

BIOGRAPHICAL APPENDIX.

HICKORY COUNTY.

Frederick Bandel was born in Prussia, Germany, March 21, 1824, being a son of Christian and Johanna (Summer) Bandel, also natives of Germany. The father died in Germany at the age of sixty-one years, and his widow and children afterward emigrated to America, reaching the United States in the spring of 1856. They first located in Davis County, Iowa; then moved to Hickory County, Mo., where the mother died in 1876, aged eighty years. Both parents were members of the Lutheran Church, and he was in the war with Napoleon Bonaparte, and was a participant in the battles of Leipsic, Waterloo, and others. He was a tiller of the soil throughout life, and, like the majority of farmers, was honest, sober and industrious. His union resulted in the birth of six sons and two daughters, the latter being residents of Prussia. The second son, Godfried, came to the United States in 1852, and located in Burlington, Iowa, and about 1857 four more brothers came to the United States and located in Davis County, Iowa. Frederick Bandel received his education in his native land, and, when a young man, learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until he came to the United States, when he turned his attention to farming, but was taken sick soon after his arrival, and the most of his capital was spent to pay his physician. After recovering, he began chopping and sawing wood, and, by perseverance and industry, has become the owner of a valuable farm of 310 acres in Hickory County, which is finely improved with good buildings, his barn being 56x60 feet, and furnished with all the latest improvements. He gives considerable attention to the propagation of stock, and ranks among the successful citizens of the county. When twenty-eight years of age he was married to Emma Waggoner, who was born in Prussia in 1825, and died in Middletown, Iowa, soon after arriving from the old country. Two

children survive: Augusta and Frederick. Another child, named Frank, nine months old, died the same day of its mother's death. In 1859 Mr. Bandel wedded Louisa Brookmeyer, who was born in 1834, also in Prussia. Seven children are the result of this union: Charles J., Frederick William, Zennie, Lissie, Nancy, Pauline and Emma. Mr. and Mrs. Bandel are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and he is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Agricultural Wheel.

August Bandel, a successful farmer and stockman of Stark Township, Hickory County, Mo., was born in Prussia, Germany, in 1826, and is a son of Christian and Johanna (Summer) Bandel, who were born in Germany in 1705 and 1706 respectively, the father having been a farmer by occupation. He served in the Franco-Prussian War against Napoleon for six years, and died on his home farm in 1863. August Bandel came to the United States in 1856, and in July of that year located in Burlington, Iowa. After residing here for some time, he located at Bloomfield, and ten years later (in 1866) came to Missouri, settling on his present property, which consists of 195 acres of land. While residing in Iowa during the war he served in the Home Guards, and was married in that State to Miss Susannah Rutz, a native of Switzerland. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in his political views he is a Republican. He and wife have no family, but have reared a nephew, Frederick William Bandel, since he was nine years of age. The latter is now sixteen years old, and assists his uncle in tilling the farm.

William S. Barnett is a native of Benton County, Mo., where he was born, January 27, 1853, but is now connected with Heath, Noland & Co., merchants, of Cross Timbers, Hickory County, Mo., where he has been a resident since twenty-two years of age. He received his education in Benton County, and, after farming one year, came to Hickory County, as above stated, and bought an interest in the steam mills at Cross Timbers, which he continued to operate two years; then sold out and bought his father's old homestead in Benton County. This farm he sold two years later, and purchased property near Cross Timbers; but, after farming here three years, sold out to Heath, Noland & Co., and at that date became a member of their mercantile firm, and also owns an interest in their mill and real estate. He is now occupied in superintending the mill at Cross Timbers. When starting out in life for himself, it was without means, but he put his shoulder to the wheel, and has labored faithfully and intelligently, and is now in a fair way to become one of the wealthy citizens of the county. On the 14th of February, 1879, he wedded Miss Minnie Ida Rubey, daughter of Dr. A. Rubey, of Cross Timbers. She was born in Iowa, in 1858, and died April 5, 1889, leaving, besides her husband, the following children to mourn her loss:

Lester, Lemuel R., Ernest O., Zula and Ada, the latter dying when an infant. Mr. Barnett is the third of eight children born to William H. and Letha (Jenkins) Barnett. The former was born in Kentucky, in 1816, and came to Missouri during the early settlement of Benton County, and was there engaged in farming and stock trading, but lost heavily during the war. He was killed in Benton County, Mo., by a runaway team, in 1879. He served in the Mexican War, but was exempt from service in the Rebellion. He was a Democrat politically, and he and wife were members of the Christian Church. The latter was brought by her parents (from Indiana, it is supposed) to Missouri when a child, and spent the remainder of her life in Benton County, dying at the age of forty-two years.

William Y. Bennett, stockman and farmer of Hickory County, Mo., and native of the same, was born in 1860, being a son of Ceborn and Lucy (Hollenbeck) Bennett, and grandson of Van Ransler Bennett, the latter a native of York State. He was an early resident of Ohio and afterward moved to Iowa, but spent his declining years in Missouri; his death occurring two miles north of Wheatland, in 1884. He was a carpenter by trade. His wife was a Brandenburg, her grandfather having lived and died in Germany. The maternal grandfather was born in York State, March 4, 1801, and died in Iowa in 1889. Ceborn Bennett was born in Athens County, Ohio, October 14, 1835, and was there reared to manhood on a farm. He located in Jefferson County, Iowa, near Fairfield, and was there married. In 1859 he located in Hickory County, Mo., and resided here until his death, in 1876. He was a Republican in politics, and during the Rebellion was a member of the Missouri State Militia. His wife was born in Ohio, and is yet living. William Y. Bennett is their only child, and was educated in the common schools of Hickory County. He was married at the age of twenty years to Miss Cora Hickman, who was born in 1863, and by her has three children: Orlan, Zula and Earl. Mr. Bennett has been engaged in merchandising, in partnership with E. T. Condley, at Cross Timbers, for four years, but since the fall of 1888 has been occupied in farm labor. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mrs. Bennett is a daughter of William C. and Martha J. (Hicks) Hickman.

Henry G. Bliss, of Hickory County, Mo., is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Guth) Bliss, natives of Lorraine, France, born in 1808 and 1812, respectively. Previous to their marriage the father served seven years in the French army, and, after that event, was engaged in farming until his removal to America, about 1853. He located in Cleveland County, Ohio, and, after tilling the soil there for a short period, he came to Missouri, and resided first in Maries County, and then in Hickory County,

where he died in 1870, having been an earnest member of the Lutheran Church for many years. The mother is still living, and resides with her son Henry G., who is the elder of her two children, being born in Lorraine, France, in 1839. He spent his early life with his father until the year 1866, when he came to Hickory County, Mo., and has resided here since. He was married to Miss Lavina M. Marsh, who was born in Dallas County, Mo., in 1850. They have nine children: George, Sophia, Fannie, Nellie, Linnie, Maud, Charles, Florence and Roscoe. Mr. Bliss is one of the wealthy farmers of the county, and is now the owner of 580 acres of land, and is erecting on his farm a handsome dwelling house. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Agricultural Wheel. The paternal grandfather, David Bliss, spent his life in Lorraine, France.

William Bradshaw was born in the "Old North State" (Caldwell County), in May, 1843, and, when a small boy, was taken by his parents, Burton and Sarah (Kerby) Bradshaw, to Hickory County, Mo. His parents were born, reared and married in their native State, and died in Missouri, the father many years ago, and the mother about 1881. William Bradshaw is the eldest of their six children, and about the time he reached manhood the Rebellion broke out, and he immediately joined the Federal forces, serving three years in the Missouri State Militia, and received his discharge at Osceola, St. Clair County, Mo. On the 21st of February, 1864, he was married to Miss L. G. Poe, who was born in Hickory County, Mo., in 1845, and by her has a family of five children: Albert M., Henry C., Mary C., Sarah E., and Eliza F. Mr. Bradshaw owns a fine farm of 185 acres of land, and gives much of his attention to raising blooded stock, having a fine herd of short-horn cattle, and a large drove of Poland China hogs. In politics Mr. Bradshaw is a Republican. His grandfather was Seth Bradshaw, a native of North Carolina, who was an early resident of Hickory County, Mo., and there died. His mother's maiden name was Goolsby, and she was born in Ireland. Hawkins Kerby, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Bradshaw, was a farmer of Caldwell County, N. C. Mrs. Bradshaw's parents, Alvin and Rebecca (Harris) Poe, were born in Kentucky, in 1811, and February 21, 1811, respectively. They were married May 6, 1829, and the father is still living in Benton County, Mo., but the mother is deceased. They were the parents of eight children.

Henry C. Brookshire, M. D., a native of Hickory County, Mo., and one of its eminent physicians, was born on the 12th of March, 1848, and was educated in Boonville College, at Boonville, Mo. In 1872 he began the study of medicine under Dr. J. D. Gunn, in Pettis County, and in 1874 and 1876 he attended lectures in the Medical College of Keokuk, Iowa, from

which he graduated in the latter year. In 1874 he located at Hermitage, but after a short period he came to Wheatland, where he has since made his home, and where he has won an enviable reputation as a physician. In 1884-86 he was located at what is now known as Odin, but with this exception he has made his home in Wheatland since 1874. September 5, 1868, he was married to Miss Mildred M. Woolery, a daughter of Andrew Woolery. She was born in Cooper County, Mo., in 1850, and died in Barry County, Mo., May 16, 1886, having borne a family of four children; Rosa L., wife of John Montgomery; Joseph A., Charles C. and William H. Mrs. Brookshire was a consistent member of the Missionary Baptist Church. March 8, 1887, Dr. Brookshire wedded Miss Mollie Dodson, of Greene County, Mo., by whom he has one son. He and wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and in his political views he is a Democrat. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for a number of years. His parents, William L. and Sarah (Varnell) Brookshire, were born in Virginia and Tennessee, respectively, and both died in Missouri, he in March, 1862, when sixty-six years of age; and she, in October, 1886, at the age of eighty-four years. They were married in East Tennessee, and there continued to make their home until 1829, when they located in Cole County near Jefferson City, and in 1841 came to Hickory County. After the father's death the family moved to Cooper County, but after the war the mother gave up housekeeping and began making her home with her children, continuing so to do until her death. She was a lifelong and consistent member of the Missionary Baptist Church. The father was a wagon-maker by trade, and followed this occupation in connection with farming all his life. He was a Democrat politically, and, during the War of 1812, enlisted in the service, but did not see much fighting. His father, William L. Brookshire, was a son of Joseph Brookshire, of Virginia. He and his wife had ten children: Houston, Joseph, William, Monimo, Arrisa, DeKalb, and one not named (all now deceased). The three youngest, yet living, are Susan V., J. F. and the subject of this sketch.

E. T. Condley, a successful hardware merchant at Cross Timbers, Mo., is a native of Halifax County, of the "Old Dominion," where he was born in 1814. Anderson Condley, his father, was also born there, his birth occurring in the year 1792. He remained, engaged in farming, in his native State and county until some sixteen years of age, then emigrating with his father to Giles County, Tenn., where he made his home until his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Cobb, was born in Halifax County, Va., in 1794, and died in Tennessee on Sunday, followed by Mr. Condley the next Saturday. Of their six children, E. T. Condley was the eldest. He was

engaged in farming in Tennessee until sixteen years of age, and was married there to Miss Elizabeth Beck, a native of the State, born in 1823. Their union resulted in the birth of five children: Ann E., wife of V. S. Williams; Calvin M., who died of small-pox when twenty-one years of age, at St. Louis, while serving in the Federal army; Mary, wife of John B. Ihrig; Beverly, who died when four years old; and Martha, wife of E. T. Ray. In 1839 Mr. Condley came to Missouri, and was engaged in blacksmithing in Benton County for about twenty years, and, until 1872, followed both farming and blacksmithing, and, at that date, came to Hickory County, and has since been engaged in his present business in Cross Timbers. He is quite well fixed financially, being the owner of 120 acres of land, besides town property, and is one of the substantial residents of the county. He and family belong to the Christian Church, and he is a Democrat, and is past master in the Masonic fraternity. His paternal grandfather, William Condley, was born in North Carolina, but afterward located in Halifax County, Va., where he was engaged in farming, and resided until his death. The great-grandfather was born in Ireland. The maternal grandfather, Ambrose Cobb, was a farmer, and a native of Halifax County, Va.

