

# BIOGRAPHICAL.

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## MONROE TOWNSHIP.

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### RICHARD ASBURY, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Monroe City).

Dr. Asbury was one of the first residents of Monroe City, having come here as early as the spring of 1866. But three families of those residing here at that time are still residents of the place. He built a neat two-story frame business house, the first one of any considerable size or importance erected here. A regular graduate of medicine and a physician of established reputation, he soon built up an excellent practice in the adjacent vicinities of Monroe, Ralls, Marion and Shelby counties, a practice which has steadily increased from the first. Dr. Asbury was also engaged in the drug business at this place with success for a number of years. A man of liberal, progressive ideas and wide general information, he has always taken an intelligent interest in the progress and prosperity of the community, and has contributed an important share toward building up Monroe City and surrounding country, and for the general interests of the people. Recognizing his concern for the welfare of the place, he has been called repeatedly to serve as city councilman and gave conclusive proof of his usefulness in that position by advocating with a due regard for economy and practicability all needed public improvements, such as the improvement of streets and making of sidewalks, etc. Dr. Asbury is a native Missourian, born in Lewis county, near the city of Monticello, May 17, 1838. His parents were William F. and Elizabeth (Blair) Asbury, his father originally of Virginia, but his mother of Kentucky. They were married in Kentucky and came to Missouri in 1834, settling five miles west of Monticello. They subsequently removed to Scot and county, near Memphis, where the father died in 1853. The mother died some 13 years before, in 1840. Richard, the subject of this sketch, was only two years of age when his mother died, and his father afterwards married, Miss Mary A. Measner then becoming his wife. There were nine children by the father's first marriage and one by the second. The father was a farmer and also practiced medicine, being a man of wonderful natural aptitude for the medical profession. Richard Asbury received his education at the common schools, and when 20 years of age, during the Pike's Peak excitement, went to the South Park country in Colorado, where he spent nearly a year, en-

gaged in mining. On his return he entered school at Canton, under the instruction of Prof. Grant, who taught a private class at the college in that place. After this he entered upon the regular study of medicine, under Dr. R. S. Briscoe, and continued under him for about a year, teaching school, however, a part of the time. He subsequently studied under Dr. Hubbard at Canton and taught for another year. For a while, also, he was engaged in mercantile business with J. B. Reddish. Entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, he took a regular course in that institution and graduated in 1865. After his graduation he located in Saline county, near Petre, where he practiced for about a year. He then came to Monroe City, in 1866, as stated above. In the meantime, however, in 1861, he joined the Southern army and was in the service for about a year, being a part of the time under Col. Green, and a part under Col. Porter. On May 12, 1864, Dr. Asbury was married to Miss Martha E. Plant of Monticello. There are three children living of this union: Sarah E. ("Bessie"), who is now attending Prof. Musgrove's seminary at Monticello; Massanello P. ("Ned"), now also attending the same institution, and Carrie V., at home, aged eight years. Two are deceased, Richard V. and Lillie C., who died at tender ages. In about 1874 Dr. Asbury's wife's health began to fail and it so continued up to the time of her death, which occurred on March 17, 1883. Two years before, he went south, hoping that a change of climate would prove beneficial, but all to no avail. She had long been an earnest member of the Christian Church, and at last passed away peacefully in the full hope and faith of the blessed Redeemer. Dr. Asbury has had several partnerships in the practice of medicine, but has always commanded a good practice personally, for he has many old patients who would not be satisfied with any other physician while he could be had. He has always taken a warm interest in the cause of temperance and is an earnest believer in the effectiveness of prohibition laws. He has been a member of the school board for a number of years, and, indeed, has ever shown a willingness to assist in any movement designed for the general good.

### WILLIAM A. BIRD

(Photographer, Monroe City),

In 1873 Mr. Bird commenced learning the art of photography and has since devoted his time and attention almost exclusively to his calling. The wants of society are varied, and in a well regulated community, as in the ideal Republic of Plato, the pursuits of its members must be greatly diversified. The egotism of the less liberal and less broad-minded class of individuals is so great, however, that it is not an uncommon thing to see one in a given calling estimating with little appreciation the pursuit of another — looking upon it, in fact, as of little value, and unworthy the time and attention of a man of sterling intelligence, positive character, or personal force. In this light some are wont to look upon photography. Ignoring the great service the

art performs to humanity, they are not disposed to regard its adepts with that respect and consideration to which men faithfully devoted to a worthy calling are justly entitled. The art of photography preserves a singularly correct representation of the features and appearance of those nearest and dearest to us, after they have passed away. It presents to us the likeness of a loving and beloved mother when she is to be seen no more, or of a father, or of a husband or wife or children. The features of absent friends long separated from us are by it brought to view, telling us of the changes which the flight of years has made in those we esteem. In the realm of the gentler, blush-producing emotions of the heart, the value of its services is as inestimable as the stars that people space are innumerable. Who of our day, in the opening bloom-time of life, has not had his soul thrilled, as if the music of the spheres were vibrating in his breast, at looking upon the fair features of some lovely maid, the ideal of his heart, as presented by the heaven-invented art of photography? No one who has ever been young and loved can ever become so soured as to esteem to photographers' work less than a gift of heaven, a divine mission, appointed like the ministers of old to publish glad tidings to all the world. Then should not one who devotes himself to this hardly less than sacred office put forth every energy of head and heart and of personal exertion to prove himself worthy of it? In this light the true artist regards it, and it is in this light that the subject of the present sketch has ever viewed it. With an intuitive sense of the importance of, and due regard for, the conditions of invention, composition, design, *chiaro-scuro* and coloring, including the principles of light and shade, warm and cold expressions, perspective, etc., he has studied his art with that intelligence and assiduity and practiced himself in its work with that comprehensive appreciation of what is necessary to be done, which could not fail of placing him in the front rank of artists in North Missouri. The gratifying result is shown in the superior excellence and enviable reputation which distinguish his work. It is not too much to say that no photographer in this part of the State has been more fortunate in mastering his art than the subject of the present sketch. His work can compare favorably with that of the most eminent adept, were they hung side by side in any reputable *salon d'art photographique* of a large city. Mr. Bird, whose name itself is not an unpleasant suggestion, is a native of the classic State of Illinois, born in Ogle county, May 19, 1850. His early life was spent on the farm and without any thrilling event indicative of a remarkable future. He early became identified, however, with a base ball club at Rockford, Ill., showing that he is possessed of that activity of mind and body and of that disposition to keep quite up with the times in which he lives so necessary to success in life. He was for some time a professional base ball player, and his name as such became a familiar object to the public in the local prints, and in a way quite creditable to himself and the club with which he was identified. In short, he was a successful base ball player, as he is a successful pho-



tographer. In 1872 he came to Missouri, locating at Shelbina, where he followed clerking for a year and at the same time studied and worked at photography. He came to Monroe City in 1880, and now has one of the handsomest suits of art parlors, in his line, including a studio and laboratory, to be found in this section of the State. His career, indeed, as indicated above, has been one of gratifying and unusual success. August 24, 1880, he was married to Miss Frankie L., a refined and accomplished daughter of J. C. York, of Shelbina. Mr. Bird is also agent for the Kimball organ. Mrs. Bird is a member of the M. E. Church.

### JAMES H. BLINCOE

(Contractor and Builder, and Dealer in Lumber, etc., Monroe City).

Mr. Blincoe is the leading contractor and builder of this place, if indeed not also of the county, and does a business exceeded in extent and importance only by the excellence and popularity of his work. He has been engaged in business here for the past seven years and during this time has erected a number of the handsomest buildings, both residence and otherwise, to be seen in the place, a town noted for the fine taste and display in its architecture. He is by natural taste an architect, a designer of superior ability, while he is a thoroughly experienced carpenter and he always gives his personal attention to the erection of the buildings which are contracted to him, doing a large part of the work himself. He works, however, a half a dozen or more first-class carpenters during the building season, and receives great commendation for the expedition as well as thoroughness with which he does his work. Mr. Blincoe is one of the highly respected citizens of the place and is a member of the school board of which Dr. Jackson is president. He carries a large and excellent stock of lumber and all sorts of building materials, so that while he is enabled to sell to the general public at the lowest retail prices, he is at the same time able to give his patrons as a builder the benefit of wholesale prices in the erection of their houses. Mr. Blincoe is a Missourian by nativity and was born in Marion county, February 24, 1844. His father was George T. Blincoe, in his younger days a contractor in Marion county, and his mother was a Miss Elizabeth Turner, both Virginians. James H. was brought up to his present business and has since worked at it at different points in Missouri up to the time of coming to Monroe City, in 1877. Here he soon came to the front in his present lines, a position he is likely to hold as long as good health is spared to him. On the 14th of June, 1865, he was married to Miss Anna Mitchell, of Marion county, a daughter of Burrill and Caroline (McCullough) Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Blincoe have four children: William E., Alice, James H. and an infant. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South, and he is a member of the Masonic order.



## BOULWARE &amp; SULLIVAN

(Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, etc., etc., Monroe City)

Mr. Boulware, the senior member of the above-named firm, was brought up to merchandising, his father, William Boulware, having been an old merchant of this place. He entered his father's store after taking a course at Monroe Academy, and continued clerking for his father from the age of 15 up to 1872, when he formed a partnership with his brother, Edward S., and the two engaged in his present line of business in this place. They continued in the business together with good success for two years, when Edward S. sold his interest in the firm to James M. Johnson, and about eighteen months afterwards the latter sold to Mr. Sullivan. Since then, in 1876, the firm has been doing business under the name of Boulware & Sullivan. The business was started on comparatively a small capital, but the firm now have one of the leading houses in their line in Monroe county, and, indeed, in all this section of country for miles around. Messrs. Boulware & Sullivan keep three clerks constantly employed, besides giving the business their own daily attention. They have a new brick business house, erected by themselves in 1883 at a large cost, a building 28 x 100 feet, which they have literally packed with every variety of goods to be found in a first-class store in their line. Their business is on a cash basis, both as buyers and sellers, and while it is thus on a sound basis, they are at the same time able to sell at prices which no credit house can compete with, for they get the benefit of important discounts by making cash purchases. Mr. Boulware is a native of Monroe county, born near this city March 22, 1852. His mother was Miss Anna McPike, related to the well-known McPike family of North Missouri. Aaron was the youngest of four children, the others being: Rachel Z., now Mrs. R. V. Sullivan; Edward S., of Marion county, and James M., of Lewis county. September 21, 1876, Aaron Boulware, the subject of this sketch, was married to Miss Minnie Mendenhall, a daughter of Dr. Thomas J. Mendenhall, of Monroe, formerly of Wilmnigton, Del.; he is now practicing in Philadelphia, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Boulware have two children: Thomas Mendenhall and Anna McPike. He and wife are both members of the Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the Masonic order.

RANDOLPH V. SULLIVAN, the junior member of the firm, was born in Mason county, Ky., November 4, 1834, and was a son of Austin and Catherine (Hiles) Sullivan, who came to Missouri in 1867, and settled in Marion county. In 1871, however, they went to Rising Sun, Ind., where their eldest son lives, and where the father died in 1882. The mother is still living there. Four of their family are living: Robert A., of Marion county; James H., of Monroe county; Jerome, of Vernon county; Randolph, the subject of this sketch, and William H., the eldest, a physician at Rising Sun, Ind. Randolph V. was reared in Kentucky and educated at the Dover Seminary in that State.

He spent two years there in a drug store, and came to Missouri in 1856. Here he engaged in farming, near Monroe City, which he followed until 1876, being also engaged during the same time in grazing and feeding stock of all kinds. On the 29th of June, 1859, Mr. Sullivan was married to Miss Rachel Z. Boulware, only daughter of William Boulware, and a sister to Aaron Boulware, of the present firm. The business of this firm has already been spoken of in the preceding sketch. Mr. Sullivan has been for some time acting President of the Monroe City Bank, since the ill health of the President, John B. Randol, and at the last election of officers he was elected President of the bank in which he is a prominent stockholder. He is one of the substantial property holders of the county, and a sober-minded, safe business man. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan have three children: William A. and Charles M., both clerking in the store, and Anna K., who is at home. William was educated at Central College, and Charles and Anna were educated at the Monroe Academy. Mr. Sullivan is superintendent of the Sunday-school and he and all his family, except Charles, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

### ROBERT B. BRISTOW

(Of Bristow & Lighter, Attorneys at Law, Monroe City).

Maj. Bristow, one of the leading lawyers of this judicial circuit and a prominent, influential citizen of Monroe county, came to Missouri from Virginia in 1870, where he had been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession continuously since the close of the war. He is a native of Virginia and resided there until his removal to Missouri. Maj. Bristow was born in Middlesex county, January 21, 1840, and was a son of James S. and Leonora (Seward) Bristow, both of old Virginia families. His father was a farmer by occupation and Robert B. was brought up to hard work on the farm. However, he had good educational advantages and took a regular course at Alleghany College, Virginia, where he graduated in 1859. Intended for the law, he immediately afterwards entered upon the study for that profession under the eminent jurist, Judge Brockenborough, of Lexington, Va. He also took a regular course at the Virginia Law School, but received no degree as that institution did not then confer degrees. After quitting the law school he engaged in teaching, but was not long permitted to preside over a school-room, for the cyclone of Civil War soon came sweeping over the country and drew every one capable of bearing arms into its terrible embrace. He went directly out of the school-room into the first battle of Manassas, and for more than four years he bravely bore himself in march and camp and on the bloody field as a worthy soldier of the cavalier South. He entered the army as a private and by his merits rose to the rank of major, which he held at the close of the war, and finally surrendered at Appomattox where the Southern standard went down to rise no more. He was four times wounded during the progress of the war and was in many of the hardest battles fought during that long and terrible struggle.

But none of his injuries proved permanent, and he came out of his four years' service fully capable of coping with the duties and responsibilities of life, his severest wound being that of the heart by the defeat of the cause which he loved so well and fought for so long and bravely. After the surrender he located for the practice of his profession at Saluda, the county seat of his native county, where he practiced with success until his removal to Missouri in 1870. From Virginia he came directly to Monroe City, and here formed a partnership in the practice of law with Rev. P. R. Ridgley, a prominent attorney as well as an able divine, now of Rocheport, Mo. This partnership continued until 1872, and they also conducted the *Monroe City Appeal*. Rev. Mr. Ridgley, however, went to Rocheport, and a few weeks later Maj. Bristow had the misfortune to lose the *Appeal* office by fire, which left him about \$1,000 in debt. He then sold the good will of the *Appeal* for what he could get and devoted himself exclusively to the practice. He has been quite successful as a lawyer, both in the trial of cases and in the accumulation of the rewards of a good practice, being not only one of the leading lawyers of the circuit in reputation and business but also in easy circumstances. Maj. Bristow is a man of marked character and sterling natural ability, as well as thorough master of the science of the law and an able practitioner and speaker. As an advocate he is conceded to have few equals if any in the circuit, and the influence he has before juries is one of the principal secrets of his success. Always thoroughly posted in the law of the case and never failing to make himself perfectly familiar with the facts, with this preparation when he comes to present his case to the jury in that terse and forcible language of which he is master, as well as that eloquence which he commands at will, he is almost irresistible. In 18— he formed a partnership in the practice with his present partner, John T. Lighter, Jr., Esq. Mr. Lighter is an able and accomplished young lawyer, a graduate of the law department of the State University and a successful practitioner. On the 22d of February, 1866, Maj. Bristow was married to Miss Lucinda E. Cauthron, of Essex county, Va., and related to the prominent Andrain county family by that name of this State. Maj. and Mrs. Bristow are members of the Baptist Church, and he is one of the leading members of the I. O. O. F. in this part of the State.

### BENEDICT BUELL

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Monroe City).

One of the most increscent forces operating to the material development and general advancement in prosperity of Monroe county is the large number of men of means and enterprise, and of sterling business and industrial ability, who are constantly casting their fortunes and identifying their lives and activity for this county. Prominent among these in the last year or two is the subject of the present sketch. Mr. Buell, a relative to the *litterateur* Buell, well known as the author of "Russian Nihilism," and numerous other works, resided



in St. Louis county, where he was partly reared, until his removal to Monroe county in the fall of 1883. Already, by his industry and enterprise, he had achieved substantial success in the accumulation of property, and came here with ample means to buy a valuable tract of land and improve it in an excellent manner. He has built an unusually good and tastefully constructed residence, commodious and conveniently arranged, and in other respects is making his farm one of the desirable homesteads of the township. Mr. Buell is a native of St. Louis county, born October 19, 1834. His parents were Jacob C. and Rosanna (Carrico) Buell, his mother a sister to Benedict Carrico, a sketch of whom appears in this volume, and for whom the present subject was named. Mr. Buell was quite young when his father died, leaving one other son, Walter, who is now on the farm with the subject of the present sketch, having only recently returned from California, where he made his home from the year 1850. In 1836 Mrs. Buell, the widow, with her two sons, Benedict and Walter, removed to Monroe county, but returned to St. Louis county four years afterward and was married there to Mr. Van Meter. She resided in St. Louis county for 16 years, but came back to Monroe in 1856. However, she returned to St. Louis county in 1877. Her second husband died while they resided in Monroe county. Benedict Buell was brought up to farming but also learned the stonemason's trade, at which he worked in St. Louis until 1854. He then spent three years mining and freighting in California. Returning to St. Louis county in 1857, two years later he was married there to Miss Mary Kieff, who was born and reared in St. Louis. In 1860 he began running a threshing machine in St. Louis county, and continued that, in addition to his other agricultural industries, up to the time of his removal to Monroe county. Until the application of steam power to threshers became practicable he used horse power, but as soon as steam could be used he applied it as a motive power to his thresher, and is conceded to be the first man who ever threshed wheat in St. Louis county with a steam thresher. In 1879 Mr. Buell bought his present tract of land in Monroe county. This is a fine piece of land of 160 acres, the improvement of which he began in 1883. His identification with this county is a valuable acquisition to its agricultural interests and to its citizenship. Mr. and Mrs. Buell have four children: William B., Anna L., Lee and Wesley. His eldest son is married and resides in this township. His eldest daughter is the wife of Mr. Hamilton Green, who resides on the farm with his father-in-law. The second son, a graduate of the Mound City Commercial College, is a successful teacher in the county. The youngest son, Wesley, is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Buell are members of the Catholic Church, and he is a member of the Knights of Honor.

#### J. PORTER BUSH

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock-dealer, Post-office, Monroe City).

Mr. Bush, one of the most enterprising and intelligent agriculturists of Monroe township, is a Kentuckian by nativity, born in Clark,

county, November 2, 1837. His parents were Jeremiah and Nancy H. (Gentry) Bush, who lived in Clark county, Ky., being highly respected citizens, until their death, the father being a substantial and prominent farmer and stock-raiser of that county. J. Porter was reared on the farm, and completed his education at Central College of Danville, Ky. The two years following, 1854 and 1855, he spent in a store at Winchester, Ky. Following this he was in no particular line of business until 1860, when he became station agent of the Hannibal and St. Joe Road at Osborn, having previously learned telegraphy. The following fall, November 15, 1860, he was married to Miss Anna E. Gentry, daughter of Hon. Joshua Gentry, then president of the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad Company. He continued in the service of that company until 1866, having been agent at Palmyra from May 1, 1862, to April, 1866. Then he settled on his present farm three miles south of Monroe City, where he has a fine place of 320 acres, which has a tract of 80 acres of timber tributary to it. Besides farming in a general way he makes a specialty of raising fine short-horn and Hereford cattle for the Western trade, and now has 40 head of fine cattle on hand. He also has superior grades of sheep and hogs. For a number of years he has been engaged in feeding and shipping stock, and handling them quite extensively, in which he has been entirely successful. During the war Mr. Bush was a Union man, and was a member of the enrolled militia while in the service of the railroad, being connected with the rail protective service, and was frequently called out from his regular office duties to protect the road. He was at Monroe City, July 10, 1861, when the depot was burned by Capt. John Owens' men of the Southern service, and was at Hunnewell at the time Porter and Green entered that place on their raid in North Missouri, being robbed there, and only escaping with his life by the citizens telling them that he had gone off on the previous train. He was ordered out for service at the time the Southrons burnt the Salt river bridge, and on several other occasions of great personal danger. Gen. Porter, of the Confederate army, made a raid on Palmyra in 1863 while he (Mr. Bush) was located there, and released all the Confederate prisoners in that place and carried off old man Allsman, for whom Gen. John McNeil had 10 Confederate prisoners shot at that place. Mr. Bush was present at the shooting of the prisoners. Mr. and Mrs. Bush have a family of seven children, and have lost one, besides their eldest, in infancy. The others are James J., Charley C., Jesse J., Sarah G., Ambrose G., Catherine N., and Annetta. He and wife are members of the Monroe Christian Church, and he is a member of the A. O. U. W.

### BENEDICT CARRICO

(Farmer, and Cattle-raiser, Post-office, Monroe City).

On his father's side, Mr. Carrico is of English descent, though the family was settled in Virginia for several generations, but on his mother's side he is of Irish ancestry, his grandfather, Ignatious

O'Brien, having been a native of the Emerald Isle. His father was Walter Carrico and his mother, before her marriage, was a Miss Helena O'Brien. Three of the Carrico brothers came to Missouri—Vincent, the eldest, coming away back when St. Louis was a mere frontier trading post; Dennis came in 1810 and Walter in 1818; a sister also came, Theresa, back in 1810; she became the wife of Josias Miles, and Richard Miles, mentioned in this volume, was her son. They all first located in St. Louis county. Walter Carrico, the father of the subject of this sketch, came to Monroe county in 1836 and settled on Indian creek, near Swinkey, where he entered nearly 600 acres of land and lived until his death in 1840. His wife died in 1865. They had three sons and four daughters, namely: Ignatious, who died in Texas; Benedict, the subject of this sketch; Joseph M., of St. Louis county; Elizabeth, who died whilst the wife of Francis Miles; Theresa, who died whilst the wife of James Murphy; Rosanna, who died after her marriage to John Van Metre, and Nancy who died whilst the wife of D. D. St.Vrain. Benedict Carrico and Joseph M. Carrico are the only two of the family now living. The former was but twenty-two years of age when he came to Monroe county and on the 7th day of February, 1837, he was married to Miss Catherine L., a daughter of Edward Hardesty. She was born in Kentucky in 1818, and died in this county March 13, 1879, leaving her husband eight children: Walter V., of Hannibal; Susan E., now the wife of V. B. Calhoun of Hannibal; Edward D., who is at home; Benedict F., who resides near his father; Theresa A., now the wife of A. W. Vaughn, of the same vicinity; Francis I., now the wife of Nicholas Calhoun, of Marion county; Thomas M., who is still on the farm with his father, and Elizabeth, who died a young lady, about four years ago. Mr. Carrico has followed farming and stock-raising ever since he came to the county. He lived in the north-eastern part of the county until 1849. He then settled on a part of his present place. At first he had but 80 acres, but now he has 13 acres less than 300, and has given some land to his children. Whilst his life has been one of industry and good management, it is thus seen that his labors have not been without their reward. His main business has been raising cattle and mules at which, in his time, he has made a good deal of money. He also raised considerable tobacco years ago. Mr. Carrico and all of his children are members of the Catholic Church. Personally he is looked upon as one of the old and highly respected citizens of the township, and is much esteemed by all who know him.

### HARRISON CARY

(Dealer in Groceries, Monroe City).

Mr. Cary, one of the old citizens of Monroe county, was one of the first merchants to engage in business at this place. He began here in 1862, when there were but two other business houses, those of J. M. Preston and H. A. Buchanan, both dealers in general merchandise. Mr. Cary has been in business from that time to this almost continu-



ously. On first coming to Monroe City he formed a partnership with John Gates, with whom he continued for two years. He was then alone for awhile, and his next partner was Heber Hough. They were in the business together up to 1870. Mr. Cary started his present business in the line of groceries, queen's-ware, glass-ware, etc., in 1875. His business has grown with the growth of the place and the surrounding country. He now carries an unusually large stock of goods and has erected a handsome two-story brick business house with a large cellar for his trade. This building has three rooms, all of which are occupied by his stock, and for conveniently handling goods he has an elevator. He carries a stock of several thousand dollars and does an extensive and lucrative business. He also handles seeds and other farm products, except grain, stock and the like. Mr. Cary was born in Marion county, May 29, 1822. His parents were Edward and Elizabeth (Whaley) Cary, his mother a daughter of Capt. Whaley, formerly of Kentucky. They were married in Kentucky and came to Missouri in 1820. In 1846 young Cary enlisted for the Mexican War, becoming a soldier under Price, afterwards Gen. Price of the Civil War, and being in Col. Dave Willick's battalion. The principal scene of his service was in the Santa Fe country, and he was out for about 14 months. Mr. Cary underwent great hardships during his service, for soldiers were not as well cared for then as now, and besides, campaigning in a wild, almost provisionless country — there were no railroad means of transportation, but the dreary march most of the time without roads — and in all the changes of the weather was the lot of the soldier. Returning to Marion county after his service, he engaged in farming there, which he had previously followed, and on the 14th of June, 1849, was married to Miss E. C. Gash, of that county. He continued to farm in his native county until 1856, when he went to Texas, but returned the following year. He then came to Monroe county and improved what is now known as the J. M. Proctor farm, where he resided until he came to Monroe City in 1862. Mr. Cary took no part in the war, but was preyed upon by both sides and greatly annoyed and harassed by evil-disposed persons, without a fear of the Lord before their eyes or a decent regard for either the rights of person or property. Before the war Mr. Cary was a Whig, but has since been identified with the Democratic party, though only as a citizen, for he has never been an aspirant for office. However, he was a member of the first town council of Monroe City, and was also for a time mayor of the place. Mr. and Mrs. Cary have two children, Adolphus E., now connected with his father in business, and Mary L., the wife of Rev. Henry F. Davis, of the Christian Church. Adolphus E. is a graduate of the Christian University of Canton, Mo., having received his honors in the class of 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Cary are members of the Christian Church.

## DAVID G. DAVENPORT

(Attorney at Law, Monroe City).

Mr. Davenport, who has been engaged in the practice of law for over 30 years continuously, except during most of the war and for a short time afterwards, has been located at Monroe City since 1873. As a lawyer, his career has been one of substantial success, and he is now one of the well-to-do citizens of this place as well as one of the prominent attorneys of the county. Mr. Davenport, although partly reared in Marion county, was born in Baltimore, Md., his natal day being the 20th of January, 1822. His father was David G. Davenport, and was originally from Lewistown, Del. He was reared, however, in West Virginia, but educated at Washington City, D. C. He early went to Baltimore, where Miss Susan Green became his wife, a young lady of Maryland birth and education. When David G., Jr., was some 15 years of age his parents removed to Missouri, settling near West Ely, in Marion county. Young Davenport received a good education and began the study of law in 1848, under Judge Van Swearingen, who is well known to Missouri lawyers by his long and eminent service at the bar and hardly less by his being the subject of ex-Senator Waldo P. Johnson's famous poem, entitled "The Nestor of the Missouri Bar," which was read for the first time before the Bar Association of Vernon county some 10 or 12 years ago. Mr. Davenport also read law under A. W. Lamm, a leading lawyer of Hannibal, and for whom Judge Van Swearingen's son, A. W. Van Swearingen, a prominent lawyer of Montevallo, Mo., was named. Admitted to the bar in 1850, Mr. Davenport went at once thereafter to California, where he resided for about two years. He then returned to Missouri and engaged in the practice at Palmyra, where he continued with success until the second year of the war. By this time affairs had become so critical that it was no longer safe for a man of pronounced Southern convictions to remain at home, and he accordingly joined the Southern army, becoming first lieutenant of a company under Col. Porter, and taking charge of Porter's body-guard. Later along in the war he was wounded and taken prisoner. After his capture he was taken to Jefferson City and then to St. Louis, where he was court-martialed and thereupon committed to prison at Alton. He was finally transferred to Camp Chase, being kept in confinement until the close of the war. After his return home he found that loyalty had not only been victorious but thrifty. Both Southern rights and Southern property had suffered, the latter perhaps even more than the former. Mr. Davenport found that his worldly possessions to the amount of about \$20,000 had been swept away in common with those of other "rebels." It is a poor thing that can't be made to pay, and in the late war "patriotism" was by no means an unprofitable enterprise, considering the bounties, the pickings from wicked "rebels," and the back pay and fat pensions that have fol-

lowed. After the war Mr. Davenport resumed the practice of law, not, however, for a few years, on account of the proscriptive clause of the Drake Constitution, which prohibited every one identified or sympathizing with the South in the remotest degree from practicing law, preaching, teaching school, or following almost any other occupation except manual labor, or business pursuits. After the removal of his political disabilities, however, he commenced the practice at Palmyra, but in 1873 came to Monroe City. On the 2d of October, 1852, he was married to Miss Fannie C. Lair, daughter of William Lair of Marion county. They have had three children: David R., an attorney by profession, but at present, a general traveling agent of the Phœnix Insurance Company of London, England, with headquarters at Chicago; Fannie O., now Mrs. William E. Moss; and Palmyra M., now the wife of James Shaw, of Hannibal. Mrs. Davenport is a member of the M. E. Church, South.

### DURRANT & JACKSON

(Dealers in Hardware, Stoves, Tin-ware, Agricultural Implements, Reapers, Mowers, Wagons, Buggies, Grass, Hay Seed, Etc., Monroe City).

In youth Mr. Durrant learned the tinner's trade, at which he worked as a journeyman for a number of years, and in 1876 came to Monroe City as an employe of March & McClure. They carried on business here, he working for them, until 1879, when they failed and made an assignment. He and Thomas J. Yates bought their stock and reorganized the business, which has since become the leading establishment in these lines in Monroe county, and one of the principal houses of the kind in North Missouri, outside of a large city. For this highly gratifying result more credit is due to the energy, enterprise, industry, and business ability of Mr. Durrant than to the exertions of any other man, for he has been longer and more intimately identified with the business than any one at any time connected with it. In 1881 Mr. Yates retired from the firm, Mr. Ely taking his place, and the hardware branch of the business was sold to Mr. William R. P. Jackson. On the 1st of January, 1882, the two houses were again consolidated under the firm name of B. M. Ely & Co., and a year later Mr. Ely retired, when the firm became Durrant & Jackson, as it has since continued. They carry large stocks of goods in all the lines mentioned above, and have the largest warehouse on the railroad from Hannibal to St. Joe. They are doing quite an extensive jobbing trade in the grass seed line, handling from five to eight car loads annually. Their yearly business in all the different lines amounts to nearly \$50,000. Such is the reward of close attention to business, enterprise and fair dealing.

Geo. W. Durrant was born in Bradford county, Penn., and was one of nine children of George B. and Elizabeth (Smith) Durrant, formerly of England. Both parents died when George W. was quite a youth, and but three others of the family are living: William, in Pennsylvania, and Samuel and Fred., in Michigan. At the age of 14,



George W. entered the general mercantile store of J. D. Humphrey, of Orwell, Penn., who was a first cousin to John Brown, of Harper's Ferry memory, in which young Durrant continued until he was 18 years of age. He then learned the tinner's trade at Towanda, Penn., where he worked three years. After attaining his majority he worked for 12 years as a journeyman, working in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, and in 1876 he came to Monroe City, as stated above. October 4, 1869, Mr. Durrant was married at Pontiac, Mich., to Miss Katie J. Goodrich. They have two children, George R. and Willie M.

Mr. Jackson, of the above named firm, although a comparatively young man, has long been prominent in business affairs in Monroe City. Coming of a well known and highly respected family of North Missouri, he received a good education and came to Monroe City in 1872, and engaged in the clothing and boot and shoe trade, which he followed with success, having several partners from time to time, for about five years. Meanwhile, he organized the Monroe City bank, of which he became cashier, and in order to give his bank business his entire time and attention, he retired from merchandising in 1876. He continued cashier of the bank for about five years, and until it was well founded on a sound basis and doing a prosperous business. In 1881 he bought the hardware branch of the business of B. M. Ely & Co., and later along he became a half and equal owner with Mr. Durrant in the entire business, under the firm name of Durrant & Jackson, as already mentioned. At the time of engaging in the hardware business he retired from the bank, since which he has devoted himself exclusively to the large and varied business interests of Durrant & Jackson. Mr. Jackson is one of the most thorough-going, clear-headed and progressive business men of the county, and according to all appearances has a most promising business future. Mr. Jackson is a man of family, having married February 1, 1876. His wife was previously Miss Sallie B. Holmes, a daughter of Henry J. Holmes, of this county. They have four children: Nellie B., Harry W., Edith F. and Homer L. Mr. Jackson was a son of James W. Jackson, an early settler of Marion county, from Delaware. His mother was a Miss Sarah E. Sharp before her marriage, a daughter of Rev. Richard Sharp, the well known Southern Methodist minister of this section of the State. He died February 28, 1881. William R. P. was born on the farm in Marion county, December 2, 1850, and was one of a large family of children. He was educated at the Palmyra Seminary.

### JUDGE JAMES D. EVANS

(Judge of the County Court and of J. D. & J. W. Evans, Grocers, Monroe City).

A good name is the result of a lifetime of upright conduct and useful citizenship, and when it is said that one has a name without reproach among those with whom he has lived for years, and who know him well, no ordinary compliment is paid. In sketching the life of Judge Evans, this statement, in common justice and truth and with

no tinge of flattery, requires to be made, for having lived in the county from childhood, his record from the beginning has been without a stain, and stands out to-day without a blot. His life has been and is one not only of negative uprightness, but of positive and active benefit to the county. For many years he was one of its best farmers and most enterprising stockmen, contributing a great deal by his example and progressive ideas to the improvement of the methods of farming and the grades of stock raised in the county. His large farm of 340 acres was mainly devoted to the stock business and he kept on hand a fine herd of short-horn cattle for breeding purposes, from which went out into different localities some of the best stock in the county.

The Evans family is one of the old and respected families of Monroe county. Matthew W. Evans and wife, *nee* Mary A. Sherwood, came from Kentucky as early as 1828, and indeed, Matthew Evans had been to this State several times prior to that, coming the first time in 1818. On removing here with his family he stopped for four years in Boone county, and then came to Monroe county in 1832, entering a tract of 360 acres, near Paris, where he improved a large farm, and lived until his death. He died at the age of 72, in 1872. His first wife had preceded him to the grave by 16 years. His second wife, before her marriage to him, was a widow lady, a Mrs. Sidney A. Adkinson. He was a prominent farmer and quite a large stockman, and was well and favorably known throughout the county. By his first wife there was a family of six sons and three daughters, but three of whom are living: Judge Evans, Mrs. Mary E. (John) Edwards and Mrs. Hester E. (James H.) Crooks, the latter of Pueblo, Col. Judge Evans, born August 24, 1830, was reared in Monroe county, and at the age of 20 crossed the plains to California, 1850, as a member of a Boone county company of gold seekers. He was in California for three years. Returning in 1853, he resumed farming in this county, to which he had been brought up, and for that purpose improved a place of 200 acres, 12 miles north-west of Paris. December 14, 1854, he was married to Miss Sarah C. Haydon, daughter of Jeremiah V. Haydon, a pioneer settler of the county, widely known here and highly respected, and from Jessamine county, Ky. The year that he was married Judge Evans' younger brother John, then 19 years of age, also went to California, but has never returned, nor has any word come back from him since 1857. He has long since been given up as dead.

