

Springfield land sales. Here he died August 13, 1863, being shot by militia. William M. Wright came to Missouri with his parents when a lad of thirteen years. He spent his youth on the farm until 1884, when he purchased the ferry property at Warsaw, and this he has been engaged in running ever since, and it is said to be the oldest ferry on the Osage, having been established some time in the 20's. Aside from this Mr. Wright is also occupied in agricultural pursuits, and has been quite successful. His first marriage was in Benton County, Mo., to Miss Elizabeth Powers, a native of Missouri, where she was reared. She died in 1850. Mr. Wright was married in Henry County, Mo., to Miss Sarah L. Higden, a native of Kentucky, but who was reared in Missouri. This wife died in 1879. Mr. Wright is a member of the Baptist Church, and one of the first-class citizens of the county. One son, John Edward, was born to his first marriage. He grew to manhood in Benton County, was here married to Miss Lizzie Denison, a native of Missouri, and to them were born two children—Mattie E. and Charles C. Mr. Wright and son, John Edward, are the owners of 400 acres of land, with about 300 acres under cultivation.

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## MILLER COUNTY.

James Agee, farmer and stock-raiser of Saline Township, and one of the much respected citizens of Miller County, was born in Callaway County, Mo., in 1835. His parents, Ransom and Ann (Taylor) Agee, were natives of Virginia. The father immigrated to Callaway County, Mo., in 1831, settling on a farm and in 1834 was united in marriage to Miss Taylor, who bore him seven children. She died in 1859 in Callaway County, and there the father also died in 1882, at the age of eighty-two years. James Agee was reared on a farm, and received his education in the common schools of Callaway County. He assisted his father in developing the farm, and February, 1870, he moved to Miller County and located in Saline Township. He purchased a partially improved farm of 200 acres, remodeled his house and made additional improvements. In November, 1870, he was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Reynolds, a native of Jo Daviess County, Ill., and the daughter of Robert and Martha Jane (Pugh) Reynolds, who were natives of Ireland and Virginia, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds moved to Illinois in 1833, and were pioneer settlers of Jo Daviess County. They are still living, and are now residing in McKeesport, Penn. Mr. Agee purchased his present property in 1884, and now owns 160 acres of excellent land, 100 acres under cultivation. He raises a good grade of stock, and is one of the prominent farmers of the county. In his political views he affiliates with the Democratic party. Mr. Agee is a member of the school board of his district, and is a member of the Agricultural Wheel,

being president of the same. Mr. and Mrs. Agee are members of the Christian Church at Spring Garden, and he is one of the elders in that church. To their union were born nine children: Emma Florence, Mary Jane, Nellie, Sarah, Thomas Jefferson, James Warren, Robert Lee, George Taylor, John Franklin. Mr Agee is active in school matters, has always advocated temperance principles, and, in fact, takes an interest in all good and laudable enterprises. He has investigated his farm, finding here considerable mineral deposit.

Dr. W. S. Allee, a prominent physician and surgeon of Olean, Mo., was born in Moniteau County, Mo., in 1852, and was the only child born to James V. and Sabra (Bowlin) Allee, both of whom were born in Missouri. The former's father was born in Kentucky, and came to Missouri at an early day, his father having been a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and died in Missouri. James V. Allee moved to Morgan County after farming for some time in Moniteau County, and was filling the office of probate judge of the former county at the time of his death in 1875. His wife died when our subject was quite young. The latter attended the district schools of Moniteau County, and the Missouri State University, and after teaching school for some time entered the Rush Medical College at Chicago, Ill., then entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, from which institution he was graduated in 1875. He immediately began practicing at California, Mo., removing the following year to High Point, where he remained till 1882. Since that time he has resided in Olean, where he practices his profession and keeps a drug store, the latter in connection with Mr. Atkin, the firm name being Allee & Atkin. In 1882 they erected a good frame building and carry a full line of drugs, paints, oils, etc. Dr. Allee was married in St. Louis, in 1875, to Laura C. Huston, a native of Cape Girardeau County, Mo., and daughter of Dr. William A. Huston, and grand-daughter of Dr. P. R. Pitman, both of whom were early settlers of that county. Dr. Allee is a Democrat and socially is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 134. He is now S. D. in the lodge, and has been elected W. M. but has never been installed. He has taken a great interest in school matters, is a member of the school board, and has given his children good educational advantages. His children's names are as follows: Gail, Rea, Logan and Henry Priest.

J. M. Allee, county clerk, was born in Moniteau County, Mo., July 16, 1859, and is the son of James V. and Ellen (Williams) Allee, the father a native of Virginia, and the mother of Texas. The paternal grandfather emigrated with his family from Virginia to Moniteau County, Mo., at an early day and located near California where he passed the remainder of his life. James V. Allee was but a boy when he came to Moniteau County, and here grew to manhood, on a farm. In 1862 he removed to Morgan County, of the same State, and here he died March 20, 1874. He was probate judge at the time of his death and was deputy sheriff and collector of that county for four years. He served for a short time during the late war. The mother is yet living and is residing in Kansas. They were the parents of eight children, six living: James M., Alice B., wife of I. M. Baxter; Martha C., wife of Mr. Ayers; Mary, wife of W. L. Ward; Yeaman B.,

in Kansas, and Robert. The father was three times' married and had one child by each of his previous wives, William S., and Princeton A., resident of Eldorado Springs, Mo. J. M. Allee, subject of this sketch, was principally reared in Morgan County, and educated in the common schools. He was reared to farm life and never attended school after he had reached the age of fourteen years. He followed agricultural pursuits until eighteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to the blacksmith trade, serving three years. In 1881 he engaged in the mercantile business at Aurora Springs where he remained until his election to his present office in 1886, taking possession of that office in January, 1887, and holding it until January, 1891. He was married in 1879 to Miss Martha E. Moon, a native of Pennsylvania who bore him five children, three living: Orsina, Maggie and Fernando. Mrs. Allee is a member of, and an earnest worker in, the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Allee started life a poor boy and deserves great credit for his good habits and force of character. He is a member of Aurora Springs I. O. O. F. Lodge.

D. H. Allen, M. D., one of the prominent practitioners of Aurora Springs, and the son of Samuel and Ruth (Hammer) Allen, was born in Moniteau County, October 2, 1843. The parents were natives of Tennessee and Kentucky respectively, and came to Missouri about 1842. The father was a farmer but followed the profession of teaching, and was perhaps a teacher of longer date than any one else, having taught 100 district terms. The father was living on a farm one half mile west of where Eldon now stands, the highest point in Miller County. On the night of August 20, 1844, the house was struck by lightning and Mrs. Allen killed. The father afterward married Miss Elizabeth Ann Athey and soon after removed to Mt. Pleasant, but six years later they returned to their former residence; he resided for two years at Glaze City, where he was principal of the college at that place. He then returned to his old home and continued teaching until his death, May 1, 1887. Dr. Allen lived at home, attended school and assisted on the farm until seventeen years of age; then at the beginning of the war he enlisted at Tuscumbia. He served wholly in the State of Missouri, and was later discharged for disability. In 1862 he went to Lebanon, Mo., studied medicine with his brother William V. for about two years, and then clerked for a short time in a drug store. Later he went to St. Louis, entered the St. Louis Medical College, and in 1866 went to Lawrence County, where he remained four years. During his residence at Marionville, Lawrence County, he married Miss Sarah E. Ladd, of Springfield, Mo., and afterward removed to Van Buren, Ark. He remained there one year, and in the fall of 1870 he returned to Mt. Pleasant, Miller Co., Mo., where he continued to reside until the fall of 1878. He then resided in Benton County for two years, then sold his farm and moved to Cole Camp, where he also remained two years, and then moved to Aurora Springs. In the fall of 1888 he made a trip to California. He is somewhat active in politics and was elected coroner of the county in 1885. Dr. Allen is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge and a member of the G. A. R., Samuel McClure Post, No. 145. To his marriage were born nine children—Mattie Ruth (deceased),

Samuel Gibson (deceased), an infant son (deceased), William E., Cora B., Homer J., Victor Boeschen, Arthur Harbert, and a daughter named John A. Logan.

Charles Atkin, farmer and stock-raiser of Saline Township, was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1827, and is the third in a family of four children born to Thomas and Mary (Hoover) Atkin, both natives of England. The father was a farmer by occupation and died in his native country in 1835. His excellent wife survived him until 1884, and died at the age of eighty-three years. Charles Atkin was the first of his family to leave England for this country. He was educated in the schools of England, and was reared to farm life. In July, 1848, he was married in Lincolnshire, England, to Miss Martha Whiley, who was a native of that place, and one of eleven children born to her parents. Her father died November, 1874, at the age of seventy-nine years, but her mother had died many years previous (in 1848). After his marriage Mr. Atkin lived in England for three years, and then in 1851 took passage from Liverpool, England, and after a five weeks' voyage landed at New York City. They then went up the Hudson River to Albany, N. Y., and here Mr. Atkin engaged in farm labor for three months. He remained in that State for five years, engaged in tilling the soil, and then in 1856 moved to St. Joseph County, Mich., where he still continued farm labor. Later he purchased a small farm, remaining there seven years, and then moved to Bureau County, Ill., rented land and followed farming for nearly three years. In 1866 he immigrated to Miller County, Mo., purchased an improved farm of 120 acres, and this he has improved very much. Aside from this he is the owner of town property. Socially Mr. Atkin is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 134, and is W. M. of the lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Atkin are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a steward in the same. Their union has been blessed by the birth of nine children, three now living: Annie, now Mrs. Atkinson, resides in Saline Township; Henry C., married, and who died February 13, 1889, at the age of nearly thirty-five years; he was a member of the A. F. & A. M., Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 134; Robert G. was next in order of birth, and now resides at Olean, a prosperous druggist; Mary Jane, who died in 1887, was the wife of William Marion Harrison; George W. was killed by a mule in 1877; James T. is married and now resides on the farm. Mr. Atkin is in every respect a self-made man, and although he started life with little else than a good constitution and plenty of pluck and energy, he has succeeded unusually well, and can now enjoy the fruits of his labor on his excellent farm and in his comfortable home. He has always taken an interest in everything that is in any way a benefit to the county, and especially in school affairs, he having been a member of the school board some time. He has been urged to run for office, but his aspirations are not in that direction.

Hon. James Baker. Among the farmers of Cole County, Mo., who have become prominent in their calling may be mentioned Mr. Baker, who was born on "Blue Grass" soil in 1844. His father, James Baker, was a farmer of Kentucky, and came to Missouri in 1860, settling in Jefferson City, where he resided until his death in 1871. His

wife, whose maiden name was Matilda Berry, was a daughter of one of the earliest settlers of Cole County. James Baker is the eldest of six children, three of whom are living, and was an attendant of the schools of Kentucky until thirteen years of age, but only attended school a short time after coming to Missouri. In 1865 he concluded to seek his fortune farther west and went up the Missouri River to Leavenworth, Kan., where he was engaged by a freighting company to drive a team to Salt Lake City, but at Fort Halleck they encountered so much snow that the expedition was blockaded until spring. They had endured so many hardships that Mr. Baker left the train at this place and went east in Colorado to the Cachelapoudre River, where he pre-empted a claim and was engaged in farming for one year. In the latter part of 1866 he entered the United States service as a teamster and remained in the government employ till December, 1868, participating on the 22nd of that month and year in the Fort Kearney massacre, where every soldier was killed and only the teamsters escaped. December 26 he started for home, making the journey in a short time on the new railroad which had been built, and in February of the following year engaged in teaching school in Cole County, purchasing the same year a farm of 120 acres in Saline Township, Miller Co. He has followed both occupations quite successfully up to the present time, and in the meantime has made many improvements on his property, rendering it one of the pleasantest homes in the county. He is well posted on the political affairs of the day, and has aided in many ways the success of the Republican party. In 1879 he was elected county school commissioner, serving two years, and in 1886 received the nomination of the Republican party and was elected to the State Legislature, being re-elected in 1888 by a largely increased majority. During his service he was the author of several local bills that were highly beneficial to his constituents. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., Mt. Pleasant Lodge, and is also a member of the Agricultural Wheel. In November, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Sullens, a native of Miller County, and a daughter of John Sullens, one of the early settlers of the county, now residing near Spring Garden. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the Christian Church, and their union has been blessed in the birth of five children: Minnie, a school teacher, who is now attending school at Spring Garden; Oscar and Mertie; Nettie died October 15, 1875, and Delia April 13, 1881.

Charles H. Barkalow, farmer and stock-raiser of Saline Township, and the son of Joseph and Maritta (Swartzel) Barkalow, was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, in 1857. He was the elder of two children and remained on the farm until twenty-one years of age, when he rented land of his father and began for himself. He was married May 23, 1878, to Miss Docia Colvin, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of Silas and Caroline (Burket) Colvin, both natives of Ohio, and still residents of Butler County, of that State. Mr. Barkalow followed farming on rented land for eight years, and then moved to Missouri, settling in Saline Township, Miller County, in February, 1886. He bought 175 acres of partially improved land and has about 130 acres under cultivation, twenty of which he has opened out himself. He is active in politics, and votes with the Democratic party. He is a mem-

ber of the Wheel, and takes an active interest in fruit culture and is going to set out a large orchard. To his marriage were born five children: Charles Hartwall, Carrie Esther, Grover Cleveland, Clifford Delno, and Bertha May, who died in October, 1881. The parents of Mr. Barkalow were natives of Ohio, and the mother died April 20, 1868.

Henry H. Barnhart, farmer and stockman of Miller County, Mo., was born in 1850, and is the third in a family of twelve children born to Adam M., and Sarah (Warne) Barnhart, who were Pennseseans. The family took up their abode in Miller County, Mo., in 1833, and after being engaged in farming there until 1853, moved to Maries County. During the late Rebellion the father served in the State Militia. Henry H. attended the common schools at Maries County, and after reaching manhood, began farming for himself in Miller County, and was here married August 12, 1869, to Martha Jane Brazier, a daughter of L. T. and Nancy Jane (Hill) Brazier, who were born in Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. Grandfather Brazier was one of the earliest settlers of Miller County, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and has now been dead for a number of years. After his marriage Mr. Barnhart bought the farm of 240 acres where he now resides, it being at that time heavily covered with timber and only improved by a small log cabin. He has succeeded in clearing ninety acres, and has made other valuable improvements in the way of buildings. He deals quite extensively in stock, which enterprise has netted him considerable money. He is a Democrat, politically, and he and wife are the parents of the following children: Josephine, Francis, Adam Herman, Laura, Lucy, Paraleo and Colman.

John Bear, ex-county judge and justice of the peace, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, December 13, 1834, and is the son of George and Elizabeth (Vogt) Bear, natives of Kentucky and Ohio respectively. The family emigrated from Switzerland to America at an early day, and some of the members located in Pennsylvania and others in Virginia. The paternal grandfather, Christian Bear, was a musician in the Revolutionary War. He was a cabinet-maker by trade, and followed this principally during his life. He moved from Pennsylvania to Kentucky, from there to Virginia, and thence to Ohio, where he died. George Bear was a mechanic by trade, but his principal occupation in life was farming. When a young man he went from Virginia to Ohio, and settled in Fairfield County. From there he went to Hocking County, and in 1857 he came with his family to Miller County, where he bought and entered a tract of land in Equality Township. Here he and his wife died. John Bear, subject of this sketch, grew to manhood and received his education in Hocking County, Ohio. In 1857 he came with his parents to this county, and in the spring of 1861 he enlisted in the Home Guards, served a few months, and then enlisted in the Enrolled Militia, serving nine months. He was in several skirmishes, was captured at Tusculum by the guerrillas, but after a short time was paroled. He was a sergeant and was mustered out in the fall of 1864. The same fall he was elected county treasurer, and held the office for two years. In 1866 he was elected county judge, and served ten successive years in that capacity, eight years of which period he was presiding judge.

He was also coroner some years, and has been justice of the peace several times. He is one of the prominent men of the county, and an intelligent citizen. He is now the owner of 127 acres of land, with fifty acres under cultivation. He was married, in 1859, to Miss Laurinda Birdsong, by whom he had three children, two living—Minnie and John. Mrs. Bear died in 1865, and he was again married in August, 1872, to Miss Delilah Dobson, by whom he has three children—Mary E., James and William M. Mrs. Bear is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Bear is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Chapter.

Andrew Bear, of Equality Township, Miller County, Mo., was born in Hocking County, Ohio, March 31, 1840, and is the son of George and Elizabeth (Vogt) Bear, the father a native of Clark County, Ky., and the mother a native of Perry County, Ohio. They were married in the last named State. The paternal grandparents were early settlers of Kentucky, and were there during the Indian troubles. A sister to Grandfather Vogt was murdered by the Indians in Pennsylvania. George and Elizabeth (Vogt) Bear came to Missouri in 1857, and here passed the remainder of their lives. Their son Andrew Bear was reared and educated in Hocking County, Ohio, and came to Miller County with his parents, with whom he remained until the war broke out. He then enlisted in the Home Guards, under Capt. Jacob Capps, and served about four months. He then re-enlisted in Company I, Fourth Missouri Cavalry, Missouri State Militia, and served in this regiment a little over three years. He was engaged in Big Blue battle, Mine Creek, Independence and numerous other skirmishes. He was mustered out at St. Louis in 1865, came home and was engaged in farming at different places until 1876, when he bought his present property, which consists of about 165 acres, with sixty-three under cultivation. Mr. Bear was married, in 1874, to Miss Cynthia A., daughter of William and Hester E. Lovcull. This union resulted in the birth of four children, two living: George W. and Hester. Mr. Bear is a member of the Baptist Church and one of the enterprising citizens of the county. He deals quite extensively in cattle and hogs, to which his farm is well adapted. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Grand Lodge of the State; he is also a member of the Agricultural Wheel and G. A. R.

David C. Bear, another prosperous farmer of Miller County, and one of the enterprising citizens of the same, was born in Hocking County, Ohio, November 10, 1853, and is the son of George and Elizabeth (Vogt) Bear, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Ohio. The Bear family were originally from Switzerland, several generations back, as were also the ancestors of the Vogt family. Christian Bear, the paternal grandfather, was born in Gettysburg, Penn., but went to Virginia when he was quite small. He afterward moved to Ohio, where he died. George Bear, father of our subject, was reared partially in Virginia and partly in Kentucky. He went to Ohio when a young man and there married Miss Vogt, after which he located in Hocking County. In 1857 he immigrated with his family to Missouri, going in wagons to Cincinnati, and thence by boat to St. Louis. He came out to Miller County and purchased the farm where

David C. Bear now lives. There were few improvements on the place, and Mr. Bear set to work and soon had a good farm well improved. He died in 1876. The mother died in November, 1877. They were the parents of thirteen children, eleven of whom grew to maturity and eight now living: John, Henry, Catherine, Andrew, Absalom, Simeon, George and David C., who is the youngest child. He was four years of age when he came to Missouri. He attained his growth on the farm where he now resides, receiving but a limited education, owing to the fact that school facilities were poor, and that at about this time the war broke out. He stuck to the farm, however, and now owns 180 acres of land, with seventy-five acres under cultivation. He deals quite extensively in stock, and his farm is well adapted to this purpose, having a good range and plenty of fine water. Mr. Bear was married, in 1881, to Miss Samantha Wintrey, by whom he has three children: Christina E., Arthur and Lucy. Mr. Bear has in his possession one of the first editions of the old German Bible, which his Grandfather Bear purchased at a sale.

E. A. Becker, proprietor of a general mercantile store at Spring Garden, Mo., started his business in the spring of 1883, and now carries a full line of boots and shoes, groceries, clothing, glassware, hardware, dry goods and saddlery. His store building was 16x40 feet, but is now 33x50 feet, with a large cellar. He also has, across the street, a furniture room 16x24 feet, and keeps a general store at Ulman's Ridge, the firm name being Becker & Belche. In addition to this property he owns an interest in the mines in Cole County, and is also interested in the lead mines in Miller County. He was born in Germany in 1858, being the fourth in a family of six children born to P. W. and Caroline (Severing) Becker, who were also Germans, and who immigrated to America in 1871, settling in St. Louis, where the father followed his trade of blacksmith for two years, and then came to Miller County, and settled on the farm where they now reside. Our subject, E. A. Becker, was educated partly in Germany, and finished his studies in the seminary at Spring Garden. After leaving school he engaged in mercantile pursuits, and has built up quite an extensive trade, all his property having been acquired by his own exertions. He has always voted with the Republican party, and throughout life has advocated the cause of temperance. He possesses fine business qualifications, and owns a good farm of 140 acres in Jim Henry Township, which he rents. He is a member of Spring Garden Baptist Church.

J. W. Berry is a native of Miller County, born in 1852, being the fourth in a family of five children born to Philip and Rachel Berry, who were natives of the "Blue Grass State." In 1854 they came to Cole County, Mo., where they resided for some time, and then came to Miller County, where the father was engaged in farming until his death, in 1855. His wife still survives him. J. W. Berry, our subject, was educated in the common schools and reared on a farm, and after attaining mature years began farming for himself in Camden County. In 1879 he was married in Miller County to Emeline Atkinson, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of Eugene and Rhoda Atkinson, both of whom are living, and reside in Osage County. Since his marriage Mr. Berry has lived on his farm of 193 acres, where he now resides.



He has cleared nearly 120 acres, and devotes a considerable portion of the remainder to stock-raising. He has shown his brotherly spirit by becoming a member of the A. F. & A. M., Tusculumbia Lodge No. 437, and in his political views has always been a Democrat. He has always given his support to educational institutions, and to all enterprises tending to benefit the county. On the 8th of November, 1887, his estimable wife died, after a lingering illness of over two years, and in her he lost a faithful wife and helpmate. Their union was blessed in the birth of one child—Edward, who is residing with an aunt in the county. Mr. Berry has one half-brother, Calvin, who resides in Osage County, his sister, Mary, being a resident of the same.

William Birdsong. Among all classes and in every circumstance in life are those who excel at whatever they undertake, whether of a professional, agricultural or commercial nature. Such a man is Mr. Birdsong, who is one of the prominent farmers and one of the pioneer settlers of Miller County. He was born near Memphis, in Lafayette County, Tenn., July 1, 1828, and is the son of Josiah and Nancy (Huddleston) Birdsong. The parents were natives of Alabama, and immigrated to Tennessee at an early date. In 1835 they immigrated to Missouri, coming through with an ox team, and located in what is now Maries County, Mo. They only remained there about a year and then moved to what is now Miller County, locating in Iberia, but after remaining here a short time moved to Tusculumbia (in 1838), where the father started a hatter's store, which was the first in the county. He carried on this business here for several years, when he bought what is now the county poor farm. This was then but little improved, but he went to work and soon had a good farm. The country was at that time a comparative wilderness, and wild game of almost all kinds was in abundance. The father died on this farm. He was major of the Mustered Squads, was afterward promoted to the rank of colonel, and was always known as Colonel Birdsong. He was county treasurer for one term of four years. The mother also died on the old homestead. They were the parents of ten children, four now living—Lucinda, wife of Edward Gibson, attorney; Malinda, wife of Owen Riggs; William, and Nancy, wife of Daniel Welchman. William Birdsong was only about seven years of age when he was brought to Miller County, Mo., and has thus been identified with the interests of Miller County all his life. His education was limited, owing to the scarcity of schools, but he attended about three months in a little log cabin with split poles for seats. He ran away to go to school at Spring Garden, and when eighteen years of age he entered a store in Tusculumbia as clerk. He remained there three years, and then went on the river building freight boats and as a pilot, which he followed for about four years. He then engaged in farming, which occupation he has since followed. In 1863 he enlisted in Captain Brown's company, and served one year. He was in Price's raid for twenty-one days. After the war he first located on the farm where J. L. Blackburn now lives, and partly improved the place. In 1868 he moved to where he now lives and bought the farm of 120 acres, with about ninety acres under cultivation. He was married in September, 1853, to Miss Mary A. Stapp, by whom he had eight children, seven now living—Martha,

wife of Nicholas Weitz; Nancy; Lucy, wife of John Bassman; William F., Lizzio, Theresa and Charles H. The one deceased was named Josiah. Mr. Birdsong is a member of the Agricultural Wheel. In 1871 he was bitten by a rattlesnake, which he killed. It measured three feet and two inches and had eleven rattles. The country was full of them in the early days, but as settlers poured in they gradually disappeared.

Bernard Bode was born in Osage County, Mo., in 1855, being the youngest of a family of four children born to Anton and Josephine Bode, whose native birthplace was Westphalia, Germany, and who came to Osage County, Mo., where the father was engaged in farming until his death, in 1876. His excellent wife still survives him and resides with our subject, who received his education in the district schools of his native county. He came to Miller County at an early day and purchased the farm of 120 acres where he now resides, and by industry has sixty acres cleared and under cultivation. He has never taken much interest in politics, but has always cast his vote with the Democratic party. He and wife are members of the Catholic Church, and have become the parents of the following children: Josephine, Maggio and Mary. Mr. Bode has always been industrious and economical and is now counted among the prosperous farmers of the county.

Parker T. Bowman, liveryman at Aurora Springs, was born at Lexington, Ky., in 1838, and is the second in a family of six children born to Robert T. and Elizabeth E. (Dickerson) Bowman. Robert T. Bowman was a dealer in horses and mules and later was a partner in the firm of Conard & Co., carpet dealers at Lexington. He died at Covington, Ky., at the age of fifty-three years. The mother is still living (1889) at Kansas City. Parker Bowman attended school at Lexington until thirteen years of age and then started out to seek his fortune. He came to California, Mo., and soon began working for contractors, building the Missouri Pacific Railroad through Missouri. He then worked for a time on the Iron Mountain Railroad, and soon secured the position as foreman or boss of a gang of men. Later he returned to California and clerked in a store for a short time. In 1861 he married Miss Cynthia Nelson, daughter of Alexander N. Nelson, and both natives of Missouri. Soon after his marriage Mr. Bowman enlisted in the Confederate Army. After the war he was foreman of a gang of men on the 'Frisco Railroad for some time, then went to Louisiana and had charge of men on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. He then went to the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Road, contracting for ties, and from there to the Lexington & Sedalia Railroad, and took contract to do grading for that company. Later he went to the Chester & Iron Mountain Railroad, where, after building fourteen miles of railroad, the company failed and Mr. Bowman lost \$13,000. From there he went to the Mississippi Central Railroad, then to the Little Rock and Ft. Smith, and had charge of the work for W. P. Donovan & Co., taking a contract to build three miles of the same road. He went from there to the Cincinnati Southern Railroad to superintend work for Donovan & Co., and later took contracts. He then took charge of the work for the Chicago & Alton, in Missouri. About

1873 he purchased a farm in Miller County, near Aurora Springs, where from time to time he returned. Some time after this he went to New Mexico and had work on the Santa Fe, then went to Colorado, having charge of the work on the San Juan extension of the Denver & Rio Grande, and later was in New Mexico for the same company. He also worked on the Burlington and Missouri Pacific Railroads, the Springfield & Memphis Railroad, then went down to Arkansas and took a contract through the St. Francis river valley, where he suffered heavy losses during the floods of 1883. He after this returned to his farm for a short time and then bought out the livery stable at Aurora Springs, but subsequently sold out and went to Colorado. He here engaged again in railroad work which he continued for some time. He then returned to his present business in Aurora Springs, and here he has continued since. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is also an Odd Fellow.

Richard Boyce. Prominent among the enterprising farmers and stock-raisers of Franklin Township stands the name of the above mentioned gentleman, who was born in Allegheny County, Penn., in 1817, and who was the second in a family of eight children born to Isaac and Sarah (Denniston) Boyce, natives of Pennsylvania. The Boyce family were early settlers of Pennsylvania, and the paternal grandfather was a Quaker in his religious views, and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Isaac Boyce was a soldier in the War of 1812; was a man well known and universally respected. Grandfather Denniston was a Revolutionary patriot. Richard Boyce remained engaged in agricultural pursuits until eighteen years of age, was educated in the schools of Allegheny County, Penn., and at the above mentioned age began learning the carpenter trade, which he followed for twelve or fourteen years. Mr. Boyce was married in Washington County, Penn., in 1845, to Miss Mary E. Giffin, a native of Allegheny County, and the daughter of John and Jane (Hanson) Giffin who were natives of the North of Ireland. Her parents immigrated to Pennsylvania at an early day, settling in Cumberland County, and there the father followed farming. He died in 1874, and his excellent wife passed away a few years previous. After his marriage, Mr. Boyce settled in Pennsylvania, and in May, 1866, moved West, locating in Franklin Township, Miller County, Mo. He bought an improved farm a few years later and traded that for 155 acres of good land where he now lives and has made his home ever since. He has taken a great interest in the fruit industry, and planted three orchards since coming to the county, two on his present farm; and in 1886 he erected a good frame residence. He is engaged in general farming, and makes a success of the same. He has been a member of the Republican party since its birth; has always voted that ticket, and voted for Gen. Harrison in 1840. In 1864 he enlisted at Pittsburg, Penn., for 100 days in the One Hundred and Ninety-third Pennsylvania Infantry, in Company C, and was kept mostly on detached duty; was honorably discharged at Pittsburg, November 9, 1864. After the war he returned to Allegheny County, Penn. Mr. Boyce is a member of Samuel McClure Post No. 145, G. A. R., at Aurora Springs, and is quartermaster at the present time. He joined this organization in 1884, and has been in

office ever since, being commander at one time. He has also been a member of the school board. To Mr. and Mrs. Boyce were born eight children, four now living: Isaac N., married, resides in Franklin Township; Jane, died in 1848, at the age of eleven months; Sarah E., died in 1852, at the age of five years; Rebecca, died in 1852, at the age of two years; Mary Emma, now Mrs. Wright, resides in Miller County; John R., died January 16, 1885, at the age of twenty-five years; Sarah Jane, now Mrs. White, resides in Franklin Township, and Margaret, at home.