M. H. Cooper, assessor of Hickory County, Mo., and native of the same, was born in 1845, being one of thirteen children who grew to maturity (twelve of whom are still living) born to John P. and Mary (Bond) Cooper, who were Kentuckians, the father's birth occurring in 1815. He grew to manhood in his native State, was there married, and in 1839 came to Missouri, and became one of the pioneers of Hickory County. Previous to the Rebellion he was a Democrat in politics, and afterward was a stanch Republican. He died in April, 1880. M. H. Cooper was the fourth of their children, and at the early age of sixteen years enlisted in the Federal Army, Enrolled Militia, but about a year afterward was chosen into the State Rangers, and finally entered the Regular Army on the 16th day of June, 1864, and was mustered out of service June 31, 1865. After the war he attended school for a year or two, and then taught school two terms, and up to the present time has been engaged in farming, being now the owner of eighty acres of land. He is a member of the G. A. R., is a Republican in politics, and in 1886 was elected by that party to the office of county assessor, and was re-elected in 1888. He was deputy sheriff under William A. Pitts. December 12, 1869, he was married to Miss Laura F. Pitts, who was born in Tennessee in 1845. They have three children: Mollie, Rosa and Bonnie.

J. H. Childers, attorney-at-law, of Hermitage, Mo., was born in Carroll County, Ark., in 1863. His father, Josiah Childers, was born in East Tennessee, in 1818, and there grew to manhood

and married, the latter event being to Miss Anna Shelton. He moved to Arkansas in 1854, and was a member of the Arkansas Legislature from Carroll County. In 1863 he moved to Polk County, Mo., and resided in Bolivar for about two years, when he removed to Hickory County, where he still resides, and is an active practicing physician of the county. His wife's birth occurred in 1820, in Tennessee, and their union has been blessed in the birth of thirteen children. J. H. Childers, our immediate subject, grew to manhood in Hickory County, Mo., and received a good common and high-school education, after which he engaged in the occupation of school teaching. He has been a decided lover of good reading from early boyhood, and during his days of pedagoguing gratified this taste to the fullest extent. After reading law for some time in the office of F. Marion Wilson, he was admitted to the bar in 1884, and since that time has been actively engaged in practicing his profession, being the only possessor of a complete set of abstract books in the county. He gives his attention almost exclusively to real estate litigation and real estate business in its various ramifications. He is a Master Mason, and is secretary of his lodge.

Dr. A. C. Curl, a prominent physician, surgeon and druggist, of Cross Timbers, Mo., was born in Taylor County, W. Va., May 29, 1852. His father, Lewis Curl, was born in Clark County, Ohio, in September, 1824, remaining there until after he had reached adult age, when he located in Taylor County, W. Va., and there made his home until 1864. Then, with his family, consisting of his wife and two children, Arlando C. and Jennie M., he moved to Daviess County, Mo., but now resides in Henry County, and is engaged in farming. During the late war, he was in the Government employ. He was married in Taylor County, W. Va., to Miss Mary Reynolds. Dr. A. C. Curl received a common school education. He commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Barnett, of Greensburg, Mo., and first attended medical lectures in the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Iowa. In 1882 he was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Joplin, Mo., and in 1888, from the Missouri Medical College, of St. Louis, Mo. He first practiced in Pettis County, Mo., and located in 1875 at Cross Timbers, where he opened a drug store four years later. He is now vice-president of the Hickory County Regular Medical Society; is a Master Mason, and in his political views is a member of the Democratic party. Miss Louie Feaster, who was born in Benton County, Mo., February 26, 1854, became his wife in 1872, and is now the mother of one child, May, born March 4, 1874.

J. H. Davidson, of Wheatland, Hickory County, Mo., was born in Warren County, Ky., June 26, 1841, and is the son of

A. L. and Mary J. (Adams), both of whom were natives of the "Blue Grass State," where they were married in 1838. They came to Hickory County, Mo., in 1866, and resided in this county until the death of the husband in 1871. J. H., the subject of this sketch, is the second of eight children, all of whom grew to maturity. He received a common school education in his native State, and came to Hickory County in 1867, where he was married to Mary F. Allen in 1869. This union has been blessed with two children, John W. and Rose M., the former now nineteen, and the latter seventeen years of age. The name of J. H. Davidson has become prominent in the history of Hickory County, and is well known among the leading men of the State. He was raised on a farm, and, after marriage, continued to follow that pursuit until 1876, when he was admitted to the bar as a practicing attorney, having devoted his leisure time while on the farm to the study of law for several years previous. In politics he early espoused the cause of the Democratic party, and has ever since cast his lot politically with the result of that party. Unfortunately, however, for him, the county of his choice was largely Republican, and his political aspiration was often cast in gloom. In 1874-76 he was the candidate of the Democratic party to represent Hickory County in the State Legislature; in 1880, for prosecuting attorney; and in 1886 was the nominee for State senator. In all these contests Mr. Davidson came out second best. In State matters he has been more successful, and has served as clerk for several terms in both branches of the General Assembly, and three terms as clerk of the State Board of Equalization. From early manhood Mr. Davidson has been a member of the Christian Church, and a member of the A. F. & A. M., and now ranks as past master of the latter in Hermitage Lodge. He is now giving his attention to the profession of his choice, and enjoying a lucrative practice in his quiet and beautiful home at Wheatland, Mo.

Samuel Valentine Dean is a native of the "Bay State," born in 1825. His parents, Samuel and Hannah (Hynes) Dean; his grandfather, Benjamin Dean; and the maternal grandfather and grandmother were all born in Massachusetts, and there spent their lives, Samuel and Hannah dying in 1847 and 1848, respectively. The former was born in 1780, and throughout life was a carpenter and joiner by trade. He and wife became the parents of nine children, all of whom lived to maturity, and six of whom are now living. The maternal grandmother's name was Valentine, and she was a lineal descendant of the Revolutionary volunteer, Gen. Valentine. The prominent characteristics of the Dean family are their medium stature, dark complexion and longevity. The old stock were Presbyterians. Samuel Valentine Dean went on the ocean as a sailor boy at the age of fourteen years, and

worked on sailing vessels plying between the United States and the West Indies, and rose to the rank of second mate. At the age of twenty-one years he went on the great lakes to Buffalo and Chicago, and became second mate on a passenger steamer, serving in this capacity four years; then went to Pennsylvania, and, at the age of twenty-five years, was married to Miss Harriet Morrell, who was born in the "Keystone State" in 1830, and from about the time of their marriage until 1872 resided in Ohio. Since that time they have been residents of Hickory County, Mo., and own a fine farm of 220 acres. Their children are: Celia, wife of Theodore Hellenbeak; Morrell, Charles W. and Annie May. Mr. Dean has been a licensed minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1861, and, in his political views, is a Democrat. During the late war he served three years in the Federal army as captain in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Gen. Hancock, and was at the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville; and in the last engagement he was captured and taken a prisoner to Richmond, Va., being paroled after two weeks. Then he went to Parole Camp, Annapolis, Md., and, after being exchanged, returned to the regiment. The next year he was again taken prisoner, and retained eight and one-half months. He was discharged at the close of the war at Pittsburg, Pa. He now draws a pension of sixteen dollars per month, and is a member of the G. A. R. He also belongs to the Agricultural Wheel. Mrs. Dean's parents, Jonathan and Content (Marble) Morrell, were born in New York State and Massachusetts, respectively, and afterward became farmers of Pennsylvania.

William Dollarhide, a prominent old settler of Hickory County, Mo., is in every respect worthy a place in these columns, for from earliest manhood he has been honest, industrious and enterprising. He was born in Scott County, Va., November 19, 1813, and is a son of John and Jemimah (Osborn) Dollarhide, who were born in North Carolina and Virginia in 1780 and 1796, and died in Hickory County, Mo., in 1862 and 1871 respectively. John Dollarhide went from his native State to Virginia, when a young man, and engaged in teaching school, which occupation he followed until his death, in connection with farming. He was married and made his home in Scott County, Va., until 1833, when he moved to Missouri, and until the spring of 1838 resided in Franklin County. From that time until his death he was a resident of Hickory County. Both were members of the Baptist Church. William Dollarhide was the third of their twelve children, five of whom are living, and received his education in his native State. At the age of eighteen years he began working for himself as a farm-hand, and in 1832 came to Franklin County, Mo., and in 1837 to Hickory County, and has made his home in

the latter ever since. He has been very successful, and is one of the largest landholders and heaviest tax-payers in the township of Stark. In January, 1834, he was married to Martha Holt, who was born in Tennessee and died in Hickory County, Mo., in 1848, having borne a family of five children, Jane (Carr) being the only one now living. Those deceased are: Jesse, who served in Company B, of the Eighth Federal Cavalry, and died at Bloomfield, Mo., when twenty-two years of age; Jemimah, who was the wife of John Jackson, and died when about thirty years old; Nancy, the wife of A. Morgan, who died at the age of twenty-five years, and an infant. In 1849 he wedded Jane Ride, a Tennessean by birth, who also died in Hickory County in 1855, having become the mother of one son, William, who now resides in the county. Nancy Jackson became his third wife in 1861. She was born in Surry County, N. C., December 17, 1827, and is a daughter of Ruell Jackson. The last union resulted in the birth of four children, three of whom survive: Amanda; Louisa, wife of Anthony Bowcher; and Virginia, wife of Joseph T. Edde. India Aniz is deceased. Mrs. Dollarhide is a member of the Methodist Church, and, in his political views, Mr. Dollarhide is a Democrat. In all he has served twenty years as justice of the peace, and has given universal satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

Peter J. Erickson, an enterprising resident of Stark Township, Hickory County, Mo., was born in Sweden, July 22, 1834, and is a son of Erick Lawson and Mary (Anderson) Erickson, who were born in Sweden in 1803 and 1805, and died August 22, 1888, at the age of 83 years, and in 1834, respectively. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and were farmers by occupation. Peter J. Erickson is the second of their nine children (six now living), and received his early education in his native land. He served one year in the Swedish army, and remained with his parents until thirty years of age, and then engaged in farming for himself, and in 1873 emigrated to the United States, and located in Hickory County, Mo., where he has, by economy, industry and good management, become the owner of 240 acres of good land, 150 of which is under cultivation and well improved. February 13, 1875, he married Ellen Lindell, a daughter of Nelson Lindell. She was born in Sweden, November 9, 1843, and is the mother of four children: Anna, Charles, William and Ida. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a Republican in his political views.