After improving his farm, Judge Evans continued agricultural life, raising grain and handling stock, until March 1, 1883; he removing to Monroe City in May of the same year, being an incumbent of the office of county judge, which he had held for several years, and desiring to retire from farm life.

He was identified with mercantile business as far back as 1870, when he became interested in merchandising at Granville. For five years following he was interested in selling goods, the last two years as president of the Grange co-operative store at Granville. In Feb-

ruary, 1884, he and his son, James W., formed a partnership at Monroe City, and opened their present grocery store. They carry a complete stock of staple and fancy groceries, and their store is one of the flourishing grocery houses of the place.

Although mainly self-educated, Judge Evans is a man of good business qualifications and much general information. But above and beyond either of these he is a man of sterling native good sense and marked natural strength of character. In any community where the advantages of the people are at all similar or not out of all comparison, he would inevitably be chosen as a representative citizen in matters of public concern, and otherwise. Clear-headed, intelligent and honest, he has the sagacity to see what is best to be done for the public and the weight of character to command consideration for his opinions. Hence, it is hardly less than as a matter of course that he should be called to fill some position where sound judgment, integrity of character and good business qualifications are required. In 1880 he and two others were candidates for the office of county judge, and he was nominated and elected to this office, receiving the majority of the votes cast. He was a successor to Judge Duley, one of the ablest of the former judges of the county court. In 1882 Judge Evans was again a candidate, was renominated and re-elected, the opinions of the people being confirmed by his record as a judge, as shown by his re-election without opposition. He is now vice-president of the court and adds not a little by his ability and efficiency as an officer to the high reputation the court has among the people. In the spring of 1883, Judge Evans had the misfortune to lose his wife. She died at the age of forty-four, a bereavement hard to bear for him and their family of children. She was a true and affectionate wife, a gentle and devoted mother, and a neighbor and Christian lady whom all that knew her had learned to prize as a valued friend and generous, pious-hearted woman. She had borne him a worthy family of ten children, namely: Matthew H., Rosa E., Mary B. (the last two twins), James W., Nannie. L., Lula, John J. W., Fannie M., Lena, and Tebbs. The eldest, Matthew H., a young practicing physician, died July 26, 1882. He had graduated at the St. Louis Medical College in 1880, and was in the practice two years before his death at Oxford, Kan. He was married in 1881 to Miss Mollie Eubanks, of Paris, whom he left a widow. He was a young man of superior mental endowments and bright promise, and his death was a heavy affliction to his parents and other loved ones, and particularly so to his mother, who was destined so soon to follow him to the mystic shore across the silent river. His young wife, whose hope in life seemed to go out with the spirit of her beloved husband, a young lady of the purest and gentlest qualities of mind and heart, now under the pall of her great bereavement, makes her home with her father, James Eubanks, of this county.

Judge Evans has given all of his children who are old enough to go off to school, or is giving them, good educations, principally at the State Normal School, at Kirksville. The Judge is a prominent member of the Masonic order, and holds membership in good standing in



Granville Lodge No. 240, A. F. & A. M., Monroe Chapter No. 16, R. A. M., and Parsifal Commandery, No. 44, Knights Templar, at Paris, Mo. He is a worthy communicant in the Christian Church.

### THOMAS D. FREEMAN

(Farmer, Monroe City).

Mr. Freeman has led a life of industry and intelligence, and one without reproach as well as satisfactorily rewarded in the sober comforts that come of honest exertion regulated by good management. But whilst he has a neat competence as the fruit of his well spent life, his heart has not been set mainly on the accumulation of property, but his greatest desire has been to bring up his family of children in a worthy manner and give them such training of head and heart as would tend to make them respected and useful members of society. Favored in no ordinary degree are the young who have such a parent to lead them in their early years so wisely in the pathway of light. A year ago Mr. Freeman quit his farm and came to town to reside with no other purpose than to give his children the benefit of the excellent schools kept at this place. He has four children: Janie D., Frances W., Maggie E. and Thomas D. In view of the father's forethought and zeal in behalf of the training of his children, it is earnestly to be hoped that their future will fully justify the interest he shows for their welfare. Mr. Freeman came to Missouri from Kentucky with his parents, Lewis D. and Jane (Davis) Freeman, in 1851, when he was 21 years of age. The family settled in Marion county, near Monroe City, where the father made a farm and lived until his death, at the age of 82, in 1880. The mother died in 1868. There were but two children, Thomas D. and James, now of Ft. Scott, Kas. For a number of years prior to their father's death the sons ran the farm principally, a large stock farm of nearly 400 acres, and dealt in and handled stock. Thomas D. entered the Confederate service in 1861, assisting Capt. Stacy to organize a company, of which he was first lieutenant, but was captured while attempting to cross the river and kept in confinement as a prisoner seven months in St. Louis and Alton, Ill., then sent to Vicksburg, Miss., and exchanged, when he again entered the army and remained until the close of the war. Returning after the restoration of peace he resumed farming, and in 1870 he was married to Miss Sarah H. Fagan, a daughter of Hon. Henry G. Fagan, a leading citizen of Marion county, who represented the county in the Legislature and was otherwise prominent in its affairs. He died in 1876. He came to Marion county in 1817 and lived on the homestead he settled, a fine place of nearly 500 acres, for over 50 years continuously. He was one of the well-known and highly esteemed men of the county.

## MILTON B. GARNER

(Of Garner's Wagon, Carriage, and General Repair Shop, Monroe City).

On the far-off coast of the Pacific sea, where the sun sinks to rest at eventide, in the land of fruits and vines, and of golden sands, the subject of the present sketch, a Missourian by nativity, born and reared in Monroe county, learned the trade which he is now pursuing with industry and success in the county of his birth. In 1875 he crossed the plains and passed beyond the cloud-capped heights of the Cordilleras, making his destination at Winters, in Yaho county, Cal., where he spent two years. There he learned his trade and returned to Missouri, stopping at Palmyra, where he worked for five years. In the fall of 1882 he came to Monroe City and established his present shop. He now manufactures about 25 wagons annually, besides a number of spring wagons and other vehicles, and keeps four hands employed. His business is already established on a solid basis, and his wagons have an enviable reputation, the demand for them being greater than his means to supply. Mr. Garner was born in Monroe county, January 5, 1855, and was a son of John and Catherine (Terrill) Garner, well known and respected residents of the county. His youth was spent at home, and he remained in the county until he went to California in 1875, as stated above. May 2, 1883, he was married to Miss Minnie L., a daughter of John T. Christian, of Christian county. They are now established at housekeeping in Monroe City, and Mrs. Garner presides with becoming grace over her neat and tidy home.

## GENTRY &amp; SNIDER

(Dealers in Groceries, Provisions, Farm Produce and Cured and Fresh Meats, Monroe City).

This firm was formed on a small capital in the spring of 1872, and has since been in business at this place continuously. By enterprise, close attention to business and fair dealing, its house has risen to the position of one of the prominent business establishments of the place. Messrs. Gentry & Snider carry a large stock of groceries, queen's-ware, glass-ware, stone-ware, provisions, etc., etc., and besides have a meat market, where they keep cured and fresh meats in ample quantities for the trade constantly on hand. They have two separate establishments, one for the grocery business and the other for the meat market. In 1879 they erected a handsome grocery building at a cost of over \$5,000, in which they carry everything to be found in a first-class grocery store. For the custom of their meat market they kill about three beeves weekly, and have the bulk of the trade in the fresh meat line. They also do a large business in handling farm produce, such as vegetables, including potatoes, poultry, eggs, etc. They ship about 800 cases of eggs annually, and, indeed, handle more farm produce than all the other firms of the place combined. They make a specialty of cured meats, preparing them or curing them for their

trade themselves. Both are thorough-going business men who have the confidence of the community, and their personal popularity contributes materially to the marked success they have had. Overton H. Gentry was born in Monroe county, near Monroe City, October 18, 1836. His father, Rev. Christy Gentry, was a well known minister of the Missionary Baptist Church of this county, and died here in 1866. He was actively engaged in the ministry up to the time of the enforcement of the provisions of the Drake Constitution, prohibiting ministers who had any sympathy whatever with the Southern people from preaching the Gospel, unless they took an oath of perjury declaring that they had no such sympathy. He declined to take the oath, but suffered so much from being prohibited to preach the word of God that that is believed to have had much to do with his taking off, for he died soon afterwards, and was greatly depressed in spirit up to the time of his death, constantly saying to his friends that in a world where the word of God could not be preached without debauching the conscience of the minister with odious proscriptive test oaths and perjury, there was nothing to live for. His widow, whose maiden name was Lucy Christy, died in 1869. Overton H. was the oldest of their family of 11 children, nine sons and two daughters, only four sons of whom are living: Richard, William T., of St. Francois county, Joshua H., of Vernon county, and Overton H. On the 18th of April, 1861, Overton H. Gentry was married to Miss Susan Elgin, a daughter of Samuel H. Elgin, of this county. He resided at the old homestead until 1867, and then in the same vicinity until 1872, when he came to Monroe City and engaged in business with Mr. Snider. Mr. and Mrs. Gentry have one child, Addie, now a young lady, who was educated at the Monroe Institute. Mr. Gentry was a member of the city council for two years, and he and family are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Gentry is a substantial property holder of Monroe City.

Mr. Snider is from Ralls county, and his parents, Samuel and Sarah (Dennison) Snider, were from Pennsylvania. They came to Ralls county in an early day, and Samuel R. was born there September 12, 1848. Both his parents are now deceased, the father dying in 1860, and the mother in 1861. Samuel R. was one of five children, four of whom are living: Mahala, now Mrs. Willow Newell; Samuel R., Delia, now Mrs. John Henderson, and William, all in Monroe City. Samuel began work for himself at the age of 19, under William P. Bush, handling stock, and also learned the butcher business. He worked with Mr. Bush until 1872, when he became connected with Mr. Gentry in their present business. They bought out Mr. Bush's neat market and have since conducted it, and also the grocery business. Mr. Snider is a thoroughly experienced butcher, and besides, a good business man and personally well thought of. He and Mr. Gentry employ from one to three hands all the time, and are steadily coming to the front as enterprising business men and substantial property holders. Mr. Snider is a member of the Baptist Church and of the I. O. F.



## GRIMM &amp; LOSSON

(Manufacturers of and Dealers in Boots and Shoes, Monroe City).

With an annual business of from \$12,000 to \$14,000, these gentlemen may well congratulate themselves upon having one of the leading and solid houses in their line throughout this entire section of country. Their success is the fruit of their own industry, fair dealing and business enterprise. Both are self-made men. In other words, they began without means, and have come up from the workman's bench to their present enviable positions in business life. Each learned his trade when young, and both followed it until they were able to begin in business with a respectable capital. They now work several hands, and everything is done under their immediate personal supervision, so that they know that no work goes out from their house that will injure their reputation or fail to give satisfaction. The public have found this out, and hence the popularity and large trade of their house. Both gentlemen are natives of Germany, Mr. Grimm born in Wurtemberg, November 27, 1852, and Mr. Losson, in Lorraine, August 3, 1852. The former came to America with his parents in 1870, locating at Hannibal, and the latter with his parents in 1866, locating at Palmyra. Mr. Grimm learned his trade at Hannibal, and worked there until 1875, and Mr. Losson learned his trade under his uncle, Simeon Herndon, at Palmyra, where he worked until 1880. The senior member of the firm came direct to Monroe City on leaving Hannibal, as did the junior member on leaving Palmyra. They organized their present partnership in the fall of 1880, and have since had a most gratifyingly prosperous business career, as is proven by the large trade they have built up. Mr. Grimm was married September 16, 1872, to Miss Anna Peuera. They have four children: Anna M., Katie, Theresa and Nicholas A. Both parents are members of the Catholic Church. Miss Minnie Diemer became the wife of Mr. Losson, August 26, 1872. They have three children: Mary, William and Frankie. He is a member of the Catholic Church and she of the Lutheran. Both of these gentlemen are accounted among the best business men of Monroe City and are highly respected.

## HICKMAN, HAWKINS &amp; CO.

(Carpenters, Contractors and Builders, and Dealers in Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Lime, Plaster, etc., Monroe City).

The firm of Hickman & Hawkins in the above business was formed in 1878, and this they carried on with steadily increasing success and reputation, until the first of January, 1884, when Mr. Ogle was admitted into the firm, the business being continued under the name of Hickman, Hawkins & Co. This is one of the leading firms in the lines mentioned above in Monroe county, and besides carrying a large stock of lumber, sash, doors, blinds, laths, hair, lime, cement and other building material, etc., which brings them an extensive trade

from the general public, as carpenters, contractors and builders, they have an important patronage in the erection of houses of different kinds, residence, business and otherwise, and, indeed, all sorts of work in their line. They have erected a large number of buildings of a superior class in Monroe City and the surrounding country, some of them running up in cost from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and upwards. Their reputation is well established and no one contemplating building can have any reasonable cause to refuse them the contract when the terms are satisfactory, for they never fail to do first-class work, and acquit themselves of their contract with honor to themselves and satisfaction to their patrons. Mr. Hickman is a native of Harrison county, Ky., born September 28, 1834. When 21 years of age he came to Missouri, having previously learned the carpenter's trade, and up to 1861 worked at his trade in this State, respectively, in Ralls county, at Hannibal, LaGrange, and also in Warsaw, Ill., and again at LaGrange, Mo., as well as other points. At the outbreak of the war he entered the Confederate service under Price, and was out either in active service or in prison until in the spring of 1865. He was drum-major and participated in numerous sanguinary battles. He was captured at the surrender of Vicksburg and again at Franklin, Tenn., being confined in prison the last time several months, at Camp Chase. After the war he followed his trade two years in Cincinnati, and then at Quincy, Ill., until 1870. The next two years he spent in Ralls county, and he came to Monroe City in 1872, where he has since been in business. Mr. Hickman was married in 1858, to Miss Sarah M. Mayer, a native of England, and of LaGrange, Mo. They have six children: Mollie A., now Mrs. George Schofield; James T. S., Jesse A., Lucy E., Emma L. and Nannie F. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, and he is a worthy member of the A. O. U. W., the I. O. O. F., and the R. T. of T. He served five years as alderman in Monroe City and five years as school director. He was a son of Hugh S. and Sarah A. Hickman, her maiden name being Holton, both now deceased.

Mr. Hawkins is also a Kentuckian by nativity, but his parents were early settlers of Monroe county, his father, Fielding S., being a contractor and builder at this place when it was first laid out. He was also justice of the peace here for a number of years, and died at the age of 64, May 18, 1882. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna Hamilton, died in the fall of 1860. George A. Hawkins was the first of their family of four children, and was brought up to the carpenter's and contractor's trade by his father, which he has since worked at continuously. He was married June 27, 1871, to Miss Endora Hayden, from Marion county. They have four children: Eva, Leona, Endora and Maude. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins are members of the Christian Church, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and a Royal Templar of Temperance. He has served one term in the city council. Mr. Hawkins is now 36 years of age, having been born July 4, 1848.

Mr. Ogle, unlike his two partners in this particular, is a native Missourian, born in Ralls county, December 2, 1852. His father was the

well known Jesse Ogle, proprietor of Ogle's mill in that county, but he has been deceased since 1870. Joseph E. began to learn the carpenter's trade in 1872, and worked for about two years at both Salisbury and Paris. He helped to build Wayland's machine shop at Salisbury and also helped rebuild the college at College Mound. For a number of years past, however, he has been at Monroe City, and has become one of the prominent and successful men of the place. May 4, 1876, he was married to Miss Sarah J., a daughter of Jacob Paynter. Mr. and Mrs. O. have four children: Georgiã, William, Ernest and Chauncy. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Ogle has held the office of town marshal for one term.

By these facts it is seen that all three of these gentlemen are experienced and capable builders. Individually and in their business they are well respected by all who know them. They have contributed their full share to the growth and prosperity of Monroe City and are entitled to no ordinary credit for the good taste and judgment they have shown in the erection of the buildings put up by them. Their future in business seems to be one of gratifying promise.

### ISAIAH JONES

(Farmer and General and Fine stock-raiser, Post-office Monroe City).

Mr. Jones is a former merchant of long and successful experience, and came to Monroe county in the spring of 1883, to engage in farming and stock-raising. He has 170 acres in his homestead, situated a mile and a half south-west of Monroe City, and besides this he has over 1,000 acres some eight miles south of his home place on Indian creek. Prior to coming to this county he had been living at Gilead for the previous fifteen years, where he carried on merchandising, and was also postmaster. In addition to his mercantile business Mr. Jones had a fine farm in Lewis county, where he was quite successful in raising stock, and he also followed buying stock and shipping them to the wholesale markets, shipping large quantities of cattle, hogs, etc., annually. He is a native of Maine, born in Kennebec county, October 17, 1829. He was reared in Maine, but in 1853 crossed the continent to California, where he engaged in mining, and with good success. While in California he was married on the 20th of April, 1859, to Miss Mary Davis, of Sacramento City, but formerly of Massachusetts. Mr. Jones came to Missouri in 1868 and located at Gilead, in Lewis county, referred to above. He was quite successful there in merchandising and agricultural pursuits, but being able to sell out to advantage, he disposed of his interests in Lewis county and came to Monroe, where he has since resided. His farm near Monroe City is well improved. His residence is a particularly commodious and tastefully constructed building, and, indeed, all his buildings and improvements are made with regard to appearance and good taste only less than to durability and convenience. Mr. Jones is engaged in raising fine short horn cattle and now has a herd of about fifty head of this class of stock. He is a man of large business experience and



stirring qualities, and is unquestionably a valuable acquisition to the agricultural class, and indeed, the citizenship of Monroe county. He is of that class of new-comers that every community most desires — a man of means, business ability and high character. He will undoubtedly take an enviable position among the leading agriculturists of the county at an early day. Indeed, he is already recognized as one of our progressive and prominent farmers and stock-raisers. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have reared a family of three children: Albert M., a young man 23 years of age, now in Nebraska; Ada M., a young lady at home, a graduate of LaGrange College in the class of 1883; and Percy D., a young man in his nineteenth year, also still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are both members of the Baptist Church. Their family is cordially received in the best society of Monroe City and vicinity, and indeed, wherever they are known. Miss Ada, the daughter, is especially welcomed and prized by the young people of the vicinity. She is thoroughly accomplished and being a young lady of great vivacity and superior mental endowments, as well as an exceptionally fine conversationalist and always graceful and pleasant to those around her, she ornaments with singular attractiveness the refined and cultured circle in which she moves. In form and feature nature has done all for her that could be desired, while the kindness of her parents in giving her every opportunity for mental improvement, worthily seconded by her own industry, have contributed to fit her for the most polite and accomplished society.

### JAMES L. LYON

(Railroad Agent, Telegraph Operator and Agent of the American Express Company, Monroe City).

Mr. Lyon has been identified with the railroad business almost continuously since he started out in life for himself, and has been in the office at Monroe City for the last 17 years. This long service at one office speaks more for him as an efficient, upright and popular local officer of the road than mere words can express, however ingeniously or eloquently put together. He has not only done his duty faithfully, but has given unqualified satisfaction both to the general officers of the road and to the public. Nothing truer or more creditable could be said of his administration than that if his position were an elective one he would be chosen to it, probably, almost unanimously, if not quite so. The business of the office since he entered it has more than quintupled, or increased fivefold. Mr. Lyon had the benefit of a good practical education as he grew up, and was born in Beaver, Pa., November 12, 1844, but principally reared in Missouri. In 1855 his parents, Thomas and Harriet (Pettigrew) Lyon, removed to Iron county, Mo., and six years later to Mooreville, near Chillicothe, but finally settled in Utica in 1855. The mother died there the same year, but the father survived until 1882, dying at Hannibal. There were three children: Samuel, James and Thomas, the first a printer at St. Joe and the last named connected with the railroad at that city.

James L. commenced railroading in 1864. Subsequently he learned the operator's business and came to Monroe City in 1867. In 1866, however, he was in the drug business. He is also agent of a prominent fire insurance company, and does some business in that line.

### S. MEGOWN

(Of Megown & Kent's Merchant Mills, Monroe City).

These are one of the leading mills in Monroe county, and were erected originally in 1869 by Josselyn & Cummings, which firm dissolved and the mills fell into the hands of William Booker, of Ralls county, Mo., from whom Wilson & Megown bought it. In one year and a half Wilson sold to Josselyn, and a year later Mr. Megown bought Josselyn's interest and became sole proprietor of the mills, and on May 17, 1881, he sold H. J. Kent a third interest in the mills. A year ago they put in the roller process. They now have a capacity for sixty barrels of flour daily and do an exclusively merchant business, buying wheat for manufacture into flour and exchanging flour for grain. They have no corn buhrs in the mill, but manufacture flour altogether. Their machinery is all in first-class condition and their flour has obtained a wide reputation for superior excellence. In 1872 Mr. Megown engaged in milling at the old Hornbuck mill, near Sidney, in Ralls county, where he continued until he bought into the present mill. Prior to that he had been engaged in farming and running a repair shop. On the 26th of January, 1860, he was married to Miss Sarah J. Couch, a daughter of Henry Couch, of Ralls county. They have eight children: John W., Margaret J., Mary A., Etta E., Julia A., Henry E., Samuel and Ella. Mr. Megown is a native of Ralls county, born in Spencer township, near New London, January 11, 1841. His father, Samuel Megown, and mother, whose maiden name was Julia McCready, were both from Pennsylvania. They came to Missouri as early as 1846. The father was a brick mason and a manufacturer of brick, and Samuel was brought up to that business. Early in the war he enlisted in the six months' service on the Union side, and afterwards in the Enrolled State Militia. He was in the artillery service a part of the time. In all he did about 18 months' military duty. He was first under J. F. Rice, of Henderson's division, and then under Capt. Johnson, of the E. M. S. M. Mr. Megown is one of the substantial, highly respected citizens of Monroe City.

### ROBERT K. MEGOWN,

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Monroe City).

Mr. Megown, who has a place of nearly 200 acres situated in sections 21 and 22, township 56, range 8, in Monroe county, and is one of the energetic farmers of Monroe township, is a native Missourian, born in Ralls county, four and a half miles west of New London, January 7, 1843. He was reared in that county and remained on the farm until he was 19 years of age, when he enlisted in the Missouri

State militia, Union service, under Col. Lipscomb, under whom he served for about seven months, and participated in the pursuit of Porter and the fights at Cherry Grove and Kirksville. Being disabled, however, by an affection of the lungs, he was discharged on that account and returned home to the farm. His father, Samuel Megown, being a brickmason by trade as well as a practical farmer, Robert K. learned to lay brick whilst a youth, and also brick-making, at which his father was a master workman. He has therefore followed making and laying brick more or less ever since he attained his majority, up to the time when he engaged in farming, and he has since followed farming, principally, and handling stock. He is now engaged with J. H. McClintic in buying and shipping stock, and is considered an excellent judge of stock and a successful dealer. On the 6th of August, 1867, Mr. Megown was married to Miss Nancy J. Shulse, a daughter of William A. Shulse. She died, however, on the 13th of June, 1876, leaving him three children, Nora, Zoe and Lena. To his present wife Mr. Megown was married November 14, 1876. She was a sister to his first wife, Miss Martha E. Shulse. They have had four children: Samuel A., who died at the age of two years; Myrtle E., Alberta, and Julia A. Mr. Megown resided in Ralls county until 1879, and settled on his present farm in 1881. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

#### HON. PATRICK H. McLEOD

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Monroe City).

'Squire McLeod, for 32 years a resident of Monroe township, and long a magistrate in this township — one of its old, influential and highly-respected citizens, a man of superior education and natural ability, is thus spoken of by the biographer of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly of Missouri, of which body he was an able and honored member: "This venerable silver-haired gentleman, one of the oldest members of the floor, having passed his allotted time of three-score years, was born in Derry county, Ireland, in 1814. Leaving the Green Isle in 1834, he emigrated to this county, coming to Washington City, where an elder brother, Matthew McLeod, was conducting a classical high school, and another relative, John McLeod, was principal of the Columbia Academy, an institution well known to the old inhabitants of Washington City. He remained in Washington City several years, attending school and assisting his relatives in teaching. Andrew Jackson was President at this time, and from this indomitable old hero Mr. McLeod first imbibed his Democratic principles, and has adhered to them with strict fidelity all his life. While residing in Montgomery county, Md., in 1839, he was united in marriage to Miss M. C. Jones, daughter of J. J. W. Jones (one of the most distinguished families in the State), by whom he had 10 children, several of whom are still alive. In 1848 he traveled extensively in the West, and in 1849, in company with Gen. Craig and other gentlemen residing in the 'Platte purchase,' he was allured to the Pacific Coast in



search of the unbounded gold fields that report had located in California. After prospecting for several years with varied success, in 1852 he removed to Missouri, locating on Indian creek, Monroe county, where he has since uninterruptedly resided. When the late war commenced, in common with most of his neighbors, he was despoiled of most of his property by the Federal forces on account of his Southern sympathies, and suffered many indignities at their hands. He has never taken an active part in politics, and, excepting a few township offices, his present position in the Legislature is the first position ever held by him. He was elected as a Democrat, beating his tadpole opponent, G. H. Hasman, nearly 800 votes. Mr. McLeod is a member of untarnished and unblemished reputation; is well qualified for the position he holds, standing without a superior, as far as emphatic and practical duties pertaining to the duties of a representative are concerned. He is connected with several important committees, never evading his duties on any of them." In 1876 'Squire McLeod declined to be a candidate again for the Legislature, and has since led a retired life on his farm. He has held the office of justice of the peace, however, since 1854, except during the war, when he declined to take the Drake test oath, and also except while in the Legislature. On first coming to this county he taught a 12-month school, the first one ever taught in the township where he has since resided, and he has always been a zealous advocate of popular education. 'Squire and Mrs. McLeod have reared a family of seven children: James E., Anna M. C., now Mrs. James Hardesty; William T., Sarah H., now Mrs. James Spalding; Josephene, now Mrs. William R. Yates; Maggie, now the widow of George Stanton, and Ellen still at home. Josephene and Sarah were students in Monroe Institute and taught school prior to their marriage. 'Squire McLeod and family are members of the Catholic Church.

### WILLIAM B. A. McNUTT, M. D.

(Of McNutt & Norton, Physicians and Surgeons, Monroe City).

It was a common remark with Sir William Jones, a man possessed with one of the greatest minds that illuminates the history of any country, that the great disparity between the positions men occupy in a given calling or profession results not so much from the difference of their opportunities as of their capacities and natural aptitudes. One eminently suited for a particular occupation generally makes an eminent failure in some other pursuit, if he undertakes it. The touchstone of success is in the proper choosing of one's calling. A mistake made here and all the rest of one's life will be "bound in shallows and in miseries." Hence it is that in all the lines of trade, in the mechanic arts, and in the professions, we daily see examples of those who have succeeded to a marked degree and of others who have made signal failures, — whereas, there was perhaps but little difference in their opportunities and advantages. Original adaptability to a line of duties will inevitably tell to advantage if one but

apply himself with proper energy and resolution in the field for which he is by nature fitted. These preliminary remarks are suggested by contemplating the remarkable success the subject of the present sketch has had in the medical profession. He is still comparatively a young man, and his experience in the practice is not the experience of a lifetime; yet to-day he occupies a position in his profession above many whose heads have grown white in their long practice of medicine, a position second perhaps, if not indeed, to that occupied by no other physician in the county. Dr. McNutt has a large practice, a practice unusually large, considering the necessarily sparse population of an essentially agricultural community and the natural healthfulness of the country. His practice is limited only by these circumstances and the distance that a physician can without great inconvenience or peril to the sick be called. To understand how it is that he should so early in life make so marked a success in his profession, we have studied closely the man and his surroundings, and we have no hesitation in saying that we can attribute his success chiefly to no other causes than his striking natural adaptability for the healing art and his thorough devotion to it. When nature makes a physician, the man himself has little to do, but when he seconds the work of nature by his own industry, even greater than those less favored might hope to succeed by, the result can not but be a more than ordinary success. Let us then briefly sketch the outline of Dr. McNutt's life, a sketch which most appropriately finds a place in this volume. Necessarily it must be brief, too brief, indeed, to even approach doing justice to the subject. Dr. McNutt was a son of Dr. John McNutt and wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth F. M. G. Steele, old and respected residents of Monroe county. The father is a retired physician of the county, located at Middle Grove. Dr. McNutt was born at Middle Grove, October 4, 1850. The taste and aptitude for the medical profession, which he inherited from his father, were greatly strengthened by his bringing up. From an early age it was seen that he was destined to become a physician, all his desires and inclinations manifesting themselves in that direction. He was accordingly educated with that object in view, and his father improved every opportunity to strengthen his purpose and to instill into the youth's mind a correct and liberal knowledge of the science with which he was to deal. His preparatory general education was received at Middle Grove Academy, and then he entered upon a higher course of study at Westminster College, where he took a course of two years. After this he entered immediately upon the regular study of medicine under the daily instruction of his father. He made rapid progress in the curriculum of studies required preparatory to matriculation at medical college, and in due time, in 1873, entered the St. Louis Medical College, where he took a regular course of two terms, graduating among the first in his class, in 1875. In the meantime he had practiced during the interim between his terms at medical college, and after his graduation, he came to Monroe City, where he established himself as a physician. Since then he has been continu-

ously in the practice at this place, and in this comparatively short period has risen to the first position in his profession in the county. He is a leading and influential member of the State, District and County Medical Societies. He and Dr. J. J. Norton have been in the practice together as partners for about six months past. July 9, 1876, Dr. McNutt was married to Miss Lillie, a daughter of Dr. E. Bailey, of this place. This union, one of singular happiness, was broken by the hand of death early in 1883. Two children were born, but one of whom is now living, Bailey, aged seven years. The Doctor is a prominent member of the Episcopal Church, and of the Commandery and Royal Arch Lodge of the A. F. and A. M. Socially, he is as popular and prominent as he is professionally.

### RICHARD MILES

(Retired Farmer, Post-office, Indian Creek).

This venerable old citizen has been a resident of Missouri for over seventy-four years, having been brought to this State when in boyhood by his parents, Josius and Theresa Miles, who came from Kentucky as early as 1810, and settled in St. Louis county. Richard Miles, our subject, was then six years of age, having been born in Nelson county, Ky., February 14, 1804. At the age of twenty-one, or rather in his twenty-first year, on the 18th of October, 1825, he was married to Miss Yates, a daughter of Stephen Yates, and the following year he removed to Callaway county, where his father-in-law's family had settled in 1820. He lived on Hancock's Prairie, in that county, near his father-in-law, until 1832, when he removed to Monroe county and at what is now known as Shrinkey, on Indian creek. Here he and his good wife have since resided, and have reared their family of children. They still occupy the same house which he built in 1832, but to which additions have been made, and these notes were taken in a large comfortable room, twenty-two feet square and eight feet to the ceiling, built fifty-two years ago, and characteristic of the architecture of those days. At the same time Mr. Miles came here Thomas Vincent and Raphael Yates also came, and Edward Hardesty, who married a Miss Yates, all settling in the same neighborhood. Mrs. Miles' parents, Stephen and Zella (Austin) Yates, came the year following. Thomas Yates is the only one of the settlers of 1832, except Uncle Dick Miles and wife, now living, and he was the only one who never married. The only settlers in this part of the county that preceded these were those who came in 1831, namely: John Thrasher, Robert Lewellin, John Dale, Leonard Green, William Sipple, Fanthroy Dye, Edward Goodnight and Alexander Winsatt, the first four settling above Shrinkey and the last four below Shrinkey. Those who came in 1832 also settled above Shrinkey. Mrs. Miles was born in Washington county, Ky., September 6, 1804, and came with her parents to Missouri in 1818, residing in St. Louis county two years and going thence to Callaway county. It was in St. Louis county that she met her then future husband and there in



the wild and weird frontier of civilization, when only the canoe and flatboat plied the waters of the Mississippi, a lifetime before the whistle of a locomotive had sounded the bugle note of modern progress, the short, sweet story of their love was told under the wide extending branches of primitive forest trees and there, —

“In the depths of the shaded dell,  
Where the leaves were broad and thicket hides,  
With its many stems and its tangled sides,  
From the eye of the hunter well,”

two loving hearts were plighted in bonds of enduring devotion that were to bind two lives together through the long journey of life and until the end shall come. They were married, and through the long vista of years that has been measured out since the happy union they are still seen together, each past the age of four-score years, and each crowned with the wreath of honored old age, hair as white as their lives have been spotless, symbolizing the purity and happiness of the home that awaits them beyond the grave. They reared a family of five children: Josiah, Susanna, Permelia A., Thomas J., and Vincent. Permelia A., is the wife of Hiram Raily, of Ladonna. Thomas J. lives on the farm, and a niece, Miss Isabelle Miles, a young lady eighteen years of age, of the most faultless *embonpoint* of person as well as of features, and extremely pleasant and entertaining in conversation, has charge of the household, the affairs of which she conducts with neatness and grace. All the family are members of the Catholic Church. The son, Thomas J., is married and has a worthy family of children. He was lieutenant in the Missouri State militia during the war, but was not called into active service, while in that commission, although he had previously seen service and was captured at the fall of Paris, and paroled.

### DR. ADOLPHUS NOLAND

(Dental Surgeon, Monroe City).