Silas Brickey, farmer, was born in Monroe County, Ill., in 1829, and is one of seven children born to the marriage of Preston Brickey and Millie Ralls, natives respectively of Kentucky and Pennsylvania. When a small boy the father immigrated to Illinois, and was there reared and married, and spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring in 1848. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. His wife died in 1856. Silas Brickey, their son, was educated in the schools of Miller County, Mo., and afterward received private instruction. He purchased a farm in his native county, on which he resided long enough to nicely improve it, then sold out, and in 1870 took up his abode on his present farm, which consists of 400 acres, and on which he has made some valuable improvements. Since making his purchase he has platted the town of Eldon; gave fifteen acres to the town, and has a number of lots to sell. A road has been surveyed from Kansas City to St. Louis, a portion of which extends across Mr. Brickey's farm. He has always taken great interest in building up the county, and has assisted in building a number of churches, and gave one acre for the mill site. He is one of the heaviest tax-payers in his district, and has acquired his property by his own good management and industry. In politics he is a Democrat. He was married in Randolph County, Illinois, in 1854, to Ollevia Evans, a native of that county, and by her became the father of two children: Lydia (Mrs. Taylor), who resides in Morgan County, and Elias, who died January 25, 1881, aged seventeen years. They have an adopted son, Ben Poston, and are also rearing a grandson, William Adolphus Cruse. Mrs. Brickey's parents, Emanuel and Sarah (Skillinger) Evans, were born in Virginia and Tennessee, respectively, and immigrated to Illinois at a very early day. The father was a ferryman on the river for many years, and then followed farming until his death, in 1878, in Illinois. On June 2, 1882, his widow came to her daughter's, Mrs. Brickey, and here died October 9, 1888, aged eighty-one years and eight months; she died in full assurance of a better world above where all is love and joy for evermore.

Dr. H. H. Brockman, physician and surgeon at Pleasant Mount, Mo., and a native of Miller County, was born in 1850, and is a son of Simms and Rachel (Garlin) Brockman, whose native birth-places were Kentucky and Missouri, respectively. They were married in Miller County, Mo., and settled near Tuscombina, on the Osage River, afterward moving to near Pleasant Mount, Mo., where they improved a good farm, and where the father died in 1856, followed by his excellent wife in 1869. Dr. H. H. Brockman's younger days were spent on his father's farm, and in attending the district schools

of Saline Township, and afterward the school at Spring Garden, Mo. After finishing his school days he engaged in teaching school in Cole, Moniteau and Miller Counties. He studied medicine under Dr. J. A. Steven, and located at Taos, where he began the practice of his profession in 1875, remaining there until 1876, at which time he located at Pleasant Mount. He graduated from the American Medical College at St. Louis in 1877, and continued the practice of medicine and surgery at Pleasant Mount until 1887, when he entered the Medical Institute at Cincinnati, and graduated therefrom in 1888. He was then offered a professorship in the American Medical College, St. Louis, but declined, and returned to Pleasant Mount, where he resumed the practice of his profession. He was married in Miller County, in 1873, to Miss Mahala Walker, who has borne him seven children: Ella, Laura, Louise, Willie and Ethel, living; those deceased are Loua, who died February 16, 1887, aged thirteen years, and an infant. He was United States Examining Surgeon for four years. Dr. Brockman is a Republican in politics, a member of the A. F. & A. M., Pleasant Mount Lodge No. 134, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church. His paternal grandfather and grandmother were born in Virginia, immigrating to Kentucky, and then to Missouri in early days. His maternal grandfather was born in Tennessee, and his wife in Maryland. They immigrated to Virginia, where they were married, coming thence to Missouri. Mrs. Brockman was born in Miller County, Mo., and is the daughter of John J. and Eliza (McKinney) Walker, who were Kentuckians, and immigrated first to Illinois, and then to Miller County, Mo., in 1842, where they are now living, engaged in farming.

John D. Brown, dealer in furniture at Iberia, Mo., is a son of Matthew and Nancy (Tate) Brown, and was born in Pennsylvania July 7, 1840. Both parents were Pennsylvanians, and in 1860 moved to Miller County, Mo., where the father was engaged in farming and merchandising, and died the same year. His father, John Brown, was an Irishman, and a farmer by occupation. The maternal grandparents, William and Hannah (Hubbler) Tate, were born in Pennsylvania. John D. Brown, whose name heads this sketch, was one of ten children, seven of whom are living, whose names are as follows: Mary, Belle, Henry C., Sallie, Ann, John D. and Charles L. He spent his early life in Tennessee, and at the age of twenty years began doing for himself, and the following year, on the 1st of June, enlisted in Company F, First Missouri Volunteers, and was at the battles of Boonville, Wilson's Creek, Prairie Grove and Vicksburg. He was wounded in the neck by a buckshot at Wilson's Creek. He also had a cannon wagon run over his legs, mashing one badly. He was afterward taken sick, and, after being confined in the hospital at Washington, was discharged in 1864. He returned home and resumed farming, which occupation he followed until 1884, when he established his present business. He is a member of the G. A. R., and in his political views is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln, in 1864. He and wife, whose maiden name was Julia Faucher, and whom he married December 24, 1864, are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and are the parents of five children: Belle, Eugene, Walter,

F. Roy and Charles. [See sketch of M. W. Fancher for history of Mrs. Brown's parents.]

H. S. Burlingame, a prosperous farmer of Miller County, Mo., was born in Morgan County, Ohio, in 1829, and is the fourth of eleven children born to Asa and Sarah (Severance) Burlingame, who were born in Rhode Island and New Hampshire, respectively, and were married in Ohio, whither they had come at an early day. In 1847 they immigrated to Cole County, Mo., and settled near Russellville, where they entered land on which they located the following year. They died March 6, 1864, and in September, 1859, respectively. The former was justice of the peace at the time of his death. H. S. Burlingame (our subject) received the most of his education in Ohio, but afterward attended several terms of school in Cole County, Mo. In 1854 he took the overland trip to California, being four months on the road, and was there engaged in mining and farm labor until 1860, when he returned home via New York City, the return trip being accomplished in twenty-four days. During the war he served in the Enrolled Militia. In 1864 he was married, in Moniteau County, to Miss Susan M., a daughter of William and Susan (Nelson) Elliot, all of whom were born in Kentucky. About 1850 the parents immigrated to Moniteau County, Mo., and here Mr. Elliot has since been engaged in farming. His wife died in 1883. Mr. Burlingame resided in Osage Township until 1866, then purchased a farm in the vicinity of Pleasant Mount, which he sold in 1868, and purchased his present farm of 200 acres. He has 160 acres cleared, and has a good frame residence and barn. He raises some stock. He is a Republican, and has served as county surveyor for twelve years and two years as deputy surveyor, and during these terms of office has surveyed nearly all the roads in the county. He has also been county commissioner of schools three years, and has held other offices of public trust. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Pleasant Mount Lodge, No. 134, and has served as W. M. two terms. He is a member of the Versailles Chapter, No. 72. To him and wife, who died in August, 1873, were born six children: Susan (Mrs. Balls), who resides at Olean; Eliza, who is teaching school near Hutchinson, Kan.; Walter Scott, Anna, and two deceased. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Burlingame is recording steward and class leader. He has always been deeply interested in church matters, and contributes liberally to all church enterprises.

William Z. Burton was born in Adair County, Ky., in March, 1831, being the second of three children born to Paris and Mary (Burton) Burton, who were also Kentuckians. The father was a farmer, a soldier in the Black Hawk War, and died many years ago. His father was a native of Ireland. William Z. Burton, our subject, was reared on a farm, and educated in the schools of Kentucky. After reaching his eighteenth year he left home and came to Miller County, Mo., and settled in the township where he now resides in the winter of 1851. In May of that year he wedded Eliza Wilson, and soon after purchased a farm, and began freeing it from timber and getting it under cultivation, and here continued to make his home until 1882, when he purchased the farm where he now resides, which consists of about 400

acres. He has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and has served as justice of the peace, and has been deputy sheriff of the county two terms. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Tusculum Lodge No. 437. He is now a member of Chapter No. 87, and has been junior warden of the lodge and also junior deacon. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, and are the parents of the following children: John W., married, and residing in Osage Township; Mary E. (Mrs. Fancher); Robert F., also married and residing in Osage Township; Lucy L. (Mrs. Stark); Josephine, widow of Albert Howard; Zachariah, Emma B., Samuel T. and Owen Elijah. Mr. Burton is in every respect a self-made man, and all his property has been acquired by his own energy and good management. He now controls the ferry at Burton's Landing. His wife's parents, Alexander and Mary (Smith) Wilson, were born in Morgan County, Mo., and came to Miller County at an early day. The Smiths also resided in Morgan County. During the War of 1812 Grandfather Wilson went in a canoe down the Mississippi river to take part in the battle of New Orleans.

John M. Buster, a prominent stock-raiser and tiller of the soil in Saline Township, was born in Pulaski County, Ky., in 1841, and is fourth in a family of seven children born to John T. and Mary (Bryant) Buster, natives of Kentucky. The father was a farmer by occupation. He immigrated to Missouri in 1847, settling in Andrew County, where he continued to till the soil until his death, which occurred in 1850. His wife died in Miller County in 1886. John M. Buster assisted his father on the farm, and received his education in the district schools of Andrew County. In December, 1861, he enlisted at Rolla, Mo., in Company B, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, Federal Army, and was in the battle of Jackson, Miss., the Seven Days battles, at Champion's Hill, and was also in all the fights during the siege of Vicksburg. He was then transferred to the Department of the Gulf, and was in the battles of the Red River campaign. He was sent to Baton Rouge, thence to West Pasagola Bay, and from there to New Orleans, where he received his discharge in January, 1865. He then returned to Miller County and continued farming. He was married in that county, in 1867, to Miss Rebecca N. Brown, a native of Miller County, and the daughter of James and Paulina (Sullivan) Brown, natives of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Brown came to Miller County, Mo., at an early day, and settled in Richwood Township. The mother is still living, but the father died some years ago. John M. Buster, after his marriage, settled where he now resides, and purchased 287 acres of partly improved land, which he has further improved. He raises a good grade of stock, and is one of the thorough-going, substantial citizens of the county. He is active in politics, and votes with the Republican party. He does not aspire to political positions. He and wife are members of the Church of Christ at Gageville. They are the parents of five children: Samantha, James, Charles, Ida and Chandler, all at home. Mr. Buster is a member of the school board, and has been since living in the county. He is also a member of the Agricultural Wheel. He has prospected for mineral, and finds that he is located right on the lead belt.

J. L. Chambers, merchant at Aurora Springs, was born in Cole County, Mo., June 3, 1836, and is the third of fifteen children born to his parents, William and Rebecca (Gouge) Chambers. The father was a merchant near Centre Town, Cole Co., Mo.; was also an extensive farmer, and owned large tracts of land at his death. He died March 6, 1870, and the mother died about 1854. J. L. Chambers was reared to a business life in his father's store, and although he never attended school he gathered a good stock of learning from behind the counter. At the age of twenty-one he engaged as clerk in the drug store of Dr. Matthews, of Jefferson City, and then went to Russellville, where he started in business for himself by opening a general store at that place. During this time he married Miss Semevida Banister, of Ohio, and the daughter of James and Susannah (Johnson) Banister, who were old settlers of Ohio. In the fall of 1852 Mr. Chambers built a fine residence in Russellville, discontinued his business in Russellville, and opened in Aurora Springs in 1857. To his marriage were born seven children: Minnie Otie and Rosetta (both deceased), Etta May, Estella, Ivy, Dale and Gracie. Mrs. Chambers and Etta M. are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Mr. Chambers is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Russellville.

Ephraim B. Clark, farmer of Saline Township, was born in Cole County in 1858, being the oldest in a family of four children born to James F. and Agnes M. (Davis) Clark, also of Cole County. The father has always been a farmer, and still resides in Cole County. The mother died February 28, 1879. The grandparents, Michael D. and Dorcas (Fowler) Clark, were born in Virginia, and immigrated to Missouri about 1828, and here passed the remainder of their lives. The grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812. The maternal grandparents, Peter E. and Catherine (McKenzie) Davis, were born in Kentucky and Tennessee respectively, and also came to Missouri in 1828, but later located in Benton County, where they are living at the present time. Ephraim B. Clark received a fair education in his boyhood, and in 1881 was married, in Cole County, to Miss Anna Bond, a native of Cole County, and a daughter of Baton S. and Joyce W. (Johnston) Bond, the former being a native of Kentucky and the latter of Miller County, Mo. The father was a farmer, and died in Cole County in 1886, but his widow still survives him. After his marriage Mr. Clark settled on his present farm of 120 acres, and besides his general farming gives considerable attention to stock-raising. He is a Democrat, a member of the school board, also of the Agricultural Wheel, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church, and are the parents of two children: Ernest S. and Mand. Mr. Clark's father, James F., served in the Confederate army during the late war, as did Mrs. Clark's father, the latter being a captain.

J. L. Coaner, physician at Brumley, Miller Co., Mo., was born near the line of Morgan and Miller Counties December 24, 1845, and received his education in the common schools at Blue Springs. He taught school two terms, after which he moved with his parents to Camden County, and there continued teaching. In 1866 he went to



Lebanon and attended Prof. Laughran's Institute one year, after which he returned to Miller County and again resumed teaching. While following this occupation he was also reading medicine, and in the fall of 1867 he went to Lebanon, engaged as clerk, and at the same time still continued his study of medicine with his uncle, Dr. McComb. In September, 1869, he went to Ann Arbor, Mich., took one course of lectures, and then returned to Lebanon, where he became associated with his uncle for a short time. Afterward he settled permanently at Brunley, and is now the only physician at that place. He was married May 23, 1875, to Miss Elnora Singletary, a native of Ohio, and they have three children: Lura B., Bonice E. and John L., Jr. Dr. and Mrs. Conner are members of the Christian Church, and have the esteem and respect of all who know them. Dr. Conner has been coroner of Miller County for two terms; he is a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges.

Henry T. Cook, a prominent agriculturist and stock-raiser of Saline Township, Miller County, was born in Russell County, Ky., in 1833, and was the third of nine children born to Edward and Nancy (Ellis) Cook, both natives of Kentucky. The paternal grandfather came from North Carolina to Kentucky at an early day, and was among the first settlers of Russell County. He married a Miss Green, and to them were born a family of nine children. Mr. Cook opened a large tract of land and added largely to the development of that section. The father and mother of the subject of this sketch died in Kentucky, respectively four and seven years ago. Henry T. Cook was reared to farm labor, and had rather meager educational advantages, but by individual labor, and the assistance of a friend he acquired a fair knowledge of figures. At the age of twenty years he began farming, and at about the same time he married Miss Melissa Jane Carinder, a native of Kentucky, and the daughter of William and Minerva Carinder. At the end of three years Mr. Cook immigrated to Missouri, settling in Cole County, ten miles southwest of Jefferson City, and there rented land. Here Mrs. Cook died, leaving three children: Harriet Ellen, Sarah A. and William E. After her death Mr. Cook moved to Moniteau County, where he remained one year. He then returned to the same locality in Cole County, and soon after married Miss Margaret Johnson, a native of Cole County. After marriage he made Cole County his home for about fifteen years, and at the beginning of the war he enlisted in the State Militia. He served in the State for about three years on scouting and guard duty. In the fall of 1864 he enlisted in Company H (in which he was a non-commissioned officer), Forty-eighth Missouri, for twelve months, and was immediately assigned to Thomas' Army Corps. He was sent to Nashville, Tenn., from there to Columbia, and from there to Chicago, to guard prisoners that had threatened a revolt. After this the company had charge of exchange of prisoners, and continued in that service until the close of the war. He was mustered out at St. Louis in July, 1865, and returned to the family in Cole County, from whom he had been separated for several years. His second wife died after bearing six children: Nancy, Mary Ann, Rosie B., James Henry, Maggie May and Josy. A few years later Mr. Cook married Miss

Sarah Jane Foster, who only lived about five years, and died without issue. Prior to this he moved to Miller County and bought a tract of eighty acres of practically wild land, which he has diligently worked upon until he now has about sixty acres under cultivation. In 1888 Mr. Cook married Miss Martha Tearhune, a native of Illinois. He is not very active in politics, but votes with the Democratic party; has been a member of the First Baptist Church at Spring Garden, organized in the spring of 1884 with thirteen members, and now has a membership of over one hundred, and is the banner church of Concord Association.

John B. Crocker, merchant and dealer in hardware at Aurora Springs, is the fourth in a family of eight children born to Abner and Clara (Hewes) Crocker. The father was born in Kennebec County, Me., was a farmer by occupation, and died near the old homestead at the age of seventy-five years. John B. Crocker was born in Penobscot County, Me., near Bangor, May 24, 1839; was reared to farm life, and attended the common schools up to the age of fourteen years. He then engaged as clerk for a railroad company, was thus employed for one year, and then made a trip to Havana as cabin boy. From there he came to Osage County, Mo., and began learning the carpenter trade with Samuel Hurt, remaining with him three years. He was married in 1859 to Miss Nancy Sullens, a native of Miller County, Mo. Her parents, John and Malinda Sullens, came to Kentucky about seventy years ago, settling near Spring Garden, entered a large tract of land, which they improved and made a home. They were the parents of ten children. During the late war Mr. Crocker enlisted, and although exempt served occasionally until peace was declared. He then bought land at Hickory Hill, farmed some, but principally worked at his trade until his removal to Morgan County. Later he moved to Miller County, bought a small farm near Pleasant Mount, and there followed agricultural pursuits until 1882, when he sold out and removed to Aurora Springs. He here bought six lots, built a house, and is living in the same at the present time. In the spring of 1885 he discontinued the carpenter trade, having built 373 dwelling-houses and thirty-two barns; thirty-two were built at Gageville and a large number in Aurora Springs. To Mr. and Mrs. Crocker were born seven children: Alice, William H., Malinda, wife of Richard Jones; Edward, Lilly Bell, Rosa, and John J., who possesses marked musical ability. Mr. Crocker's two sons, William H. and Edward, succeeded him in the carpenter business, and he then engaged in the hardware business with J. M. Williams at Aurora, and is thus engaged at the present time. He is an active Odd Fellow in Miller Lodge No. 462; has been through all the offices, and has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge twice. He is an active politician, affiliates with the Republican party, and has been a member of the city council. His family are members of the Christian Church. In 1874 Mr. Crocker made a trip to his old home in Maine, after an absence of twenty-one years, visited his parents, who were still hale and hearty, and has many interesting anecdotes to relate of this trip. January 5, 1888, he made a trip to San Diego, Cal., visited San Francisco, and returned by way of Arizona.

P. J. Davidson, merchant, and a man identified with the improvements of Aurora Springs, is the fifth in a family of nine children born to William F. and Lavina R. (McPeake) Davidson, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. The father immigrated to Illinois in 1847, came to Morgan County, now Miller County, Mo., in 1851, and here followed agricultural pursuits for many years. In connection with this industry he also taught school for thirty years, and died at Rocky Mount, Miller County, in 1882. He was for a long time justice of the peace, and was a popular and well-known auctioneer. P. J. Davidson was born May 5, 1841, and was reared to farm life until the breaking out of the late war, when he enlisted in Capt. Green's company at Jefferson City in 1861. He served three years, participated in the various campaigns of Western Missouri and Arkansas, and was mustered out of the service in the fall of 1863. In the spring of the following year he entered the employ of Mason & Waddle, and was engaged in transferring freight from Leavenworth to Salt Lake. He was married in Leavenworth to Miss Mary J. Hulin, and entered business as hotel and saloon-keeper. He remained there for about three years, and then removed to High Point, Moniteau County, Mo., where he lost his wife. He started the Farmers' Hotel and Saloon, which he conducted for over six years, after which he removed to Jefferson City and started a saloon. He bought a farm in the vicinity, improved it, made up a temporary home, and married his second wife, Miss Elvira R. Hughes, of Cole County. In 1882 Mr. Davidson came to Aurora Springs, starting a saloon near the depot, but soon after built a fine dwelling, also a store, and began the business of a general merchant. He occupied the first house built at the depot (one mile from Aurora Springs), called West Aurora Springs. During this time he has become the owner of 500 acres of land, with about 150 under a fine state of cultivation. This land is underlaid with coal, iron and lead. He has built seven fine houses, which he rents, and has in contemplation several more. He has been extensively engaged in contracting for the railroad company—wood and ties. Mr. Davidson became the father of one daughter by his first wife, and to his second union five children were born: Luella, wife of Rev. R. R. Brent; Evert Jerome, Estella G., Gen. Grant, Clement H. and Irene V. Mr. Davidson is a staunch Republican in his political views, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge.

Miles J. Davidson, postmaster and general merchant at Iberia, Mo., is a native of Miller County, born in 1850, and is a son of John and Mahala (Lawson) Davidson, who were born in North Carolina and Tennessee in 1800 and 1813, and died in 1875 and 1861, respectively. The father moved from his native State to Tennessee, thence to Missouri in 1827, and in this State spent the remainder of his days. He was a farmer, and served as constable of his township in Miller County for six years. He was twice married, and became the father of fifteen children, Miles J. Davidson being the eldest born to the second marriage. Those living besides himself are Rhoda (Topping), Tabitha (Rawden) and Zebedee. The maternal grandparents, David and Nancy (Shelton) Lawson, moved from Tennessee to Miller County,

Mo., at an early period, and here spent their declining years. He was a farmer, and served in the Revolutionary War. Miles J. Davidson spent his early years on a farm in Miller County, and at the age of eighteen years engaged in farming on his own responsibility, which occupation he continued until 1880, when he established his present business at Iberia, and carries a stock of goods valued at \$2,500. He has also held the position of postmaster since June, 1885. Socially he is a Mason and a member of the I. O. O. F. He votes the Democratic ticket, and his first presidential vote was cast for Horace Greeley in 1872. In 1869 he was married to Miss Sarah Brown, who was born in Tennessee in 1851, a daughter of James and Mary (Carroll) Brown. She died in 1886, having borne one child, Willard. Mr. Davidson married his second wife, Miss Elceta Hopkins, in 1888. She was born in Indiana in 1863, and by her he has also one child, Otto. Her father, Samuel Hopkins, was born in Kentucky in 1815, and with his father moved to Indiana in 1820, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was married to Miss Matilda Small in 1836, and was the father of eleven children. He died in 1886. Mrs. Hopkins died eleven months afterward.

Dr. Frank DeVilbiss deserves honorable mention as one of the successful physicians and surgeons of Spring Garden, Mo. He was born in Licking County, Ohio, in 1839, and was the sixth in a family of seven children born to William and Julia (Cornell) DeVilbiss, who were natives of Maryland and Ohio, respectively. The father moved with his parents to Ohio when quite young, and there grew to manhood and married, and throughout life was an energetic and successful tiller of the soil. He died in 1865, but his wife survived him, and was afterward married to O. P. Freeman. After residing in California, Mo., from 1874 to 1878, they located in Wayne County, Mo., and shortly after moved to Duquoin, Ill., and in 1887 settled on a farm near the town, and are there now living. Alexander DeVilbiss, the grandfather of our subject, was an early settler of Ohio, and the town of Alexander was named after him. Dr. Frank DeVilbiss was reared on a farm, and assisted at home in the manufacture of brooms. At the age of twelve years, or in 1871, he came to Jasper County, Mo., with his parents, and in 1874 to California, Mo., and here received the greater part of his early education. In 1878 his parents moved to Wayne County, Mo., but he remained at California, and engaged in teaching school in Moniteau County for three winters. For eighteen months he was occupied in studying medicine, and then entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, from which institution he graduated in the spring of 1883, and then came directly to Spring Garden, where he has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He keeps his own line of drugs, and has built up quite an extensive practice. In 1881 he was married, in Moniteau County, to Miss Maggie Pettigrew, by whom he has two children: Edgar F., who is attending school in Spring Garden, and Mildred. Dr. DeVilbiss, before entering medical college, pursued his studies while engaged in teaching school. He affiliates with the Democratic party, but is not a member of any secret organization. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a steward in the same.

Mrs. DeVilbiss' parents, George and Nancy (Adams) Pettigrew, were born in Ireland, and came to St. Louis County, Mo., in 1853, where they were engaged in farming until 1862, and then settled on a farm in Moniteau County, where they are residing at the present time.

Joseph H. Dickneite, a prosperous farmer of Jim Henry Township, was born in St. Louis in 1853, being the youngest of a family of four children born to the marriage of Henry Dickneite and Anna Mary Hincke, who were natives of Westphalia, Germany, and came to America in 1850, settling first in St. Louis, and in Osage County in 1852. The father followed the occupation of wagon making, but later purchased a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he continued to follow until his death, in 1872, at the age of fifty-six years. His wife died in 1888, at the age of seventy-two. Joseph H. Dickneite was educated in the Jones Commercial College at St. Louis, from which institution he graduated in 1876, and afterward engaged in teaching in Osage and Miller Counties. Prior to this time, however, he was in the mercantile business in Charleston three years, and after his experience in pedagogy he bought 140 acres of land, which he commenced improving, and now has thirty-five acres under cultivation. In 1879 he was married in Cole County, Mo., to Miss Katie Box, daughter of Bernhard and Katie (Beckman) Box, who were born in Westphalia, and immigrated to America in 1849, settling in Osage County, being now residents of Miller County. He has taken an active interest in politics, and has served as constable four years, being elected on the Democratic ticket. He has also been deeply interested in the cause of education, and has given his children good educational advantages. His daughter, Mary, died at the age of eighteen years. Katie is attending school in St. Elizabeth, and Cecilia and Jane are at home. The family worship in the Catholic Church.

Dr. S. W. Ewell, physician and surgeon at Tuscumbia, was born in Laurel County, Ky., June 20, 1856, and is the son of Richard L. and Nettie (Ruke) Ewell, natives of Kentucky. The father came to Missouri, with his mother, when quite young, but afterward went back to Kentucky. He is still living, and is a resident of London, Ky. He is an attorney by profession, and has held the office of county and circuit clerk of Laurel County for twelve years. He also held a Government office of general store-keeper for a number of years, and is one of the prominent citizens of Laurel County. His father was supposed to have been killed by Indians. Mr. Ewell has been twice married, and by his first wife had five children: Annie, Dr. S. W., James, Alice and Richard. To his second marriage were born seven children, five now living: Pocahontas, John, George, Robert and Logan. Dr. S. W. Ewell was reared and educated in Kentucky. At the age of twenty-two years he began the study of medicine, and graduated at the Louisville (Ky.) Medical College in 1881. He then began practicing at London, Ky., and there remained until 1883, when he came to Tuscumbia, where he has since practiced his profession. He has built up a large and lucrative practice, and is a young man well adapted to his chosen profession. He was married in 1886 to Miss Luella Galden, a native of Pettis County, Mo., and to them have been

born two children, only one living, Philip L. The Doctor is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge.

Marquis W. Fancher, ex-merchant of Iberia, Mo., was born in Greene County, N. Y., in 1851, his parents being David and Catherine (Hurley) Fancher, who were also natives of York State, born in 1824 and 1829, respectively, the former dying in 1875. They became residents of Missouri in 1858, and the following year located in Miller County, where the father was engaged in farming and merchandising, and served as justice of the peace for two or more terms. Their children are as follows: Mary E. (Lombar), Julia (Brown), Marquis W. and Alice (Moore). Marquis W. was seven years of age when he was brought to Missouri, and he began life for himself as a farm hand at the age of fifteen years. After being engaged in tilling the soil until 1875, he began merchandising on the Osage River, in Miller County, Mo., and there remained until 1879, when he established his store in Iberia. From 1884 until 1886 he followed the same calling in Hancock, Mo., but at the latter date closed out his business there, and has since been engaged in settling up a deceased brother's estate. He has always been a Republican in politics, and to him and wife, whose maiden name was Lucy A. Cummings, and whom he married in 1879, three children have been born: Edward F., Oron A. and Rosa S. Mrs. Fancher was born in Tuscumbia, Mo., in 1858, and is one of seven surviving members of a family of twelve children born to Daniel and Amanda (Chalaco) Cummings, who were natives of Maine and Missouri, respectively. The father moved to Missouri, and was engaged in merchandising. His children are as follows: Martha (Mahan), Eliza (McGee), Edward L., Josiah L., Lucy A. (Fancher), Mariah B. (Golden) and William M.