Judge James M. Gardner was born eight miles east of Madisonville, Monroe County, Tenn., February 15, 1834, and is a son of Thomas and Catherine (Thatch) Gardner, who were born in Roane and Knox Counties, of that State, his birth occurring

January 1, 1806, and that of his wife, May 18, 1813. They were married in Monroe County, March 26, 1832, and resided in that State until the father's death, August 6, 1877. The mother is still living, and resides in Hickory County, Mo., making her home with her son, James M. She has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 65 years, and throughout her long and useful life has won the respect and love of all who know her. The grandfather, James Gardner, was of Irish parentage and a Virginian by birth, but died in Monroe County, Tenn., having followed the occupation of farming throughout his life. His father was a Revolutionary soldier. The maternal grandfather, Henderson Thatch, was also born in the "Old Dominion," and died in Bradley County, Tenn., having been a successful farmer. Judge James M. Gardner is the eldest son of nine children (five now living): George W., a prominent farmer of Hickory County; Eliza J., wife of Samuel D. Mitchell, a merchant of Chattanooga, Tenn.; William L., a farmer of Hickory County; and Martha B., widow of Nathaniel Fitzgerald. She resides in Wise County, Texas. Those deceased are: Henderson, who died in Georgia; Elizabeth R.; Mary A., wife of Walker McGriff; and Thomas J., who died in Bradley County, Tenn. Judge Gardner received his education in Monroe and Bradley Counties, and was eighteen years of age when he left home to fight his own way in the world. After spending one year in Alabama, he returned to Tennessee, where he was engaged in farming until 1858, then came to Missouri and located in Hickory County, where he has since made his home, and where he owns 385 acres of good land. In 1857 he was married to Miss Margaret McSpaden, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah McSpaden, natives of Monroe County, Tenn. Mrs. Gardner was born in Bradley County, of that State, June 26, 1837, and she and Mr. Gardner are the parents of nine children: Robert H.; Sarah E, wife of Dr. L. Selvidge; Amanda J., wife of Thomas A. Nowell; Ulysses G.; Mary C., wife of Benjamin Nowell; Barbara A., Hiram D., Elva T., and Lewis Monroe. In 1862 Mr. Gardner enlisted in Company C, Sixtieth Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia, and served as corporal until the close of the war. In 1865 he was appointed justice of the peace, being afterward elected to that office, serving in all fourteen years. He was elected judge of the Western district on the Republican ticket, of which party he has long been a member, in 1878, and is now filling his third term. He belongs to the G. A. R. His mother, Catherine Gardner, was born May 18, 1813.

Samuel W. Gerster is a native of Fairfield County, of the "Buckeye State," and was born on the 20th of June, 1854, being a son of Johanes and Elizabeth (Goss) Gerster, who were born in Switzerland and Fairfield Counties, Ohio, respectively. The former died in Hickory County, Mo., in 1880, when fifty-eight

years of age. He left his native land when twenty-one years of age, and came to the United States, and, after residing in different counties in Ohio until 1869, came to Missouri and located on the farm on which his son Samuel W. is now living. He was a farmer the greater portion of his life, but also followed the millwright and carpenter's trade. He and wife were members of the German Reformed Church. Their children who are living are as follows: John, Adam, George, Jacob, Anna, Elizabeth and Samuel W. Abraham and Daniel are deceased. Samuel W. Gerster was educated in Ohio and Hickory County, Mo., and since early boyhood has been engaged in farm labor, and, since gaining his majority, has followed carpentering in connection with this work. After the father's death the six sons continued housekeeping with their mother and little sister, but on March 8, 1885, Abraham died at the age of twenty-six years. Following this the other five carried on the work until January 15, 1888, when Jacob was married, and then removed to St. Clair County, Mo., where the five brothers are now jointly conducting a successful agricultural business, under the supervision of S. W. Gerster, in connection with the home farm. Since his father's death, he being the eldest son, he has managed the business affairs of the family, and is industrious and enterprising, and has taken great interest in the development of the mineral wealth of the county. In politics he and his brothers are Democrats.

A. M. Halbert, of the general merchandise firm of Halbert Brothers, of Wheatland, Mo., is a native of Hickory County, and was born in 1856. He received a good education in the common schools and the Weaubleau Christian Institute, and in 1879 went to Texas, where he spent some time engaged in raising cotton. In 1880 he returned to the home of his birth, and the following year went to California, where he was engaged in the sheep business for over four years, Portersville being his post-office. He then again came back to Missouri, and in January, 1886, engaged in the *Index* newspaper office, which he published a little upward of a year, then sold out and came to Wheatland, and engaged in the general merchandise business with J. H. Bentley, the style of the firm being Bentley & Halbert, but only continued a short time, when Mr. Halbert went to Hermitage and again embarked on the journalistic sea, continuing until October of 1888, when he and his brother formed their present partnership. They carry a good and select stock of goods, and, being men of brains, energy and honesty, bid fair to become leaders in their calling. June 19, 1888, he was married to Miss Ida B. Bentley. He is a Democrat in his political views, and has always supported the men and measures of that party. He has filled the office of deputy county and circuit court clerk for a short time, and also served one term as deputy sheriff.

William D. Harryman, prosecuting attorney of Hermitage, Mo., was born in Quincy, Hickory County, Mo., October 8, 1849, and is the son of Christopher Z. and Nancy Ann (Smith) Harryman, and grandson of John and Mary (Brown) Harryman. Christopher Z. Harryman was born in St. Louis June 20, 1813, and moved to Cole County, Mo., with his parents, at an early age. He there grew to manhood, and there learned the machinist and blacksmith trade. He was married in Cole County, sometime in the thirties, to a Miss Martha Linville, who died about 1831 or 1832, and leaving as a memento two children. Mr. Harryman removed to Benton County, Mo., about 1844, and there remained until about 1848, when he married Miss Nancy A. Smith, and the same year came to Hickory County, Mo. He located at what is now Quincy Postoffice, and, at the breaking out of the war, enlisted in the Home Guard Service of Missouri, under Col. McClurg, and, at the end of the year, or some less, he enlisted in Company F, Eighth Missouri State Militia, and was sergeant of his company. He was in the battle of Lone Jack, Humansville, and was on the Price raid. He was also at the battles of Jefferson City, Boonville, and Sedalia, where he was taken prisoner by Thompson. He was mustered out of service in the spring of 1865, at Springfield, Mo., and, after the war, returned to Hickory County, and resumed farming and stock raising. In 1886 he moved to Benton County, Mo., where he now lives. His wife, Mrs. Nancy A. (Smith) Harryman, was born December 25, 1824, in Henry County, Va., and, her parents having died when she was a small child, she lived with an uncle, William Smith. She moved to Illinois with her uncle about 1839, and remained there only a few years, when she moved to Benton County, Mo., with him, and was there married to Mr. Harryman, by whom she had eight children — four now living. She died in Hickory County, Mo., January 7, 1879. The paternal grandparents were originally from Pennsylvania, and came to St. Louis at an early day. He died in Benton County in 1852 or 1853, and his wife died, probably in the same county, a few years previous to the death of her husband. The maternal grandparents were native Virginians. William D. Harryman passed his boyhood days in Hickory County, Mo., but spent one year in Cooper County, Mo., and one year in Benton County. He returned to Hickory County with his parents in 1862, and, after receiving all the advantages of the common schools of Hickory County, he attended the Urbana graded school one term. Previous to this, however, he taught one term of school in Hickory County, and, after leaving Urbana, taught school until 1873, and was one of the few teachers of the county who held a first-grade certificate. He attended the Weaubleau Christian Institute in 1873-74, and was one of the prominent

educators of the county. He was elected sheriff of Hickory County in November, 1874, and served in that capacity four years, having been re-elected in 1876. He was married December 19, 1876, to Miss Nancy M. Rogers, of Polk County, and, after that event, he engaged in farming and merchandising in Hickory County until the fall of 1882, when he engaged in the flour-mill business at Weaubleau and at Osceola, Mo. He was admitted to the bar of Hickory County, Mo., in May, 1888, having studied and practiced in the justice's court for several years previous to being admitted. Since that time he has been practicing in the circuit courts of Hickory and adjoining counties. At the general election of 1888 he was chosen prosecuting attorney of Hickory County on the Republican ticket. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. Mrs. Nancy M. (Rogers) Harryman was born in Hickory County, Mo., June 18, 1860, and is the daughter of John P. and Nancy B. (Owings) Rogers. She attained her growth in Hickory County, and was educated in the common schools and at Weaubleau Christian Institute. To her marriage have been born three children, all living: Oliver P., May and Eva.

Levi Hartman, farmer and stockman of Hickory County, Mo., was born in East Tennessee on the 16th of September, 1816, and is a son of Joseph and Jennie (Walker) Hartman, and grandson of Joseph Hartman. The latter and wife were residents of Maryland, and emigrated to Tennessee, where they spent the remainder of their lives, and were buried on their farm. Joseph Hartman, the father of Levi, was born and reared in Tennessee, the former event occurring in 1765, and his death in 1830. The maternal grandfather was born and spent his life in Tennessee. He was of Scotch extraction, while the Hartmans were Dutch. Levi Hartman grew to manhood in Washington County, Tenn., and in 1846 went to Iowa, where he was married, October 27, to Miss Mary J. Rouse, who was born in Indiana, February 19, 1828, and the result of their union has been five children, all of whom are living and have reached mature years: John D.; Joseph, who is collector of Hickory County; Martha E., wife of Henry L. Pitts; Eliza J., wife of George Lindsey; and Maggie, wife of Edward Murray. In 1867 Mr. Hartman came to Hickory County, Mo., of which he has been a resident ever since, and is the owner of 300 acres of excellent land. He is a Democrat politically. His wife is a daughter of David and Eliza (Manson) Rouse, who were born in Kentucky, May 21, 1803, and April 7, 1808, respectively. They were married in their native State, and afterward moved to Indiana, later to Iowa, and next became residents of Kansas, where the father died September 14, 1870. They were the parents of eight girls and two boys. The mother is still living.

Judge William C. Hickman, ex-judge of the Eastern district of Hickory County, Mo., was born in Wilson County, Tenn., near Lebanon, August 2, 1832, and is a son of Snowden and Frances (Newman) Hickman, who were born in North Carolina and Virginia, and died in Wilson County, Tenn., in 1852, at the age of fifty years, and in Hickory County, Mo., in 1882, at the age of eighty-two years, respectively. The former was a child of four years of age when his parents took him to Tennessee, and there he grew to manhood, married, and was engaged in farming and stock raising until his death. His father, who also bore the name of Snowden, was born in North Carolina, followed the occupation of farming, and died in Wilson County, Tenn. The mother was a daughter of Joel Newman, a Virginian, who lived and died in his native State. He was a Revolutionary soldier. Judge William C. Hickman is the second of six children, three now living: Zachariah, a practicing physician, of Benton, Ill.; Martha Ann; and the judge, who was educated, and resided in Wilson County, Tenn., until eighteen years of age. In 1851 he came West, and roamed around for a number of years. In 1853 he crossed the plains with an ox-team, taking the Carson route, and at the end of six months and eighteen days reached the Golden Gate, having suffered many hardships and privations on the journey. He was engaged in teaming, ditching and other occupations, in that State, for about four years, then returned home *via* the Isthmus of Panama, Cuba and New Orleans, bringing with him about \$2,400, which he had earned while in the West. After staying for a time in Tennessee, he came to Missouri and purchased land, on which he has since resided. In 1863 he enlisted in Company B, Eighth Missouri State Militia, and served until the close of the war, when he returned home, and began trying to retrieve his fallen fortunes, having been a heavy loser during the war. He has been very successful, and is now the owner of about 1,600 acres of land, some of which is the most valuable in Hickory County. He has been a Democrat since the death of the Whig party, and, in 1878, was elected by that party as county judge from the Eastern district, and was re-elected in 1882, thus showing how the people of the county appreciate his merits, his district being strongly Republican. He at all times supports educational and religious enterprises, and is always public spirited and enterprising. Martha Hicks, a daughter of Thomas M. Hicks, became his wife December 17, 1857. She was born in Wilson County, Tenn., in 1833 (July 14), and, by Mr. Hickman, became the mother of seven children, who are living: Fanny, wife of George W. Morgan, of Kansas; Cora, wife of William Y. Bennett, of Hickory County, Mo.; Robert, a farmer of Hickory County; Nina, Charles, Horace and Joel N. Alice, the second