Dr. Noland, a former educator of superior education and established reputation and a man of marked general culture, has been actively engaged in the practice of the dental profession for the last 15 years, and has risen to a position of prominence in his profession quite in keeping with his high character as a man and his enviable social standing. He is one of the leading surgeons of dentistry in North Missouri, and has an established practice over a large district of country, including several counties, which exceeds in value several thousand dollars annually. A close student of the science of dentistry and having a remarkable natural aptitude for his profession as an art, as well as being a man of advanced, progressive ideas, he keeps fully up with the times and promptly avails himself of all new ideas, methods and improvements evolved in the progress and development of his calling. There are therefore no new processes with which he is not familiar, and he is prepared to do work as scientifically, expe-

ditiously and with as little discomfort and inconvenience to the patient as it can be done anywhere in the country. Such is his reputation and the importance of his practice, that he makes from 20 to 40 sets of teeth monthly, and while he works on as reasonable terms as any practitioner of established reputation, yet he is sometimes called to furnish patients with teeth in cases so difficult, and requiring so much care and skill, that \$500 is considered, in the profession and by all capable of judging, quite a reasonable charge. Successful as a practitioner, Dr. Noland has been not less successful in the accumulation of those substantial evidences of skill and ability in any of the liberal pursuits of life, and is a man in quite easy circumstances, one of the well-to-do property holders, in fact, of Monroe City. He has a handsome home, comfortably and tastily furnished with all the conveniences and needs to be looked for in a family of culture and refinement. Much devoted to general literature as well as to the sciences and other branches of advanced learning, he has provided himself with a handsome library, aggregating several hundred volumes, selected with great care and good judgment. He has several rare and valuable works on archæology, the study of which he makes something of a specialty, and also has a cabinet of *curios* in that department of investigation, including one or more skeletons of the pre-historic mound-builders, taken from ancient mounds of Illinois. In his practice, Dr. Noland has a skillful assistant in the person of Dr. L. B. Brown, who is thoroughly proficient in his profession. Dr. Noland's dental rooms include a handsome suit of parlors, three in number, all elegantly furnished, adjacent to which is a large and well appointed laboratory. Personally, Dr. Noland is a man of prepossessing presence, having a fine form, striking, manly features and a most agreeable address. On the 22d of October, 1874, he was married to Miss Mary E. Ennis, a refined and accomplished daughter of Joshua M. Ennis, Esq., present sheriff of Shelby county. Mrs. Noland is a graduate of the Shelbyville High School, in charge of Prof. Adkinson, and is a lady of superior suavity and grace of manners, as well as extremely pleasant and instructive in conversation. Dr. Noland was not less fortunate in the selection of a wife in respect of her personal appearance than of her qualities of mind and heart. Three children are the fruits of this singularly appropriate and happy union, Ennis Dixon, Clare Agee, and a baby boy. Another, little Rossie A., an infant of remarkable beauty and promise, is deceased.

“ A tiny bud, unblossomed yet,  
The Virgin Mother blessed;  
It fell on earth. She picked it up  
And pinned it on her breast.”

The Doctor and Mrs. Noland are members of the M. E. Church South, and the Eastern Star, and he is a member of the A. O. U. W. Dr. Noland early in life recognized in Masonry an institution of the highest moral worth, saving the Christian religion, and at the first opportunity after his majority petitioned Durham Lodge, No. 329,

A. F. & A. M., Illinois grand jurisdiction, and was made a M. M., January 6, A. L. 5856. The R. A. degree was conferred upon him by Monroe City Chapter No. 104, Missouri grand jurisdiction, April 5, 1883. He was knighted by Parsifal Commandery, No. 44, Missouri grand jurisdiction, March 15, 1884. Dr. Noland is a native of Illinois, born in Hancock county, October 22, 1842. His parents were Thomas L. and Nancy D. (Dixon) Noland, his father originally from Maryland, but his mother from Alabama. They were married in Illinois, and the father died there in 1851. The mother is still living. Dr. Noland was educated at the Iowa Academy of Denmark and subsequently had charge of the graded school at Mt. Sterling, Ohio. He then taught in the Carthage Academy of Illinois and was afterwards principal of the Dallas City public schools of that State for two years. He taught two years additionally, and studied dentistry during the last two years' teaching. He came to Missouri in 1870, and practiced the profession at Shelbyville until his removal to Monroe City in 1877.

### JOHN L. NOLEN

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock-dealer).

Mr. Nolen settled on his present place, or rather a part of his present tract of land, in 1857, having secured the year before a piece of 80 acres. He was then a young man 27 years of age and had been married less than two years. Brought up a farmer, however, and having a good practical education as well as being a young man of sterling intelligence, he went to work with courage and resolution and as time circled by steadily prospered. He has become and has been regarded for years one of the substantial, successful farmers of the township, as well as one of its best citizens. He has a place of 320 acres now, which is nearly all run in blue grass for stock-raising purposes. He also has his father's old family homestead, about a half a mile from his own family homestead. That is an excellent farm of 160 acres. Mr. Nolen devotes his attention principally to stock-raising and dealing in stock. He and J. P. Bush were in partnership for some years in buying and shipping stock and did a large business in that line, but Mr. Nolen is not trading a great deal at present. He has an excellent class of stock on his place and is improving his grade of stock continually. Mr. Nolen's home farm is exceptionally well improved, his building, fences, etc., all being of a superior class. His dwelling was erected at a cost of \$1,700. Mr. Nolen is a native of Kentucky, born in Hardin county, September 9, 1830. His parents were John and Mary (Miller) Nolen, his father originally of Maryland. They came to Missouri in 1852 and settled in the same neighborhood where John L. now lives. The mother died here in 1867 and the father two years afterwards. Of their family of nine children, five only are living; Nancy, the wife of Judge Duley; Mary, the wife of Richard Hayden, now of Illinois; William, now in Texas; Frances, now of Kansas, and John L. He came to Missouri with his parents in 1852, but lived



with them after they came until 1855, when, on the 2d of October, he was married to Miss Emma J. Yowell, a daughter of Ephriam Yowell, one of the early settlers of Monroe county from Virginia.

### JOHN J. NORTON, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon).

Every old citizen of the Salt river country knew well and favorably the family of which the subject of the present sketch was a representative, the family of Judge Thomas P. Norton. Judge Norton was from South Carolina and went to Kentucky in the early days of the State. He there married Miss Rachel Robinson, and came to Missouri with his family as early as 1812, stopping first in St. Charles county, and then settling on Salt river in Ralls county, where he became a well known and highly esteemed citizen, and, considering those days, a wealthy man, having a large landed estate and a number of slaves, as well as an abundance of other property. When he came to Missouri, like nearly all the pioneers, he was quite poor, in fact Lazarus wouldn't have jumped at the chance to swap fortunes with him. All he had was a horse and a rifle, with what wearing apparel he and his wife wore and faithful horse could carry in addition to the weight of Mrs. Norton, for in those days a man would not have been thought much of a man who cared to walk from Kentucky to Missouri. Dr. Norton was born in Ralls county, May 20, 1830, in the first brick house ever built in the county, where his father erected the pioneer brick building in the Salt river country. Jas. J. was reared on the farm in Ralls county, and early deciding to devote himself to the medical profession, he was educated with that object in view. When 19 years of age he began the study of medicine under Dr. McElroy, and after Dr. McElroy's death continued the study under G. E. Frazier, taking a regular course at medical college while still under Dr. Frazier. He was graduated from the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis in 1852, when but 22 years of age. He then located in Salem township, Ralls county, and engaged in the practice of his profession, and having a number of slaves, which feelings of humanity prevented him from selling like stock in the market, he also opened a farm in order to keep them employed and make them at least self-sustaining. He continued on his farm practicing medicine in that vicinity until the fall of 1883, when he removed to Monroe City, and engaged in the practice, where he has since resided. During all this time he has lost no time from the active practice, refusing to leave home during the war, although threatened with all sorts of cross-bone punishments. However, he attended medical college at Philadelphia in 1865, where he graduated in medicine, thus receiving a second diploma as an M. D. Dr. Norton has been twice married; his first wife was formerly Miss Alice W. McElroy, a sister to Dr. McElroy, mentioned above. A few years after her death he was married to Miss Julia Alexander, his present wife.

## JOHN C. PEIRSOL

(Attorney at Law, Monroe City.)

Mr. Peirsol, a successful and prominent lawyer of Monroe county, is one of those vigorous, active-minded men, of strong convictions and the courage to act upon them, aggressive in his notions of right and with no patience for temporizers or half-way measures when the right is to be upheld, who, by their positive character and absolute freedom from all dissimulation inevitably make some enemies, but always more friends, and the latter of the fearless, active kind. Such men not only invariably make a marked impression on the community and events with which they are identified, but they generally become successful leaders of men, and usually prosperous in the material affairs of life. The enmity that they incur frequently subjects them to severe criticism and reprobation by a few, who refuse to give them credit for the purity of their motives. But on the other hand those who are not prejudiced only admire them the more for the openness, frankness and courageousness of their character. A strikingly representative character of his class, Mr. Peirsol, although he has been a resident of the county for but comparatively a few years, has made his presence felt here to a marked degree, and to the great advantage to the community in which he lives, being not only one of the best known citizens of the county, but one of its most active and useful ones. He has contributed very materially to the upbuilding and prosperity of Monroe City, and has held with ability the office of prosecuting attorney of the county and for six years the position of mayor of the city, as well as taking a prominent part in other affairs, material and political, affecting the interests of the public.

Mr. Peirsol comes of an old and highly creditable family of the country, tracing his lineage back through a line of ancestors who have brought no reproach on the name he bears, but have always held worthy positions in the communities in which they lived. The family has been settled in this country for nearly 200 years. His father's great-great-grandfather Peirsol was one of three brothers who came from England to America in 1683 and settled in Pennsylvania, whence the name has radiated into different States. Mr. Peirsol's great-grandfather, Peter Peirsol, was killed at Ft. Duquesne in 1753, when under the command of Washington, at the time the English or Americans were driven from that fort by the French and Indians. Peter Peirsol, Jr., was born after his father's death, and he became the father of Mr. Peirsol's father, Joel Peirsol. Joel Peirsol was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and after he grew up came West to Wayne county, Ohio, where he married Miss Catherine Emery. In 1836 they came to Fulton county, Illinois, where both parents lived until their deaths. The father became a leading and wealthy farmer of that county, and John C. was born there May 16, 1846. John C. Peirsol was one of a family of thirteen children, of whom seven, three sisters and four

brothers are living. At the age of 15 John C. was sent to college at Washington, Iowa, and after attending one year he taught school one term. In 1864 he, with his elder brothers, Peter and Joel, went to California, where he spent three years. Returning in 1867, he sold some land which his father had given him and used a part of the proceeds to attend college at Lewiston, Ill. After a term there he came to Monroe City, where his brother Jacob had preceded him in 1866. It was his purpose to go on to Nebraska, but, his horses dying, he gave over the idea and concluded to attend Ann Arbor University. He spent a year at that famous institution and then bought land near Osborne, in Clinton county, Mo., where he was engaged in the stock business for about two years, living much of the time, however, at Plattsburg. He continued at Plattsburg until 1874 and while there he completed his course of law reading, and was admitted to the bar by Judge Lucas. He then came to Monroe City and having been ruined financially by troubles, and the panic of 1873, poor and broken in health, he had to teach a term of school here before he could get books necessary to engage in the practice of his profession, which practice he has since continued. He has been in partnership with different attorneys at this place, but is now alone in the practice. In 1876 Mr. Peirsol made the race for prosecuting attorney of the county, his opponent for that office being Hon. A. M. Alexander. This was one of the most animated and exciting political contests ever witnessed in the county. The two candidates held no less than 32 joint discussions, and the race was not less close than it was spirited. Out of a total vote of 4,100 Mr. Peirsol was elected by six majority. At the next election, however, he was defeated by Mr. Alexander by a small majority. Mr. Peirsol has also held the office of mayor for six years, and is still mayor of Monroe City. He and his brother, Jacob, have been dealing quite extensively in real estate for some years, and in 1882 they laid out Peirsol's addition to Monroe City, in which they have sold about 80 lots. They have about 60 acres in the addition, and over 1,000 acres of land besides in this and Ralls county. Mr. Peirsol has been twice married, first, August 19, 1870, and the second time, January 13, 1879. His present wife was previously Miss Lue H. Loomis, formerly of Emporia, Kan. Mr. Peirsol has one son, Robert C., now eleven years of age. Mrs. P. is a member of the Baptist Church, and he is a member of the Commandery in the Masonic order.

### JACOB A. PEIRSOL

(Manager of the Monroe City Creamery).

The superior excellence of properly made creamery butter is now conceded by all who from experience are capable of judging, and it is therefore rapidly coming into demand for general, not to say universal use. In the East it has long had the ascendancy in popularity over all other products of the dairy, and in the North it is in general use. In the last few years it has made steady inroads of popularity



into Missouri, and will doubtless soon be demanded for general use here. But even ignoring the want of home consumption, the demands for it in the East are such that its manufacture cannot but be a profitable branch of industry here. There, on account of the high prices of land and the heavy cost of stock feed, it cannot be made for much less than a third more than it can be produced here for. With our present system of rapid and comparatively cheap transportation, we of Missouri, by virtue of the cheapness of our land and the lightness of the cost of stock feed, can compete in the Eastern markets with the dairymen of that section, if we cannot entirely drive them out of the market, as many of the best posted Eastern dairymen fear and believe. We can make butter here for twenty-five cents a pound, an article which costs them thirty per cent more than that to produce in New York or the North Atlantic States. Hence we can command and get a better price for our butter than the one indicated above, thus making it a business of excellent profit. That it is so is shown by the rapidity with which creameries are springing up all over Missouri. The present creamery was established in the spring of 1883, with a capital of \$6,500 and capacity of 2,000 pounds daily. This requires the milk yield of 2,000 cows. The building is 30 x 44 in dimensions, and has a ten-horse power engine with all other necessary machinery and conveniences on the most approved plan, including an excellent ice-house. Mr. J. M. Procter is the president of the company and Mr. Peirsol its manager. The enterprise has made a gratifying start in business and has every promise of success even in excess of the hopes of those who established it. Mr. Peirsol, the manager, is thoroughly qualified for his position, understanding the business well and being a man of good business qualifications and enterprise. He was born in Fulton county, Ill., March 14, 1838, and was educated at the Burlington University of Iowa. He subsequently taught school for year or two and since then has been actively engaged in farming and raising and handling stock, in which he has achieved a marked degree of success. He came to Missouri in 1866 and resided in Ralls county until the winter of 1881-82. He has a fine farm of 300 acres, well stocked with farm animals, etc. He is also a prominent property holder in other lands and town property. He is a brother to J. C. Peirsol, whose sketch precedes this, wherein a brief outline of the father's family has been given. December 5, 1861, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Clark, formerly of Jefferson county, N. Y. She was a daughter of Lucius and Debora (Guernsey) Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Peirsol have two children, Eva E. and Minnie L., two interesting and charming young ladies. Mr. Peirsol, personally, is a most affable and pleasant gentleman, and stands high in the esteem of all who know him.

#### THOMAS PROCTOR, M.D.

(Cashier of the Monroe City Bank).

Dr. Proctor, a regular graduate of medicine and a physician of 15 years' successful experience in the practice, has been identified with

the Monroe City Bank since 1881, at which time he became one of its prominent stockholders, and has since acted as its cashier. Dr. Proctor is also prominently identified with other important business enterprises, which will be spoken of hereafter. His father, Columbus Proctor, was one of the early settlers in Marion county. He came to that county when a young man, in about 1832, and was from Jessamine county, Ky. He was subsequently married, in Marion county, to Miss Eleanor G. Wood, a daughter of Hazzard Wood, an old pioneer of the county. He was a farmer by occupation, and became one of the well-to-do and highly respected citizens of the county. He died there, July 4, 1865, but his wife survived until the 14th of April, 1876. There were five children, of whom Thomas was the third, the others being James M., Mattie, now Mrs. James Scott; David and George. Thomas Proctor was educated in the higher branches at St. Paul's College, in Palmyra, and at the State University, the former of which he attended three terms and the latter one term. He studied medicine under Dr. Tipton, of Marion county, and took his medical course in the Iowa University, at Keokuk, from which he graduated in 1864. He then began the practice at Monroe City, but in 1866 returned to Marion county, and located about five miles west of Hannibal, where he practiced medicine for the succeeding 12 years, and also ran a grain and stock farm. Dr. Proctor was quite successful in the practice and secured a large clientele throughout the country around his place of practice. In 1879 he returned to Monroe City, and was occupied for a time in settling up his affairs near Hannibal and preparing to engage in business at this place, for he had already formed a purpose to interest himself in Texas cattle raising and in other lines of business. In 1881 he became connected with the Monroe City Bank, of which he became cashier. Later along he became a large stockholder in and secretary and treasurer of the Monroe Cattle Company of Texas, which was organized with a capital stock of \$500,000, since increased to \$750,000, divided into shares of \$100 each, three-fourths of which are owned by Dr. Proctor and five other citizens of Monroe county. The company owns 150,000 acres of land, all in one pasture in Shackelford county, Tex., which is stocked with Texas cattle. It is needless to say, for every one of general information knows, that this business is profitable, paying a better dividend than Standard Oil Company stock, whilst there is no smack of monopoly and rascality about it as there is in the famous oil enterprise. Dr. Proctor, being a man of superior education, genial manners and business enterprise, makes an efficient and popular bank cashier, and adds very materially to the patronage and success of the bank with which he is connected by the confidence and high esteem in which he is held as a citizen and business man. The Monroe City Bank is one of the conservative, safe and solid banking institutions of North Missouri, and is rated A1 in banking circles, as it is in the estimation of the public at large doing business with it. The following is a statement of its resources and liabilities on the 1st of January, 1884: *Resources* — Cash on hand, \$15,110.53; loans and

discounts, \$51,651.48; due from banks, \$42,301.18; real estate, \$1,500.00; furniture and fixtures, \$1,300.00; total, \$111,863.19. *Liabilities*—Capital stock, \$20,000.00; deposits, \$91,048.75; undivided earnings, \$814.44; total, \$111,863.19. These figures make a gratifying exhibit of the condition of the bank, showing that it is conducted on sound business principles. It also has large deposits on hand, both time and call, which steadily increase from year to year. Dr. Proctor is a man of family, having married April 4, 1865. His wife was formerly Miss Mary T. ("Lutie") Bailey, eldest daughter of Dr. E. Bailey, of Marion county. Dr. and Mrs. Proctor have three children: Bailey, Frank and Thomas. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church. During the war he served six months in the State Guard, Southern service, participating during the time in the battle at Lexington.

### JAMES M. PROCTOR

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock-dealer, Post-office, Monroe City).

An outline of the family antecedents of Mr. Proctor has been given in the sketch of his brother, Dr. Thomas Proctor, which precedes this. The father, as there remarked, became one of the well-to-do farmers of Marion county. In early life he was a tanner by trade, and commenced quite poor, but by industry and superior business management became a large property holder. He raised stock quite extensively and also grew tobacco in large quantities. He owned at his death over 1,400 acres of land. James M. was born near Philadelphia, in Marion county, March 3, 1837, and was educated at the Baptist College at Palmyra. He subsequently taught school two terms and then resumed farming on the old family homestead, where he continued until 1866. Meanwhile he had married, and from the old Proctor homestead he came to Monroe county and settled on his present farm, or rather a part of his present farm. He first had 360 acres, but has since added until he now has 1,160 acres, 480 of which are in his home tract, and the balance only a half a mile distant. Although farming in a general way all the time, for a number of years he has made a specialty of raising and handling stock. His lands are largely run in blue grass for that purpose, having about 1,000 acres in pasturage. He usually keeps from 100 to 150 head of cattle on hand on his home farm, quite or nearly all of high grade and thoroughbred stock. He now has 110 head of fine short-horn cows that he is crossing with Hereford stock for the Western trade. Mr. Proctor is also a leading stockholder in the Monroe City Bank, and in the Monroe Texas Cattle Company, in the former of which he is a director, and is vice-president of the latter. Mr. Proctor has one of the finest stock farms in Monroe county. His place is handsomely improved, including buildings, fences, pastures, water facilities, etc. His residence alone, a fine two-story brick, with a stone basement, containing eleven rooms and three large halls, besides a commodious basement, all handsomely constructed and elegantly furnished, cost



over \$5,000. It is built on a beautiful collado or eminence gradually rising from the public road about a quarter of a mile distant, and is approached by a handsome carriage-way. The site commands a fine view, not only of his own large pastures and fields, undulating and stretching away in the distance, but also of the surrounding country for miles. On the 7th of June, 1860, Mr. Proctor was married to Miss Ellen K. McPike, a daughter of Hon. James McPike, now deceased, of Marion county. Her father came to Pike county, Mo., from Henry county, Ky., in 1840, and was a brother to Aaron McPike, of Audrain county. Her mother was a Miss Mary Clinton. They removed to Marion county in about 1841. He was a leading farmer and stock man of Marion county and died there in the fall of 1878. He represented that county in the Legislature, and was one of its most intelligent, progressive and public-spirited citizens. He was quite wealthy, and was said to be the finest judge of stock in the State. He was a man of the most generous impulses. He was never able to say no when applied to for help, although he was often imposed upon by those who were unworthy of assistance. His wife died in 1873. His first wife died before his removal to Missouri. Mrs. Proctor has two brothers, Benjamin and Jefferson, the former of Marion and the latter of Knox county. She also has two half-brothers and a half-sister, Edward and William and Mary, the wife of E. D. Gullien, all of Marion county. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor are blessed with a family of eight children: Ellen M., now Mrs. James Randol; Thomas J., Zack C., assistant cashier of the Monroe City Bank; Anna B., James M., Alma C., Mattie and David M. They had the misfortune to lose a little girl, Jennie Lee, at the age of four months. Both parents are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a member of the A. F. and A. M., Chapter degree. Mr. Proctor is a man of marked natural intelligence and culture, and an agreeable, pleasant gentleman in bearing and conversation.

### JAMES S. RANDOL

(Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Etc., Monroe City).

Mr. Randol, one of the most enterprising young business men in Monroe county, carrying a stock of about \$30,000 and doing a large retail and jobbing trade, the latter with dealers in small towns tributary to Monroe City, is still three years less than thirty years of age, and began in mercantile business as a clerk at Clarence in 1877. Subsequently he attended school, taking a course at Monroe Institute, and in 1879 he came to Monroe City, where he formed a partnership with J. M. Johnson in the grocery and in the boot and shoe lines of trade. In June of the same year, however, they removed to Cleora, Col., and conducted the same lines of business there for nearly two years. In the fall of 1882 they returned to Monroe City and resumed business at this place, which they carried on until the following August when Mr. Johnson retired from the firm, engaging in farming, where he still resides. Mr. Randol continued the business,

discontinuing later along, however, the boot and shoe line. Young, enterprising and energetic, he has pushed his business with all the vigor that he possesses, and having superior business qualifications, as well as a marked natural taste and aptitude for business life, he has made it a most gratifying success. He does business on a cash principle, and although enterprising and always ready to stake his judgment on the future of supply and demand, he is still conservative and cautious, never making any risky adventures in trade. Besides his large business he owns the large business house he now occupies, and indeed, he has all his affairs on a sound basis and in a safe, prosperous condition. On the 2d of May, 1883, Mr. Randol was married to Miss Ellen M. Proctor, a daughter of J. M. Proctor, of this place. They have a son, J. A. Randol, Jr., born March 26, 1884. She is a member of the Baptist Church, but Mr. R., himself, is a member of the M. E. Church South. He is also a member of the Triple Alliance. Mr. Randol is a son of John B. and Mary A. (Sharp) Randol, now of Colorado, and was born in Shelby county, near Clarence, October 28, 1857. Of the family but three are now in Missouri: James S., Ellen S., now Mrs. O. C. Perry, and John H. The father removed to Colorado for his health, where he and the balance of the family are now making their home.

### JOHN J. ROGERS

(Dealer in Dry Goods, Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Fancy Goods, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, etc.; also, Warehouseman and Dealer in Grain, Monroe City).

In 1876 Mr. Rogers was engaged in clerking in a business house at this place, which he had followed for the two years previous. To-day he has one of the leading establishments in the lines mentioned above in Monroe county, and is also one of the principle grain merchants of the county, being not only one of the most prominent and successful business men of this place, but a man of ample means to carry on without embarrassment his large business in the different branches in which he is engaged. During this time he has neither inherited nor married a fortune, but on the contrary has made every dollar he has by his own business acumen, enterprise and energy, and all by fair and honorable dealing. Such a record is not only creditable to the man himself, but to the community, and such a man is fairly entitled to be considered one of the best and most valuable citizens of the county in which he resides. It is to self-made men, men of character, intelligence and enterprise, those who have the ability and industry to achieve success whatever may be the circumstances in which they begin, that every community owes, to a very large measure, its prosperity. Mr. Rogers is a native of Virginia, born in Fauquier county. Whilst he was yet in infancy his parents, Stephen and Cornelia F. (Jett) Rogers, came to Missouri, and settled in Marion county. Here the father engaged in farming and stock-raising and dealt largely in real estate for a number of years, and, indeed, until his retirement from all active business a few years ago. He now resides at Warren,

in Marion county. John J. was brought up on the farm. At the age of 18 he went to Louisiana, Mo., where he was employed by an insurance firm for about a year. He then became a traveling agent for a Commercial Agency at Columbus, Ohio, and traveled principally in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky for about two years. In 1875 he returned to Missouri and clerked in a business house at Monroe City until becoming a member of the firm of Sutton & Rogers. Mr. Sutton was succeeded by Mr. Purnell, and the firm became Rogers & Purnell. Mr. Purnell was a traveling man and Mr. Rogers had full charge of the business. Afterwards Mr. Rogers bought out Mr. Purnell's interest, and since that time he has been carrying on the business alone. In the meantime Rogers & Purnell had bought out the firm of Goetze & Byrd, merchant tailors and dealers in clothing and gents' furnishing goods. All have since been combined in one store. Mr. Rogers has also had branch houses at Hunnewell and Warren. He has a large warehouse at this place, the only one in this part of the county, and he deals quite extensively in grain, seeds, wool, etc., shipping the principal part of the grain shipped from this point. He keeps from two to four hands employed. His store has an extensive trade and is one of the most popular houses at Monroe City. On the 12th of September, 1878, he was married to Miss Lily Jones, a daughter of Mr. G. C. Jones, formerly of Wilmington, Del. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are members of the Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the A. O. U. W. and of the Triple Alliance.

### A. K. RUTLEDGE

(Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, etc., Monroe City, Mo).

Mr. Rutledge, the proprietor of this popular and successful business firm, was reared a farmer, which he followed up to 1879, when he removed to Monroe City. But he also learned the plasterer's trade when a young man and worked at that when not occupied with his farm duties until he quit the farm, since which he has continued in the plasterer's trade, but for some years past principally as contractor. Mr. H. K. Anderson is his partner in the contracting business and they control the principal part of the plastering work done at this place and throughout the adjacent territory. Both being experienced plasterers and men of upright business principles, they see that no work is done under their firm that is not thoroughly and well done, and to the entire satisfaction of their patrons. This house of A. K. Rutledge was formed in 1878. Mr. Robinson had charge of the business up to a short time ago, since which A. K. Rutledge has taken charge of the entire business. He carries a full line of drugs and has a profitable and increasing trade. Mr. Rutledge was born in Giles county, West Va., October 28, 1843. His father, Trevis Rutledge, died when A. K. was about 11 years of age. Five years afterwards the mother, a Miss Charlotte Wingo before her marriage, came to Missouri with her family and finally settled near Clarence in Shelby county. There were originally nine children in the family,



and seven are still living. A. K. Rutledge continued with his mother in Shelby county until his marriage, which was in 1868, Miss Mary S. Smith becoming his wife on the 5th of February, 1868. She was a daughter of Samuel C. and Elizabeth Smith, who settled in Shelby county in 1836. Her father died there in 1848, but her mother died at Mrs. Rutledge's home, in Monroe City, July 18, 1882. Mr. Rutledge lived on what is known as the Smith farm after his marriage up to 1879, when he came to Monroe City. Mr. and Mrs. R. have three children: William T., Etha Edna, and Shelby. Mrs. R. is a member of the Baptist Church. Her father was a blacksmith and started the first shop opened in Shelby county. She lost three brothers during the war who were identified with the South.

John E. Robinson, a former partner of Mr. Rutledge, was born in Dorchester county, Md., December 30, 1827. He learned the carpenter's trade as he grew up and came to Missouri in 1851, locating in Shelby county. He married in Shelby county February 22, 1857, Miss Sarem E. Smith then becoming his wife. She was a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Smith of the same county from which he came. He followed carpentering in Knox and Shelby counties for a number of years. He then engaged in the drug business at Newark, in Knox county. He was subsequently in the same business in Utica and California, Mo., and then in the dry goods trade in Shelbina for about ten years. From Shelbina he came to Monroe City. Since that time he has been in the drug business for Mr. Rutledge. April 11, 1881, Mr. Robinson had the misfortune to lose his wife. She left him two daughters, both now young ladies, Miss Bessie and Miss Etha. The former presides over her father's pleasant home, and the latter is an accomplished and popular teacher of the county. Both are young ladies of superior refinement and culture, and of rare attractiveness of presence. Mr. Robinson is singularly fortunate in having two daughters so well calculated to make his home attractive and pleasant, both by their grace of manners and charm of conversation, as well as the faultlessness of their form and features and their singular gentleness, yet cheerfulness and brightness of dispositions. They not only ornament the society in which they move, but challenge admiration from all, admiration which it is a pleasure to feel.

### WILLIAM SCHOFIELD

(Steamboat Master and Farmer, Monroe City).

For 30 years continuously Capt. Schofield has been running the river, and now holds his twenty-ninth certificate as a first-class pilot and master. He was with the St. Louis and Keokuk Packet Company for 16 years, and since that time has run the river between St. Louis and St. Paul. He is still with the company. During last season he was pilot of the steamboat Keokuk. It is a gratifying fact that during all of Capt. Schofield's long experience on the river he has never met with an accident of any serious consequence. In 1846 he made a trip to the City of Mexico, and was there when peace was

established between Mexico and the United States. In 1849 he went to California. But these are the only journeys he ever made off of the river of any considerable distance. For a number of years prior to 1870 he lived on West Ely prairie, in Marion county, where he owned a farm, and where he spent his time when not on the river. In 1870, however, he came to Monroe City, where he has since resided. Here he has a neat home in the suburbs of town and has an excellent farm of 160 acres adjoining town. Capt. Schofield is an Englishman by nativity, but was reared in this country. He was born in Yorkshire November 25, 1825, and when six years of age was brought to America by his parents, who first located at Pittsburg, Pa. His father, James Schofield, died there, and his mother subsequently married John Cook, a carpenter by trade. In 1836 the family came to Missouri and settled at Marion City, which was then hardly more than laid out. There young Schofield learned the cooper's trade and worked at it until he went on the river, in about 1854. Since then he has continued on the river, as stated above. Capt. Schofield has been three times married. His first wife was a Miss Charlotte Boyd. She lived seven years after her marriage, dying in 1859. In 1861 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Metcalfe. She survived her marriage but a short time. May 29, 1863, Capt. Schofield was married to his present wife. She was a Miss Martha Jones, of Lewis county. Of this union there are three children living: Harry, Fannie and Millie. One, James, is deceased. There were no children by his second marriage, but by his first wife there are four, namely: Rufus, now in Denver, Col.; Harriet E., now Mrs. Horace Kent; George W., of this place; and Mary Laura, who was adopted by Mrs. R. F. Bartlett, of Keokuk, Ia., and by her christened Charlotte L. She is now the wife of Charles Pond, of Keokuk. Mrs. S. is a member of the Christian Church and the Royal Templars of Temperance, and the Captain is also a member of the Royal Templars of Temperance.

### CAPT. WILLIAM STYLES

(Farmer, Post-office, Hunnewell).

Capt. Styles was born in Kenawha county, W. Va., September 21, 1816, and was a son of William F. and Margaret (Gibbs) Styles, his father from Albemarle county, Va., but his mother from Scotland. Capt. Styles was reared in Virginia and came to Missouri in 1843, settling in Monroe county. In the meantime his mother had died, and two of his sisters, Mary and Margaret G., made their homes with him in this county, they keeping house for him whilst he improved a farm. His brother, Samuel G., had come out in 1840 and engaged in milling by water power at Clinton, now Somerset, but failed about the time Capt. William Styles came out to this State, so that Samuel G. joined him in his farming operations. The latter died here, however, in 1845, at about the age of 32. Margaret G. married Hill Shaw, and both afterwards died in Franklin county. Mary died unmarried in 1852. Capt. Styles' father, having married the second time, also

came to Missouri in 1843, coming a short time before the Captain, and settled near where the latter located. He and his second wife both died here, the latter preceding him a number of years. The father made his home with Capt. Styles some seven years after his second wife's death. Capt. Styles improved a good farm, and on the 29th of November, 1849, he was married to Miss Nancy E. Kirkland, a daughter of Jacob Kirkland, of Clinton, formerly of Boonville, Mo. The Captain, besides being interested in farming, began milling as early as 1844, bringing his mill out from Cincinnati, which he ran for about eight years, it being a horse grist and saw mill. He also ran a blacksmith shop some eight years, and before and during the war had a two-horse power thresher and did threshing in this county and neighboring vicinities for some eight or ten years. He has a good farm of 160 acres and is comfortably situated on his place. Capt. and Mrs. Styles have three children, namely: Joshua F., now farming in the county; Samuel G., who has charge of the home farm, and Mary S., the wife of Daniel K. Yowell, of Monroe City. Captain and Mrs. Styles are members of the M. E. Church South. Capt. Styles is a practical and experienced surveyor who, in his time, was one of the best surveyors of North Missouri. Capt. Styles, himself, has done a great deal of surveying in the county and kept it up until his eye failed, being a sufferer from weak eyes for a number of years past, which is believed to have been caused originally from a severe spell of measles, which he had back in 1852. Capt. Styles was commissioned captain of militia by Gov. Price in 1846 or 1847 to drill the militia of this county in military tactics, of which he had made a study, and was considered an expert drill master.

### GEORGE W. TOMPKINS

(Of Geo. W. Tompkins & Co., Dealers in Drugs, Medicines, etc., Monroe City).

Mr. Tompkins is a professional druggist, as well as a thoroughly capable business man, having begun to learn the drug business when he was 17 years of age, in which he has since been continuously engaged, either as clerk or on his own account. When a youth he received a good education in the schools of Hunnewell, where he was principally reared, and in 1876 came to Monroe City and commenced as a clerk in the drug store of J. H. Grady. Subsequently he clerked for P. R. Crisp for over four years, and in 1882 he and Dr. George L. Turner, who is the other member of the firm, formed the partnership under which they are still doing business. They have a first-class stock of drugs, fresh and well selected, and Mr. Tompkins being a practical and experienced druggist, while his partner is a physician, it goes without saying that they form one of the safest and most capable drug firms in the county. Mr. Tompkins compounds prescriptions with special care, and both members of the firm use their best judgment in the selection of pure drugs and medicines of established reputation for their trade. By doing a strictly first-class business, their house has secured an enviable reputation at Monroe



City and throughout the surrounding country, so that, as would be expected, it is more than ordinarily popular with the people, and commands a large trade. On the 19th of June, 1859, Mr. Tompkins was born at his father's homestead in Lewis county. While he was quite a youth the family removed to Hunnewell, where they still reside. His father, William Tompkins, was originally from Tennessee, but his mother, whose maiden name was Eliza Clow, was from Kentucky. George W. remained at Hunnewell, as stated above, until he was 17 years of age, and then came to Monroe City. October 1, 1882, he was married to Miss Elizabeth F. Simpson, a daughter of J. H. Simpson, of this place. Mr. Tompkins is connected with the Triple Alliance.

### NATHAN S. TOPPING

(Proprietor of the Gem Hotel and Monroe City Livery Stables .