John Finney, a prominent tiller of the soil, now living in Equality Township, was born in Jennings County, Ind., June 11, 1849, and is a son of Fieldon and Lillus (Patrick) Finney, the father a native of Kentucky, and of Irish descent. The Finney family emigrated from Ireland at quite an early date, and the paternal grandfather was a resident of Indiana for many years. He died in that State. Fieldon Finney was but a boy when he moved with his parents to Indiana. He was reared on his father's farm, and was there married to Miss Patrick. He died in 1863 of lung trouble. The mother died in 1886. They were the parents of ten children, six now living: Mary, Jacob, Harriet, John, Douglas and Eliza. John Finney attained his growth and received his education in Indiana, where he remained until 1872. He then moved to Jasper County, Mo., and from there in 1876 to Washington County, Ark., where he bought a farm and remained until 1881, when he came to Miller County, Mo. Here he bought his present farm, and here he has since resided. He now owns 220 acres of land, with about seventy under cultivation. He was married in 1879 to Miss Almata Reinhart, a native of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Finney are members of the Christian Church, and are much respected and esteemed citizens. Mr. Finney deals in stock to some extent, and is an experienced and intelligent farmer. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel.

John W. Fogleman, liveryman at Tuscumbia, was born near

Litchfield, Montgomery Co., Ill., January 7, 1851. His parents, Israel and Jane (Carlew) Fogleman, were natives of North Carolina and Missouri, respectively. Israel Fogleman immigrated to Indiana with his father, and from there to Montgomery County, Ill., at an early day. He was a blacksmith by trade, but never followed this occupation after he was grown. He turned his attention to farming, which he carried on until his death, which occurred in 1877. The mother is still living on the homestead. The paternal grandfather, Melcher Fogleman, built the first water-power grist-mill in Montgomery County, Ill., it being known as the old Pepper Mill, which he operated for a number of years. He died in that county. John W. Fogleman was the eldest son and one of a large family of children born to his parents. He attained his growth and secured a fair education near Litchfield. He was in the liquor business for about two years, and then came to Missouri. In 1875 he came to Tuscumbia and engaged in the sale of liquors for about ten years. He then embarked in the livery business, which he still carries on. He was burned out in 1887 and rebuilt in 1888. He now has a good barn, and keeps ten head of good horses, also plenty of vehicles. He was married in 1884 to Mrs. Augusta (Havenstein) Falsom, who bore him two children: Ethel and William F. Mrs. Fogleman is the mother of one child by her first marriage, Clarence. Mr. Fogleman is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Pleasant Mount, and was made a Mason in 1873, a Chapter Mason in 1878, and a Royal Arch Mason at Tuscumbia, Mo.

W. T. Franklin, an energetic farmer residing in Pleasant Mount, was born in St. Louis County, Mo., in 1832, being the third in a family of eleven children born to John S. and Susan M. (Harrison) Franklin, who were born in Virginia, and immigrated to Kentucky when young. In 1818 they located in St. Louis County, Mo., moving in 1833 to Cole County, a portion of which is now called Miller, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying January 21, 1878. He was born December 13, 1804. His wife died March 10, 1887. Their children are as follows: Martha A. (Mrs. Stephens), Mary E., W. T., John J., who was born October 2, 1834, and died June 8, 1857; Narcissa Jane, born July 4, 1836, and died June 5, 1857; Matilda C., born March 2, 1843, and died June 21, 1857, of typhoid fever; Samuel A., died November 16, 1869, aged thirty-one years and twenty-eight days; Andrew H., born in 1847; R. H., born in 1849; Thomas A. M., born August 7, 1848, and died February 23, 1877, and B. P., who was born in 1851. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch assisted his father on the farm until eighteen years of age, and then engaged in clerking in Pleasant Mount, where he remained six years. In September, 1857, he engaged in the mercantile business for himself, and continued thus employed until August, 1887, when he retired from the active duties of life. He was married in Miller County, in October, 1857, to Lucy J. Brockman, a native of Miller County, Mo., and a daughter of Simms and Rachel (Gartin) Brockman, the father being a native of Kentucky. They were early pioneers to Missouri, and here died in 1856, and November 28, 1869, respectively. After his marriage Mr. Franklin settled in Pleasant

Mount, where he was engaged in business, and from time to time bought land, until he now owns 340 acres, the most of which is under cultivation. He has always identified himself with the Republican party, and is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Pleasant Mount Lodge No. 134, of which he has been both secretary and treasurer. In 1864 he enlisted in Company B, Forty-eighth Missouri Infantry, for six months, and served as first lieutenant of his company. He was ordered first to Rolla, Mo., thence to Nashville in December, 1864, and received his discharge at Chicago, Ill., March 21, 1865, and returned soon after to Pleasant Mount. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, and are the parents of the following children: James S., born October 23, 1858, is married and engaged in the mercantile business in Bagnell; Mary C., now Mrs. R. S. Harvey, was born December 15, 1860, and resides at Aurora Springs; Martha Ellen, Mrs. Spalding, was born December 21, 1862, and resides at Pleasant Mount; Nancy M., Mrs. N. E. Harvey, was born December 20, 1865; John B., born July 10, 1868, is engaged in merchandising at Olean; Willie H., born September 26, 1870, and died September 28, 1870, and Charley P., born August 25, 1873, at home. Mr. Franklin has always given liberal support to church and school matters, and has seen that his children have had good educational advantages. He is practically a self-made man, all his property having been acquired by his own exertions and good management.

John B. Franklin, merchant, partner in the firm of R. S. Harvey & Co., at Olean, was born at Mount Pleasant, Miller County, July 10, 1868, and is the fifth of seven children born to W. T. and Lucy J. (Broekman) Franklin. [For further particulars of parents see sketch of W. T. Franklin.] Until the age of sixteen years John B. Franklin attended school and clerked in his father's store at Mount Pleasant. After that he was permanently engaged in his father's store until August 1, 1887. Previous to this, in 1882, at the settlement of Olean, R. S. Harvey erected a large brick store in that place, which he rented, and it was soon opened under the firm title of Sterling Bros. Two years later Mr. Harvey took possession, and, with W. T. Franklin, it was opened under the firm name of W. T. Franklin & Co. John B. Franklin then came here as clerk and manager, in which capacity he acted until August 1, 1887, when he purchased his father's interest, and the firm name became R. S. Harvey & Co. It is the largest and finest store in Miller County, and under Mr. Franklin's management the trade is growing rapidly. March 5, 1889, Mr. Franklin was united in marriage to Miss Mollie A. Goodman, daughter of Josiah and Mary Goodman. [See sketch of J. Goodman.] Mr. Franklin is a member of the Christian Church, and although still a young man has fully demonstrated superior business ability.

George Frazee, station agent of the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Olean, was born in Jackson County, Ohio, January 5, 1862, and is the fifth in a family of nine children born to Dudley and Nancy (Devond) Frazee, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of Virginia. Dudley Frazee was a farmer by occupation, and was elected assessor of his district a number of times. He was reared on the farm, and attended school until fourteen years of age. Afterward he en-



gaged in various occupations until 1880, when he entered the railroad office at Byer Junction to learn the telegraph business, and there remained ten months. He then came to Missouri, and at once engaged with the Missouri Pacific Railroad. He has held office at several good towns until he was sent to Olean, August 19, 1884, where he has since remained. He was married November 23, 1886, to Miss Effie J. Goodman, daughter of J. and Mary Goodman. In March, 1887, Mr. Frazee built a handsome cottage in the town; has been quite active in affairs of interest there, and is also quite active in politics, and votes with the Democratic party, his first presidential vote being for Grover Cleveland in 1884. He is a member of the K. of P., Capital Lodge No. 110, is also a member of the Endowment Rank K. of P., \$2,000, and also has a policy with the Fidelity Accident Insurance Company of \$1,000.

William P. Freeman, circuit clerk and recorder, was born in Miller County, near Brumley, June 15, 1858, and is the son of Andrew J. and Editha A. (Tinsley) Freeman, the father a native of Missouri, and the mother of Virginia. The paternal grandfather emigrated from Tennessee to Missouri at an early day and settled in Hickory County, where he died in 1872. He served as a private in the Mexican War. Andrew J. Freeman, father of the subject of this sketch, was a tiller of the soil. He came to Miller County in 1857, and entered land and settled near Brumley. Here he resided until 1861, when he answered his country's call, and enlisted in Company E. Thirty-third Regiment Missouri Infantry Volunteers, on the 11th day of August, 1862, and served as corporal until the 15th day of December, 1864, when he was discharged for disability, the effects of a gunshot wound in the right shoulder, received at the battle of Tupelo, Miss., on the 15th day of July, 1864. After his discharge he returned to his home in Miller County, and died from the effects of the wound on the 14th day of November, 1874. To his marriage were born five children, one son and four daughters, viz.: William P., Lucy E., wife of William Golden; Paralee F., wife of J. M. Cox; Belle, wife of F. Hooker, and Dora. William P. Freeman assisted his father on the farm until twelve years of age, when he took upon himself the duties of a 'printer's devil' in the *Miller County Vidette* office. He worked at the trade until twenty-one years of age, and was at one time local editor and business manager of the *Lebanon (Mo.) Journal*, and was also one of the publishers of the *Richland (Mo.) Sentinel*. He was clerk in a general store at Tusculumbia for two years, and in 1881 was appointed deputy sheriff and collector by C. P. Myers, who then held those offices, and served as such for two years, when he was again appointed deputy sheriff by W. C. Howell, in 1883. In 1885 he was again appointed deputy sheriff and collector, which position he held until his election to the office of clerk of the circuit court in 1886, which office he holds until 1890. He, at an early age, took a great interest in politics, identifying himself with the Republican party, and has many times represented his county in the State and congressional conventions of his party, and is now and has been for a number of years member of the congressional committee of the Eleventh Congressional District. He was married September 19, 1881, to Miss



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Alice Harris, a native of Laclede County, Mo., by whom he has two children, Harry and Elsie. Mrs. Freeman is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Freeman is a member of the Masonic fraternity and Odd Fellows, and is also a member of the Christian Church. He is self made, having attended school but fourteen months, and that when yet a mere child, and in the old log country school-house. He is a bright young man, having by his own exertions worked himself up to his present position, and is a prominent citizen of Miller County.

Hon. Abram Fulkerson. Among the prominent citizens of Miller County, and among those deserving special recognition for their long residence in the county, stands the name of the above-mentioned gentleman, who was born in Washington County, Va., in 1819, but was reared in Missouri. He is the seventh in a family of eight children born to Richard and Susannah (Livingston) Fulkerson, natives of Virginia. The father was of Dutch descent, and the name Fulkerson was originally Vulker. He came to Missouri in 1823, settling in Boone County, engaged in farming, and here remained for a number of years. He died in 1852 and his wife in 1824. She was of English descent, and her grandfather, Robert Livingston, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Abram Fulkerson was reared on the farm, and followed agricultural pursuits until fifteen years of age, or until 1836, when he came to Jefferson City, and was here engaged in clerking, and also acted as deputy postmaster. He remained in the former position until 1841, and in 1843 was appointed postmaster of Jefferson City, which position he filled until 1849. He was a Free Soil man; was very active in politics, and was elected to the Legislature from Cole County, Mo., in 1850. He was State auditor from 1851 to 1852, was quartermaster-general of State four years under Gov. King, and has always been an ardent Democrat in his political views. In 1849, during the Benton and anti-Benton movement, Mr. Fulkerson was a Benton man, and made a trade that elected their man, John G. Miller, in 1852, for Congress and defeated himself for the Assembly. In 1861 Mr. Fulkerson was enrolling clerk, and was a member of the Home Guards. He was a correspondent for the *St. Louis Union*, and gave graphic accounts of trouble of 1860 and 1861. Later he enlisted in the six-months Missouri service; was commissioned first lieutenant of the Third Arkansas Colored, was provost-marshal and pass-master under Gen. Grant at Jefferson City in 1861 and 1862, and was also under Jefferson C. Davis until June of 1862. During that year he was also connected with the scouts until he received his commission, when he was sent out recruiting, and organized the Third Arkansas Colored, the First Iowa Colored and two or three companies of the First Missouri Colored. Col. Fulkerson was then ordered to join his regiment at Helena, Ark., which he did in October, 1863, and was assigned to Company G of the Third Arkansas, of which he was first lieutenant by appointment, also quartermaster of his regiment. Col. Fulkerson was with his regiment until the close of the war; was engaged in several skirmishes, and was in the battle of Wallace's Ferry. He took 7,000 rounds of ammunition July 26, 1864, had a severe battle near Helena, and at the close of the war, or May 3, 1865, he resigned his commission. Since then

he has suffered severely with chronic diarrhoea, rheumatism and heart troubles. He remained in Jefferson City engaged in the pension business until 1875, when he removed to Tusculumbia, Miller County, and was proprietor of the *Vilette* for three years. He then started the *Osage Valley Banner* and continued that for three years, when he sold out and started the *Banner Cresset*. In 1881 he took his compass and surveyed the ground for the present site of Aurora Springs, named the place, also the streets, and has resided here since March 10, 1887. He was county surveyor for eight years in Cole County, having studied surveying in Jefferson City; was admitted to the bar in 1842, and has practiced law, off and on, since that time. In December, 1842, he married Miss Flora Haynes, a daughter of Dr. Haynes. She died in May, 1859. Eight children were the result of this union, and are named as follows: Richard H., was in the service, and died at Fort Leonard, Kas., in 1867; Charles B., resided in Tusculumbia; Frank G. is married, and is the publisher of the *Jefferson City Times*; Abram, married; James L., married, and living in Denver, Colo.; John F., married, and living in Jefferson City; Hester, died in 1887, and Emma, died in 1857. Col. Fulkerson was married in Cole County to Miss Frances Wilson, and was married in Tusculumbia to Miss Maria Vanatta in 1877. She died in 1884, and the Colonel then married Mrs. Hannah Jane Hagan, at Jefferson City, in 1887. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Jefferson Lodge No. 43, and is also a Royal Arch Mason, belonging to Chapter No. 11, and is a member of Commandery No. 1 at St. Louis. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his wife is a member of the Baptist Church. He is now prosecuting attorney for Aurora Springs.

T. D. Garner, Sr., a general merchant and miller at Iberia, Mo., was born in Tennessee in 1821, being a son of Benjamin and Margaret (Eaton) Garner, who were born and reared in North Carolina, and moved from that State to Tennessee where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father was a farmer, and he and wife became the parents of ten children, only two of whom are living: T. D. Garner, our subject, and Mrs. Margaret Finger. The paternal and maternal grandfathers were born in Wales and Germany, respectively, and were early settlers of North Carolina, and each served seven years in the Revolutionary War. T. D. Garner, whose name heads this sketch, spent his early life in Tennessee, and after the death of his father took the care of his mother on his shoulders, he being at that time only twenty years of age. In 1849 he was married to Miss Mary A. McCartney, who was born in Tennessee in 1834, an only child of John and Mahulda (Green) McCartney. The year following his marriage Mr. Garner moved to Arkansas, thence to Miller County, Mo., in 1867, where he was engaged in farming near Iberia until 1870, when he engaged in the mercantile business at that point. He carries a stock of goods valued at \$3,500, and does a good annual business. Besides this he owns an excellent farm adjoining the town. Mrs. Garner is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Republican in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay in 1844 and his last for Harrison in 1888. He and wife are the parents of the following children: R. Benjamin,

Frances E. (Mrs. Hickman), T. D., Jr., and Hugh M.; three children are deceased.

Robert B. Garner, sheriff and collector, was born in Izard County, Ark., February 1, 1853, and is the son of Thomas D. and Mary A. Garner, who were natives of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Garner emigrated to Arkansas at quite an early day, and located on a farm, where they remained until the latter part of 1861, when they removed to Miller County, locating near Iberia on a farm and there they still reside. They were the parents of seven children, four now living: Robert B., Frances E., wife of S. P. Hickman; Thomas D. and Hugh M. Robert B. Garner was but twelve years of age, when he came to Miller County, and was principally reared in that county. He assisted his father on the farm until twenty years of age, when he engaged in farming for himself near Iberia, and there remained until 1878, when he removed to Brunley. He here engaged in merchandising and farming for three years, and then moved back to Iberia, where he purchased a farm and followed farming exclusively for a short time. He then moved back to Brunley and remained until 1884, when he was elected sheriff. After this he moved to Tusculumbia, where he remained two years. He served one term, and in 1888 was re-elected to the same office; also to that of county collector. He took possession of the last named office in March, 1889. He was married in 1873 to Miss Elizabeth H. Thompson, a native of Arkansas, by whom he has three children: Arthur M., Chester G. and Nellie. Mr. and Mrs. Garner are members of the Christian Church and are prominent citizens in Miller County. Mr. Garner is a member of the Masonic fraternity, also the I. O. O. F., in which latter he has passed the chairs.

Joseph Gattermeir, miller at Olean, was born in Austria, on the Danube, in 1848, and is the eldest in a family of seven children born to Mathias and Annie (Wienkler) Gattermeir. In 1855 Mr. and Mrs. Gattermeir emigrated to the United States and settled in Morgan County, where they purchased and entered 200 acres of partially improved land. Since his admission to citizenship, Mr. Gattermeir has voted with the Republican party, and is quite active in politics. He and wife are now living on the old homestead, seven miles west of Versailles. Joseph Gattermeir was reared to farm labor until fourteen years of age, when he went to work for Brown Bros., at Cave Mills, Morgan County, to learn the trade of wool carding, and there followed the same for five years. He was then apprenticed to August Zwanzig to learn the milling business, which he followed for nine years. July 8, 1877, Mr. Gattermeir was united in marriage to Miss Cassandra Zwanzig, a native of Illinois, and daughter of August and Margaret (Fuhr) Zwanzig. In 1879 Joseph Zwanzig went to Platte City, Mo., and engaged with Metzger & Co., millers, with whom he continued for a short time. He then followed the carpenter's trade for a short time, and then went to Colorado, where he remained from May to November of 1880, engaged in the saw-mill business; was also engaged in mining. February 20, 1881, Mr. Gattermeir formed a partnership with Edwin and Bernhardt Zwanzig, and bought the property known as Goodman's Mills, near Olean. They remodeled the building, put in new buhrs, and in the summer of 1887 they changed to the roller

system, fitting in two double sets of 15-inch rollers. These gentlemen are doing good work for the farmers, and have acquired a very favorable reputation. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Guttermeir were born five children, viz.: Bernhard M., Henry E., Margaret Anna, Allie J. and Almon G., the last two being twins, and were born July 3, 1885.

John T. Gilleland was born in the county where he now resides in 1832, and was the fourth in a family of ten children born to Samuel and Mary (Wellborn) Gilleland, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively. The father emigrated from North Carolina to Kentucky when a boy, and there grew up and was married, after which he came to Miller County, Mo., in 1828, and entered a tract of Government land, which he began improving. Here his death occurred in February, 1884, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife passed away in June, 1873. John T. Gilleland's early days were spent in attending the early subscription schools, and in assisting in the development of the home farm, which was covered with timber. Upon reaching manhood he engaged in farming on his own account near his old home, and taught the first public school in the district where he now resides. His farm, when purchased, was in its primeval condition, but is now well improved, and consists of 305 acres, on which lead ore has been found and worked to some extent. He raises some stock, his sheep, hogs and cattle being of a good grade. Being exempt from regular service during the late war, he joined the State Militia, and labored hard in the interests of the Union. He is now a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the Agricultural Wheel. He was married in Miller County to Nancy Atkinson, a native of Kentucky, and by her is the father of the following children: William T., Mary S. (wife of John W. Miller), Emma J. (Mrs. Spaulding), James Monroe, Nancy Ellen and John Louis. Mrs. Gilleland is a daughter of Obadiah T. and Polly W. (Lovell) Atkinson, natives, respectively, of Virginia and Tennessee. They were married in Kentucky, and afterward moved to Missouri, settling in Pulaski County, where they remained one year, and then came, in 1839, to Miller County, where they entered Government land and remained five years. The following eight years were spent in Cole County, and they then returned to Miller County, where the father died in May, 1875. His widow still (1889) survives him. Mr. Gilleland after years of service in the Democratic party, is now a zealous worker in the Union Greenback Labor party. He and family are non-sectarian in religious belief, belonging to the Church of Christ, willing and desirous of being known as Christians. It is their wish to so live that in the last day they may meet those who have gone before in those heavenly mansions prepared for those that love the Lord. Mr. Gilleland is a charter member of the Agricultural Wheel, and president of Wheel No. 1,131. He was also a charter member of the Grange.

Josiah Goodman, lumber and grain dealer at Olean, Mo., and also stock dealer and farmer, was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1832, his parents being Daniel and Elizabeth (Charles) Goodman, who were born in Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The father was taken by his parents to Ohio when two years of age, and was there reared

to manhood and married. He went by boat to New Orleans a number of times, and walked back to his home in Ohio as many as three times. He took quite an active part in the history of Ohio, and became a wealthy farmer. He died in 1866, his wife having passed away one year earlier. John Goodman, the grandfather, was a German who came to America when a young man, locating first in Pennsylvania and afterward in Ohio, where he spent his declining years. The maternal grandfather, Jacob Charles, was born in Ohio. Josiah Goodman was educated in the district schools of Ross County, and began farming for himself in his native State. August 24, 1858, he was married to Mary Elizabeth Immell, a daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Dunn) Immell. The latter was born in Delaware, and emigrated to Ohio at an early day (about 1824), where she met and married Mr. Immell, who was born in that State. The latter died December 25, 1856, but the mother is still living, and resides in Chillicothe. After his marriage Mr. Goodman moved to Miller County, Mo., and purchased a partly improved farm of 300 acres, on which was a small log cabin. He commenced improving his land, set out an orchard, and some years later erected a good frame residence, and by good management owns 435 acres of land in Moniteau, Miller and Pettis Counties, and has improved a farm near Sedalia. He erected a good hotel at Spring Garden, which he has since sold, and also erected a mill in 1866, then known as Goodman's Mill, but now known as the Buckeye Mill. In partnership with P. Myers, he conducted this mill for thirteen years. During the war he served in the Enrolled Missouri Militia, and was on garrison duty at Jefferson City, and was captain of a company. In 1863, while at home, he was surrounded by the bushwhackers and all his money, clothing and stock were taken from him. They made his life so miserable that he went to California, Mo., where he remained six months, and then returned to his home. He has taken quite an active interest in politics, and for a number of years voted the Greenback ticket, but now affiliates with the Democrats. In 1863 he was appointed county judge by Gov. Gamble, and has since been a member of the school board. He belongs to Pleasant Mount Lodge No. 134, A. F. & A. M. He is one of the heaviest taxpayers of the district, and has done a great deal for the development of the county. Eight of the eleven children born to his marriage are living: Estella, who died November 5, 1865, at the age of five years, eleven months and twenty-nine days; Elizabeth (Mrs. Boyd Miller), Effie Jane (Mrs. Prazee); Franklin, who died September 14, 1869, aged three years, two months and nine days; Mary A.; Sophia, who died August 24, 1882, aged eight years, ten months; Charles, born January 30, 1873; Leona, born June 11, 1875; Josephine, born November 24, 1877; Samuel, born November 5, 1881, and John, born March 3, 1886.

Hon. W. A. Hackney, one of the prosperous farmers of Equality Township, and son of William M. and Isabel (Rice) Hackney, was born in Cole County, Mo., November 12, 1835. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Hackney, was a resident of Tennessee for many years, although a native of Virginia. He was reared a farmer's boy, and also followed mercantile pursuits for many years. He died in Laurel County, Ky.



William M. Hackney, the father of the subject of this sketch, was reared in Tennessee, but went to Kentucky when twenty-four years of age, where he remained for about one year. In 1833 he came to Missouri, locating in Cole County, near Jefferson City, where he entered a tract of land, built a cabin, and there lived for many years, engaged in tilling the soil. In 1859 he removed to Texas County, Mo., where he died in 1873. He was a soldier in the Mormon War, and was also in the late war. He was captain of Company B, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, which company he raised and organized, and was in a number of hard battles during his two years' service. The mother died in 1857. They were the parents of ten children, only three now living: Wesley A., Mary E., widow of William Walker, and John J. Wesley A., the subject of this sketch, attained his growth on the farm, was obliged to work hard, and received but little schooling. In 1855 he removed to Miller County, locating on Little Salem, where he remained for five years. In 1860 he purchased the farm where Herman Tillman now lives, and there he resided until 1868. On June 10, 1861, he enlisted in the Home Guards, served three months, and then, January 1, 1862, he enlisted and assisted in raising Company K, Sixth Missouri Cavalry. He was mustered in as second lieutenant, which office he held until the close of the war. He was in the battles of Jackson, Champion's Hill, siege of Vicksburg, and back to Vicksburg, where they captured the city. He was on the Red River expedition, and was in a number of hard battles. While at Baton Rouge he was on scout duty and was in a number of cavalry engagements. He was captured near Helena, Ark., December, 1862, and was kept in the guard house for about one month with twenty-three comrades. They were then paroled and went to St. Louis, where they were exchanged in February, 1863. Mr. Hackney was mustered out February 22, 1865, and returned home. In 1868 he removed to the Gageville property, struck a lead mine, and sold the property in 1874. He then moved to where the county poor house is, built the house that is now used for the county inmates, and purchased a large tract of land, a part of which is still in his possession. In 1887 he moved to where he resides and built a good house and other buildings. He owns at this time 190 acres of land, with a portion of it under cultivation. In 1882 he was elected to represent his county in the Legislature, and re-elected in 1884. He was married in 1855 to Miss Eliza Roberts, a daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Grinnett) Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Hackney are the parents of three children, all deceased. Mr. Hackney is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge and also the G. A. R. He is one of the prominent men of the county and an enterprising citizen. He discovered what is known as the Hackney Lead Mines, about six miles north of Tusculumbia, which was at that time very wealthy. He sold that mine to a St. Louis company for about \$30,000, and \$40,000 worth of ore was taken from it.

Hon. Samuel T. Harrison, farmer, of Saline Township, Miller Co., Mo., was born in Barren County, Ky., in 1820, and was the seventh of nine children born to Reuben and Elizabeth (Hill) Harrison, who were natives of Amherst County, Va., and immigrated to Kentucky at an early day, the father becoming a well-known educator

of Barran County. He was also engaged in farming, but concluded he could better his condition in Missouri, and accordingly immigrated to this State in 1826, locating in St. Louis County, where he resided until 1833. Then he moved to Cole County, stopping on the farm where a portion of the town of Proctor or Olean now is. After two years he entered Government land one and a half miles south of Olean, where he lived until his death, August 13, 1844. He was born in 1782. His wife, who was born in 1786, died July 12, 1871. Samuel T. Harrison (our subject) came with his parents to Missouri, and was reared on a frontier farm, receiving a somewhat limited early education, owing to the scarcity of schools, but this he improved in later years by contact with business life. He assisted his father in clearing his farm, and, owing to their very early location in the county, they were obliged to put up with many inconveniences, their nearest flouring-mill being a distance of sixteen miles. He was married in Miller County, December 15, 1842, to Miss Mary Jane Francis, a daughter of John and Fannie (Morris) Francis, who were Tennesseans by birth and very early residents of Moniteau County, Mo. Later they located on a farm across the river from Tusculumbia, and after spending some years in Greene County, moved to Texas, where they died. In 1847 Mr. Harrison moved to Mt. Pleasant, where he remained one year, and then rented a place for three years, after which he entered 120 acres, and began improving it, also buying a farm in the Flatwoods. In 1852 he went to Texas, and after remaining there about six months, returned to Miller County, where he has since made his home. He added to his first entry until he at one time owned 1,300 acres. At the present time he owns about 244 acres, with 144 under cultivation, and in addition to this gives considerable attention to raising stock. He has always been interested in politics, and in 1858 was elected sheriff of the county, and was re-elected in 1860 without opposition, but resigned the position in 1861, and engaged in trading. In 1878 he was elected a member of the State Legislature, being elected by the Greenback party. Previous to that time he had been a Democrat. In the fall of 1858 he was a candidate for representative. On the 16th of September, 1875, he lost his excellent wife, who had borne him fourteen children, their names being as follows: James P., Minerva, Frances (Mrs. W. J. Dorley), John Perry (who died July 25, 1877), Reuben C., Nancy E. (Mrs. Etter), Cerilda Jane (Mrs. M. Smith), William M., Robert B., Mary Ellen (Mrs. Roark), Samuel T., Ann Eliza, Sarah V. (Mrs. Jones) and Ida Josephine. Mr. Harrison married his second wife April 4, 1877, her name being Phœbe Yarnall Williams, a native of Morgan County, Mo., and a daughter of Daniel and Mary (McLanglin) Williams, who were born respectively in New York and Pennsylvania, and were married in Ohio, coming in 1837 by ox team to Missouri. They settled in Versailles, where the father opened the first blacksmith's shop in the place, and followed his trade until 1859, when he followed farming until his death, in 1881. His widow resides with her children in Morgan County. Mr. Harrison is now the father of four children by his present wife—Lillia May, Ethel Gertrude, Rhoda Brooks and Elmer G. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M.,

Pleasant Mount Lodge, No. 234, and is also a member of the Chapter. He belongs to the K. of L. and the Agricultural Wheel, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church at Eldon.