child, died when two years of age. Mrs. Hickman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Edward B. Huffman. Among the prosperous farmers and stockmen of Hickory County, Mo., worthy of mention, is Mr. Huffman, who was born in Hardy County, Va., in 1834. His grandfather was a Pennsylvania Dutchman, but afterward located in Virginia. He served in the Revolutionary War under Washington, and was present at Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered. He lived to the extreme old age of ninety-six years, and died on the North River, in Virginia. His son, L. Huffman, the father of our subject, was born in Hardy County, Va., in 1803, and there grew to manhood and married Miss Anna Burch, who was also born in that State, her birth occurring in 1802. November 10, 1842, he emigrated to Benton County, Mo., being among the pioneer settlers of the county, and there spent the rest of his days, dying in March, 1864. His wife had died in Virginia, in 1834, having borne a family of four children, of whom our subject is the youngest. He was eight years of age when he came with his father to Missouri, and has seen much of the growth and prosperity of the State. From early boyhood he has been familiar with farm life, and is now the owner of a fine farm of 230 acres, which is under cultivation and well improved, on which he located in 1882, having previously been a resident of Benton County. He served in the Volunteer Cavalry of the Missouri State Militia during the late war, and received his discharge at St. Louis, at the end of two years, July 19, 1865. He is a Democrat in his political views, and cast his first presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas. In 1859 he was married to Miss Jane Johnston, who was born in Benton County, Mo., in 1838, and died August 5, 1872, having borne the following family: Mary A., wife of John Wicklyfe; Nancy, wife of Richard Barnett; Clara B., who died at the age of thirteen years; John A., who died when ten months old; Charley E., Ella J. and Becca J. July 5, 1874, Mr. Huffman married Martha J. Barnett, who was born December 28, 1856. Their children are: Anna, who died when ten months old; Willie, James Walter, Elbert G., Minnie and Laura. The family belong to the Christian Church, and Mr. Huffman is a Mason.

M. C. Jenkins, of Hickory County, Mo., was born in Orange County, Ind., in 1831. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Pritchard) Jenkins, were natives of North Carolina, the former's birth occurring in 1808. After residing until manhood in his native State, he moved to Indiana about 1831, and in the fall of 1842 emigrated to Missouri, locating in Benton County, where he helped erect the first grist-mill in this section of the country. He was a farmer and merchant throughout life, and died in 1864, having been an earnest member of the Baptist Church and

a Whig in politics. He and wife were the parents of eight children. The paternal grandfather was born in Scotland, and emigrated to America previous to the Revolutionary War. It is said of him by his descendants that he gave a half-bushel of dollars for a substitute during that war. M. C. Jenkins, our subject, was reared to manhood in Benton County, and was married in the spring of 1853 to Miss Nancy Barnett. They settled in Hickory County, and began tilling the soil. Mrs. Jenkins was born in Kentucky in 1829, and by Mr. Jenkins is the mother of eight children: Thomas J.; Paulina, wife of C. S. Thompson; Schyler B.; Harriet E., wife of J. C. Brown; Jennie, wife of J. R. Nease; Leatha, Nellie and Mattie. Mrs. Jenkins is a daughter of Mr. Schyler and Elizabeth (Harrison) Barnett, the father being a native of Virginia, as was also his father. Schyler died in Missouri, having been a farmer throughout life. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are members of the Christian Church, and he is a Democrat politically, and a member of the Agricultural Wheel.

Frederick Kern is in every respect worthy of honorable mention in these pages, for during his residence here he has been one of the honest and industrious tillers of the soil. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1822, and is one of four surviving members of a family of five children born to Christian and Johanna (Folk) Kern, who were born in the kingdom of Wurtemberg in 1789 and 1783 respectively. The father was a weaver by trade, and followed this occupation until his death, in 1847, followed by his wife in 1850. Frederick Kern attained mature years, and was educated in his native land, and in his youth learned the machinist's trade, at which he worked until his twenty-first year; then joined the regular army of Germany, serving six years. At the end of that time he came to the United States (in 1849), being the first of his family to cross the ocean, and landed in New York City in June, 1849, the voyage having taken forty-three days, but only remained in that city a short time, when he moved to Ohio, where he worked on a farm during the summer. In the fall he began blacksmithing, and helped to fit up the steamboat Hollister to run on Lake Erie, and for one season was second engineer of the boat. He next went to Chicago, thence to Peru, Ill., where he worked at blacksmithing five months, and then went to Memphis, Tenn., from which place he went to Rock Island, Ill., and then spent some time in Cincinnati, Ohio. He went from this city to Peoria, Ill., where he made his home for some time, and was there married to Miss Catherine Laubenstein, who bore him two children: William H., and Charles F., who died in 1878, at the age of twenty-two years. In 1858 Mr. Kern went to Kansas, but returned to Illinois in 1861, and, when the war broke out, joined the

Forty-seventh Illinois Infantry for one year, and was at Forts Spanish and Blakely. After the war he resided in Illinois until 1866, and then came to Missouri, and began working at his trade in Wheatland, being the first blacksmith of the place. In 1878 he gave up blacksmithing, and purchased 120 acres of land, on which he has since lived. He is non-partisan in politics, and is a member of the Lutheran Church, his wife being a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their only son was born in 1854, in Illinois, and in 1880 was married to Miss Sarah A. Prosser, who was born in England in 1863. They reside with Mr. Kern, and have two children, Frederick and Letta E.

E. M. Kerr, one of the worthy residents of Hickory County, Mo., and a successful farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of Marion County, Ohio, born in 1841, and is a son of E. and Jane (Madden) Kerr, who were born in Pennsylvania and Virginia, in 1807 and 1806, respectively. The father was reared to manhood in his native State, but was married in Ohio, and soon after located in Indiana, and, after residing successively in Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana, died in the latter State in 1870, having been a faithful soldier in the Federal Army in Company G, Twelfth Kentucky Cavalry, and was also promoted to hospital steward. His wife died in 1869, also in Indiana. The paternal grandfather was an Englishman who came to America prior to the Revolution, and took an active part in that struggle. He died in Pennsylvania. The maternal grandfather was born and spent his life in Virginia. E. M. Kerr is the only one of his parents' four children who is living. He attained manhood in Indiana, and received his education in the common schools. He was married there to Miss S. Elmira Keen, who was a native of the State, born in 1845, and was engaged in farming in that State until 1870, when he sold out and came to Missouri, purchasing his present farm in Hickory County in 1883. During the war he joined Company B, Fifty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under W. Q. Gresham, as a private, but was promoted to second lieutenant in the same company, and participated in the siege of Corinth, siege of Vicksburg, Atlanta, in which battle he saw Gresham immediately after he was wounded, and saw McPherson fifteen minutes before he was killed; siege of Savannah, being with Sherman on his march to the sea, and was discharged at Louisville, Ky., and mustered out of service at Indianapolis, Ind. He has ever since been a strong Republican, and is a member of the G. A. R. He belongs to the Agricultural Wheel.

Rev. P. S. Lehmann, a minister of the Mennonite Church in Hickory County, Mo., was born in Switzerland in November, 1821. His parents Peter and Katie (Tschantz) Lehmann, were born in Switzerland, the former in 1780, and died there in 1864. The grandfather, Michael Lehmann, was a farmer in that country.

Rev. P. S. Lehmann is next to the youngest of nine children, and received a good German education in his native land. After teaching school for some time, he was married in 1846 to Miss Verena Sprunger, who was born in 1828, and their union has been blessed in the birth of eight children: Annie, wife of Christian Luginbill; Mary, wife of Christian Gillium; Rachel, wife of P. Gillium; Katie, wife of David Ninschwander; Japhet; Dinah, wife of Joel Welty; Emma, and Lydia. In 1852 Mr. Lehmann removed with his family to the United States, and, after residing and living in Indiana for sixteen years, he came to Missouri, and settled in Hickory County, on a fine farm of 205 acres, which he has tilled in connection with his ministerial duties ever since, having been engaged in the latter occupation since 1848. His daughter Emma is one of the successful teachers of Hickory County, and is an exceptionally intelligent young lady.

Capt. W. H. Liggett, of Hickory County, Mo., was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, March 14, 1831, and, after attending the common schools, completed his education by attending an academy in Knox County, of that State. In 1857 he went to Iowa, and was engaged in teaching school in Fayette County until May, 1858, when he came to Missouri, and entered 120 acres of land in Hickory County, but was engaged in teaching school until the spring of 1859, when he married Miss Louera E. Heath, in Benton County, Mo., and moved upon his farm, and, in connection with tilling the soil, followed pedagoguing during 1859 and 1860. When the Rebellion broke out he organized Company D, Hickory County Battalion of the Missouri Home Guards, and was orderly sergeant until the company was disbanded in November, 1861. December 29 of that year, the company became a part of the Missouri State Militia, and the following year Mr. Liggett became sergeant-major on the non-commissioned staff in the Eighth Cavalry Missouri State Militia Volunteers. In June, 1862, he was appointed circuit and county clerk of Hickory County, and was discharged from the army, when the reorganization of the civil and municipal law took place, to enter upon the duties of said clerkships, and afterward became captain of Company C, in the Sixtieth Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia, during Price's raid through Missouri, and served in this capacity until the close of the war. He held the position of county and circuit clerk until the spring of 1867, when he was elected school commissioner, and held that position until 1869, when elected probate judge, which office he held until 1879. He and William Q. Paxton were the chief founders of the *Hickory County Mirror*, a weekly newspaper, the first paper published in Hickory County, which was organized in 1874, the editors being Moore and Tiller. He is a very wealthy farmer,

and owns about 2,000 acres of land, a considerable portion of which he devotes to the propagation of a good grade of stock. He has been president of the Hickory County Bank for some time, is a Republican in politics and is a Master Mason. His children are as follows: Alexander C., who died at the age of seven years; Minnie, wife of S. A. Jackson; Ida M., who died when twenty years of age; Eva, a student at Columbia, Mo.; Henry Paxton, and Ernest Cuthbert. Mr. Liggett's father, William Liggett, was born in Pennsylvania, October 5, 1795, and died in Ohio on the 4th of July, 1874. His wife, Nancy (Vincent) Liggett, was also born in Pennsylvania, her birth occurring February 9, 1797, and her death September 18, 1851. They were reared and married in their native State, and became the parents of eight children, three of whom are living. The paternal grandfather, Alexander Liggett, and grandmother, Isabella (McCloy) Liggett, were born in Pennsylvania October 4, 1775, and September 19, 1771, and died in their native State in 1866 and 1841, respectively. They were married January 5, 1795.

