, N. J. His father, Dr. H. A. Applegate, was a native of the same State and a graduate of Princeton College, and also took a medical course in Philadelphia. Dr. Applegate emigrated to Paris,



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Tennessee, in 1839, having previously married Miss Ann M. Taylor, a descendant of Zachariah Taylor. Her death had also occurred in 1834.

The son, H. A. Applegate, grew to manhood in Tennessee and received a good education in the common and high schools of that State. In 1854 he married Mary E. McMurray, who died in 1863, leaving one

child, Mary E. (Mrs. Monroe Dement). In 1857 he came to Dunklin County, Mo., and purchased land, where he now resides, at Halcomb.

In his political views he was formerly an old-line Whig but since the Civil War has never voted anything but the Democratic ticket.

He was Representative from Dunklin County shortly after the war, and the cut of him in this book exactly portrays Dunklin County's Representative as he looked in 1868; the picture was made in Jefferson City in that year. He was again elected in 1870 and represented this county two terms.

During the war he was captain of an independent company for some time and was in a number of engagements.

He was also one of the pioneer merchants of New Madrid, Mo., and of Hornersville, this county. Since his retirement from office in the seventies he has devoted most of his time to farming and stock-raising. He has one of the most beautiful homes near Halcomb, surrounded by a splendid grove of forest trees.

In 1867 Mr. Applegate took for a second companion Mary E. Patton, who bore him three children, Florence (Mrs. Alexander), and two who died in childhood. This wife also died in April, 1875, since which time his daughter and son-in-law have resided with him. He is about sixty-eight years of age, but is more vigorous than many men much younger and, except that his hair is somewhat gray, he looks much as he did when this picture was made, nearly thirty years ago.

REV. MARTIN V. BAIRD was born June 7, 1837, at Lebanon, Wilson County, Tennessee, and is the son of Thomas and Mary Martin Baird. The parents removed to Gibson County, Tenn., when their son, M. V., was about thirteen years of age; here he finished his growth and obtained a good education in



REV. MARTIN V. BAIRD AND WIFE.

the common schools and in Bluff Springs Seminary at a time when that school was in a flourishing condition. He began teaching at a very early age, and taught part of the year and attended school the remainder, continuing in this way for several years.

In 1860 he emigrated to Dunklin County, and located near Clarkton, where he has since resided, with the exception of one year, when he went back to Tennessee and taught a ten months' term of school near

Dire Station. He was offered the position as teacher at Rutherford the next year, but had concluded that he liked Dunklin County best, so he returned here. He was previously married, March 30, 1860, to Ollie B. Hopper, of Gibson County, Tennessee. To this union was born six children, all of whom died in infancy but Walter P. (also deceased) and Thomas J. (see sketch).

Mrs. Baird died April 7, 1890, having been the wife of Rev. Baird for over thirty years; she was a most excellent woman and beloved by all who knew her, and was for many years a consistent member of the Baptist Church.

June 1, 1891, Rev. Baird took for a second companion Mrs. Lillian M. Harvey, widow of Dr. Harvey (deceased), of Kennett, Mo. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Emma Iney Adams, natives of Virginia.

Lillian M. Adams was first married in her native State, Georgia, to Dr. Joseph W. Harvey, on February 19, 1860, and they came to Kennett and located in May, 1861. Dr. Harvey was a pioneer physician of this county and well and favorably known. He was sergeant under Price in the late war, and was surrendered at Pittsburg, Va. He died February 16, 1877. Dr. and Mrs. Harvey had eight children, three of whom are living, Sterling Price, Matilda G., and Dock.

Mrs. Harvey was married also to Dr. T. J. Rhodes, who died in 1881. Mamie L. is the child of this marriage. On her marriage to Rev. Baird, the couple

took up their abode at the home of Rev. Baird, near Clarkton.

Considerable of the history of Rev. Baird, as minister of the gospel, is given in the sketch on the Baptist churches elsewhere in this volume. Suffice it to say here that he is the oldest member of the "Black River Association," and the oldest minister in the county, not in years, but in point of ministerial work. He has at different times been pastor of all the old Baptist churches in the county, and he has presumably administered more baptisms than any other Baptist minister in the county. He is a man of impartial judgment, firm in his convictions and beliefs, yet withal liberal-minded. With most of the Baptist congregations he is a favorite, and he is looked upon as the best informed and extensively read minister of the Baptist denomination in the county.

THOMAS J. BAIRD, school commissioner of Dunklin County, was born December 25, 1866, and is the son of Rev. M. V. and Ollie B. Hopper-Baird (see sketch elsewhere). Mr. Baird is a native of Dunklin county, and was reared on his father's farm near Clarkton, this county. On August 3, 1892, he was married to Lizzie A. Helm, a daughter of W. H. and Hulda Mott-Helm, of Kennett, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Baird have one little daughter, whom they call Kittie.

Mr. Baird was first appointed school commissioner of Dunklin County by Gov. Francis, in August, 1891, and has since then been twice re-elected without

announcing or making a canvass for the office. He has the honor of holding the first normal diploma issued by the State Normal School at Cape Girardeau, Mo., to a student from Dunklin County. He led his class and graduated with high honors in 1890, and has for three successive years conducted the County Teachers Institute of this county.



T. J. BAIRD.

He taught his first school, after graduation, in Licking, Texas County, Mo. In 1894 he filled the position of principal of the public school at Kennett, at which place he owns a nice home, where he now resides.

Mr. Baird is looked upon as a leader by the educational faculty of the county, and is held in high regard by the teachers, as an evidence of which they recently chose him president of the Dunklin County Teachers Association.

Mr. Baird owns a good farm near Clarkton, Mo., is

a Democrat in politics, and is well and favorably known all over the county.

Mrs. Baird was, before her marriage, also a teacher, and was educated in Cape Girardeau, Mo. She is a lady of high attainments.

JAMES M. BAIRD, son of Robert and Margaret Baird, was born Feb. 7th, 1853, at Potosi, Washington County, Mo. He came to Dunklin County in Jan., 1878, and married Lucy Douglass, daughter of A. T. and Elizabeth Mott-Douglass, on June 16, 1880. They have two children, Hulah C., born May 16, 1884, and Hettie N., born Sept. 21st, 1891. Mr. Baird is a bricklayer by trade, but has been merchandising at Senath for several years: He and J. M. Douglass first opened a business at Senath under the firm name of J. M. Baird & Co., but in January, 1894, took W. R. Satterfield as a partner, and changed the style of the firm to its present name of Baird, Satterfield & Co.

This firm operates a mill and cotton gin; buys all kinds of farm produce, and keeps a full and complete line of everything usually kept in a general store.

The post-office is kept in the store of the above mentioned firm, and J. M. Baird is postmaster. Mr. Baird is Democratic in politics and he and Mrs. Baird are both members of Missionary Baptist Church.

JUDGE T. E. BALDWIN, of the firm of T. E. Baldwin & Co., real estate, Kennett, Mo., was born October 23, 1849, in Cape Girardeau, Mo. His parents,

Thomas and Elizabeth Lobdell-Baldwin, were natives respectively of Virginia and Louisiana. They were, however, early settlers of Scott County, Mo., where they were reared, educated and married. After their marriage they removed to Cape Girardeau, Mo., where they both died in the year 1859. Their son, T. E. Baldwin, came to Dunklin County in 1870, to take



JUDGE T. E. BALDWIN.

charge of a mercantile business at Clarkton for a firm in Cape Girardeau. He remained here one year, and was then elected clerk of the Clarkton Common Pleas and Probate Court; he was re-elected and held the office until the court was abolished in 1875. In 1877, he was appointed to fill an unexpired term of Circuit and County Clerk; he was elected at the regular election in 1878 to the same office. In 1882 Mr. Baldwin was elected to the office of Probate Judge, and filled this position four years. In 1884 he was also elected



County Treasurer, both terms of office expiring in 1886.

Judge Baldwin was married in 1872 at Clarkton, this county, to Miss Mary Pankey, daughter of Col. D. Y. Pankey, now of Kennett. Mrs. Baldwin is a native of Virginia, but reared and educated in Dunklin County.

The children of Judge and Mrs. Baldwin are Sallie (Mrs. L. P. Tatum), Edwin, Ernest, Paul, and Lilian.

Judge Baldwin has always shown great interest in school and church advancement in the county, and is exceptionally well posted in commercial and official affairs; he has held many public and private trusts and has left a record which none can challenge. He is a member of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. Lodges, and he and Mrs. Baldwin are both members of the Presbyterian Church.

Just now Judge Baldwin is in the real estate business, and within the past year has added a nice addition to the town-plat of Kennett.

WILLIAM G. BRAGG, of the firm of T. E. Baldwin & Co., real estate dealers, Kennett, Mo., was born September 21st, 1852, in Knox County, Tennessee. He is the son of Capt. William G. and Frances Tully-Bragg, natives of Kentucky. The parents came to Knox County about 1827, where the father engaged in merchandising until 1865, when he came to Dunklin County, locating at Kennett, and there died in 1888. He was a Republican in politics, and filled the

office of Circuit Clerk in this county just after the Civil War, and was also deputy for some years. W. G. Bragg, Jr., came with his parents to this county and received a common school education. He began clerking when quite young, and on reaching manhood began business under the firm title of Tatum & Bragg. He has since been engaged in the mercantile business



W. G. BRAGG.

under different firm names. In 1878 he was elected to the position of Clerk and in 1882 re-elected, filling the position for six years. A few years ago Mr. Bragg went to Washington and spent about two years there, but returned to Dunklin County and again located in Kennett, where he is at present in the real estate business. In 1877 he was united in marriage to Kittie Chapman, daughter of Turner and Hulda Mott-Chapman. Mr. and Mrs. Bragg are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Bragg of the Masonic fraternity.

C. D. BRAY, SON of E. M. and N. M. Owen-Bray, was born January 20, 1874. Mrs. N. M. Owen-Bray is a daughter of Dr. Given Owen, and a native of this State, and now resides on the Bray "Old Farm," near Campbell. Mr. E. M. Bray was a native of Tennessee, and came to Dunklin County in 1858, and married Miss N. M. Owen in 1867.



CYRUS D. BRAY.

Their children were five in number: Rhoda T., Cyrus D., Mary E., Adrian O., and Elija Monro. Mr. Bray died in 1884, and, since his death, Cyrus D., the subject of this sketch, has done much toward the support of the family. He is assistant postmaster and druggist in the well-known McCutchen pharmacy, and is polite, efficient and fast climbing up the ladder of honorable prosperity. He is Democratic in politics, and his parents were members of the Baptist Church, and his father was a Mason. Mr. Bray is the young man whom a couple of burglars coolly tied to

his bedpost in the winter of 1894, while they robbed his pockets, the McCutchen safe, etc. He says they were in his room when he awoke; they gave him a whiff of chloroform and told him to keep quiet; he complied and they were quite polite in their treatment of him, being careful not to wrap the cords painfully tight around his limbs. He soon released himself but the burglars had made good their escape.

NATHANIEL BAKER and JOE PELTZ are two of the pioneers of this county yet living, who have enjoyed many buffalo hunts and elk drives together in what is now Dunklin County, but which was, when they were lads, an exceedingly fine hunting-ground, actually and truly flowing with wild meat, wild fruit and wild honey. They lived here when swan were so plentiful that they would not waste ammunition killing geese, thinking them too small, when wild cattle, bear, wolves and fur-bearing creatures were as plentiful as is now the rabbit, squirrel and opossum. The geese, ducks, swan, etc., had to be watched out of the corn patches like swarms of blackbirds.

"Uncle Nathaniel," came to Dunklin County with his father, James Baker, in 1833. They first settled on Buffalo Island, and were the second family to locate there. They removed to Grand Prairie in 1842, and settled on the place where Mr. N. Baker now resides. He soon married a daughter of Hugh Shipley, and their pioneer home is yet preserved almost as first built.

Mr. Baker is a Democrat in politics, and both he

and wife are members of the Old Liberty class of M. E. C. S.

Mr. Peltz came to Dunklin County a little later than Mr. Baker, and there were but about ten white families in the south end of the county when he arrived here. "Uncle Joe" is yet a great hunter, a staunch Democrat, and a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. These pioneers have lived to see the "Buffalo Wallows" and "Elk Stamping Grounds" turned into cotton and cornfields; the Indian wigwams replaced by modern buildings; the poky old pack-horse and two-wheeled ox cart outstripped by the "wheeled-horse" and steam engine; the old-fashioned summer barbecues rounded up into an annual Fair lasting several days. In short, what was 62 years ago, when they first saw it, an Indian hunting-ground, has been given the name of Dunklin County, and peopled by 20,000 busy and progressive Americans.

Rev. J. M. BLAYLOCK was born Oct. 28, 1846, in North Carolina. His parents, Mariet and Martha Swarengin-Blaylock, were natives of North Carolina. They emigrated to East Tennessee on French Broad River in 1859, and in 1865 came to West Tennessee. August 12, 1866, J. M. Blaylock, who had been long a wanderer from his father's house, started home, and on arrival found that his father had died on the same day and about the same hour that he had started for home. February 5, 1867, he was married to Miss M. M. Rowe, a native of Tennessee. Six children have been born to this union, the eldest dying in infancy;

the others are, W. M., Mettie L., Mittie Bell, John M., and L. C. Rev. Blaylock says he was converted on a Methodist camp-ground at Manley Chapel, under the preaching of Rev. John Peoples, in 1869, united with the Missionary Baptist Church at Bear Creek, Carroll County, Tennessee. Was ordained a deacon shortly after, and was ordained to the ministry by Union Hill Church in 1884.

In the same year he came to Dunklin County and located near Valley Ridge. The first year he was pastor of Old Four Mile Baptist Church, doing missionary work the third year, and before and since that time he has been pastor of a number of churches. In 1889 he removed to Caruth, this county, but now resides near Shady Grove, one of the churches of which he pastorates. He is recognized as a forcible and impressive speaker.

MAJ. HENRY H. BEDFORD, attorney at law, Bloomfield, Mo., was born November 27, 1823, in Jackson County, Tenn. He is the son of J. M. and Elizabeth Hale-Bedford, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee respectively. The father was born in 1799. The son, H. H., is a citizen of Stoddard and not of Dunklin County, Mo., but has been identified with both counties for over half a century. He attended the first Circuit Court ever held in Dunklin County, and has attended every other regular term held in this county but three. No other personage is so constantly seen in the courts of this county as Maj. H. H. Bedford. He was one of its first attorneys and came all

the way from Bloomfield, Stoddard County, to Hornersville, Dunklin County, on horseback for his first wife, whom he married in 1847, and who was a daughter of Frank Lee, one of the very earliest pioneers of this county. After her death he was again married in 1852 to Mrs. Minerva Handy. The children of this marriage living are: Orlando, Ida V., Ethel, Arthur C., and May. In 1861 he enlisted in Capt. Hale's Company of Cavalry, and when the regiment was organized at Belmont he was elected major, in which capacity he served for about a year, when he was taken ill with pneumonia; his regiment returning home he never again resumed command. He participated in several hard skirmishes during his service and bore himself like a brave and gallant soldier. In 1857 and 1858 he represented Stoddard County in the Legislature, and for fifty years has been prominently connected with the public affairs of that county and Dunklin.

He is a large landholder in both counties and knows as much, perhaps more, of the early history of these two counties than any other man living. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is held in high regard by legal and official circles in Dunklin County.

D. T. BOYD, M. D., of Campbell, was born in Collin County, Texas, March 5, 1870. Attended school at McKinney, Texas, two years, and afterward at Farmer-ville, Texas. Taught in the public schools of that State for a while, but commenced the study of medicine in the spring of 1890. Entered the medical college at Nashville, Tenn., in the fall of 1890, and graduated

from the University of Nashville and Vanderbilt University in the spring of 1892. He came to Dunklin County in March of the same year and located at Campbell, and is now the leading young physician of that place. Married Miss Lula Taylor of Bonham, Texas, in August, 1893. Was made a Mason in



DR. D. T. BOYD.

August, 1892, and has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church since 1889.

The parents of Dr. Boyd were M. M. and Mary J. Walker Boyd, both natives of Henry County, Tenn.

T. C. BUFORD, merchant, Malden, Missouri, was born in Oford, Mississippi. He is the son of H. A. and S. L. Gill-Buford. His father was a native of Murray County, Tennessee, and his mother of Rock Hill, South Carolina. They emigrated to Mississippi, and here their third son, T. C., was reared and educated. He is well educated and follows the profession



of bookkeeper. He came to Dunklin County in May, 1895, and is now the proprietor of the Buford establishment, in Malden, on the corner of Main and Madison streets. He has a new and well-selected line of general merchandise and is doing a thriving business. He is a young man of intelligence and noted for his liberality, and is always ready to help along any enterprise to forward the progress of his adopted county.

Dunklin County will always be glad to welcome more such citizens. He is Democratic in politics.



DR. VAN H. BOND.

VAN H. BOND, M. D., Ph. G., of Cotton Plant, was born in Shelby County, Tenn. (near Memphis), December 8th, 1869. His parents, R. T. and Bettie P. Bond, were born and educated in West Tennessee, and are now residing near Union City. They removed to Obine County in 1870, in which county Van H. Bond,

the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools until November 2, 1888, when he came to Clarkton, Dunklin County, and commenced the study of pharmacy with his uncle, Dr. V. H. Harrison, afterward taking two courses of lectures in the National Institute of Pharmacy, from which he received the degree of Ph. G., standing first in his class. He then commenced the study of medicine with the same preceptors, and in the fall of 1890, entered the "Missouri Medical College," at St. Louis, Mo., taking three regular courses of lectures, and receiving the degree of M. D., the 27th of March, 1893. He then returned to his present place of residence, where he has, by close attention to professional duties, not having refused to answer a single call for two years, built up a large and fairly lucrative practice.