William H. Hauenstein, farmer, and one of the prominent steamboat men of Tuscumbia, was born in 1846, and is the son of William and Elizabeth (Steigelman) Hauenstein. William Hauenstein was born in Bavaria, and was an officer of the State. He came to the United States about 1852, remained in New York about two years, and then went to Michigan, settling in Monroe County, on the river Raisin. He was engaged in farming and stock raising, and this continued for some time in that State. He then moved to Missouri, settling at California, where he entered business as a general merchant. He continued in business there until 1865, when he came to Tuscumbia, Miller Co., Mo. In 1864, during Price's raid, Mr. Hauenstein's store was entered and despoiled of all its contents. William H. Hauenstein, subject of this sketch, attended the common schools of Michigan, and upon his arrival in Missouri entered his father's store. He enlisted in the army in the Second Missouri Artillery in 1864, entering special service in 1865. After the war he again entered his father's store, but later his father purchased the steamboat "Alice Gray," in 1870, and this he ran on the Osage River between Tuscumbia and Osage. William H. Hauenstein thus learned the steamboat business, often running out in the Missouri River and down to St. Louis. In 1883 he built the steamer "Frederick," which is now doing all the Osage River business. Mr. Hauenstein was married in 1872 to Miss Lizzie Goodrich, who bore him one child, a son. Mrs. Hauenstein lost her life by accidentally falling from the steamer "Tuscumbia," in March, 1881. Mr. Hauenstein was married the second time in 1884, to Mrs. Martha Henley, by whom he has two children: Lela and an infant son. Mr. Hauenstein owns a fine river bottom farm of about 200 acres and a large tract of upland. He makes a specialty of raising fine stock, and has a fine imported Scotch Galloway bull. He also has a herd of fine high-grade cows, and his influence will improve the stock greatly in Miller County. In September, 1887, he disposed of his interest in the store, and he is devoting his time to the farm and to the rearing of stock. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Lodge No. 437, and is also a member of Chapter No. 87, Tuscumbia. Mr. Hauenstein is a generous, public-spirited gentleman, and his influence has done much to develop the interests of Tuscumbia.

John Hawken, farmer of Equality Township, Miller Co., Mo., was born in Lancaster County, Penn., May 20, 1839, and is the son of David and Susan (Wiker) Hawken, natives of Pennsylvania. The parents first immigrated to Ohio, where they remained until 1856, and then came through by wagon to Missouri. The father was a blacksmith by trade, and followed this occupation the principal part of his life. He located in Equality Township, just where he now lives, and at first ran a mill for a number of years, but later carried on his trade. He bought a large tract of land, which he improved, and which comprises his now large and well-cultivated farm. The mother is deceased. To their union were born eight children, six now living:

Hannah, resides in Arkansas; Mary A., in Miller County; Samuel, John, Nancy (deceased), Matilda and Lewis. John Hawken grew to manhood in Ohio, received his education in that State, and came to Missouri with his parents in 1856. He was reared to farm life, and this occupation he has since followed. In 1861 he enlisted in Company G, Eighth Missouri Regiment, and served until the close of the war. He was in several hard skirmishes, and was mustered out at Springfield, Mo. In 1862 he married Miss Ann Hayes, a native of Indiana, and to them were born five children: Martha J., wife of James Clark; Nancy A., wife of Arthur E. Small; Samuel P., Emma E. and William C. In 1866 Mr. Hawken bought the place where he now lives, and has made nearly all its improvements. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, and are much respected citizens.

Judge James M. Hawkins, county judge of Second District, was born in Miller County, Mo., near Brunley, September 19, 1847, and is the son of Presley and S. B. (McCubbin) Hawkins, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Kentucky. They immigrated to Miller County, Mo., in 1842, coming through in wagons, and located near Brunley, where they entered a tract of land at \$1.25 per acre. Mr. Hawkins erected a little log cabin, with clapboard roof and weighted with poles, and began to improve his farm. Later he built a hewed log house, covered with shaved walnut shingles with the corners clipped, and this lasted for twenty-five years. At that time there were but three or four houses in Tusculumia, and it was the trading point of all south Miller County. Game of most all kinds was plenty, but Mr. Hawkins cared very little for hunting. He died there in 1859. The mother died in Texas, where she had moved a few years previous to her death. They were the parents of six children, five now living: Judge James M., Mary C., wife of James C. Dodson, resides in Texas; Cynthia, wife of Z. Spearman; William L., resides in Miller County, and Millard F., of Moniteau County. Judge James M. Hawkins was reared and educated in Miller County, was brought up in a pioneer way of living, as the country was very wild at that time, and after the war broke out, January, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, Col. Woods' battalion, and served one year. At the time of his enlistment he was but fourteen years of age, but he was firm in his determination to enter the service. He was discharged on account of disability at Helena, Ark., having received a wound. He re-enlisted in 1864 at Linn Creek, and served until June 29, 1865, when he was discharged. He participated in several hard skirmishes. After returning home he first engaged in farming, and later traveled around quite extensively. March 19, 1871, he married Miss Julia A. Martin, a native of Missouri, and to this union were born seven children, six now living: Edwin P., William C., Philip C., Lena C., James C. and George Clayton. In the fall of 1872 Mr. Hawkins was appointed deputy sheriff and collector under W. C. Brumley, which position he held for four years. He then returned to farming and dealing in stock until 1880, when he engaged in the mercantile business at Brunley, buying out the senior member of T. Thompson & Bro., and the firm continued as Thompson & Hawkins until January 1, 1888. In connection with this they also carry on the

milling business. Since the last mentioned date Mr. Hawkins has been extensively engaged in farming. He was elected county judge in November, 1888. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the I. O. O. F., the G. A. R., and of the Agricultural Wheel.

Robert S. Harvey, merchant at Aurora Springs, was born in Cooper County, Mo., November, 22, 1855, and is the third in a family of five born to Noah and Lucinda (Reynolds) Harvey, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The paternal grandfather, Martin Harvey, came to Missouri at an early date, settling in the southern part of Cooper County, where he entered land, and made that his home for a long time. He then sold his farm, went to Henry County, bought land, and there passed the remainder of his life. Noah Harvey died in 1864. Robert S. Harvey spent his youth at farm labor until eighteen years of age, when he went to the store of T. J. Hart, of High Point, and there remained for six years. In 1880 Mr. Harvey married Mary C. Franklin, daughter of W. T. Franklin, of Miller County, and the results of this union were two children: Ralph and Bertram. Immediately after marriage Mr. Harvey and W. T. Franklin opened the store at Aurora Springs, and began buying wood, railroad ties, hogs and land, until he soon built up a large and thriving trade. In 1885, in partnership with James S. Franklin, Mr. Harvey opened a store at Bagnell. One year later, in partnership with J. B. Franklin, he started a store at Olean, under the name of R. S. Harvey & Co. The long mercantile experience of Mr. Harvey enabled him to take advantage of the extensive trade in the early days of Aurora Springs, and he soon became the leading merchant of that place. He still does the most extensive trade there, and his dealings in wood and railroad ties gives employment to a large number of men.

J. N. Henley is a native of Cole County, Mo., born in 1837, and is the tenth in a family of twelve children born to John and Elizabeth (Hoskins) Henley, who were Tennesseans, and emigrated to Cole County, Mo., in 1828, where they entered a large tract of timber land, on which they resided until their respective deaths, August 18, 1878, at the age of eighty-four years, and December 22, 1860, aged about sixty years. J. N. Henley was reared to a farm life in Cole County, and attended the early subscription schools. In 1858 he was married to Miss Mary Jane Simpson, a native of Miller County, who died in 1878, having borne a family of six children: Thomas W., Leona D. (Mrs. James J. Bond); William R., Cordell C., Lillian M., and Isaac N. (who died at the age of six months). The mother of these children was a daughter of Judge Simpson, of Miller County, being one of its early pioneers. His death occurred in the county in 1862. After his marriage Mr. Henley resided in Cole County one year and then moved to Miller County, where he purchased and improved a farm of 320 acres, and by hard work and good management has now 250 acres under an excellent state of cultivation. He deals quite extensively in stock, and raises an excellent grade of horses and cattle, and as he has a good jack he raises an excellent grade of mules. He has always taken an interest in school matters, and is one of the directors of the Miller County Institute. He votes the Democratic ticket, but is not an office-seeker. During his thirty years' residence

in the county he has seen many changes take place, and has assisted in furthering many enterprises which would tend to benefit the same. In 1874 he married his second wife, Julia A. Henley, widow of N. D. Henley, his brother, and daughter of Ivy and Martha (Thomason) Norfleet, who were born in Kentucky and Tennessee. They were married in the former State, and in 1839 moved to Missouri and settled in Cole County, where they engaged in farming. The father died in Miller County June 6, 1883, and the mother in Cole County July 24, 1876, aged sixty-one years. Grandfather Thomason was in the Revolutionary war. Our subject and wife are members of the Baptist Church, and became the parents of one child, born October 22, 1877, who died July 18, 1878, aged nine months.

J. D. Hite. Prominent among the successful agriculturalists of Miller County, Mo., stands the name of the above mentioned gentleman, who was born in Kentucky in 1833, and is the third in a family of six children born to Edward S. and Mary (Butler) Hite, both of whom were natives of Virginia, but came to Kentucky at an early date. From that State they moved to Missouri in 1853 and settled near what is now Olean, Miller County. They bought and entered 240 acres of partially improved land, where the father died about 1859. The mother lived until 1883. J. D. Hite was reared to farm life and after the death of his father, managed the farm. In 1868 he married Miss Eliza Jane Norfleet, a native of Cole County, Mo., and the daughter of Abram Norfleet, who was a Methodist preacher, following his ministerial duties in Miller County for a long time. After his marriage the subject of this sketch moved to Monticau County, and purchased a farm near High Point, on which he built a house and made it his home for eight years. He then sold out and moved to Miller County, where he bought a farm of 122 acres near his father's old home. He has nearly the whole tract under cultivation, is also engaged in raising stock and has been quite successful. Several years ago lead was discovered on Mr. Hite's farm, but the vein has remained unopened up to the present. He is somewhat active in politics and always casts his vote with the Republican party. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel at Sand Hill; and the family are members of the Methodist Church. The fruits of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hite were four children: John William (deceased), James Monroe, Mary Ann and Louis S.

E. S. Hite is one of the prosperous farmers and stockmen of Saline Township, Miller Co., Mo., and was born in 1835 in Logan County, Ky., his parents being E. S. and Mary R. (Butler) Hite, who were born in Virginia. They both became residents of Kentucky when young and were married in that State and engaged in farming. In 1855 they immigrated to Miller County, Mo., and settled on the farm on which E. S. Hite, our subject, is now living, first buying 120 acres, and also entering the same amount. The father died in 1857 and the mother in April, 1881. E. S. Hite aided in the development of the home farm but as he was about twenty-one years of age when he came to Missouri, he received the greater part of his education in Kentucky. He began working for himself on the farm where he now resides, and 130 acres of his 236 acre farm are under cultivation.

He was a member of the Enrolled Militia during the late war, and was at Jefferson City when Price made his raid through that section. He votes the Republican ticket. In April, 1864, he was married to Mary Taylor, a native of Moniteau County, and daughter of Richard W. and Lydia (Beard) Taylor, and by her is the father of six children: Richard T., who resides in Nebraska; James E., Mettie, William B., John D. S. and George E. Mrs. Hite's parents were born in Tennessee and immigrated to Missouri in 1832, and settled on some land which they entered in Saline Township, Miller Co. At a later period they moved to Moniteau County, and after improving a farm there sold out and returned to Miller County, where the father died September 1, 1885, aged nearly eighty years. His wife still survives him and resides in Olean. Mr. and Mrs. Hite are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Olean, in which he is steward and trustee.

C. W. Hoberrecht, proprietor of the livery, feed and sale stable at West Eldon, Mo., is well prepared to furnish vehicles and horses at reasonable rates or board horses by the week or month. He first started in business in Eldon in May, 1884, having come from Cooper County, Mo., where he was born in 1857, being the fourth in a family of eight children born to Fritz and Christina (Kulm) Hoberrecht, who were born in Saxony and Berlin, Germany, respectively. In 1841 they came to America and settled on a farm in Cooper County, Mo., where they spent the remainder of their days, dying in 1871, the father April 10 and the mother April 16. C. W. Hoberrecht was educated in the district schools of Cooper County, and previous to coming to Miller County was engaged in farming. He has built up a good trade in Eldon, keeps an excellent line of carriages and his horses are always in good condition and ready for use. He attends strictly to business and is always to be found at his stable on Grand avenue. His barn is 30x40 feet, situated on a one-half-block, and has everything convenient to aid him in the establishment of a successful business.

W. K. Hollenbeck, was born in Berkshire County, Mass., in 1827, and is the ninth of ten children born to Derick and Tenta (Wilmont) Hollenbeck, who were also born in the State of Massachusetts. The father was a farmer and immigrated to Genesee County, N. Y., in 1829, and there made his home until his death in 1869, followed by his wife ten years later. He was in the War of 1812 and was a son of Michael and grandson of Ephraim Hollenbeck. The latter came with his brother Jacob from Germany in 1670 and thus founded the family in the United States. The maternal grandfather, Randall Wilmont, was born in Massachusetts and became prominent in the history of that State. W. K. Hollenbeck was reared on a farm and educated in the schools of Genesee County. While still a resident of his native State he began farming for himself and was married in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., in 1850, to Mary E. Barse, a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., and daughter of George and Eva (Wolliber) Barse, who were born, reared and married in York State. The father died in Cattaraugus County (whither he had moved in 1837) March 2, 1876, at the age of seventy-five years, his wife surviving him a few years. In the fall of 1871 Mr. Hollenbeck emigrated to Dakota where he followed farming until coming to Missouri in 1884. He has taken considerable interest in

politics, and by the advice of the Senate was commissioned by Gen. Grant, who was then President of the United States, as revenue collector for the district of Dakota Territory, to take effect May 19, 1874, and served four years and three months. During this time he traveled by rail and boat over the territory, and owing to the wildness of the country he often found this a very laborious task. He also held the office of justice of the peace, and was the first postmaster, and cast the first vote at Finlay, Dak. His claim in Dakota was an old Indian camping ground. During his residence there he saw a remarkable change in the country in the way of settlement and improvement. After coming to Missouri he purchased 170 acres of finely located land, where he is residing at the present time. His children's names are as follows: Mary A., who died September 15, 1851, at the age of four months; Charley T., who resides with his father; Fannie A. and George H. The latter was a fine telegraph operator, being located at Memphis, Tenn., and handled the heaviest wires between Chicago and New Orleans. During the yellow fever epidemic in the South, he, August 15, 1858, volunteered his services to go to Jacksonville, Fla., and remained faithfully at his post of duty until stricken with the fever, from which he died while just entering on manhood, September 29, 1858, aged eighteen years and six months. He was a great favorite among the operators and officers of the road, was possessed of fine business capacities, and was a young man of intelligence and honor.

Henry Holloway, a prominent and enterprising farmer of Saline Township, Miller County, Mo., near Eldon, was born in Kentucky July 30, 1820, and is the youngest in a family of nine children born to the union of Robert and Martha (White) Holloway. The parents were both natives of Virginia, and immigrated to Kentucky at an early date. A number of years later they moved to Lincoln County, Mo., where they purchased and entered 240 acres of land. Here the father lived until his death, in 1861. Henry Holloway assisted his father in the arduous duties of the farm and received but limited educational advantages. At the age of twenty-two he began working for himself, and August 18, 1845, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Findley, a native of Missouri and the daughter of Thomas and Sarah W. (Hayes) Findley, both natives of Kentucky. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Holloway was a native of South Carolina, but went to North Carolina at an early date. He was a Presbyterian minister of note in Kentucky, and about 1827 came to Missouri, purchased land near Bowling Green, and here continued his ministerial duties up to a few years preceding his death. John Findley, an uncle of Mrs. Holloway, was killed by Indians near St. Paul, Minn. Another uncle contracted yellow fever at New Orleans, returned to Kentucky and died there. After marriage Mr. Holloway purchased a farm in Lincoln County and remained there nineteen years. In December, 1864, he moved to Miller County, settling near what is now the village of Olean, and stopped there four years. He then purchased a farm nearer the town, where he stayed two years, and afterwards moved to Hickory County, where he remained until 1872. He then purchased property near Mt. Pleasant, was located there for two years, then after a short time he exchanged his property there for



his present farm. In connection with his farming interests he is also engaged in stock raising, and makes a success of the same. To his marriage to Miss Findley were born four living children—Milton H., who married Miss Mollie Adrock, of Saline Township; Mary E.; Sarah W., wife of W. W. Granstaff, of Saline Township, and Parmelia, wife of A. Dooley. Martha W. and Sarah C. are both deceased.

S. M. Hunsaker, who is closely identified with the farming and stock raising interests of Saline Township, is a native of Alexander County, Ill., born in 1835, and is the fifth of twelve children born to Charles and Rebecca (McClure) Hunsaker, natives of Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively. Charles Hunsaker was married in Illinois. His parents were pioneers of Union County, Ill. The father died in Tennessee, after which the mother came with her children as pioneers to Missouri. He was a particular friend of Daniel Boone; was in the War of 1812, and was wounded by an Indian. Charles Hunsaker emigrated to Cole County, Mo., in 1837, and settled near what is now High Point, Moniteau County. Here he remained until his death, which occurred in February, 1883, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife died in 1885. S. M. Hunsaker was reared to manhood on the farm and received his education in the subscription schools of Moniteau County, in a primitive log cabin. He was married in Miller County in 1859 to Elizabeth Allen, a native of Carlyle, Ill., and the daughter of Hudson and Mary (Stubblefield) Allen, both natives of Tennessee. The parents of Mrs. Hunsaker were pioneers of Illinois, and farmed in that State until 1846, when they moved to Missouri and settled in Saline Township, Miller County, where they passed their last days, the father dying in 1864 and the mother in 1884. After his marriage Mr. Hunsaker settled on a farm in Harrison Township, Moniteau County, and during the late war he enlisted at Salem, Dent Co., Mo., in 1863, in Company D, Fifth Missouri State Militia Cavalry, and was mustered into service at Rolla, Mo. He was in the battle of Jefferson City and Boonville, Mo., and was honorably discharged in July, 1865, at St. Louis. He then returned to Miller County, whither he had removed previous to his enlistment. In 1864 he purchased a partially improved farm of 160 acres, and on this he has since resided. He has increased the number of acres to 180, and is now one of the prominent farmers of the county. He has dealt extensively in stock and has an excellent grade. Although not active in politics he affiliates with the Republican party. He is a member of B. H. Porch Post, No. 135, at Olean, and he and Mrs. Hunsaker are members of the Baptist Church. To their marriage were born three children, one now living: DeWitt C., died in 1885 at the age of twenty-two years; Mary E., and Emma A., who died in 1886, at the age of sixteen years. Mary E. is at home. Although starting life with limited means, Mr. Hunsaker now has a good farm, on which have been found mineral deposits and considerable mineral has been taken from the same.

James T. Hunter, furniture dealer, undertaker and general repairer, is the third in a family of ten children born to William R. and George Ane Hunter. The father was a native Kentuckian, and learned the carpenter trade in Lexington, which occupation he fol-

lowed, in connection with the management of a farm near the above mentioned place, until 1866. He then sold out, and moved to Owen County, where he died about January, 1887. The mother was also a native of Kentucky, and her ancestors came from that State to Virginia at an early day. Mrs. Hunter is still living at the old home place in Owen County. They were both active and hard-working people. James T. Hunter was reared to farm life, attended the common schools, and worked at the carpenter trade with his father. At the beginning of the late war he enlisted in the Confederate Army, and was with Gen. Morgan in his raid through Ohio. They crossed the Ohio River July 7, 1863, 3,000 strong, and, after many narrow escapes, he was captured near Salineville, Ohio, and on the 26th was sent to Camp Chase, where he was kept a prisoner until October 1, when he was transferred for exchange to Camp Douglas, Ill. He was discharged February 14, 1865, reached Richmond, Va., March 2, and returned to his old home July 7, 1865. He was in a number of severe battles, but was never wounded. After the war he began working at the carpenter trade, which he continued in Kentucky until in 1871, and then came to Missouri. He settled in Fulton, Callaway County, and was there married to Miss Ida Ford, February 1, 1872. Her parents were natives of Kentucky. To Mr. and Mrs. Hunter were born two children, one of whom died prior to the latter's death, which occurred eight years after her marriage, and the other shortly after her death. January 3, 1882, Mr. Hunter married Miss Mildred Hughes, a native of Kentucky, and in May of the same year they moved to Aurora Springs, where Mr. Hunter opened a furniture store in partnership with J. W. Swatwood. At the end of eighteen months Mr. Hunter bought out his partner, and has since conducted the business alone. As a builder, he erected the public school building of Aurora, and finished the tower of the Presbyterian Church. He takes an active part in politics, and is at present justice of the peace and mayor of the city, and is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. To his last union were born two children—Nola and Luther C. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

J. M. James, farmer, was born in Moniteau County, Mo., January 28, 1832, and is the son of James James, who was a native of Kentucky, and who came to Moniteau County in about 1820. He located near California and was one of the first settlers of that county. This was when Cole and Moniteau Counties were one county. He entered land, improved it and remained there until his death, which occurred in 1870. At the time of his first settlement in this county all was wild and a comparative wilderness. He used often to go eight and ten miles to a house-raising or a corn-husking, etc., and all trading was done at Jefferson City. Mr. James was a great hunter and his cabin was always supplied with choice wild meat. His first building was a little one-room cabin with clapboard roof weighed down with poles, and the doors were of clapboard. The clothes were all home-made and when they had a new jeans suit to put on, then they were dressed up. For common they wore buckskin trousers, which the fathers made out of deer hides. The mother died quite early, and the father afterward married again. He was the father of nine children by his first wife,

four now living--Abraham, Allen, Henry and James M., who is the youngest living. He was reared in Moniteau County, and owing to very poor school advantages, received but a meager education. He remained on the farm until 1886, when he came to Miller County, Mo., and bought a farm consisting of 187 acres of land, with about 130 under cultivation. He deals quite extensively in stock and always has a good supply of cattle on hand. He is one of the enterprising stock men of Miller County, and although a new-comer, has one of the best farms in the county. He and wife are members of the Christian Church. He was married in 1852 to Miss Mary A. Hays, a native of Kentucky, who bore him nine children--William, George, Emma, Charles, Andrew, Alexander, Jasper, John and one deceased. Mr. James was married the second time to Miss Margaret Carroll, who bore him six children--Elmer, Bertie, Lillie, Rosa, Laura and Joseph.

James Johnston, a prominent farmer of Saline Township, was born in Callaway Co., Mo., April 8, 1824, being the second in a family of twelve children born to John W. and Nancy (Berry) Johnston, who were born in Virginia and Kentucky, respectively, and were married in St. Charles County, Mo., September 25, 1821, remaining there until 1832, when they moved to Osage County and opened a farm. In 1837 he sold this farm, and from that time until his death, which occurred November 11, 1855, with the exception of two years which were spent in Camden County, he lived in Miller County. His wife died January 22, 1887, at the advanced age of ninety years. Their children are as follows: Mary (Mrs. Moore), resides in Kansas; James; Catherine (Mrs. Reed), resides in Texas; Richard B., resides in Arizona; Edward B., resides in Saline Township; Samuel, died in 1886; George W., resides in Saline Township; Margaret, died in 1874; Martha J., died in 1877; Lucy (Mrs. John C. Slator), died in 1886; Joyce W. (Mrs. Bond), resides in Cole County. James Johnston was reared on a farm and educated in the old subscription schools. At the opening of the Mexican War he enlisted under Capt. C. B. Rogers in Company H, and went into service May 18, 1846, at Fort Leavenworth. He crossed the plains under Gen. Phil. Kearney in 1846 as far as Santa Fe, and then under Col. Doniphan went South to Monterey, and was at Mattamoras. He received his discharge at New Orleans in June, 1847, and then returned to Miller County. In 1847 he was elected by the Democrats as county assessor, serving two years. In 1852 he was elected deputy sheriff of Miller County, and after serving four years was elected sheriff, in which capacity he served two years. He has been justice of the peace of Saline Township for about twenty years, and during his long term of office has performed many marriage ceremonies. December 26, 1850, he was married to Emily Challes, of Boone County, Mo., a daughter of Hugh and Mary (Bennett) Challes, by whom he became the father of ten children, nine of whom are living--John C., who lives in Arizona; Sydney B.; Edward C., who died of smallpox December 28, 1882, in New Mexico; Mary L. (Mrs. Weaver), Lavona, Ida E., Nancy G., Mattie, and Willie and Leona, twins. Four of the children have been successful teachers, and Mr. Johnston has always taken a deep interest in educational matters. After his marriage Mr. Johnston settled on a farm on Saline Creek,

but sold this and moved to his present location, where he has a farm of 200 acres, of which eighty-five are under cultivation and well improved. During the late war he enlisted at Jefferson City as captain of Company A, Fifteenth Missouri Cavalry, Parsons' Division, under Gen. Price, and was in two battles—Carthage and Wilson's Creek. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Pleasant Mount Lodge No. 134, and has served as W. M. for nine years, secretary, and was district deputy grand master of Cole, Monitour and Miller Counties for three years. He and wife are members of the Free United Brethren Church. Mrs. Johnston's father and mother were born in South Carolina and Kentucky, respectively, and were early pioneers of Boone County, Mo., but in 1834 located in Miller County, where he followed agriculture for a living. He died February 6, and his wife November 17, 1872.

Manasseh Jones, farmer and ex-judge of the county court, was born in the "Blue Grass State" in 1833, and is the son of Martin and Lucy (Wilson) Jones, who were born in North Carolina and Kentucky, and died in 1867 and 1836 respectively. The former's birth occurred in 1787, and in 1794 he moved to Kentucky, where he was reared to manhood and married. About 1860 he moved to Illinois, but his family, which consisted of fifteen children by two marriages, were reared principally in Kentucky. Three of his children are now living: Manasseh, John and Elijah. Philip Jones, the paternal grandfather, was a farmer by occupation, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Manasseh Jones spent his early life in Kentucky, and at the age of nineteen years began the battle of life for himself as a farm hand. In 1854 he espoused Miss Margaret A. Poynter, born in Kentucky in 1834 and a daughter of Mason and Nancy T. (Bird) Poynter, who were the parents of the following children: Susau J., Margaret A., Julia Ann, William, Henry, Franklin, Matilda, John, and Nancy W. Soon after he married Mr. Jones removed from Kentucky to Illinois, and was here engaged in farming until 1868, at which date he removed to Miller County, Mo., and again engaged in farming. He now owns an excellent farm of 210 acres and has 100 acres under cultivation. He is a Republican in politics, and cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and in 1886 was elected on that ticket as judge of Miller County, which position he held two years. In 1862 he enlisted in Company C, Ninety-eighth Illinois Infantry, as corporal, under Captain William McCracken, Wiley's brigade, and was at the battle of Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, with Sherman on his march to the sea, and Selma, Ala. He received his discharge at Nashville, Tenn., in 1865, and is now a member of the G. A. R. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., and he and wife belong to the Congregational church and are the parents of these children: Arsineth, Nancy J., John F., Martin A., Manasseh T., O. A. Mack, Mary E., George, William, and Nathan.

R. O. Joslyn. Among those closely associated with the farming and stock-raising interests of Saline Township stands the name of Mr. Joslyn, who was born in Washington County, Vt., in September, 1842, and is the third in a family of six children born to Samuel A. and Elmira (Dole) Joslyn, natives of Vermont. The father was a successful tiller of the soil, and emigrated to Missouri in the spring

of 1867. He settled in Miller County, where the subject of this sketch now resides, and there received his final summons in the spring of 1874 at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife still survives him and resides in Vermont. R. O. Joslyn was reared to farm life and received a good practical education in the common schools, supplementing the same by attending private schools. September 22, 1862, he enlisted for nine months in Company I, Fifteenth Vermont Infantry, at Brownington, Vt., was mustered into service at Brattleboro, and was assigned to the Department of the Potomac. He was at the battle of Gettysburg, but prior to that battle our subject's company was ordered to guard the train. After this he was kept for garrison duty, and continued at this until August, 1863, when he was honorably discharged at Brattleboro, Vt. He then returned to farm life, but in December, 1865, he came West and settled on a farm in Miller County, Mo., where he now resides. Mr. Joslyn, in partnership with G. R. Weeks, bought 400 acres and farmed together for about three years, when they divided, and our subject now owns 210 acres of fine land. He has about 100 acres under cultivation and 110 acres in timber. He votes with the Republican party, but is not very active in politics. He was married in Miller County, Mo., in 1876, to Mrs. Albia M. Phillips, a native of Vermont and the widow of W. A. Phillips. Her maiden name was Raymond and her parents were natives of Vermont. Her father died in 1874 but her mother is still living. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Joslyn settled on the farm. Both are members of the Congregational Church at Eldon. To their union was born one child—Samuel Archie. By her former marriage Mrs. Joslyn has three living children—Mary E., John Henry and William Albert. Mr. Joslyn was among the first settlers on the prairie, and takes great interest in all that pertains to the county's good.