G. W. Lindsey, sheriff of Hickory County, Mo., was born on the 10th of September, 1849. His father, James Lindsey, was born on Kentucky soil in 1818, and removed to Illinois with his parents when a boy, where he grew to manhood. He was one of the pioneers of Hickory County, and was here married to Miss Cynthia Jones, who was born in Tennessee in 1820. They are still living, and their union was blessed in the birth of eight children, G. W. Lindsey being the fourth in order of birth. The paternal great-grandfather was an Englishman who came to America and helped to free the colonists from the mother country, serving under George Washington. His son, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the "Palmetto State," and resided successively in Kentucky, Illinois and Missouri. The maternal grandfather was a Tennessean. G. W. Lindsey grew to manhood in Hickory County, and supplemented his common school education by an attendance in graded schools for two years, after which he engaged in teaching in Hickory and adjoining counties, continuing this occupation for a number of years. May 6, 1877, he was married to Miss E. J. Hartman, by whom he has three children: Myrtle E., Inez Iola and Grace H. Mr. Lindsey was engaged in merchandising for a number of years, but in 1880 discontinued this work to engage in agricultural pursuits, in which he has been quite successful, being the owner of a good farm of 320 acres. He is a Republican in politics, and was elected on that ticket as sheriff of Hickory County, which position he is now filling. He is a Master Mason.

Lycurgus Lindsey, an old and prominent citizen of Hickory County, Mo., was born in Butler County, Ky., November 8, 1825, and is a son of Amos and Mary (Madison) Lindsey, natives,

respectively, of South Carolina and Kentucky. The former died in Hickory County, at the residence of his son, Lycurgus, in 1875, at the age of eighty-eight years, his wife having died in 1868, when in the seventies. He came with his parents to Virginia from South Carolina, thence to Kentucky, where he married and resided until 1833, and from that time until 1836 was a resident of Scott County, Ill. At the later date they located in Hickory County (then called Polk County), where their declining years were spent. They were church members of many years' standing, and, while residing in Kentucky, the father served as justice of the peace for many years, and was also sheriff for some time. After coming to Missouri, he served as county judge for a number of years, and was a successful farmer throughout life. His father, Abraham, was born in the "Palmetto State," and was of English descent, as was also the Madison family. Mrs. Lindsey's father, James Madison, was an active participant in the War of 1812, and acted as interpreter at different treaties that were made with the Indians, he being familiar with the Indian language. There were born to the marriage of Amos and Mary Lindsey, ten children, nine of whom are living at the present time: Irena Romans, Anthony W., James and Abraham (twins), Nancy (Hayes), Amos F., Lycurgus, Alfred, Thomas and John J. Amos Frost is deceased. Lycurgus received his education in the schools of Illinois, and in Hickory County, Mo. He remained at home and worked on the farm until twenty-one years of age, and, after working as a farm-hand for some time, rented land and began farming on his own responsibility. In 1852 he made his first purchase of land, which consisted of forty acres, but he is now the owner of 900 of as good land as there is in the county, the home farm consisting of 340 acres, all of which is under fence and well improved. He was a heavy loser during the war, but has managed to retrieve his fortunes. In 1861 he organized Company D of Col. McClurg's regiment, and was commissioned its captain, serving in this capacity until December of that year, when he began serving as first lieutenant of Company B, Eighth Missouri Militia, with which he remained until receiving his discharge in March, 1865. He was in no regular engagements, and was never wounded or taken prisoner. In 1868, 1869 and 1870 he served as deputy sheriff of the county, having been appointed (he has been a Republican for many years), and discharged the duties of his office ably and well. January 16, 1851, he was married to Miss Lucy, a daughter of Samuel and Lucy (Wheeler) Tobey. She was born near Madison, Ind., December 2, 1833, and her marriage with Mr. Lindsey resulted in the birth of seven children: Josephine, wife of Luther J. Slavens, a merchant of Urbana, Dallas County, Mo.; Emma, wife of James S. Thurston, of Urbana, Mo.; Matilda, wife of William Coon, a farmer

of Hickory County; Laura, wife of John White, of Cross Timbers, Mo.; and Eugene T., at home. Those deceased are: Cynthia Ann, who died when twenty-two years of age, the wife of John T. Pendleton; and Mary, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, the wife of Benjamin F. Creed, treasurer of Hickory County. The mother of these children is a consistent member of the Christian Church.

Judge Benjamin L. Mallonee, presiding judge of Hickory County, Mo., deserves honorable mention as one of the public-spirited and enterprising citizens of the county, and it is but fair to say that his good name has remained unsullied, and that he has won the confidence and respect of all who know him. He was born in Baltimore, Md., January 20, 1848, and is the youngest of three surviving members of a family of seven children born to John A. and Rachel (Lym) Mallonee, who were born near Annapolis and in Baltimore, Md., in 1790 and 1814, and died in Baltimore in 1860 and 1862, respectively. The grandfather, John Mallonee, was a member of the Continental army in the Revolutionary War, and died in Maryland, at the advanced age of ninety-eight years. John A. Mallonee served in the War of 1812. When starting out in life for himself, he left the farm and went to Baltimore, where he finally became a merchant, but, failing in business, he became a bookkeeper, which occupation he followed until his death. Benjamin L. Mallonee received an excellent education in the schools of Baltimore, and, when nineteen years of age, concluded he would seek his fortune in the West, and accordingly came to Missouri, and located in Hickory County, and was engaged in merchandising in Pittsburg until 1872, at which date he sold out and turned his attention to farming, and dealing in and raising stock. His enterprises have been attended with good success, and he is considered one of the prosperous residents of the county. In 1874 he went to Texas County, and while there was appointed constable, serving over a year. From 1882 till 1886, he served as justice of the peace, and was then elected associate judge of the Eastern district, and in the following election he was elected presiding judge, and has faithfully filled the duties of this position up to the present time. On the 11th of October, 1869, he was married to Lucy K. Kendall, a daughter of Edward J. Kendall. She was born in Morgan County, Ill., August 12, 1850, and she and Mr. Mallonee are the parents of five children: Leonard, Harriet Frances, Lucretia, Rachel and Victorine. Clara T. died when five years of age.

Frank Mieler is one of the numerous successful farmers and stockmen of Cross Timbers Township, Hickory County, Mo., and was born in Alsace, France in 1842; He was there reared and educated, and was by trade a contractor and builder, at which he worked after coming to the United States in 1871. He landed

at Castle Garden on the 5th of February of that year, and, after remaining in the city of New York for three years, went to Woodland, of the same State, where he resided two years, then to Westchester, remaining two years, then returned to New York City, where he was engaged in contracting and building for seven years, his services being employed on some of the largest buildings in the city. He emigrated West to Missouri, and followed the same occupation at West Pilot and around Kansas City, Mo., for four years, and has been very successful in his work, and has deeds for 300 acres of good land in Hickory County, which land he will sell for \$35 per acre, some of good river bottom land, and the rest is on the ridges. He is a stanch Republican in his political views, and he and wife, whom he married while residing in New York City, are members of the Catholic Church. Her maiden name was Miss Minnie Rebecky and she was born in Alsace, France, in 1850.

Dr. J. W. Mowell is a successful practicing physician of Cross Timbers, Mo., and is a native of Indiana County, Penn., born in 1861. His father, George W. Mowell, was born in 1835, also in Indiana County, Penn., and was there reared to manhood and married, his wife's maiden name being Elizabeth B. Smith. He was by trade a blacksmith, but has followed the occupation of farming the greater portion of his life, and is now residing in Benton County, Mo., whither he came in 1866. Here it was that Dr. J. W. Mowell received his common school education, which he supplemented by a course in the Warrensburg State Normal School. Later he taught five terms of school; was married in 1882, and soon moved to St. Louis. He began pursuing his medical studies while a resident of St. Louis, and was graduated from the Missouri Medical College in that city, in March, 1888. He then came to Cross Timbers, and began practicing with his brother-in-law, which he has continued successfully up to the present time, now being a member of the Hickory County Regular Medical Society. His wife was formerly Miss Katie Feaster, who was born in Benton County, Mo., and by her he has two little children: Shelley E. and Artie R.

Alexander Murphy, county school commissioner of Hickory County, Mo., was born in Randolph County, Ind., in 1849, being a son of Alexander and Eliza (Quigg) Murphy, both of whom were born in the "Keystone State." The father first removed from his native State to Ohio, thence to Indiana, his time being spent in following mechanical pursuits. His death occurred when his son Alexander was a small lad, and his widow still survives him, and resides in Hickory County, Mo., with our subject. The latter is the youngest of the family, and has been a resident of Missouri since his early boyhood, and has always had the welfare of his county at heart. His rudimentary education was

obtained in the common schools, and this he supplemented by a course in the graded schools of Urbana and Weaubleau, obtaining thereby an excellent education. He then began teaching in the public schools of Hickory and adjoining counties, continuing this occupation for twenty years, and is one of the most successful and popular educators of the county. In 1879 he was elected to his present position, re-elected in 1881, and again re-elected in 1889, being a candidate of the Republican party, of which he has long been a member. He has taken great interest in improving and raising the standard of schools, and in this respect great progress has been made since his first election. He has been quite successful in the accumulation of this world's goods, and is the owner of 120 acres of good land in the county.

Naffziger & Mosser. The Star Union Grist and Saw Mills of Wheatland, Mo., was founded, in 1869, by J. S. Naffziger, and is now operated by Naffziger & Mosser, who have been in partnership since June 20, 1881. The junior member of the firm, Christian Naffziger, was born in Waterloo County, Canada, January 22, 1845, his parents being J. S. and Josephine (Naffziger) Naffziger, whose native birthplaces were Bavaria, Germany, and France respectively, the former born July 7, 1820, and the latter in 1819. The father was a child of five years when he came with his parents to the United States, and, after residing in Lancaster County, Penn., for a number of years, they moved to Upper Canada, and located in Waterloo County. Here J. S. Naffziger resided until nineteen years of age, then went to New York State, but, after residing two years in Lowell County, returned to Canada, and December 2, 1841, was married to Josephine Naffziger, a distant relation. In 1851 they removed to Lee County, Iowa, locating about eighteen miles north of Keokuk, where they continued to make their home until August, 1859, since which time they have resided in Hickory County, Mo., where he owns a good farm on Twenty-five Mile Prairie. Since 1867 he has given his attention to milling, but has also continued to farm and raise stock. The following are his children who are living: Catharine, wife of Jacob J. Stuckey; John J., a ranchman of New Mexico; David, a saddler and harness-maker at Wheatland; Daniel, a farmer of New Mexico; Samuel, who died at the age of twenty-four years in 1875; Benjamin, a merchant of El Dorado Springs, Mo.; and Mary, at home. Christian Naffziger resided on his father's farm and operated a threshing machine until 1870, when he went West to the Black Hills, and, after remaining there five years, returned to Jasper County, Mo., and worked in the zinc mines of that county until May, 1881, when he purchased an interest in the Star Union Mills, with which he has since been connected. On the 12th of April, 1885, he was married to Miss Mary, a daughter of John

Rich. She was born in France in 1856, and by Mr. Naffziger is the mother of one son, Joseph D., who is sixteen months old. The entire family worship in the Mennonite Church, and Christian, like his father, is a staunch Republican in politics. He is also a member of the Wheel, and is one of the prosperous young citizens of the county. Jacob Mosser, the senior member of the milling firm of Naffziger & Mosser, was born in Waterloo County, Canada, December 2, 1835, and is one of nine children born to John and Barbara (Bloom) Mosser, the former born in Ohio, and died in Waterloo County, Canada, about 1843, and the latter born in Alsace, France, and died in Huron County, Canada, in 1877, when sixty-two years of age. After the father's death the mother married again, her last husband being now also deceased. Jacob Mosser remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age, then began learning the miller's trade in Huron County, Canada, where he remained until 1864, when he went to Europe, and, after making his home in Switzerland for about two years, returned to Canada, and in 1867 went to Bay City, Mich. After working in a mill in this city for a short period he returned to Canada, and in 1869 came to Missouri and began working in the mill in Wheatland, where he remained until 1875, then went to Carroll County, Ind., where he made a stay of two years, then returned to Wheatland, purchasing, in 1879, an interest in the Star Union Mills. Christiana Miller, who was born in Germany, January 28, 1845, became his wife September 6, 1867, and by her he has a family of nine children: Sarah, Louis, Barbara, Samuel, Joseph, Minnie, Bennie, William and Fred. Mrs. Mosser is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Mosser is a Republican in his political views, and is a member of the Wheel.