REV. J. L. BATTEN, pastor in charge of the Methodist Church, Kennett, Mo., is the son of John and Emily Rogers-Batten, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. The elder Mr. Batten had delicate health and he and his wife traveled considerable, and their son, J. L., the subject of this sketch, was born in Pike County, Mo., November 30, 1848. He grew to manhood and was educated in the common schools of Tennessee, and was married on October 31, 1867, to Mary J. Nicholas, a native of Hickman County, Kentucky. They have one child, Grace, born June 7, 1883. On reaching years of maturity Rev. Batten united with the M. E. C. S., and traveled one year as a "supply," when he joined the St. Louis Conference,

October 9, 1876. Clarkton Circuit, Dunklin County, was the first circuit to which he was sent. This circuit then embraced the north half of Dunklin and south part of Stoddard County, Mo., and had fourteen appointments, to which he gave one sermon each month and often more. He was made presiding elder of Poplar Bluff District in 1885. He served this district



REV. J. L. BATTEN.

three years and Salem District two years, after which time he again went back to the pastorate.

He was stationed at Malden and Kennett in 1894, and at Kennett in 1895. In fact for seven years of his ministerial life he has been connected with the pastorate in this county and has been well known here for twenty years.

Perhaps no minister now belonging to the St. Louis Conference, or Poplar Bluff District, has done so much to advance the cause of Christianity in Dunklin

County as has Rev. J. L. Batten. To say that the M. E. C. S. in this county recognizes him as one of its most powerful and eloquent ministers, that he is well-beloved by its members and highly esteemed by all, is but voicing public sentiment.



J. B. BLAKEMORE.

J. B. BLAKEMORE, Circuit Clerk of Dunklin County, was born March 1, 1857. He is a native of Tennessee, and his parents, James H. and Mary E. Adams-Blakemore, were also natives of that State.

The subject of this sketch married Miss Belle Valentine of McKinsey, Tennessee, in November, 1882. She died January, 1885, leaving one son, James Willie. Mr. Blakemore came to Dunklin County in 1886, and in November, 1887, married Miss Alice Hughes of Halcomb, this county, also a native of Tennessee. In 1888 he was appointed to fill an

unexpired term as Circuit Clerk, and elected to that office in 1890; and re-elected in 1894 by the largest majority of any candidate in the county having an opponent. He is Democratic in politics.

Rev. S. C. BIFFLE, late pastor of Grand Prairie Circuit, M. E. C. S., in Dunklin County, was born December 24, 1848, in Wayne County, Tennessee. His parents, Johnson L. and Mary Ann Hill-Biffle, were born and reared in Tennessee, but removed to Missouri, locating in Bollinger County, when the subject of this sketch was but eight years of age. Here he grew to manhood, working on a farm and attending the country schools a few weeks each winter. When a young man he also attended the Bellview Collegiate Institute a part of two years, and followed teaching for three years. In 1866 he united with the M. E. C. S. and was licensed to preach by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Marble Hill Circuit in 1873. In 1874, he was employed by D. J. Marquis, Presiding Elder of the Charleston District, to take charge of the Gayoso Circuit, Pemiscot County, Missouri.

October 15, 1874, he was admitted on trial in the St. Louis Conference, M. E. C. S., and was appointed to the Houston Circuit. Two years later he was received into full connection and has filled the following pastoral charges: Greenville Circuit, 1875 to 1878; Oak Ridge Circuit, 1878 to 1879; Poplar Bluff Circuit, 1879 to 1880; Marquand Circuit, 1880 to 1881; Houston Circuit, 1881 to 1883; Farmington Circuit, 1883 to 1887;

Lutesville Circuit, 1887 to 1890; Doniphan Circuit, 1890 to 1892; Grand Prairie Circuit, 1892 to 1895.

His labors as a minister have resulted in good to a great many; during his pastorate in Dunklin County more than three hundred persons were added to the Methodist Church. He was a prominent factor in the successful religious movement that has been going on in the south end of Dunklin County for the past three years.

November 3, 1874, Rev. Biffle was united in marriage to Miss Annie Allbright of Madison County, Mo., who has since this time shared the toils, trials and joys of an itinerant's life. To this union have been born three children, Atticus L., Mary C. and Sebastian C.

JOSEPH I. CANEER, merchant at Senath, Missouri, was born February 13, 1859, in Gibson County, Tennessee. His parents, W. T. and Sarah Karns-Caneer, were both natives of Tennessee. Their son, Joseph I., grew to manhood in his native State, receiving a fair education in the common schools of the same. He came to Dunklin County and located at Senath, July 4, 1886, opening a general mercantile business in September following. He started in business alone and with but little means, and from this has gained an extensive business and trade. He keeps a well-chosen, new and complete line of general merchandise. July 19, 1894, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Willie Baie. They have one son, whom they call Melvin. Mr. Caneer is Republican in politics and is a first-class all-round business man.

EDGAR PREWITT CARUTHERS, editor of the "Dunklin Democrat," the leading paper of Dunklin County, was born in Cook Settlement, St. Francois County, Missouri, October 27, 1854. His father was Solomon D. Caruthers, for many years County Clerk and Pro-



E. P. CARUTHERS, Editor *Dunklin Democrat*.

bate Judge of Madison County. His mother was Mary Jane Harris, daughter of S. P. Harris, an early Southeast settler. The subject of this sketch entered a printing office, that of the "Fredericktown Conservative," and there commenced his trade in 1865. He later published the "Bee" at the same place, and

was for a time Enrolling Clerk of the State Senate; six years Clerk in the State Auditor's Office, then official reporter of the House, and served one year on the reportorial staff of the "St. Louis Republican." Afterward for eight years he was editor and publisher of the "Index," a Democratic paper at Medicine Lodge, Kansas; and for the next two years was in the book and job printing business at Carthage, Mo.

In May 24, 1893, he came to Kennett and began editing the "Dunklin Democrat," since which time that paper has steadily grown in favor, and now has the largest circulation of any paper in Southeast Missouri. Mr. Caruthers has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary Fleming of Madison County. She became the mother of his four living children, and died at Carthage, Mo., November 15, 1891. He was again married on January 25, 1894, to his present wife, Miss Minnie L. Chandler, of Kennett, Mo., a daughter of Thomas Chandler of this county.

Mr. Caruthers is a member of the Masonic fraternity, president of the Southeast Missouri Press Association, a member of the State Association, and is a man who makes and retains many friends.

WILLIAM M. CATES, merchant at Cotton Plant, Mo., was born June 26, 1849, in Orange County, North Carolina. His parents were Nancy A. and John William Cates, natives of the above mentioned State. Mr. Cates emigrated to Tennessee and there married Eliza A. Short, February 26, 1870, Rev. David Hali-burton, a Baptist minister of Gibson County, officiat-



ing. They came to Dunklin County in 1878, going to Texas shortly after; there they remained two years, when they returned to Dunklin County, where they have since remained. (See Photo., p. 195.)

They have had born to them four children, Amanda Melvine, John William, Lena R., all of whom died in infancy; their only living child, Ella F., is a bright young girl of fifteen summers, well calculated to honor and make her parents happy in their old age. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cates are members of the Baptist Church and of the Rebekah Degree of I. O. O. F.

Mr. Cates has devoted most of his time to farming and stock-raising, but went in the mercantile business at Cotton Plant in 1893. He is a careful and discreet business man and carries a full and complete line of general merchandise. He is a Democrat in politics.

RILEY CLARKSTON came to Dunklin County in 1834, with his father, Wiley Clarkston, and this was the third family to settle on Horse Island. When he came here there was nothing representing a church, house, school, post-office or physician in the bounds of the county. He was a lad nearly grown when he first heard a sermon preached, and the old Liberty church was the first one he ever visited, in the later forties or early fifties. He used to go to Gainesville, Arkansas, for a physician for the family, even in the night if it were necessary, crossing in a canoe himself but swimming his horse through St. Francois River at Bowlen's Ferry. He says he has helped to kill as many as sixteen buffalo from one herd on Buffalo

Island and that these huge animals were so tall that "He could ride clear under a limb on which a buffalo would hang his hair," and that in those days he killed from fifty to seventy-five bear each season before Christmas. They baconed the bears, dried their venison hams, and strained their wild honey and always had plenty to divide liberally with a new neighbor. Mrs. Clarkston says she has many times pounded their bread and coffee in a mortar in the way she learned from an Indian squaw before there was any horse mills and when they could not afford a steel hand mill. Mr. and Mrs. Clarkston reside near Senath on Horse Island, are fairly strong and healthy for their age, and are true pioneers of Dunklin County.

WILEY N. COLE, born September 22d, 1854, is a native of Carroll County, Tenn. His parents, John and Mary A. Bivins-Cole were also natives of Tennessee.

W. N. Cole, the subject of this sketch, married Mollie Woody in 1874, who died in the same year. In 1875 he married Elizabeth Ballard. By this marriage he has one son, Richard E., who is a young man about twenty years of age. Mr. Cole came to this county in 1877, and married his present wife, Miss Margaret Clifford, in 1878. The children of this marriage are Lula B., Hettie M., Sir Wallace, John Palmer and Pearl; they also have two little boys dead. Farming is his principal occupation, and he owns 160 acres of good land near Hornersville, although he holds the tenth edition of a master's and pilot's cer-

tificate for a steamer of one hundred and twenty-five ton capacity to run on St. Francois and its tributaries. He has also run on the Mississippi river as clerk of the G. M. Sivley, a boat of about 130 tons.

Steamboating is no doubt his best loved profession, and he is exceedingly well acquainted with both St. Francois and Little Rivers. Mr. Cole is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Democratic in politics. Mrs. Cole and daughter, Miss Lula, are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.



DR. R. G. COOK AND WIFE.

Dr. RALPH GUILD COOK was born August 1, 1837, in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., and was the son of Nathaniel and Mary Clark-Cook. He came to Dunklin County and located at Hornersville in 1865, but soon after removed to Cotton Plant where he spent

the remainder of his life. He was a graduate of Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was as good a physician as any in the county. For many years prior to his death, which occurred February 5, 1882, he had an extensive practice. August 8, 1866, he married Miss M. K. Wagster, daughter of Critenden and Kiddy Jones-Wagster, who came to Dunklin County about 1850. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Cook are Arvellah and Amasso S., deceased, Thomas J., Mary Kiddy, Zellah, Mrs. John Night, Ralph Vaumeter and Guild Davis. Dr. Cook was a zealous worker in the Christian Church, of which he was a member, and he was equally zealous in advocating the teachings of Odd Fellowship, and his presence in the lodge room always insured an interesting and entertaining meeting.

He helped to organize the Rebekah Degree, the degree for ladies, of the I. O. O. F., at Cotton Plant, and named the lodge in honor of his daughter, Arvellah. He was as enthusiastic in the ladies', as in the gentleman's degrees, of sanguine temperament, and jolly as a boy up to the time of his death. This county has had few better men or citizens. Mrs. Cook is also a member of the Christian Church, and of Arvellah Lodge No. 36, Daughters of Rebekah, Cotton Plant, Mo. She has since the death of Dr. Cook resided on her home at Cotton Plant, which Dr. Cook left to his family. It is one of the most beautiful homes in the county, surrounded by a fine grove of forest trees. Mrs. Cook owns Old Hickahod, the famous white stork of Dunklin County.

The bird was captured by Alf. Hector, on Big Lake, Arkansas, in 1861. The tip of one wing being shot off, Mr. Hector gave the bird to Dr. Linamood, and shortly before his death, Dr. Linamood gave him to Dr. Cook. He is a tall white stork, and must be very old. Because of his age and associations, Mrs. Cook and family are very proud of Old Hickabod.



JOHN B. COOK.

JOHN B. COOK, of the firm of N. N. Rice & Co., Kennett, Mo., was born March 5, 1858, in Murray County, Tennessee. He is the son of Robert J. and Celia Beakey-Cook, natives of that State. In January, 1860, he came to Dunklin County, and located on Horse Island when that island was very sparsely settled.

He married Lucretia, daughter of Hon. David Rice. She was born March 20, 1857, and is a native of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook have two children, Rosetta A., born April 17, 1876 — now the wife of Will Haislip,

of Horse Island — and Christopher Columbus, born July 25, 1879. Mr. Cook has been a farmer up to February, 1895, when he went in business with his brother-in-law in the above mentioned firm. He owns about two hundred acres of good land near Senath, about ninety of which are in a good state of improvement, with good farm buildings, orchard, etc. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and he, wife, and son are members of the Missionary Baptist Church; his daughter having joined the M. E. C. S. with her husband.

D. R. Cox, attorney at law, Malden, Mo., was born in Marshall County, Tennessee, August 7, 1852. His father, Moses Cox, was a native of North Carolina, but emigrated to Tennessee, where he married Miss Sarah McWherter, a native of that State. During the civil war Mr. Cox, Sr., was an officer in the Confederate army under Col. Lon Freeman for the entire period of four years.

D. R. Cox, the subject of this sketch, came to Dunklin County, January 3, 1868. He was just sixteen years of age at that time, and the meager educational facilities of the county was a great disadvantage, but he managed to obtain a fair common school education. In 1870 he was appointed Deputy Sheriff of this county by J. H. Barrett. Before he reached his majority his friends advised him to make the race for Constable of Colton Hill Township, disregarding his age. He became a candidate and was successful. In 1874 he engaged in the mercantile

business, but in 1876 moved to Johnson County, Texas. While there he worked in the office of the Sheriff of that county, remaining until 1880, when he returned to Dunklin County, and again engaged in the mercantile business, this time as a salesman for Levi & Plant and J. S. Levi & Co. of Malden. While selling goods he commenced the study of law, and in 1887 was admitted to the



D. R. Cox.

bar by Hon. John G. Wear, judge of this, the 23d Judicial Circuit of Missouri. Since that time he has enjoyed a splendid law practice and been quite successful. In April, 1891, Mr. Cox was elected Mayor of the city of Malden, and re-elected to the same office in 1893. Has been Notary Public since 1884. In 1874 he married Miss Fannie L. Sarver, of Clay County, Arkansas. To this union have been born Robt. A., now a young man just graduated from the Searcy Military College of Arkansas; Mattie M., in the graduating class for 1896, of the Galloway Female

College; George Leslie, Jessie G., Ollie and Inez. Mrs. Cox is one of the leading members of the M. E. C. S. of Malden, and the family are all of that faith. Mr. Cox is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and was Worshipful Master of the Malden Lodge in 1884. He is a real Dunklin County Democrat, always supporting the ticket, and is wont to say "there is not a black sheep in the family" of a large number of relatives on both his mother's and father's side. This of course means there is not a Republican in his family. He is, however, liberal-minded, and counts many Republicans among his host of friends.

ISHAM F. DONALSON was born August 31, 1847, in Gibson County, Tennessee. He is the son of Judge and Judith Davis-Donalson, natives of Wilson County, Tennessee, but pioneers of Dunklin County, coming here in 1855. The father was a well-known and highly respected citizen and died in this county in 1882, the mother died in 1888. I. F. Donalson grew to manhood in Dunklin County and received the principal part of his education at home and since coming to the years of maturity.

Mr. Donalson has a long and praiseworthy record in public and official affairs in the county, and few men are known better or have more friends than I. F. Donalson of Kennett. From the beginning of Malden until 1882, he was a clerk in a general store in that town. In November, 1882, he was elected to the office of Sheriff and Collector of Dunklin County; he was re-elected to the same office in 1884, and perhaps



no man ever served in such a capacity with more general satisfaction than did he. In April, 1885, he married Miss Penola Rayburn, daughter of Maj. W. C. Rayburn, and a native of this county, where she was reared and educated. From 1887 until a very recent date Mr. Donalson did a general mercantile



I. F. DONALSON.

business in Kennett; he was quite successful but owing to his health was obliged to retire from public affairs.

Mrs. Donalson is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Mr. Donalson is a Democrat in politics and a member of the I. O. O. F.

To this union were born the following children: Thomas. H., Mable (deceased), Davis, Isham (a little girl, deceased), and Madge.

ASA B. DOUGLASS, surveyor of Dunklin County, was born July 26, 1834, in Wilson County, Tennessee, and

is the son of Asa B. and Fannie M. (Barksdale) Douglass, natives of South Carolina and Tennessee. The parents removed to Missouri in 1856, and in 1863 the father went to Texas, where he died in 1864. The mother died in Dunklin County, Missouri, in 1861. The son, Asa B. Douglass, grew to manhood in his native State and received an excellent education in the higher English branches, mathematics and surveying, and has taught in the schools of Dunklin County. He was for some years a clerk in a dry goods store in Clarkton. About 1861 he purchased his present home near that town. June 15, 1859, he was married to Mary H. Marshall, daughter of Bennett and Mary Marshall, pioneers of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass are the parents of the following children: Fannie (Westfall), Ella (Gwin), Benjamin H., John A., Walter E., Rosa Lee., Kittie Pearl, Asa B., Earl H., Norwell A. and Harry M., also Mary D., wife of W. Y. Taylor, who is deceased. In 1884, Mr. Douglass was elected to the office of county surveyor, which position he is still holding. He is Democratic in politics, is well posted in the affairs of the county and is by all who know him considered a most estimable gentleman.

He and Mrs. Douglass are members of the M. E. C. S. and their home near Clarkton is an exceptionally nice one, with a good residence, fine orchard, etc.