Daniel Kinworthy, farmer, at Iberia, Mo., is a native of Brown County, Ind., born in 1840, his parents being William and Perlina (Rogers) Kinworthy, the former being a Virginian by birth. He moved from his native State first to Indiana, then to Illinois, and lastly to Missouri, enlisting from this State in 1863 in the Missouri State Militia. He was the father of twenty-four children (six now living) by two marriages, each wife bearing him twelve children. The names of those living are Thomas, Daniel, Susannah, of the first marriage; and Robert, Joshua and Isaac A. of the second. Thomas Kinworthy, the paternal grandfather, was of English descent and a farmer by occupation. The maternal grandfather, William Rogers, a native of Indiana, was an early resident of Missouri, and began the battle of life for himself at the early age of eighteen years. Daniel Kinworthy, our subject, enlisted in 1861, in Company D, Twenty-sixth Missouri Infantry, United States Army, as a private, and was at the battles of Shiloh, Pittsburg, Corinth, Iuka, Jackson, Vicksburg and Chattanooga. He was wounded in the left breast by a minie-ball in the last engagement, and was confined to the hospital for three months. At Chattanooga he received another wound, a minie-ball fracturing the right thigh bone. Both wounds still trouble him, and for the last two years he has been unable to work. He received his discharge in August, 1864, at Jefferson City, Mo., and in September of the same year he espoused Miss

Emily L. Duncan, who was born in Tennessee, in 1845, and by her has the following family: James Robert, Rachel P., John W., Thomas D., Albert W., Louisa C., Henry A., and Louis C., who is deceased. The family worship in the Methodist Church. Mr. Kinworthy is a Republican, and voted first for John Bell in 1860.

Oliver W. Klinger, printer and publisher of Aurora Springs *Democrat*, was born January 10, 1856, at LaPorte, Ind., and is the second of six children born to Alexander and Almira (Clark) Klinger, both of whom are natives of Michigan. Alexander Klinger learned the jewelry trade about 1849, and later conducted business at Elkhart, White Pigeon and Niles. He then moved to California, Moniteau Co., Mo., in 1871, and three years later discovered beds of tiff and iron. The California Mining Company, consisting of fourteen members, was organized, and their shipment of this product soon reached twenty carloads monthly. Later Mr. Klinger opened a bed on his own account, and managed this for some time. In 1883 he came to Aurora Springs, opened a jewelry store which he conducted, and in addition engaged occasionally in mining and shipping tiff. He was mayor of Aurora in 1885 and during that year, in connection with the city council, many improvements were instituted and perfected in and about Aurora. He is a member of the K. of L., also the Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Wheelers. He has been master of the K. of L., N. G. of the Odd Fellows lodge, and president of the Wheel. Oliver W. Klinger spent most of his early life at California, attending the graded schools of that place. In 1876 he entered the printing office of W. W. Haywood and remained engaged in this trade for one year. He then went from there to Sedalia, worked on the *Eagle* of that place for nearly four years, and then, after working in various printing offices, he went to the State of California. He spent about a year in traveling over this and other Western states, and then returned to Aurora Springs, Mo., where he started the Aurora Springs *Democrat*, which is steadily increasing in circulation, and is destined to become the leading Democratic paper of the county.

Dr. George W. Lansdown, a retired farmer and physician residing in Saline Township, was born in Virginia April 22, 1814, and is the son of Johnson and Sarah (Motley) Lansdown, natives of Virginia. The father was a farmer and merchant by occupation, and lived the principal part of his life in his native State. He died in 1838. His wife died in the same State in 1858. Dr. George W. Lansdown was educated in the district schools of Virginia, and later attended the Red House College of North Carolina, a noted school at that time. He finished his course in 1831, and the next year went to Philadelphia, where he entered the Pennsylvania Medical College, graduating from that institution in 1833. He then came to Jefferson City, formed a partnership with William Bolten, a graduate of the same college, which partnership continued for two years. In 1838 Dr. Bolten, Dr. Lansdown and Mr. Dixon formed a partnership, and Dr. Lansdown came to Spring Garden and started a store. He named the place "Spring Garden," in commemoration of his home in Virginia. Dr. Lansdown was married in Jefferson City February 24, 1835, to Miss Mary Dixon, a native of North Carolina and the daughter of Warren

and Elizabeth (Moore) Dixon, both natives of North Carolina. Her father was a farmer by occupation, and after the death of his wife came to Missouri in 1832, and settled in Cole County. He entered a tract of land, improved it, and here died in 1860. In 1835 Dr. Lansdown settled and named Spring Garden, followed farming, and in connection with his store practiced medicine. He was a resident of Miller County when it was organized, it being named in honor of Gov. John Miller, then acting governor. The county seat was named Tusculumbia by John B. and Prior Harrison. The doctor remained in Spring Garden for a number of years, after which he sold out and moved to Cole County, thence to near Tusculumbia, remaining there about fifteen years, then went to Iberia, where he remained about ten years. Mrs. Lansdown died at Mt. Pleasant February 20, 1846. By this union were born five children—Sarah Elizabeth, wife of L. A. Lambert, who is a banker in Kansas City; Orilla Louisa, resides in Cole County; Warren J., married, and resides at Butler, Bates Co., Mo., is a doctor, also a druggist, and owns the Arlington Hotel; Ann Motley, wife of Mr. Ward, of Cole County, Mo.; and Mary Alexander, widow of Mr. Fletcher, and now resides in St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Lansdown was married the second time in Miller County, in June, 1848, to Miss Eliza Tennessee Taylor, a native of Tennessee, and the daughter of Baily W. and Delilah (Austin) Taylor, natives of Tennessee. Her parents were married at Nashville, and the father was a blacksmith and farmer by occupation. He immigrated to Miller County, Mo., in 1837, entered a tract of land in Saline Township, and soon became the owner of 300 acres of land. He died here in 1860. His wife is still living, and resides with her youngest son near Olean. Dr. Lansdown moved to his present residence in 1878, bought an improved farm, on which he continues to make improvements, and is now pleasantly situated. He has taken an active part in politics, and votes with the Democratic party. To his second union were born these children: Alcega, wife of Mr. Burks, and a resident of Richwoods Township; Emily, now Mrs. Atkinson; William Baily, Robert Lee, Mattie, Milton Walter and Lila.

Samuel F. Lawson, a prominent farmer of Equality Township, Miller County, Mo., was born in 1849, and is the son of Lewis J. and Nancy (Mathews) Lawson. He is one of four children: Mary Allen, wife of James Walker; Rose Ann, wife of John Buster; B. F. and S. F. Lewis J. Lawson was a native of Kentucky and came to this country at an early date, being among the earliest settlers in that section. William D. Lawson, brother of our subject, enlisted in Company G, Eighth Missouri State Militia Cavalry, and died of fever December 11, 1863, at Lebanon, Laclede Co., Mo. B. F. Lawson, another brother, enlisted August 12, 1864, in Company B, Forty-eighth Missouri, and served until the close of the war. Samuel Lawson was also in the late war. He enlisted in the Enrolled Militia in the spring of 1865 and served several months. He was married to Miss Caidonia Merideth in 1874. She was born in Missouri, and is the daughter of James Merideth. To Mr. and Mrs. Lawson were born two children: James Claud, and Maud, who died at the age of four years. Previous to his marriage, Mr. Lawson had dealt quite extensively in stock, and

is now the owner of a fine farm with sixty-five acres under cultivation. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mrs. Lawson is a member of the Baptist Church. Benjamin F. Lawson was married in 1872 to Miss Ellen Tarbutton, and to this union were born five children, three now living: Lucy, Emma and Lena. Those deceased were named Edward and William. Benjamin F. Lawson is at present engaged in running a restaurant and boarding house in Tusculumbia.

James Lieurance, harness maker and saddler at Eldon, Franklin Township, was born in Wisconsin November 14, 1848, and is the youngest of five children born to James and Eve (Michel) Lieurance, the father a native of Indiana, and the mother of Tennessee. The maternal grandfather was a native of Germany, came to America and settled in Pennsylvania at an early date. Mr. and Mrs. James Lieurance were married in Ohio, afterward emigrating to Wisconsin, where the father entered land in Warren County. Soon after the birth of James, Jr., the mother went to Illinois, Randolph County, and here our subject received his education. He assisted in the duties on the farm until twenty-one years of age, when he came to Miller County, Mo., and bought a farm within one-half mile of the present site of Eldon. He continued farming until 1884, when he sold the farm and opened the first drug store in that place. This he continued until the fall of 1887, when he sold out to Dr. Temple and opened a harness shop. In the spring of 1881, when Aurora Springs was organized and laid out, Mr. Lieurance carried the chain for the surveyor, Mr. Fulkerson; also in March, 1882, he carried chain for H. Burlingame when he surveyed the streets of Eldon. In 1885 Mr. Lieurance erected a residence in Eldon, and has taken an active part in the prosperity of that city, where he has made his home. He was married to Miss Mary P. Thompson, a native of Montgomery County, Ill., and the daughter of Peter and Cornelia (Bandy) Thompson. Mr. Thompson came to Miller County, Mo., in 1866, and bought about 600 acres of land, for which he paid \$12,000. To Mr. and Mrs. Lieurance were born three children: Harley Edward, Artemus Floyd and Barney. Mr. Lieurance is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 462, and has held several offices in the same.

F. E. Lombar, general merchant at Iberia, Mo., was born in Ogdensburg, N. Y., in 1836, and is a son of Peter and Julia (Du Pery) Lombar, who were born in Leeds County, Canada, and died in 1839 and 1840, respectively. The father was a member of one of the best known and influential families in that region, while, added to the virtues of the race, were intelligence, energy, will force, and self reliance. He resided for a short time in New York State, but died in his native land. He and wife were the parents of five children, three of whom are living: Margaret Miller, Caroline Leonard and F. E. Lombar. The grandfather, Francis Lombar, was a Frenchman, and crossed the ocean to Canada when a young man, and was engaged in keeping hotel for about thirty years. F. E. Lombar's early days were spent in York State and Canada, but at the age of fifteen years he located in the former place and began learning the ship carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1861. The following year he was married to Miss Mary E. Faucher, who was born in Greene County, N. Y.,



in 1842, and by her became the father of three children: Minnie E., Fred E. and Frank D. Mary is a descendant of a long line of aristocratic ancestry of purely French origin, and with a record of honor which has been handed down from generation to generation—one of which each member of that fine old family might justly feel proud. Several of the family members on both sides have held high and responsible positions of honor, and have well and creditably acquitted themselves in every instance. Her parents, David and Kate Clay Fancher, were born in New York and Ohio, respectively, and her paternal grandfather crossed the ocean in the famous old ship "Mayflower." David Fancher and wife became the parents of nine children, four of whom are living: Mary E., Julia A., M. W. and Alice, all living at Iberia. In 1853 Mr. Lombar came to Missouri, and in 1862 enlisted in Company E, Thirty-third Missouri Infantry, and was in the battles of Helena, Fort Pemberton, Palo Alto Prairie and others. He entered as a private, and was promoted to orderly-sergeant, then to second lieutenant, then to captain, and lastly to major. He was post quartermaster under Gen. Barrett, chief artillery and ordnance officer under Gen. William A. Pile, and also quartermaster under Gen. E. B. Brown, Gen. Giles A. Smith, Gen. Prentiss and Maj. Gen. Weitzel. He received his discharge at Brownsville, Tex., in January, 1866. In 1857 he moved to Osage County, and in 1861 located in Miller County, and since the war has been engaged in mercantile pursuits in Iberia. He has held all the degrees of Masonry, and is a Select Knight in the A. O. U. W. He also belongs to the G. A. R., and is a Republican in politics. He and wife attend the Congregational Church. In 1870 Mr. Lombar was elected to the Legislature of the State of Missouri, and filled his term of service honorably and efficiently and to the satisfaction of all.

J. S. Lumpkin, farmer and stockman of Saline Township, is a native of Miller County, born in 1861, being the eldest of two children born to W. M. and Malinda (Simpson) Lumpkin, who were also born in Miller County. The father's early days were spent on a farm, but he afterward studied law, and is now one of the prominent attorneys of Aurora Springs. His wife died at Spring Garden in 1869. The grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Dooley) Lumpkin, were Tennesseans, and farmers by occupation, and about 1829 came to Miller County, Mo., the grandfather being yet alive and a resident of Cole County. He was on the grand jury before the organization of the county. The maternal grandparents, Robert and Keziah (Greenup) Simpson were Kentuckians, and were also early settlers of Missouri. The grandmother died at Spring Garden two or three years ago. J. S. Lumpkin, whose name heads this sketch, was educated in the Spring Garden Seminary, and attended one term at Pleasant Mount. Up to the age of eighteen years he assisted his father on the farm, but then went to California, where he spent one winter. In 1885 he was married in Miller County to Orella F. Hodge, of Moniteau County, daughter of Anderson and Sarah E. (Longan) Hodge, and soon after settled on the old homestead, and after the property was divided he made his present location. He has about sixty-five acres under cultivation and eighty acres in all. He votes the Democratic ticket, and is

marriage to Miss Matilda Philips, who bore him thirteen children: three died in infancy, William Hiram (deceased), James S., Eliza J. (deceased), Margaret A., Robert F., John C., Charles J. (deceased), Hannah L., Mary E. (deceased), Nancy M. Mrs. Thurston died October 31, 1880, and Mr. Thurston married Mrs. Cassie (Maybery) Riley, February 11, 1886. Mr. Thurston owns 240 acres of land, with some 175 acres of farm land and 160 acres under cultivation. He handles about 100 head of cattle, and about thirty or forty hogs. He has never held an office, and does not aspire in the least to official positions. His father, though, was justice of the peace for thirty years. Mr. Thurston is a Republican in politics; is a member of the G. A. R., and of the Wheel.

Henry Tiemeier, ex-judge of Benton County, Mo., and a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of Williams Township, was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, February 16, 1832. His parents, C. A. and Anna M. Tiemeier, were also native Germans, and in 1842 immigrated to America, locating in Cass County, Ill., where they bought a farm, reared their family, and spent the remainder of their lives. Henry Tiemeier, our subject, is the eldest of two sons and six daughters, all of whom grew to mature years and became heads of families; he is the only one living in Missouri. He was reared in Cass County, Ill., and remained with his father until he attained his majority, and was there married, about 1858, to Miss Anna Decker, who was born in Prussia, a daughter of Anton Decker. They resided on a farm in Cass County until 1882, then sold out and moved to Missouri, where they purchased the farm on which they are now residing, which consists of 240 acres, and is considered one of the valuable farms of the county, it being well improved, with good buildings and orchard. Mr. Tiemeier has always been a Democrat in politics, and in the fall of 1886 was elected on that ticket as judge of Benton County for two years, which position he filled very creditably. While a resident of Cass County he held several local offices. He and wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and are the parents of the following children: John and Frank, in Dakota; Lizzie, Anna, Lydia, Henry, Carrie, Rudolph and Herman. Another child died in early childhood.

Henry C. Tonjer is one of the prominent men of Benton County, and is closely associated with the farming and stock-raising interests of that county. He is the son of Claus and Anna (Schroeder) Tonjer, and was born in Hanover, Germany, May 14, 1854. The parents were both natives of Hanover, Germany, and there passed their last days. Henry C. Tonjer grew to manhood in Hanover, and received a fair education in his native language. At the age of eighteen, or in 1872, he immigrated to the United States, locating in Benton County, and worked on a farm for several years. He was married in that county March 5, 1880, to Miss Kathrina S. Muller, a native of Benton County, and the sister of Henry Muller, whose sketch appears in this history. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Tonjer purchased their present property, which now consists of 340 acres of land, 300 cultivated. Mr. Tonjer has excellent buildings on his farm, and aside from his farming interest he is engaged in raising and feeding stock. He is the father of two children, Anna Sophia and Gerhart Ernest Amiel. Mr. and Mrs. Tonjer are members of the Lutheran Church.

M., George F., Henry B., Ida L., Esther B., Chastine T. and Minnie M. Mr. and Mrs. Lupardus are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Lupardus is a Mason and Odd Fellow.

Joseph G. Lurton. Among the men of Miller County who have fought the battle of life successfully, and are now numbered among the prosperous citizens, may be mentioned Mr. Lurton, who was born in Jersey County, Ill. in 1838, being the fifth of nine children born to the marriage of Henry G. Lurton and Martha Gamble, natives of Kentucky, and early immigrants to Jersey County, Ill. The father was a farmer, but also followed the occupation of cabinet-making for a number of years, and about 1848 immigrated to Osage County, Mo., where he located on a farm and resided many years prior to his death, which occurred in November, 1880. His wife's death occurred in 1873. Joseph G. Lurton was reared in Osage County, but was married in Miller County, in 1865, to Miss Evaline Birdsong, a daughter of Maj. Birdsong. She died in October, 1884, having borne two children: Logan, who died in 1867 at the age of thirteen months, and Edward H., residing with his father. Mr. Lurton has resided on his present farm since 1866, and has increased his acreage from 450 to nearly 1,200 acres. Four hundred acres are under fence, and 300 under cultivation. He is quite extensively engaged in raising stock, but is also engaged in buying and shipping cattle and hogs. He has always taken an active interest in politics, and votes the Republican ticket, being elected by that party as presiding judge of the county court, and serving four years—from 1882 to 1886. He has also held other offices of public trust. He is a member of Tuscumbia Lodge No. 437 of A. F. & A. M. In April, 1886, he was married to Mrs. Amanda Adcock, widow of Henry Adcock. Her parents, Joseph and Eva (Edder) Sterling, were early settlers of Saine Township. Mr. Lurton assisted in organizing the school district and is a member of the school board, and has always taken an active interest in everything pertaining to the educational affairs of the county, as well as other matters.

D. A. Lynch, M. D., of Iberia, Mo., is a native of Houston, Mo., born in 1847, being one of five surviving members of a family of seven children born to David and Polly Ann (Court) Lynch, who were born in Virginia and Kentucky in 1803 and 1812, and died in Missouri in 1865 and 1851, respectively. The father moved first to Kentucky, thence to Missouri in 1819 with Daniel Boone, and settled on Big Piney River, where he established a lumber mill and operated it for thirty years. He was also engaged in stock-dealing, and for many years was judge of Texas County, Mo., the first county court being held at his residence. His children are as follows: Prof. William H., of Mountain Grove, Mo.; John T., attorney at law at Houston, Mo.; Dr. Ransom B., of Plato, Mo.; Dr. D. A., our subject, and H. W., real estate agent at Houston, Mo. The paternal grandfather, David Lynch, was a farmer, and moved from his native State of Virginia to Kentucky. He served in the War of 1812, and was also in one of the Indian wars. The maternal grandfather, Lemuel Fourn, was a Kentuckian, but became an early resident of Missouri, and was engaged in farming in Callaway County. Dr. D. A. Lynch, our subject, resided in Houston, Mo., until sixteen years of age, and attended La-

throp Academy, in Boone County, Mo., until 1866, and spent the two following years in Steelville Academy. In 1869-70 he taught school in St. James, Mo., and at the same time read medicine under Dr. Headlee, and during the latter part of 1870 and in 1871 was a student in the St. Louis Medical College. After his marriage, in the spring of 1872, he located an office for the practice of his profession at Sturgeon, Mo. (Boone County), but the following fall moved to Salem, where he built up an extensive practice and also conducted an immense drug trade until 1882. During 1882 and 1883 he attended lectures at the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, and graduated in March of the latter year. From that time until 1886 he was in Houston and Springfield, and since the latter date has resided in Iberia, where he has a large and lucrative practice. In 1872 he was married to Miss Lucy A. Searcy, who was born in Columbia, Mo., in 1845. She is very highly educated, and in 1865, at the age of twenty years, graduated from the Christian Female College at Columbia, and afterward taught school at different points. She and the Doctor have two children, Clara and Fred. Mrs. Lynch is a daughter of Dudley Searcy, of Kentucky, who is now a dealer in agricultural implements. During the late war he was a blacksmith in the employ of the Government. His children are Mary A. (Palmer), Lucy A. (Lynch) and William H. Dr. Lynch is a Republican, and cast his first vote for Gen. Grant in 1868, and his last vote for Benjamin Harrison in 1888. He was one of the first to organize the present Rolla District Medical Association, during the first three years of whose existence meetings were held in Salem, Mo. Its growth has been substantial and steady, until it has become one of the leading medical societies of the State.

Mordecai McBride, editor of the *Miller County Autogram*, at Tuscumbia, Miller County, Mo., was born in Xenia, Clay Co., Ill., July 29, 1858. His father, John H. McBride, was born in Ohio, and was a builder and contractor by occupation. He went to Ohio in 1850, from there to Michigan, and in 1853 returned to Clay County, Ill., where he married Miss Mary A. Sapp. The fruits of this union were nine children, three now living: William E., living at Flora, Ill.; Annie E., living also at Flora, Ill., and Mordecai. In 1860 the parents moved to Flora, Ill., where they resided until the death of the father, April 15, 1887. Mordecai McBride attended the common schools at Flora until fourteen years of age, at which time he entered the office of the *Southern Illinois Journal* to learn the printer's trade. He was engaged on that paper over ten years, five years of which time he was manager and foreman of the composing room. On February 28, 1881, he came to Aurora Springs, Miller Co., Mo., and became foreman of the *Eldon Register*, where he remained ten months. He then went to Blue Mound, Kan., but shortly afterward returned to Aurora Springs, where he began the publication of the *Aurora Springs Autogram*, the first number of which was issued March 25, 1882. Mr. B. W. Marcy, his partner, dying soon after, he became sole owner, and continued publishing the paper in Aurora Springs until July 31, 1885, when he removed to Tuscumbia, same county. The *Autogram* is an ably conducted and newsy sheet, and the official organ of the Republican party in Miller County. Mr. Mc-

Bride was married at Flora, Ill., September 28, 1881, to Miss Lillian M. Williams, and three children were born to this union. They are named as follows: Eleanor, Grace and Hilger. Mr. and Mrs. McBride are members of the Christian Church. They own a tract of 120 acres of land in Equality Township.

Thomas G. McClure, farmer and stock-raiser near Rocky Mount, was born in Moniteau County, Mo., in 1837, and is the third in a family of ten children born to Samuel and Ann (Masterson) McClure, natives of Tennessee and Missouri, respectively. The father came to Missouri about 1830, settling in what is now Moniteau County, entered land and engaged in farming. He went to Cape Girardeau, here married Miss Masterson, and then returned to Moniteau County. In 1861 he moved to Miller County, enlisted in Company D, Fifth Missouri Cavalry, and after one year's service was discharged for disability. He then returned home, but later enlisted in the Enrolled Militia, and while out on a scouting expedition below Tusculum he, with sixteen others, was captured, August 30, 1864. He and six others, who were members of the Union League, were then ordered to stand aside, where they were at once shot. On the organization of the G. A. R. post at Aurora Springs, in 1885, it was given his name. Thomas McClure assisted his father on the farm until 1862, when he enlisted in Company I, Fourth Missouri Cavalry, and served one year. He was in a number of engagements, and at Red River in Arkansas he had a horse shot from under him. Later he was discharged for disability, came home and enlisted in the Enrolled Militia; was a sergeant, and for seven months was first lieutenant. He was discharged and mustered out at Jefferson City in 1865, and afterward made two trips to Western Texas for his health. In 1863 he married Miss Ellen Cotten, who died in 1865, leaving one child, Alice. In 1867 Mr. McClure married Miss Mary E. Cotten, sister of his former wife. After this Mr. McClure made another trip to Texas, and upon his return bought a farm near Rocky Mount, in the vicinity of which he has since resided. In June, 1888, he went to California, and returned by way of Texas. He has been engaged in stock-raising, and has done much to introduce new and better stock. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post, No. 145, at Aurora, and is one of the representative citizens of Miller County. To his second marriage were born seven children: Benjamin F. (deceased), an infant unnamed, Dora E. (deceased), Jennie I., Chloe M., Thomas W. and Gertrude Ann.

Charles D. Martin was born in the "Old North State" on the 4th of May, 1818, being the eldest of seven children born to James and Tabitha (Martin) Martin, who moved from their native State of North Carolina to Tennessee in 1821. The paternal grandparents, Isaac and Sarah Martin, and also the maternal grandparents, were all born in North Carolina, and were farmers by occupation, the former couple following this occupation after coming to Tennessee as well as in their native State. Charles D. Martin spent the greater part of his early days in Tennessee, and at the age of twenty-one years began doing for himself, and was married to Miss Malinda S. Lawson, who was born in Tennessee in 1818, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Lawson, who were also Tennesseans. In 1876 his wife died, having

borne a family of seven children: William T., Sarah E. (Burgess), John W., Edward S., James Z., Andrew J. and an infant deceased. In 1870 Mr. Martin married his present wife, Miss Mary J. Hickman, who was born in Tennessee in 1837, and is a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Hickman, who moved from their native State of Tennessee to Osage County, Mo., at an early day. The father was a participant in the Florida war, and his children, who are living at the present time, are: Pleasant, Mary J. (Martin), Thomas and William. Mr. Martin's second union has been blessed in the birth of three children: Parilse, Frederick Charles and F. M. He has served as justice of the peace of Rickwoods Township for sixteen years, and is one of the enterprising farmers of the county, being the owner of 320 acres of land, 130 of which are under cultivation, improved by a good frame house and a good young orchard. In 1861 he enlisted as captain of Company E of the Home Guards, and after it was disbanded he entered as a private in Company C, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, United States Army, and was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, and was at the battles of Salem, West Plains and Smith's Landing. He received his discharge October 20, 1862, and is now a member of the G. A. R. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., and is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan in 1856.

P. S. Miller, stockman and farmer, of Miller County, Mo., was born in what is now Miller County (then Cole County), Mo., in 1827, being the fourth of fourteen children born to William and Sarah (Mulkey) Miller, who were born in Virginia and North Carolina, October 23, 1795, and December 13, 1800, respectively. The father came from Virginia to Missouri in 1818, and the following year located in Cole County, at Factory Fort, where he was married in 1820 to Sarah Mulkey, whose parents came from their native State of Tennessee to Missouri in 1805, locating ten years later in Cole County, where they resided many years. After his marriage Mr. Miller resided in Cole County until 1825, when he moved to Spring Garden, Cole County, and entered 500 acres of land, and built a log cabin. Four years later he built a large double log house. In the winter of 1834 he located on the Osage River, in the vicinity of where Tusculumbia now is. Three years later he entered a large tract of land, and in the fall of 1837 traded his Osage River land for his original entry at Spring Garden, but in 1838 sold this farm, and purchased forty acres of partly improved land near Mt. Pleasant, and entered 1,000 acres more in the vicinity. He afterward disposed of this land also, but continued to reside near Mt. Pleasant until his death, in 1878. He took an active part in politics, and was a life-long Democrat. His wife died May 2, 1883. P. S. Miller, whose name heads this sketch, was the first white male child born in what is now Miller County, and was educated in the select schools of the latter county. He aided his father on the farm, and in November, 1848, was wedded to Miss Lucy A. McKenzie, who was born in Cole County, and ever since has resided on the farm where he now lives, which consists of 320 acres, 120 of which were given him by his father. All the land is under fence, and over 160 acres are under cultivation. He raises a good grade of cattle, hogs and sheep, and is considered one of the prosperous farmers of

the county. He is a Democrat in politics, and in 1879-80 was sheriff and collector of Miller County, and in 1883-84 filled the office of collector only. Socially he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 134, and is a member of Chapter No. 87, at Tusculumbia. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, and are the parents of the following family: Sarah A. (Mrs. L. D. Atkinson), Mary M. (Mrs. Benjamin Hinds), Icapheua I. (Mrs. William Long), Fannie T., Lou A. (Mrs. S. S. Starting), John F. (who died in April, 1881, aged nearly nineteen years), and Maggie M. (Mrs. James Weaver). Mr. Miller was residing in the county when it was organized, in 1836, and the first county court was held in his father's house, also the first circuit court. The county was named in honor of his father and brothers. Mrs. Miller is a daughter of John and Agnes (Gibson) McKenzie, who were born near Rockingham, N. C., and immigrated to Cole County, Mo., in 1829. The father followed farming until his death, in 1871. His wife died in 1870.