David Naffziger, manufacturer of harness, saddles, etc., at Wheatland, Hickory County, Mo., was born in Waterloo County, Canada, October 27, 1846, and is the third son of J. S. and Josephine Naffziger, natives of France. He, with his parents, moved from Canada to Lee County, Iowa, in June, 1851, and came to Hickory County, Mo., in the fall of 1858. David Naffziger received his education in the schools of Hickory County, Mo. In 1869 he left his parents, going to Pulaski, Iowa, where he followed farming for a year, after which he returned home, and remained a short time. He then went to the Western Territories, and remained about six months, when he again returned home, and, in 1872, went to Colorado and the Western Territories, where he worked in the silver and gold mines for about four years, during the time having traveled over a great portion of the West. He was a very successful miner, but spent the money as fast as it came. Later he returned to Wheatland, and engaged in the mill business, which he continued until 1883,

when he sold his interest in the mill, and engaged in his present business, with his brother as a partner. In 1885 he purchased the entire interest in this business, which he has successfully conducted since. May 2, 1888, he married Miss Lou Goldsmith, a native of Washington County, Iowa, born in 1858, and the daughter of Peter Goldsmith, of Wyoming Territory. To this marriage one son was born February 7, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Naffziger are members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Naffziger is a member of the I. O. O. F. order, and is a Republican in politics. He at all times has donated liberally to the cause of education, as well as to all public enterprises, and is a very successful business man, and a much esteemed citizen.

Judge Moses N. Neihardt, probate judge of Hickory County, Mo., was born in Williams County, Ohio, on the 21st of January, 1847, his parents being Jacob and Anna M. (Frock) Neihardt. The father was born in Center County, Penn., December 7, 1795, and was of German ancestry, and the mother was born in Maryland December 11, 1807, and was of German and English ancestry. The father died in Williams County, Ohio, in March, 1871, but the mother is still living, and resides in that county with her children. He was a successful farmer throughout life. At twelve years of age he removed to Holmes County, Ohio, and, in 1832 to Williams County, same State. In 1829 he was commissioned lieutenant of a company to protect the frontier from Indian depredations. In his political views he was a Democrat until 1855, when he became a Republican, which he remained until his death. He and wife became the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are living at the present time. Moses N. Neihardt was next to the youngest in the family, and received his education in the Northeast Indiana Institute, at Orland, Ind. In June, 1863, he enlisted in Company E, Eighty-sixth Ohio Infantry, and served until October 28 of the same year, when he began devoting his attention to school teaching during the winter seasons and attending school during the summer months, and, after coming to Hickory County, Mo., in 1866, he continued the occupation of teaching for four years. He then returned to Orland, Ind., and learned photography, at which he worked for a number of years during the summer. In 1870 he came to Hermitage and formed a partnership with Amos S. Smith in the real estate business, and, at the same time, studied law, being employed, in 1872, in the county and circuit court clerk's office. In 1874 he was elected county and circuit court clerk, and was a faithful and efficient incumbent of that office for eight years. He then turned his attention to farming, and served as deputy assessor and deputy clerk. In 1886 he was elected probate judge of Hickory County. In 1871 he was admitted to the bar, but has never practiced his profession. He is a Republican in politics, and is a

member of the G. A. R. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the I. O. O. F. March 26, 1873, he was married to Miss Mary S. Pack, a daughter of J. R. and Rachel Pack, of Hickory County, by whom he has three children: Otto K., Ada and Melbern M.

T. J. and E. H. Noland, merchants, of Cross Timbers, Mo., were born in Polk County, Mo., in 1856 and November 6, 1852, respectively, being the sons of Robert G. and Charlotte (Hall) Noland, who were born in Kentucky and Tennessee. The father grew to manhood in the "Blue Grass State," and at an early day emigrated to Missouri, locating in Polk County, where he entered land and engaged in merchandising, being a member of the firm of Hall, Noland & Co. His father was born in the "Palmetto State," and, after emigrating to Kentucky at an early day and remaining there for a number of years, he came to Missouri, where he spent the rest of his days. T. J. Noland was the third of his parents' five children, and was reared to manhood in Polk and adjoining counties, obtaining a good education in the common and graded schools. He was engaged in farming and stock trading until about 1881, when he embarked in his present business. He is one of the original members of the firm of Heath, Noland & Co., and as such continues, their business netting them a good annual income. The Noland Brothers now own the Garden City Flouring Mills, which, through their skill and enterprise, have been changed to full roller process. They also own in two farms 400 acres of land. In 1878 T. J. Noland was married to Miss Sarah E. Nease, who was born in Indiana, and the following are their children: Bertie, Eugene, Vernon V., and Ross. Mr. Noland is a Democrat, and he and wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. E. H. Noland, of the above firm, remained in his native county until twelve years of age, and, after residing in Illinois with his mother for some time, returned to Missouri and continued to attend school until he acquired a good practical education. Like his brother, he was first engaged in farming and stock trading, and in 1881 became connected with his present business, and is doing well financially. He was first married to Miss Fanny E. Ihrig, by whom he had one daughter, Fanny F. This wife died in 1882, and he took for his second wife Miss Ella Mohease, who has also borne him one child, Verde. He and family are also members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a Democrat.

Dr. James R. Pack, a prominent physician of Hickory County, Mo., was born in Buncombe County, N. C., May 5, 1826, and from his birth until the age of twenty-one years lived with his parents, Elias and Sophia (Bishop) Pack, who were born in the Carolinas in 1802 and 1805, respectively, and resided in those States about as follows: First in Greenville, S. C.; then in

Haywood County, N. C.; thence to Pickens' District, S. C.; and then in Macon, N. C. The Pack family are of Irish descent, and settled in America previous to the Revolutionary War, in which struggle the great-grandfather took an active part. About 1849 the family removed to Monroe County, Tenn., and, after residing in that and other counties for some time, came to Lebanon, Mo., where the mother's death occurred July 22, 1870. She had been a consistent member of the Baptist Church for many years. The father was a Democrat in his political views, and a farmer by occupation, and his death occurred in Hickory County, Mo., January 11, 1873. His father, James Pack, who was grandfather to the subject of this sketch, is supposed to be a native of South Carolina, and was a soldier of the war of 1812. His wife's maiden name was Woody. She came with her parents from Scotland to Virginia when she was about ten years old. Dr. James R. Pack received his rudimentary education in South Carolina, and, when about twenty-one years of age, went with a younger brother to East Tennessee, where he began working in what was known as the Coker Creek gold mines, remaining thus employed two years, after which, feeling the necessity of a better education, he again entered school, and for the next five years was engaged in attending and teaching school, and doing other work, as opportunity offered and necessity required. On the 1st of September, 1853, he was married to Miss Rachel Warren, near Loudon, Tenn., and the following year moved to Marion County, Ark., where he taught school two years, and then moved to Miller County, Mo. Having for the previous five or six years given all his spare time to the study of medicine, he now entered upon the practice of that profession in Miller County, and in 1859 moved to Douglas County, where he practiced until the Rebellion. When hostilities began between the North and South, he remained true to the Union, and denounced secession. He helped organize one of the first companies of Home Guards in Southwest Missouri, with which he served until 1862, when he was appointed surgeon, and assigned to duty at a place called Clark's Mills, twenty-five miles north of the Arkansas line, where, with four companies of militia and a battalion of the Tenth Illinois Cavalry, a fort was erected, called Fort Stevison, in honor of Maj. Stevison, of the Tenth Illinois Cavalry, who was chief in command. Dr. Pack remained post-surgeon until the place was besieged and taken by the rebels under Cols. Burbridge and Green. He then returned home, and did not again go into service during the war. In 1862 he had moved his family to Marshfield, and from there, in 1863, he moved to Maries County, where he practiced medicine three years, then returned to Marshfield. In 1870 he located in Lebanon, and two years later took up his abode in Hermitage, where he has since made his home.

In 1881 he attended the practitioners' course in the Chicago Medical College, and the following year received the honorary doctorate degree of physician and surgeon from the St. Joseph Hospital Medical College. In 1884 he moved to Florida, but, not being satisfied with that country, he returned to Hermitage, his former home, in 1886, where he is at present residing. His wife is a daughter of Jacob Waren, one of the earliest settlers of Roane County, Tenn. By her he became the father of five children, of whom two survive: Mary S., wife of M. N. Niehardt; and Dr. George W., who is now residing at Preston, Mo.

Amos M. Paxton was born in the county in which he now resides on the 8th of December, 1845, being a son of William and Rebecca (Shinabargar) Paxton, who were born in Washington County, Pa., April 4, 1807, and Virginia, January 2, 1811, respectively. The former died December 19, 1862, at the age of fifty-five years eight months and fifteen days; but the latter is still living (1889), and resides with her children in Hickory County. William Paxton, when a child, was taken by his parents to Ohio, where he was reared, married and made his home until 1837, in which year he removed to Cooper County, Mo., staying there until 1840, when he removed to Benton (now Hickory) County, of which he was one of the first settlers. He was a millwright by trade, and erected the first mill in the territory now comprising Hickory County. In 1852 he was elected circuit and county clerk, *ex officio* recorder and probate judge of the county, serving six years in succession. He was then elected public administrator, which position he held until the breaking out of the Rebellion. Although he only received a common school education in his youth, he was above the average in intelligence and business ability. At the beginning of the Civil War he was a staunch supporter of the Union, and through his influence many were persuaded to remain loyal to the Union who otherwise would doubtless have drifted into the Rebellion. Previous to the war he was a Whig in politics, and in 1860 voted for Bell and Everett. Seven of his eight children lived to maturity, and six are living at the present time. Ethan, born December 31, 1829, was second lieutenant of Company I, Eighth Missouri State Militia Volunteers, during the war; Hugh, born January 16, 1834; Nancy A., born April 13, 1838; Almira B., born April 3, 1842, wife of Samuel Dent, ex-county clerk of Hickory County; Amos M.; and Lucy D., born September 25, 1857, wife of John M. Sherman. Those deceased are: William, born April 9, 1832, who died in infancy; and W. J., born September 28, 1849, and died June 1, 1875. Amos M. Paxton, the immediate subject of this sketch, attended the common schools of Hickory County in his youth, and during the war served a short time in the Enrolled Militia, but, owing to the death of his father

and the helpless condition of his mother and other members of his family, who had been burned out of house and home and robbed by Confederate marauders, he had to devote most of his time to caring for the family—mother, brother and sisters. During and after the war he was engaged in tilling the soil until 1876, when he was elected to the office of assessor, and served one term. In 1879 he engaged in merchandising at Wheatland, continuing there until January 1, 1889. In November, 1888, he was elected collector of Hickory County, by the Republican party, of which he has always been a member, and is now filling the duties of that office. July 27, 1881, he was married to Mrs. Hattie Jenkins, a daughter of Joseph Culley, of Cooper County, Mo. She was born in Illinois, November 15, 1856, and her union with Mr. Paxton has been blessed with a daughter, Maud C., born June 4, 1882. Mrs. Paxton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