Mr. Topping is a hotel landlord of long experience, and has been conducting the Gem Hotel since the spring of 1881. He is a successor to R. M. Brown, who erected the hotel building in 1866, since which it has been run as a hotel. It contains 25 rooms and accommodates conveniently from 30 to 40 guests. Mr. Topping is the owner of the house, and also of the livery stable, and is doing a good business in both lines. He came to Monroe City from Shelbina, where he had been running the Topping House for about nine years. Mr. Topping is originally from the old Empire State, called into life in Sullivan county, July 20, 1818. His parents, Abraham and Mary (Cook) Topping, were from Long Island, and removed to Sullivan county in 1812. Nathan S. was married in Sullivan county, September 23, 1847, to Miss Sarah Kinkendall. He followed farming there until 1868, when he came to Missouri, and improved a farm near Hunnewell. From the farm he went to Shelbina in 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Topping have had four children: Emery A., who died at the age of 21, soon after coming to Missouri; Estella D., the wife of L. W. Arnold, of Monroe City, and two others, who died in New York. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Topping is a man of intelligence and general information, and in New York held numerous local official positions. He is well respected here.

### BENJAMIN H. H. TUCKER

(Postmaster and Agent of the Pacific Express Company, Monroe City).

Mr. Tucker was born June 17, 1818, in the city of New York, and became identified with North-east Missouri away back in the spring of 1836, when he was a youth about 17 years of age, by having a scholarship presented to him in Marion College, of Marion county, Mo., by Gov. Haynes of New Jersey. That college was then one of the most eminent institutions of learning throughout the entire country, and was resorted to by young men of promise from nearly all the States. Mr. Tucker was a son of Benjamin Tucker, a leading young lawyer of

New York City and of a prominent family of that State, but who unfortunately died at the early age of 36. He was intimate with Hamilton and Burr, who greatly encouraged him to hope for a promising future at the bar, and by whom he was regarded as a young man of the highest promise. At college he was a classmate with Martin Van Buren, afterwards President of the United States, and between them there was ever a warm friendship. He was also a friend and associate with most of the leading men of New York State. Mr. Tucker's mother (Benjamin H. H.'s) was a Miss Elizabeth Cutter, of the well known New Jersey family of that name, one of the best families in the State, a history of which has heretofore been published by Dr. Cutter, of Connecticut. He is conceded to be one of the finest surgeons in the State, and is also a representative of this family. Young Tucker came to Marion College, which he attended for about 18 months, and until the college became disorganized on account of financial and other troubles. He then located at Marion City, Marion county, and was engaged in the hotel business, Marion City at that time being a thriving town on the Mississippi 10 miles above Hannibal, and the shipping point for North-east Missouri. In February, 1841, the hotel was burned. In the spring, by the solicitation of friends, he came to Monroe county and engaged in teaching school for some months on the farm of Joshua Gentry, boarding in the family of Aaron B. Combs during that time. Returning to Marion City in 1842, he taught for a time that year and soon engaged in clerking in a general store and commission business until the spring of 1843. The 6th day of April witnessed the crossing on the ice over the Mississippi river of one yoke of oxen hitched to an ox-cart. The postmaster at Marion City at that time failing to comply with all the requirements of the post-office department, Dr. Bower, of Paris, being member of congress from this district, was called upon to recommend one to fill the position of postmaster in place of the incumbent. Dr. Bower recommended Mr. Tucker who was duly commissioned under President Tyler, holding the office three years, when on account of poor health he was induced by his friends to try farming. On the 5th of February, 1846, he was married to Miss Martha H. McCormick, of Marion City. In 1849 he began farming near West Ely, and subsequently farmed in Marion, Ralls and Lewis counties up to 1865, when he came to Monroe City, and engaged in clerking one year, returning to his farm in Lewis county in the spring of 1866. There he stayed until October 1869, when he again returned to Monroe City. On the 16th of April, 1869, he took charge of the post-office at this place, and has since discharged the duties of this office, having been re-commissioned a few months ago for a term of four years. In 1871 he was appointed U. S. Express agent and in 1881, Pacific Express agent. Up to 1874 he was also engaged in the grocery business. Mr. Tucker makes an efficient and popular postmaster, and his official record, as is the case with his private life, is without a shadow of reproach. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker have five children: Elizabeth, now Mrs. Thomas L. Courtney; Benjamin Franklin

Green, Charles Edward, George Washington and Carrie Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker are members of the M. E. Church South. He is also prominently identified with the temperance cause. In April, 1881, Mr. Tucker had the misfortune to break his left hip bone, which prostrated him for nearly three months. However, he has recovered the full use of his leg, although it is a little shorter than his right leg. During the War of the Rebellion Mr. Tucker, not fit for military duty, remained on his farm in Lewis county, doing whatever was in his power for the cause of the government, ever faithful to the flag of his country.

### GEORGE L. TURNER, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Monroe City, Mo.).

The parents of Rev. Able Turner, the father of Dr. George L., were early settlers of North-east Missouri, settling near Hannibal, in Marion county. There Rev. Able Turner was reared, and in young manhood was married to Miss Mary E. Wilson, formerly of Loudoun county, Va., who came to Shelby county, North-east Mo., with her parents before reaching womanhood. Later along Dr. Turner's father removed to Shelby county, where he was married and where the Doctor was born on the 26th of March, 1854. His father was a minister of the regular Baptist Church, and continued pulpit work until his death, which occurred April 24, 1882. Dr. George L. Turner was the fifth of the nine children of his parents now living, the others being Charles C. of Carthage, Enoch T., John M., Frank S., Frances A. now Mrs. F. M. Farr; Belle, now Mrs. Arthur Carmichael; Martha G., now Mrs. Edward Carmichael, and Ida M., who is still at home, all except Charles C. and George L., being residents of Shelby county. George L. (the doctor) completed his education at the State University, where he studied two years. He then taught school two years and during the same time studied medicine under Dr. Chenvrou, of Bethel, in Shelby county. He then entered the Rush Medical College at Chicago, where he took a regular course of two terms, graduating in 1880. Dr. Turner at once located at Monroe City, in the practice of his profession, where he has since resided. He formed a partnership with Dr. Asbury which continued up to a short time ago. Dr. Turner is a partner with Mr. George W. Tompkins in the drug business, and is still a member of the firm of George W. Tompkins & Co. Dr. Turner was married in Shelby county, September 7, 1880, to Miss Charlotte Pickette, daughter of Hiram Pickette. They have two children: Myrtie G., and an infant son, Lytle Rush. Mrs. Turner is a member of the M. E. Church and the Farmers' and Mechanics' Mutual Aid Association, and the Doctor is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Triple Alliance, and the Farmers' and Mechanics' Mutual Aid Association. He is also a member of the Monroe County Medical Society. Dr. Turner has shown by his success in the practice as well as by his popularity as a physician, that he is a practitioner of thorough qualifications and superior skill. He has a marked natural



aptitude as well as special taste for surgery, and has performed some very difficult and highly successful and creditable operations in that department of the practice. Still, he very much likes all branches of the practice and is a more than ordinarily capable physician in the treatment of the general curriculum of cases usually met with in this part of the country.

### JUDGE ALFRED WARNER

(Deceased).

In the "History of Monroe County" there is no one mentioned the events of whose life reflect greater credit upon the subject himself and upon all connected with him, as well as upon the county, than does the career of the subject of the present sketch. A man of great force and purity of character, he acquitted himself without reproach of his duties in every relation in which he was placed — in his family, in the church, in business affairs and to the public. Possessed of a high order of intelligence, and energetic and enterprising almost to a fault, his activities in business affairs were eminently successful, and he died the possessor of a comfortable fortune, an estate he accumulated himself and enjoyed for many years. He was a man of retiring and modest disposition, wonderfully attached to home and family, and with no desire, whatever, for public life or for cutting a conspicuous figure in the world. With his talents and great personal worth, if he had been ambitious of political promotion or other official advancement, there are no offices in the gift of the people to which he might not have reasonably aspired and probably have obtained. But his greatest happiness was found in the private walks of life, making himself useful to those around him and enjoying the society of his loved ones at home and of his friends. There, it is gratifying to remember, most of his days were spent, and while it was more congenial to his own tastes that it was so, if, when the end came, his loss was not as widely deplored because he was not as widely known as some, it is but the expression of a plain and simple truth to say that it was more deeply and sincerely mourned than is the loss of many. As a business man, merchant and manufacturer, he was early and eminently successful; as an agriculturist later, farmer and stockman, his career was not less creditable; and as a friend of popular education, an active worker in, and liberal supporter of the church, as a public-spirited citizen and a representative in official life — in every position and sphere of activity, he was an ornament and of great value. When such a man dies not only is a loss sustained by his family and those to whom he is immediately near and dear, but by the community in all its interests, a loss which is fittingly evidenced by the general bereavement shown by the people, as in the case of the imposing performance of the last sad rites attending the deceased. Alfred Warner was a native of Massachusetts, born near Pittsfield, April 2, 1798. When he was about 12 years of age, he was taken by his parents to the Western Reserve of Ohio, where the family settled in 1810. There, in that then wilder-

ness, he grew up amid the pioneer scenes and incidents of frontier life. Possessed of a natural taste for mental culture, notwithstanding his unfavorable surroundings, he succeeded in acquiring, by application to his books at home, a good practical education. When a young man, 24 years of age, he went to Lexington, Ky., where a brother, Elijah, had preceded him and was in business. He also engaged in merchandising there and soon became, in addition, largely interested in manufacturers, both at Lexington and at Havensville. He owned extensive bagging and rope factories, and also large jeans and woolen mills. Besides these he conducted a heavy pork packing business, and altogether accumulated a handsome fortune for those days. He owned quite a number of slaves. In 1848, however, he sold out in Kentucky and came to Missouri, stopping for a short time on the way at Alton, Ill., then one of the leading points of the West, where he owned valuable city property. Arriving in this State, he settled in Marion county, where he bought a tract of 600 acres of land, and improved a fine farm. Desiring to increase his facilities for stock-raising, he bought an additional tract of 600 acres in Monroe county about 1855, to which he removed about 1856 or 1857, and soon took rank as one of the principal stockmen of North Missouri. He was one of the first, if not the very first, to introduce the breeding and raising of fine short-horn cattle. He raised fine stock of different kinds, and, indeed, was never content to handle low grade animals of any kind. His cattle and horses were especially remarked for their superior quality and value. In this way he did a great service to the county by encouraging and assisting in the improvement of its stock. He was a leading and active member of the Masonic order, and his interment with the honors of that order is said to have been the most impressive and considerable funeral of the kind ever witnessed in the county. He was also a prominent and time-honored member of the Episcopal Church, and was for years a Lay Delegate for this Diocese to the General Convention of that Church. He took an active part in organizing the parish in Monroe City and building its house of worship; and was also highly influential in establishing the Monroe City Institute, giving both the church and the institute the benefit of his active exertions of liberal donations. His public spirit manifested itself in assisting materially in the upbuilding of Monroe City. He bought numerous lots there and erected several valuable business houses and dwellings, and at all times showed a disposition to aid in any movement designed for the general good of the place. During the war Judge Warner, although an extremely liberal-minded and conservative man, was decidedly Union in his sentiments, notwithstanding he was a slave-holder and much attached to the Southern people, both in interest and sympathy. He took no active part in the struggle, however, and remained quietly at home, except while engaged in the discharge of official duties, to the performance of which he was called by the general voice of the people. He was presiding member of the county court of Monroe county, which court had probate jurisdiction, a position he held for two terms

of four years each. This office was accepted with great reluctance on his part, and at last only from a sense of public duty. He acquitted himself in it as was to have been expected, with great credit and to the universal satisfaction of the public. He was one of the few Union men of Monroe county who, though always loyal to the government, so conducted himself that he was without an enemy at the close of the war among the Southern people, being respected and esteemed for his honesty and sincerity by those opposed to him, as his loyalty was honored and unquestioned on the Union side. He died at his home in this county on the 24th of September, 1867, and his remains were interred with every manifestation of public sorrow and of individual grief among his personal friends and acquaintances, as well as in his own family, in the cemetery at Monroe City, where they now sleep peacefully awaiting the dawn of the resurrection morn. He was a man of striking personal appearance, full six feet in height, with an excellent form and a manly countenance, always lighted up by a genial and pleasant expression. He was eminently social and affable in his intercourse with those around him, and the farthest from an opinionated man, being unassuming and respectfully considerate of thoughts and the feelings of others. Judge Warner was twice married. To his first wife, whose maiden name was Miss Jane Shekleford, he was married April 24, 1832. She survived her marriage, however, but a short time. On the 29th of September, 1846, he was married to the partner of the subsequent years of his long and useful life, and who still survives him, one of the most highly respected and beloved ladies in the community where she has so long lived. The widow of Judge Warner was, before her marriage to him, a Mrs. Harriett L. McLean, relict of Prof. McLean, an accomplished artist, who, although dying at the early age of 36, had already attained considerable fame as a talented and gifted portrait painter. She had been a widow nearly three years at the time of her marriage to Judge Warner. She was a Miss Patterson originally, of Camden, Maine, but was reared at Cambridge, Mass. She is now in her seventy-first year, but is still a lady of fine personal appearance, remarkably well preserved in body and mind. Judge and Mrs. Warner reared but one child, a son, Alfred B., born January 4, 1852, and still unmarried. He has charge of all the property of the family, and is a leading agriculturist and business man. He was educated at Monroe Institute, and Racine College, Wis., taking, besides a general course, a thorough course in Latin, Greek and German. He is a young man of bright promise, and occupies an enviable position in the community.

### WESTHOFF BROTHERS

(General Blacksmiths, and Manufacturers of Road Wagons, Spring Wagons, Buggies, etc., Monroe City).

These gentlemen, who have about \$3,000 invested in their present business, and work constantly from eight to twelve hands besides themselves, manufacturing annually a large number of road wagons and spring



wagons, and a number of carriages, buggies, etc., began in business together at Monroe City in 1876, and have since conducted it as partners with gratifying success. They build from 16 to 18 road wagons a year and more than half as many spring wagons, as well as numerous other vehicles, besides doing a large blacksmithing business and attending to an extensive custom in the repair line. They are energetic, thorough-going mechanics and business men, and are fully worthy of the gratifying success they have achieved.

The senior member of the firm, Francis Westhoff, was born in Hancock county, Ill., October 4, 1839, and learned his trade under his father in Schuyler county, Mo. Subsequently he worked for about seven years near Bloomfield, Iowa, and then came to Monroe City in 1872, and engaged in his present business. Meanwhile he had married, March 20, 1866, when Miss Martena Riney became his wife. She was a daughter of William Riney, of Scotland county, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Westhoff have three children: William F., Elizabeth A. and James Leo. Both parents are members of the Catholic Church. During the war Mr. Westhoff served for a time in the Schuyler county militia.

Adolphus Westhoff was born in Schuyler county, Mo., March 1, 1848, and is therefore nine years younger than his brother. He learned his trade under his father and worked in Davis county, Iowa, and for a time ran the shop with his brother. In 1872 he began work with his father and came to Monroe City in 1876, where he has since been a partner with his brother Francis. He has charge of the wood work department of the business. In the winter of 1877-78 he was married to Miss Maggie Ryan. They have four children: Johnnie, Frank, Anna and Angie, the last two twins. He and wife are also members of the Catholic Church.

Francis and Adolphus Westhoff were the sons of John and Elizabeth (Campbell) Westloff, formerly of Illinois, but who came to Schuyler county, Mo., as early as 1844. The father was a farmer and blacksmith and wagon-maker, and followed these callings until his death, which occurred in the summer of 1883. He worked here with his sons the summer preceding his death, or rather in the summer of 1882. He returned home the succeeding fall and soon died, as stated above.

### F. M. WILSON

(Dealer in Furniture and Undertaker, Monroe City).

Mr. Wilson, born and reared in Ralls county, continued to reside there after he grew up and was married, engaged principally in farming, but a part of the time in milling, until 1877, when he came to Monroe City and bought an interest with Samuel Megown in the mill at this place, with whom he was connected in the milling business for about 18 months. Selling out then, he bought an interest, with Virgil Evans, in the furniture and undertaking business, and soon afterwards bought Mr. Evans' interest, becoming sole proprietor of the business. Meeting with good success, in 1880

he erected a new business house and appreciably increased his stock. He has recently sold the building he erected in 1883, however, and has just completed a handsome, commodious, two-story brick business house, which he now occupies. On the 15th of October, 1857, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Gabriella Shulse, a daughter of Marcus Shulse, of Ralls county. The fruits of this union are two children, both now grown to maturity, namely: Annie M. and William H., the former the widow of Norton F. Spalding, late deputy county clerk of Ralls county, and the latter in the business house of Durrant & Jackson. Annie M., the daughter, was married to young Spalding in 1881. But with less than two years of happy married life the angel of death came and bore the spirit of her beloved and devoted husband to his home beyond the skies. His remains now sleep peacefully in the cemetery on the old Norton place, where the flowers shall bloom above all that is mortal of him, the cherished memory of whom is nearer and dearer to her than all else on earth, until the morn of the resurrection shall dawn: —

“Only a shadow that falls at eve  
Darkening the face of the sun;  
Only a beautiful light gone out  
From a fair young life that is done.

“Sorrow is ours, but the darkened life  
Gleams on the farther shore,  
And the radiant soul like a guiding star  
Shineth — forevermore.

“Broken in twain, is the precious chain,  
Sundered so far and wide;  
But, the Father hath love that will make it whole,  
On the beautiful other side.”

One little flower, the fruit of this happy union, destined to be sundered so soon, is left to cheer the mother's heart under the shadow of her sad widowhood: Robert Marion, a bright little boy now one year of age. Mr. Wilson, the subject of this sketch, is a representative of an old Missouri family, his father, Hedgman Wilson, having come to this State away back in 1827. Mr. Wilson's mother was a Miss Levina Fuqua. They came from Kentucky and the father, a miller by occupation and a farmer, lived in Ralls county until his death, which occurred in 1869.

### BENJAMIN O. WOOD

(Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, School Books, etc., Monroe City).

Mr. Wood is a representative of the old Pennsylvania Quaker family whose name he bears, the most prominent member of which, in recent years, was the Hon. Fernando Wood, of New York, three times mayor of that city and who commenced his service in Congress as far back as 1841, dying two years ago, while still representing New York City in the National Legislature. Mr. Wood's father, Dr. Adolphus E. Wood, and the late ex-Mayor Wood were brothers, the

latter born in Philadelphia, but the former in Baltimore. There were two other brother, Henry and Benjamin, both of whom reside in New York. Dr. Wood was a man of fine education and culture, and graduated in medicine with eminent distinction. He was married in Havana, Cuba, to Mrs. Caroline Clunette, of Spanish parentage, being then a widow lady, her first husband of French nationality. She had two children by her first husband. Dr. Wood was largely interested in the tobacco trade of Cuba at that time. Deciding, however, to come West, as early as 1831 he removed to Missouri, locating in Shelby county, then on the very frontier of civilization. He lived in that county until his death. He was a leading citizen of the county and the foremost physician of North Missouri. He served as county judge for some years, and was a man of great force of character, sterling virtue and eminently influential. His wife (Benjamin O.'s mother) is still living, a lady of rare dignity of manners and fine accomplishments, having received an advanced education early in life and always been a student of the best literature. She has reared a large family of children, and those living all occupy enviable positions in the communities where they reside. Benjamin O. Wood was born at Oakdale, in Shelby county, December 29, 1836, and was reared at that place. He was principally educated by his parents, who took great care for the mental culture of their children. As early as 1863 he began as a clerk in a drug store in Quincy, Ill., and from that time to the present, with no appreciable intermission, he has been continuously in the drug business—a period now of over 20 years. He came to Monroe City in 1868 and has since been in business at this place. He carries one of the best stocks of drugs, as it is one of the largest and most complete, in the county, and keeps constantly employed two gentlemanly, efficient salesmen, Messrs. R. E. Lear and John M. Riley, gentlemen whose good looks are only exceeded by their pleasant manners and fine business qualifications. Mr. Wood also gives his undivided attention to his business. His house has an enviable reputation for reliability and efficiency in the preparation of prescriptions, of which it makes a specialty. On the 12th of December, 1872, Mr. Wood was married to Miss Allie B. Smith, a daughter of Mr. A. Smith, of Ralls county. They have one child, Myrtie I. They have lost their child, a boy of 14 months, of great promise. Mr. Wood is a member of the Masonic order, the A. O. U. W., and he has also served in the city council for several terms.

### THOMAS J. YATES

(Of T. J. Yates & Brother, Proprietors of the Monroe City Livery, Feed and Sale Stables; also, Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock-dealer).

Mr. Yates was born on his father's homestead in this county, August 18, 1845, and was reared to the occupation of a farmer. In 1864, then in his nineteenth year, he enlisted in the Confederate service under Col. McDaniel, and joined Gen. Price's army on the retreat from Missouri. He was with Price for a short time, then



became a member of Gen. Joe Shelby's command, under whom he served until the close of the war, surrendering at Shreveport, La., in June, 1865. Returning home, he then went to work again on the farm and followed farming continuously and raising and handling stock from that time up to about 1875. He then came to Monroe City and engaged in the livery business; later along he was also in the hardware business at this place, being in partnership with G. W. Durrant, under the firm name of T. J. Yates & Co., for about two years. Excepting this and about 18 months spent on his farm, he has been in the livery business continuously since 1875. Some two years ago his brother, William R., joined him in the livery business, since which they have carried it on under the name of T. J. Yates & Brother. This is one of the leading livery establishments in Monroe county, if not the leading one. They have about \$10,000 invested in their business, and have a large and commodious building, well arranged for caring for stock, vehicles and feed, such as are required in their business. They keep from 20 to 30 head of horses, a large number of buggies, two hearses and various other kinds of vehicles needed to accommodate their custom. They also run busses to all the trains on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Road at this point. Their stables are justly popular in the livery line and liberally patronized by the traveling and local public, and particularly the commercial men, who have found by experience that they can get better accommodations for the prices charged than at any other livery establishment in the surrounding country. They also do a general stock business in the line of horses and mules, and buy and sell quite extensively. Mr. Yates has a good farm near Monroe City, of 320 acres, which is devoted mainly to stock, and there he raises and feeds cattle for the wholesale markets. He now has on hand about 50 head of good cattle. He has been handling stock, principally cattle and mules, since 1875, and with excellent success. On the 6th of April, 1869, he was married to Miss Maggie Beck, formerly of Ohio. They have had six children: Eddie, Wilfred, Victor, Belmer, Lee, James A. Mr. and Mrs. Yates are members of the Catholic Church. His parents were Thomas and Eliza (Pearceal) Yates, early settlers of this county, coming here as early as 1832. His father is still living, but the mother died in August, 1882.

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## SOUTH FORK TOWNSHIP.

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### WASHINGTON C. BATES.

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock-dealer, Post-office' Santa Fe).

Mr. Bates is one of those sterling old Virginians, so many of whom we are favored with in this State, who possess the qualities of industry and clear, vigorous intelligence that make them successful men almost

without exception wherever their lots are cast, and who contribute an important measure to the building up and developing of the respective communities in which they reside. Mr. Bates was born near Marion, Va., in 1818. His parents, Thomas and Nancy (McCarty) Bates, had nine children, of whom he was the fifth. His father died in 1835 whilst Washington C. was a youth 17 years of age, and two years later the mother with her family, including Washington C., came to Missouri and settled in Platte county. They were among the early settlers of that county and opened one of the pioneer farms in its wilderness. The mother died, however, in 1838, and Washington C. then went to Buchanan county where he bought a quarter of a section of land and improved a farm. There he lived for nearly 30 years and in the meantime was twice married. He came to Monroe county in 1866 and bought a part of the land on which he now resides. Here he has since been engaged in farming and handling stock, which he had previously followed in Buchanan county. His career has been one of continued success and he now has a fine place of nearly a section of land, all substantially and comfortably improved. He started in the world for himself with but little or nothing to begin on and he is, therefore, what may be fairly termed a self-made man. He has made most of what he has in the stock business, dealing in cattle, mules, etc., and has been a very successful stock shipper, a business he still follows to some extent. He was absent for several years during the war, a part of the time in the Southern service and the balance engaged in freighting on the plains. He was in the fights at Blue Mill and Lexington and several other less engagements. While on the plains he ran several teams from Nebraska City to Denver, and made some money in that business. Mr. Bates was married the first time in 1841 to Miss Caroline Blue, of Audrain county, who survived her marriage only two years. There is only one child by this union, Almira, now the wife of Charles McCarty. To his present wife he was married in 1844. She was a Miss Nancy Kerr, a daughter of John and Susan (Hannah) Kerr, formerly of Virginia. They have nine children: Susan S., John W., Thomas M., Emma, Eleanor, Robert A., James B., Jefferson Davis and Katie A. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South and he has been a member of the I. O. O. F. for 30 years. He has been a school director for a number of years and still holds that position.

### THOMAS M. BATES

(Dealer in Drugs and Groceries, Santa Fe).

Mr. Bates is the third son of Washington C. Bates, the worthy old citizen of Monroe county whose sketch precedes this. Thomas M. was born in Platte county in 1848 but was reared in Buchanan county, where his father resided up to 1866. He received a good common school education, and remained with his father on the farm after the latter's removal to this county, until 1871. He then engaged in the saw mill business, which he followed with great success

for about 12 years. Selling out his small interests, he now came to Santa Fe and began as a druggist and grocer, lines of trade he has since followed. He has a neat stock of both these lines, and by his well-known integrity and his accommodating spirit has won a good patronage for his house. His trade is gradually increasing, and it is his intention to increase his stock as rapidly as his business justifies. In 1872, Mr. Bates was married to Miss Ollie Hagar, a daughter of Dr. Hager, of Monroe county. Mr. and Mrs. B. have two children, Nannie B. and Fulton D. Mrs. Bates is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F. He has a handsome property in Santa Fe, and a good start in life. His future as a business man seems one of promise.

### FRANCIS M. BRASHEARS

(Farmer and Blacksmith, Post-office, Santa Fe).

Mr. Brashears was one of a family of 15 sons of Solomon and Jemima (Pittit) Brashears, of South Carolina, and subsequently pioneer settlers of Ralls county, Mo., removing to that county from the Palmetto State as early as 1831. Francis M., the subject of this sketch, was four years of age when the family came to Missouri, having been born in Spartanburgh district, S. C., May 28, 1827. His mother died in Ralls county, and in 1854 his father removed to Adair county, where he died two years later. He was reared in Ralls county, and was brought up to be a farmer and blacksmith, both of which occupations his father followed. He remained with his father until he was 27 years of age, and, indeed, went to Adair county with him, where he was married on the 30th of December, 1858, to Miss Sarah J. McCoy, formerly of Indiana. Subsequently he removed to Monroe county, and in 1879 settled on the place where he now resides. He has a place of 200 acres, all improved except a small piece of timber, and he still follows blacksmithing, to which he was brought up, as well as farming. A man of unflagging industry and of strong intelligence, his life has been one of success, and now he can contemplate approaching old age with the easy assurance that the later years of his life are well provided for, so far as necessities and comforts are concerned. He and his good wife have had 11 children: Edward T., Fannie D., Francis M., Robert L., Benjamin H., Lewis A., Nina J., Alva H., and Myra E. The other two are deceased, Amos and Mary Elizabeth, both having died in infancy. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church, but one of his sons is a member of the Christian Church.

### JAMES BLEDSOE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Santa Fe).

One of the most influential and public spirited citizens of the township is he whose name heads this sketch. Owning a magnificent farm of 400 acres, all under fence and with every improvement and convenience, Mr. Bledsoe conducts his business according to the most



enterprising and enlightened method. He is one of the most intelligent farmers in the county, and deals also extensively in stock. He is raising mules for the market as well as hogs and cattle. He keeps only the highest grade of short-horn cattle. Mr. Bledsoe takes a lively interest in public affairs, and is one of the strongest advocates of public schools. He is the son of Willis and Jane Bledsoe, both natives of Kentucky, and was born January 17, 1839, in the Blue Grass State. His father came to Missouri April 6, 1846, and settled on the farm where James now lives, and where his own days drew to a peaceful close on the 21st of October, 1881, his wife having died 12 years before. He was a farmer and stock-raiser, and will further be remembered as a man of the highest moral character. He was never heard to use an oath in his life, and was ever a consistent and pure Christian. In his early life he was a member of the Baptist Church, but after coming to Missouri adopted the faith of the Universalists. James was educated in the common schools, and, coming of age, began working for himself. He, however, still remained on the old homestead, and in 1873 bought the place, affording a comfortable home for his parents until their demise. November 28, 1878, James married Miss Ella Powell, a native of Kentucky, by whom he has two beautiful and attractive children, John and Bertie. Mr. Bledsoe is a charter member of the Masonic Lodge at Santa Fe.

### CHARLES F. BROWNING

(Farmer and Stock-dealer, Post-office, Long Branch).

Mr. Browning's parents, Charles W. and Catherine A. (Hines) Browning, were early settlers in Monroe county, where they bought the Maddox farm, on which they resided for over 20 years. In 1864, after Charles F. had grown up, the family removed to Audrain county, where they made their home. The father died there in 1870; the mother is still living, an old lady of advanced years, but still in comparatively good health and active considering her age. When they came to Monroe county they had to rely on deer and turkeys for meat and corn meal for bread, which was ground at the old-fashioned horse-mill. Preaching was held at the house of neighbors; schools were something of a novelty. Their trading point was Hannibal. They were blessed with a family, however, of 13 children, most of whom have grown up and become parents themselves and some of them grandparents. Mrs. Browning, the good old mother, has had, as already said, 13 children. She also has 13 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren, the odd number seeming, as usual, to be a lucky one. Charles F. Browning, the subject of this sketch, was born in Culpeper county, Va., on the 26th day of July, 1841, and was reared on a farm after the family came to Missouri, in Monroe county. In 1862 he, in company with John Wood and William Wilson, started to join Price's army, but were captured on the way, and confined in prison at St. Louis for about four months. On taking the double, back action, iron-clad oath of loyalty, he was released, and remained

at home until 1864, when, being drafted into the Union service, he quietly drafted himself out of it by crossing the draft of the Mississippi into Illinois, where he laid low until the close of the war. After a sojourn in Illinois for some 18 months, he went to Texas, and then visited several other Southern States, finally locating in the Indian Territory in 1876, from which he shipped cattle, mainly, to Tennessee. Some 12 months afterwards he came back to Missouri, and in 1882 bought the Baker farm, a half mile off the place where he was reared in Monroe county, where he now resides. He has continued to deal in stock and has had satisfactory success. October 3, 1882, he was married to Miss Hattie Rayl, of Pulaski county, this State, but formerly of Tennessee. Mr. Browning is one of the well respected citizens of his community, and is a thorough-going, enterprising farmer and stock-raiser.

### JOHN F. BUCKLES.

(Farmer, Section 6).

Mr. Buckles is the son of George and Betty (Wakley) Buckles, of Ohio, and was born December 27, 1852. His father came to Missouri in 1859 and settled in Shelbyville, Shelby county. When the war came on he joined the Federal forces and after a year's service, being wounded, was honorably discharged. He was then for some time in the militia, and has ever since been working at his trade of miller, both in this county and Montgomery. He had a family of 13 children, of whom six are living. John grew up on the farm and attended the common schools of the county. He worked for a year on the Hannibal *Courier*, then losing his heart to Miss Betty A., daughter of Simon and Emily (Rudder) Finks, formerly of Vermont, he married her in 1873, and settling down became a farmer. He is an honest and industrious citizen and bids fair, though now quite a young man, to become one of the leading men of the township. Mr. and Mrs. Buckles have four children, bright and charming as fresh roses in the morning sun. Their names are respectively: Netta A., Stella S., John R. and Charles T.

### GEORGE W. BYBEE

(Farmer and Stock-dealer, Section 7).

Mr. Bybee was born May 19, 1838, of John S. and Jennetta (Creed) Bybee. His parents came to Missouri among the earliest settlers, and so few facilities were there at that time for housekeeping that they were compelled to do their marketing in Hannibal. Mr. B. improved a farm one and one-half miles north-west of Santa Fe, and raised principally hemp and corn. George attended school, helping his father meanwhile with the farm until he was 17. He then worked for a year with an uncle in Fulton county, Ill., two years with his brother in Audrain county, and the war coming on, he went into the Confederate army with Capt. Murry. After six months' service

he was discharged at Pea Ridge and worked on a farm in the Indian Nation. Returning to Illinois, he married January 25, 1864, Miss Mary J. Powell, a native of Missouri, and farmed there until 1865, when he again took up his residence in Monroe. The following year he bought the home farm where he still lives. He is an energetic and capable farmer and stock-raiser. He deals in cattle, hogs and sheep. Mr. Bybee owns 223 acres of land, upon which he has just erected a new residence, barn, etc., causing it to present a very tidy and attractive appearance. He has a family of eight children, Isadore, Anna, Celia, Harris, Emma, Wallace, Leon and Charles. Mrs. Bybee is a member of the Christian Church.

### JAMES CAMPLIN

(Farmer, Section 18).

The parents of James Camplin were natives of Kentucky, and there his father, James Camplin, died. His mother, Jane Penn Camplin, then moved with her children to Missouri and located in Monroe county. Her sons carried on the farm for her until 1845, when she accepted as a second husband Benjamin McCarty, a Virginia gentleman, who had emigrated to the county. She died in 1869. James Camplin finding himself, on account of his father's death, called on to assume much of the responsibility of the family support, naturally was deprived of many advantages in education which had otherwise been his. He made the most, however, of his limited opportunities, and if his acquirements were not so extensive as those of most young men, he had the satisfaction of knowing that they were sacrificed in a holy cause, and that he had been a good son to a widowed mother. At the age of 24 he married Miss Marinda Crigler, daughter of Lovel and Mary (Oats) Crigler, and one of a family of 14 children. Her father moved from Virginia to Missouri in 1836. By this marriage there were six children: Mary J., wife of J. Fleming; William R., a farmer; Susan G., Allie E., wife of F. Vaughn; James, and Cynthia, who died at the most interesting age of four years, just as the affections of her parents had become so closely twined about her that to tear them away was almost to destroy the root of life. Mr. Camplin, a progressive and energetic farmer, owns 105 acres of land all under fence, and well improved. He devotes much attention to the raising of stock for sale, and it may be said without exaggeration, that those wishing to purchase can nowhere receive more value for their money. Mr. C.'s stock are of the best grades, and will compare favorably with any in the county. His courteous and obliging manners make it a pleasure to deal with him. Mr. and Mrs. Camplin are members of the Christian Church in Santa Fe.



## BENJAMIN E. COWHERD

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Florida).