John Mulkey Miller, postmaster at Olean, Mo., and a native of Miller County, was born April 22, 1828, being the second child born to the marriage of Boyd Miller and Isabel Mulkey, natives respectively of Virginia and Tennessee. The paternal grandfather was also born in Virginia, but about the year 1817 removed with his family to Wayne County, Ky., and from there to Missouri in 1821, residing in St. Louis for about one year. He then pushed on to the Meramec River, and one year later located in Boone, where he resided two years and then settled permanently in Cole County. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and died about 1824. His son, Boyd Miller, in company with his brother William, bought what was known as the Old Factory Fort, on the Missouri River, about thirty miles above Jefferson City, and after remaining here a short time went to the interior of Cole County, where they each entered large tracts of land and raised the first crop south of the Moreau in 1825. A great portion of the land was covered with timber, but here Mr. Miller continued to make his home until 1837, and in the meantime cleared fifty acres of land. At the latter date he sold his land for \$10 per acre and entered forty acres about two miles north of Spring Garden. To this he afterward added by purchase from time to time until his lands amounted to 1,300 acres. About 1843 his wife died. In 1848 John Mulkey Miller, his son, wedded Miss Susanna L. Witten, a native of Kentucky, who came with her father, Samuel C. Witten, to Missouri in 1836, the latter being the purchaser of the original tract of land entered by Boyd Miller. After his marriage our subject purchased 120 acres of land from his father-in-law, which he proceeded to improve, and here made his home for many years. May 2, 1850, he and his father, M. H. Belche and William Greenup fitted out an expedition and started for California, taking the overland route. This trip occupied four months. John M. Miller remained in California for nearly three years, engaged in mining, speculating and trading. July 1, 1853, the party with the exception of Mr. Belche started from San Francisco on a sailing vessel for home. A severe storm wrecked the vessel on the coast of Central America, and the party landed at Rio Lago, and traveled overland 800 miles to the

Atlantic coast, where, after a month's delay, they secured passage in a steamship for Liverpool, England, then returned to New Orleans, and from there up the Mississippi River home, arriving on the 16th of November, 1853. Mr. Miller then turned his attention to farming and stock-buying, and added several hundred acres to his farm, but in 1859 sold his property and immigrated to Texas, where he was engaged in stock-raising for one year, then returned to Missouri and embarked in merchandising at Mt. Pleasant, which business he continued to follow until the breaking out of the war. He then resumed farm life, near Spring Garden, and continued to till the soil till 1867, when he sold his property and returned to Texas. At this period the State was in a very unsettled condition, and on account of Indian troubles he remained but a short time, and soon came back to Missouri, purchasing a part of his father's old farm north of Spring Garden. Here he remained until the latter part of 1871, then moved to Hickory Hill, Cole County, and engaged in mercantile pursuits, being at the same time appointed postmaster at that place, a position he filled until resigning, and that year he married Mrs. Elizabeth (Moore) Bolche. In 1883 he moved to Spring Garden, where his first wife died June 30, 1884. Mr. Miller lived in that locality until 1885. He then moved to Olean, where he opened a hotel, and May 1 of that year he was appointed postmaster, and is still filling the duties of that office. Mr. Miller has always been an active Democrat, and for a number of years has been a member of the Masonic fraternity. To Mr. Miller and his first wife were born five children: Bell, who died at the age of fifteen years; Josephine, James L., residing in Texas; John C., also in Texas, and Lucy, at home.

J. M. T. Miller, farmer, is the tenth of fourteen children, and was born in Miller County, Mo., in 1838. His parents, William and Sarah (Mulkey) Miller, were born in Virginia and North Carolina, respectively, and were married in Cole County, Mo. They moved to Spring Garden in 1825, and engaged in farming, and in 1834 he moved to the Osage River, and in his home at this place the first circuit and county courts were held. In 1837 he moved to Saline Township, where he spent his declining years, and died in February, 1878, followed by his wife in May, 1883. J. M. T. Miller attended the early subscription schools of Saline Township, and assisted his father in clearing their frontier farm, thus becoming inured to the hardships of pioneer life. In January, 1869, he was married in Miller County to Nancy E. Brockman, a daughter of Simms and Rachel (Gartin) Brockman, but her death occurred in 1869, after a short illness. In 1870 he espoused Mary E. Hudson, of Lincoln County, Mo., a daughter of John and Nancy (Holloway) Hudson, who were born in Georgia and Kentucky, respectively. The father immigrated to Kentucky with his parents when a boy, where he grew to manhood and married his first wife. In 1817 he located in Lincoln County, Mo. William Miller, the father, came to Spring Garden in 1825, and here he raised a crop, and lived in a tent the first year, having left his family on the Missouri River. Here his first wife died, and he afterward wedded Miss Holloway. He lived on one farm for over sixty years, and died in March, 1878; his wife died January 12, 1853.



Grandfather Isaac Hudson was in the War of 1812, and after moving to Lincoln County, resided there until his death. His wife's maiden name was Sarah Mulkey. The maternal grandparents were Robert and Martha (White) Holloway. After his marriage Mr. Miller located on 100 acres of land given him by his father, and by judicious management has increased it to 205 acres, with 100 under cultivation, and well improved with a good dwelling-house and barn. He also gives considerable attention to raising stock of good grades. He votes the Democrat ticket, is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, and has assisted in organizing the school districts of Saline Township. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, and are the parents of four children: William S., a graduate of the St. Louis Medical College, and now a practicing physician and surgeon of Bagnell; John T., who is attending school; George H., at home, and Rosa B., also at home.

Boyd S. Miller, farmer and stock-raiser, residing in Saline Township, Miller Co., Mo., was born in Cedar County of that State in 1845, and is the youngest son of nine children born to Elijah and Hannah (Garten) Miller, natives of Virginia. They immigrated to Missouri from Virginia at an early date (about 1820), moving first to Cole County, and then to Cedar County. He remained there until 1850, and then in company with others crossed the plains to California, where he engaged in mining. His death occurred in that State in January, 1851, at the age of forty years. His widow still survives, and is a resident of Miller County, Mo. Boyd S. Miller was reared on the farm, and attended the district and subscription schools of Miller County, where he received a good practical education. He engaged in teaching, and followed this profession several terms in the county. In 1864 he enlisted at Mount Pleasant in the provisional service, in the company of Capt. T. J. Babcock, and was kept on scouting and garrison duty. Mr. Miller was with the force that was captured on the Osage River below Tusculumbia, and saw the seven men shot. Mr. Miller's youth saved him. After the war he returned to the farm and followed agricultural pursuits until twenty-eight years of age. He was married in Miller County, in 1874, to Miss Margaret Stephens, a native of Miller County, and the daughter of Mullen and Mary (Miller) Stephens, natives of Kentucky and Miller County, Mo., respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens came to Missouri at an early day, and here entered land. They are both now deceased. Mr. Miller, after marriage, settled where he now lives, and purchased an improved farm of eighty acres. He now has sixty under cultivation, and is also engaged quite extensively in rearing stock. Mr. Miller has some mineral deposits on his farm, and has mined to a considerable extent. He takes an active part in the political affairs of the country, and votes with the Republican party. He also takes a deep interest in school matters, and, in fact, all matters relating to the good of the county. He and Mrs. Miller are members of the Christian Church at Spring Garden. They have one child, Walter B.

William A. Miller, with the firm of F. Peterson & Co., lumber dealers at Aurora Springs, was born in Somerset County, Penn., February 20, 1847; was reared to farm life on the Ohio River, but on account of ill health was unable to attend school. He studied at home,

however, and by this means became a well-informed man on all subjects. He came to Moniteau County, Mo., in 1865, enlisting in Capt. Chester's company to suppress bushwhacking, and at a little skirmish at Lexington they shot Archie Clements, the first member of the James gang to meet his fate. In 1869 Mr. Miller went to Tipton, Mo., where he remained for three years, and then, after a short time, went to St. Louis. Later he returned to Tipton, and was engaged as manager for Mr. Reavis until failing health caused him to abandon this, and he then, in 1880, came with his brother Herman to Aurora Springs and opened the first restaurant there. They erected the first business house in the place, and had a lucrative trade in the early days of the town. About 1884 Mr. Miller took charge of the first lumber-yard in Aurora, with the firm of F. Peterson & Co. He was a member of the first city council, was re-elected three times, and was mayor during 1885. He was married in 1877 to Miss Nannie E. Caltuar, of Morgan County, who bore him three children: Lottie, Bessie and Helen. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Miller is superintendent of the Union Sunday-school. He was a member of the school board at the time of the erection of the present school building, which was erected from his designs, and with J. M. Williams he was superintendent of its construction. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. His parents, John and Louisa (Loiree) Miller, were both natives of Pennsylvania, and the latter of French descent. The father was a farmer by occupation, and moved to Athens County, Ohio, in 1857, and from there to Missouri in 1867. He died on his son's farm in Missouri, in 1874, and the mother died January 25, 1888.

Herman L. Miller, jeweler and druggist at Aurora Springs, is the fourth son in a family of eight children born to John T. and Louisa (Loiree) Miller, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Dutch and French descent, respectively. The father was a farmer, and followed this occupation in Pennsylvania until his removal to Ohio in 1855. He settled in Athens County, until 1867, moved to Moniteau County, Mo., in March, 1867, and from there to Miller County, of the same State, in 1870. The father died February 20, 1874, and the mother January 25, 1888. Herman L. Miller attended the public schools of Ohio until about sixteen years of age, and then came to Missouri, where he entered the drug store of J. M. Dunlap, High Point, Moniteau County, in 1868, remaining there two years. He then went to California, Mo., and assumed charge of the drug department of Hill & Russell; thence to Maclay & Co., Tipton, Mo., in 1872. He started in business for himself at Elston, Cole County, January, 1876, and continued there until January, 1881. He then went from there to Miller County, settling at what is now Aurora Springs, but what was then a small place with four small buildings, or rather shanties. His first work was to cut away the underbrush and to at once erect a building in which to open a restaurant and bakery. This store he shortly started in partnership with his brother, under the firm title of Miller Bros. The town at that time was filled with camps from all quarters, and the future prosperity of the location seemed assured. Mr. Miller was married in December, 1881, to Miss Mary H. Sterling, of High Point.

and immediately afterward erected what was then the finest house in Aurora Springs. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born two sons: Roy Sterling and Grant Earl. At the present time Mr. Miller has a fine jewelry store, and also handles an excellent line of drugs. He takes quite an active part in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Grant at his second election. He was a member of the first city council, was first city clerk, and assisted in the incorporation of the city in 1881. He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge, having passed through all the chairs, and he and family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Miller is now mayor of Aurora Springs.

Prof. H. L. Moles, principal of schools at Aurora Springs, was born in Patrick County, Va., in 1857, and is the second in a family of four children born to John B. and Susan (Corn) Moles, both natives of Virginia. The father was a farmer by occupation, but also followed the teacher's profession. He immigrated to Missouri in 1858, settling near California, Moniteau County, and there improved a farm. He takes an active part in politics, votes with the Democratic party, and has been county assessor. He is still living, as is also his wife. Prof. H. L. Moles was reared to the arduous duties of the farm, receiving his education in the district schools of Moniteau County and in the Normal School at Warrensburg, Mo., where he attended nearly three years. He then took a commercial course in Northern Indiana, and also attended the Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind., which he finished in 1881. He then returned to Warrensburg, Mo., attended school a short time, and soon took charge of the school at Spring Garden, called the Spring Garden Seminary. While there the school was reorganized, and Prof. Moles was instrumental in building up the same, which was afterward called Miller County Institute. After leaving Spring Garden Prof. Moles came to Aurora Springs, where he engaged in teaching in the building known as "Cook's Hall." In 1885 was erected the two-story brick building, of four rooms, making a commodious and substantial school building. The Board of Regents adopted a complete academic course, also law and commercial departments, and through the efforts of Prof. Moles was organized the Miller County Academy, which has continued in a prosperous condition, until there is a large enrollment. Prof. Moles has been engaged in teaching at this place more or less since that time. He is quite active in politics, and votes with the Democratic party; he was a candidate for school commissioner in 1882, and was a candidate for sheriff in the campaign of 1888. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Aurora Springs, has held most every office, and has twice filled the position of Noble Grand. Prof. Moles was married at Spring Garden, in June, 1883, to Miss Olive Robinson, a native of Miller County, and the daughter of T. B. and Martha C. (Hawkins) Robinson. Mrs. Robinson is deceased, but the father is living, and is a resident of Tusculum. After marriage Prof. Moles and wife settled in Spring Garden, but moved from there to Aurora Springs in 1884. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and Mrs. Moles a member of the Christian Church. To their union were born two children, Opal R. and Ethel S.

John H. Moore, M. D., druggist at Iberia, Mo., is a Tennessean, born on the 4th of July, 1846, being one of nine children born to Andrew J. and Sarah (Wright) Moore. The former was born in Tennessee in 1818, but accompanied his parents to Kentucky when only two or three years old. The latter was born in the "Old Dominion" in 1828. In 1885 they came to Missouri, where the father is still engaged in practicing medicine and farming, though seventy-one years of age. He was sheriff of Jefferson County, Ky., one term, and during the late war was surgeon in Gen. Lowe's division of the Confederate States army. His father, Daniel Moore, was born in Maryland, served in the Revolutionary War, and was wounded at the battle of Trenton, N. J., and was obliged to hide in the water for a long time to escape detection. The maternal grandfather was also in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Moore also still survives. John H. Moore spent his early life in Tennessee and Missouri, and after attaining a suitable age entered the Steelville Seminary, which institution he attended from 1860 to 1863. He read medicine under his father, and also under Dr. Gregory, of Washington, and during 1867-68 attended lectures in the McDowell College at St. Louis. He taught school one year, and in 1869 began practicing in Crawford County, and the following year moved to Iberia, where he has since followed his profession. Since 1879 he has been selling drugs and general merchandise. April 30, 1871, Miss Alice C. Faucher became his wife. She was born in Greene County, N. Y., in April, 1853, and her union with Dr. Moore has been blessed in the birth of two children: Estella and Harry L. (deceased). The Doctor is a Democrat, and he and wife are members of the Congregational Church. [A short history of Mrs. Moore's parents is given in the sketch of M. W. Faucher.]

Rev. Robert Morrison, the Presbyterian minister resident at Aurora Springs, Mo., is the son of Thomas and Mary (Jennings) Morrison, both of whom were natives of Western Pennsylvania. His paternal grandfather, Robert Morrison, was of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock. He came from the north of Ireland, and settled in Delaware, from which State he went and took part, as a soldier, in the Revolutionary War. After the war was over, at the personal request of Gen. Washington, he removed to Western Pennsylvania, but thought the lands owned by the General, and to which he was entitled, were too much exposed to the Indians, so he bought the celebrated McClung thicket, in Greene County, where he spent the remainder of his days, and where Thomas Morrison was born, as well as Robert, the subject of this sketch. Thence he removed, about 1824, to Central Ohio, in Knox County, then a wilderness. There he opened up a farm, on which he spent the remainder of his life, some fifty years, and where the younger members of the family were born. Robert worked and helped to clear up the farm, and in the winter time attended such schools as were in the neighborhood. Later, he graduated at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, President Harrison's *Alma Mater*. After graduation Mr. Morrison taught in Poplar Grove Academy, in Middle Tennessee, as its principal. Subsequently for one year he attended the theological seminary at New Albany, Ind.,

and his last year was at Princeton, N. J. In 1854 he was licensed to preach by the Louisville Presbytery, and, as city missionary, organized the Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church, now one of the strong city churches. For fourteen years he preached to churches adjacent to Louisville, during which time he was assistant editor of the *Presbyterian Herald*, and editor and proprietor of the *True Presbyterian* with the late Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D. In 1868 he took charge of the church in Waterford, Knox Co., Ohio, conducted also Westminster Academy, and after settling up his father's estate came, in December, 1876, to Missouri. His first charge in Missouri was at Potosi, where he remained for two years and a half, from which he was called to become financial agent of the Presbyterian College in Fulton, Mo. At this work he spent two years, but succeeded in freeing the college from a \$15,000 debt. In August, 1881, Mr. M. came to Aurora Springs to rest a month with his family, after his two years' work without an intermission. His tent was pitched among the trees, some seventy-five yards northeast of the Virginia House. On the first Sunday after his arrival he organized a Union Sunday-school, under some trees in about the center of the park. That school has lived ever since, and is now flourishing, and Mr. M. has been actively connected with it ever since its beginning, for though at first he came to stay but a month, he is still there. In March, 1883, he, with Rev. W. B. Y. Wilkie, of Columbia, Mo., organized the First Presbyterian Church of the Springs, in a large edifice, which he had been instrumental in building, and of which he is still pastor. In 1876 he attended the national convention of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, then meeting in New York, where, as one of the founders of the order in 1848, he was presented with a fine gold-headed cane. This is, by the way, the fraternity to which President Harrison belongs, and whose name is nineteenth on the roll. Mr. Morrison still preaches every Sabbath: one charge is at Big Rock, in Morgan County, the other in Tusculum, where he, with Rev. Dr. Charles, organized a Presbyterian Church in December, 1888. In 1872 Mr. Morrison was married to Miss Flora, daughter of Rev. C. C. Bomberger, herself a native of Coshocton County, Ohio, and whose parents were born in Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. M. were born three children: Margery, Mary and Ethel.

L. N. Musser, prosecuting attorney of Miller County, was born in Pine Grove Mills, Centre Co., Penn., Sept. 5, 1856, and is the son of Jonathan and Matilda (Stover) Musser, both natives of Pennsylvania. The Stovers are of an old Maryland family, and the Mussers are of an old Pennsylvania family. Jonathan Musser is a tanner by trade, and owned and ran a steam tannery in Tyrone, Blair Co., Penn., for a number of years. He afterward moved to Centre County, Penn., where he now resides, and is engaged in farming. His son, L. N. Musser, was reared in Centre County, Penn., was educated at Pine Grove Mills Academy, and later attended the Pennsylvania State College, twelve miles from Bellefonte, the county seat of Centre County, Penn. He was reared on the farm until eighteen years of age, when he began teaching school, and followed this business until March, 1878. He then went to Saline County, Kan., where he took a normal course,

and also taught one year. He then removed to Smith County, Kan., where he entered 160 acres of land and began improving it. October 31, 1879, he was married to Miss Catherine R. Krebs, daughter of John F. and Annie Krebs, of Centre County, Penn., at Beloit, Mitchell Co., Kan., taking her to his home in Smith County, Kan., where they resided until October 26, 1880, when Mrs. Musser died, leaving as the fruits of their union an infant child three weeks old, named Anna Modra. Becoming dissatisfied with his place after the death of his wife, he sold out and took his child and wife's body back to his old home in Pennsylvania; the former to be reared, and the latter to be buried among her friends. There he remained until in September, 1882, he came to Miller County, Mo., locating at Aurora Springs, and began reading law with Col. J. H. Stover. He was admitted to the bar in April, 1885, at Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo., and in the May following he went back to his home in Pennsylvania, where he visited until May, 1886. He then returned to Tuscombina, formed a partnership with C. E. Jones under the firm name of Jones & Musser, and was assistant prosecuting attorney. The partnership was dissolved at Mr. Jones' death in December, 1886, and in November, 1888, Mr. Musser was elected prosecuting attorney, which office he now fills. He owns town property in Aurora Springs, and is one of the representative men of the county. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Aurora Springs. Mr. Musser is well adapted to his profession, and is quite successful at the same.

Charles P. Myers, farmer of Miller County, Mo., is a native of St. Louis County, Mo., born May 4, 1844, being a son of C. P. and Minerva (Davidson) Myers, who were born in Russia and Kentucky, in 1818 and 1820, and died in 1844 and 1873, respectively. In 1840 the father crossed the ocean to America and settled in St. Louis County, Mo., where he was shortly after married. He was first mate on a steamboat. He and wife were the parents of two children: James R., of Cuba, Mo., and C. P. The maternal grandfather, William Davidson, was born in Virginia, and died in 1838. His wife, Rhoda (Boyd) Davidson, was born in Virginia, in 1797, and died in 1879. They first removed to Kentucky, and in 1837 came to St. Louis County, Mo., where they were engaged in farming, the father being also a carpenter. Charles P. Myers spent his early life in Miller County, Mo., and on the 22d of June, 1861, enlisted in Company H, Col. McClurg's Regiment. October 24, of the same year, he joined Company D, Twenty-sixth Missouri Infantry, under Col. George B. Boomer, and was at the battles of Corinth, Iuka, Vicksburg, Missionary Ridge, and in the last-named battle was wounded in the arm by a minie-ball. He was in the Georgia campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and on the 27th of February, 1865, received his discharge and returned to his home, where he resumed farming. In 1866 he was married to Miss Nancy Bass, who was born in Miller County, Mo., on the 10th of February, 1847, and by her became the father of the following family: James R., William M., Desdemona, Asa, Emma C., Dora B. and Perry F. Mr. Myers served as sheriff and collector of Miller County from 1880 to 1882, and as collector from 1886 to 1888. He began life with very little capital, and is now owner

of 393 acres of land, and has 160 acres under cultivation, on which is erected a splendid frame house and good barns. He is a Mason, a member of the G. A. R., and is a Republican politically. Mrs. Myers' parents, William and Melvina (McCabbins) Bass, were born in Kentucky, but afterward located in Miller County, Mo., where he engaged in farming. He and wife had these children: Nancy (Myers), Matheldred, John M., Isaac T., Sarah (Martin), Henry J. and Riley S.

H. E. Neville, of Olean, Mo., was born in Barron County, Ky., in 1849, being one of a family of seven children born to Carroll and Bliza (Edwards) Neville, who were also born in Barren County, Ky. The father was a Baptist minister, and immigrated to Moniteau County in 1851, but in 1856 moved to Miller County, and in 1866 was elected on the Republican ticket to the State Legislature. H. E. Neville received the early education that falls to the lot of the average farmer's boy, and afterward attended the State Normal at Warrensburg, Mo. He then followed the occupation of school-teaching for eight or nine years, his labors being attended with very satisfactory results. In 1880 Ida Morris, a native of Laclede County, Mo., became his wife. Her parents, Richard P. and Virginia (Thomas) Morris, were born in Missouri. In 1883 Mr. Neville removed to Olean, Mo., and here has since made his home, and has been successfully engaged in the lumber business.

A. P. Nixdorf, M. D., postmaster and druggist at Pleasant Farm, Mo., was born in Breslau, Prussia, January 14, 1832, and is a son of Anton F. and Caroline Finke, who were also natives of Prussia. The father served twenty seven years in the army, and participated in the wars against Napoleon Bonaparte, and upon his resignation obtained a position as one of the university officials at Breslau. A. P. Nixdorf, our subject, after receiving private instruction at home, in the elementary schools and at Dr. Rantour's Academy, entered a gymnasium, and upon the completion of his studies there became a student of medicine and surgery at the university. Some time after, a young American, William Sedgwick, who attended a law course at the same university, and who in later years practiced his profession at St. Louis, Mo., and who was killed during the Civil War (being a major in the Federal army at the battle of Antietam), became intimately acquainted with him, and advised him to visit America. Upon his arrival in this country he located first in Lenox, Mass., where he took a position as professor of the German language in the Sedgwick Female College, and occupied his spare time by reading medicine under Dr. Worthington, a graduate of Pittsfield (Mass.) Medical College. After a stay there of one and a half years he came west to St. Louis, Mo., and with a view of entering the medical college there and possessing himself with the means of accomplishing that object, he took employment in the wholesale dry goods firm of Crow, McCreary & Co., as shipping clerk, at a good salary. He spent his evenings at the Mercantile Library Association, of which he had become a member, and read medicine assiduously until eighteen months thereafter, when he entered the St. Louis Medical College, graduating from that in the class of 1855-56. After practicing in St. Louis for some time he came to Miller County, Mo., where he pur-

chased land, practiced his profession, and where he still remains. He conducted the *post-mortem* examination in the noted Jack Willson case, where, after the intestines had been removed, the body was filled with salt, sewed up and placed in the coffin, which was then deposited in a small cave high above the entrance to the famous Willson Cave and securely walled up (as elsewhere mentioned). During the war he enlisted as surgeon in the Home Guards, and became afterward surgeon of the Miller and Camden County Rangers, commanded by Capt. John Salsman. He has been postmaster at Tuscumbia and Pleasant Farm for the past twenty-four years, and in his political views is a Republican. In 1856 he married Miss Wilhelmina A. C. Moehle, who was born in Breslau, Prussia, in 1838, and by her became the father of fourteen children, twelve living: Perry T., Camilla A. (Patterson), Franz Siegel, Jane C. (Rhoades), Minna A., Bismark Otto, Cecilia, Anton Paul, Pauline, William Carroll, Nancy A. and Victor Emanuel. Oscar Louis and Robert August are dead.

Dr. P. T. Nixdorf, a resident of Charleston, Miller Co., Mo., and native of the county, was born in 1858, being the eldest of fourteen children born to Dr. A. P. Nixdorf and Wilhelmina Moehle, who were born in Breslau, Germany. The father studied medicine in that city, and after coming to America pursued his medical studies in St. Louis, being a graduate of colleges in both cities. After coming to the United States in 1850 he located in Massachusetts, where he taught school in a seminary for one year, coming the following year to St. Louis, and in 1854 took up his abode in Miller County, where he has resided and practiced his profession for over thirty-one years. Dr. P. T. Nixdorf, our immediate subject, resided on a farm until seventeen years of age, and then taught school for two years. He studied medicine under his father for a number of years, and afterward graduated from the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, taking his degree in 1885. He entered on his practice at Charleston, and has become one of the popular practitioners of the county. In 1880 he was married to Nancy Brumley, a daughter of W. C. and S. (Wilson) Brumley, and by her is the father of one child, Camilla R. After their marriage they settled in Osage Township on a farm, Mr. Nixdorf's time being also spent in teaching school. He has always been a Republican in politics, and was coroner of Miller County in 1886. He belongs to the A. F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. at Tuscumbia.

Edward Orbals, a prominent farmer of Jim Henry Township, Miller Co., Mo., was born in Osage County in 1857, and is the third of ten children born to Caspar and Elizabeth (Descher) Orbals, a short sketch of whom is given in the biography of J. H. Orbals. Edward Orbals began the battle of life for himself by farming in Jim Henry Township, but was married in Osage County, in 1885, to Miss Gertrude Spellerberg, a native of Osage County, and a daughter of Franz and Katie (Backhaus) Spellerberg, who were born in Germany. The father was a farmer and an early immigrant to Missouri, and both are yet residing in Osage County. After his marriage Mr. Orbals located on his present farm of 200 acres, sixty-five of which are under good cultivation. He gives considerable attention to raising horses, cattle and hogs, and is considered by all to be one of the prosperous and enter-



prising farmers of the county. He is a Democrat politically, and as he takes an active interest in school matters, he has been a member of the school board for some time. He is practically a self-made man, and the valuable property he owns has been acquired by his own exertions. He and wife are members of the Catholic Church. Their union has been blessed by two children, Catherine Mary and Leo Caspar.

J. H. Ortbals, wagon-maker at Charleston, became a resident of St. Elizabeth in the spring of 1882. He was born in Osage County, Mo., March 28, 1859, and was the fourth in a family of ten children born to Caspar and Elizabeth A. (Descher) Ortbals, who were born in Germany. They came to America in 1851, and settled in Osage County, Mo., in 1854, where they engaged in farming and are at present living. J. H. Ortbals, whose name heads this sketch, was apprenticed to the wagon-maker's trade at the age of fifteen years, and finished his trade in St. Louis. April 29, 1884, he was married in Cole County, Mo., to Miss Anna Margaret Heisler, her parents being John and Elizabeth (Ketzner) Heisler, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. They came to America at a very early day and settled near St. Thomas, Mo., where they engaged in tilling the soil, and where the mother died February 14, 1876. The father is still living. After his marriage Mr. Ortbals settled on a farm, and subsequently lived in Charleston, where he followed the wagon-maker's trade. He has always taken considerable interest in politics, and votes the Democratic ticket, and was at one time a candidate on that ticket for county assessor. He is now a member of the school board, having been elected to the position in 1882, and is district clerk. Mr. and Mrs. Ortbals are members of the Catholic Church, and are the parents of two children--Elizabeth A. and Louis C.

Alpheus Pitchford was born in Barron County, Ky., in 1838, being the third child born to Fleming and Susan (Russell) Pitchford, a short notice of whom is given in the sketch of John J. Pitchford. Alpheus Pitchford was educated in the subscription schools of Kentucky, and at the age of twenty-three years began doing for himself, working in the Decatur Flouring Mills, and after a time entered the employ of Mr. Goodman, with whom he remained twelve or thirteen years. In 1861 he was married in Cole County to Mary Shikle, by whom he has a family of three children: Matilda Jane (Mrs. Farris), Benjamin Andrew, who is in the grocery business in Oleau, and John William. Mr. Pitchford has improved farms in Cole, Moniteau and Miller Counties, and now owns a fine 120-acre farm, with ninety acres under cultivation. He erected a substantial residence in 1888, and has done fully his share in the development of the county. He is a member of the Democratic party, and during the Rebellion was a member of the Enrolled Militia, and was stationed on garrison duty at Jefferson City. Mrs. Pitchford's parents, Samuel and Anna (Centers) Shikle, were born in Allen County, Ky., and the father was a millwright by occupation. They came to Missouri in 1840, and opened a farm in Cole County, and here Mr. Shikle assisted in building all the mills in the county. He died in 1878, but his widow still survives him, and resides on the old homestead in Cole County.