ELIZABETH MOTT-DOUGLASS was born June 12th, 1821, in Jessamine County, Kentucky. In early childhood her parents, James and Hetty Mott, removed

to Moscow, Ky., and here the subject of this sketch was married to Alex. T. Douglass in 1837. They removed to Montgomery County, Tenn., but in 1839 returned to Kentucky. In 1850 they emigrated to Dunkliu County, where Mr. Douglass died May 8th, 1876. His life in this county was one of usefulness,



MRS. ELIZABETH (MOTT) DOUGLASS AND GRANDSON  
R. S. DOUGLASS.

he was always interested in public affairs, fearless in advocating what he believed to be right and condemning wrong. He united with the Missionary Baptist Church at Shady Grove in 1869, and was baptized by Elder Jas. H. Floyd. Just after the Civil War, when Democrats could not vote, he was appointed judge of the County Court of this county, but would not take the oath then required, and returned his commission to the Governor. A. T. Douglass was born in 1811 in

Bedford County, Va., and at the age of 19 years came with his parents to Tennessee.

Mrs. Elizabeth Douglass is about seventy-four years of age and has spent forty-five years of her life in this county. She is hale and hearty and retains all her faculties. She came to this county at a time when log cabins, with puncheon floors and cypress bark ceilings were in common use, but be it said that the hardships of pioneer life never detracted from her refined and progressive nature. In the early fifties she was baptized by one of the pioneer preachers, Elder Sander Walker, uniting with the Missionary Baptist Church, and has since been a faithful member of same. The honest, industrious and progressive lives of herself and deceased husband should be a precious heritage to their descendants. "Grandma Douglass," as she is affectionately called, is the oldest living member of one of the oldest, most intelligent and progressive families of Dunklin County, consisting of herself, seven children, twenty-four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Her children are, respectively, Rev. Robt. H., Hettie F. (Mrs. Satterfield), Judge James M., All W., Jennie (Mrs. Lawson), Huldah and Lucy (Mrs. J. M. Baird).

Miss Hulda has never married and resides with her mother at Sennath, Mo. She is notary public, assistant postmistress and an acknowledged leader in Sunday-school, church and social functions in her neighborhood. She was educated in the schools of this county and the normal school at Cape Girardeau, Mo. Perhaps she has done as much as any other

woman in this county to make her own little corner of the great world wiser, better and happier.

R. S. DOUGLASS was born in Dunklin County, Mo., November 12, 1871, and is the son of Rev. R. H. and Mary E. Douglass, natives of Tennessee and Indiana respectively. R. S. Douglass' education was begun in the public schools of the county. In 1893 he graduated from the State Normal School at Cape Girardeau, Mo. He led his class, thereby proving that Dunklin County's young people are not to be left behind. Since his graduation Mr. Douglass has been almost constantly employed in some capacity as teacher. Two years he has been assistant in the "Teachers' Institute" of this county and is now vice-president of the Teachers' Association. He is one of the many young teachers who have been born and reared in Dunklin County, of whom it is especially proud. In 1895 he was united in marriage with Otilie Josephine Gase, a native of New Haven, Franklin County, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Douglass are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a Democrat in politics.

Rev. ROBT. H. DOUGLASS was born in Montgomery County, Tenn., February 7, 1839. He is the son of A. T. and Elizabeth Mott-Douglass, and was but ten years of age when he came with his parents to Dunklin County, Mo., since which time he has spent most of his life in this county. He received only a common school education and is mainly self-educated. He is a deep thinker and a close student even yet. In

1858 he married Miss Rebecca J. Wagster, a native of Tennessee. To this marriage was born three children, Thomas J., of Caruth, this county, and two others who died in infancy. In 1861 he enlisted in the Second Missouri Cavalry (Confederate States army), under Col. Robt. McCullough, until the close of the war.

After his term expired he, however, re-enlisted in the Second Missouri Cavalry in Col. Kitchen's regiment and participated in a number of engagements, the most important being Corinth and Price's Raid through Missouri and Arkansas.

In August, 1866, he married his present wife, Mrs. Mary E. Richerson, who was the daughter of Rudolphus Lamb, one of the early settlers of New Madrid County.

The children of this marriage were Robert S. and Mary E. The latter, known as Miss Mamie, died September 7, 1894, at the home of her parents at Caruth. She was very lovable, an earnest scholar and one of this county's most promising young teachers.

Rev. Douglass has been principally engaged in agricultural pursuits, until since his ordination as a minister of the Missionary Baptist Church, in September, 1881, since which time he has devoted much time to the ministry. He is the most constant and powerful advocate of Baptist doctrines in the county and is looked upon by all, even those who differ with him in opinions, as a forcible and eloquent speaker and a gentleman worthy of high regard.

He is a Royal Arch Mason and has passed through the chairs of the various offices of that fraternity and

is well known all over Dunklin County, having resided near his present place of residence nearly all the time since his parents located there in 1850.

Mrs. Douglass is a member of the Baptist Church and has been for two years postmistress at Caruth. She is a lady of much culture and refinement.

JUDGE JAMES M. DOUGLASS, of the firm of Baird, Satterfield & Co., Senath, Missouri, was born October 27, 1847, in Fulton County, Kentucky. He is the son of A. T. and Elizabeth Douglass and was but three years of age when he came to Dunklin County. In spite of the fact that his early educational advantages were limited to the common schools, he was for a time a successful teacher and has an extensive record in public life. In 1877 he was elected to fill an unexpired term as assessor of this county and re-elected by a large majority to the same office. In 1884 he was elected judge of his district and unanimously re-elected, not having any opposing candidate. December 25, 1881, he was united in marriage to Miss Belle, a daughter of lawyer W. G. Phelau of Stoddard County, Missouri. The children of this marriage are Thos G. R. Moses, deceased, Minnie Francis, Allie Manning, and Margaret Elizabeth.

James Mott-Douglass has resided at Senath on Horse Island for fourteen years, put up the first mill and cotton gin at that place, and was the prime mover in getting the mail route to Senath, and has always took great interest in the schools and other public affairs of his neighborhood.

Mr. Douglass owns quite an extensive estate of 600 or 800 acres and has devoted much of his life to farming and stock-raising, but has for several years been in the mercantile business at Senath. He is Democratic in politics and he and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

GEORGE T. DUNMIRE was born April 12, 1837, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, removed to Kentucky in 1866, and there married Miss Viana M. Phillips, daughter of John H. Phillips, on September 22, 1868. Their son, John H., was born June 27, 1869, in Clinton County, Kentucky. They also lost one son, David H., in infancy. Their daughter, Miss Hattie, was born in Dunklin County, Missouri, in 1879. (See photo, p. 195.)

Mr. and Mrs. Dunmire came to Dunklin County in 1878, and located at Kennett, where they now reside.

John H. Dunmire, now traveling for Schuh Drug Company, Cairo, Illinois, was married to Miss Fannie Sturges of Kennett, January 11, 1892. They have two children, Clara B., and Marian Irene. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dunmire are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. and Mrs. George T. Dunmire of the M. E. C. S. Both gentlemen are Republican in politics and highly-respected citizens.

W. B. FINNEY, M. D., of Kennett, Mo., was born January 1, 1858. His parents, James M. and Mary A. Smith-Finney, were natives of Illinois, and Mr. Finney was for several years Sheriff of Johnson County, Illinois,



Dr. Finney, the subject of this sketch, received his literary education in the common school and Ewing College, of Franklin County, Illinois. March 10, 1890, he graduated from the Physicians and Surgeons College, St. Louis, Mo. August 2, 1885, he married Miss Martha E. Clippard, of Cape County, Mo., but resided and practiced medicine at Laffin, Mo.,



DR. W. B. FINNEY.

until December, 1892, when he came to this county and located at Kennett, where he has gained a large and lucrative practice.

Mrs. Finney is a member of the M. E. C. S. Dr. Finney is a Democrat in politics and a member of the I. O. O. F. and Masonic fraternities. Their children are: Willie Ozro, Ernest Green, Hubert Clippard, Earl G. and Mary Eula.

DAVID FINLEY was born September 1, 1820, in Orange Co., Ind. He came to this county in 1834,

when there were but ten white families in the south end of Dunklin County. He married Miss Margaret McDaniel, who bore him four children. Mrs. Finley and three of the children died with small-pox about the close of the Civil War. The other child had died prior to this time. In 1866 Mr. Finley married Miss Julian Hite, a native of Tennessee. David Edwin and



DAVID FINLEY.

Ellen J. are the children of this marriage. Miss Ellen is a pretty girl about sixteen years of age. Mr. "Edd" Finley lives on the old home place near Cotton Plant, where his father first settled at a time when he could kill elk, buffalo and other large game within a mile of his house. Mr. Finley was a close friend of Judge Edwin J. Langdon, in honor of whom he called his son, who married Miss Mary E. Nelson on December 20, 1885; their children are Cordelia J., David M., and Martha J. "Uncle" Dave Finley was a member of the Masonic fraternity and lived just 50

years, 1 month and 16 days in this county, dying October 17, 1884.

J. Q. A. GARDNER, merchant at Campbell, Mo., was born in 1828, at Selma, Ala. His father, John Garduer, was born in 1802, and was a native of Virginia, but emigrated to Alabama at an early day, where he married Lucy Melton in 1827. J. Q. A., the subject of this sketch, removed with his family to Anna, Ill., in 1863, and came to Dunklin County, Mo., in 1870. He resided on a farm near Four Mile, until seven years ago, when he went into the mercantile business at Campbell, where he keeps a complete and nicely selected stock. In 1848 he married Mariah E. Bobo, a native of South Carolina, and of French parentage. Their children are: Alice, Hiram A., America and Willie L., deceased, and W. Scott.

Mr. Gardner has owned several nice tracts of land, some of which he has given to his children. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and both he and his wife are members of the M. E. C. S. A staunch Republican in politics, he has voted for every Republican President but Garfield, and was then away from home on election day.

His son, Hiram A., is a prominent farmer and stock dealer at Campbell. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., has been deputy grand master of his district, and is held in high regard by that order all over Dunklin County.

Another son, Winfield Scott Gardner, is, despite the fact that he is a Republican, holding the position of

Deputy Collector under a Democrat in a county which has a large Democratic majority. He resides in Malden, Mo., and was for several years a member of the firm of Gregory & Gardner. Is a member of the Republican Central Committee, and of the I. O. O. F. Comparatively few men are better known or held in higher esteem by the people of Dunklin County than are the gentlemen of the Gardner family.

Rev. M. TAYLOR GRIGORY was born September 18, 1849, near Kennett, Dunklin County, Missouri. His father, Rev. Jas. R. Grigory, was born October 29, 1810, and was a native of Georgia, but emigrated to Bond County, Illinois, where at the age of twenty-three he married Sarah A. Ellegood, a native of that State.

Rev. Grigory, Sr., did not enjoy good health in Illinois and decided to move to Southeast Missouri. His neighbors assisted him to pack his wagons and he started with wife and four little girls, in the old-fashioned way on a long overland journey.

He stopped on Castor River, near Bloomfield, Missouri, for two years, but was not altogether satisfied with that county and came on to Dunklin County in 1845.

He had not regained his health and his family were nearly in destitute circumstances; and on his arrival in this county were taken in by Mr. Shipley, where they remained through the winter following. His new-found friends advised him to trade some of his horses and wagons for 220 acres of land; this he



WM. M. CATES.



G. T. DUNMIRE.



MR. J. HIRSCH AND WIFE.



KENNETT HIGH SCHOOL.

did, settling about four miles north of Kennett, where he soon regained his health and there lived the remainder of his life.

James R. Grigory united with the Methodist Church when a young man, and on coming to Dunklin County was soon appointed class leader and afterward licensed to preach. He was about the second local Methodist preacher in this county and was also preacher in charge for several years of the Grand Prairie Circuit, which was then a very extensive field. He often rode forty miles in a day and preached three times, in order to fill all his appointments. He is also said to have delivered the first sermon ever preached on Big Lake Island, Arkansas. He served six months in the Black Hawk War, and on the breaking out of the Civil War his sympathies were with the South. At its close he had some trouble about holding his preacher's license but the division of the churches ended his difficulty and he continued to preach as a minister of the M. E. C. S.

His son, Rev. M. Taylor Grigory, was reared on the old Grigory farm and educated in the common schools of Dunklin County, and at the age of twenty-one began teaching, and at twenty-three was married to Miss Jane Roach, a native of Tennessee. At the age of thirty-five he united with the M. E. C. S. and was licensed to preach one year later. He was preacher in charge of Kennett Circuit in 1888, and has done much other pastorate work. Shortly after his marriage he bought land near Kennett, where he lived for years, when

he removed to Jonesborough, Arkansas, in order to give his two children, Loula and Eva, the benefit of a town school. However, he did not have good health in Arkansas, so he returned to Dunklin, where, in forty days, he had gained in flesh about as many pounds. He again engaged in farming in summer, and teaching during the fall and winter months. He continues to farm and devotes some time to the ministry.

Rev. Grigory is Democratic in politics and the family are all members of the Methodist Church. He is well and favorably known all over the county.

J. H. HARKEY, present judge of the Second District, is the son of Daniel D. and Mary A. Bankston-Harkey, and was born October 27, 1843, in Pike County, Georgia. Daniel D. was a native of North Carolina and Mrs. Harkey of Georgia. They came to this county in 1853 and located on Grand Prairie, where they resided until their death. They were both charter members of the old Harkey's chapel class of the M. E. C. S., helped to build the first house by that name, and were always among the church's most consistent and powerful workers. Judge J. H. Harkey holds the only office he has ever asked for at the hands of the county. He is Democratic in politics and quite influential in his neighborhood. He joined the Masonic order at Hornersville in 1872, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and has passed through nearly all of the chairs of both lodges. He was joined in marriage to Miss Francis Ham on April 2, 1863. Mrs. Harkey



was born at Hickman Bend, Ark., in 1847, and is the daughter of Thomas H. and Francis C. Branch-Ham.

Her maternal grandfather was of Irish descent and quite a noted man. He surveyed the Western District and was a Captain on the American side in the Revolutionary War.

Judge and Mrs. Harkey have no children of their own, but have raised a number of orphans; among them are R. M. Reeves, Annie Dyerhouse, Frazier Dickson, Ralph and Rosie Harkey, and they now have little Bertie Secreese. Judge Harkey has been Sunday-school superintendent at Harkey Chapel for four years and both he and Mrs. Harkey are members of the M. E. C. S.

WILBURN D. HARKEY, of Nesbit, was born March 20, 1837, in Pike County, Georgia. He is the son of Daniel and Mary A. Bankston-Harkey, pioneers who came to Dunklin County in 1851, at which time their son, the subject of this sketch, was just fourteen years of age.

He attained his growth in this county and in 1858 was married to Margaret McEacher. In 1862 Mr. Harkey enlisted in the Confederate Army, Second Missouri Cavalry, under Col. McCullough. At the expiration of twelve months, for which time he had enlisted he went into Col. Kitchen's regiment, with whom he remained until the close of the war, surrendering at Wittsburg, Ark. He was in the battles of Iuka and Corinth and in a great many skirmishes.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Harkey are: Wilburn

O., A. Jasper, William L., Edward L., Thomas F. and Bascom S. Two of these are married, Wilburn O. to Callie Grogan, and William L. to Anna Bowers.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Harkey are among the oldest members of the Old Harkey's Chapel M. E. C. S. and have always been consistent and powerful workers.

They settled on their present farm in 1867. It is one of the best improved farms around Nesbit, with nice orchard, good residence, barns, etc. Mr. Harkey is a member of the Masonic order and a Democrat in politics.

**BEN. F. HICKS**, stock and grain dealer, Halcomb, Mo., was born April 23, 1849, and is the son of John and Nancy Langford-Hicks, natives of Middle Tennessee. The parents, however, removed to Henry County, West Tennessee, in 1851, where the father was magistrate for eighteen continuous years, and also held the office of County Trustee.

Benjamin F. Hicks grew to manhood in Henry County, near Paris, Tennessee, and was educated in the Sulphur Well Academy. In 1870 he went to the Pacific Coast, and for four years was a resident of California and Nevada. In 1874 he returned home, and November 2d of the same year, was married to Miss E. Tennie Williams, a native of Tennessee. April, 1876, she died, leaving one child, George A.

October 30, 1877, Mr. Hicks took for a second companion, Miss Ida E. Blakemore, also a native of Tennessee. She was reared near Paris, educated in the common schools of her native State, and the

Murry Institute, in Murry, Kentucky, and is a daughter of William S. and Isabella Williams-Blakemore. The father was for several years sheriff of Henry County, Tenn. She has three brothers in this county, all of whom own nice homes near Halcomb, and is also a relative of J. B. Blakemore, circuit clerk of Dunklin County. Mrs. Hicks is a member of the M.



B. F. HICKS AND WIFE.

E. C. S. and is one of the most ardent supporters of that church at Halcomb.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hicks are Hattie B., Taylor P., Clinton C., and Blanch A. Mr. Hicks came to Dunklin County in 1880, and located at Halcomb Island, which was then in a very primitive condition. He bought land, built a modest residence just in front of the "Lone Pine Tree," and it is said that his is the best improved and most conveniently fenced

farm in Dunklin County. He is a large dealer in grain and stock and a man of good information, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Christian Church. Both he and Mrs. Hicks are broad-minded Christian workers and liberal givers to all the church denominations.

J. HIRSCH, proprietor of the New York Store, Kennett, Mo., is the youngest merchant in Kennett. He is only about twenty-five years of age, was born in Germany and has been in America but seven years. Five years of this time he resided in New York City and he has been two years in Kennett. In May, 1895, he married Miss Fannie Kaufman, sister to the members of the firm of Kaufman Bros., Cairo, Ill. The New York Store is situated in the Tatum Block and is conducted on the Eastern city style, being confined strictly to dry goods, clothing, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, etc., and making a specialty of fine millinery. In order to have the latest styles and ideas in trimming Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch have an Eastern trimmer fresh from the shop each season. The New York Store has been exceptionally successful and is introducing regularly the latest styles and novelties in every line carried. (See photo, p. 195.)