Mr. Cowherd's father, William Cowherd, was one of those sterling, enterprising farmers of the early days of the country who had the industry and intelligence to make a success of agriculture, and who, as a neighbor and citizen, was highly thought of for his high character and neighborly disposition. He was a large land owner and owned quite a number of slaves. He died in this county in 1853. He and his family were from Kentucky, and his wife, before her marriage was a Miss Celia Estes. She died here in 1867. They had seven children, namely: Mary, Emily, Elmira, Sarah A., David, Susan and Benjamin E., the subject of this sketch. Benjamin E. was born in Shelby county Ky., in 1817, and was well advanced in youth when the family came to Missouri. He remained with his father on the farm, however, until 1842. He then began farming for himself on a farm of 200 acres which his father gave him, or rather he began the improvement of a farm on the raw land given him by his father. Two years later, like the early birds in the springtime, though not as quickly of course, he had succeeded in making himself a comfortable home, and then — he was married. Miss Elizabeth McNutt became his wife on happy Christmas Eve, Anno Domini 1844. Bringing his young wife to their new home, he went to work with renewed industry and resolution, as a farmer of the county. He also soon turned his attention to raising stock and has steadily accumulated the substantial evidences of prosperity as the years have rolled away, even up to the present time. During the war he sustained some heavy losses, both in slaves and other property, having nine negroes taken from him by a single stroke of Mr. Lincoln's pen, and some valuable horses and other goods and chattels by several strokes of the militia. However, he is still in comfortable circumstances and has in his home-stead tract of land 440 acres, his place being one of the choice stock farms of the township. Mr. Cowherd raises and deals in all sorts of farm stock, and is one of the successful, enterprising stock men of the community. Mr. and Mrs. C. have two children: John M. and William. John M. is working on the farm in partnership with his father, but William is married and farming in the vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Cowherd are members of the Presbyterian Church.

## JACOB COX

(Farmer, section 1).

Mr. Cox deserves more than most residents of the county a place in these pages, for without his public spirit and generosity the county would not now have cause to glow with pride in the possession of the Prairie High School, one of the finest institutions of learning in the land, whose existence is due almost entirely to the noble efforts of the subject of this sketch. He and Mr. John Forsythe were the first to

advance the project and Mr. Cox was one of eleven who organized the school and of their private means erected the first building, costing about \$300. In order to induce children to attend the school, they boarded them for the nominal sum of seventy-five cents a week. It may be remarked that the Prairie High School has showered upon the world, from the inexhaustible fountain of its learning, a larger number of professional men than any similar institution in the country. Mr. Cox was born in 1810, in Franklin county, Ky. His father, Thomas Cox, was a farmer and miller by occupation, and was a native of Kentucky. He married Miss Jane Smith of the same State, and died in 1825, his wife having one year before crossed to the dark Plutonian shore. Jacob, one of a family of nine children, received a good education and worked on the farm until he was of age; then, after a trip by river to New Orleans, and a summer's work on the turnpike in Ohio, he returned to Kentucky, and learned the stone mason's trade. He worked at this, farming at the same time, until 1836, when he moved to Monroe county and settled near Florida. In a few years he changed his residence to his present farm. He first bought 80 acres of land upon which was only a little log cabin. His grinding was done with horse mills and in order to sell his wheat and produce and purchase supplies he went to Hannibal. The country abounded in game and though in those days living was simple, it is a question whether the world was not better off then than in this progressive and artificial age. Mr. Cox married January 14, 1834, Miss Cassander Talbott. There were born nine children: Francis J., Elizabeth, Martha A., John T., James, Emeline, Cassy, Nellie, and one who, startled by one glimpse of this sin-sick world, fled in affrighted haste back to its native heaven. The eldest son, John T., a young man of whom any parent might justly be proud, is a graduate of the Marion Medical College, at Cincinnati, and is now a practicing physician at Moberly. Mr. Cox's farm now consists of 160 acres where he and his worthy wife, faithful sharer of his early struggles and later success, bask in the sunshine of prosperity, after weathering triumphantly the fitful gales attending the voyage of life. They are among the most highly esteemed residents of the township. All the family belong to the Christian Church in Santa Fe.

### LOCKHART A. CREIGH

(Farmer and Stock-dealer, Post-Office Santa Fe).

Mr. Creigh is a native of the Old Dominion, West Virginia, born in Greenbrier county, September 15, 1855. He was a son of David S. and Emily (Arbuckle) Creigh, of old and respected families of Greenbrier county. The father in early life was a merchant, but later along engaged in farming near Lewisburg, W. Va. He was successfully following that business when the war broke out, and although his sympathies were naturally with the South, he took no part whatever in the struggle. During the progress of the war, however, his house was visited by a ruffian Union soldier, and Mr. Creigh on going into his

own house found the plunderer just about to enter the room of an invalid daughter when he told him not to go in the room, upon which the robber placed his revolver in Mr. Creigh's face and demanded all of his keys. At this junction Mr. Creigh drew a small derringer pistol, which failed to fire, and then he grasped the robber's pistol and in the struggle killed him with his own weapon. Afterwards, in retaliation for this, he was taken out by a party of soldiers and hung without judge or jury, or semblance of trial or defense. This was one of the many sad and unhappy events of that most unfortunate and unnatural war. His family remained in Virginia until 1871, when his wife, still a widow, removed to Missouri with her family of children and settled on a place in this township. Here they improved a farm and lived on the place they improved until 18—, when they sold their place to advantage and bought their present place, on which they have since resided. Mrs. Creigh, the mother, has been blessed with 11 children, and three of her sons, including the subject of the present sketch, Lockhart A., are engaged in running the farm. Their place contains 480 acres and is one of the choice farms of the township. They are quite extensively engaged in raising stock and also deal in stock to a considerable extent, in all of which they have been very successful. One of Mr. Creigh's brothers, C. A. Creigh, is a prominent citizen of Paris, Mo., and the present circuit clerk of Monroe county. Mr. C. is a member of the Masonic order at Santa Fe.

### JAMES B. DAVIS

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock-dealer, Post-office, Santa Fe).

Among the prominent men and better class of citizens of the south-eastern part of the county Mr. Davis occupies a conceded and deservedly leading position. His farm is recognized as one of the best and the finest improved in South Fork township, and on account of his success as a farmer and stock man and of his sterling intelligence and generous public spirit, he wields a marked influence in the affairs of this part of the county, though he is a plain, unassuming man, without any pretensions whatever, but this perhaps is an additional reason why he is esteemed so highly. Mr. Davis has been repeatedly requested to become a candidate for county judge, and his consent to a candidacy would inevitably result in his election, but he has persistently declined, desiring no public office and preferring to remain at home in his own family and among his neighbors and acquaintances. Mr. Davis was born on his father's homestead in this county, in August, 1841, and was the eldest in the family of children of which he was a member. He received a good practical, common school education, all that is necessary if properly used, and he was of course brought up to a farm life, which he has always preferred to follow. In 1861 he joined Co. B, First Missouri State Guard, Southern service, under Capt. Murray, and served for six months, participating in the battles of Lexington, Pea Ridge, etc. He then came home on a visit with the intention of rejoining the army, but was captured by



the Federals and taken to Mexico as a prisoner, where he was kept in confinement for a short while. He was then paroled and came home, where he has since been farming and handling stock, that is since 1863. On the 15th of November, 1863, he was married to Miss Lou Stuart, a daughter of William Stuart, president of the Savings Bank at Mexico. As has been intimated, Mr. Davis' career as an agriculturist has been one of abundant success. His farm, known as Evergreen Lodge Farm, contains 640 acres, and is one of exceptional beauty and value. The residence is the finest one in the township, a handsome two-story building, substantially and tastily constructed, containing 10 rooms, not including the halls, and is a remarkably conveniently arranged dwelling. Mr. Davis is entitled to the principal credit for the architectural skill and taste displayed in its arrangement, plan, trimming and finish, for his house was built mainly from his own design. His large farm is fenced on the outside with fine hedge fencing almost exclusively, and it is literally check-worked with cross fencing, the same excellent judgment being shown in the arrangement of his fields and pastures, and meadows, etc., that is shown in the plan of his dwelling. He also has handsome and commodious barns and other buildings and improvements to correspond in utility and style with those mentioned. Mr. Davis has had his principal success in handling and raising stock, of which he has on hand constantly large numbers. He sells a number of cattle and hogs every year, which bring him in a substantial income. He was one of the three citizens of this vicinity who took the personal responsibility to keep a school going for the education of the children of the neighborhood before the public schools had reached their present state of efficiency. They kept the school going for two years, and paid the teacher out of their private means. He has always been actively identified with the public schools since their revival. He gave the land for the school house site and also contributed \$100 to its erection. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have three children: Elizabeth E., a graduate of Hardin College, now at home; Franklin S., now taking his educational course, and James F., who has entered school. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the Christian Church, and he has been a member of the Masonic order for nearly twenty years.

### CHARLES C. DAVIS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Santa Fe).

Mr. Davis was born April 1, 1849, in Monroe county, of Benjamin and Eleanor (McCurty) Davis, both of Virginia. Charles was given every educational advantage, and in his leisure moments assisted on the farm, thus familiarizing himself with the routine of a life which he expected to embrace. September 15, 1870, at the age of twenty-one, he married Miss Mary E., daughter of John Heiger, and settled on the farm where he lives. It is a fine place of 400 acres, all prairie land, and under cultivation. His improvements will compare favorably with any in the county, and his stock, the raising of which is his principal occupation, are as fine as can be found any-

where in the country around. He does much for the advancement of this branch of farming, and has met with the most flattering success in his ventures. He raises cattle and hogs. Mr. Davis is a man respected in every rank of life, and both in his family and in the relations he sustains towards the public richly deserves the regard manifested towards him. He has a charming family of five children: Mamie B., Joseph C., Jesse L., John H. and Nannie E. Mr. D. is a member of the Christian Church, while his wife belongs to the Presbyterian Church at South Fork. He is senior warden of the Masonic order at Santa Fe.

### JOHN M. DAVIS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Section 27).

Mr. Davis is a son of one of the first settlers of the county. His parents, Benjamin and Eleanor (McCarty) Davis, came from Virginia to Missouri in 1836, settling near Santa Fe. The first residence in which Mr. Davis went to housekeeping on his arrival was a pen used originally for sheep, and the first bedstead upon which he rested his wearied limbs after the day's honest toil, was made with his own industrious hands, of rails. His marketing was done in Hannibal, whither he drove his hogs, dressed them and sold at two and a half cents a pound. Mr. D. purchased a farm of 160 acres, upon which he lived for seventeen years, then moved to the one his son now owns, where a useful life drew to a peaceful close in 1877. John M. was born in the golden-clad October, in the year 1853. His youth was passed in the healthful interests and sturdy sports of a farm, to whose cultivation his vigorous arm materially contributed. He obtained, meanwhile, a good education. At the age of seventeen he went for two years to the Christian University for the completion of his studies. Upon his return he was married almost immediately to Miss Sudie Judy, a native of Kentucky, but resident of Audrain county, Mo. Mr. Davis then settled down on the old homestead, where he is now largely engaged in stock dealing. He makes a specialty of raising short-horn cattle, and owns twenty-two thoroughbred, and twenty graded cattle. He raises hogs, chiefly of the Poland-China breed, and also handles horses. His farm consists of 400 acres in Monroe county, and he owns, besides, 115 acres in Audrain county, all well improved and under fence. Mr. D. is one of the most active business men in the community, and is successful in everything he undertakes. Intelligent, industrious, and of fine executive capacity, there is no man in the county who commands more respect. He has two interesting children, David C. and Bessie B. Mr. Davis and his wife belong to the Christian Church.

### JOHN S. DRAKE, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Santa Fe).

Dr. Drake, a leading physician of the south-eastern part of the county, though born in Shelby county, Ky., February 1, 1841, wa<sub>e</sub>

reared in Monroe county, Mo., his father, Hon. Samuel Drake, having removed to this county in an early day. Samuel Drake was one of the leading men of this part of North Missouri in the early days of the country, and represented this district in the State Senate for some years. He was a prominent Whig, and ran against Col. Horse Allen, of Palmyra, the Democratic candidate for the senate, beating him by an overwhelming majority, although the district then was very close between the two parties. He received every vote in Santa Fe township except two. In 1852 he was elected representative of Monroe county in the Legislature. He was a man of moderate means, high character, superior education and fine intelligence, and was eminently public-spirited in all affairs affecting the interests of the people. He was especially active and influential in politics, and was one of the leading men of the county. He died early in 1867, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. His wife died in June, 1880. She was a Miss Margaret South before her marriage, and of one of the best families of Kentucky, a daughter of Col. John South, for many years State treasurer of the Blue Grass State. Dr. Drake, reared in this county, received a good English education as he grew up. He was 20 years of age when the war broke out, and coming of a Southern family, and being himself of Southern principles and sympathies, he promptly identified himself with the struggle for the maintenance of Southern rights and institutions. He joined Col. Porter's command, and was with that officer until captured by the Federals. He was then taken to Alton Ill., where he was confined for some time, and afterwards banished to remain out of Missouri until the close of the war and take no further part for the South in the struggle. Returning to Monroe county after the war, he soon began the study of medicine, and in 1868 entered the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, O., in which he continued until his graduation in the spring of 1871. He then located at Santa Fe, in this county, where he has since been engaged in the practice. Dr. Drake is a thoroughly capable and skillful physician, and has built up a large practice in this vicinity. Highly esteemed as a man, his personal popularity contributes only less than his professional success to his reputation as a physician. On the 6th of May, 1874, Dr. Drake was married to Miss Pattie Capps, formerly of Clark county, Ky. They have had three children, one of whom died in infancy. The other two are Effie Bowen and Ewell Travis. Dr. Drake is Master of Santa Fe lodge No. 462, A. F. and A. M., and also a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. He and wife are both church members, he of the South Fork Presbyterian, of which he is an elder, and she of the Missionary Baptist. Mrs. Drake is a lady of superior mental endowments and fine culture. She is at the same time companionable and gentle of heart and manners, a veritable good angel in her own home, and indeed wherever her gentle presence is met with.



## BENJAMIN C. DRAKE

(Deceased, late Farmer, Section 28).

Surrounded by a loving wife and dutiful children, possessed of a delightful home and with every personal qualification necessary to give happiness to himself and those around him, in the flush and vigor of a more than ordinarily useful manhood, Benjamin C. Drake was transfixed by the swift and pitiless arrow of Death. As the stateliest forest tree is chosen by the woodsman, thus was he a shining mark for the insatiate Archer. But conscious of the purity and blamelessness of his life, he felt no fears. A Christian's armor enveloped him so closely that the dangers of the dread journey were powerless to terrify him, and from the bosom of his God, his sainted spirit still watches over his loved ones on earth. Born November 25, 1829, near Frankfort, Ky., the son of Samuel and Adelia Drake, Benjamin C. came to Missouri when a child. He grew up on his father's farm, and at the age when most young men are just beginning to leave their boyish follies behind them, he was filled with the steady resolves and unflinching purpose of a man. At the age of 21 he took to himself a wife, Miss Louesa J. Davis, daughter of Benjamin F. Davis, being the happy bride. The knot was tied in August, 1850. Eleven times

Time put his sickle in among the days,  
 The rose burned out, red autumn lit the woods,  
 The last snows, melting, changed to snowy clouds,  
 And spring once more with incantations came  
 To wake the buried year.

Then this dream of bliss was over and with a grief  
 Too deep for tears, too constant for complaint,

the bereaved widow found herself left to untangle alone for herself and her fatherless little ones the snarled thread of Fate. Developing that hitherto dormant energy and self-reliance which so often is born of sudden trial to a timid and dependant woman, Mrs. Drake has nobly guided herself. She has purchased 80 acres of land, erected upon them a comfortable residence, and other improvements, and has as cosy and attractive a home as heart could wish. Her womanly strength and independence, and the heroic fortitude and bravery which she has brought to bear upon life's manifold knocks and blows, have forced from an admiring community the most enthusiastic expressions of commendation. Mrs. Drake has five living children: Adelia, wife of James Carter; Alice A., wife of John Cowherd; Mary, Walter D., now carrying on the farm, and Benjamin. Emma, wife of J. Stevenson, died in 1872, leaving two daughters, and Lillian, pure as her name, was taken at the age of six years, to join that celestial throng, eternally chanting seraphic songs around the throne. Mrs. Drake is a consistent member of the Christian Church at Santa Fe.

## LEWIS FLEMING

(Supervisor of Roads, Santa Fe).

It was on the 16th of January, 1842, and in the State of West Virginia, that the subject of this sketch was born. He was the third son in a family of seven children of Weightman and Mary (Lough) Fleming, both also natives of Virginia. The others of the children were David, Nathan, Joseph, Andrew and Bettie. When Lewis was twelve years of age, in 1854, the family removed to Missouri, and settled in Monroe county, where the father engaged in farming which he had previously followed in West Virginia. Lewis was brought up to farm life and remained at home on the farm until the outbreak of the war, in 1861. He and his father and several of his brothers joined the Southern army, becoming members of Co. C, of the Ninth Missouri. Their first engagement was at Elk Fork, in Monroe county, where the father paid the tribute of his life to the Southern cause, being killed during the progress of the fight. Lewis continued true to the cause consecrated by the blood of his father and by the lives of thousands of brave men all over the South, and bravely did his duty in many a hard fought field until near the close of the war when he was taken prisoner. Among other engagements he was in those at Moore's Mill, Kirksville, Cane Hill, Cypress Bend and others. While participating in the Arkansas campaign he was captured by the Federals, and taken to Springfield, Mo., and thence to St. Louis, where he languished in duress vile until he was paroled in the spring of 1864. He then returned home, greatly broken in health from the hardships he endured during active service and from long and close confinement in prison. As soon as he was able for work he resumed farming and on the 14th of January, 1869, he was married to Miss Eliza Farebaien, a daughter of John B. and Catherine (Hoover) Farebaien, formerly of Virginia. Mr. Fleming has a handsome homestead property in Santa Fe and is one of the well respected citizens of the place. He is now serving his eighth year as supervisor of roads, and so well and faithfully has he performed his duties that the excellence of the roads around Santa Fe are the boast of all the county and the especial delight of the people of this vicinity. He and wife are worthy members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is an active and useful member of the I. O. O. F.

## WILLIAM H. FOREE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Santa Fe).

The Foree family, as all old Kentuckians know, is one of the influential and highly respected families of that State. Dr. Foree, of Louisville, now deceased, who was a distant relative of the subject of the present sketch, was one of the really great physicians of the country. He was employed far and wide in all important surgical operations of special difficulty or danger, where his services could be had.

Others of the family are equally as well known. Mr. Foree is, himself, a native of the Blue Grass State, born in Henry county, December 22, 1838. However, when he was 10 years of age, in 1848, his parents, Joseph and Caroline (Shrader) Foree, removed to Missouri and settled in Monroe county, where William H. was reared. He remained with his parents until he was 23 years old, assisting on the farm, but in January, 1861, was married to Miss Elizabeth Jackson, a daughter of James and Anna M. (Mathis) Jackson, who came here from North Carolina in 1832. Both her parents are now deceased. Mr. Foree's parents had a family of 15 children, and his wife was one of 13 children. One of her brothers, Rev. William Jackson, is the well known Methodist minister at Pueblo, Col. After his marriage young Mr. Foree continued farming, to which he had been brought up, and in the spring of 1875 was able to buy a tract of land. He bought 150 acres where he now resides, to which he has since added, until he now has nearly 200 acres. His place he has mainly improved himself, and it is one of the best improved farms of the township. He has a handsome new residence and a commodious, tastily built barn with other improvements to correspond. He and wife have five children, Mary L., Emmett, Anna, Eva and Susan. The two eldest are members of the M. E. Church South, and he and wife are also both members of that denomination. Mr. Foree is what may be fairly termed a farmer in the broad and better sense of that word, for he is industrious, energetic, and a good manager, and understands the practical work of farming thoroughly.

### WILLIAM S. FORSYTH

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Strother).

Mr. Forsyth is well known as one of the prominent agriculturists and leading, influential citizens of the county. He has a fine stock farm of 610 acres in South Fork township, well improved and stocked with good grades of cattle, hogs, horses, etc. In 1876 his friends ran him for the nomination for county judge, but he took little or no personal interest in the contest and was defeated by Judge Dooley for the nomination. Nevertheless, it is generally conceded that if he had made the efforts usually put forth in a canvass, he would have been successful, notwithstanding Judge Dooley is regarded as one of the most popular men of the county. Mr. Forsyth, like many and perhaps most of the substantial citizens of Monroe county, is a native of Kentucky and was born in Mercer county, October 20, 1837. He was the third in a family of eight children, being a twin with a brother who still lives in Mercer county, Ky. — the children of Andrew and Narcissa (McAfee) Forsyth. His mother died in April, 1875. The father is still living on his farm in Mercer county, Ky., hale and hearty, at the advanced age of 87 years. William was adopted into the family of his uncle, John Forsyth, and was brought to Missouri by them when about 10 years of age. His uncle settled in Monroe county, where he became a prominent and well-to-do farmer, and died



here in 1870. He was a man of much public spirit and took a deep interest particularly in education. In 1855 he, with his neighbors, Jacob Cox, William Bridgeford and Joseph Sproul, determined to have a public school carried on regularly in their neighborhood, and, if the public funds were not sufficient, to supply the deficiency out of their own means. This school was kept open regularly for a number of years and until it was merged into Prof. French Strother's present popular and successful private academy. Mr. Forsyth (the uncle) contributed regularly from \$50 to \$75 annually for the support of the school and threw open his house for pupils at a distance to board at a merely nominal cost while attending the school. A first-class teacher was secured and the school soon obtained a wide and enviable reputation for efficiency and thoroughness. After his uncle's death, which occurred August 22, 1870, Mr. Stockwell Forsyth, the subject of this sketch, took the former's place in the support and directory of the school, and has continued to fill it in a manner entirely creditable to the record his uncle made. His uncle had previously been school director, and Mr. Forsyth has been continuously elected, except two years, to the same position, in which he is still serving. In 1877 Mr. Forsyth, and the neighbors associated with him in the support and management of the school, secured the services of Prof. French Strother, an accomplished and successful teacher, and he was continued in the charge of it for about five years, when he resigned in order to build up his present private academy. Mr. Forsyth, with characteristic liberality and zeal for the educational interests of the community, kindly told Prof. French Strother to draw on him for all the funds necessary, which was done with becoming modesty and appreciation by the latter, only to the amount actually needed. This is now conceded to be one of the best private schools in the State, for which Mr. Forsyth is entitled to the credit, second only to Prof. French Strother himself. On May 18, 1871, Mr. Forsyth was married to Miss Anna M. Fulton, a daughter of John M. Fulton, who came to Missouri from South Carolina in 1868 and settled in Monroe county, where he and family still reside. Mr. and Mrs. F. have two children, James Fulton and Mary J. Two others died in infancy. For a short time Mr. Forsyth was in the Confederate army during the war, but on being taken prisoner and sworn not to take up arms again, took no further part in the war. He is one of the most highly respected citizens of the county. For the last three years he has been county correspondent to the Commissioner of Agriculture, having been recommended by the Hon. A. H. Buckner, M. C. For a number of years he has been a ruling elder in the O. S. Presbyterian Church and has repeatedly been sent as delegate to her judicatories. Four years ago he was a delegate to the General Assembly which met at Charleston, S. C. Mr. F. has paid but little attention to politics, but has used with commendable liberality his money, time and talent to everything that has tended to the mental and moral elevation of his community.

## DR. WILLIAM M. HOUSTON

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Santa Fe).

There was once a party in this country known as the "Barn-burners," which, however, has long since passed away. But there is and has always been since the colony of Pennsylvania was founded a distinctive and pre-eminent class of *barn builders*, and these are the Pennsylvanians themselves. No less a personage than Horace Greeley once said that he could always tell a Pennsylvanian by the size, comfort, convenience and finish of the barn on his farm, whether in the East, West, North or South. And so it is that wherever you find a Pennsylvanian, one of the better class, at least, engaged in farming, you find him with a big barn, whatever his other improvements may be, and generally they are good, substantial and comfortable. Dr. Houston is of Pennsylvania parentage and a farmer, thrifty, well educated and energetic, and his farm forms no exception to those of the generality of Pennsylvanians. He has a place of 540 acres, all under fence except 60 acres of timber, and his place has substantial, durable and comfortable improvements on it, from the dwelling down to the pig-sty in the barn yard. He has an exceptionally large and well built barn, one of the best in the entire community, adequate for all stock-farm purposes, and comfortably and conveniently arranged for sheltering and caring for stock, for storing grain, and for protecting farm machinery and implements from the weather. Dr. Houston is a man of sterling character, possessing strong convictions, ready at all times to stand by them, but at the same time a kind-hearted man, generous and liberal in all his impulses, a good neighbor and a worthy, valuable citizen. Dr. Houston was a son of David and Margaret (Cowden) Houston, both born and reared in Pennsylvania. His father was the second son of William Houston, of Lancaster county, Pa., a soldier of the Revolutionary War and in after years an intrepid and exemplary soldier of the Cross. His father being a man of great pith and enterprise, accumulated a handsome estate, represented his county in the Legislature of Ohio, participated in the War of 1812, and was all his life a Democrat. His mother was a daughter of Joseph and Mary Cowden, an old and respected family of that State. Both parents were Presbyterians, born and reared in the faith and of uncommon faith and piety. There were 11 children in the family of Dr. Houston's father, namely: William M., Joseph C., Amy J., Esther C., Mary Ann, John P., Martha S., Andrew D., Jemima, Margaret and Lillie. His grandfather and family removed to Ohio and settled in Mahoning county, where his father married and where William M. (the Doctor) was born (in Poland), July 6, 1819. His father was in comparatively easy circumstances, and after passing through the schools of Mahoning county, William M., at the age of 17, was sent to Pennsylvania

to complete his education. He matriculated at the Jefferson College of Pennsylvania, and continued in that ancient and famous institution of learning until his graduation in 1843. He then began the study of medicine, which he prosecuted for two years. In 1845, having completed his studies in the medical profession, young Dr. Houston came to Missouri and located at Santa Fe, where he entered upon the practice and pursued it with success for some 16 years, or until the outbreak of the war. A Northern man by birth and ancestry, his family having lived for generations almost within the sound of Liberty Bell, in Philadelphia, that pealed forth for the first time the glad tidings of the Declaration of Independence, in 1776, he of course sympathized with the Union cause in the struggle of the Civil War, and, indeed, was a stalwart, out-spoken Union man. Soon after the beginning of the war he was appointed Provost-Marshal of Monroe county, and later along he enrolled the county under the enrollment law of the State. Since then he has held numerous other positions, of a local nature, however, and has been clerk and director of the school board for a number of years. He has always taken a commendable interest in the schools and has contributed a great deal to their success in his vicinity. In May, 1849, Dr. Houston was married to Miss Maria F. Davis, daughter of Capt. Benjamin F. Davis, both born in Wythe county, Va., but emigrating to Missouri, when the former was a little girl. The Captain was a man of tireless energy, unswerving religious faith (long an elder in the Christian Church), the builder of an ample fortune, a legacy to his family when he died in 1877. His wife, Eleanor B. Davis, survives him, a lady of the old Virginia pattern, the kind and affectionate mother of a numerous family, a woman unshaken in the faith and hope of a better life, but of serene contentment in this. The Doctor and wife have had 11 children, namely: William, who died in infancy; Algernon Sidney, now in the lumber trade at Mexico; Louisa E., wife of Douglas McIlhane; Frederick, who died at the age of five years; May, who died at the age of four years; Mary V., who is now a public school teacher; Amy, who died in infancy; Katie W., at home; Mariana E., also at home; Decima, who died at the age of four years, and Tiny Coralie, now at home. On the 19th of October, 1882, Dr. Houston had the misfortune to lose his wife. She passed quietly away, sustained in the last hour by the grace of Christian faith, with which she had been blessed from early life. For 33 years she had stood by her husband's side, the faithful and devoted sharer of his joys and sorrows, and throughout she was a wife and mother whose single object seemed to be to make home happy to her loved ones. Her death left a void in her home and in the community which is sadly felt, for she was loved in her own family and by her neighbors and acquaintances with the depth and sincerity rarely shown for any one. Dr. Houston and all his children, save the youngest, are members of the Christian Church. He himself has, for many years, been a zealous and efficient officer and teacher in the church and Sunday-school. Not only in the church, but by his walk in the world, as well as by the religious training of his



family, he endeavors to show forth the life of a humble and watchful follower of him who died on Calvary. In politics, he is now and always was a Democrat and emphatically "anti-protection." While distinctly a farmer and stock-grower, yet by taste and predilection, he is much given to fruit raising, to agriculture, and especially to forestry. Tree culture may be called his hobby, but is his chief delight.

### WILFRED HAYS (DECEASED)

(Late Farmer, Section 7).

Though always an essentially peaceable and law abiding citizen, and taking no part in the late Civil War, by which the country was so recently distracted, Mr. Hays died a victim to the terrible state of affairs inseparable from such a war. In 1862, going to Florida to mill, information which he could not give was demanded of him by the advance guard of Col. Smart's regiment. Incensed by his persistent refusal to tell what he really did not know, they first subjected him to many abuses, and then with the most cowardly malignity shot him four times. He lived until the next day and then expired, an upright, conscientious citizen, as foully and cruelly murdered as any whose dark fate stains the annals of history. Imagine the poor grief-stricken woman who was left thus suddenly a helpless widow, with eight children dependent on her. She has remained always faithful to his memory, and has devoted her life to those little ones who alone remain of their love, raising six of them to man and womanhood. Mr. Hays was the son of William and Susan (Hayden) Hays, and came to Missouri in 1855, settling in Marion county. In 1860 he moved to Monroe and bought a farm near Elizabethtown, where he lived until his death. Mrs. Hays was formerly Miss Ann C. Janes, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Gibbs) Janes, natives of Kentucky. There were eight children: John H., Charles T., Eliza C., William, Martha T., Robert, and two, Benjamin and Susan, deceased.

### JOSEPH HEIZER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office Santa Fe).

This venerable and highly esteemed old post-octogenarian citizen of South Fork township, still vigorous minded and quite active considering his advanced age, is a native of the Old Dominion, born only a few weeks after the beginning of the present century, away back in 1801, on the 6th of February. He was a son of John and Nancy (Wright) Heizer, of Augusta county, and his father was a distiller. About his earliest recollections are of taking corn to the distillery on horseback, when he was so small that his legs weren't long enough to hold him on the sack, that is, to balance him and weigh him down properly in obedience to the law of the line of direction familiar to all adepts in natural philosophy. His parents were both members of the Presbyterian Church and he was brought up in that faith, of which he has ever been a worthy exponent. He was elected an elder in the church away back

in 1838. Mr. Heizer was reared in Augusta county and remained there on the homestead farm until after his father's death, which occurred in 1821. On the 2d of September, 1824, he was married to Miss Nancy Hannah, and then removed to Augusta county, Va., where he resided for about 12 years, or until his immigration to Missouri. He came to this State in 1836, making the trip by wagon teams and being eight weeks on the road. He bought 80 acres of land, a part of the place where he now resides, which had a cabin on it and a sort of a cleared place where corn had made an amateur effort to grow a year or two before. The cabin had an apology for a board roof on it, held on with weight poles, that is the alleged roof was, but it was so tessellated with embrasures through which the light and air could enter that when it snowed it required a natural measurement to determine whether the snow was deeper on the outside of the house than in it. However, Mr. Heizer was young and hardy then, and he went to work, nothing daunted by the outlook, to fix himself and family comfortably in life. As the years rolled away, he succeeded in making a good home, and was soon as comfortable as one of sober tastes and desires would wish to be. His farm grew into a fine place of over 300 acres of land, and a large, comfortable house was built and other convenient improvements were made. Providence kindly prospered him in his family and blessed him with worthy children, namely: John, who, after he grew up, married Miss Nancy Carter, and now has a family of children of his own; he resides on the homestead and has charge of the farm, making a specialty of stock-raising, in which he is quite successful; Nancy V., who married Jackson Hickman, but died in 1873, leaving a family of children, and Margaret married Dalziel Kerr. Mr. Heizer has 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

### JOHN A. HICKMAN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Santa Fe).

Mr. Hickman was thirteen years of age when his parents, Hugh A. and Barbara (McNutt) Hickman, came to Monroe county from Virginia. Mr. Hickman's father was a miller and trader by occupation, and when he came here he bought the Peter Stites mill, near Santa Fe, which he ran for about two years. He then settled on what is now known as the Hickman farm, where he made his permanent home. He continued to run the mill, however, for many years afterwards. In 1831 Mr. Hickman's father, Major Penn and Dr. Kenyon laid out the town of Florida and John A., then a boy 14 years of age, carried the stakes for them whilst at the work, for which he received as compensation a set of store marbles, then a great rarity among the boys of this new country, and worth readily a sow and pigs or a good calf. Young Hickman grew up on his father's farm and received a good common school education in the schools of the period. At the age of 25, on the 15th of March, 1842, he was married to Miss Susan Cowherd, formerly of Kentucky. He then settled on the farm where he now resides. Here at first he had 160 acres, which he improved

from the condition of raw land. Since then he has added to his farm until he now has 330 acres of well improved land. He has made farming and stock-raising his only industries and has had good success, as the above facts show. During the war he took no part in the struggle, but his brother, Æsculapius, was one of the first who joined the Southern forces in Missouri, and is believed to have been the first one to fire a hostile shot on the side of the Confederacy, in this part of the State, at least he bears that reputation, and it has never been questioned. On the 3d of September, 1881, Mr. Hickman had the misfortune to lose his wife. She had borne him 12 children, namely: Samanthy, Rebecca, Philander, Mary, Julia, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Emma, Ella, Lillie, Gallatin and Hugh. The mother was an earnest member of the Baptist Church and died in the full faith and hope of the Redeemer, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Mr. Hickman remembers very distinctly the time that the so-called prophet, Joseph Smith, of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, the second in the line of Prophetic succession in that church, camped on the prairie in this vicinity, and drilled his men every day as an army is drilled for action.

### CLAY WEBSTER JUDY

(Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, etc., Santa Fe).