W. S. Pickett is one of the successful husbandmen of Hickory County, Mo., and was born in Mason County, Ky., January 20, 1845, and is a son of Major B. O. and Mary L. F. (Bacon) Pickett, the former born in Mason County, Ky., and the latter in Virginia, in 1824. She is now living on the old homestead in Kentucky, with her children. The father was reared in his native State, was married there, and throughout life was a tiller of the soil. He was a major in the early State Militia of Kentucky, and died in 1874. Of their eight children, all grew to maturity and all are now living, with the exception of one son, John Bacon, who was killed or died from sickness during the Civil War, in which he was serving on the Confederate side, being under Breckenridge. The Pickett family are of French descent, and W. S. Pickett, our subject, is a first cousin of General John T. Pickett, and third cousin of General George Pickett. W. S. Pickett attained maturity in Mason County, Ky., and received the advantages of the common schools sufficient to fit him for performing the ordinary duties of life. He worked on the farm until he emigrated West in 1868, and the same year located on his present farm, which now consists of about 500 acres, 400 acres being in one body. The country was extremely wild and unsettled at this time, there being only one house on the prairie besides his own. His father had previously entered 1,000 acres of land here, and W. S. came to take charge of it. He helped to lay out the town of Cross Timbers, was the second merchant in the place, being in partnership with John C. Brown, which business was established in 1874, and the style of the firm was Brown & Pickett. Since 1884, Mr. Pickett has been retired from mercantile life, and has given his attention to his farm. He has been justice of the peace of Cross Timbers, and in his politics is a Democrat.

James A. Pine is a son of Squire L. and Emeline Pine, who were born in Logan County, Va., and Montgomery County, Mo., respectively. At an early day the father removed to Missouri, and was married in St. Louis, Mo., locating with his wife, some time after, in Lincoln County, of the same State, where they made their home until 1852, since which time they have resided in Hickory County. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in his political views Mr. Pine was formerly a Whig, but is now a Republican. He served in the Missouri State Militia during the late war, and throughout life his enterprises have been attended with good results, he being now worth about \$30,000, and is classed among the wealthy citizens of the county in which he resides. James A. Pine was born in Lincoln County, Mo., and from early life he has been familiar with farm labor. On the 1st day of January, 1889, he gave up this work to engage in mercantile pursuits in Wheatland, and for four years has served as assessor of Hickory County, now filling the duties of postmaster at Wheatland. In December, 1868, he was married to Dorinda A. Elliot, who was born in Kentucky. She and Mr. Pine are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are the parents of the following children: Mary E., Squire G., William F., Manda C., Lewis W., Rosa A., and Gussie C. James H. is deceased.

Nathan K. Pope is one of the prominent citizens of Hickory County, and is one who commands the respect and esteem of all who know him. He was born in Allen County, Ky., July 20, 1843, and is a son of John C. and Sarah (Lightfoot) Pope, who were also born on Kentucky soil, the father in Allen County, in 1822, and the mother in Simpson County about 1820. She died in Polk County, Mo., in 1874. They were married in Simpson County, but shortly after removed to Allen County, where they resided until coming to Missouri, in 1853. The father has been a farmer all his life, and is now a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Nathan K. Pope is the eldest of their nine children, six of whom are living, and received his education in the common schools of Polk County. He assisted his father in tilling the home farm until 1861, when he joined the Home Guards, and in September, 1862, enlisted in Company M of the Eighth Missouri Cavalry Volunteers, U. S. A., and served until August, 1865, when he was mustered out of service at St. Louis. He participated in the battles of Prairie Grove, Little Rock, Grand Prairie, Pumpkin Bend and many others, and, at the battle of Little Rock, was holding the rank of brigade orderly. After the cessation of hostilities he returned to the peaceful pursuit of farming and stock raising, and in 1876 came to Hickory County, and purchased his present farm, which consists of some of the best land in the county, and is well improved. November 15,

1866, he wedded Miss Mary J., daughter of Gideon Creed. She was born in Hickory County, February 5, 1843, and has borne eight children: Louella, wife of Jacob Edde; John G., Oliver, Walter, Stephen, Ivy A., Frank, and an infant son. Mr. and Mrs. Pope are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a Republican in his political views, and in 1879 was elected by that party judge of the Eastern district of the county, and served until 1882.

Uriah Proctor, one of the successful farmers of Weaubleau Township, Hickory County, Mo., was born in Jessamine County, Ky., April 28, 1816, and is the son of George M. and Elizabeth (Beasley) Proctor. George M. Proctor was born in Kentucky, April 17, 1781, grew to manhood in that State, followed farming, and there married Miss Beasley about 1808. He died in his native State about 1819. His wife was born November 20, 1789, in Kentucky, and is the daughter of James Dinwiddie. To Mr. and Mrs. Proctor were born five children, two now living, Uriah Proctor being fourth in order of birth. In 1834 the mother of these children moved with her family to Marion County, Mo., and here died in March, 1840. Uriah Proctor grew to manhood in Kentucky, came to Marion County with his mother and brothers in the above mentioned year, and was here married to Miss Almira Terrill in July, 1840. In 1857 they moved to Hickory County, and settled on the farm, where he now lives. He is a Republican in politics. He has taken an active part in school matters ever since coming to the county, and has been school director in his district for twenty years. The name "Proctor" is English, and the family were originally from that country. Mrs. Almira (Terrill) Proctor was born March 3, 1823, in Kentucky, and was the daughter of Robert and Mary Terrill. She came to Marion County, Mo., with her parents when six years of age, and to her marriage with Mr. Proctor were born six children, five of whom are living, viz.: Christopher C. (deceased); George R.; Mary E., now Mrs. Richardson; Julia M., Mrs. Wear; Eliza A., and Susan M. (Mullen). Mrs. Proctor died in Hickory County, Mo., November 8, 1887.

Judge Thomas F. Robinson, a successful farmer and stockman of the county, is in every respect worthy a place in these columns. He was born in Franklin County, Tenn., February 7, 1831, and is a son of James R. and Frances (Elliott) Robinson, who were born in South Carolina and Kentucky, in 1797 and 1799, respectively. Previous to attaining his majority, James R. Robinson emigrated to Tennessee, but in 1837 removed to Missouri, becoming one of the pioneers of Benton County, and here died in 1872, followed by his wife in 1881. Nine of the twelve children born to him and wife grew to maturity, of whom Judge

Thomas F. Robinson is the seventh in order of birth. John Robinson, the third child, was a lieutenant in the Mexican War, and died near Santa Fé, New Mexico. Joseph Robinson and Thomas Elliott, the grandfathers, were born in South Carolina and Kentucky respectively, and were Revolutionary soldiers, and the latter died in his native State. Judge Robinson, our subject, was reared, educated and married in Benton County, Mo., the latter event being to Miss Elizabeth Jenkins, a native of Franklin, Tenn., born in 1831. The following family have been born to them: James W., Flavens J., Benjamin F., Elizabeth, Sarah F., Thomas F., living; and Nancy, Mary, John J., and Almedia, deceased. In the late Rebellion he joined Company A, Sixtieth Missouri State Militia, and was wounded in a skirmish with Joe Shelby on his raid through the State in 1863. He then received his discharge and returned home. He has held some office nearly ever since, and in 1868 was elected presiding judge of the county, serving in this capacity six years. He read law in the office of John G. Ferguson, of Osceola, and practiced law two years. In 1876 he came to Hickory County, and served as justice of the peace of Hermitage three years, having held this position in Benton County numerous terms. He is a Democrat in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Lewis Cass. He owns about 110 acres of land, and is a church member.

Newton B. Sherman, one of the prominent citizens of Hickory County, Mo., was born at Palmyra, N. Y., November 30, 1826, and is one of the thorough-going, enterprising men of that county. His parents, Merritt and Emily M. (Rich) Sherman, were natives of New York and Connecticut, respectively. The paternal grandfather, John Sherman, was a native of Rhode Island, and was a farmer by occupation, and a lawyer by profession. His son, Merritt Sherman, was a farmer, but also carried on merchandising on the Erie Canal for twenty-five years; in fact, was the first to run a merchant boat on that canal, and at this was very successful. During the great financial crash in the forties, he lost heavily. He filled various offices of trust in Wayne County, N. Y., and in 1848 moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and there resided five years. He then moved to Lenawee County, Mich., where he resided for a time, and then moved to Hillsdale County, where he died in 1880 at the age of eighty-one years. He married Miss Rich in Wayne County, N. Y., and she is now living in Hillsdale County, Mich., and was eighty-eight years of age on January 25 last. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren number ninety. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and she is now a member of that church. Mr. Sherman was formerly a Whig in politics, but, after the Republican party came into existence, he joined that party. The Sherman family are supposed to be descendants of Roger

Sherman, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Newton B. Sherman received his education at Palmyra, N. Y., and finished in Marion Academy, in Wayne County, N. Y. He remained with his parents until twenty-five years of age, part of the time assisting his father in the mercantile business on the Erie Canal. After leaving his parents, he turned his attention to trading in stock, driving them West, and as a stock merchant he was very successful. During this time he was also engaged in teaching school in various parts of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. He made his home near Cleveland until 1854, when he moved to Lenawee County, Mich., and there resided thirteen years, or until 1867. He then moved to Missouri, locating in Hickory County, and there he has since remained. While in Michigan he was engaged in farming and stock raising, which has been his principal occupation since coming to Missouri. Also, while living in that State, he was elected by Republicans to the position of collector and treasurer of the county, and served one term. He also, at different times, held minor offices in the county. October 17, 1852, he married Miss Sarah Hilliar, a native of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, born fourteen miles from Cleveland, February 13, 1835, and a daughter of John Hilliar. Five children were born to this union, four sons living, viz.: Clarence E., John M.; Orlena, born January 15, 1858, and died November 3, 1878; George N., and Henry J. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman are members of the Christian Church, and are much-esteemed citizens. He has held the position of elder in the church for many years. In his political views, he affiliates with the Republican party. Mr. Sherman is now in charge of the business, in Hickory County, of J. D. Cook, who resides in Southern California. He was recently elected mayor of Wheatland.

Jefferson B. Shoemaker, a leading citizen of Hickory County, Mo., was born in Logan, Hocking County, Ohio, March 15, 1836, and is a son of A. and Samantha (Bennett) Shoemaker, who were born in Scotland and New York respectively. The father was born in 1810, and came with his parents to the United States, locating in Ohio, where they lived and died. He was a shoemaker and school teacher, and for a number of years was surveyor of Hocking County. His death occurred in 1838, at the untimely age of 28 years. His father, Cornelius Shoemaker, was a farmer and Baptist minister, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. Samantha (Bennett) Shoemaker was born in 1815, and died in Jefferson County, Iowa, whither she had moved in 1849, being the wife of Jason Landpher at the time of her death. To her first union three children were born, Jefferson B. being the second child and the only one now living. He received his education in Ohio and Iowa, and at the age of fourteen years, left his

mother, and began farming, teaming and staging, following the latter occupation from Keokuk, Iowa, west to what was Fort Des Moines, but is now the city of Des Moines. He entered land in Iowa, and was engaged in farming until 1868, when he came to Hickory County, Mo., where he has since made his home, and followed the occupations of farming and stock raising. January 2, 1857, he wedded Miss Sarah Shepherd, a daughter of John and Eliza Shepherd. She was born in Montgomery County, Tenn., January 1, 1842, and their marriage resulted in the birth of twelve children, eleven living: John J., Rufus A., Russell, Laura, Leonidus, Lavaughn, Dickie, Samuel J. T., Willis A., Karan and Nora. Anna, the third child, died when nine months old. Mr. Shoemaker is a Democrat, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mrs. Shoemaker's parents, John and Eliza Shepherd, were born in Indiana and Virginia, and died in Tennessee and Centerville, Iowa, respectively. After the father's death, the mother married Isaac Harris.