E. G. HENDERSON, editor "Dunklin County Register," was born in Catoosa County, Georgia, but when very young moved to Arkansas and was reared at Batesville, Independence County. In 1869-70 he learned the printer's trade in Little Rock, Ark., and

in 1872 moved to Evening Shade, Sharpe County, where he worked at his trade alternately with other employment for twenty-two years. During eleven years of this time he was owner and editor of the



E. G. HENDERSON.

“Sharp County Record,” making that paper one of the most prominent and popular journals in North Arkansas. In 1895, Mr. Henderson disposed of the Record plant and in October of the same year established the “Dunklin County Register” at Malden, Mo.

This paper is fast gaining favor with the people of this county, now having a circulation of over 650. Mr. Henderson is a Democrat in politics and, of course, advocates these principles in his paper.

Though he has not been long in this county, Malden's people believe they have gained an able editor in E. G. Henderson. He is a member of the M. E. C. S. and of the I. O. O. F. and Masonic fraternities.

CHARLES O. HOFFMAN, Judge of the Probate Court, Dunklin County, was born May 30, 1846; is a native of Virginia; was reared in Richmond, Va., and Atlanta, Ga. He came to Dunklin County, Mo., and located near Clarkton in the early seventies. In January, 1874, he married Emma Ashcraft, daughter of Casswell Ashcraft, formerly of Clarkton and a pioneer of this county.

To this union were born four children, Della (now a young lady and a general favorite with the young people of Kennett), Homer, Lillian and Tom.

The mother of these children died in 1884, and in about four years Judge Hoffman married Mrs. Bird, by whom he is the father of two children, Bee and Virginia.

Judge Hoffman has held the office of Probate Judge since 1886, being elected in that year, and re-elected in 1890 and in 1894; his term will expire in 1898, when he will have held this position twelve years. In 1894 he had no opposing candidate neither before the Democratic primary nor general election, and there was polled for him the largest number of votes of any

candidate in the county. He has filled the position of Probate Judge with the greatest satisfaction and is one of the most popular and highly esteemed gentlemen in this county.

W. E. HOPPER, manager of the Campbell Roller Mills, Campbell, Mo., was born September 17, 1857, in Weakley County, Tennessee.

His parents, Andrew Darby Hopper and Mary Elizabeth Emily Clary, were married July 2, 1851, and came to Dunklin County in 1860. Mr. Hopper was a farmer, and on coming to Missouri purchased land near Campbell, or what was then Four Mile. He was a very large man, weighing 225 pounds, a Democrat in politics and a member of the Missionary Baptist Church; a native of Tennessee, born May 16, 1829, and died in Dunklin County, Mo., March 24, 1878. Mrs. Hopper is also a native of Tennessee, born December 7, 1825, and resides near Campbell with her children. She and Mr. Hopper were the parents of four children, who all live near Campbell, in fact, they all own homes in the same township. They are, Martha Ann E., born January 16, 1856; Minerva Caroline, born September 25, 1859; Benjamin Forester, born May 2, 1865; and William Elbert, who is the subject of this sketch. He was but three years of age when his parents brought him to Dunklin County, where he grew to manhood and received his education in the common schools. October 15, 1884, he was married to Miss Anna Lorena Blakeney, a native of North Carolina. To

them have been born five children, Lessie Ann, Henry Earl, Susana, Darby Leander, and Ethen Elbert (deceased).

Mr. Hopper owns the old Hopper home, four miles north of Campbell, on which some of the Hopper family have resided for nearly thirty years. The house is surrounded by hickory trees, which shelter the ground where Mr. Hopper played in his boyhood days and also where his children have spent much of their youth. While he now resides in Campbell in a much more pretentious home the old country home is doubtless the best loved residence.

In March, 1895, Mr. Hopper was elected General Manager of the Campbell Roller Mills, and his able management and accommodating and genial manner as well as the good quality of its flour have won for the new enterprise many friends.

Mr. Hopper is a member of the School Board at Campbell, is much interested in educational matters and is ever ready to lend a helping hand to any enterprise which will promote the general welfare of his best loved county or State.

He is a Democrat in politics and both he and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

M. W. HUBBARD, proprietor of the firm of that name in Clarkton, Mo., was born April 7, 1840, in Madison County, Kentucky. He is the son of Greenvil and Mary Jarman-Hubbard, natives of the above mentioned State. He came to Dunklin County in 1861, and is, save J. B. Penny, the oldest resident citizen now in Clarkton.



He married Bettie Hodges, a daughter of Judge Hodges, pioneer of this county, February 1, 1864. Their children are Robert G., who married Flora Timberman; Albert, Walter, who married Maggie Young of Portageville, Mo., and Charlie and Mollie. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is Democratic in poli-



M. W. HUBBARD AND WIFE.

tics and was deputy sheriff in this county under Press Nicols. Mr. Hubbard has been in the merchandising business in Clarkton about fourteen years and keeps a full and complete line of everything usually found in a general store. He is a pioneer whose character has ever been unspotted and who is well and favorably known in the county.

J. E. JONES, son of Isaiah and Media Ann (Miller) Jones, natives of Tennessee and New York respectively, was born April 11, 1848, in this county, his father having come here in 1839, and, with Judge E. J.

Langdon as a partner, started a carriage, cooper and blacksmith shop near Cotton Plant. J. E. Jones married Miss Hettie W. Chapman, daughter of Turner and Hulda Mott-Chapman, on April 6, 1870. They resided near Hornersville for several years, but settled on his present home near Nesbit twenty years ago. Mr. Jones is one of the foremost farmers in his vicin-



J. E. JONES.

ity, owns over 200 acres of land, and always has good horses, cattle, etc., around his place. He has been road overseer for four years and is well known and well liked among the people. He is Democratic in politics, has considerable influence and always wields it for his political favorites.

Mrs. Jones is a member of the M. E. C. S. Their children are, respectively, Willie Edd (married to Miss Lula Bowers), Anna Lou (now Mrs. L. Riggs, of Kennett), Lizzie B., Hubert, Curtis Isaiah, and Glenn, and have lost four by death.

JAMES T. KARNS, of the firm of R. M. Bone & Co., Senath, Mo., was born June 2, 1859. His parents, John and Cynthia C. Sanford-Karnes, were natives of Gibson County, Tennessee, and came to Pemiscot County, Missouri, in 1861, and on to Dunklin County in 1870. They located on Horse Island near where "Lulu" is now situated, opened up a farm and continued to reside there until the death of Mr. Karns, June 27, 1886.

J. T. Karns, the subject of this sketch, first went in business at Lulu and was the first postmaster at that place. He removed to his present place of business in 1886. He acquired his education in this county and is a Dunklin County business man out and out. His firm, R. M. Bone & Co., keep a complete line of general merchandise. J. T. Karns and Mary I. Barr were united in marriage December 25, 1885. Their little daughter Estella was born November 10, 1891. They have three children dead.

Mrs. Karns is a member of the Christian Church and Mr. Karns is Democratic in politics.

A. J. KERFOOT, vice-president of the St. Louis, Kennett & Southern Railroad, was born in Jefferson County, Va., August 17, 1857. Emigrated to Cooper County, Mo., in March, 1867. Attended public school at Boonville until 1874, when he entered the railroad service as water boy on construction work. Continued in the service of the M., K. & T., Houston & Texas Central and Chicago & Alton, as conductor and brakeman, until January, 1890. Organized the

St. L., K. & S. R. R. Co., in March, 1890, and superintended the construction of same, completing it in December of the same year. Was appointed superintendent of transportation in January, 1891, which position he held until December, 1895, at which time he resigned as superintendent and was elected vice-president, which position he now holds. Too much



A. J. KERFOOT.

cannot be said for Mr. Kerfoot as a business man or for his energy and perseverance in bringing this road up to a fair standard for a new railroad.

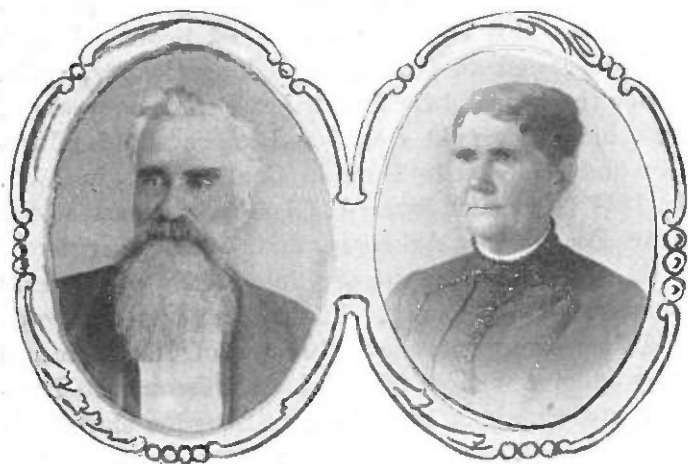
In addition to his railroad business he is interested in the firm of E. S. McCarty & Co., being business manager of the firm. This firm owns stores at Kennett, White Oak, and Pascola, Pemiscot County, doing a general merchandise and timber business; and also owns the celebrated Armstrong Springs, located in White County, Ark., at which place they also have a store, and are erecting a large hotel and

otherwise improving the property to the extent of \$12,000.

Mr. Kerfoot's father, G. W. Kerfoot, is still living, being seventy-eight years of age; his mother died of pneumonia, March, 1891, at the age of sixty years.

JUDGE EDWIN J. LANGDON was born August 7, 1819, at Middleberry, Vermont. His parents, Hiram and Polly Dowd-Langdon, were of Scotch descent and emigrated to Granville, Licking County, Ohio. When their son Edwin J. was just seventeen years of age, here he taught school and improved his education and came on to Dunklin County, Mo., in 1839. In 1847 he married Sarah A. Glascock, who was born near Pocahontas, Arkansas, and is the daughter of Robt. L. and Elizabeth Sullinger Glascock, early pioneers of this county. The mother was of Scotch and Cherokee, while the father was of Irish descent; they emigrated from Old Jackson, Missouri, to Dunklin County, about 1845. Judge Langdon started his career in this county without money and when the country was in a very primitive condition. He was a carriage maker by trade and he and Isaiah Jones opened a carriage, coopers' and blacksmith shop near Cotton Plant in the early forties, and they turned out some of the first pails, carriages and wagons made in this county. In 1846 he assisted his father, Hiram Langdon, to build the first courthouse erected in this county. In 1847-1848 he built the Buffalo Creek levee between Kennett and

Vincit. The money which he received for the completion of this contract, he often said was the first from which he ever appeared to receive much benefit. With it he bought goods and opened a small store at Cotton Plant. It is safe to say that this money was the foundation of his future estate, which estate at his death, in November, 1892, was worth some \$200,000



JUDGE E. J. LANGDON AND WIFE.

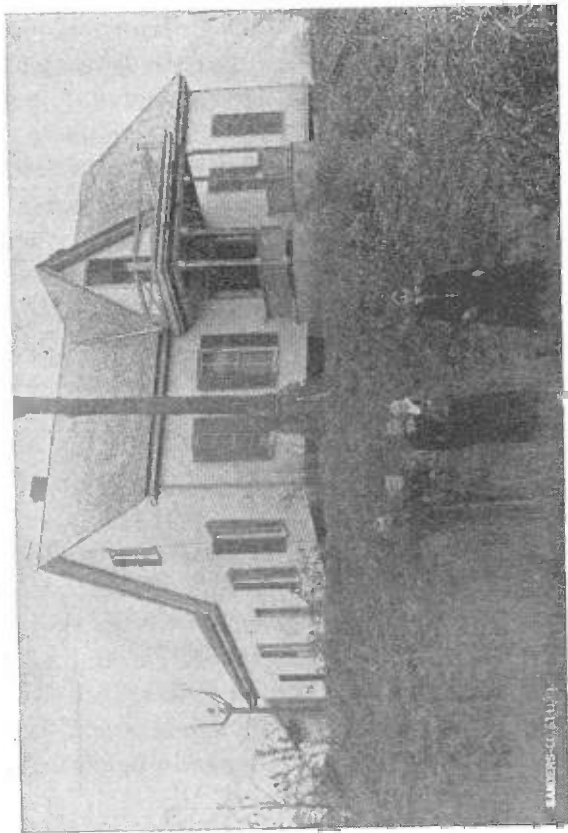
or \$300,000. Judge Langdon was President of the County Court of Dunklin County from 1878 to 1884 inclusive. He was a very public-spirited man and did much for the improvement of public roads, public schools, churches and other enterprises to advance the general good of the county. He launched one of the first flat-boats on Little River at Hornersville, owned

and operated one of the first cotton gins and general stores, and did as much as any other man to bring up the morals of the county, and he was, all things being considered, perhaps the greatest man Dunklin County has ever had. A man whose public and private life will bear the closest scrutiny; and while he condemned wrong, he was infinitely patient and forbearing; his heart was never made cold by silver and gold, but was always open to unfortunate humanity. He had not the wealth of many men, but his life was certainly a success. He died in his Arcadia home in Iron County, Mo., but was brought back to his old home for funeral services and his remains rest in the family cemetery at Cotton Plant. Mrs. Langdon is living and enjoys fairly good health. She resides with her daughter, Hettie D., wife of R. H. Jones, of Kennett, Mo.

Mrs. Jones is the youngest child and only daughter Judge and Mrs. Langdon raised, and has been since her early youth, considered one of the handsomest women of Dunklin County. Three sons are the other children of Judge and Mrs. Langdon living; they are: William H. (of Jonesboro, Texas), C. V. and A. J. of Cotton Plant, this county. Those deceased are Truman C., who died after reaching manhood, leaving a family, and Ruth E., Eddie B., Nellie B., and Jimmie J., who died in infancy.

Judge Langdon was a Democrat in politics, a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the M. E. C. S., Mrs. Langdon is a member of the M. E. C. S. and of the Rebekah Degree of I. O. O. F.

CHARLES V. LANGDON was born October 10th, 1855, in Dunklin County, Mo. He is the son of Edwin J. and Sarah A. Glasscock Langdon (see



RESIDENCE OF C. V. LANGDON, COTTON PLANT.

sketch elsewhere). The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in this county, received a good education, assisted his father on the farm and in the store at



Cotton Plant until August 7, 1884, when he was married to Lou Abernathy, also a native of Dunklin County and the daughter of Robert Abernathy, an early settler of this county. After his marriage Mr. Langdon built a fine residence on one of the large mounds on his farm just south of Cotton Plant, and has since resided there, occasionally taking his family to their pleasant summer home in Arcadia, Mo. Mr. Langdon was in the mercantile business with T. R. Neel, under the firm name, at his father's old stand in Cotton Plant. He subsequently sold his interest and retired to his farm. He is a prominent farmer and stock-raiser, cattle being his favorite kind. He always keeps fine cows and plenty of other stock about his place. His farm is one of the most extensive and best improved in the county. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Langdon are: Edwin Neel (deceased), Sallie May, Lela Blanch, Luella (deceased), and Walton V. Mr. Langdon is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Masonic fraternities and he and wife are members of the M. E. C. S.

A. J. LANGDON was born February 25, 1865, is a native of this county and the son of Edwin J. and Sarah A. Glasscock-Langdon, pioneers of Dunklin County. He was educated in his native county and at the high school of Ironton, Mo., and also at the State Normal, Cape Girardeau, Mo. He worked with his father in the store at Cotton Plant for about three years and was afterward a member of the firm of E. J. Langdon & Company. At that place, January 14,

1893, he married Mary Tennie Moore, a native of Dunklin County, who was reared and educated at Mount Calm, Texas; she is the daughter of E. H. Moore, formerly an old citizen of this county. To this marriage have been born Maude E., Nellie A. (deceased), Hettie P., E. Senter and Wesley M.

Since the death of his father, Mr. Langdon has devoted much of his time to the matters of the estate, he being the administrator. He is also a dealer in live stock and, of course, devotes considerable time to looking after his own estate, as he owns a number of well improved and valuable tracts of land in this county. Mrs. Langdon is a member of the M. E. C. S.

CHARLES LANPHER is the son of G. W. and E. V. Parkins-Lanpher; born August 12, 1871, and is a native of Fredericktown. His father is a well-known citizen of that place, and Charles Lanpher was reared and educated in Fredericktown, and came to Dunklin County in August, 1893, to take a partnership in the firm of L. Riggs & Co., at Kennett. This firm keeps a full and up-to-date line of stoves, tinware, sash and doors, sporting goods, and, in fact, everything usually kept in a hardware store. They enjoy a thriving business and will further enlarge the same by establishing a branch store at Caruthersville, Mo.

JAKE S. LEVI came to Dunklin at about the beginning of Malden and his business career may be traced in this county through the firm of J. S. Levi & Co., and other names to the Levi Mercantile Co., of Malden

and Kennett. Every enterprise of which Mr. Levi has taken hold of in this county has seemed to prosper and has outgrown firm names and business houses in a remarkable manner. The first brick business house erected in Dunklin County was that of J. S. Levi, erected in 1889, in Malden. This is one of the best business houses in that town, and it is certain that the firm who own it do a very extensive business, in fact



J. S. LEVI.

the Levi Mercantile Company of Malden and Kennett is one of the most popular firms in Dunklin County.

J. S. Levi is president of the Levi Mercantile Company, Joe N. Arends, vice-president, and A. Lebermuth, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Levi is also president of the Goldman & Levi Land Company, and J. D. Goldman, of St. Louis, Mo., is vice-president.

Mr. Levi resides most of the time in Cincinnati, Ohio, but has been known and identified with the business interests of Dunklin County for about fifteen years

and has resided a considerable portion of that time in this county. Mr. Levi is unmarried, but Mr. Lebermuth and Mr. Arends have both married since coming to this county.

GEORGE W. MARSHALL, farmer and stock-raiser, of Clarkton, was born in Olive County, Tennessee, June 23, 1849, and is the son of Bennett and Mary Marshall, natives of Middle Tennessee. The parents came to Dunklin County in 1857 and located on the farm where the son, George W., now resides. They lived here for several years and then removed to Arkansas, where the father died in 1872. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and a well-known pioneer of this county.