John J. Pitchford was born in Allen County, Ky., in 1842, and is

now one of the prosperous farmers and stock-raisers of Saline Township, Miller Co., Mo. He is the second son of ten children born to Fleming and Susan (Russell) Pitchford, who were born in Kentucky. The father was a farmer, and immigrated to Cole County, Mo., in 1855, and, after buying and selling land, and improving about six farms, at last located permanently, and is there living at the present time, well known throughout Cole and Miller Counties as a good farmer. John J. Pitchford was educated in the schools of Barren County, Ky., but at the age of thirteen was brought to Missouri by his parents, and assisted in the development of the farm. In 1862 he enlisted as a soldier under Capt. Blaton, being in Parson's brigade and Frost's division. He was at the battle of Prairie Grove, and was in several skirmishes. He was captured at Prairie Grove in 1862, but was soon after paroled, and returned home. He was married in Cole County, in 1867, to Kate Enloe, by whom he became the father of four children, three of whom are living: Ella (Mrs. Jordan), residing in Cole County; Jennie, James W., who died at the age of four years, and Annie. Mr. Pitchford was engaged in farming in Cole County for some time after his marriage, but in 1874 removed to Saline Township, Miller County, and purchased and improved a farm of 120 acres of land. He gives considerable attention to stock-raising, and is considered one of the successful farmers of the county. He is a Democrat, and has served ten years as justice of the peace, and two years as judge of the county court, and at one time came within twenty-nine votes of being elected to represent Miller County in the State Legislature, the county being very strongly Republican. He is a member of Pleasant Mount Lodge No. 95, I. O. O. F., and represented the Forty-sixth District in the Grand Lodge, being special deputy to organize the Aurora lodge. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, and he and wife are members of the Baptist Church. He has always taken an interest in school matters, and has assisted in organizing the school districts in Cole County, and has served as a member of the school boards in both Cole and Miller Counties. Mrs. Pitchford's parents, John S. and Matilda (Stevens) Enloe, were born in Kentucky and Cole County, Mo., respectively, the former coming with his parents to Cole County in 1834. He was a farmer and lawyer, and served as county surveyor for about sixteen years. In 1844 he was elected to represent the county in the State Legislature, and served two years. His death occurred in January, 1886, and that of his wife in March, 1884.

W. T. Pitchford, a successful agriculturist and one of the prominent stock-raisers of Saline Township, was born in Kentucky in 1855. He is the ninth in a family of ten children born to Fleming and Susan (Russell) Pitchford, natives of Kentucky. The father was a farmer, and came in the fall of 1855 to settle in Cole County, where he purchased some land partly improved. He continued to improve the farm, but later sold and purchased another farm. Both parents are now living, and are residents of Cole County. W. T. Pitchford assisted his father on the farm in Cole County, and received his education in that county. He commenced working for himself at the age of twenty, and was married in Miller County, in 1875, to Miss Matilda Starling, daughter of R. C. and Rebecca (Vernon) Starling, natives of

Tennessee, who came to this county at an early date, and were among the first settlers. They are still living, and are residents of Miller County. After marriage Mr. Pitchford settled in Cole County, remained there one year, and then, in 1876, came to Miller County, Mo. Here he purchased a farm in Saline Township, and engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits. He lost his excellent wife in 1878, in Saline Township. By this union one child, Nora, was born. Mr. Pitchford was married in Cole County, in 1880, to Miss Sarah Pitkins, daughter of J. N. and Matilda (Stark) Pitkins, natives of Tennessee. They were pioneers of Cole County, and now reside in that county. One child was born to Mr. Pitchford's second marriage, Nellie Ann. Mr. Pitchford was married in Miller County, in 1885, to Miss Mary L. Clay, a native of Miller County, and the daughter of W. A. and Charity (Miller) Clay, who were natives of Tennessee. The father came to Missouri at a very early day, settling in Saline Township, entered land, which he improved, and is now living. The mother is also living. Mr. Pitchford, after marriage, settled where he now resides, on ninety acres of partly improved land, and to this he has since added ninety acres more. He has 160 acres under cultivation. He handles a great deal of stock, and fed 100 head of hogs and thirty head of cattle during the winter of 1888-89. In his political views he affiliates with the Democratic party. He is at present justice of the peace in Saline Township, and is a member of Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 95, I. O. O. F., having been N. G. in that order. Mrs. Pitchford is a member of the United Brethren Church. They are the parents of two children, Mollie E. and Walter O.

James G. Proctor, retired farmer, is a resident of Saline Township, Miller County, Mo., and was born in Tennessee, being the fourth of nine children born to Nathan and Rachel (Downing) Proctor, who were born in Kentucky, and immigrated to Cole County, Mo., in 1836, and entered a tract of land heavily covered with timber, and here spent the remainder of their days, the father dying in 1860, and the mother in May, 1866. Their son, James G., assisted in tilling the home farm, and was educated in the subscription schools of Kentucky and Missouri. He was married in Cole County, Mo., in 1846, to Jane Enloe, a native of Kentucky, and a daughter of James and Nancy (Simpson) Enloe. They were farmers by occupation, and in 1833 came to Cole County, Mo., and entered government land. The father represented Cole County in the State Legislature in 1842, and after Moniteau County was organized he became a resident of the same, and also represented that county in the Legislature. He died on his farm in October, 1877, having lived a useful life. His wife passed away in 1857. After his marriage Mr. Proctor settled in Cole County, where he entered land and farmed until 1858, then sold out and went to Moniteau County, where he improved a farm and made his home until July, 1864, since which time he has been a resident of Miller County. His farm contains 170 acres, and is one of the most desirable places in the county. The town of Olean is on what was once a portion of his farm, and is one of the best business points on the road. He was formerly a Democrat in politics, but since 1876 has voted with the Labor party. He assisted in organizing the school

districts of Cole County, and was school trustee for many years. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, and are the parents of nine children, two deceased: Rachel (Mrs. Gilleland), of Spring Garden; Benjamin I., residing in Moniteau County; Nancy, who died in childhood, in 1858; Polly, James, John, Sarah J. (Mrs. Endoe), Abram C., and William, who died in 1864, at the age of four months. Mr. Proctor is practically a self-made man, and has acquired his property by his own industry, but is now living retired from the active duties of life. He has witnessed the complete growth of Jefferson City, and can tell many interesting anecdotes of early pioneer life.

T. B. Robinson, attorney at law at Tusculumbia, Miller County, was born in St. Francois County, Mo., April 3, 1837, and is the son of Philip R. and Margaret (Moore) Robinson, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of East Tennessee. Philip R. Robinson immigrated with his father, John Robinson, to St. Francois County in 1803, when it still belonged to the French, and the State was then a wild territory. They came down the Ohio River in a flat-boat, locating near Farmington, and here the grandfather died. Philip R. Robinson was the eldest son born to his parents, his birth occurring in 1797. He was but seven years of age when he came to Missouri, and he remained in St. Francois County until about 1849, when he removed to Miller County, Mo., and located eight miles south of Tusculumbia, at Little Richwoods, where he entered land. He died in that county in 1879, and the mother died about 1856. They were the parents of eleven children, five now living: Joan, wife of W. Ponder; Elizabeth R., widow of H. C. McFarland, and resides in Illinois; Theodore B.; Rachel, wife of Jesse Salsman, and Sarah E., wife of J. M. Warnell. T. B. Robinson was principally reared in Miller County, and there attended the common schools. In 1861 he enlisted in the Osage Regiment Missouri Home Guards, where he remained a short time and then re-enlisted in Company H, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, and served a little over three years. He was first sergeant, was in all the principal engagements from Pea Ridge to Red River, and was mustered out at Baton Rouge, La., in February, 1865. He then returned home, and in 1866 he was elected county and circuit clerk. He was re-elected in 1870 and 1874, served until January 1, 1879, thus holding the office for twelve consecutive years. In the meantime he read law, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1878. He was elected prosecuting attorney in 1880, and re-elected in November, 1886, holding the office until January, 1889. Mr. Robinson is one of the leading and influential citizens of Miller County, and has made his own mark from a boy up. He was married first on March 26, 1865, to Miss Martha C. Hawkins, by whom he had one child, Olive, wife of Prof. Moles, of Aurora Springs. The wife died in June, 1868, and Mr. Robinson was again married, January 2, 1870, to Porthena McCarty, a native of Tennessee, who came to Missouri with her parents when but an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are members of the Christian Church, and are active church workers. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge, and also belongs to the G. A. R. He was a delegate to the national convention from the Eleventh District to Chicago in 1888, in the interests of the Republican party.

Mr. Robinson is interested in farming to some extent, and is the owner of several good farms in the county besides town property.

B. J. Russell. Prominent among the farming and stock-raising interests of the county, and among those deserving special recognition for their long residence in the county, stands the name of the above mentioned gentleman, who was born in Cole County, Mo., near Miller County, in 1830, and is the fourth of six children born to Hiram and Mina (Ettor) Russell, natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. The parents immigrated to Missouri in 1826, settling in what is now Moniteau County, but remained only a short time, when they came to what is now Saline Township, Miller County, all then called Cole County. He improved about 210 acres, and was one of the first settlers of the county. He remained on the old homestead for a number of years, and later in life moved to Mt. Pleasant, where he died in April, 1885, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife died in 1879, at the age of seventy-five years. B. J. Russell was reared to agricultural pursuits, and assisted his father in clearing his farm. He was educated in the subscription schools of Miller County, and commenced for himself at the age of twenty-one years. He was married, in Miller County, Mo., in 1850, to Miss Martha Jane Clark, who was born in Tennessee, and who is the daughter of James and Polly (Stubblefield) Clark, natives of Tennessee. The father died in Tennessee, and the mother afterward immigrated to Illinois, thence to Miller County, Mo., and was a resident of Saline Township for over forty years. She died in 1882. After marriage the subject of this sketch settled in Saline Township, and in 1865 purchased a partly improved farm of 160 acres, which he has continued to improve. He owns two good farms in Saline Township, and has 360 acres under cultivation. He raises a good grade of stock, and ships about two car loads each year. He assisted in organizing the school district in the township, and is one of the prominent men of the county. Mrs. Russell is a member of the Christian Church at Oleau. To their union were born ten children, seven now living: Mary Eliza, now Mrs. Harrison, and a resident of Saline Township, is the mother of seven children; Ann Elizabeth, who died when small; Nancy Adaline, now Mrs. Van Hooser, who resides in Saline Township, is the mother of four children; James Alexander, who died in 1883 at the age of twenty-six years, leaving a wife and four children; Hiram Thomas, who is married and resides in this township, and is the father of one child; William Franklin, married and resides in Saline Township, and is the father of one child; John, died in infancy; Martha Jane, now Mrs. Ettor, resides in Saline Township, and is the mother of one child; Samuel B., is married, and resides in the township, and Lewis Cummins, who is married and is residing with the subject of this sketch. Mr. Russell started life a poor boy, and has made what he now has by his individual efforts. He is one of the oldest settlers in the county, and has the respect and esteem of all acquaintances.

J. F. Savage is the fourth of seven children born to the marriage of John Savage and Jane Shepherd, and was born in Meigs County, Ohio, in 1830. The father was born in Maine, and when a young man moved to Ohio, where he was married to Miss Shepherd, a native

of Kentucky, and afterward engaged in farming. In 1833 he moved to St. Joseph County, Ind., where he entered a timber claim, but was soon after taken sick and lost his power of speech. In 1835 he returned to Ohio, and located in Jackson County, and after some time took up his abode in Meigs County, and died in Pomeroy in 1865. He kindled the first fire in the salt works of that county. His wife died at Sedalia, Mo., in 1873. J. F. Savage, whose name heads this sketch, was educated in the primitive schools of Jackson County, Ohio, and in November, 1851, was married to Mary Elizabeth Neighborgall, a native of Meigs County, Ohio, and daughter of George and Julia Ann (Schowens) Neighborgall, who were born in Virginia, and moved to Ohio at an early day, and were engaged in farming until their respective deaths, January 16, 1869, and August 30, 1851. Grandfather Savage was a Revolutionary soldier, and Grandfather Schowens served in the War of 1812. J. F. Savage came west in the spring of 1860, and until 1866 was engaged in farming 100 acres of land, which he had purchased in Miller County. He now owns 185 acres of excellent land, and has improved his land by erecting a good residence and out-buildings. He deals quite extensively in stock, and raises an excellent grade of Short-Horn cattle. He is a Republican in politics, and during the war was a member of the Enrolled Militia, and was on garrison duty at Jefferson City, Lexington and Sedalia, guarding the public property. He has assisted in organizing the school districts of the township, and has witnessed many changes in the county since he located here. Eight of the thirteen children born to himself and wife are living: Sefronia (Mrs. Porter), resides in Morgan County; Floretta (Mrs. Gilson), resides in Eldon; Vesta (Mrs. N. J. Henderson), resides in Aurora Springs; Erastus, resides at Leadville, Colo.; Dora (Mrs. McDole), resides in Morgan County; Viola, Bennett and Amos are living. Marvin died in infancy; Harvey died in 1854, aged three years; an infant died February 9, 1868; James died in 1864, aged two years, and Frank died in 1869, aged two months. Two of Mr. Savage's brothers, Daniel and Asel, came from Ohio to Miller County, Mo., in 1859. The former married here, and now resides in Texas County. Asel remained single, and in 1862 enlisted at Jefferson City in Company G, but was taken sick at Helena, Ark., and there died in the spring of 1863.

James C. Simmons, merchant at Rocky Mount, Mo., was born near Russellville, Cole Co., Mo., in 1847, and is the eldest in a family of four children born to John H. and Isabell (Campbell) Simmons, both natives of Kentucky. The paternal grandfather was a farmer by occupation, and settled on land near Russellville at an early day. John H. Simmons also resided on a farm near Russellville until 1866, when he moved to Rose Hill, Johnson County, and there opened a store, going thence to Wadesburg, Cass County, and from there to Florence, Morgan County. In 1869 he came to Rocky Mount, Miller County, where he opened a general store and soon acquired an extensive trade. His wife died June 29, 1859, after which Mr. Simmons married Miss Elsie E. Roark. She bore him seven children. James C. Simmons was reared on the farm, and began for himself in 1866. December 24, 1865, he married Miss Eleanor Banister, a native of Franklin

County, Ohio, where she resided until twelve years of age. Then she came to Missouri with her parents in the year 1859, first settling in Henry County, but later moved to Cole County, and from there to Centre Town, where Mr. Banister opened a store in 1870; this he closed in 1883, but remained at Centre Town until 1889. He now resides in Montrose, Henry County, near his farm. Mr. Simmons carried on farming up to 1880, when he secured an interest in a store at Rocky Mount, and continued up to 1882. His father died December 24, 1881. In February, 1882, Mr. Simmons sold his interest in the store, and in the same year Chambers & Banister started a store at Rocky Mount, and here Mr. Simmons clerked for two years. Chambers then withdrew, and Mr. Simmons is now managing the business for his father-in-law. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Iona Lodge No. 381. He is somewhat active in politics, having been postmaster at Rocky Mount for six years. He is the father of three children: Charles Franklin, Ida (deceased) and Leona.

W. P. Simpson, of the firm of Simpson & Co., merchants of Tusculumbia, was born in Mt. Pleasant October 19, 1866, and is the son of Calvin C. and Sarah J. (Stevens) Simpson, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Missouri. Calvin C. Simpson came to Miller County at an early day, locating near Mt. Pleasant for a number of years, and is now a resident of Camden County. Our subject was reared and educated in Miller County, and has always made this his home. He was reared on the farm, and also learned the blacksmith trade, at which he worked for some time. He engaged in the mercantile business with his present partner in May, 1888, and has a good trade. They carry a full line of general merchandise and have all the requisites of a first-class store. Mr. Simpson is a young man of energy and has good business qualifications. He was married in February, 1888, to Miss Alice Franklin, a native of Mount Pleasant, and a member of the Christian Church.

John Singer came to Miller County, Mo., in the fall of 1881, and purchased the saw-mill at St. Elizabeth, erecting two years later the flouring-mill of which he is proprietor. He was born in Germany, in 1827, being the youngest of two children born to Sumner and Barbara (Gephardt) Singer, who were also natives of Germany. The father was a farmer, and died in his native land when our subject was quite small. The latter, in 1851, embarked at Bremen on a sailing vessel for America, and, after a voyage of eight weeks, landed at New Orleans, thence up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, where he was married in December of that year to Miss Margaret Schurt, who came to the United States on the same vessel as himself. After residing for a short time in that city, they moved to Jefferson City, and in 1852 purchased a farm of 180 acres near that place, and in time succeeded in putting 177 acres under good cultivation. Later he traded one-half of his farm for a mill on Moreau Creek, and was engaged in milling there until he came to Miller County. He has built up a good trade in his present mill, and is now putting in the roller process. He has done his share in developing Cole and Miller Counties, and is in every respect a self-made man, having come to this county without money or influence. He is in good circumstances financially, and is enjoying

the fruits of a well-spent life. He supports the principles of the Republican party, and he and wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and are the parents of the following children: Henry, Thomas, Elizabeth (Mrs. Schneider, of Cole County), and Andrew, who is married, and resides in Osage Township.

David E. Stayton, one of the enterprising farmers and stock-raisers of Saline Township, was born in Jackson County, Mo., in 1836, and is the youngest of nine children born to Moses A. and Catherine (Smith) Stayton, both natives of Kentucky. The father was a farmer by occupation, and was also a Baptist minister. He moved to Jackson County, Mo., in 1832, and entered 320 acres of land, which he improved. He died in 1836, and his wife August 2, 1874. David E. Stayton was reared to farm life, and educated in the district schools of Jackson County, but supplemented this by several terms at Independence. He went to California in 1854, engaging in mining and stock-raising, and there remained until 1857. He returned to Missouri, by way of the Isthmus, and settled in Jackson County. He moved to Miller County in 1865. He was married in Miller County, in 1858, to Miss R. F. Hite, a native of Kentucky, and the daughter of James C. and Rebecca Ann (Butler) Hite. Mr. Hite was a farmer by occupation, and came to Jackson County, Mo., in 1852, remaining two years, and then moved to Miller County, where he now resides. Mrs. Hite died in 1878. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Stayton moved to Jackson County, settled on a farm, and there remained until 1863, when they moved to Saline Township, Miller County. One year later Mr. Stayton, in company with two others, went to Montana, engaged in mining, and there remained one summer. From there they went to Salt Lake City, Utah, and later, in 1865, they returned to the States. Here Mr. Stayton purchased 292 acres of partially improved land. He now has 150 acres under cultivation, and has a fine residence. He is engaged in raising a good grade of stock, cattle and hogs, and is one of the wide-awake, energetic business men of the county. Mr. Stayton is active in politics, votes with the Democratic party, and is at present a member of the Central Democratic Committee. He has been a candidate for representative from this district twice. Mr. and Mrs. Stayton are members of the Baptist Church, Big Rock, Morgan County. They are the parents of seven children, five now living: Louis Napoleon, who died in 1877, at the age of seventeen; A. C., at home; Sterling P., who is married, and resides near home; Sally I., who died in 1879, at the age of twelve; William W., Harriet M., and Lucy Ann, the last two being twins. Mr. Stayton has been quite active in educational and church affairs, and has assisted in forming the school district, and in erecting churches.

S. S. Starling, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Saline Township, was born in that township, Miller County, in 1859, and is the fourth in a family of six children born to the union of J. P. and Sarah E. (Gilleland) Starling, natives of Pennsylvania and Missouri, respectively. The father immigrated to Miller County, Mo., when a boy; was married in that county, and settled on a farm in Saline Township, entering land from the Government. He was a member of the Enrolled Militia, and in 1864 was taken prisoner at Horseshoe



Bend, on the Osage River, and with six others was shot and killed. His wife still survives him, and is now residing in Saline Township. S. S. Starling remained at home, and aided in developing the farm until commencing for himself. He was married in Saline Township, in 1883, to Miss Lou A. Miller, a native of Miller County, and the daughter of P. S. and Lucy Ann (McKenzie) Miller, the father a native of Miller County, Mo., and the mother of Cole County, Mo. Both are now living, and reside on a farm near Mount Pleasant. S. S. Starling, after marriage, settled where he now resides, on a farm of eighty-five acres of partially improved land, which he continues to further improve. He erected a good frame house in 1887; has most of the farm under cultivation, and takes considerable interest in stock-raising. He takes an active interest in politics, and votes with the Republican party, but is not desirous of office. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 134, and is S. W. of the lodge. Mrs. Starling is a member of the Christian Church at Olean. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Starling were born two children: Walter S. and John F. Mr. Starling has witnessed many changes in this county, and takes great interest in school affairs and all that pertains to the good of the community.

Dr. James A. Stevens, physician and druggist of Aurora Springs, was born in Lee County, Iowa, in February, 1844, and is the eldest of four children born to James and Ann (Graham) Stevens, natives of Denmark and England, respectively. They came to the United States in 1832, settling in Pennsylvania, and the father followed the ship-carpenter's business. From 1834 to 1853 he built many river boats, and for twenty-eight years was building boats for Capt. La Bart. His boats were known all along the Mississippi River. He invested in land in Iowa, but principally made his home in the South. In 1858 he and family moved to their farm in Iowa, and at the beginning of the war the father retired from building boats. They are now living on this farm, and are enjoying a comfortable and happy old age. Dr. James A. Stevens spent his youth in New Orleans attending the public schools, and there remained until the family moved to Iowa, which afterward became their future home. He lived upon the farm and assisted his father until 1862, when he enlisted in the Twentieth Iowa Infantry; was sent to the western division, was with Gen. Sherman in his unsuccessful attack on Vicksburg, and was with Gen. Grant in his assault and conquest of Grand Gulf. He then went to Jackson, Miss., back to Vicksburg, and after the fall of that city returned to Jackson, Miss. In the spring of 1864 he removed to Tennessee with Gens. Grant and Sherman, participating in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, and to Atlanta. In August Dr. Stevens was wounded very severely in the hand, after which he was sent North, and entered the hospital at Keokuk. Here he was discharged March 22, 1865. He then studied medicine at the Keokuk Medical College, graduated March 19, 1867, and went to Camden County, Mo., in April of the same year. He here practiced his profession for some time, and then went to Mount Pleasant, Miller County, in March, 1869, and there remained until 1881, when he came to Aurora Springs, being among the first to erect a building here.

In December his store was completed, and he stocked it with a complete line of drugs. He is occupied in this business at the present time. He was a member of the first school board, a member of the first city council; has spared no pains in the advancement of the place, and the reputation of the Springs can, in a great measure, be traced to his recommendations. He is active in politics, was president of the Republican club at this place, and is a liberal-spirited gentleman generally. He was married in 1868 to Miss Maggie A. Cross, a native of Iowa. Dr. Stevens is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Pleasant Mount Lodge No. 134, and the Chapter.

Major Stoddard, dealer in furniture and undertaking goods at Olean, Mo., was born in Plymouth County, Ohio, in 1835, and was the youngest in a family of eight children born to William and Polly (Putnam) Stoddard, who were born in the "Green Mountain State," and were there reared and married. After the consummation of the latter event they moved to the "Buckeye State," where they resided for some time, and then moved to Dade County, Mo. After residing there two years, in 1850 they located in Morgan County, where the father was engaged in farming until his death, in 1850, followed by his wife four years later, the latter's death being caused by cholera. Her grandfather was Gen. Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary fame. The paternal grandparents were also natives of New Hampshire. Major Stoddard was educated in the district schools of Ohio, and from early boyhood has been familiar with the details of farm life. He was married in Miller County, in 1859, to Miss Maria Atkinson, daughter of Obey and Mary (Lovell) Atkinson, of Kentucky, who were early residents of Miller County, Mo. The father died on his farm near Olean, in 1876. His widow is still living. After his marriage Mr. Stoddard was engaged in milling about a year, and in 1860 moved to his present farm near Olean, which comprises 100 acres with seventy-five under cultivation, all of which he has earned by industry and frugality. He has been engaged in his present business in Olean since 1884. During the late war he served on detached and garrison duty in the State Militia for some time. He is a Democrat, a member of the A. F. & A. M. at Pleasant Mount, and has held a number of offices in the lodge. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, and are the parents of the following children: Sophronia; Lewis T., who is married and resides in Miller County; Charley and Major. One child died in infancy.

Prof. H. M. Sutton, principal of the Miller County Institute, is a native of Logan County, Ohio, born in 1845, being the eldest in a family of eight children who were born to the marriage of George Reed Sutton and Elizabeth Neiberger, who were born in Kentucky and Pennsylvania, respectively. They were married in Ohio, and soon after settled in Logan County on a farm, where he was also engaged in ministerial labor, being an expounder of the Christian doctrine. He and wife are still living in Hardin County, Ohio. Prof. H. M. Sutton was reared on a farm in his younger days, and received his education at Ada, in Hardin County, at the Ohio Northwestern State Normal. After completing a course in college he engaged in teaching school, being principal of different schools for a number of years, and in 1874 he turned his face westward, and located at California, Moniteau County,

where he was engaged in pedagogy for about four years. After being connected with the Cooper County Institute for one year (1879) he organized the Miller County Institute at Spring Garden, and has been the means of bringing the school up to its present admirable standard. When it first came under his management it consisted of a school building in a wheat-field, but since that time there has grown around it a thriving village, and the school campus contains nearly six acres, ornamented by shade trees set out by Prof. Sutton, or under his directions. About \$400 has been spent in adding improvements to the building, and there is now plenty of room for the accommodation of students from abroad. While a resident of Ohio he was married, in 1867, to Hattie Roberts, a native of Logan County, and a daughter of Jesse and Charlotte (Rudacill) Roberts, who were Virginians, and moved to Ohio at an early day. The father died March 24, 1879, but the mother is still living, and resides in Logan County, Ohio. Prof. and Mrs. Sutton are members of the Baptist Church, and are the parents of one child. The Professor belongs to the Independent Order of Good Templars at Spring Garden; and in this connection it is eminently fitting that an outline, at least, of the history of this society be here given. The organization (a local one) was effected June 14, 1886, at Spring Garden, by Jacob Reider, state deputy, and has since been in a prosperous condition. Its prime object is to establish temperance in the county, and to drive from its territory ten or fifteen saloons. As is well known, it is established on the eternal principles of faith, hope and charity. Its first officers were: Prof. Sutton, W. C. T.; Miss Cora Ulmstead, W. V. T.; Rev. E. M. Lumpkin, W. Chap.; E. B. Lumpkin (J. P.), W. Sec.; Miss Lucy J. Hawkins, W. A. S.; Prof. Jonathan Roberts, W. F. S.; Mrs. Mollie E. Lumpkin, W. Treas.; P. M. Musick, W. M.; Miss May Belle Sutton, W. D. M.; Miss Rovilla Green, W. I. G.; E. D. Becker, W. O. G.; Mrs. E. B. Lumpkin, W. R. H. S.; Mrs. Henry Ulmstead, W. L. H. S.; E. A. Becker, P. W. C. T. The membership has reached about thirty. The present officers are: J. I. Lumpkin, W. C. T.; Mattie Lumpkin, W. V. T.; Prof. Sutton, Chap.; F. J. Keep, Sec.; Charles Ansley, W. F. S.; Janie Brockman, Treas.; Jonathan Roberts, W. M.; Belle Sutton, Dept. M.; May Mitchell, Sent.; A. L. Morfleet, P. W. C. T.