Jacob P. Stoll, a prominent resident of Hickory County, Mo., was born in Brognard, Doubs, France, June 10, 1830, his parents, Peter and Catherine (Graber) Stoll, being also natives of Doubs, his birth occurring January 1, 1799, and hers September 27, 1801. They died in Wayne County, Ohio, and Hickory County, Mo., November 9, 1867, and January 1, 1877, respectively. Their marriage took place in France when the father was twenty-four years of age, and they made their home in their native land until 1836, then they came to the United States, and located in Wayne County, Ohio, where they successfully tilled the soil. He was a Democrat, and both were members of the Old Mennonite Church. Mrs. Stoll came with her son Jacob P. to Hickory County, Mo., where she spent her declining years. Her son Christian died in Ohio, and Catharine is the wife of Jacob Stoll and residing in Wayne County, Ohio. Jacob P. received his education in that county, and, when twenty-one years of age, began to fight his own way in the world. In 1848 he took a trip to Lake Erie, visiting Milwaukee, Galena, the western part of Iowa, and thence home *via* Cincinnati and St. Louis, and in 1852 he went to California *via* the Isthmus of Panama. After working in the mines there for nearly two years, he returned home, the trip having been a success financially. He made Wayne County his home until 1864, then he made an extensive trip through Kentucky, Missouri, and other States, seeking a location, and, after residing in Allen County, Ind., until 1872, he came to Hickory County, where he owns a fine farm of 500 acres, the original purchase consisting of 320 acres. In 1854, after his return from California, he married Miss Mary Lichty, who was born in Wayne County, Ohio, June 1, 1836, and was a daughter of Peter Lichty. To their union ten children were born, nine now living: Fanny,

Peter, Lydia, Katie, Mary, Adam, Louisa, Jacob and Amma. David died when two years of age. Mr. Stoll, wife and four children, are members of the church, the former belonging to the Christian Church, and the rest to the Baptist and Mennonite denominations. Mr. Stoll is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and politically has been a Democrat for many years. He is now engaged in mining both in Hickory and St. Clair Counties, Mo., for silver, lead, kaolin, etc., holding interests in three different mines, one in Hickory, and two in St. Clair County.

James T. Wallen, a resident of Wheatland Township, Hickory County, Mo., was born in East Tennessee, March 15, 1826, and is a son of Michael and Lucinda (Saulsberry) Wallen, who were born in North Carolina and White County, Tenn., respectively. When a young man, Michael Wallen removed to Tennessee, and, in 1830, located in Cole County, Mo., and died on the Gasconade River when about forty-five years of age. His widow afterward married William McKay, and, after residing in Miller and McDonald Counties, removed to Hickory County, where she died, aged about sixty-four years. To them were born six children, of whom James T. is the only one now living. Those deceased are Susan, Elizabeth, Andrew, Daniel, and Spencer P. To the mother's last marriage one daughter was born, Maria J., who is also deceased. James T. Wallen received his education by his own exertions in Miller County, and made his home with his mother until twenty-five years of age, then turned his attention to farming in Hickory County. During the Mexican War he attempted to enlist, but was prevented from so doing by his step-father, Mr. McKay; but, when the Rebellion broke out, he, in 1862, joined the Home Guards, Company I, Eighth Missouri State Militia, and served until April 21, 1865, and was mustered out at Springfield, having participated in many battles, among which were Fayetteville, Tomahawk, and many others. He was never wounded, and was taken prisoner once, but was only retained a short time. He is a Republican in politics, and, in 1872, was elected constable in Montgomery Township, and served, by re-election, until he finally refused to serve longer. In 1882 he was elected judge of the Western district, and was re-elected in 1884, being urged, at the expiration of this term, to become a candidate for re-election, but refused. On the 22d of July, 1851, he and Miss Sarah McKenzie ran away from home, and were married. She was born in Monroe County, Tenn., May 24, 1831, and is a daughter of James McKenzie. To them were born five children, four of whom are living: Sarah E., wife of R. H. Gardner; Nancy C., widow of George W. Dixon, deceased, and William F. Blackwell, deceased; Minervia J. (deceased); Daniel R. R.; and Lucinda, wife of Charles Tillery, of Hickory County. Mrs. Wallen is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he of

the old Primitive Baptist denomination. He is a Mason, and belongs to the G. A. R. He owns some excellent land in Hickory County, the result of hard work and economy.

Dr. G. N. White. In briefly sketching the life of this gentleman, it is but just to say that he is one of the eminent practitioners of the county, and has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. In 1850 his birth occurred, in Gasconade County, Mo., and he was there reared to manhood, on a farm, receiving his education in the common, supplemented by an attendance at the graded, schools. At the age of eighteen years he became a teacher, and was alternately engaged in this occupation and going to school until he secured a position in the graded school in Urbana. He was for a number of years one of the popular local educators of Dallas and neighboring counties, and also won an enviable reputation as a teacher in Montgomery County, Kan., to which place he went in 1872, remaining one year. He read medicine under Dr. L. Coon, and for two years practiced that profession in Arkansas, and then (in 1881) entered the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he graduated with the degree of M. D., in 1884. He then returned to Missouri, and, after practicing for some time in Eldon and Wheatland, he located in Cross Timbers, in November, 1887. He has built up a large practice, and, in connection with his profession, is interested in a drug store. He owns property in Wheatland. He is a Prohibitionist and a member of the Christian Church. Miss Maggie Coon became his wife in 1874. She was born in Dallas County, Mo., in 1853, and she and Dr. White are the parents of three children: Fred C., Curtis R., and Grace.

J. W. White, M. D., a leading member of the medical fraternity in Hickory County, Mo., and a successful druggist of Cross Timbers, is a native of Dallas County, Mo., and was born on the 1st of December, 1856. He was educated in the common schools and Lewisburg Academy, of his native county, and, from early boyhood, his ambition was to become a physician, and, while still in school, began the study of medicine, continuing to pursue different branches of this science during the four years in which he was engaged in pedagoguing. He then entered a medical college at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated from the institution in 1886 with the degree of M. D., but for three years previous to graduating he practiced medicine with his brother at Cross Timbers. His ambitious hopes in his boyhood days have been fully realized, and he now ranks among the successful physicians of the county. In 1886 Miss Laura Lindsey, who was born in Hickory County, Mo., in 1864, became his wife, and their union has been blessed in the birth of three children: Eugene R., and Minnie and Nonie (twins). Jonah N. White, the Doctor's father, was born in East Tennessee, and, in 1843, moved

to Missouri, and, after residing in Gasconade and Dallas Counties, came to Cross Timbers, where he is now making his home, retired from the active duties of life. His wife's maiden name was Chloe Ruder, and she was born in St. Louis County, Mo., and died on the 17th of September, 1868. They were the parents of six sons and two daughters.

Pleasant H. Wilson, a successful tiller of the soil in Hickory County, Mo., was born in Miller County, Mo., October 22, 1842, and is a son of Isaac and Mary (Woods) Wilson, who were both born in Tennessee, the former in Knox County. They were married in that State, and there resided until 1834, when they came to Miller County, Mo., and there made their home for twenty years, then moving to Laclede County, where the father died in 1866 or 1867. The mother had died a number of years earlier, and the father had afterward married Mrs. (Mayfield) Jones, who is also now deceased. Pleasant H. Wilson was the ninth of ten children (six of whom are now living), and was only fourteen years of age when he started out in life for himself. He went to Maries County, and for one year was employed on a farm at five dollars per month. He made three crops in Miller County, and in 1861 enlisted in Company B, Tenth Missouri Cavalry, but at the end of seven months was honorably discharged on account of disability, and returned to Miller County, but joined the State Militia, serving ten months. He then married Sophia, a daughter of Asa Burlingame. She was born in Ohio in 1844, and became the mother of five children, four of whom survive; Asa B., who is married, and lives near Garden City; George W., Effie F. and Eliza J. James Pleasant died when an infant. After his marriage Mr. Wilson farmed for one year in Miller County, then one year in Hickory and two years in Laclede County. He then returned to Hickory County, and purchased forty acres of land, and has continued to add to this purchase until he now owns 720 acres of some very fine land, all of which he has earned by industry and good management and the aid of his faithful wife. He is a Republican politically, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and four of their children are members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Francis Marion Wilson, clerk of the county court of Hickory County, Mo., was born in Callaway County, Mo., January 24, 1848. After reaching the age of eighteen in Miller County, he came to Hickory County and began the study of law, being admitted to practice in the courts of Benton County, Mo., June 27, 1874. In 1882 he was elected prosecuting attorney of the county on the Republican ticket, was re-elected in 1884, and in 1886 was elected to his present position, the duties of which he is discharging in a very efficient manner. March 28, 1872, he was married to Miss

Mary Alexander, who was born in Tennessee in 1853, and by her has the following family: Ulysses, Eudora L., Eugenie, Eunice E., Vide and George. The paternal great-grandfather was of Scotch and Swiss origin; his son Isaac, the paternal grandfather, was born in Kentucky, and died in Laclede County, Mo. George Wilson, the father of our subject, was born in Whitley County, Ky., November 8, 1827, but was taken by his parents to Illinois when quite young, finally back to Tennessee, then to Missouri, locating in Miller County, and is now keeping a hotel in Hermitage. He volunteered for the Mexican War, but did not go to the field, and during the late war he served in the Federal army (Tenth Missouri Cavalry) for some time. His wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Jones, was born in Wythe County, Va., July 19, 1827, and is a daughter of Hiram Jones, who came from Wythe County, Va., and died in Miller County, Mo., in 1867, having followed the occupation of farming throughout life. The family name was originally spelled Willson.

POLK COUNTY.

Flavius A. Affleck, circuit court clerk of Polk County, was born in St. Clair County, Ill., May 6, 1848, being the son of Robert G. and Martha (Million) Affleck. His father was born in Murfreesboro, Tenn., in 1817, and his mother, in West Virginia, in 1820. When very young, both were taken to St. Clair County, and there met and married. Mr. Robert G. Affleck served an apprenticeship at three trades, those of cabinet-maker, blacksmith and carpenter. In 1850 he went to California, mined successfully for three years, and, although \$10,000 worth of gold was stolen from him, he returned with enough to buy a farm. From 1864 to 1871 he operated a large mill in Columbia, Ill., and in 1872 moved to this county, and located in Bolivar, where he and his son, the subject of this sketch, ran a mill till 1878. He was formerly a Whig, but is now a Republican, and he and his wife, both of whom still live, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Flavius A. is the fifth of eleven children. He received his education in the common schools of Illinois and in McKendree College. When fourteen years of age he was put into a mill to learn the business, and for fifteen years followed it. On December 19, 1872, he married Miss Rosalie A. Wilson, of Monroe County, Ill., and, as a result of this union, has had four children: Anne J., Elsie I., Irma and Martha. In 1878 Mr. Affleck was chosen teacher in the Bolivar schools, and taught two years. He was deputy collector four years, book-keeper in the Polk County Bank two years, and, in 1886, was