George W. Marshall attained his growth on a farm in this county, working with his father until his majority. January 30, 1869, he was united in marriage to Mary L. Lasley, daughter of the pioneer, Mr. Lasley, who located near Clarkton in 1863.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall commenced their married life on a very small scale with a small farm, one milk cow and a plow horse. Mr. Marshall, however, soon began to raise corn, cattle and hogs, not having grown any cotton since it fell below ten cents per pound in the markets. He is now the largest stock-raiser and shipper in the county and the owner of about nine hundred acres of land, part of which lies in New Madrid County.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are the parents of a large family, and have perhaps the nicest home in the

county, a very handsome residence among a magnificent grove of forest trees, and a fine orchard. They reside about two miles south of Clarkton.

**COLLIN MORGAN**, ex-sheriff of Dunklin County, was born January 15, 1844. He is a native of Tennessee, and the son of Miles and Martha Page-Morgan, early settlers of Bollinger County, Mo. They, however,



**COLLIN MORGAN.**

removed to Stoddard County, and located near Bloomfield, Mo., and there principally reared their family. Mr. Morgan died several years ago, but Mrs. Morgan is living in Stoddard County. The son, Collin Morgan, was married December 28, 1871, to Miss Effie Harper, of Stoddard County. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have a large family of children, the eldest daughter being Miss Ida, and the eldest son Mr. Fred, both favorites among the young people of Kennett. Mr. Morgan came to this county in 1888, and two years later was elected Sheriff of Dunklin County, and

re-elected to the same office in 1892. He filled this office to the general satisfaction of all, and has won for himself many friends among the people of this county. His residence (which was one of the finest in Kennett) and nearly all its contents was destroyed by fire in 1895, this being the second time such a misfortune has befallen him. He is, however, a man of indomitable energy and push, and burned several kilns of brick from which he expects to build a handsome brick residence on the site of the one destroyed by fire. Kennett has not a man with more go-a-head business energy than Collin Morgan; he never waits for "soft jobs or good luck," but has pluck enough to keep his head above the waves of any misfortune.

Mr. Morgan was twice elected Sheriff of Stoddard County before coming to Dunklin, and is well-known in both counties. He is a Democrat in politics, Master of the Masonic lodge at Kennett, and a member of the I. O. O. F.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are members of the Christian Church.

LOUIS McCUTCHEM, druggist and postmaster at Campbell, Mo., was born June 27, 1848, in Jackson County, Alabama. His parents were William W. and Margaret Harrison-McCutchen, natives of Alabama and Tennessee, respectively. The father was surveyor and justice of the peace for a number of years in both Jackson and Marshall counties and resided in Alabama until his death. He was drowned in Tennessee River, in Marshall County, in 1878.

Louis McCutchen grew to manhood in Marshall County, Alabama, and received a fair education in the village school. On reaching his majority he left the parental roof and emigrated to Missouri and located at Four Mile, Dunklin County, in 1870. He accepted a position as clerk, which he retained until 1876. He then engaged in the drug and grocery business on his own account and continued at Four Mile until the fall of 1882. He then removed to Campbell, a new town on what is the St. Louis Southwestern R. R., Cotton Belt Route. He has since continued in business at that place. In 1875 he was appointed postmaster at Four Mile and has been postmaster there and at Campbell since that time.

Mr. McCutchen is a director of the Bank of Kennett, a member of the I. O. O. F. and Masonic lodges at Campbell, is a Democrat in politics and is well known and highly esteemed in this county.

December 20, 1877, he married Miss Martha E. Owen, a native of Dunklin County and the daughter of Judge Given Owen (see sketch). Mrs. McCutchen was reared and educated in this county and is certainly one of the most accomplished housekeepers of which it can boast; her home is always surrounded by beautiful flowers and she is an adept in the culinary art. The children of Mr. and Mrs. McCutchen are: Fannie, William W., Beulah, Owen, Louis and Mary Ellen. Mr. McCutchen has quite an extensive estate of about 1200 acres near Campbell. His drug store is fitted up nicely and he keeps a full and complete line of drugs in connection with the post-office.

VIRGIL MCKAY, County Clerk of Dunklin County, was born in New Madrid County, Mo., July 24, 1858. He is the son of John and Mary Adams-McKay, natives of the above-mentioned county and State. Virgil McKay, the subject of this sketch, came to Dunklin County, July 28, 1878. He farmed for a few years, then for several years taught school part of the year and attended school the remainder, being principally educated in the Southeast Normal at Cape Girardeau, Mo. December 25, 1888, he married Miss Annie Marlow of Clarkton, a daughter of James Marlow, who was a pioneer of this county. To this marriage have been born two little boys, Clyde and Landreth. (See photo, p. 236.)

He was elected Assessor of Dunklin Co. in 1886, and re-elected to the same office in 1888. He is holding his second term as County Clerk, being elected to that office in 1890 and 1894.

He is Democratic in politics, a member of the Masonic order and of I. O. O. F. Both he and Mrs. McKay are members of the M. E. C. S. Mr. McKay is exceedingly popular among the masses of the people.

HULDAH A. MOTT was born April 10, 1831, in Hickman County, Ky., was married to Turner G. Chapman, Sept. 28, 1848. To them were born four children, James, Mary, Hettie and Kittie. Mr. Chapman died June 25, 1859, and Mrs. Chapman was again married March 23, 1865, to Wm. H. Helm. To this couple were born three children, Lizzie, Willie and Fannie. Mrs. Helm is a sister of Mrs. A. T. Doug-



lass of Senath, and one of the pioneer women of this county. Mr. Helm represented this county in the State Legislature in 1879, is a Democrat in politics, and he and Mrs. Helm and daughters are members of the Christian Church. James and Mary Chapman died in infancy. Hettie was married to J. E. Jones of Nesbit, Mo., April 6, 1870. Kitty was married May 3, 1877, to W. G. Bragg, of Kennett, Mo. Willie Helm died in infancy, and Lizzie was married August 3, 1892, to T. J. Baird of Clarkton, Mo. Fannie was married September 28, 1892, to Charles B. Ruff of Kennett, Mo. (see sketches elsewhere).

DAVID H. MOORE, born July 10, 1832, was the second white child born in Dunklin County. His parents were Howard and Mary Welch Moore, natives of Virginia. They emigrated to Dunklin County in 1829 and were the first white settlers to locate within the limits of this county. They also built and lived in the first white man's cabin, stopping at first about four miles south of Malden, Missouri. Mr. Moore afterward bought the log cabin and improvements of Chilleticaux near Kennett, and it was he who established the first grist mill at that place in pioneer days. He lived to a good old age and at his death left each of his eight children forty acres of good Dunklin County land. David H. Moore was partly reared in Chilleticaux Cabin, has eaten many of the big Indian peaches grown on the trees planted by that chief. He also, when a lad, helped to grind corn on one of the first grist mills in the county, and prior to that

time pounded corn and coffee in the mortar made by Chilleticaux in the latter's kitchen, which the chief said was "all built of cypress but one log, which log was of wood."

"Uncle Dave," as he is familiarly called, was first married to Clairey Spurlock; she died leaving two children, Wesley and Mary. Mr. Moore has lost four



DAVID MOORE.

wives by death, his fifth wife being his present companion. She has had three husbands, her first being a Mr. Bird, her second a Mr. Jordan; her maiden name was Ouva Haggard. She and Mr. Moore have two children, Samantha and

There are but three other persons who have resided in Dunklin County longer than David H. Moore. He lives in Kennett, Missouri, and is the oldest citizen of that place. He is a Democrat in politics.

A. A. MOORE, undertaker, Malden, Mo., was born June 23, 1827, in Union County, Indiana. His father, Morgan Moore, was a native of Virginia, but emigrated to Ohio when a small boy and later in life went to Indiana, where he married a Miss Mead. She became the mother of A. A. Moore and soon afterward died. The father was an old soldier in the war of 1812, and



A. A. MOORE AND WIFE.

afterward located in Vermillion County, Illinois, where he died in 1860.

A. A. Moore came to Dunklin County in 1876, and located in Malden, which was then just being commenced. He farmed for some time then became a contractor and builder and assisted in erecting some of the first houses in Malden. Later he was a successful grocery merchant and has been for many years a well-known and prominent undertaker. He has also

been prominent in local politics, having been a member of the Council for several years and Mayor of Malden. February 14, 1850, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth E. Hite, a native of Virginia, and to them have been born S. S., on Aug. 21st, 1851, C. F., March 10, 1853, M. C. and M. A., October 30, 1855; M. C., one these twins, and S. W., born April 29, 1858, are both deceased. H. A., the youngest son, was born October 13, 1863.

S. S. Moore married Lucy Shultz; their children are Nellie, Minnie, Ethel, and Fred.

M. A. Moore married Susie Jenkins and became the father of Wilbert and Onie.

H. A. Moore married Emma Herman, and resides in Malden.

C. F. Moore married Mrs. Lou A. Stephens, a daughter of T. B. Reeves. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and a carpenter by trade. On coming to Dunklin County he located in Malden, where he now resides.

THOMAS NEEL is the son of the pioneer, Thomas Neel, who came to this county with the Horners in February, 1832.

Thomas Neel, Jr., was born in May of the same year and was the first white child born in Dunklin County. Mr. Neel has pounded corn in the old-fashioned mortar "Indian style" when it was too bad to go to mill away up on West Prairie or to the Masterson mill near Bernie, in Stoddard County. He has slept on Chillicaux buffalo robes and is even yet

a great hunter. For many years he lived on his farm where the post-office of Lulu now stands, but for several years has resided just across the Missouri line in Arkansas, but he is yet looked upon as a citizen of this county, as he does about all of his buying, selling of produce, etc., in his old home. His present wife was Miss Lizzie Donalson, who is a sister of I. F. Donalson, of Kennett. They have a nice home, which in summer and fall is almost hidden by pretty shrubs and flowers.

Rev. OWENBY, of the Clarkton Circuit of the M. E. C. S., was born March 17, 1854, in Sumner County, Tennessee. He is the son of J. P. and C. A. Owenby, natives of the above mentioned State. Rev. Owenby has been in the ministry and under the control of the St. Louis Conference Methodist Episcopal Church South about thirteen years. His preaching is of the Evangelistic order and he recognizes this as his particular sphere and personally likes it best. He says about 10,000 conversions have been the result of his preaching, including about 668 conversions and accessions to the church in the bounds of the Clarkton Circuit in Dunklin County. Rev. Owenby has been sent to this circuit two years successively. It is claimed by the people of Halcomb, where he resides, that it is largely through his influence and that of a few of the Baptist members that the churches of the various denominations at Halcomb have become so united in their Sunday-school and other Christian work. He undoubtedly has the tact to draw the

crowds and then gain their attention, to a greater extent than any other preacher in the county. In 1873, he was married to Nannie J. Goad, of Obine County, Tennessee. They have four living children.

JUDGE GIVEN OWEN was born May 9, 1818, and was the son of Reuben and Martha Wells Owens,



DR. GIVEN OWEN.

natives of Georgia and Kentucky, respectively. Reuben Owen emigrated to Kentucky when a young man and lived there until 1836, when he removed to Bloomfield, Mo., and there resided until his death. Judge, or Dr. Given Owen, for he was one of the pioneer physicians of Dunklin County, grew to manhood in Hickman County, Ky., receiving a good education in the common and higher English branches. In 1835, when he was just seventeen years of age, he

commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Carroll at Hickman, Ky. In 1838, he also removed to Bloomfield, Mo., remaining there and continuing the study of medicine for two years. In 1841, he settled on a farm in what was then Stoddard, but what is now Dunklin County. He was shortly elected County Judge. He was Presiding Judge of Stoddard County when this was cut off into Dunklin, and was elected County Judge of this county in 1854. He was elected Judge of the Clarkton Common Pleas and Probate Court in April, 1876, to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Stokes (deceased); also elected Judge of Probate Court and President of County Court in November, 1878. In April, 1877, he was commissioned Notary Public by Gov. Phelps, also by Gov. Crittenden in 1882, and by Gov. Marmaduke in 1886.

Judge Owen was first married in 1840 to Amanda Sullenger, a native of Cape Girardeau County. She died in May, 1852, leaving four children: Dr. Reuben P., A. B., Nancy M., Mrs. E. M. Bray, and Francis E. I. In August, 1852, he married a second time, taking Mrs. Louisiana Bozarth, a daughter of Jordan and Nancy Lacy. Two daughters were born to them, Martha E. (now Mrs. L. McCutchen of Campbell) and Mary E.

Judge Owen's death occurred December 5th, 1889, after a residence of about thirty-one years, at Four Mile, near Campbell, Dunklin County.

He was seventy-two years of age and was a successful practicing physician until a few years before his death — having been so long a judge of different courts and also being well known as a physician, both the

title of Doctor and Judge clung to him until his death. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Owen is a member of the Baptist Church and resides with her daughter and son-in-law, Louis McCatchen of Campbell, whose picture may be seen among the family of those to be found in this volume. She has resided in this county for more than fifty years, and is one of the many living pioneers who enjoys good health considering their old age. She worshiped with the first congregation who ever worshiped in a church house in Dunklin County, in 1846; and her first husband, Jonathan Bozart, assisted in building this same house. She, like many other pioneer women, came here before either the horse-power or steam-power mill, and has often ground corn for bread on the little steel hand-mill, of which her father's was one of the first brought to the county. West Prairie post-office, the first in the county, was established after she came here, and many are the interesting events she can relate about the manner of bringing general supplies from Cape Girardeau, Mo. She is a lady whose conversation is always entertaining, and who knows much of the past history of Dunklin County.

WILLIAM J. OXLEY, merchant at Valley Ridge, Mo., was born November 11, 1837, and is the son of James and Annaretta (Faulkner) Oxley, natives of North Carolina. The parents came to Dunklin County in 1858, where the father died in 1864. William J. Oxley, the subject of this sketch, began working for



himself at the age of eighteen years, and did not come to Dunklin County until 1860. In 1861 he was married to Winnie M. Bray, a native of West Tennessee and the daughter of Allen Bray (deceased). At the breaking out of the Civil War, Mr. Oxley enlisted in Jeff. Thompson's regiment for six months, at the expiration of which time he removed his family to Scott County, Mo., and engaged in the boot and shoe business for a time. In 1865 he returned to Dunklin County and located near Four Mile. In 1868 he removed to his present place of residence, and a few years later established and named the post-office of Valley Ridge. He first engaged in the grain and huckster business, but commenced merchandising about 1879. He also bought and improved land, making himself a comfortable home.

His dwelling-house and store and all their contents were burned on January 28, 1880. This, of course, was a severe loss, but he soon resumed business and now has a good local trade and carries a complete line of general merchandise. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Oxley are: A. R., James M. and Addie V. The family are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Oxley is a self-made man, as when he was married he could not write his name and did not know one figure from another, never having attended school but three months in his life. By self-application he was soon able to do all his own business, and was postmaster at Valley Ridge for about ten years. He is Republican in politics and one of the best known farmers and merchants on the Ridge.

COL. DAVID YOUNG PANKEY was born August 22d, 1832, at Richmond, Va. His parents were Young and Rebekah B. Branch-Pankey, natives of Virginia. His father was an old soldier in the war of 1812, and his maternal grandfather was a colonel in the Revolutionary war. Col. Pankey grew to manhood and was educated in Virginia. In 1858 he emigrated to Madrid



COL. D. Y. PANKEY.

Bend, Tenn., just across the Mississippi River from New Madrid, Mo., and in 1859 came on to Dunklin County, locating near Clarkton.

Prior to leaving his native State, Col. Pankey was married in 1854 to Miss Sallie B., eldest daughter of Paul and Mary E. Jones of Lynchburg, Va. Their oldest child was Mary E., wife of Judge T. E. Baldwin of Kennett, the second daughter was Sallie B., deceased, Mrs. Schruggs of Malden. They also lost by death two other children, Henry Young and Lilian.

The only living son is David Ballard, cashier of the Bank of Kennett. The mother of these children died in 1866.

In 1870, Col. Pankey married Tennessee Miller, who also died after having borne him four children, all of whom died in infancy. In 1876, Col. Pankey took for a third companion Adaline Grigory, daughter of Rev. James Grigory of this county. She became the mother of Charles, born January 12, 1877, and Stella, and one infant (deceased). The mother of these children also died, leaving Col. Pankey a widower for the third time. In 1890, he married Mrs. Smith, who is his present wife.

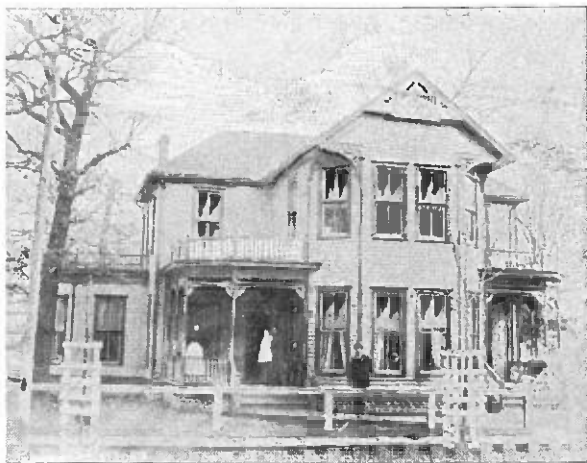
Col. Pankey is one of the oldest and best known pioneers in the county, having taken quite a prominent part in the late War of the Rebellion. He was on the Southern side, and first went into Capt. Picard's company and was elected First Lieutenant. A regiment was soon formed of which he was elected Lieutenant colonel. At the expiration of his term he re-enlisted in the Confederate service. He was in the bombardments of Fort Pillow, and after the evacuation of that place, went to Memphis, Tennessee, and with other Missourians was put under Col. Price, and participated in many hard skirmishes and conflicts with the enemy. Col. Pankey has filled the offices of Magistrate and Collector of the Revenue of Dunklin County. He is at present a grain dealer, and is a member of a grain company at Kennett, which ships hundreds of car loads every year. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a Democrat in politics.