Mr. Judy comes of several well known and highly respected families of both this State and Kentucky. A sketch of his ancestry is given on pages 607 and 608 of the "History of Audrain County," of which county his father is a prominent citizen and stock man, so that it is hardly necessary to take the space here to repeat what is stated there. The Judys came to Kentucky in an early day, and there Mr. Judy's grandfather, John Judy, was born in 1787. He married a Miss Susan Burroughs, of a leading Clark county family in Kentucky. His son, John A. Judy, was born in Clark county, in 1820, and married Miss Elizabeth J. Richart. She was a daughter of Duncan O. and Martha (Sharp) Richart. Her father was for many years sheriff of Bourbon county, and her grandfather Sharp was the founder of Sharpsburg, Ky. John A. Judy and family came to Audrain county, Mo., in 1864. He bought 1,000 acres of land of R. W. Sinclair, a leading and wealthy man of that county (for many years a noted negro trader and stock dealer). Mr. Judy himself had a large number of negroes. Clay W. Judy, the subject of this sketch, was born in Clark county, Ky., December 30, 1851, and received a common-school education as he grew up. On the 12th of December, 1871, he was married to Miss Anna Sinclair, a daughter of R. W. Sinclair, mentioned above. Mr. Judy engaged in farming after his marriage and continued it for five years. He then came to Santa Fe and built the business house he now occupies, in which he engaged in the drug business. Later, however, he bought out the old Powell store and went to Mexico, Mo., and ran the 'bus line. Subsequently he sold that and went South, where he engaged in the mule trade,



and continued to deal in mules up to the present year, when he bought the drug store at Santa Fe which he had previously sold, and resumed business at this place. He carries a first-class stock of drugs for a place of this size, and commands a good trade. Mr. and Mrs. Judy have one child, Philip B., born March 18, 1883. Mrs. Judy is a member of the Christian Church, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Santa Fe, and has filled all the chairs in the lodge.

### GEORGE W. KERR

(Dealer in Hardware, Tinware, etc., etc., Santa Fe).

Mr. Kerr, who is what may be fairly termed a self-made man, having made all he has by his own industry and enterprise, is a native Missourian, born in Monroe county, February 20, 1851. He was a son of John Kerr and wife, *nee* Esther Anderson. His father, an early settler in this part of the State, was in early life a wheelwright and cooper, and was a man of great personal worth of character. For many years he was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, one of the pillars in that denomination, in fact, in his vicinity. He was twice married, and, in all, had 16 children. He died in about 1846, universally mourned by all who knew him. George W. Kerr was born of his father's second marriage, and was one of four children, the other three being Thomas A., Kate and Martha. Their mother died October 12, 1880. George W. received a good common school education in Monroe county, where he was reared, and on the 20th of October, 1870, was married to Miss Mary F. Marshall, of Audrain county, but formerly of Boone county, Ky. In 1873 he went to work at the blacksmith's trade, which he followed with perseverance and industry until 1884, when he engaged in his present business. He brought on an entire new stock of hardware, tinware, etc., and is rapidly building up a large trade. Possessed of good business qualifications, strictly upright in his dealings, and accommodating to all, it seems evident that he is destined to have a successful business career. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr have five children: Lida N., Osceola L., Charles W., Bessie A. and Wretta, the third of whom died in infancy, August 29, 1880, in her second year. Mrs. Kerr is a member of the Christian Church, and Mr. Kerr is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Santa Fe.

### THOMAS F. LIPP

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Long Branch).

Mr. Lipp might without impropriety claim the motto *ad astra per aspera* as quite as expressive of the history of his career as it is of the career of the State by which it has been adopted. Commencing in the affairs of life a young man without a dollar, he went to work with energy and resolution to succeed, and his industry has not been unfruitful of substantial results. But misfortunes fell upon him, sickness, bad crops, etc., and twice his hard-earned accumulations

were swept away, leaving him to begin again at the foot of the ladder. Since 1874 he has steadily advanced toward the front as a substantial farmer of the township. Since then he has paid for his farm — from the first \$80, which he had paid in cash on purchasing it. This is an excellent place of 280 acres worth over \$8,000, and besides this he has fully stocked his farm with cattle, horses, hogs, etc., etc. Having succeeded in getting a good start sooner by far than is common, now that he has obtained it he will doubtless go forward in situating himself comfortably in life with more than ordinary celerity. As everyone knows the first \$1,000 is harder to make than the next \$10,000. Mr. Lipp is a native of Virginia, born in Madison county on the 13th day of September, 1830. His parents, Thomas, Sr., and Sarah (Hoffman) Lipp, removed to Missouri when he was six years of age, and located in Ralls county, where they resided 10 years. They afterwards made one or two other removals, and finally settled permanently in Putman county, where the father died in 1871. Thomas, Jr., was reared partly in Ralls county, and up to the age of 21 had had but a four months' term at school. He afterwards attended school another four months' term, and on the 23d of March, 1854, was married to Miss Elizabeth J., a daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth J. (Harrison) Peck, formerly of Kentucky. He then rented a farm and engaged in farming, with little or nothing to go upon but his own muscle and energy, for he had only one horse to plow with. In a couple of years he had saved from his earnings \$500, but moving to Florida Mills, sickness fell upon his family, and this was all spent besides \$100 of indebtedness he was compelled to incur. After the health of his family was restored he engaged again in farming, this time in Ralls county, and in a few years he had gathered about him considerable stock and had gotten a respectable start, but the Federal soldiers came along and stripped him of his horses, etc., and the hog cholera destroyed all his hogs, a fine drove of 100 head, so that he was left with nothing on earth but his wife and children, their household effects and a milch cow, the soldiers having taken all his other stock except his hogs, which the cholera made way with. The following winter he spent making rails for money to buy bread and meat with for the family, and he walked five miles to and from his work. That was a pretty blue time with him, but his courage and resolution never for a moment faltered. The next spring he went to farming again, and the wonder naturally arises how he managed to farm without anything to farm with or on. Where there is a will there is a way. There is a God in Israel as well as good men and kind neighbors in North America. He rented land on shares, some neighbors loaned him some unbroken young steers and a three-year-old filly. He and his family lived on corn bread and butter-milk; he broke the steers and filly, and with them raised a fine crop. He then bought his present farm on credit, paying \$80 down on the purchase. But the next year the drought and chinch-bugs were extremely bad, and crops were therefore generally a failure. Soon, however, good seasons returned, the chinch-bugs disappeared, and from that time on to the present his

career has been one of unbroken prosperity. He has fully paid for his farm, is entirely out of debt, and has his place well improved. Mr. and Mrs. Lipp are blessed with five children: Andrew J., Adolphus L., Elijah M., John L. and Elizabeth J. He and wife are both church members, he of the Methodist and she of the Baptist Church. He is also a worthy member of the Masonic order.

### CHARLES P. McCARTY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Santa Fe).

Charles P. McCarty, born in 1846, in Andrain county, is the son of Calvin and Maria (Spotts) McCarty, natives of Virginia. His father formerly kept a hotel in Abingdon, Va., whither, after moving to Missouri and living for 12 years in Andrain county, he returned in 1848. He again went into the hotel business, continuing it until 1862. The subject of the present sketch, C. P. McCarty, was the eldest of the family, and attended school until he was 16 years of age, when, unable longer to restrain his ardent enthusiasm, he rushed into the thickest of the fight then raging between the North and the South. Espousing the cause of the gallant Confederates, he enlisted in the Thirty-third Virginia Infantry, Co. K, one of Stonewall Jackson's regiments. His first battle was that of Manassas, and he also took part in the battles of Port Republic, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, and most of the principal battles of the war. At Chancellorsville he was wounded and transferred to the cavalry. He was discharged at Lynchburg, Va., April 7, 1865, after many thrilling experiences and bitter hardships. Among the latter was a period of five months, during which he was closely confined in the Fort Delaware prison. This young hero came to Missouri in October, 1865, and began farming on a rented farm in Monroe county. Mr. McCarty built a mill in Santa Fe, which he traded for 155 acres of land in Andrain county. After living on this place for two years he sold it and bought his father's farm, but in 1880 sold that also and purchased the one upon which he now lives. This contains 400 acres, all fenced and well improved. He is now dealing in stock of all kinds, and frequently feeds cattle. Mr. McCarty is a business man of much sagacity and occupies a very prominent position in the township. He is a Mason of high standing in Santa Fe. November 13, 1866, Mr. McCarty married Miss Elmira E. Bates. They lost two boys at a tender age, and have still two children, Carrie and Sidney. Mrs. McCarty is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

### WILLIAM PEAK

(Farmer, Post-office, Perry).

Mr. Peak was born in Monroe county, in 1843, and was a son of Henry J. and Mary (Bartlett) Peak, formerly of Kentucky. His parents came to Missouri in 1831 and settled in this county, and his mother died here when William, the youngest of four children, was



four years of age, the others being Howard, Thomas and George W. His father subsequently married Miss Nancy Martin, by whom there came eight children: Mary A., James, Horatio, Edward, Clarence, Fannie, Eugene and Lillian. The father lived to the advanced age of 82, having been born in 1799. William worked on the farm until he was 20 years of age and then went out to work for himself by the month at \$20 a month. He worked that way for three years, and was married September 28, 1856, to Miss Caroline Duncan, a daughter of John C. and Martha (Johnson) Duncan, who came from Virginia in an early day, and had four children, Catherine, Mary, Sarah and Caroline. The mother died in 1848, and the father married Miss Carroll, by whom there were also four children: William, Thomas, Wesley and Velis. The mother of these died in 1871, and three years afterwards the father married Mrs. Morehead, who had had 10 children by her first husband. Meanwhile, William Peak, after his marriage, rented a farm and continued to rent and lease until 1877, when he bought the place where he now resides. He has 80 acres of land, neatly and comfortably improved. Mr. and Mrs. P. have had seven children: John H., deceased; Charles H., Minnie, Minerva, Gertrude, Lillian and another died in infancy. Mrs. Peak is a member of the Christian Church.

### PHILIP QUISENBERRY

(Dealer in Dry Goods etc., etc., Santa Fe).

Mr. Quisenberry, a gallant soldier under Gen. Morgan, of Kentucky, during the late war, and one of the substantial business men of Santa Fe, is a native of the Blue Grass State, born in Clark county, December 5, 1835. His father, William Quisenberry, was a well-to-do and respected business man of that county, and Philip spent his youth principally at school, learning also merchandising as he grew up. At the first outbreak of the war he joined the Southern army and served with unfaltering fidelity and with unshrinking bravery on many a hard fought field until the close of that long and terrible struggle. He was with Morgan on the latter's celebrated raid through the Northern States, and was one of the forty-three who crossed the river above Louisville into Indiana, mentioned at the time in all the papers. Twenty-two of the company were captured the day they crossed, and seventeen of the others were taken the day following, leaving but four who succeeded in joining the main army of invasion. Mr. Quisenberry returned to Kentucky after the war, where he continued until 1866, when he came to Missouri and engaged in the saw-mill business in Monroe county. He continued in that business for two years and then began merchandising at Santa Fe, where he has since resided. He has been satisfactorily successful as a merchant and by close attention to business, fair dealing and accommodating treatment of customers, has succeeded in building up a good trade, which he has long held, and which is steadily increasing. Mr. Quisenberry carries a good stock of general merchandise, well selected and of the best classes for the

prices charged, for his policy is to sell at living figures, both for himself and his customers. In February, 1866, Mr. Quisenberry was married to Miss A. P. Elkin, formerly of Kentucky. After a happy married life of over eight years she was taken from him by death. She left him three children: Blanche, Elkin, and Frances. Mr. Quisenberry was married to his present wife, formerly Mrs. L. G. Racklett, the widow of Dr. S. S. Racklett, deceased, and whose maiden name was Miss L. G. Tanner, on the 7th of August, 1877. She has three children by her first marriage: Minerva, Henry C. and Estella. Mr. and Mrs. Quisenberry have four children: Fred, Maud, Walker and Wallace, the two latter twins. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and she of the Christian Church.

### GEORGE M. RAGSDALE

(Farmer and Stock-dealer, Section 19).

Mr. Drury Ragsdale, father of George M., was a native of Kentucky, and came to Missouri in 1826. He settled with his mother in the north-east part of Monroe county, not far from Clinton. He lived there until he was 27 years of age, then married Miss Louisa C. Thompson, also of Kentucky, and moving to St. Louis, there embarked in the hotel and stock business. He was thus profitably engaged until 1847. He then returned to Monroe county, was for a short time in the drug business in Paris, and then determined to become a farmer. He followed this in connection with stock-raising until his death, which occurred February 22, 1875. His faithful wife had preceded him across the dark river by 10 years, and at last these loving hearts were united in that land where there is no parting. George M. Ragsdale was born November 25, 1854, near Paris, in Monroe county. He was raised on the farm, and received a common school education. When this was completed, he worked with his father until 1875, then began farming and feeding stock on his own account. In 1881 he and his brother took possession of their present farm. They have worked hard, and begin to feel the benefits of it. They have fenced their place entirely since they came on it, and have a good house, barn and other buildings, also a splendid young orchard. No young men in the county have a brighter future. They deal in cattle and hogs, and while their business is as yet in its youth, every year gives them more solid assurance of becoming, at no distant day, men of wealth. Mr. Ragsdale is an unmarried man, and many a sweet face flushes and tender heart flutters at the sound of his coming. His handsome face and manly bearing, and above all, the safe shelter offered by his true and loyal character for some fortunate fair one, win for him smiles upon all sides, and it is for him to choose who shall take with him that long journey through sunshine and shadow, which stretches its alluring length before him.

## NATHAN P. RODGERS

(Farmer, Stockman and Capitalist, Post-office, Florida).

In December, 1876, Mr. Rodgers alighted from the train at Monroe City, in this county, with his wife, direct from Virginia, and without a vestige of property or other means of any kind, except a few household goods, such as bedding, etc., which he brought along, but which he was not able to take out from the depot for the want of money to pay the freight on them. He borrowed \$10 from a friend to pay his freight bill, rented a house and moved into it and went to work. The first break he made into the stock business was to buy a hog at a sale for \$2.50 on credit. This hog was fattened on slops about the house, and when sold brought \$12.80, which enabled him to repay the \$10 he had borrowed and, also, pay the debt contracted by the purchase of the hog. He also rented a farm on credit and entered actively into farming, as well as continuing the stock business. From this small beginning in handling stock and farming, for he has since followed nothing else whatever, he has risen within the short period of eight years to the position of one of the largest stockmen in the United States, and of perhaps the wealthiest man in Monroe county. He is now assessed at \$305,000, and is probably worth more than half a million dollars. This is so extraordinary that it seems hardly credible, yet it is the statement of a plain, actual fact. There may be examples in mining, speculating in grain, or stock jobbing on Wall street, of wealth as rapidly acquired as the one mentioned in this sketch, but it is certainly to be doubted whether there is another example in any line of legitimate industry where a fortune has been so quickly acquired by strictly honest methods. The facts read more like the story of the lamp of Aladdin in the Arabian Nights than the career of a man in this matter-of-fact business age. Let us then give briefly the record of the life of this man which, in other respects from his rapid acquisition of a fortune, will be found but little different from the facts in the lives of the generality of farmers in Monroe county. Mr. Rodgers is a native of Virginia, born in Greenbrier county, August 27, 1840. He was a son of Eli and Charlotte (Hope) Rodgers, both of old and respected Virginia families. His father was a farmer of Greenbrier county, and quite a successful one, noted, also, in the country round about for his sterling integrity of character and his earnest, Christian piety. He was a man of acute intelligence and great energy, and had marked ability for successfully conducting his affairs, though he was a man of great generosity, and in no circumstances would he avail himself of an advantage to the detriment of others. He was thus successful in life, and at the same time highly esteemed by all, for he is believed to have never been knowingly guilty of a wrong act. Mr. Rodgers' mother was a lady of refinement, of more than ordinary culture and of decided natural intelligence. To such parents it is easy to trace the origin of those qualities and char-



acteristics which the son, Nathan P., had displayed so clearly and distinctly in his later career. The war coming on when young Rodgers was not yet hardly of military age, he joined the Southern army nevertheless, and served until the close of the struggle. Thus not only were several of the most valuable years of his life virtually canceled out, but the effects of the war were such as to leave him practically penniless at its close. In 1865 he was married to Miss Joanna Patton, in Greenbrier county, Va., and he then rented a farm in that county and engaged in farming for himself. Remaining there for four years continuing farming, his success was not such as to satisfy his ambition. He therefore came to Missouri in 1869 and rented a farm south of Monroe City. Two years later he rented another place in this county where he followed farming for two years more, and, meanwhile, had engaged to some extent in raising and handling stock. Mr. Rodgers was succeeding quite up to his expectations when, in December, 1874, he lost his wife. This sad event greatly broke his spirit and unsettled him. He boarded with a neighbor, however, and afterwards gave his attention principally to dealing in stock. In 1875 he took two car loads of stock to Memphis, Tenn., and subsequently dealt in stock at that city for nearly a year. But on account of the malarial condition of the country he was taken down with the chills and fever and thoroughly broken down in health and discouraged. He then went back to his old home in Virginia. Afterwards, December 14, 1876, he was married in his native county to Miss Virginia Nickell, his present wife. Immediately after his marriage Mr. Rodgers returned to Missouri for the purpose of making a new start in life, for he was now practically penniless. The financial condition in which he arrived at Monroe City has already been stated. The farm he rented, as mentioned above, he continued to rent for three years, working all the time with indefatigable energy and managing his affairs with marked business ability. At the end of his three years as a renter he made a sale and realized from it no less than \$3,250. With that business acumen characteristic of the man, he had already seen that there was a fortune to be made in Texas cattle, and all he needed was a little means to start on. It was for this reason that he made his sale. He communicated his ideas to several of his acquaintances who had some means, who, seeing the practicability of his plans, and having confidence in his ability and honesty, readily joined him in a stock enterprise in Texas. There were five others besides himself, and the six formed a company with a capital of \$15,000, with which they bought a herd of cattle in Shackelford county, Tex. Mr. Rodgers went to Texas to take charge of the herd in person, and he continued there for three years, trading extensively in cattle on account of the company, and also buying large bodies of land. Such were the profits of the enterprise that in 1883 they incorporated their company under the laws of Texas with a capital of \$500,000. This was less than a year ago. Their stock interests now consist of 14,331 head of cattle and 300 horses. They also have 100,000 acres of fine land. Besides his interests in this company, Mr. Rodgers has a herd and ranch of

his own, which consist of 6,500 head of cattle, 90 head of horses and 8,000 acres of land. He has also continued farming and handling stock in Monroe county. In 1882 he bought his present farm in this county. His homestead contains 680 acres of as handsome and fertile land as is to be found in the country. This place is improved with little regard to cost, and is one of the most desirable homesteads in the county. His improvements alone represent an expenditure of over \$6,000. These are the plain facts of Mr. Rodgers' career, facts which reflect only credit on him whom they most directly concern. Personally, Mr. Rodgers is a plain, unassuming man, sociable, kind and pleasant to all with whom he comes in contact. He has acquired a fortune and is still, perhaps, but little more than well started on his career. Speaking of his past, he says that his most gratifying recollection is that he has never knowingly wronged a man out of a cent. All who know him have implicit confidence in his honor and integrity. He has not obtained his wealth by oppressing the poor or by small, mean methods. But, on the contrary, he is a man of large heart and liberal ideas, and ever ready to help the needy or relieve the distressed wherever and whenever he can. Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers have one child, Lavenia, born October 2, 1877. Mr. Rodgers is an active and worthy member of the A. O. U. W.

JAMES SMILEY (*Pere*), AND JAMES R. SMILEY (*Fils*)

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Santa Fe).

James Smiley, the father of James R., was a son of Archibald and Mary (Hanna) Smiley, of Virginia, being one of seven children, William, Robert, Alexander, Archibald, Anna and Ella, being the others, James being born September 22, 1812. His father and an uncle were soldiers in the War of 1812. The father died in 1832 and the mother in 1842. James Smiley was reared as a farmer as he came up, for his father was an industrious and well respected farmer of that county. He and his two brothers worked the farm until the winter of 1841-42, when he came to Missouri and located in Audrain county. On the 20th of January, 1842, he was married in Audrain county to Miss Elizabeth Kerr, and the following spring he bought land and improved a farm. He lived there for 12 years engaged in farming and then removed to Monroe county in 1854, where he has since resided. He bought 160 acres of land, partly improved, or rather his tract had a log shanty on it and a small clearing not much bigger than a lonely cloud floating in the sky of a clear August day. He improved his land, however, and made a good farm and afterwards added to his place by industry and successful farming and stock-raising until he increased it to a farm of 320 acres. As his fields and herds prospered him he bought other lands, and owns another farm of 160 acres in the prairie, well improved. He has been quite successful in raising grain, principally wheat, but he attributes his principal success to stock-raising, and in this line he has given his attention principally to cattle and hogs. He ships to the Chicago markets mainly. Mr. and Mrs.

Smiley have four children : William H., James R., Mary A. and Susan R. He has been director of the district schools for several terms, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. James R. Smiley was born May 3, 1852, whilst his parents were residents of Ralls county. Inasmuch as his parents removed to Monroe county when he was but two years of age, he was reared in this county. James R. secured a good common school education, and learned the practical work of farming as he grew up. Following the example of his father, he has become a stock-raiser, and fattens and ships cattle, hogs and sheep to the markets, and he is one of the successful young men in South Fork township in these lines. He also handles horses to some extent, and, indeed, trades considerably in all kinds of farm stock. February 24, 1880, he was married to Miss Bettie Emmons, a daughter of William Emmons, of Mexico, Mo., but she was taken from him by death in a few months after their marriage. She died on the 19th of the following May. Mr. S. is one of the charter members of the Santa Fe I. O. F. lodge.

### WILLIAM L. SMITHEY

(Farmer, Post-office, Paris).

This young farmer of South Fork township is one of the worthy and deserving young men of the township, and enjoys the respect and esteem of the community as such. By the death of his father, three years ago, he was left with a large family to care for, and is faithfully acquitting himself of his obligation to his mother and younger brothers and sisters. He is a native Missourian, born in Audrain county, March, 22, 1863, and a son of John T. and Mary (Alberson) Smithey, formerly of Kentucky. His father was an enterprising stock trader of the State, and came to Missouri in 1862, the fall after his marriage, settling in Audrain county. Two years later, however, he removed to Lafayette county, where he resided for 13 years, and in 1877 came to Monroe county. He bought the old Poidlon farm here, a place of 80 acres, on which he resided until his death, and where the family still make their home. He was a worthy member of the Odd Fellows Order, and was, also, an exemplary member of the Presbyterian Church. He died April 29, 1882, leaving his wife and nine children to mourn his loss. The children are : William L., Jennie B., Louella, Robbie R., Anna M., Sallie T., John T., Ernest M. and James E. William L. was principally reared in Lafayette county, but grew up on the farm here from his fourteenth year. Since his father's death he has taken charge of the farm and assumed the care of the family. He is a young man of excellent habits, industry and energy, and is providing well for those whom it is his natural obligation to care for. His sister Jennie B. died August 7, 1883.



## JOHN R. SNYDER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Section 31).

Mr. Snyder's parents, Powell and Elizabeth (Finks) Snyder, were natives of Virginia, and moved to Missouri in 1832. After residing for a year in Ralls county, and two years in Audrain, they came to Monroe county and settled on the farm upon which John R. now lives. Here the old man farmed until his death in 1844. His was a most beautiful Christian character, and the brightness of the halo that irradiated his pathway, will long linger in the mental vision of all who were so fortunate as to be witnesses of his pure life. A touching testimonial of his worth lies in the fact that his wife remained a widow, for his sake, until her own death in 1861. She left four children: Martha A., James H., Lucy J. and John R. The latter attended the common schools and helped on the farm until he was 16, at that age taking entire charge, managing the place for his mother. In 1860, he was himself married to Miss Salome, daughter of John and Rebecca Hawkins Story, formerly of Virginia. Mr. Story died in 1850, and in 1876 his widow came to Missouri and lived with her daughter, Mrs. Snyder, until her death, which occurred three years later. She was the mother of eleven children, nine of whom are living. Soon after his marriage Mr. Snyder joined the Confederate army with Porter. He was in the battles of Newark, Kirksville and Moore's Creek, after which he returned to his disconsolate bride and resumed his farming operations, which he has ever since continued. His farm comprises 120 acres, 80 under fence, and contains all needful improvements, including a tasteful residence, the surroundings of which are further beautified by the soft green velvet of an exquisitely kept lawn. Mr. S. is extensively engaged in raising stock, cattle, hogs and horses, in which he is meeting with gratifying success. He is one of the substantial farmers of the township. Mrs. Snyder is a member of the Baptist Church.

## CHARLES W. TANNER

(Dealer in Dry Goods, etc., and Postmaster, Santa Fe).

Mr. Tanner, who has every promise of a long and successful business career at this place, was a son of Silas Tanner, who was also engaged in business here for many years. His father was a prominent business man of Santa Fe for about seventeen years and died here in 1872, widely and profoundly mourned, for he had many friends throughout this part of the county and few enemies, if any at all. Mr. Tanner's mother (Charles W.'s) was a Miss Lucy J. Crigler before her marriage. She is still living. Charles W. was reared at Santa Fe, and received a good general and business education in the schools of this place and in the store. In 1874 he was married to Miss Sarah M. McClintock, a daughter of William McClintock, a prominent merchant of Mexico, Missouri. After his marriage Mr. Tanner engaged in farming, but a year later quit the farm and accepted

a situation in the store of Quisenberry & Botts, where he clerked for four years. He then engaged in the drug business on his own account, but in 1881, after being in the drug store for two years, went back to the farm, where he was engaged in farming for three years. On the 20th of March, 1884, he bought out Wilkerson & Son of this place, and has since been continuously engaged in the dry goods business. He carries a neat and carefully selected stock of dry goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes, etc., and has a good custom, which is steadily increasing. He is a plain, unassuming, popular man, with good business qualifications and strictly honorable in all his dealings. Mr. and Mrs. Tanner have had seven children: Lydia, Wallace, Mattie, Ada L., Edith I., Dennis D. and William A. Mattie and Ada L. are deceased. Mr. Tanner is an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also constable of South Fork township.

### JOHN G. TILLITT

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Perry).

No conspectus of the substantial farmers of South Fork township would be complete which failed to represent the subject of the present sketch. Mr. Tillitt comes of one of the old and respected families of the county, his parents, Henry and Lurena Tillitt, having settled in this county from Kentucky away back in 1837. The father died here in 1869 and the mother in 1882. John G. spent his youth on his father's farm, and received a common school education. When he attained his majority he rented a farm one season and then bought a place of his own. Two years later he sold that at a small profit and bought the place where he now resides. Here he first had 132 acres, but industry and good management have enabled him to add to it until he now has a fine farm of 400 acres, all but 20 acres in the prairie, and well improved. The 20 acres are devoted to timber. He has a good residence, a large barn and excellent other buildings and good fences. Mr. Tillitt raises considerable stock which he has found quite a profitable industry. He also feeds cattle and hogs for the market, at which he has been very successful. In 1865 Mr. Tillitt was married to Miss Susan Smith. She brightened his home for 12 years, but at last fell to sleep in the cold embrace of death. She left three children, namely: Edwin P., Mary S. and Cordelia. In 1879 Mr. Tillitt was married to Miss Ann L. Ely, a daughter of James and Duleena Ely, who came to Missouri from Kentucky in an early day. By his second marriage Mr. Tillitt has had two children: Henry E., now in infancy, and an older one who died when an infant.

### JAMES W. TRIMBLE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Santa Fe).

Mr. Trimble, one of the substantial property-holders and old and respected citizens of South Fork township, is by nativity a worthy son of that grand old Commonwealth of the South, Virginia, not only the

mother of Presidents and States, but of many of the best citizens of all the Southern and Western States. Mr. Trimble was born in Augusta county in July, 1818, and was reared in his native county. In 1846 he was married in Virginia to Miss Isabella Sterrett, and he continued to reside in Augusta county until 1857, when he removed to Missouri with his family, and settled on the place where he now resides. Here he bought 500 acres of land, which he improved. He has followed farming and stock-raising uninterruptedly, and has long been recognized as one of the successful farmers of the township. He has added to his place until now it includes over a section of fine land, all of which is improved except about 40 acres. He has two sets of homestead improvements, one of which his son George occupies. Mr. and Mrs. Trimble have six children: William S., a minister of the Presbyterian Church, at Cahoka, Mo.; Mary, now the wife of William McCratcher; George S., John W., Joseph W., lumber dealer at Mexico; Thomas T., at Westminster College, Fulton. Mrs. Trimble is a worthy member of the Presbyterian Church. He has long taken commendable and active interest in the cause of education, and particularly of public schools, and has been a director of the district schools for the past ten years, and still occupies that position. Mr. Trimble was a son of James B. and Margaret (Wilson) Trimble, both of old Virginia families. He was one of 10 children, five sons and the same number of daughters. His father was a blacksmith and miller, and also ran a large farm, superintending the whole business himself. He was quite successful in life, and was in easy circumstances. During the War of 1812 he served with credit as a soldier in the American army, and for many years was a worthy elder in the Presbyterian Church. He died at a ripe old age in 1863. The mother died in 1862.

### BENJAMIN F. VAUGHN

(Farmer and Fine and General Stock-raiser and Dealer, Post-office, Florida).

What energy, good common sense and perseverance can accomplish at farming and in the stock business in this part of the country, is forcibly illustrated by the career of the subject of the present sketch. Less than 18 years ago Mr. Vaughn was a young man 26 years of age, and with \$150 in cash as his only worldly possessions, except his wearing apparel, which was by no means as gorgeous or expensive as Freddie Gebhardt's. He started on foot into dealing in stock, buying and selling cattle, hogs, sheep, etc., and after awhile was able to begin farming in a small way on rented land. He has kept resolutely and intelligently at both of these occupations, and is now worth \$60,000, having become one of the leading farmers and stock men of North Missouri, and having also large ranch interests in Texas. He has made every dollar he is worth by his own energy and industry, except \$200 that his wife brought him at the time of their marriage. Perhaps it is more just to say that he and she have made it, for she has bravely and faithfully done her part at home in carving out their



fortune, a part which, if it had not been well done, would perhaps have rendered success impossible. Mr. Vaughn when he grew up, had no extra chances to develop those qualities or acquire that knowledge of business affairs which are commonly considered important requisites to success. And then when he was a young man just nearly ready to get something of an education and make a start in life, the war came on and practically canceled out four years of his life so far as industrial activity was concerned, so that after the war he was left with only a horse, saddle and bridle, which he sold for the \$150 above mentioned, to start on. He was son of William and Eliza (Poage) Vaughn, of this county, but formerly of Kentucky, and was born April 16, 1839. He was married on his father's farm, near Paris, and being the oldest in the family of children, of course had to take the lead in and bear the brunt of the work on the place. Those were no days of sulky riding-plows, protected with a shade, and of self-binders, or white school houses with walnut finished, casting mounted seats. They were the days of breaking prairie with ox teams and grubbing stumps in woods, fields and all that sort of things. Young Vaughn grew up on the farm, and at the age of 13 was commissioned captain of an ox team, which he commanded with unfaltering fidelity for five long years, he and the team becoming so used to each other that neither felt at home when they were separate. When he reached the age of 19 he began to see the necessity of an education, and to exert himself to obtain some knowledge of books, using his leisure time at home in study. He kept on at work, however, and when he reached majority, made a crop of his own, and a good crop at that. As his crop ripened he began to see visions of a nice little start in life and of a neat little home of his own, and some nice little body in that home to make it bright and happy. The milkmaid's dreams were never brighter or more rose-tinted when she was thinking of the new green gown that she was to buy and the party she was to attend, and all that sort of things, than were his anticipations. But about this time the Federal soldiers came along and swooped down upon his crop, so that the field that had known it knew it no more. He was now thoroughly incensed and joined the Southern army. He went out under Col. Green, and bravely did his duty as a soldier until he was overtaken by another shadow of misfortune. After participating in the battle of Pea Ridge and numerous other less engagements, and undergoing indescribable privations and hardships, he was at last taken prisoner and shipped off to St. Louis and then to Alton, at which points he had ample opportunity to philosophize on the vicissitudes of life, being confined within the somber walls of the military prisons of those places for six months. He was at last released under heavy bond not to join the Southern army again, but it is needless to say that the crop he had lost in 1861 was not restored to him. He then went to Boone county and tried cropping again, thinking that if he couldn't get the old crop back he would make a new one. He also worked around and got a few cattle and hogs. But about this time, times got squally again. Price made a raid in the State, and the Federals became as thick as

blackberries all over the country. His second crop was swept away, and he found his only safety in flight, so he rejoined the Southern army. He got out off the main body of the army, however, and after hiding out in the woods all winter to keep from being shot as a bushwhacker, he finally made his way across the river into Illinois. There he obtained employment under Mr. Fisher as stock buyer and shipper, and shortly thereafter became the latter's partner in business. But soon afterwards the war closed, and he came back to Monroe county, having made, during the short time he was in Illinois, his expenses and a little money, which he invested in a horse, saddle and bridle. He now commenced his career here as a stockman, as stated above. He rented land up to 1870, and then he bought 160 acres of raw prairie, which he improved, paying his board while improving his farm and at the same time making some money at handling stock. He kept on in this way for two years, making a little extra money each year; and November 14, 1872, he was married to Miss Mary Poage, who assisted him with \$200 that she had. From that time he kept on farming and handling stock, his profits gradually increasing each year until they rose from hundreds to thousands, and finally to over \$5,000 a year. We can not go into the details of his farming and stock operations, interesting and instructive as they are, for the limits to which these sketches must be confined will not permit it. Suffice it to say that he has raised and dealt in, on a large scale, and still raises and deals in, even more extensively, cattle, mules, hogs, sheep and all kinds of stock. He also raises extensively corn, wheat, oats, hay and all sorts of farm products, his grain crops rising to thousands of dollars in value. His farm contains 760 acres, a whole section of which is finely improved — fenced with white oak rails and hedge and plank, and his buildings and other improvements, taken as a whole, are second to none in the county. He has all forms of farm buildings on his place, including three barns, used for different classes of stock, and any number of sheds. He also has a stock ranch in Texas valued at \$9,000. When asked to what he attributes his great success mainly, he replied, "Honesty and energy." He said that his father always impressed upon him the great maxim, that "honesty is the best policy in all circumstances," and that he has striven to never deviate from it in his own conduct. While he admires the man of brilliant mental qualities as much as any one, he holds that it isn't brilliancy that succeeds best in the material affairs of life. On the contrary, it is a favorite maxim with him that "a pound of energy with an ounce of talent can accomplish a great deal more than a pound of talent with an ounce of energy." For high character and personal worth no man in the county stands higher in the estimation of those who know him than Benjamin F. Vaughn. Mr. Vaughn is making a specialty of raising fine half-bred Hereford cattle, and this year has about fifty calves, the product of his present year's breeding in that line of stock. It is generally believed that he has the best Hereford bull in the county. He has about \$6,000 invested in stock cattle that are now grazing on the farm. Mr. and Mrs. V. have four

children, namely: William Gray, Susie Clay, Bessie and Nathan Pierce. Master Gray Vaughn, the oldest, was nine years old last January, and rides his excellent pony, and has for two years gone with his father for cattle or mules, and riding from 25 to 40 miles per day. He and his sister, Susie, ride their pony to Sunday-school, three and a half miles, every Sunday. He and wife are both members of the Presbyterian Church.

### JAMES WILLIAMS

(Farmer, Section 18).