Col. J. H. Stover, attorney at law at Aurora Springs, Mo., who does mostly an office work, and who is also engaged in teaching law at the above-mentioned place, was born in Centre County, Penn., in 1833, and was the youngest in a family of seven children born to Jacob E. and Catherine (Hubler) Stover, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father went to Pennsylvania in his youth, was married there, and was by occupation a tanner. He remained in Pennsylvania, took quite an active part in politics, voted with the Whig party, and was colonel of the militia for fourteen years. He died in Pennsylvania in 1858, and his excellent widow survived him until 1876. The paternal grandfathers were in the Revolutionary War, and were pioneers of Pennsylvania, as were also the maternal grandparents, who were Indian fighters. Col. J. H. Stover was reared to farm life, and received his education in the public schools of Centre County and at Central Academy, Juniata County, Penn. He taught

during the winters in order to get means to prosecute his studies, and after finishing his academic course he taught school and studied law at the same time. He was admitted to the bar in 1857 in Bellefonte, Penn., and later commenced the practice of law. He resided there until the firing on Fort Sumter, was sick at the time, but enlisted in the Second Pennsylvania Infantry for three months' service. Previous to this, in 1858, he had been elected district attorney of Centre County, which position he filled until going into service. Upon his arrival at Camp Curtin, not having fully recovered his health, he was discharged on surgeon's certificate the same day. By the advice of Gov. Curtin he raised Company B of the Tenth Pennsylvania Infantry. He was made captain of the same, was in the three months' service, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Penn. Capt. Stover was then appointed major of the One Hundred and Sixth Pennsylvania Infantry, and served through the remainder of the war. In 1864 he was appointed colonel of the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Pennsylvania Infantry, this being the only regiment raised in Pennsylvania in that year. Capt. Stover was at the battle of Falling Water, Va. He participated in all the battles of his regiment unless on detached duty. He was in the battles of Savage Station, Peach Orchard, Glendale, Malvern Hills, Antietam, and at the last named battle had seven bullet-holes through his clothes. He was in the first and second battles of Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Robinson's Tavern, Mine Run, and was in the battle before Petersburg. He was present at the capture of Gen. Lee. His regiment was in advance, and took an eight-gun battery. Col. Stover was in command of the Sixty-ninth, Seventy-first and Seventy-second Pennsylvania Infantries at various times, and was with the regiment at the grand review at Washington. He was mustered out at the last named place in 1865, and was then in command of the Second Brigade, Second Division. After the war he returned to Centre County, Penn., remained there a short time, and then in 1865 came to Morgan County, Mo. He settled at Versailles, commenced the practice of law, and took quite an active part in politics, affiliating with the Republican party. In 1868 he was elected to Congress to fill the unexpired term of Gov. McClurg, and served until March, 1869. In 1870 he received the nomination of secretary of State, but owing to a split in the Republican party was defeated. In 1872 he was nominated for lieutenant-governor, but with the rest of the party was defeated. In 1876 he was appointed commissioner to the centennial exposition by Gov. Woodson, and in the fall of the same year he was nominated to Congress, against his protest on account of ill health, and was defeated by Gov. Crittenden. Col. Stover is a member of Samuel McClure Post No. 145, G. A. R., at Aurora Springs, is also a member of the A. F. & A. M., having been made a Mason in Pennsylvania in 1864. He is now a member of Versailles Lodge No. 117, Morgan County; was Worshipful Master of Euclid Lodge No. 421, for five years; was district deputy for one year of the A. F. & A. M. He was married, in Centre County, Penn., December 31, 1865, to Miss Mary Ellen Hoover, a native of Centre County, Penn., and the daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Orville) Hoover, natives of Pennsylvania, and early pioneers of Centre County. Mr. Hoover was

a farmer by occupation, and passed his life in Pennsylvania. He died in August, 1864, and his widow survived him until 1881. Col. and Mrs. Stover are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. To their union was born one child, Gussie, who is now (1889) attending school in Aurora Springs. The family came to the last named place in 1881, and here they have since resided, the Colonel being engaged in the practice of law. He has bought and improved two farms in Miller County, and has also considerable property in Aurora Springs.

Elias C. Swalen, attorney at law, was born in Somerset County, Penn., July 23, 1835, and is the son of John and Anna C. (Brown) Swalen, the father a native of Germany and the mother of Irish descent. John Swalen emigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania at an early date, and located in Somerset County, where he remained a few years. He then moved to the city opposite Pittsburgh, remained there a short time, and thence to Dayton, Ohio. He died at Fort Jennings, Ohio, in 1844. He was a diamond cutter by trade, and also carried on farming. The mother died in 1865. They were the parents of a large family. Elias C. Swalen was reared in Dayton, Ohio, received but a limited education, and as soon as large enough to work for himself began clerking in a store, where he remained a number of years. At the same time all his spare moments were employed in reading history and then law. In 1857 and 1858 he was on the stage under the name of Beconeles, supporting in the profession Ada Isaacs Menkin, who was at one time a noted actress. He then entered the law office at Dayton, studied under Col. M. P. Nolan for a number of years, and was admitted to the bar at Dayton in 1861. The same year he enlisted in Company A, Eleventh Ohio Infantry, and served until July, 1863. His first campaign was through West Virginia, and he was then sent east to the Army of the Potomac, reaching Washington a few days before the second battle of Bull Run, and then skirmished for some time, or until they retreated. He was at the battle of Frederick City, South Mountain, Antietam, and then came west, marching through West Virginia and on to the Cumberland after Hood's army. While on this campaign he was taken sick and sent to the hospital at Gallatin, Tenn., where he was discharged July 18, 1863. He then returned to Dayton, and was engaged in traveling for John T. Wolf as collector and salesman. He remained with him for nearly two years, and then traveled for another firm for a short time. Later he went back to the stage for one season at the Dayton Opera House. In 1866 he moved to Missouri, stopped at California, Mo., for a short time, and while there was admitted to the bar to practice in the State of Missouri, in 1867. He then came to Miller County, Mo., and located at Tuscombina, where he has since practiced his profession. He was elected prosecuting attorney in 1872, re-elected in 1876, and again re-elected to the same position in 1880. He is an ornament to the legal profession, and is one of the prominent practitioners of the county. He was married in 1872 to Miss Sarah A. Bond, a native of Missouri, and a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Swalen is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is also a member of the G. A. R. He was a prominent member of the Volunteer Fire Department of Dayton, Ohio, was foreman of a hose company for many years, and was

a delegate to all their state organizations from Dayton. He was a delegate to a congressional convention in 1856, held at Hamilton, Ohio, and at that time was but twenty-one years of age. Mr. Swain has seen many ups and downs in life, has endured many hardships, and is a self-educated and self-made man.

William Taylor, another prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Saline Township, was born in what is now called Miller County, Mo., February 8, 1832, and is the second in a family of eight children born to Richard W. and Lydia (Beard) Taylor, both natives of Tennessee. The father was a farmer by occupation, immigrating to Missouri in 1830, and settled in what is now Saline Township. He entered land, improved two farms, sold them, and in 1837 moved to Harrison Township, Moniteau County, where he remained on a farm for a number of years. He moved to Miller County two years prior to his death, which occurred in 1886, at the age of eighty-eight years. The mother is still living, and resides in Olean. Of their family these children are living, viz.: James, who is married and lives in Moniteau County; Louisa, now Mrs. Sellers, and resides in Texas; David is married and resides in Moniteau County; Mary, now Mrs. E. S. Hite, and resides in Saline Township; T. H., is married and is now a resident of Moniteau County; Frances, now Mrs. Hite, and resides in Olean, and E. D., who is married, and now resides in Moniteau County. William Taylor was reared on the farm, and secured his education in the subscription schools of Moniteau County. He commenced for himself at nearly the age of twenty-three years, and in 1854 was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hunsaker, a native of Illinois, and the daughter of Charles and Rebecca (McClure) Hunsaker, natives of Kentucky. They were pioneers in Southern Illinois, but later immigrated to Missouri, and settled in Cole (now Moniteau) County. Here the father passed his last days. The mother died in 1887. William Taylor, after his marriage, settled where he now resides and purchased 120 acres of land; also entered a number of acres. He first settled in a log cabin with puncheon floor, but the second year of his residence he erected a hewn log cabin, and had a house raising, and in the afternoon went deer hunting, and killed two deer that evening. When he first settled on his farm it was covered with underbrush, which had to be cleared. He owned at one time 560 acres of land, but sold some, and now has but 275 acres, all under fence, and 150 acres under cultivation. Mr. Taylor is not very active in politics, but votes with the Republican party. During the war he was a member of the Enrolled Militia, being first lieutenant of Company F. To Mr. Taylor and wife were born three children: Monroe is married and resides at Grand Island, Neb. He has been freight agent at that place for the last ten years. Naomi, now Mrs. C. P. Miller, resides in Moniteau County; Austin is married and resides in Grand Island, Neb., and is conductor on the railroad. Mr. Taylor, aside from his farming interest, has dealt quite extensively in stock, and may justly be considered one of the most successful and enterprising citizens of the county.

H. S. Tellman, whose name is closely identified with the farming interests of Miller County, was born in Hanover, Germany, in May,

1833. His parents, Herman and Susan (Tellman) Tellman, were natives of Aschendorf, Germany, and the father was a blacksmith and locksmith by trade. This he learned in the old country and followed it while living there. In the spring of 1837 he and family took passage on the "Brillhuff," a Russian ship, and sailed to New York City, where they landed after a voyage of ninety-three days. They then came on to St. Louis, making part of the trip by canal. On the way the subject of this sketch, who was but three years of age, fell out of the boat, and but for the timely assistance of his father, who jumped over after him, would have been drowned. They remained in St. Louis for about three months, where the mother had a brother living. In the meantime the father came on to Jefferson City and entered a tract of land five miles south of that city. There were no improvements on the place with the exception of a little log hut just strong enough to keep the wild animals at bay. The roof was made of clapboards, the doors were made of the same, not a nail being driven in the house. At that time Jefferson City had but one brick house and two stores. The father improved the farm and lived there for many years. He assisted in building the State capitol at Jefferson City and put the locks on the governor's mansion when Reynolds was governor. He helped build the first Catholic Church in the city and put an iron cross on the building. He was a very prominent man, and well known throughout the county. He died on the farm that he had entered, at the age of eighty-nine. He served in the German war and fought under Wellington, and at the battle of Waterloo under Bonaparte. He was born in 1792, and the mother in 1801, and she was about seventy-five years of age at her death. They were the parents of nine children, five now living: Mary, wife of Bernard Richter; John; Jane, wife of Paul Eiler, and Fannie, wife of Philip Herbrant. Those deceased were named Anna, wife of Mr. Schwaller; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Stockman; and Anthony, who was killed in the Home Guards during the war. H. S. Tellman, subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm in Missouri, and was educated in the common schools. At an early age he entered Jefferson City and kept bar for some time. He was a prison guard of the State penitentiary for one year. He then commenced farming for himself, bought land in the woods, improved it and put out a good orchard. During the war he served in the Home Guards and militia as second sergeant, and was in Price's raid. In March, 1869, he moved to his present property, where he has since resided. He is the owner of 500 acres of land, with 100 acres under cultivation. He has made most of the improvements since living here, all of which are first class, and deals in stock quite extensively. He was married January 29, 1856, to Miss Mary A. Schwaller, a native of Ohio, but whose parents came from France. Thirteen children were born to this union, seven now living: Herman (married to Missouri Riggs), Henry, Mary, John, Charles, Joseph and George. Those deceased were named George S., Anthony, Francis, Herman S., Francis and Susan. Mr. and Mrs. Tellman Roman Catholics. While in Cole County he was constable for two terms.

Dr. J. W. Temple, of Eldon, Mo., graduated from the St. Louis Medical Institute in 1876, and previous to coming to Missouri, in

1835, practiced his profession in Randolph County, Ill., where he was born in 1819. He was the fourth in a family of eight children born to David and Sarah (McClure) Temple, who were born in Randolph County, Ill., and the North of Ireland, respectively. The mother came with her parents, Dr. James and Jane McClure, to South Carolina at a very early day, and the father's death occurred in Charleston, of that State, but she moved in the year 1832, to Randolph County, Ill. David Temple was a farmer, and he and wife are now living in Sparta, retired from the active duties of life. The paternal grandparents, William and Sarah (Love) Temple, were born in Pennsylvania, and became residents of Illinois, when it was a part of the Northwest Territory, of which Kaskaskia was the capital. The grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812, of English descent, and could trace his ancestry back prior to the Revolutionary War. Dr. J. W. Temple, whose name heads this sketch, was reared on a farm and educated in the high-school at Sparta, Ill., after which he took a collegiate course at Irvington, Ill., attending that institution two years, and subsequently attended one term at Monmouth, Ill. He then entered the medical institute at St. Louis, from which he graduated as before stated. He began practicing in his native county in 1873, and there remained until 1885, when he came to Missouri, and has won an enviable reputation in Miller County as a physician and surgeon. He is now a member of the G. A. R., Samuel McClure Post No. 145, at Aurora Springs, and has been commander of the post, and is the present officer of the day. He has affiliated with the Republican party since old enough to vote. He was married in Sparta, Ill., in 1874, to Miss Nancy McHenry, a native of Randolph County, and a daughter of James and Mary (Wallace) McHenry, who were also natives of that county, and were wealthy citizens. The father died in 1863, but his widow is still living, and resides in Paxton, Ill., with a daughter. Dr. and Mrs. Temple are members of the Presbyterian Church, and are the parents of two children, Harry J. and Nellie M., who are attending the public schools of Eldon.

Dr. G. W. Tremain, physician, Aurora Springs. To fail to include in the biographical department of the present volume a sketch of the life of Dr. Tremain would be to omit a history of one of the most worthy men who ever made his home in Aurora Springs. Dr. Tremain was born in Williams County, Ohio, in April, 1845, and is the third of eight children born to Samuel J. and Mary Elizabeth (Wilson) Tremain. Samuel J. Tremain emigrated from England with his father at an early date, remained in New York City until his majority, and there married Miss Wilson. He then moved to Ohio, studied medicine and for a long time was a practitioner, dying in 1864. Mrs. Tremain was a daughter of David Wilson, who was a native of New York, but of Scotch ancestry. Dr. Tremain assisted his father in the arduous duties of the farm, attended the public schools until twelve years of age, when his father sold out, and with his family traveled through Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, but finally returned to Illinois and settled in Adams County. The father practiced medicine until the death of his wife, and then began practicing as a specialist in the treatment of diseases of the eye and ear. He died from



cholera at Cape Girardeau. In 1864, while attending school at Ft. Madison, Iowa, Dr. Tremain, subject of this sketch, concluded to enlist in the United States Army, did so, and was enrolled in Company E, Forty-fifth Regiment Iowa Infantry, to serve for one hundred days. He was attached to A. J. Smith's brigade at Helena, Ark., and participated in the battles of Land Hill and Holly Springs. He was then ordered back to Memphis, where, in September, the entire regiment was overwhelmed by the Confederate Gen. Forrest in his raid through that town. Dr. Tremain was mustered out at Keokuk, Iowa, and his discharge is dated September 16, 1864. He then returned to Quincy, Ill., entered the Eye and Ear Infirmary and commenced the study of the eye and ear, also cancer diseases. Later he moved to Calhoun County, Ill., and then entered into partnership with R. G. Andrews for one year. He married Miss Sarah E. Ader-ton, of that county, and they afterward moved to Gilead, where the Doctor continued the practice of his profession. December 18, 1869, he removed to Miller County, Mo., purchased 160 acres of land, which, in connection with his practice, he proceeded to improve. After a residence there of sixteen years he purchased his present residence in Aurora Springs (1885). He has been a large land-owner, having at one time over 700 acres, and is one of the prominent men of the county. He is conservative in politics; and is a member of the school board, being president of that body at the present time. He is a member of the K. of L., also a member of the G. A. R., Samuel McClure Post No. 145, and was commander of that post during 1888. Dr. and Mrs. Tremain have had nine children: Annie E. (wife of Thomas Russell), Marcus L., George W., Sarah E., Lyman (deceased), Mary Ellen, Matilda Aurora, Maud and Sophia Eleanor.

John Van Hooser. Among all classes and in every community there are those who excel in whatever they undertake, whether of a professional, commercial or agricultural nature, and such a man is Mr. Van Hooser, who, although commencing life as a poor boy, has now a good farm and a comfortable home. He was born in Jim Henry Township, Miller Co., Mo., in 1849, and is the younger of two children born to Bluford and Deborah (Jenkins) Van Hooser. The parents were natives of Kentucky, and the father came to Miller County about 1838, settling in Saline Township, entered land, but later moved to Jim Henry Township, where he died in 1858. John Van Hooser was reared to farm life, and received his education in the public schools of Moniteau and Miller Counties. He commenced business for himself in Moniteau County at the age of nineteen years, by engaging in agricultural pursuits. In February, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Russell, a native of Miller County, Mo., and the daughter of Buckner and Martha (Clark) Russell, natives of Missouri and Illinois, respectively. After marriage Mr. Van Hooser settled in Saline Township, purchased land, but later sold it, and in March, 1880, purchased 160 acres in the timber. This he commenced immediately to improve, and in 1885 erected a good frame residence, put out 100 apple trees, besides small fruit, and at the same time added to his land until he is now the owner of 290 acres of good arable land, with 125 under cultivation. He raises considerable stock, and this

year shipped a car-load of cattle and two car-loads of hogs, all of good grade. Mr. Van Hooser is not very active in politics, but votes with the Democratic party. He has been a member of the school board, and takes an active interest in all matters relating to education. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Hooser have been born four children: Hiram Buckner, Martha Leona, Nancy Meck and Debby Jane. Mr. and Mrs. Van Hooser are members of the Christian Church at Olean. Henry Van Hooser, a brother of our subject, is now residing in Cole County, Mo.

James E. Walker, overseer of the Miller County poor-house, was born in Wayne County, Ky., April 10, 1849, and is the son of George W. and Polly (Coughron) Walker, both natives of Wayne County, Ky. The father was a painter by trade, and this he carried on most of his time. He went to California at quite an early date, and has never been heard from since. The mother died in Kentucky. They were the parents of three children, of whom our subject is the eldest and only one now living. He was left an orphan when quite small, and was principally reared among strangers. He was reared to farm labor, and this has been his chief occupation through life. In 1869 he went to Warren County, Ill., and remained there for three years. In 1872 he came to Miller County, Mo., locating near Pleasant Mount, where he farmed for some time. In January, 1888, he was appointed overseer of the poor-farm, and holds that position until 1890. The poor-farm has now seven inmates, which is the average number. Mr. Walker was married in 1875 to Miss Mary E. Lawson, by whom he has six children: Aurora, Lenora, Cora, Walter, Ollie and Alonzo. Mr. Walker conducts the poor-farm, and has fifty-five acres of land under cultivation. He has filled the position of overseer in an able and efficient manner, and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

George R. Weeks, of Miller County, Mo., was born in what is now Lake County, Ohio, in September, 1838, being the second of three children, Caroline F., George R. and John W. Weeks, born to the marriage of George R. and Mary (Mead) Weeks, both natives of the "Green Mountain State." After residing for some time on a farm in Ohio after their marriage, they returned to Vermont, making the trip overland, and there spent the remainder of their days in farming, the father's death occurring in February, 1843, at the age of thirty-three years, and the mother's in April, 1874, in Miller County, Mo. The grandparents, Samuel and Ruth Weeks, were born in Massachusetts. The maternal grandparents, Daniel and Elisha (Perkins) Mead, were early settlers in Meredith, N. H. George R. Weeks, our subject, was reared on a farm in Vermont, and there engaged in farming for himself at the early age of fourteen years. He was married in Orleans County, in 1861, to Almira F. Joslyn, a daughter of Samuel A. and Elmira (Dole) Joslyn, the father and daughter being born in Vermont, and the mother in Massachusetts. The parents were honest tillers of the soil, and followed that occupation in Washington County, Vt., and afterward in Orleans County, Vt., but in 1867 came to Miller County, Mo., and located on a farm in Saline Township, where death overtook the father in March, 1874. His widow survives him, and now resides in Vermont. After his marriage Mr. Weeks enlisted, at Brownington,

Vt., in October, 1861, in Company D, Sixth Vermont Infantry, for three years or during the war, and was mustered into service at Montpelier and assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He was in the Peninsula campaign, and was taken with fever and confined to the hospital at Yorktown a short time, and on his recovery was left without the sense of hearing. In 1862 he was badly injured from a fall, and at the time of his discharge at Washington, D. C., July 4, 1862, he was unable to walk a step. In the summer of 1862 he returned home and after partially recovering from his injuries re-engaged in farming, and has continued that occupation up to the present time. In December, 1865, he immigrated to Miller County, Mo. He first bought 400 acres of land east of Eldon, on which he lived until the spring of 1879, when he removed to his present farm of 500 acres, on which he erected a good residence and barns. He now owns 600 acres of arable land in a good state of cultivation, and in addition to farming is engaged in raising a high grade of stock, making a specialty of Short-Horn and Devonshire cattle, Poland-China hogs, Cotswold sheep and Clydesdale horses. He takes an active interest in school matters, and gives his children, Minnie E. and Eddie C. Weeks, good educational advantages. He and wife and Minnie are members of the First Congregational Church at Eldon, and socially he is a member of the L. O. O. F. at Pleasant Mount. He also belongs to the G. A. R., B. H. Porch Post No. 135, at Olean; also the Farmers' Club and Agricultural Wheel at Eldon. Mr. Weeks is of an enterprising disposition, has one of the finest homes in the county, has it well improved, and believes that the world moves, and he intends to move with it. He was one of the prime movers in establishing the town of Eldon, laid out the town and filled the flat, and is one of the largest owners of the town. He was also active in securing the railroad in Miller County, and several other permanent improvements. He also erected a good brick mill at Eldon, has an iron warehouse on the side-track of the railroad, does his own shipping, and now controls a large part of that place. His only brother, John W. Weeks, who was the first postmaster at Eldon, and was quite extensively engaged in the lumber trade and other business, owing to failing health moved to Collins, Neb., where he now resides, engaged in farming, and is also the postmaster of that place.

Wells Brothers. Among all classes and in every calling in life are those who succeed at any occupation they undertake, whether of a professional, agricultural or commercial nature. Among those whose success has been entirely the result of energy and perseverance stands the name of the Wells Brothers, who are the owners of one of the best farms in Miller County. It lies fully two miles in length along the Osage bottom, and the soil is very rich and fertile. These two brothers, Joshua R. and William R., are both natives of Tyler County, W. Va., both are unmarried men, and neither had had any experience in farming when coming to Missouri. They came to Miller County, Mo., in 1881, and began farming on the place they now own. This place was purchased by their father, Charles V. Wells, long before the late war. He was a steamboat captain on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers for a number of years. He was born in Dayton, Ohio, and his wife, Susan Russell, was a native of Virginia. The former died on his farm in

February, 1880, and the latter is a resident of West Virginia. The Wells Brothers have, during the last seven years, cleared up 150 acres of this land, and now have 250 acres under cultivation. They own 640 acres in the tract. They are now just completing a handsome two-story residence, and are doing most of the work themselves. They are intelligent and industrious young men, and deserve great credit for their integrity and prosperity. They deal quite extensively in stock.

William W. Wetlock, general merchant of St. Elizabeth, Mo., has been engaged in his present business since 1875. He was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1836, being the youngest of three children born to William Wetlock and wife, who are also natives of Hanover. The father was a farmer, and died in his native land, but his widow came to America and settled in Gasconade County, Mo., where she died many years ago. Here William W. received the greater part of his rearing, being trained in the duties of farm labor. While still a resident of that county he was married to Elizabeth Lucors, and afterward moved to St. Elizabeth, where he engaged in general merchandising. From this point he removed to Charleston, where he is interested in the same business, and has filled the positions of postmaster at both St. Elizabeth and Charleston, being the present postmaster of the latter place. He has a good and paying trade, and in enterprises tending to benefit the county he has ever taken an active interest. He is a Republican in politics. He and wife have one son, William, who resides at home.

G. L. Williams. Among the prominent farmers of the county who have fought the battle of life successfully may be mentioned Mr. Williams, who was born in Morgan County, Mo., in 1819, being the eldest of five children born to the union of Samuel Williams and Rachel Carver, who were born in Virginia and Ohio, respectively. The former came to Morgan County when a young man, and was here married and spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring in 1863, at the age of forty-seven years. His widow still resides in Morgan County. G. L. Williams, our subject, spent his early days in working on the farm and in attending school, and was married in his native county in August, 1868, to Lucinda Daniels, who was born in Greene County, Mo., in 1849, being a daughter of Tapley and Keziah (Thornhill) Daniels, who were Tennesseans, and came to Missouri about 1840, and died in 1874 and 1872, respectively. After his marriage Mr. Williams resided in Morgan County until 1871, when he moved to Miller County and purchased his present farm of 100 acres, and is engaged in general farming. He has always taken an interest in enterprises for the benefit of the county, and in politics votes with the Democratic party. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church, and are the parents of three children: Victoria Alice (Mrs. Cramer), resides in Franklin Township; Mary Ardell (Mrs. McClure), also resides in Franklin Township, and Lavona Bell. Victor Emanuel, a son, died in 1882, at the age of eight years.

James M. Williams, dealer in hardware, etc., at Aurora Springs, was born in Wabash County, Ill., January 1, 1837, and is the seventh son in a family of ten children born to Joseph and Eliza (Cunningham) Williams. The father was a native of New York, of Welsh de-

seent, and immigrated to Illinois in 1847, where he bought land. This he improved, and continued here for about three years, when they moved to Mount Carmel, buying a steam plow-mill, which he ran for a few years. He then sold this, moved to a farm at Albion, Ill., but only remained here a short time before he sold out and bought town property. He here followed milling, which he continued in connection with the postoffice business (being appointed postmaster) until his death in 1869. James M. Williams succeeded to the mill at the time of his father's appointment to the office of postmaster, and continued in that occupation for a number of years. Then, at the age of sixteen, he began learning the tinner's trade in Olney, and served as an apprentice for five years, or until twenty-one years of age. He then went to Iowa, worked at his trade in Dubuque for some time, after which he went to Evansville, Ind., here continuing the same business. Later he moved to Graysville, Ill., where he remained for one year, and then went back to Albion, Ill., where he began business for himself. From there he went to Flora, where he resumed business in partnership with L. D. Heap for one year, at which time he bought out his partner, and conducted the business alone for about fifteen years. While in Flora, and in May, 1864, he married Miss Annie Hawkins, a native of Illinois and the daughter of Henry Hawkins, who was of English descent, and who was a member of the State Legislature for several terms. After selling out at Flora, Mr. Williams came to Missouri (1883), settling at Aurora Springs, and started the first hardware store at that place. In 1885 he formed a partnership with Mr. Crocker, and the business has prospered and flourished up to the present time. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Williams were born six children: Lillie, wife of M. McBride; Edward, died in infancy; Nellie, wife of W. C. Fritter, agent at California on the Missouri Pacific Railroad; Jennie, Jessie and Walter (deceased). In Sunday-school matters Mr. Williams takes an active part, re-organizing the school at Aurora in the spring of 1888, and has since been repeatedly superintendent. He was the first mayor of Flora, Ill., and was re-elected for three successive terms. During that time many important improvements in the city were made—the city hall built, park laid out and fenced, and numerous other improvements. He built the second brick house in the place; was twice elected county supervisor, and is a prominent and esteemed citizen. He was also the second mayor of Aurora Springs, and has assisted greatly in the development of the place. He has been elder in the Presbyterian Church for twenty-three years; is a member of the Masonic fraternity, a Royal Arch Mason, and has been through all the offices. He was one of the three organizers of the district fair of Clay and adjoining counties in Illinois, and was deputy county treasurer. He is somewhat active in politics, and votes with the Democratic party.

Edwin August Zwanzig, partner with Gattermeir & Co. in the Olean Roller Mill, was born in Rock Island County, Ill., in 1854, and is the eldest in a family of twelve children born to August and Margaret (Fuhr) Zwanzig. The father was a native of Saxony and the mother a native of Buffalo, N. Y. They were married in Rock Island County, Ill., and the father was a practical miller by occupa-

tion. He worked in different parts of the United States, and was in Helena at the beginning of the late Civil War, but later went to Illinois. In 1869 the family moved to Missouri, and settled in Morgan County, where he built mill property, which is now known as the Zwanzig Mills. Edwin August Zwanzig was reared to the miller's trade, and worked for his father until twenty-one years of age. He then worked in various places, and in 1878 and 1879 worked for Metzgar & Ham. In 1879 he went to Colorado, where he followed mining, and then, in company with his brother-in-law, Joseph Gattermeir, returned to Miller County in the fall of 1880. In the spring of the following year he, in partnership with his brother, Bernhardt, and Joseph Gattermeir, bought the mill at Olean and fitted it up with all the new and latest improvements. Our subject's brother, Bernhardt, was reared to farm life mostly, and is the manager of the outside work of the mill. Mr. Zwanzig and brother are good Republicans, and are much respected citizens.

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### COLE COUNTY.

Peter Alexander is a native of Brown County, Ohio, and came to Cole County, Mo., with his mother when three years of age, and here has since made his home, with the exception of a few months spent in Lynn County, Kas., whither he went in 1857. After taking a claim he found that it did not rightly belong to him, and immediately relinquished it and returned to Missouri, living for a while in Bates County. At the breaking out of the war he returned home and enlisted in the Missouri State Guard under Gen. Raines, and took part in the battles of Carthage, Springfield, and Murrinstown, his company being disbanded at the latter place. Mr. Alexander returned to Cole County, and afterward joined the Union Militia of this county, and was stationed at Jefferson City, when Price made his raid through this section. In 1867 he purchased a farm of 100 acres, to which he has since added 100 acres more, and has his farm well improved with good buildings, his residence being very nicely situated. In 1862 he was married to Miss Prudence V. Dunica, by whom he has six children: Minnie, wife of Robert Hutson; Leroy, who is twenty-one years of age, and in connection with his father runs a threshing machine and saw-mill; Mary M., Eliza J., Fred and Hittie Ann. Mr. Alexander is a Democrat, and his wife is a member of the Baptist Church. Her father, Pendleton Dunica, resided in Cole County until his death. His father, James Dunica, was judge of the court of Cole County for a number of years, and died in St. Louis in 1867. He was an early settler of Cole County, and built the fine brick house in which the widow of Dr. McWorkman is living.

William Anderson was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1833, his father being Hugh Anderson, who spent his life in the "Emerald