D. B. PANKEY, cashier of Bank of Kennett, was born January 17, 1861, and is a native of Dunklin County, Missouri. His parents, Col. D. Y. and Sallie B. Jones Pankey were natives of Virginia (see sketch). David Ballard Pankey grew to manhood in this county, was educated in the common schools of Dunklin County and at Cape Girardeau, Mo.; he also completed the commercial course at the Mound City Commercial College, St. Louis, Mo.; married Miss Josie Rayburn, daughter of Maj. W. C. Rayburn, late of Clarkton. As Miss Josie Rayburn, Mrs. Pankey was one of the leading belles of Clarkton, and is no less a leader in the society of Kennett. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Pankey are respectively Hugh, Blair (deceased), and a baby boy. Mr. Pankey has held a number of public and official positions in this county; was appointed to fill the vacancy in the county clerk's office caused by the death of C. R. Mills in 1885, and elected to the same office in 1886. When the Bank of Kennett was organized in January, 1891, he was chosen cashier of same and has since held that position; under his management the bank had a deposit on January 15, 1896, of \$96,956.64. Any eulogy of Mr. Pankey is altogether unnecessary, but it is safe to say that Kennett is as proud of D. B. Pankey as any man it has. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Masonic fraternities and both he and Mrs. Pankey are members of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM G. PETTY, sheriff of Dunklin County, was born January 25, 1853, in Hickman County,



MR. AND MRS. D. B. PANKEY.



RESIDENCE OF D. B. PANKEY, KENNETT.



JOHN MCKAY.

JOHN MCKAY is the oldest teacher in the county, and is a Democrat and a member of the M. E. C. S. He has taught school in nearly every district of the county, and as a most successful teacher is well and favorably known all over the county.



MR. VIRGIL MCKAY AND WIFE.

Tennessee. His parents, Milford M. and Nancy Petty, were natives of the above mentioned State. The father was a farmer and resided in Hickman County for over thirty-five years, removing to Dunklin County, Mo., in 1882, where he and wife have since died.



W. G. PETTY, Sheriff.

W. G. Petty, the subject of this sketch, grew to manhood in his native county and State and immigrated to this county in 1874. In 1879 he was married to Miss Amanda B. Herrmann, daughter of William Herrmann, an early settler of this county, who resides at Hornersville, but who was for long years a prominent farmer and operator of a cotton gin and grist mill near Nesbit, this county. He was also the inventor and patentee of one of the first "cotton cleaners," an attachment to the cotton gin. A few years after his marriage, Mr. Petty purchased timbered land in Salem Township and opened up a farm. In 1887 he pur-

chased 200 acres of land near Nesbit, about 160 acres of which was in cultivation. This is one of the best farms in the country. Mr. Petty has farmed the greater portion of the time before and since his marriage. In 1894 he made the race for sheriff and was elected at the November election. In the early part of 1895 he removed to Kennett and took charge of the jail and sheriff's office, which position he is filling to the satisfaction of the general public. Mr. and Mrs. Petty are the parents of six children, Harry, Curtis, Neel, Bertie, Cohnie and Genie.

Mr. Petty is a member of the Masonic fraternity and Mrs. Petty of the M. E. C. S.

C. A. PETTY, son of M. M. and Nancy Jones-Petty, natives of South Carolina, was born Feb. 15, 1851, in Hickman County, Tenn., where he resided until 1874, when he came to Dunklin County.

In 1876 he joined the I. O. O. F. at Cotton Plant and the Masonic order in 1882, and has passed through all the chairs of both orders and the Rebekeh Degree of I. O. O. F. and is a member of the Dunklin Encampment. A Democrat in politics, a member of the M. E. C. S., always taking an active part in the duties of the societies to which he belongs, he has become well and favorably known, being recognized as a man of noble principles and unquestionable integrity.

Mr. Petty first married a Miss Miller in 1873. She died in January 1890, having borne him eight children, seven of whom are now living. Willie, a young man



of about 21 years of age, is the eldest. In 1891 Mr. Petty took for a wife a Miss Baugus, who died in 1894, leaving one child. His present wife was a Miss Latty and they were married in January, 1895.

These ladies were all natives of Tennessee two of them from the same county. The present Mrs. Petty is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Mr. Petty is a farmer, owns about 350 acres of good land, and resides one mile west of Kennett.



J. R. POOL.

JOHN RICHARD POOL, proprietor of Hotel Cardwell, at Cardwell, Mo., was born May 5, 1845, in Hardin County, Tennessee. He is the son of John C. and Susan Haggard-Pool, natives of the above county and State. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood and was educated in the common schools of his native county, later taking a course in Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College, St. Louis, Mo. August 12, 1866, he was married to Barber E. Pearson and they became

the parents of nine boys and two girls, all yet living. Mrs. Pool died July 11, 1889, and Mr. Pool took for a second companion, Rebekah J. Thomas on February 1, 1891. Both ladies were natives of Tennessee, of the same county as Mr. Pool. He came to Dunklin County in 1880, located on Grand Prairie and was subsequently in the merchandising business at Caruth. He removed to Buffalo Island in 1891, where he had bought a hundred acres of land near the present site of Cardwell. Mr. Pool has helped to start several post-offices in this county, "Hasty," among others; this office was lately discontinued in favor of Cardwell. The post-office is now kept in Hotel Cardwell and Mrs. Pool, who is of a Democratic turn of mind, has been the postmistress under the Cleveland administration. She is quite an enterprising and progressive woman. Mr. Pool is in politics a Republican, and was the nominee of that party for sheriff of this county in 1888. He helped to organize the first Republican convention of this county and is at present chairman of Buffalo Township Committee. He is notary public and agent at Cardwell for the Paragould and Southeastern Railroad.

Much of the rapid progress of Cardwell is due to Mr. Pool's energy; he has himself built several houses in that town and helped to get up an interest in the schools of his neighborhood.

GEORGE W. PECK, Mayor of the city of Malden, Mo., was born November 22, 1848, at Madrid, St. Lawrence County, New York, and is the son of Burley

and Sophronia Fish-Peck. His parents were of English descent, their grandparents having crossed the ocean in the year 1735, and settled at Norwich, Connecticut. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of his native county and at the St. Lawrence Academy at Potsdam, N. Y. He taught in the public schools of his county for several years, but



GEO. W. PECK.

in 1872 went to Chicago, Ill., and was employed in the office of the City Railway Co., for some time, returning to New York in 1875. Still he desired to locate in the West, his inclinations being toward the railroad business. He learned that a railroad was being constructed from New Madrid, Missouri, in a westerly direction and went there in the fall of 1876. He soon secured a position on the engineering corps who were surveying the new road under Chief Engineer Hon. Oscar Koehitzky, who was also Labor Commissioner of Missouri during Gov. Marmaduke's adminis-

tration. George W. Peck assisted in laying out the town of Malden and was afterward railroad and land agent of the railroad company until it was merged into the Cotton Belt System, when he resigned at once engaging in the grain business, and to him belongs the honor of having bought and shipped the first car load of grain that ever left Malden. His business has since grown until it is one of the leading enterprises of his town and county. It may be said that Mr. Peck handles nearly all of the surplus corn, etc., raised in the north half of Dunklin County. He is also engaged in the real estate business, owns several fine farms, bodies of timbered land, considerable town property, building lots, etc. In 1878 he was married to Julia A. Hopper, a native of Tennessee. They have four children, Wilbur, now a young man and a student of Searcy College, Arkansas, Elmer, Irene and Chester. Mr. Peck is in politics a Republican and was the nominee of that party for Representative of this county in 1892. He is at present Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge of Malden, President of the Board of Trustees of the Malden Public School, has been a member of the City Council for twelve years and is Mayor of his city. He is one of those men whom Democrats say have but one fault, that of voting the Republican ticket. Nevertheless Malden is as proud of George W. Peck as any man it has.

HON. D. C. POLLOCK was born in Obine County, Tenn., June 18, 1839. Was reared from four years of

age in Lake County, Tenn., and when the war came on, went in the army with the Madrid Bend Guards, and was attached to the 15th Tennessee Regiment under Col. Council. In 1872 he came to the State of Missouri and resided in New Madrid County for about ten years, then came to Dunklin County. He was educated in the common schools of Lake County



HON. D. C. POLLOCK.

Tenn., and studied medicine under Dr. Theodore Case. Attended lectures at Memphis, Tenn., and has practiced in the medical profession twenty-three years. Dr. Pollock was elected to the State Legislature from Dunklin County in 1894, which office he is now filling. He with his family reside at the new town of Cardwell. He is Democratic in politics and popular among the masses of the people.

MOORE M. RAYBURN was born September 8, 1843, in Mississippi, and is the son of Maj. W. C. and Melissa J. Malone Rayburn, natives of Alabama and

Mississippi respectively. The parents came to Missouri in 1865, and located near Clarkton, Dunklin County. Maj. Rayburn was always much interested in the schools, churches and public affairs of the county and was surveyor for a number of years. He resided in Clay County, Arkansas, from 1857 until the time of



MOORE M. RAYBURN.

his coming to this county just after the close of the war.

His son, Moore M. Rayburn, grew to manhood in Arkansas, and in 1862 enlisted in the Confederate Army, in Col. Hart's regiment of Arkansas Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was in the battles of Pleasant Grove, Mansfield, and Pleasant Hill. At the close of the war he returned home and came to this county with his parents.

He has held the office of Sheriff and Collector of Dunklin County four years, since which time he has devoted himself to farming and stock-raising. In

1866 he married Fannie Ake, who died in 1882, having become the mother of six children.

In 1882 he married Miss L. E. Giles, by whom he also has several children.

Mr. Rayburn is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the I. O. O. F. and is a well-known and much respected citizen.



F. JOE RICE.

F. JOE RICE, Collector of Dunklin County, is a native of this county, born December 3, 1859. He is the son of Hon. David Rice of this county and was educated in the common schools of Dunklin County and at the Southeast Normal of Cape Girardeau. Married Miss Minnie L. Fler, of Franklin County, Missouri, on Nov. 5, 1882. She died June 23, 1884, having become the mother of one child, who died in infancy. August, 1895, he married Miss Katie Fler. To this marriage two children have been born, Vessie, August 2, 1891, and Hubert M., born June 4, 1884.

Mr. Rice taught school for a few years, but was elected to the office of Treasurer of Dunklin County in 1884. In 1886 he was elected to the Legislature and in 1894 to the office of Collector. His political career has attracted more attention than any other man's in the history of the county, and he makes staunch friends and bitter enemies. He is a Democrat in politics, and both he and Mrs. Rice are members of the M. E. C. S.

Hon. DAVID RICE was born in Henry County, Tennessee, March 20, 1837. His parents, James P. and Casendaney Hearn-Rice, were of French and English descent. The subject of this sketch is a pioneer of Dunklin County, having arrived here February 14th, 1853. He located northwest of Campbell, Missouri, where he married Jane Himmel, a native of Tennessee, May 6th, 1856. They have never lost a child by death but all of their children, five in number, are living and residing in this county. Their only daughter, Loretta, is the wife of John B. Cook, a merchant of Kennett; their sons are F. Joe, who has represented this county in the Legislature and is now Collector of same, Ned N., a merchant of Kennett, and Van B. and Jimmer E., who are both prominent farmers. Mr. Rice has resided near Vincit for many years and has devoted most of his life to farming and stock raising. He owns 165 acres of good land, with large orchard, good house and outbuildings. Mr. Rice has also quite an extensive record in public life. In 1860 he was elected to the office of Assessor and served until the breaking out of the Civil War. From 1872 to



1876 he was Public Administrator, and in 1876 was elected to represent this county in the State Legislature. He is a Democrat in politics.

N. N. RICE was born September 1, 1867, in Independence Township, on the Old Rice farm, seven miles south of Kennett, Dunklin County, Mo. Here he



HON. DAVID RICE.

N. N. RICE.

grew to manhood, laboring on the farm and enjoying the privilege of the country school only, until 1885, when he attended the Southeast Normal School at Cape Girardeau, Mo. He returned to this school in 1887, but soon decided to take a business course instead of the course at the Normal. He entered the Central Business College at Sedalia, Mo., and on completing the course returned home and began work as salesman for T. E. Baldwin & Co. of Kennett. In 1889 he commenced business for himself at Vincit,

Mo., and in 1891 moved his mercantile business to Kennett. The firm of N. N. Rice & Co. deal in fancy and staple groceries, farm machinery, hardware, stoves, tinware and sporting goods. They are also large shippers of fish, game, poultry, eggs, etc. N. N. Rice was married August, 1890, to Dora Beidlee, of Rector, Arkansas. Their son Bland is two years of age. Mr. Rice is Democratic in politics.

PASCAL RICE is, excepting Mrs. V. Horner, the oldest citizen in the county. Mr. Rice is in years older than Mrs. Horner. But his father, Abija Rice, did not bring his son when he first came into the county with Mr. Braunm, but later in the same year, 1830, so they have been in the county about sixty-five years. Mr. Rice thinks he was born in 1818, and is therefore about seventy-seven years of age. He has been to Indian war dances and was well acquainted with Chilletacaux, Cornmeal, Moonshine, Chickolee and many other Indians who used to live in this county. He also resides near Hornersville.

LOUIS RIGGS, of the firm of L. Riggs & Co., hardware, Kennett, Missouri, was born May 18, 1862, in Fredericktown, Mo. He is the son of A. and Fannie E. Gabriel-Riggs, natives of Indiana and North Carolina, respectively. They were, however, early settlers of Fredericktown, Mo., and Mr. Riggs was, until his death on August 26, 1882, proprietor of the A. Riggs hardware store of that place. On the death of his father L. Riggs took charge of the business. He ran

the same in Fredericktown until March, 1892, when the bright prospects of Kennett, Mo., tempted him to remove to that place and establish the present firm of L. Riggs & Co., hardware dealers. Mr. Riggs has identified himself with the people of this county by bringing his mother and sister, Miss Hattie, to Kennett to reside, and by marrying a Dunklin County girl, Miss Anna L. Jones, of Nesbit, on September 19, 1895.

Both Mr. Riggs and his partner in business, Mr. Charles Lanpher, have proved themselves to be enterprising business men, and are always ready to do anything or assist any enterprise that will stimulate the growth of their adopted town, and are the kind of young men that Dunklin County likes to welcome.

THOMAS B. REEVES, born February 26, 1819, is the son of William T. and Michal (Hoskins) Reeves, natives of Virginia. T. B. Reeves, the subject of this sketch, was married to Miss Louisa E. Ford, a native of Tennessee, in 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves came to Dunklin County in 1859, and located at Clarkton, but in 1880 they settled in Malden, where they now reside.

Their oldest child, Michal E., born June 28, 1849, married James M. Corder, and died February 8, 1876, leaving three children, Mattie B. (Mrs. Utley), Nannie C. (Mrs. Hampton), and Luther E.

The first son, William Wilson, born January 18, 1851, married Rachel E. Nunley, and William Timothy and Walter G. are the children of this marriage, now living. His first wife having died, Mr. W. W. Reeves

married Belle Marshall, who has become the mother of Decatur F., Michal E., Leonard L., Jennie C., Fred, and one infant.

Lou A., second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Reeves, was born September 18, 1853, and married John W. Stephens. By this marriage she has one son,



T. B. REEVES AND WIFE.

Herbert N., who married Belle Kedy, and now resides in Malden.

Mrs. Stephens lost by death Elizabeth E., born June 3, 1872, Lara M., born December 26, 1873, and William T., born February 1, 1875. But the fifth child is a bright young miss in Minnie L Stephens.

After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Stephens married Charles F. Moore (see sketch elsewhere) and their two sons, Edgar A., born December 18, 1883,

and Arthur B., born October 20, 1887, are both deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Reeves have two sons dead. Thomas P., born February 2, 1856, and Luther E., born February 6, 1858; John H., born November 8, 1860, and James L., born September 13, 1863. With William W. are now living in Texas John H., married Mary E. Twittie and became the father of Wilbur B. Raymond, Ola E. Hurburt, and one infant, James L. married Alice E. Wood and their children are Lola P. and Joe Amous.

The pictures accompanying this sketch represent the faces of a couple who have lived in Dunklin County for nearly forty years and who have thirty-one grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

They are both consistent members of the Baptist Church.

Uncle Tommie, as he is affectionately called, owned and occupied one of the first business houses in Malden but has been principally a farmer. He and his son W. W. are both charter members of Cotton Hill Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Mr. Reeves and all of his sons are Democrats in politics.

MAJOR WILLIE RAY AND WIFE, Dunklin County's little people, are known all over the county, Major Ray as the Missouri Midget. He was born in Perry County, Tennessee, April 22, 1860, and is the son of J. M. Ray and Mary (Wade) Ray, both natives of Tennessee. The parents, who were ordinary-sized

people, removed to Dunklin County, Missouri, January 1, 1870. The Major was educated in the common schools of this county, and was first exhibited as a midget in 1881.

In 1886 he made his first engagement with Sells Brothers' show, and has traveled with them every



MAJOR AND MRS. RAY.

season since. Married in Yates Center, Kansas, to Miss Jennie Meadows, February 6, 1891.

Their home is near Caldwell, Dunklin County, Missouri, where they own 160 acres of fine land which is being rapidly converted into a beautiful home. Major Ray is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Baptist Church.