Mr. Williams was born January 6, 1822, in Clark county, Ky., of David and Polly (Raker) Williams, both of North Carolina. His father was a farmer who emigrated to Kentucky in an early day and later to Monroe county, Mo., settling five miles south of Florida, where he lived until his death in 1840. His wife survived him six years. They left a family of seven children. James, in the intervals of acquiring an education, worked on his father's farm. He married August 3, 1843, Miss Cinderilla Bybee, daughter of John and Polly (Adams) Bybee, of Kentucky. Mrs. Williams' father came to Missouri in 1822 and settled first in Howard county. In 1834 he moved to Monroe county, where he died in 1858. Mr. W. is an active and intelligent farmer and no man in the township has more friends. He has a farm of 103 acres, 65 of which are under fence. His improvements are neat and substantial, and he derives a comfortable income from the place. Mr. and Mrs. W. have had thirteen children. Six are now living: James R., Evaline, Hannah, Minerva, Barbara and David. The following are deceased: William, who died in Oregon in 1865; Mary G., who died at the age of four years; John J., who died when nine years of age; Minnie, who died in infancy; Martillus, who died at the age of 24; Edith J., who died at the age of 35; and Julia, who died when twenty-six years of age. Mr. Williams and his wife are members of the Christian Church at Santa Fe.

### MILTON B. WILKERSON

(Farmer, Post-office, Santa Fe).

Mr. Wilkerson is the son of Presley and Polly (Searcy) Wilkerson, of Kentucky, who came to Missouri in 1826, and made their home near Columbia, in Boone county. Mr. Wilkerson, Sr., was a cooper by trade, but devoted much attention to farming. He was a noted hunter, and having induced many of his friends to come from Kentucky, when they needed meat they would work on his farm while, with trusty rifle, he replenished their wants. At that time the county was thickly infested with wild beasts of all kinds, as well as with every variety of game. Mr. Wilkerson died in 1876. Milton B., born January 10, 1830, in Boone county, was reared on the farm in Monroe county, and for fifteen years sipped assiduously of the Pierian spring of knowledge. He then sold groceries and dry goods



for his father and himself at Florida and Santa Fe eight years and later farmed for several years near Santa Fe. He was afterwards, until 1864, in the furniture business, then returned to his farming operations, which he still carries on in connection, however, with a dry goods and grocery house in Santa Fe, which contains as large and complete a stock of goods as any in the township. Mr. Wilkerson has a nursery on his farm and keeps on hand such fruits as are most hardy in this country. His varieties, which are numerous, are considered the best in the State. Mr. W. has been postmaster for four years and he enjoys the confidence and esteem of all around him. Mr. Wilkerson married, February 17, 1851, Miss Amanda M. Bybee, by whom he has seven children: Ella M., wife of T. J. Wilson; Milton B., who married Miss Ada Hunt; William T., married to Miss Lucy Mussetter; Sallie M., Kelley B., Charles B. and Pet, a lovely little maid of eight summers, the darling of the family and the admired of all beholders. Mr. Wilkerson, his wife and four children are members of the Christian Church at Santa Fe.

#### \*PETER D. WILKINS

(Farmer, Post-office Strother).

Mr. Wilkins was born in 1835 in Europe, and is the son of Louis Wilkins, who, emigrating to this country in 1837, settled in Washington county, Ohio. He farmed there for nine years, then moved to Shelby county, Missouri, where he died in 1847, leaving four children, Louis, Christina, John and Peter. After his father's death Peter worked at the gunsmith's trade until 1861, then began shoemaking. In 1872 he became a farmer and ten years later moved to the place where he now lives. He is thrifty and industrious and is a valuable citizen. Mr. Wilkins married May 21, 1857, Miss Susan Gorham, of Callaway county, daughter of Harvey and Grizzella (Oakley) Gorham. Mrs. Wilkins was one of eight children: William R., Eliza J., Nancy E., Daniel, James C., Mollie L., Cynthia L. and Susan, wife of Mr. Wilkins. She has borne her husband five children: Frank L., James C., Eva, William G. and Charles R. Mrs. Wilkins' brother, James, was, during the late war commander of a battery under Price. Mrs. W. belongs to the Christian Church at Santa Fe, as does also Mr. Wilkins and the three oldest children.

#### SAMUEL WOOLDRIDGE

(Farmer, Post-office Paris).

When the deer fed without fear on the present site of Boonville, Mr. Wooldridge's parents, David and Elizabeth (Bingham) Wooldridge, were residents of Cooper county, and his father was offered the tract of land on which Boonville now stands for an Indian pony. This at that time was not considered as tempting an offer as the famous demand of Richard III. — "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse!" — whatever would be thought of it now. They resided in

Cooper county until 1838, when they removed to Monroe county, and settled on the Campbell tract of land on Brush creek, where they improved a farm and lived worthy, respected lives until their death. Samuel Wooldridge was born in Cooper county, November 2, 1826. He grew to manhood in Monroe county, or until 20 years of age, when he went out to learn the blacksmith's trade. Subsequently he followed blacksmithing and farming until 1862. He then joined the Southern army under Price, and remained out until the close of the war, surrendering at Shreveport, La., in May, 1865. Returning after the war to Monroe county, he engaged in farming and subsequently bought his present place, a neat farm of 90 acres. August 27, 1865, he was married to Miss Rebecca J. Johnson. They have five children: Mary E., William E., Effie F., Margaret and Mur. Lee. He and wife are members of the Christian Church.

### ROBERT H. WRIGHT

(Blacksmith, Santa Fe).

Mr. Wright, one of the hardest working and most deserving young man in the township, was born in September of the year 1860. His father, James Wright, came from Tennessee in 1852. In 1857 he began blacksmithing in Paris, Monroe county, where in 1859 he was married to Margaret Ashcraft. The last 13 years of his life were spent on a farm where he died in 1883. He was a member of the Christian Church, and one of the elders of Deer Creek congregation. He was buried by the Masonic fraternity. His widow now lives in Santa Fe and her son Robert makes his home with her. He was educated in the county and is now running a blacksmith and wagon making shop, doing a good business, as he richly merits, since his natural intelligence, industry and close attention to his work combine to make him one of the very best blacksmith's in the county. He is as yet unmarried, devoting himself with beautiful filial solicitude to the surviving parent. Mr. Wright is a member of the order of Chosen Friends, and also of the Christian Church.

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### EVAN S. ANDERSON

(Farmer, Post-office, Tulip).

Mr. Anderson, one of the leading citizens of the south-western part of the county, is a native of the Blue Grass State, and comes of two well known and prominent families—the Andersons and McDowells. His grandfather on his father's side was Hon. Joseph Anderson, originally of Pennsylvania, but afterwards of Tennessee, and one of the distinguished men of the country.

From Ben. Perley Poore's "Political Register and Congressional Directory," published by authority of Congress, we take the following brief facts in Hon. Joseph Anderson's career: Born near Philadelphia, November 17, 1757, he received a liberal education and studied law. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War he promptly enlisted in the Continental army, and was commissioned ensign in the New Jersey line in 1775. He served with distinction during the entire war, and became Major of the Third New Jersey volunteers in Gen. Dayton's brigade of Knox's division. Gen. Dayton, in recommending him to Gen. Knox for promotion, makes use of this complimentary language in his letter: "His character is established as that of a brave, moral, temperate, intelligent and meritorious officer, whose judgment is to be relied upon at all times." After the war, Maj. Anderson was engaged in the practice of law in Delaware for seven years. In 1791 he was commissioned United States District Judge of the territory south of the Ohio river, which included the present State of Tennessee. He took an active part in organizing the State government of Tennessee, and was a member of the first constitutional convention of that State. Immediately on the admission of the State into the Union, he was elected United States Senator, and served in that body for a period of about eighteen years consecutively, from September 26, 1797, to March 3, 1815. The following day after his term expired in the United States Senate, March 4, 1815, he entered upon the discharge of the duties of First Comptroller of the Treasury, to which he had been appointed by President Madison. He served in that office for over twenty-one years, or until July 1, 1836, when he retired on account of advanced age and failing health, being then in his seventy-ninth year. He died at Washington City the following spring, April 17, 1837. His wife and himself reared a family of ten children, including Addison Alexander Anderson, afterwards Col. Anderson, of Monroe county, and the father of the subject of this sketch.

From the Monroe *Appeal* of April 13, 1883, which published an obituary of Col. Anderson, who died at his residence in Union township, this county, April 7, 1883, we take the following facts: Addison Alexander Anderson was born in Jefferson county, Tennessee, November 17, 1809. At the age of eight he was placed in school at Washington City by his father and soon afterwards entered the college of the Smithsonian Institute, where he graduated in his sixteenth year. His father then obtained him a position as midshipman in the Navy, in which he served on the man-of-war *Constitution*, under Commodore Hull. He cruised on the coasts of Europe, Africa, and South America, and took part in the capture of several steamers, including the *Diabeta*, a noted Spanish pirate, and also participated in the storming of Moro Castle, at Callao. After three years' naval service, he returned to Washington; studied law, soon afterwards formed a partnership with Col. John Crozier, and commenced practicing at Knoxville, Tenn. He was elected to the Legislature two terms, served



with distinction, and was the author of a bill establishing a thorough system of internal improvements that marked the opening and development of a new and progressive era in that State. He was a warm friend and admirer of Gen. Jackson, and often visited him at the Hermitage, but upon his causing Congress to expunge from the record resolutions of censure relative to him, he viewed the General's conduct as offensive, and introduced and advocated to successful passage a set of resolutions denouncing his conduct as arbitrary; and these resolutions figured prominently in the ensuing Presidential campaign, and were largely instrumental in causing the loss of that State to the following of Gen. Jackson, and throwing it into the hands of the Whigs. He left Tennessee and moved to Kentucky in 1842, settling on a farm near Danville. He afterwards represented Boyle county in the Legislature of that State, and resided there until 1858, when he came to Missouri, and settled near Middle Grove, in this county. Here his time was spent in a quiet and unobtrusive manner, chiefly devoted to his family, to whom he was fondly attached. During his entire residence here and up to the time of his death, he made but one effort to re-enter public life. Believing that the agricultural classes are not represented in proportion to the taxes they pay, he made a canvass for Congress on that question, but failed of an election. In 1837 Col. Anderson was married to Miss Catherine McDowell, a daughter of Dr. Ephraim McDowell, who was an uncle to Dr. McDowell, of St. Louis, the founder of McDowell's Medical College of that city, or the Missouri Medical College, as it was named by him, a man well known both in this country and in Europe for his eminence in the profession of medicine. Dr. Ephraim McDowell, of Kentucky, who was the preceptor of Dr. McDowell, of St. Louis, was also a distinguished physician and surgeon, and eminent as a medical writer. His ability and skill in surgery obtained him a national reputation, particularly in Ovariotomy, and in acknowledgment of his great services and high character and ability as a physician and surgeon, the medical fraternity of Kentucky erected a handsome monument to his memory, at a cost of over \$10,000. His wife was a daughter of Gov. Isaac Shelby, of Kentucky, for whom all the Shelby counties are named, a distinguished colonel in the Revolutionary War, and who gallantly led his regiment to victory at King's Mountain, when Ferguson's army was captured. Col. Anderson, by his marriage with Miss McDowell, had a family of seven children, six of whom are living and now themselves the heads of families, residents of this and Caldwell counties. He was a kind parent and husband, and his devotion to his family was unlimited. He was a finished scholar, an impressive speaker, and a thorough historian and linguist. His memory will be cherished long and tenderly by his family, and revered by his relatives and friends. A grand old man, ever honorable and upright, who, with almost his last breath, made this noble declaration, that he had never knowingly wronged one of God's creatures. He was the last of a family of ten sons to

give back to the Great Author of their being that immortal life-spark which never dies.

Evan S. Anderson, the subject of this sketch, and the third in his father's family of children, was born at Danville, in Boyle county, Ky., September 17, 1839. He was educated at Center College, Danville, and was among the first in the senior class during his last year at college. In 1859 he came to Missouri, and located in Monroe county, six miles east of Middle Grove, where he engaged in farming and the stock business. He was busily occupied with these pursuits when the war broke out, and, being a Southern man in sympathy and convictions, he promptly enlisted in the service of the South. He became a member of Co. A, Sixth Missouri cavalry, and served until the close of the war. After his return home Mr. Anderson resumed farming and stock raising, which he has since continued, and with good success. He has a fine stock farm of 500 acres, all under fence, and in a good state of improvement. In the spring of 1866 he was married to Miss Eleanor Sames, a refined and accomplished daughter of Carl F. Sames, of this county. Mrs. Anderson was educated at Christian College, Columbia. Her mother's maiden name was Miss Margaret Ess, and both her parents were of German lineage, her father being a native of Hesse-Darmstadt. Mr. and Mrs. A. have six children: Charles F., Gussie, Evan, Addison, Mabel and Mary H. Mr. and Mrs. A. are members of the Christian Church.

### JOHN JAMES BASSETT, A. B.

(Farmer and *Ex-Maitre d'ecole*, Post-office, Middle Grove).

Mr. Bassett, a man of finished education, a graduate of the Missouri State University, as well as a teacher of long and approved experience, and one of the neat, business-like farmers of Union township, is by nativity and bringing up a Missourian, born and partly reared in Randolph county. His father and mother were both originally of Kentucky, who came to Randolph county in an early day. John J. was born in that county, four miles north-west of Middle Grove, on the 27th of March, 1837. When he was about six years of age, however, they moved across into Monroe county, and settled in township 53, range 12, where they made their permanent home. John J. attended the neighborhood schools until he was well advanced in his studies. He then went to the academy at Paris, where he pursued his studies for two years. He was now prepared to enter the State University, and he accordingly matriculated at that institution, in which he continued until his graduation, receiving the degree of A. B. After his graduation he came home and taught a ten months' school at Middle Grove. He then, in the winter of 1861-62, went to Sacramento, Cal., and was engaged in farming and teaching there for some time. Returning home in 1865, he resumed farming, and also taught school, both of which he continued alternately with each other up to the time of his marriage. On the 21st of July, 1879, he was married to Miss Mary E. Hunter, a daughter of Burrill B. and Eliza-

beth (Lightner) Hunter, of this county. He then turned his attention exclusively to farming, which he has since followed without interruption. He has a place of 140 acres of land, and besides grain growing raises considerable stock. He and wife have two children: Harry H. and Fannie R. Both parents are members of the Christian Church. He has a handsome residence on his place, one of the best in the township. He was once elected justice of the peace, and filled that office with great credit to the local magisterial administration of justice, as well as to himself and the community.

### TENNESSEE M. BASSETT

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Middle Grove).

Tennessee Matthew Bassett was born on his father's farm on section 9, in township 54 and range 12, in Monroe county, on the 1st day of December, 1848. His parents were long old and respected residents of this county. Tennessee M. was reared on the farm and educated at the common schools, supplemented with a course at Younger's Academy, where he studied the higher English branches and Latin. Afterwards he went to Jefferson City and began the study of medicine, and while there also learned the drug business. Abandoning the idea of becoming a physician, he decided to give his attention wholly to the drug business, and accordingly, after ample experience at Jefferson City, returned to Monroe county and opened a drug store at Middle Grove, which he carried on with success for about four years. He then sold out to advantage, but resumed business in 1877, a year later, and continued it for some 12 months, and until he was burned out, a misfortune that was a serious reverse to him. He now engaged as a clerk in a store at Moberly, and clerked in that city for a short time, or until he took charge of a dry goods store at Holliday, where he was engaged in selling goods until 1879. Mr. Bassett then engaged in farming on section 9, township 53, range 11, in this county, and in handling fine short-horn stock, both of which he has since continued to follow. He has had good success as an agriculturist and is steadily coming to the front as a prominent farmer of the county. Mr. Bassett has a place of 245 acres, an excellent grain and stock farm, which he keeps in good condition and conducts in an enterprising and business-like manner. On the 29th of October, 1879, Mr. Bassett was married to Miss Mary B. Giddings, a daughter of W. B. Giddings, mentioned in the sketch of Thomas M. Giddings, and also of W. B. Giddings and Evan S. Anderson, on other pages of this work. Mrs. Bassett was educated at Renslaw Academy in Ralls county, where she took a general English course and also studied French. She is a lady of superior education and highly-refined sensibilities, delicate in thought and word and most estimable both in her family and as a neighbor and friend. They have one child, Rob Roy, aged three years, named for the great French teacher of Belles-lettres, M. De Rob Roy.



## CYRUS COLLINS EVANS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Madison).

Mr. Evans' paternal ancestry of the fifth generation came from Wales to America prior to the Revolution and settled on the boundary between North and South Carolina, in the valley of the great Pee Dee river. Later along in life, among the very first settlers of Kentucky, he pushed on out into that then wilderness and settled in Madison county, where he made his permanent home and where some of his descendants still reside. Mr. Evans' father, the great grandson of the pioneer settler mentioned above, was born in Madison county, Ky., and after he grew up was there married to Miss Mahala Guthery, of another family of early settlers of Kentucky. In 1830 they removed to Missouri and settled in Howard county, near Fayette. Two years later they crossed over into Randolph county, where the father still resides, at the advanced age of 81. The mother, however, died in 1868. He was for many years a prominent stock man of that county and drove mules both south and north to the principal markets. Cyrus C. Evans, the subject of this sketch, was born the fall before his parents came to Missouri, October 7, 1829, and was therefore principally reared in Randolph county. On the 7th of October, 1851, he was married to Miss Nancy A. Grimes, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Clark) Grimes, of Randolph county, but formerly of Virginia. Mr. Evans followed farming in that county until 1857, when he removed to Macon county, eight miles south of Newburg, where he was engaged in farming for 10 years. He then returned to Randolph county, but the year following came back to Monroe and settled on section 2, township 54, range 12, where he has since resided. He has a good farm and is quite extensively engaged in farming and stock raising, having met with good success in both lines of industry. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have seven children: Virginia E., the wife of Isaac C. Tater, now of Cook county, Texas; William H. H., who married Miss Isa Driscoll, and a resident of Monroe county; George Allen, who married Miss Addie Garnett and also resides in this county; Viola E., Manuel H., Anna L. and Fannie A. Two are deceased, Letha L. and Emma L. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Cyrus Collins Evans' grandparents, on his mother's side, were Nathaniel Guthery, born in Ambrose county, Va., and Nancy Guthery, who was born in the same State and county, near Lynchburg, on the James river. They moved to Kentucky in 1812, and settled in Madison county, 18 miles from Richmond, the county seat of Mason county, and lived there all their lives.

## WALKER TURNER FEATHERSTON

(Farmer, Post-office, Middle Grove).

Mr. Featherston is a native of Kentucky, born in Fayette county, July 26, 1825. His mother's maiden name was Sarah Wymore; his

father came originally from Virginia, but she was a native Kentuckian. She died when Walker T. was eight years of age and had been the mother of 11 children. The father afterwards married Rebecca Corman, who has borne him six children. In 1841, when Walker T. was a youth some 16 years of age, the family removed to Missouri and settled in Randolph county, two and a half miles from Middle Grove, in Monroe county. Walker T. grew to manhood in Randolph county, and obtained a good, general, common English education. He subsequently taught school more or less regularly for about 20 years, up to 1868. He married Miss Amanda M. F. Stephens, a daughter of William R. and Agnes (Nelson) Stephens, of that county, her father formerly of Fauquier county, Va., but her mother of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Featherston have seven children: Mary S., the wife of John M. Doyle, of Monroe county; Minerva F., the wife of William J. Llewellyn, of Audrain county; Walter A., who married Laura D. Settle, a daughter of Martin E. Settle, and resides in Monroe county; William S., who married Cora Llewellyn, the daughter of John T. Llewellyn, of Audrain county; Thomas S., who married Sarah R. Settle, daughter of Martin E. Settle, of Monroe county; Oscar M., still at home, and Fannie A. who is still at home. Four of their children are deceased, Charles A., John E., Otho L. and James E. Mr. and Mrs. F. are members of the Christian Church, and he is a deacon in the church—a man remarked among his co-members and by all who know him for his earnest, exemplary Christian piety. He was constable of Union township, Monroe county, Mo., and is now a successful farmer. He has a neat farm in a good state of improvement and an excellent measure of coal on his place. He is a prominent member of the A. F. and A. M., and has been a delegate to the Grand Worthy Serene Convocation of that order several times at St. Louis.

### THOMAS M. GIDDINGS

(Farmer, Post-office, Tulip).

Mr. Giddings was born in Paris, January 8, 1835. His father was William B. Giddings, originally of Barren county, Ky. He came to Missouri early in life and located, first, at Fayette, in Howard county. He was married to Miss Mary H. Buckner, originally of Virginia, of the well known family of that name, representatives of which have attained to eminence in life, both in Kentucky and Missouri, as well as in Virginia and some of the other States. From Fayette he removed to Paris and then to Huntsville, but finally settled on a farm near Middle Grove, in Monroe county. Thomas M. was reared at Paris and Huntsville and on the farm. He had good opportunities for an education, not only passing through the common and preparatory schools, but having also the benefit of one year's instruction at the State University, where he studied the high English branches and Latin. Returning home, he resumed farming to which he had been brought up, and in the spring of 1860 he was married to Miss Mary

J. Todd, a daughter of Albert G. Todd, of this county. She was born February 12, 1842. Her father was from Madison county, Ky. After he was married Mr. Giddings continued farming, which he has since followed without interruption. His homestead tract of land contains 120 acres, and he has his place neatly and comfortably improved. He has a valuable coal measure on his farm which, however, has never been exploited to any considerable extent. Mr. and Mrs. G. have one child, Lillie M., aged three years. Mrs. G. is a member of the Christian Church.

### WILLIAM B. GIDDINGS, JR.

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Tulip).

Mr. William B. Giddings, Jr., was born in Monroe county April 28, 1842, and was educated in the schools of Paris. He was 19 years of age when the war broke out, and, like his brother-in-law, Mr. E. S. Anderson, he promptly enlisted in the Confederate service. For over four years he followed the flag of the South, and only returned after it had gone down in defeat to rise no more after a struggle which made it an emblem of the highest heroism and patriotic devotion the world has ever seen. He first enlisted in the State Guard, becoming a member of Co. A, Second Missouri Cavalry, Brace's regiment, under Gen. Harris. After the expiration of that term of service, he enlisted in Co. G, Second regiment, First Missouri Brigade, Confederate service. Among the other battles in which he took part during the war are remembered those of Lexington, Mo.; Pea Ridge, Ark.; Corinth and Iuka, Miss., and nearly all the engagements in which Gens. Johnston and Hood were engaged, whilst he was in their respective commands. He was paroled at Jackson, Miss., in 1865, and at once returned home and engaged in farming and stock-raising, in which he had been brought up. In August, 1867, he was married to Miss Kate Anderson, a daughter of A. A. and Catherine (McDowell) Anderson. She was born in Boyle county, Ky., in 1847, and was educated at Lexington, in that State. They have three children: Joseph, James and Fannie. Mrs. Giddings is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Giddings' home tract of land contains nearly 300 acres, all of which is under fence and otherwise improved. He makes something of a specialty of raising short-horn cattle. Mr. Giddings has a two-foot vein of coal on his place, but has never begun to work it for the markets.

### JAMES OWNBY, SR.

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Ex-Sheriff, Post-office, Middle Grove).

For 57 years, since 1827, this old and respected citizen of Monroe county has been a continuous resident of the county. Indeed, he came here some years before the county was organized and has been a personal witness to its progress and an active worker in its development from its birth to the present time. He has seen the county



made and has assisted to make it one of the first in population and wealth and in intelligence and prosperity in the sisterhood of counties of the State. Mr. Ownby is a native of Kentucky, born in Shelby county, November 11, 1810. His father, James Ownby, originally of Virginia, was a gallant soldier in the Revolution, as was also five brothers to his father. Mr. Ownby's mother was a Miss Hawkins before her marriage. His parents were early settlers in Kentucky, and his father died there September 16, 1816, when James was only in his sixth year. Mr. Ownby's mother never remarried, but with the help of her worthy family of children bravely faced the duties and responsibilities of life in widowhood. Left an orphan by the death of his father at this early age, and the family being by no means in easy circumstances, young Ownby's lot was far from an easy or promising one. But his mother was devoted to her family and they to her, and together they carved out their destiny in a way that left few regrets and no heart-burnings. James Ownby, of course, had little or no school advantages, but had to work hard to help the family along. If he thus missed much of the knowledge taught in books, he more than made up for it by learning those lessons of fortitude in adversity, self-reliance and resolute industry, so important for success in life. The qualities that make successful men were stamped upon his character by nature, and although his early outlook seemed unpropitious, he triumphed over all obstacles before the *thé* meridian of life was reached and became one of the substantial citizens and influential men of his community. With the courage characteristic of the men of those early times, in 1827 he bravely pushed out into the then wilderness of North Missouri and settled in what is now Union township, of Monroe county. Here he went to work with courage and indefatigable industry to establish himself a home. In due time he succeeded in opening a farm and in 1835 was married to Miss Sarah J. Dulany, a daughter of George H. and Mary J. (Brassfield) Dulany, early settlers of this part of the country from Kentucky. Mrs. Ownby was born in that State June 4, 1817. She was a woman of many estimable qualities of head and heart and devoted herself to making home happy, to the interests of the church of which she was a devout member, and to assist her husband in providing for the family and getting along in the world. This proved a long and happy union and heaven prospered them with a worthy family of children, as the soil and seasons and their own industry prospered them with abundant harvests. Mr. Ownby rose to easy circumstances and at one time owned over 400 acres of fine land, large numbers of stock and considerable other property, whilst at home he was surrounded by everything to make sober farm life comfortable and contented. He also grew steadily in the confidence and esteem of his fellow countrymen and all who knew him. He was constable of his township for 16 years, and then afterwards, in 1866, was elected sheriff of the county and two years later was re-elected, filling that office to the full limit of the law. His son, William H. Ownby, was then elected sheriff and Mr. Ownby, *pere*, continued in the office as deputy. It is needless to

say that a man of the sterling character of the subject of this sketch is a consistent, life-long and unvarying Democrat. All Democrats are good men and Mr. Ownby is no exception to this immutable law of moral philosophy. After quitting the office of sheriff he retired to his family and has since been spending his years in comparative rest from the severe activities of life. A man of the most generous impulses and singularly devoted to his family, he has distributed his land among his children until he now has only a small homestead left to himself, which he carries on no longer as an industry of profit or money making, but simply to provide comfortably for his own home. Those who journey down the stream of time must inevitably reach the gulf of eternity sooner or later. Such is the destiny of all things earthly, and oftentimes the end is reached when the ties of nature are the dearest and tenderest. When two loving hearts have made the voyage of life for long years together, becoming as time floats away knitted nearer and nearer together, it seems hard that they should ever be severed. But He who rules above surpasseth in wisdom as he surpasseth in gentleness and love, all earthly wisdom and all tenderness of the human heart. He knows what is wisest and best and to His decrees we must bow even more dutifully than the child yields to his father. It was ordained in Heaven that the good wife in this happy union should go first, perhaps to smooth and light the pathway of her husband to their common home above, as she had made happy and bright his pathway on earth. Accordingly, on the 11th of September, 1882, the Angel of Death came and bore her pious and gentle spirit away to Heaven. Her remains now sleep peacefully in the churchyard at Middle Grove, where those of her husband will some day join hers, as his spirit will join hers in their home on high. Of their family of children eight are living, namely: Powell S., of Denison, Tex.; George D., James O., Jr., William H., Martha E., the wife of C. J. Chilton, of Randolph county; Mary E., the widow of S. O. Hunter; Sarah E., the wife of Thomas E. Bassett and John F. Each one of these is well known and highly respected in their communities.

William H. Ownby, the fifth son, was born on the homestead in this county June 19, 1844, and received a good common-school education. Having decided to devote himself to a business life, he also took a course at commercial college at St. Louis. Inheriting his father's inflexibility of character and a man of great energy and enterprise as well as of superior business qualifications, he soon rose to a position of prominence in the community, and for his personal worth, public spirit and strong intelligence he became recognized as the leader among those around him. After holding minor positions, in 1870 he was elected sheriff. In 1873 he was appointed one of the commissioners of Missouri to represent this State at the International Exposition in Vienna, Austria, and visited Europe in the execution of the duties of that commission. Since then he has retired to his farm near Middle Grove. In 1874 Mr. Ownby was married to Miss Mary T. Bodine, a refined and estimable daughter of Martin Bodine, a

highly respected citizen of Paris, in this county. They have two children, Talitha C. and Mary B. Mrs. Owuby is a member of the Christian Church and Mr. Owuby is a prominent member of the Masonic order.

### JAMES C. SNELL

(Farmer, Post-office, Middle Grove).

Mr. Snell's father came to Monroe county in a comparatively early day, and became quite a successful and well-to-do farmer, as well as a neighbor and citizen highly esteemed by all who were favored with his acquaintance. James Cumberland Snell, one of his sons, the subject of this sketch, was born on his father's homestead, two miles north of Middle Grove, on the 8th of September, 1846. His early youth was spent on a farm and he then went off to college. He took a regular course at Mt. Pleasant College, in Huntsville, and graduated there with distinction in the class of 1863, having taken Latin in his college course. After his graduation he returned home and engaged in merchandising at Middle Grove, which he followed for two years. He then turned his attention to farming, to which he had been brought up, and has followed farming since that time, except a year or two whilst he engaged in other pursuits. January 27, 1870, he was married to Miss Kate Thomas, a daughter of Dr. Thomas, of Waverly, Lafayette county. She was also educated at Huntsville. During the years 1873-74 he was farming and stock-raising in Lafayette county, and in 1879 and 1880 he was merchandising at Middle Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Snell have three children: Floyd, Clark and Nora. One besides, Susan, is deceased. Mr. Snell, as the above facts show, is a man of superior education, and is not less energetic as a farmer than he is proficient in the knowledge of books. He is meeting with good success in his agricultural affairs, and already occupies a position among the better farmers of the township.

### CAPT. WILLIAM EDWARD WILLIAMS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, and Contractor and Builder, Post-office, Madison).

Capt. Williams is a lineal descendant of William Williams, one of the four signers of the Declaration of Independence for Connecticut. William Williams was born at Lebanon, in that colony, in 1731, and was educated for the ministry, but becoming interested in the Revolutionary cause, he devoted himself to its interests. Removing to Maryland after the Declaration of Independence, he was elected a delegate from that State to the Continental Congress. He died in 1811. One of his sons became a prominent seafaring man, a commander of a ship, and died in the West Indies whilst out on a voyage. He made his home at New York, and there his son, Dyer E. Williams, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born, on Long Island, in 1796. After he grew up he married Miss Clancy Hempstel, formerly of Stonington, Conn., born in 1801. He served



with distinction in the American army during the War of 1812 as drum major. He died in 1880, at the age of 84, but his wife is still living. Wm. E. Williams was born in Connecticut, at the home of his maternal grandparents, November 18, 1832. He had good opportunities for an education, and took a course in the higher branches at the East Greenwich Academy, of Rhode Island. Besides becoming proficient in the studies of the general course taught there, he became an exceptionally expert and accomplished penman. He did not graduate, however, at East Greenwich. Becoming impatient to enter upon the activities of life, he returned to New York and obtained a situation as letter-carrier when 18 years of age. He remained there for about a year, when he went to Troy and accepted a position under Capt. Nelson, in the U. S. Arsenal, where he was employed for about ten months. From this time, for a period of about five years, he traveled extensively over this country and also made a trip to England. He went from Troy, N. Y., direct to Liverpool, and then returned to the city of New York. From there he went to Dover, N. H., but soon returned to New York. In 1853 he went to Chicago, and thence came to St. Louis. Returning to New York, he soon went to San Francisco, Cal., making the trip by the Isthmus route, and afterwards returned by the Isthmus, stopping, however, on the way, for nearly five months at Aspinwall. Soon after his return again to New York he came West a second time, to Chicago, and thence to Grand Haven, Mich. From Grand Haven he went to Red Wing, Minn., near which he engaged in farming and dealing quite extensively in stock. He remained there for 10 years, and whilst there was commissioned by Gov. Ramsey to command a company in an expedition against the Indians. Returning to New York in 1866, he was largely engaged in contracting and building for the next 12 years, and among other important structures he erected was Sibley College, at Cogman's, on the Hudson river. From New York he came to Missouri in 1878, and settled in Monroe county, where he has since resided, making the entire trip in a buggy with his family, and bringing such household utensils as were of daily use along with him in a covered wagon, and also bringing out some stock at the same time. This was not the first time Capt. Williams had traveled most of the same road, for in 1854 he returned from St. Louis to New York on horseback. At the different points mentioned above he remained for a time, a year more or less, but more than a year at only a few of them, and at each was engaged in one of the several pursuits in which he was equally at home—farming and handling stock, teaching penmanship, or contracting and building. Capt. Williams is a man of great industry and activity of mind as well as of energy and enterprise, and has always been a careful and judicious reader, being one of the best informed men on general subjects that one could meet in a day's journey, even in a community noted for the intelligence of its people. Capt. Williams has a good farm here and some fine stock, and is making something of a specialty of raising fine stock. He also has valuable farming property in Pierce county,

Wis., and Goodhue county, Minn. He has been twice married. On the 1st of January, 1856, he was married in New York to Miss Elizabeth Niver, a daughter of David Niver, of Bethlehem, N. Y., a suburb of Albany. She was a sister to Hon. D. P. Niver, an eminent lawyer of Cahoes Falls, and of Dr. Fennimore Niver, a leading physician of Cambridge, N. Y. She died in Minnesota in 1866. There are three children living of this union: Oscar, now of Troy, N. Y.; David E., now a telegraph operator near Red Wing, Minn.; and Peter, now of Kansas. Cornelius, a fourth child, died in infancy. In 1866 Capt. Williams was married at Madison to Miss Ann Howell, a daughter of Francis F. Howell, formerly of Ohio. They have one child, Daisy, now two years of age. Capt. Williams is a member of the M. C. order, and his wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church. They are highly esteemed as neighbors and acquaintances in the community where they reside.

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## INDIAN CREEK TOWNSHIP.

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### JEROME J. BICK

(Dealer in General Merchandise, Farm Machinery, etc., Clapper, Monroe county, Mo.).