Mrs. Jennie Meadows-Ray is a native of Franklin County, Illinois. Born March 16, 1871, and is the eldest child of L. F. Meadows and J. C. (Kaar) Meadows, both natives of Tennessee, but married and reared in Franklin County, Illinois. They removed to Woodson County, Kansas, in 1885. Since her marriage Mrs. Ray has traveled regularly with Sells Brothers' show; is a member of the Rebekah degree of I. O. O. F. and M. E. C. S. The little lady is 37 1-2 inches high, weighs 38 pounds, and is 28 inches bust, and 16 inches waist measurement. She wears a shoe the size of a child's No. 7 and a number four glove.

The *Major* is purely honorary, but is never omitted from the little man's name. He is 36 inches high, weighs 38 pounds and his shoe is one size larger than his wife's. Major Ray and wife are the smallest married people in the world, and are the shortest, *best formed*, and intelligent midgets exhibited in either America or the Eastern Continent.

WILLIAM R. SATTERFIELD, of the firm of Baird, Satterfield & Co., Senath, is a native of this county and the son of Wm. M. and Hattie F. Douglas Satterfield. William R. Satterfield is an out-and-out Dunklin County man, having attained his growth and most of his education in this county. In 1894, he took a partnership in the above mentioned firm and is at present a promising young business man. The father, William M. Satterfield, was the founder of Caruth post-village in this county and was born January 19, 1833, in Kent County, Del.

Mr. Satterfield was principally reared in Mercer County, Penn., but completed his education in the common schools and Arcadia College of his native county and State. He came to this county and engaged in the mercantile business at Hornersville as early as 1857. In 1860, he was married to Melinda Horner, a native of Dunklin County. This wife died October 14, 1862. At the beginning of the Civil War, Mr. Satterfield enlisted in the Confederate Army, First Missouri State Guards, under Col. Walker, and in the Second Missouri Cavalry Regiment, serving until the close of the war. He was paroled at Memphis and returned to this county in the fall of 1865. His marriage to Hattie F. Douglass, daughter of A. T. and Elizabeth Mott-Douglass, took place on January 7, 1866. Wm. R., and Jennie and Maggie (twins) are the children of this marriage living. In 1870 Mr. Satterfield engaged in the ginning business and was also in the mercantile business at Cotton Plant for several years. In 1881 he removed to Caruth and continued in the mercantile business as has been stated in the sketch on that post-village. He operated a cotton seed huller, gin, general store and was postmaster at that place.

He was a man who took great interest in the public schools and in the general advancement of the county. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and Mrs. Satterfield, who resides in Cape Girardeau, Mo., is a consistent member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Wm. R. Satterfield is like his father was during his life, a Democrat in politics.



T. C. STOKES, merchant, of Malden, Mo., was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., August 9, 1847, and is the son of John H. and Lucretia (Childs) Stokes, who were born in Ireland and Massachusetts respectively; they came to Missouri in an early day and located in Cape Girardeau County.

The father was one of the early merchants of Cape Girardeau and removed to Dunklin County in 1861 and followed farming and merchandising until his death in 1876. He was judge of the Clarkton Common Pleas and Probate Court for several years.

T. C. Stokes, the subject of this sketch, grew to manhood in Cape Girardeau County, and was educated in the schools of Cape Girardeau City.

He was one of the early merchants of Clarkton and has followed the mercantile business almost continuously since 1872.

Mr. Stokes removed his mercantile business to Malden, Mo., several years ago, and is now one of the most successful merchants of that town.

The firm name is T. C. Stokes & Co., and includes some of the younger members of the Stokes family. This firm carries a splendid line of the best general merchandise, and occupies one of the finest buildings in Malden.

The gentlemen of the Stokes family are among the best known and most successful business men in this county.

Mr. Stokes was united in marriage to Miss Melissa Rayburn in September, 1868. She was a daughter of Maj. W. C. Rayburn (deceased).

She bore him two children, Roxie Rayburn and Alma (see sketch) and died March, 1872.

In 1878, Mr. Stokes married his present wife, a Miss Virginia Coggashall, a native of Louisiana, who has also become the mother of several children.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Stokes is in politics a Democrat and is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Masonic fraternities.

W. F. SHELTON, senior member of the firm of W. F. Shelton, Jr. & Co., Kennett, Mo., was born June 4, 1838, in Perry County, Mo. He is the son of Enoch and Tabitha Brown-Shelton, natives of North Carolina.

The parents were early settlers of Tennessee, but removed from that State to Cape Girardeau, Mo., in 1843, and came on to Dunklin County in 1846, where he died two years later. William F. Shelton, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Dunklin County, received only a common school education and worked on the farm until he attained to the years of maturity.

In 1861, when Gov. Jackson called for State troops, he enlisted in the militia and served six months in the State Guards.

He then farmed for a short time and run a small business at Hornersville, and about 1865 began merchandising at Kennett, Mo., where he has since remained, his business growing with the town and county.

He is the oldest merchant in Kennett and in Dunklin

County and is considered the wealthiest man; he is, however, a man of small pretensions and makes no display of wealth about his home or person. But his business house in Kennett is one of the best in Southeast Missouri and his stock of general merchandise is large and complete.

The Shelton firm has always done an extensive business in Kennett, but the fall of 1895 has been the busiest season for many years. W. F. Shelton, Jr. & Co., buy all kinds of produce and usually ship from 800 to 3,000 bales of cotton each season; this is, however, only a liberal portion of Dunklin County crop, which runs from 6,000 to 20,000 bales per season. Mr. Shelton has since reaching manhood been prominently connected with the financial, political and public affairs of the county. He held the office of Treasurer of Dunklin County for a period of eight years.

He is a self-made man, started in business with a small capital and a limited education and with no better opportunities to make a fortune than other early settlers of this county, but being an energetic business man and a shrewd financier he has been exceptionally successful. His orphan nephews, W. Frank and Lee Shelton, whom he has reared and educated, are presumably the other members of the firm. They are young men of promise and business ability.

Mr. Shelton has never married and he has for years had Mr. and Mrs. Witham and amiable daughters, Miss Mary and Laura, as managers of his home. He is a Democrat and leader in political affairs and is the

chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Dunklin County.

JAMES F. SMYTH, Treasurer of Dunklin County, was born March 22, 1864, in Dunklin County, Mo. The parents, James A. Smyth and L. Minerva Jones, were married in Dunklin County in 1856, but were both



JAMES F. SMYTH.

born and reared in Tennessee. The father came to Dunklin County when quite a young man entered land and farmed in summer and hunted during the winter months.

He hunted about twenty-seven winters and often made as high as \$700 or \$800 in one season. In 1876, Mr. Smyth moved to Piedmont, Wayne County, Mo., to educate his children, and there died May 6, 1877. The family remained there until January 12, 1878, when they returned to Dunklin County where the mother died August 10, 1887. James F. Smyth

grew to manhood in this county and received a good education in the common schools and in the Piedmont High School. He remained with his mother on the farm near Cotton Plant until he reached his majority, when he took a position in the store of Judge Langdon at Cotton Plant. In 1886, he and his brother-in-law, W. J. Davis, formed a partnership under the firm name of Davis & Smyth and did a general mercantile business at Hornersville for a few years. He subsequently sold out his interest to his partner and later opened a general store at Nesbit, this county, and in 1895 removed this to Carnthersville, Mo., where W. J. Davis is now manager of same.

At the general election in 1894 Mr. Smyth was elected to the office of Treasurer of Dunklin County; he soon afterwards removed to Kennett, where he now resides.

In September, 1887, he was married to Miss Kate Argo, a native of Tennessee, but a resident of Texas from 1880 until 1886, when she removed to Dunklin County.

To this union have been born four children: Eddie Argo, Maud, Roger Q. and Ruth. Mrs. Smyth is a member of the Baptist Church and Mr. Smyth is a Democrat in politics and a member of the I. O. O. F.

C. B. SCHULTZ, an early merchant of Hornersville, was born in 1827, in Weekly County, Tennessee, and was the son of David Weekly and Mary McClane-Schultz, natives of the above-mentioned State. C. B. Schultz, the subject of this sketch, came to Dunklin

County about 1835, and located with his father's family near Hornersville.

In 1852 he married Miss Mary Duneway, of French descent, and a native of New Madrid County, Missouri. She bore him four children, Margaret, John Linamood, Mary, and one infant, all deceased, and Mrs. Schultz also died in 1861. In 1862, Mr. Schultz took for a



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second companion, Mrs. Amanda E. Duneway-Horner, a sister of the first wife, and a native of same county and State. The children of C. B. and Amanda Schultz are, Joe Shelby (deceased), Sidney A. (Mrs. Clem Edmonston), Bedford F. (deceased), Hettie (deceased), Mary E. (deceased), Emma Ida (Mrs. James Wilford), and Ella (Mrs. Jordan of Kennett). Mrs. Schultz reared one child by her first marriage, Elmira Horner (Mrs. Benn Vardell), who, by the expressed wish of Mr. Schultz, shares equally in his estate with his own children.

Mr. Schultz was in some things a very remarkable man, being reared in this county when schools and educational advantages were very meager indeed, and when he reached young manhood he could neither read nor write and did not know one letter from another. Nothing daunted, however, he formed a partnership with W. M. Harkey under the firm name of Harkey & Schultz, which was in a few years one of the leading and wealthiest firms in the county.

By close application he soon learned to write his name and to look after the financial affairs of the firm, and while Mr. Harkey was the salesman Mr. Schultz was the financial manager. After the dissolution of this firm Mr. Schultz ran a business in his own name and alone, which continued to gain in finance and popularity until his death in 1883. His estate was at that time worth something over \$100,000. He was a man who always stood by a friend and openly opposed an enemy and while he was not a member of any church he was a good man in his own way and a staunch Democrat in politics.

Mrs. Schultz was a member of the M. E. C. S. and her death occurred in Kennett, in the year 1894.

JAMES F. TATUM, of the firm of Tatum Bros., Kennett, Mo., was born January 5, 1850, in Howard County, Missouri, and is the son of A. C. and Susan Franklin-Tatum, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, but early settlers of Howard County, Mo. James F. Tatum was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools of Howard County, where he lived

until after he had attained his majority. He soon afterwards came to Dunklin County and the present firm of which he is the senior member was established in 1883.

The way this firm has grown in its business and its immense sales this past fall and winter of 1895-96, is sufficient evidence of the ability and integrity of



JAMES F. TATUM.

its members, having sold more goods in the past six months than ever before in a like period of time. This firm keeps on hand a fresh well-selected line of general merchandise, including the newest styles of fancy and staple dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, groceries, farm implements and in fact almost everything wanted by either the farmer or townsman. Their store is as nice as any to be



found outside of a city, in fact the Tatum Block would be an honor to any town of 10,000 inhabitants.

James F. Tatum was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Braggs, June 27, 1877. She is a daughter of Capt. William G. Braggs (deceased), who was an early settler of this county. Mrs. Tatum is one of the early leaders in the society of Kennett and a worker in the Ladies Christian Aid and other societies. Mr. and Mrs. Tatum have six children: Richard, Frank, Ira, John, Susie and Burnie, and one of the nicest homes in Kennett. Mr. Tatum is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Masonic fraternities and Mrs. Tatum is a member of the Christian Church. In politics Mr. Tatum is a Democrat and wields considerable influence for his political favorites. He is undoubtedly one of the shrewdest business men in Dunklin County.

L. P. TATUM, of the firm of Tatum Bros., Kennett, Mo., was born January 3, 1863, in Howard County, Mo. He is the son of A. C. and Susan Franklin-Tatum, natives of Virginia and Kentucky respectively. The father grew to manhood in his native State, but emigrated to Missouri when a young man, where he found and wedded the lady of his choice, who had preceded him several years, her parents being early settlers of Howard County. Mr. and Mrs. Tatum purchased land and located near Fayette, where they reared their family.

L. P. Tatum came to Dunklin County when scarcely more than a lad and for a short time did business on his own account, but in 1883 the present firm of

Tatum Bros., general merchants, was established, since which time their business has steadily grown with the town and county until they now own one of the best business houses and run one of the largest and finest general stores in Dunklin County.



L. P. TATUM AND WIFE.

L. P. Tatum was married in September, 1893, to Miss Sallie M. Baldwin, daughter of Judge T. E. and Mary E. Pankey-Baldwin, of Kennett, Mo. Mrs. Tatum was born, reared and educated in Dunklin County, with the exception of the finishing course from the Synodical Female College, Fulton, Mo. As Miss Sallie Baldwin she was a leading belle of Kennett, and she has lost none of her attractions as Mrs. Tatum.

J. P. TRIBBLE, attorney at law, Kennett, Mo., was born in Oregon County, Missouri, on February 1, 1863. Educated in common schools and Alton

Academy. Was admitted to the bar February 28, 1884, in his native county and removed to Dunklin County in 1887, where he has since been engaged in the practice of law. He has never held nor asked for any office but has for several years been Clerk of the Probate Court. Real estate law is his specialty. He is a member of Pioneer Lodge No. 165, I. O. O. F., and a charter member of the Dunklin Encampment at Kennett. Married February 16, 1888, to Miss Annie Blackwell of Mill Springs, Mo. They now have two children. Mrs. Tribble is a member of Helena Lodge No. 37, Daughters of Rebekah, I. O. O. F., and of the Missionary Baptist Church.

JOHN TURNER, pioneer blacksmith of this county, was born September 1, 1835, in Perry County, Tennessee. He is the son of Samuel and Jerricia Champ-Turner. He came to this county in 1850, and was married June 28, 1855, to Adaline S. Jones, daughter of Joseph and Phoebe Sanders-Jones, natives of Virginia and Tennessee, but pioneers of Dunklin County, coming here and locating on Grand Prairie, in 1854. Adaline S. Jones-Turner is a native of Tennessee, born July 14, 1836.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Turner lived on Horse Island for a few years, when they purchased and settled on their present home near Nesbit post-office. "Uncle John Turner," as he is familiarly called, is the oldest blacksmith of pioneer days living in the county.

During a residence of forty-five years in Dunklin County he has been almost constantly in his smithy

near his residence, and although he is sixty years of age he may be seen almost every day, still hard at work. While he is past the necessity of such labor he yet continues it, and Aunt Adaline is equally vigilant in her labors. They have presented each of their children with eighty acres of good land and re-



JOHN TURNER AND WIFE.

tained a home for themselves. Seven children have been born to them, Mary E., deceased, William T., Martha A., Mrs. Burns, Louisa S., Mrs. Ridge, Frances L., Mrs. Barham, Sarah D., Mrs. Joe Hutchins, and Minnie B., deceased. They have eighteen grandchildren living and have lost eight by death.

Besides his work in the shop Mr. Turner has done much work on the farm in the regular sowing and

harvesting of crops and also in clearing his farms of heavy timber. Their home is one of the finest around Nesbit, Mrs. Turner's yard and orchard are noted for lovely flowers and luscious fruits, of which she is especially fond. She is an old-fashioned house and home-keeper and can weave anything, from a pair of suspenders to a bed blanket or "Rising Sun" coverlet, but has not made any cloth for a number of years.

Mr. Turner is a Democrat in politics and Mrs. Turner is of the Baptist faith.

HON. JAMES PETER WALKER was born in Lauderdale County, Tennessee, on March 14th, 1851. His death occurred at 2 o'clock, Saturday, July 19, 1890, at his home in Dexter, Missouri. May 12th, 1875, he married Miss Eva M. Bragg, daughter of Captain W. G. Bragg of Kennett, Missouri. She is a native of Missouri and practically a Dunklin County lady, for she came here when a small child and was reared principally, educated and married, in this county. She survives her late husband, has returned to her old childhood home in Kennett, Mo., and is certainly a most estimable lady. She is, as was also her husband, a member of the M. E. C. S. Mr. Walker was a Democrat in politics. It will be noticed that Hon. James P. Walker was neither a native of this county nor a resident of it at the time of his death, and yet it is highly fitting that a mention of him should be made in this attempt of a history of Dunklin County.

He came to this county when but sixteen years of age and worked manfully and laboriously for the

support of his mother and young sister. Before he was eighteen years of age he had established himself in the general mercantile business at Kennett.

He resided here several years, married a Dunklin County girl and at the time of his death was a member of the House of Representatives from this, the Fourteenth Congressional District of Missouri. Dun-



HON. JAMES P. WALKER AND WIFE.

klin County claimed him as her own. This is not a wonder, for any county might be and would be proud to claim a man like James P. Walker.

His almost tragic death was a sad blow to the people of Dunklin County, for on the very day and almost at the very hour on which the Democratic convention of this county met and instructed its delegates to go to the Congressional Convention at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and vote for James P. Walker as Dunklin County's choice for the nomination preceding the election, and to do all in their power to re-elect Mr. Walker to the

position which he then held; at a time when the masses of the people of this county were ready to go into roaring applause at the slightest mention of their favorite, a dispatch benumbed them like a current of electricity, by announcing the death of the man who was the best loved by Dunklin County of any man who ever represented it in the House of Representatives.

The many sincere and beautiful eulogies passed upon Mr. Walker by Hon. J. J. Russell at the Poplar Bluff convention just after his death, and by his former colleagues in the second session of the Fifty-first Congress in Washington, D. C., simply voice the sentiments of the people of this county, and in fact all who knew him.

I give here a few extracts from the memorial address on Mr. Walker's life and character delivered in the House of Representatives, January 10, 1891.

Mr. Whitelaw, of Missouri, said:—

“It may properly be said of him that, by his own indomitable pluck and energy he transformed himself from a poor plowboy in the cornfield, from a hewer of wood and a drawer of water, to the highest political position within the gift of his people.

“At the age of fourteen he secured a position in a country store in Tennessee, where by hard labor and rigid economy he earned a living for himself and assisted in supporting a widowed mother and young sisters. In 1867 he moved to Missouri, taking his mother and family with him and settled near Kennett, in Dunklin County. He cleared land and worked in the fields the first year after moving to Missouri; but seeing a good opening for a general store at Kennett, and having the assistance of his former employer in

Tennessee he established himself in business at that place.

“From this small beginning, Mr. Walker in the course of a few years gradually advanced in his business until he became a large dealer in grain, in which he was interested at the time of his death.

“In 1880 he was elected a delegate to the Cincinnati convention. In 1888 he was elected a member of the State Democratic Committee. In 1884 Mr. Walker became a candidate for Congress, and was defeated for the nomination by Hon. William Dawson after two conventions had been held and hundreds of ballots taken.

“In 1886 he again became a candidate, received the nomination, and was elected at the polls by an overwhelming majority.

“In 1888 he was honored by the people of his district by being renominated without opposition and re-elected by an increased majority.

“No better eulogy could be passed upon him than the resolutions of respect adopted by the citizens of his own city, Dexter, Mo., in which it was said:

““The life of James P. Walker is a fit commentary on our Government and its possibilities in developing men; and in the purity of his character, in determination of purpose, in his fidelity to every duty, every trust, every friend, his example is commended to the youths of our land. Without the allurements of wealth, or the training of college, without friends in high places to lift him up, he rose by the strength in his own manhood, the energy of his own purpose, in the moral rectitude of his own life to the highest political honors.

““Twice called to represent his people in the Halls of Congress, he was still one of the people, loved and honored by them, and ever faithful to the trust reposed in him.””



Mr. Vest, of Missouri, said:—

“ In public life he followed great principles, and was not an importunate mendicant for popular applause. He fell like a stricken soldier on the field, his banner full high advanced and his face to the foe.”

JUDGE JAMES M. WALTRIP was born December 28, 1837, in Daviess County, Kentucky, and is the son of James and Martha (Biven) Waltrip, natives of the above mentioned State. The father was a farmer and also held the office of justice of the peace in Daviess County, Ky., for sixteen consecutive years; his death occurred in 1871. When a lad of nineteen years James M. Waltrip came to Dunklin County with his Uncle, Stephen P. Waltrip, landing where the town of Clarkton now stands, November 13, 1856. For three years he worked with his uncle, and helped make some of the first brick ever made in this county. In 1859 he accepted a position as clerk in the general store of John H. Stokes. The store stood on the present site of Clarkton, but it appears that the little post-office was first known as Bach, then Beech Grove, and after the pole road was built was given the name of Clarkton. (See photo, p. 282.)

On the breaking out of the Civil War all the stores were necessarily closed, thus ending his clerkship. Judge Waltrip has been three times married. First on August 5, 1860, to Miss Lucy K. White, daughter of the late E. C. White, of this county; Mrs. Waltrip was a native of Obine County, Tenn.; she died in 1865, leaving three daughters: Mollie (Mrs. Penny), Augusta

(Mrs. C. P. Hawkins). March 26, 1866, Judge Waltrip took for a second companion Priscilla A. Kirkpatrick, daughter of John D. Kirkpatrick (deceased). She was also a native of Tennessee, and became the mother of the following children: John, William, Vara, Henrietta, Adelia, Ray and Mamie (see pictures of Vara and Henrietta on another page). Miss Vara is one of Dunklin County's promising young teachers and this year holds a position in the Malden School.

After the death of his second wife Judge Waltrip was married to Mrs. Amelia Whitson, daughter of the late Sylvester Young, December 11, 1892. Mrs. Waltrip is one of the leaders in the society of Clarkton and a most estimable lady. Judge Waltrip has quite an extensive official career in this county. Shortly after the Civil War he was appointed Constable of Freebourn Township, and Deputy Sheriff of Dunklin County. These positions he held until 1871, when he was elected to the office of Assessor, serving in this capacity two years. He also about this time engaged in the mercantile business at Clarkton, but sold out in 1880 and moved to Arkansas, and in October of the same year returned to Dunklin County.

In April, 1885, he again decided to leave the county and this time took his family to Northwest Texas. He soon became dissatisfied, however, and in July of the same year returned to his old home in this county and again engaged in the mercantile business, in which business he is now engaged at Clarkton. He keeps a full and complete line of general merchandise and has a substantial and thriving business. Judge

Waltrip has been twice elected District Judge, and once Presiding Judge of the County Court. He is well posted on the official matters of the county and is well and favorably known both as an official and a business man. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and the family are of the Missionary Baptist faith.



JUDGE THOMAS WALTRIP.

THOMAS WALTRIP, present Judge of the First District of Dunklin County, was born March 8, 1844, in Davis County, Kentucky. He is the son of John and Elizabeth Downs-Waltrip, natives of the above mentioned State. Judge Waltrip came to this county August, 1873, he having previously married Jane E. Harrison of Kentucky, on October 25, 1866. The children of this marriage now living are Dollie, Mrs. Engelhardt, John T., Callie, Nannie B., and Nellie V., and they lost four children by death.

Mrs. Waltrip died March 24, 1891. April 11, 1893, Judge Waltrip took for a second companion Mrs. Luella Jones. Their only child, little Artie, recently died, age 11 months.

He owns 160 acres of good land and has given most of his time to farming interests. He was elected to his present official position in November, 1894, and is filling same with general satisfaction. He is Democratic in politics, and his present wife, as was also his first wife, is a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

W. J. WARD, of the Ward, Shelton & Co. Steam Corn Shelling Company, Kennett, Mo., was born May 30, 1860; is a native of Tennessee, and the son of Daniel and Dilla A. Cates-Ward, of Valley Ridge, Dunklin County. The parents came to Dunklin County in 1874, and located near Cotton Plant, but removed to the "Ridge" about 1880, where they now reside.

W. J. Ward remained with his father until he reached his majority, when he began working for William Herrmann, of Nesbit, this county. December 2, 1883, he married Mollie L., a daughter of Mr. Herrmann, and a native of Dunklin County, Mo. He then located on Horse Island, near where the Ward School is now situated. He purchased land and opened up and improved one of the best and largest farms in that part of the county, residing here until January, 1892, when he removed to Kennett, Mo. On removing to Kennett he engaged in the

lumber business. He is a wholesale and retail dealer in all kinds of rough and dressed lumber, lime, hair, cement and building material. He is also manager of the Ward, Shelton & Co.'s Corn Sheller. Their machinery has a capacity of 30,000 bushels per day. Mr. Moore is the silent partner in the company.



W. J. WARD.

The amount of corn bought, shelled and shipped from Kennett by this company is something immense, and yet there are several other busy corn companies in Kennett.

Mr. Ward is a very busy man, for in addition to the above mentioned enterprises he deals largely in live stock, pasturing and feeding on his farm east of Kennett. Mr. and Mrs. Ward are the parents of five little girls: Myrtle, Terah, Willie, Hattie, Nona, and Ruth. Myrtle, the eldest, is quite a little pianist for her age and a child of whom any parent might be

proud. In politics Mr. Ward is a Democrat and he has held the position of Mayor since coming to Kennett, but owing to other business he resigned. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and both he and wife are members of the M. E. C. S.



MRS. WARD AND HER HUSBAND, ISAAC HENRY.

I. H. WARD, assistant postmaster of Kennett, Mo., is a native of Mississippi, but removed with his parents, three sisters and one brother, to Tennessee in 1879. In 1880 he was married to Miss Laura Webb, who is a native of Kentucky, but who came to Tennessee with her parents when quite young, where she grew to womanhood and received her education,

taking music as a special study. Mr. and Mrs. Ward came to Dunklin County, Missouri, about 1887, first locating in the north end of the county, but a little later they removed to Kennett, where they have since resided. Mr. Ward has been assistant postmaster at Kennett under both the late Harrison and Cleveland administrations, and has presumably discharged his duties to the satisfaction of all, though he is a Democrat in politics, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church. Mrs. Ward has been teaching music most of the time since she was eighteen years of age, and has taught almost constantly for the past eight years in Dunklin County. She has been quite successful in both a financial and intellectual way, for although there have been many other music teachers who have come and gone, Mrs. Ward is recognized as the "old reliable" pianoforte music teacher of Kennett, and is nearly always called upon to take the leading parts in musical entertainments, etc., in her town. This fact and the fact that she keeps and adds to her class of pupils is a sufficient guarantee of her ability as a pianist. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have two children, Willie, aged 15, and Lottie, aged 13 years.

W. C. WHITEAKER, Presiding Judge of the County Court of Dunklin County, was born April 19, 1844, in Bollinger County, Mo. March, 1847, he came to Dunklin County, where he received only a common school education, and the educational facilities of the county were in his youth somewhat limited. September 6, 1862, he enlisted in the Confederate Army,

where he remained until the close of the war. He then returned to Dunklin County, where he has since resided.

He is by occupation a farmer, but was elected to his present official position in 1894. He resides in the northwest part of this county, his post-office is, however, St. Francois, Arkansas. Judge Whiteaker has



JUDGE W. C. WHITEAKER.

been three times married, first to Emma Edwards, on December 13, 1866; she died February 24, 1874, leaving one son, A. D. Whiteaker, born September 18, 1873. February 13, 1876, Judge Whiteaker took for a second companion Carolina Geer, and to this union was born January 25, 1878, a daughter, Flora. The death of this wife occurred September 15, 1888.

March 16, 1892, he was again married to Louisa Walker. A little daughter, Rosebud, born March 10,



1893, is the child of this marriage. Judge Whiteaker is well known and is looked upon as a good, true man, and he is filling his present official position in a satisfactory manner.

H. T. WEST, of the firm of West & Bailey, Kennett, Missouri, was born November 30, 1852, in Williamson



H. T. WEST.

County, Illinois, and is the son of N. and M. M. Mulkey-West. He came to Dunklin County, December 15, 1878, and located near Kennett, having been married in his native State to Polina J. Ralls, on September 26, 1872. Three children were born to this union. William H., a promising young man of Kennett; Daisy (deceased), and Luella M.

The mother of these children died March 29, 1881. Mr. West took for a second companion Miss R. T. Greer, a native of Scott County, Missouri, and by her is the father of several children, the eldest being Rosie.

The firm of West & Bailey was established in 1891,

since which time it has done a thriving business. They keep a fresh and nicely selected line of staple and fancy groceries, confectionery, etc.

Both Mr. West and Mr. Bailey are accommodating business men and Democrats in politics. Mr. and Mrs. West are members of the Christian Church.

FABIUS M. WILKINS, M. D., late of Malden, Mo., was born December 22, 1834, in Wake County, North Carolina. He was the son of John and Helen Grissona-Wilkins, who were also natives of North Carolina. The parents moved to Weakley County, Tennessee, in 1844.

Dr. F. M. Wilkins, the subject of this sketch, grew to manhood in the last named county and State and commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Valney Hawkins in 1853. He took his first course of lectures in the medical department of the University of Nashville, during the winter of 1856-57, and commenced the practice of medicine at Union City, Tennessee, in the latter part of 1857. (See photo, p. 282.)

He was a graduate of the University of Nashville, taking this final course in 1859. In June of the same year he removed to Dunklin County, Mo., and became one of the most successful pioneer physicians of this county. He was one of the early druggists of Clarkton and later a leading druggist of Malden.

Dr. Wilkins was a member of the Southeast Missouri Medical Association and of the Masonic order. He was a Democrat in politics and one of the first members of the Christian Church of Malden.

He was married three times, first to Martha Baird,

who died in 1873. His second wife was Tennie Moore, who only lived a few years. His third wife who survives him was Mary E. Scruggs.

Dr. Wilkins had poor health several years before his death, which occurred in 1895. He left a wife, several children and an exceedingly large number of friends to mourn the loss of one of Dunklin's best and most distinguished men.

W. F. YOUNG, M. D., Nesbit, Mo., was born May 8, 1861. His parents, Joseph H. and Lugenia Todd-Young, were natives of Kentucky. Here their son W. F. grew to manhood, receiving a good education in the common schools of Kentucky and Vandalia High School in Illinois. He came to Missouri in 1881 and married Miss Nannie Pickens of Crawford Co. He early united with the M. E. C. S. and was ordained a Deacon at Charleston, Mo. He was later ordained an Elder and joined the St. Louis Conference, to which he belonged eight years, four years of which time he spent in Dunklin County, being pastor in charge two years at Malden and two years at Kennett. He then located at Kennett but soon removed to Nesbit and commenced the steady practice of medicine, having commenced the study of same during his ministerial career. Here he has continued to study under a well-known physician and in three years time has built up a surprisingly good practice. Dr. and Mrs. Young have five children: Lucelius, Lugenia, James, Paul and Ruth. Mrs. Young is also a devout member of the M. E. C. S.



DR. F. M. WILKINS,



JUDGE J. M. WALTRIP AND WIFE.



1. MRS. R. H. JONES, nee LANGDON.

2. MISS ALMA F. STOKES.

3. MISS ANNA SEEMAN.

4. MRS. CHARLES RUFF, nee HELM.

5. MISS IDA MORGAN.

6. MISS MATTIE SMYTH.

## A GROUP OF DUNKLIN COUNTY WOMEN.

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MRS. DORA (Keene) ARENDS, daughter of Mrs. Annie M. Keene, of Malden, Mo., was born in Mississippi County, Missouri, but came to Dunklin County when but three years of age. She was reared in Malden, Missouri, and was one of the prettiest and most popular belles of that town. She was married to Mr. Joe Arends, vice-president of the Levi Mercantile Co., on September 3, 1895. Mrs. Arends is a pleasing pianist, a graduate of the St. Vincent Academy at Cape Girardeau, Mo., and a member of the Catholic Church.

Mrs. VICTORINE (Braunm) HORNER, who resides one mile north of Hornersville, is the oldest citizen of which this county boasts, not in point of years but citizenship. She came to the county with her father and mother, Michael and Angeline (Terror) Braunm in 1830. Mr. Braunm was an Irishman and Mrs. B. a French woman; they were married on Brushy Prairie on the Mississippi River, where they were residing at the time of the earthquakes of 1811-12.

Their daughter "Victorine" was about five years old when they came to this county. She knows where the buffalo wallows used to be and has heard them

bellow not so very far from the place where she now resides; she has also seen elk and wild cattle, and the howl of the wolf she was perfectly accustomed to in her younger days. Since she first came to the county she has never resided even for a short period anywhere else, and has seen the population of the county increase from three or four families to 20,000 inhabitants.

Mrs. Horner is a sister to Tecumsey Braumn and Miss Lizzie Braumn, who are both living and are well known in this county. On growing to womanhood Miss Victorine Braumn was married to John Z. Horner, a cousin of the Mr. Horner who founded Hornersville. Mrs. Horner is strong and healthy for her age and is intelligent and entertaining.

She is the kind of old lady one always dreams of with pipe and knitting, and has a nice suit of soft grey hair and a kindly countenance. Her third son, Tecumsey or "Cumps" Horner, has never married and lives at home with his mother.

MRS. HETTIE LANGDON-JONES, daughter of E. J. Langdon, of this county, was born at Cotton Plant, Mo. She was principally reared in Dunklin County, and educated in Iron County, Mo. February 16, 1886, she became the wife of R. H. Jones, formerly editor of the "Clipper," "Enterprise Messenger," and other papers.

Mrs. Jones is generally conceded to be the most beautiful of Dunklin County ladies, and is one of the leading society ladies of Kennett.

MISS IDA MORGAN, daughter of Collin Morgan, Kennett, Mo., was born in Stoddard County, Mo., but came to Dunklin County when a child. She has been principally reared and educated in this county and in the State Normal at Cape Girardeau, Mo. She is quite pretty, one of Dunklin's brightest young lady teachers, holds a first-grade State certificate and is one of the teachers in the Kennett High School.

SUSAN BARNETT-RAY was married to William Ray in Perry County, Tenn., and both were natives of Tennessee. "Aunt Susan," as she is familiarly called, is one of the pioneers of this county, having located near Kennett in 1850. She is one of the women who picked the seeds from some of the first cotton ever raised in Dunklin County, and has woven much cloth in the old-fashioned way. Mr. and Mrs. Ray came to the "prairie" in 1853 and later bought land near Nesbit, where Mr. Ray now resides. They were the parents of two girls and ten boys, nine of whom they reared in this county to be twenty-one years of age. In their descendants they have forty grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, with one son yet single.

Mr. Ray, who died several years ago, was a member of I. O. O. F. and both he and Mrs. Ray were among the first members of the Old Harkey's Chapel class of the M. E. C. S.

MRS. FANNIE (Helm) RUFF is a native of Dunklin County, and the daughter of W. M. Helm of this



county, and the wife of Charles Ruff of Kennett. She was educated at Kennett and Cape Girardeau, Mo. Was quite a successful teacher before her marriage and is one of Kennett's leading young matrons.

MISS ALMA STOKES is a native of Clarkton, Dunklin County, and the daughter of T. C. Stokes, of Malden, Mo. She was reared in this county and educated in the E. A. Seminary, Lexington, Mo. She has been one of Dunklin's successful teachers for four years and now holds a position in the Kennett High School. Miss Stokes is a handsome young lady and when at home is one of Malden's belles and is also a leader among Kennett's young people.

MISS ANNA SEEMAN was born, reared and educated near Cleveland, Ohio. Nearly nine years ago she came West with her brothers and took up a homestead of 160 acres of land, just across the Missouri line in Mississippi County, Arkansas, since which time she has been known in Dunklin County, but has actually been a resident of this county but two years. During this time she has won for herself many friends and become one of the leading belles of Kennett.

MISS MATTIE SMYTH is a native of Dunklin County, and the daughter of James A. Smyth, a pioneer of this county. She received her early education in this county, and in June, 1890, graduated from the "Adair Institute," Adair, Iowa. She also holds a "C." certificate from the State Normal, Cape Girar-

deau, Mo., and a first-grade State certificate. She has taught considerably in the public schools of this county, but at present assists her brother James F. Smyth in the treasurer's office, in Kennett.



MISSSES VARA AND HENRIETTA WALTRIP.

Miss Smyth is a sister of the writer and is well known in her native county.