One of the most interesting and instructive branches of the study of political economy, perhaps the most interesting and instructive one, is that which deals with the comparative thriftiness of intelligent and honest communities and nationalities; and, indeed, it is a branch which has not received that attention from thinkers and writers which its importance deserves. Here we see German-Americans all around us and those of German-American parents outstripping us, whose families have long been settled in this country, in the material affairs of life, almost without exception. This is absolutely true, considered as classes, respectively, those of old German stock on the one hand, and those of old American families on the other. Wherever we see one of the former class, we fail not, in one instance out of 99, to see a thrifty, prosperous citizen, one steadily and certainly rising to prominence in the material affairs of life. But this is by no means true of Americans; the American of thrift is rather the exception than the rule. These facts are plainly manifest to any one of ordinary observation. But why this is so is not so easy to determine. We would be slow to admit that we are not as intelligent, active and industrious as our fellow-citizens of German antecedents. What is the cause of it, then? This is an interesting question for political scientists to consider and determine. We, who write only history, or rather biographies, have only the facts to state, without entering into philosophico-scientific process of ratiocination to determine the sequence resulting from such facts. Here we have a striking illustration of the subject

under consideration in the career of a prominent citizen of the north-eastern part of the county. Mr. Bick started out in life for himself with a very modest modicum of means. His whole business career has been made at Clapper, a small country point, far from the best trading center to be found. Yet, notwithstanding, he has built up the largest business in the county in his lines of trade — is the leading business man, in fact, of the county, in these lines. To this prominence of success he has risen, too, in a remarkably short time. Why has he surpassed all others in the county? He is a German-American, or rather of German parents, and exhibits in his close attention to business, his economical and frugal management, his sterling honesty and fair dealing, and his sober judgment and solidity of character, these marked traits of a German character. Doubtless it is not all due to his hereditary nationality that he has succeeded so well; but certain it is that most of his class *do succeed*, and in this fact may be found at least some explanation of his success. John Bick, his father, was born and reared in Germany, and came to America when a young man 24 years of age, in 1846. He located in Ohio, and resided in Seneca county for nearly 20 years. He was there married to Miss Catherine Portz, also originally of Germany, and nine children followed their union, namely: Margaret E., Jerome J., Nicholas M., John, Francis, Louis, David C., Mary A. and Anna M. He followed farming and merchandising in Ohio with characteristic German success, and in 1865 removed to Missouri, settling in Monroe county. Jerome J., his eldest son, and the subject of this sketch, was born in Fostoria, Seneca county, Ohio, November 9, 1852, and was therefore 13 years of age when the family came to Missouri. He was reared to farm life, and also learned the practical details of merchandising, receiving as he grew up a substantial business education. On starting out for himself he inherited \$1,000, as well as the rest of his brothers and sisters, and by his good judgment, intelligence and character, made wise use of the means he received. But of more value than this was the manner in which he had been brought up, and the lessons of old-fashioned honesty and economy which he had been taught. Young Bick has proved himself fully worthy of his father's help and his father's hopes and expectations. He has come up in life with steady strides and, as has been said, is now one of the leading and most prosperous business men of the county. He carries an extraordinarily large stock of general merchandise for a store outside of a city, and, indeed, for a retail house anywhere, as well as a full and complete supply of farm machinery, in which can be found everything to supply the wants of a farming community. His trade extends for miles and miles around, and he is doing what may be fairly termed an immense business. No more popular business man is engaged in trade in the county, and his name is a synonym for reliability wherever it is known. Mr. Bick is a man of family. He was married June 21, 1871, his wife having been before her marriage a Miss Mary Shields. She was born July 4, 1854. They have five children: Frederick J., Richard J., Joseph E., William



T. and Robert P. Besides his business, Mr. Bick has a fine farm of 350 acres, devoted to grain and stock, the management of which he superintends. His place is conducted on energetic business principles, and is one of the choice farms of the township.

### JOHN DIXON

(Farmer, Post-office, Elizabethtown).

Mr. Dixon's farm contains 300 acres, in sections 3 and 4 of Indian Creek township, and is a place substantially and comfortably improved, one of the valuable farms and desirable homesteads of the township. He is a man who, in any country where agricultural advantages are at all favorable, would take an enviable place among the well-to-do farmers and respected citizens of his community. Thoroughly industrious and a man of intelligence and unquestioned old-fashioned honesty, he attends faithfully to his duties as a farmer and stock-raiser and leads a life that is without reproach as a neighbor and citizen; so that, while he necessarily succeeds by steady, regular strides in the accumulation of property, he at the same time wins and retains the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and acquaintances. It is such men as these, of which he is a representative, that we desire to sketch in this volume, briefly of course, but in a way, at least, that will do them no injustice, and at the same time add to the value of our work. Mr. Dixon was born in Nelson county, Ky., December 12, 1818. Fortunate in the possession of kind and worthy parents who took an interest in his moral training as well as in learning him habits of industry and frugality, he grew up on the farm, developing, by the outdoor exercise of farm life, a good physical constitution, and forming a character for integrity and a disposition for industry that were bound to make him a valued citizen and successful farmer. Reared on a farm in Nelson county, he was married June 29, 1841, to Miss Matilda Abell, and the following year they removed to Missouri, settling in Monroe county, where they have since resided. Here he resumed farming and by hard work and honest methods has succeeded in situating himself comfortably in life. Seven children have been sent to him and his good wife, as the best blessing which Heaven can bestow upon the conjugal relation, namely: Helen C., Joseph A., Matilda M., Robert P., Mary Bell, John D. and Anna L. John D. was accidentally drowned while attempting to cross the Neosho river, in Kansas. He left a family, consisting of his wife and a child. Two others died of that dread and fatal disease, consumption: Robert P., who died October 22, 1875, and Anna L., the wife of James E. McLeod, August 9, 1878. Mrs. McLeod left four orphan children. When death enters the household it is hard to bear at best, but when it selects for its victim a devoted young mother with a family of small children around her, and robs them of the angel of their life, of her who loves them above all others on earth, and for whom it is her greatest desire to live — when death comes to a home to take away a mother, the light and life and hope of the household, it is sad, indeed.

But that fell malady, consumption, selected this gentle and loving mother to be borne away to the grave at its behest, and after slowly but surely destroying her health and drying up the source of her life, death came at last to bear her away. The gentlest hearted of American poets might well have had this good woman in view when he wrote his tender poem of a beloved one taken from those who loved her, by consumption:—

“Ay, thou art for the grave; thy glances shine  
 Too brightly to shiue long; another Spring  
 Shall deck her for men’s eyes, — but not for time —  
 Sealed in a sleep which knows no waking.  
 The fields for thee have no medicinal leaf,  
 And the vexed ore no mineral of power;  
 And they who love thee wait in anxious grief  
 Till the slow plague shall bring the fatal hour.  
 Glide softly to thy rest then; Death shall come  
 Gently, to one of gentle mold like thee,  
 As light winds wandering through groves of bloom  
 Detach the delicate blossom from the tree.  
 Close thy sweet eyes, calmly, and without pain;  
 And we will trust in God to see thee yet again.”

### JAMES V. DOOLEY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Stoutsville).

Any one at all acquainted with the people of Monroe county and with its history is aware that the Dooley family was one of the pioneer families of the county, coming here in a day when but few, if any, of the conveniences and comforts of civilized life were to be enjoyed. They had to face life in a wilderness with all the hardships and dangers that that implies. The treacherous Indian had not yet been driven out and the flocks and herds of the early settlers were in greater danger from the wolves and other predatory “varmints” of the country, than were the loved ones around the hearthstone from the merciless savage. Then hardly a sign of roads had appeared and of course there were no bridges, and as for school-houses and church buildings they were out of the question, while mills, the old fashioned horse-power machines, were days’ journey apart. All these things are changed now, and here to-day we have one of the first counties in the State, a county that compares favorably with any, disconnected with a large city, in the whole West. To make this mighty and gratifying change, the Dooleys did their full part, and no history of the county would be a justly correct one which failed to give them the credit they deserve. Mr. Dooley’s father, Stephen Dooley, came from Kentucky, where he had been reared, and settled here in an early day. He was married in Monroe county of Missouri, to Miss Fannie Johnson. He is still living, and he and his good wife have been blessed with nine children: James V., Elkana, Martha, William, Christopher, Lucy, Lettie, Luther. James V. was born in Monroe county, January 12, 1837. He was reared, however, in Monroe county and lives on the home his father gave him. He has always engaged in stock-

growing as his favorite calling, and to this he has devoted himself with unwavering fidelity and industry. He has a good farm of over 300 acres. In 1876, Mr. Dooley was married to Miss Sallie A. Searcy, formerly of Boone county, Mo. They have no children.

### REV. FATHER P. MORRISSEY

(Catholic Priest, Indian Creek).

Father Morrissey was ordained to the priesthood at Montreal, Canada, in 1875. Born August 10, 1852, his early years were spent at home with his parents, assisting in such work as he could do and in attending the local parochial schools. At an early age, however, the purpose was formed for him to devote himself to the priesthood, as soon as he could be prepared for that sacred office. Accordingly, he was educated with that object in view. His ecclesiastical education was completed in Milwaukee, Wis., and in due time, thereafter, he was ordained at Montreal, as stated above. Father Morrissey came to this place in 18—, since which he has had continuous charge of the church here. His work has been of much value to the church, and highly gratifying to the Catholic community; while his bearing toward those with whom he has been thrown in contact, generally, and his presence as a representative of the church are commended by the public at large. By all who have witnessed his labors here he is considered a churchman of marked ability and superior scholarship, and his piety and earnest zeal for the cause of religion are manifest in everything that he does. A representative of the church, that stands out to all the world the intermediary between God and man, it is the most that can be said of any human being to say, that he is in every way worthy of his high and sacred office, a statement which the writer believes, from all he has been able to learn, can with truth be made.

### SAMUEL C. FIELDS

(Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Notions, Etc., Elizabethtown).

Capt. John D. Fields, Mr. Fields' father, an old steamboatman, who had run the Ohio river for a number of years, desiring to lead a more quiet life came out to Missouri in 1835, and settled in Monroe county, where he engaged in farming. He was a native of Pennsylvania, born near Pittsburg, and made his home in that State until his removal to Missouri. He was married in this State to Miss Mary C. Edwards of Monroe county, but formerly of Kentucky. After living in this county for over 20 years he crossed into Ralls county and settled there, where they still reside. They had a family of seven children, namely: Catherine, Samuel C., Elizabeth, John D., Martha J., Abigail A. and Ella. Samuel C. Fields, the eldest son and subject of this sketch, was born in Monroe county, January 23, 1848, and was reared in this county. He was engaged in farming for a number of years after he grew up, but always had an inclination for business



pursuits. Possessed of a studious mind and ambitious to obtain a respectable knowledge of books, he not only improved his mind to good advantage in school, but studied his book at home with great assiduity during his leisure hours. Later along, having an opportunity to engage in business, he became identified with mercantile life and has since had no cause to regret his identification with it. At Elizabethtown he has a good drug store with a well selected stock of drugs, medicine, etc., and has a large custom from the people tributary to this place. On the 9th of February, 1871, he was married to Miss Mary E. Hagan. They have five children: Mary A., Herbert E., Margaret M., John Elbert and Harriet E. Mrs. Fields is a member of the Catholic Church.

### CHRISTOPHER G. HAYDEN

(Farmer, Post-office, Indian Creek).

Among the many settlers who came into Monroe county from Kentucky, some 10 or 12 years before the war, was the family of which the subject of the present sketch is a worthy representative. His parents were James L. and Catherine (Gibbs) Hayden, his father a native of Kentucky, but his mother originally from Maryland. Both were reared in Washington county, of the former State, however, and they were married in that county. They lived there engaged in farming until 1850, when they came to Missouri and settled in the neighborhood in which Christopher G. Hayden now resides. The father died in this county a number of years ago, but the mother is dead. They made a good farm, on which they permanently resided, the father until his death. There were 11 children in the family, of whom but five are living: William H., Amelia, Christopher G., Louisa and John S. Christopher G. Hayden was about grown when the family came to Missouri, being 18 years of age, and three years afterwards, in Monroe county, February 6, 1853, he was married to Miss Susan M. Peirceall. Nine children have followed this union, six of whom are living: Mary L., Joseph C., Elizabeth C., Thomas B., Malinda J. and Annie L. Mr. Hayden has followed farming from boyhood, to which he was brought up, and by industry, a frugal manner of living and good management, has achieved success as a farmer. He has an excellent place of 220 acres, all well improved and one of the valuable farms of Indian Creek township. Personally, and as a citizen, he holds a worthy place among the best class of people in the north-eastern part of the county and his family is well respected.

### GEORGE B. LAWRENCE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Indian Creek).

On account of the conformation of the country, in the movement of emigration westward, especially from the South Atlantic States between the Chesapeake Bay and the Peninsula of Florida, to the

country west of the Ohio and of the Mississippi below Cairo, Kentucky became a sort of gateway or filter, as it were, through which all, or nearly all, must pass to reach this western region. Hence it is that in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, and in all this part of the country, we find that most of the people whose families were originally settled in the South Atlantic States, stopped for one or more generations in Kentucky. Here we see people, some from North or South Carolina and some from Virginia or Maryland, or even from Alabama or Tennessee, whose families lived for a greater or less period of years in the Blue Grass State in the course of their migration westward. So it was with the family of which the subject of the present sketch is a representative. His people were originally from the Carolinas, and his father, William Lawrence, was born in North Carolina, but the Lawrences became early settlers of Kentucky. There he was married to Miss Margrey Luckey, formerly from South Carolina, and in 1832 they came to Missouri and settled in Monroe county. Here the father followed farming with success until his death, which occurred in 1848. The mother died in 1851. They had five children: Louisa, Charity, Agnes, Rachel and George B. George B. Lawrence, the subject of this sketch, was born in Iredell county, N. C., April 1, 1824, and at the age of 25 was married in Monroe county, Mo., to Miss Sarah E. Engle, originally of Virginia, but reared in this county. Nine children have followed this union, five of whom are living: Mary O., Eliza J., James O., Sarah, Agnes C., Leroy and Loyd H., three of whom are married. Mr. Lawrence has followed farming and has done well in his chosen occupation. He has a good farm of 360 acres, on which he raises considerable grain, stock and other products for the markets. He is in easy circumstances, having a good property without being in debt to any one.

### JAMES E. McLEOD

(Of McLeod & Hardevick, General Merchants, Post-office, Clapper).

Whoever has read the biographical division of this work, as well as all who are acquainted with the people of this county, are not unfamiliar with the honorable record in life made by the father of the subject of this sketch, Hon. Patrick H. McLeod, one of the prominent citizens of the county. An outline of his life and of his family antecedents has been given in the sketch, at the head of which stands his name, on a former page of this volume. It is unnecessary therefore to repeat here what is said there. Suffice it to say that James E. McLeod is a worthy representative of the family whose name he bears. He was born in Montgomery county, Md., before his father left that county for the West, March 1, 1844, and was therefore six years of age when the family settled in Monroe county. Reared in this county, he obtained a sufficient education for business purposes, and would doubtless have taken a more advanced course had not the war unsettled everything in this part of the State. Although still a mere boy when the war broke out he joined his fortunes with

the South and became a soldier in the State guard under Jackson's call. Faithfully through the long struggle he did his duty as a defender of Southern rights and institutions. Since the war he has been actively engaged with the business duties and responsibilities of life. As a member of the firm with which he is at present connected, he gives his whole attention to the business, and by his excellent business qualifications and personal popularity contributes his full share to the marked success which has characterized the career of the firm. They carry a full line of general merchandise, and doing business on a cash basis, absolutely so, so far as purchases are concerned, they sell at the lowest prices possible, and thus secure a large trade. Dealing fairly with their customers, when once a patron begins to trade with them he almost invariably continues their permanent customer. Mr. McLeod has been twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Susan Dixon. After her death, in 1882, he was married to Miss Estelle Freeman, his present wife. She is a member of the church.

### CHARLES W. MONTGOMERY

(Farmer, Post-office, Clapper).

One of the industrious farmers and well respected citizens of Indian Creek township must be set down as the subject of the present sketch, Charles W. Montgomery. Mr. Montgomery, a son of William P. and Mary (Yates) Montgomery, was born in Washington county, Ky., September 1, 1823, and was reared in that county. His parents are both now deceased; his father died of cholera during the terrible cholera epidemic of 1833. His mother survived until 1874 and died of dropsy. They had six children, four of whom are living: William P., Mary R., Martha E. and Charles W. Montgomery, who, 11 years after his father's death, December 20, 1844, was married to Miss Helen M. Hagen, of Kentucky. This union lasted many years and to them were given 12 children. But at last the shadow of death fell upon their pathway and beneath its dark pall the spirit of the devoted and beloved wife took its flight to its home beyond the skies. Mr. Montgomery's present wife was a Miss Mary E. Grant, of the same name as the great General in the Union armies of the great war, and probably distantly related to him. She was born and reared in Marion county, Ky. Mr. Montgomery, who has resided in Monroe county for many years, and is one of the sterling good citizens of Indian Creek township, has a neat farm of about 100 acres, in an excellent state of cultivation and improvement. By his first wife he has 10 children living: Mary C., Martha A., Sarah F., James S., John H., Elizabeth J., Alice I., Charles W., George E. and Thomas G.

### ROBERT F. PARSONS

(Farmer, Post-office, Indian Creek).

A year before Mr. Parsons' birth his father, 'Squire Clement Parsons, and family, including his wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Blan-



ford, and their elder children, or those then *in esse*, went to Louisiana from Kentucky, remained there five years, then came to Missouri in May, 1841, and settled in Monroe county, where 'Squire Parsons made a good farm, and lived a useful and respected life until his death, which occurred in 1865. His wife died in 1875. They had 10 children, eight of whom are living: James C., Mary J., John H., William E., Elizabeth C., Thomas S., Joseph M. and Robert F. The father was for some years justice of the peace in this county, and acquitted himself in the discharge of the duties of that office with great credit. Robert F. Parsons was born in this county November 15, 1841. After he grew up he was married on the 17th day of January, 1865, to Miss Mary M. Winsatt. They have seven children: James W., Thomas E., Clary V., Mary A., Alfred W., Alfonsus and George H. Mr. Parsons' father having been a life-long farmer, the son not only inherited a taste for agricultural life, but by long experience on the farm became so well attached to it that he has made it his permanent calling. Mr. Parsons has a farm of 180 acres, comfortably improved.

#### CAPT. JOHN D. PIERCEALL

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Indian Creek).

During Gov. Phelps' administration in this State, Capt. Pierceall, who had been chiefly instrumental in organizing a company under the militia laws of the State, was commissioned by the chief executive of Missouri, Thomas C. Fletcher, commander of the company which he organized. Since then he has continued captain of this company, and under his command and discipline it obtained a wide and enviable reputation for its superior drill. Capt. Pierceall, one of the public spirited citizens of Indian Creek township, takes a commendable interest in everything calculated to advance the best interests of the community. He is one of the substantial farmers and stock-raisers of the county, and one of its energetic farmers. He has a good farm of nearly a quarter section of land, which, with his characteristic industry and good judgment, he has improved in an excellent manner. His place is one of the choice homesteads of the township. Capt. Pierceall is a worthy offshoot of the respected old Maryland family whose name he bears. His father, Joseph Pierceall, was born in Maryland, but when quite young was brought out to Marion county, Ky. In 1836 Joseph Pierceall was married in Kentucky to Miss Elizabeth Able, of Washington county, that State, but also originally from Maryland, and a relative of the well known Dan. Able, of St. Louis, who was likewise from the Chesapeake Bay State. There were 14 children by this union, seven of whom are living, Capt. John D. being the fifth in the family. He was born in Union county, Ky., January 14, 1827. In an early day his parents removed to Missouri and settled in Indian Creek township, Monroe county, where he grew to manhood. Capt. Pierceall received a good ordinary education in the country schools, and perhaps not less from natural inclination than from the fact that in an early day in this country there were but few

other pursuits open to young men, he became a farmer, having been reared on a farm, which occupation he has since followed. April 9, 1850, he was married to Miss Delphena Wimsatt, also originally from Kentucky. She died, however, after the birth of two children. Capt. Pierceall's present wife was a Miss Susan Yeager before her marriage. The two children by his first wife are Benedict J. and Laura A. There have been six children by his last wife, but only three are living: Ernest, James G. and Idella. The Captain and family are members of the Catholic Church.

### WILLIAM J. PIKE

(Farmer, Post-office, Clapper).

The mind and heart are the sources from which spring all our emotions, and they it is that test the measure of contentment and happiness which fall to our lot in this life, as well as determine the fate that is to overtake us when the body shall have crumbled to dust. And it will hardly be questioned by any one that our affections, our attachments to loved ones, have more to do with our happiness in this world than all other influences combined. What though a man prosper in material affairs and rise to fame in the general esteem, if his heart be torn and lacerated and his life be darkened by the shadows of sorrow from the loss of those nearest and dearest to him on earth? Who, with his accumulated millions and with all the honors that the world can bestow, when bending over the form of a dying wife or child, or some one dearer than life itself, would not give all he has — of wealth, fame and everything — to call back the fast waning life to health and happiness again? Then, is he not to be congratulated, is he not to be ranked among the most fortunate of men who, entering life at its Eastern threshold, has made much of its journey and passed over to where the sun goes down, without from the first being called upon to witness the death or to bear the loss of some loved one? Such has been the happy fortune of the subject of the present sketch. Already well along in life, he was married in 1853, and himself one in a family of 13, has been blessed with 10 children of his own, all of whom are living, as well as their loving and devoted mother, and 13 grandchildren besides. From the morning of his long and happy married life the shadow of death has never hovered over his household, nor over the families of any of his children.

“The knell, the shroud, the mattock and the grave,  
The deep damp vault, the darkness and the worm,”

have never thrown the pall of sorrow across his life — the weeping form of grief, white-robed and head bowed under the dark long veil of sorrow, has never entered his home. With the *Penate* of domestic affection ever supreme in his household, in leading a life of unbroken contentment with his surroundings, his lot is one to be envied by the best and wisest of men. True he has not become the

master of great wealth, nor has he made nor desired to make a high sounding name in the world, but pursuing the even tenor of his way, he is living out the measure of the sands of life assigned him with as little to regret and as much to be satisfied with here and to hope for hereafter as seldom falls to the fortune of men. It is not to be looked for in this sketch that the great service a family like the one of which we are now speaking performs to society, to government, to humanity, should be pointed out or dwelt upon. From the beginning there has been no higher, wiser, more divine law than the one expressed in the command — “Go forth, multiply and replenish the earth.” Living in obedience to this great law, to the country no less than to the interest of humanity and the divine economy of Heaven, the subject of the present sketch is performing the full measure of his obligation. To the State he is giving citizens to upbuild its prosperity and, if needs be, to defend it in times of danger, and in every aspect of man’s relation to life he is worthily subserving the interests of humanity. The sketch of such a citizen, therefore, appropriately finds a place in this volume. William J. Pike was born in Nelson county Ky., December 7, 1827, and was a son of Bernard and Mary L. (Shircliff) Pike, being the eldest in their family of 13 children. When he was quite young, his father, a farmer by occupation, removed to Meade county, that State, where William J. was reared. The father was for many years, and until his death, one of the most highly respected citizens of that county. He never held an office of a political nature. William J. Pike became a farmer, following the example of his father, continuing that pursuit in Meade county until his removal to Missouri in March, 1853. Meapwhile, on the 18th of October, 1853, he was married to Miss Elizabeth M. Yager. As has been said, 10 children have blessed this union, namely, as follows: Mary E., Cordelia E., William H., Martha J., John T., Teresa F., James M., Magdaline, Agnes and Josephine. Several of the elder of these are married and have families of their own, there being 13 of the grandchildren. Mr. Pike feels encouraged to hope that if he lives to a ripe old age he will have the pleasure before the sun of his earthly career goes down of presiding over a family union of 20 sons, sons-in-law, daughters and daughters-in-law, and no less than 100 grandchildren, making in all, including himself and good wife, 122. A family union even larger than this was not an uncommon thing in the good old days of the patriarchs and with the blessing of Heaven it is still not impossible. Mr. Pike has a good homestead of his own, made by the sweat of his own honest brow and now he is living in comparative ease, a life of singular contentment and happiness under the shade of his own vine and fig tree. He and wife and his elder children are worthy believers in and followers after him whose word that can not be broken has been given that those who believe in me shall not perish, but shall live eternal in the home not made with hands, wherein there is no sorrow nor sadness nor parting of loved ones.



**BENEDICT J. YAGER**

(Farmer, Post-office, Clapper).

Probably the principal reason that the Western people have become distinguished for their enterprise and push, or what is commonly called go-ahead-iveness, is that they are descendants of the brave-hearted men who, taking their lives in their hands, had the courage to push out into the wilderness of this Western country, among savages and all the dangers of pioneer life. None but men of courage and character could do this, for let us take it to ourselves and reflect whether we would be willing now to go into the wilds of Australia or South America, away from all civilization and with rifle and ax drive out the Aborigines at the risk of our own lives and clear away forests to make homes and found States. Mr. Yager's ancestors were of this brave-hearted class of men. His grandfather was one of the pioneers of the wilds of Kentucky, and his father, Francis E. Yager, was a pioneer in Illinois and an early settler in Missouri. His father was born and reared in Kentucky and lived there until after his marriage, Miss Elizabeth Simms becoming his wife. Two years after Benedict J.'s birth, he having been born in Meade county, January 11, 1832, the family struck out across the wilderness for Illinois and settled in Hancock county. There they lived until 1842, when they came to Missouri, locating in Monroe county, where the father subsequently died. He opened a good farm here, on which the subject of this sketch and his mother still reside. There were 14 children in the family, 10 of whom are living. Benedict J. was reared on the farm and also learned the milling business, for his father, besides being a farmer, was an energetic miller. Benedict J. Yager has never married. He has resided on the homestead from boyhood and still conducts the place. Mr. Yager is one of the well respected citizens of Indian Creek township.

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**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.**

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**HENRY BOHRER**

(Farmer, Post-office Clapper).

Mr. Bohrer's father, David Bohrer, was one of the most energetic and successful man among the early settlers in this county. He was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Cumberland county, a half mile from Chambersburg, and was of German parentage. He was left an orphan when a mere boy, and rose in life by his own personal worth. He came to this county in a very early day and entered the tract of land on which he improved a farm. By industry and good management he added to

his landed estate until up to the time of his death, he owned about 1,500 acres of fine lands in this and Shelby counties. He also had a large amount of stock, and for years made a business of loaning money, having out at times as high as \$20,000. He was a member of the Christian Church, and was quite a liberal supporter of the church. His homestead farm contained about 800 acres and was one of the best farms of the county. He settled on this place in 1850. His wife was a Miss Elizabeth Vanskike before her marriage, and they reared a family of seven children, namely: John, now of Hannibal; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Emily, now Mrs. George Hardesty; David, of Nebraska, near Kearney; Sarah, now Mrs. Washington Moore; Susan J. (Jennie), now Mrs. Peter Smith; George W., at Kemper School, Boonville. Henry Bohrer was born at the old family residence, within a quarter of a mile from where his house now stands, September 15, 1848. He was reared on a farm. On the 27th of August, 1872, he was married to Miss Sarah Blasley, of Pike county, a sister to his brother John's wife. Mr. Bohrer has made farming his regular occupation and is one of the stirring young farmers of the township. For eight years he lived on the prairie farm, but in 1881 came to his present place, a part of the old homestead. He has 160 acres of good land, which is an excellent farm. Mr. and Mrs. Bohrer have had six children: Anna, who died in infancy; Robert E., who died at the age of three years, and was the youngest in the family of children; Elnora, Lena, Iva H. and Cassius M. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the Christian Church.

### SAMUEL H. COX

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Hunnewell).

Among the better class of our early settlers who came to Missouri early in the "thirties" was the family of which the subject of the present sketch is a worthy representative. Mr. Cox's parents, James and Elizabeth (Gills) Cox, were from Bedford county, Va., and came to Monroe county in 1833. Their family then consisted of nine children and they also brought nine slaves with them. Mr. Cox's father bought the B. Moss farm, where the subject of this sketch now lives, on which the family settled, and afterwards the father entered about 400 acres more of land. He was a man of good education, solid intelligence and stirring business qualities, and was quite an extensive tobacco-raiser and also raised considerable number of stock. He died here on the 25th of June, 1860, at the age of 73. His wife died in 18—, having been born January 27, 1793. Most of their children lived to reach maturity and several of them are now themselves the heads of worthy families of children. Samuel Cox was born in Bedford county, Va., and when young his parents came to Missouri. Reared on the farm and educated in this county, he was married here on the 9th of November, 1853, to Miss Mary F. Lasley, of Kanawha county, W. Va. She had spent the summer here visiting relatives, where Mr. Cox met her, and their two hearts coming to beat in unison

the old, old words of love were whispered each to the other ending, as such meetings usually end, in matrimony. This has proved a long and happy union and is blessed with five children, namely: James W., engaged in merchandising at Hunnewell; Willie E., now the wife of William Blackburn of Hunnewell; Charles T., also at Hunnewell; Matthew M. and Alivilda, the last two at home. Mr. Cox received his father's homestead by the will of his father, where he has resided continuously from boyhood. He took charge of the farm at the death of his father and has since conducted it with energy and success. The place contains 400 acres and he has 120 acres besides in another tract. Before the war he owned six negroes and followed stock-raising to quite an extent. In 1875, he and his son, James W., formed a partnership in merchandising, and James W. is still conducting the business at Hunnewell. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are members of the M. E. Church. He has been a member since he was 19 years of age, and has been a steward in that Church for the last 25 years.

### JACOB S. CROW

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

That industry, energy and good management employed in agricultural life will place one in due time in comfortable circumstances, is proven by the many examples of substantial farmers we see in every community, and who are almost invariably men that commenced in life for themselves with no means to succeed but their own ability and disposition to work and manage their affairs with intelligence. In the instance of Mr. Crow we have another illustration of this fact. He began when a young man with little or nothing, and besides rearing a worthy family in comfort, has provided himself with an ample competence. He has an excellent farm of 400 acres, all well improved and well stocked, besides several hundred acres of land elsewhere, and considerable other property. In a word, he is one of the substantial men of the township. Mr. Crow was born in Mercer county, Ky., November 3, 1816, and was a son of John and Mary (Little) Crow, both also natives of Kentucky, and of pioneer families in that State. From Kentucky the family removed to Pike county, Mo., back in 1824. There they made their permanent home and the father, a successful farmer, died there in 1874, at the advanced age of 82. The mother is still living, at the age of 92. Jacob S. was the second in their family of 10 children, and followed the example of his father, becoming a farmer by occupation. In 1845 he was married to Miss Agnes Fifer, originally of Augusta county, Va., and in 1848 he removed to Scotland county, where he resided for 13 years, engaged in farming and stock-raising. From there he came to Monroe county in 1865, where he has since made his home. Mr. and Mrs. Crow have had six children, four of whom are living: James J., America A., Mollie E. and William D. Mr. C., though not a church member, leans toward the Presbyterian faith; his wife, however, is a Baptist.



## ALFRED R. GIBBONS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbina).

Mr. Gibbons, one of the substantial farmers and respected citizens of Washington township, though born in Virginia was reared in Georgia. He came to Missouri in 1867, and settled on the land in Monroe county where he now resides; this was a part of a tract of 480 acres, bought by his father a number of years before. The tract given to Alfred R., containing 320 acres, was raw land, but he improved it and has made a comfortable farm. He has since added to it until now he has 480 acres, and it is one of the choice homesteads of the township. He raises considerable cattle and feeds large numbers every year for the markets. October 22, 1868, he was married in this county to Miss Cassie A. Thomas, a daughter of Edmond Thomas, an early settler of Marion county. She was taken from him by death, however, May 3, 1881, leaving him six children: Samuel B., Elizabeth F., Presley, Edmond A., John William and Katie. One, besides, is deceased, Christina. March 29, 1883, Mr. Gibbons was married to Miss J. Boone, of Marion county. She was the daughter of Daniel Boone of that county, related by descent to the great pioneer and Indian fighter of the same name. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons are members of the M. E. Church South, at Greenwood. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Gibbons' parents were Samuel and Christina (Miller) Gibbons, and he was born in Page county, Va., August 6, 1846. When he was 13 years of age, in 1859, they removed to Georgia. In July, 1866, young Gibbons entered the Military Academy at Lexington, Va., where he continued until the spring of 1864. He then enlisted in the First Georgia Cavalry under Col. Strickland, known as "Old Shanks," and thereafter he was in engagements of more or less importance, either battles, fights or skirmishes until he was captured the 21st of July with about 56 others, by Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota troops. While being taken to Camp Chase as a prisoner he jumped from the train in Indiana, but was re-captured about 10 days afterwards. After his capture, it being known that he was an escaped Confederate prisoner, for whom the people of that section of the country then had no love, he was tried at LaPort, on the trumped-up charge of stealing clothing, and of course was convicted, that being the only object of the trial. He was sentenced for two years in the penitentiary at Michigan City. He was a prisoner at Michigan City for 11 months, or until the fall after the war, when he was "pardoned" out by Gov. Morton. He could have been released before, but he persistently refused to take the so-called oath of loyalty. After his release from prison he returned to his home in Georgia and then went to West Virginia, where he remained until the spring of 1867, coming thence to Missouri. Mr. Gibbons' parents are both deceased, his father having died in Georgia in 1870 and his mother four years afterwards in that State.

## CLEMENT A. HAMILTON

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbina).

Maryland, settled originally by Catholic English and other colonies of the Catholic faith, for generations afterwards the adherents of the Church of Rome preponderated in that colony. Mr. Hamilton's parents, or rather his grandparents were Marylanders, and descended from early colonies in that State. Like most of them around them they were also Catholics, and Mr. H.'s father, Walter Hamilton, born in Prince George county in 1782, was reared to the Catholic faith. When he was 16 years of age the family removed to Washington county, Ky., away back in 1798, where he grew up and was married to Miss Anna D. Smith, also of Maryland, and a member of the Catholic Church, born in 1783. Mr H's. grandfather was a man of some consideration in Maryland, and served in the office of sheriff and other positions of local prominence. Mr. Hamilton, the subject of this sketch, was one in a family of three children, and was born in Washington (now Marion) county, Ky., August 28, 1825. Reared in that county, his father being a farmer and stock-raiser, he was married there October 20, 1846, when Miss Mary J. Brown became his wife, a daughter of the well-known Peter Brown of Washington county, now deceased. In 1852, Mr. Hamilton removed to Missouri and settled in Monroe county. He has been successful as a farmer and stock-raiser, and has a place of 340 acres. Mr. and Mrs. H. have had 11 children, eight of whom are living, namely: Susan D., Peter W., James A., Margaret I., Mary A., Theodore E. and Clement A., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton in religious belief are of the Catholic faith.

## WILLIAM H. HAWKINS

(Deceased).

For many years one of the highly respected citizens of Monroe county and one of its thorough-going, enterprising farmers, Mr. Hawkins' life was such in his family, as a neighbor and in every relation in which he was placed, as to leave behind him a memory that reflects only credit upon his name and upon the community with which he was identified. He led an active, useful life, and died a death that was in keeping with the manner in which he lived, profoundly and sincerely mourned by those who knew him best, regretted by all and with the assurance, as safely as we can estimate the future life, that his would be one that might be looked forward to with hope and faith. He was born in Kentucky, August 17, 1810, and was a son of Philemon and Alice (Lewis) Hawkins, both of old Virginia families. After his father died, the family came to Missouri, settling near Hannibal, William H. then being about 16 years of age. Remaining with his mother's family until after he attained his majority, he was then married to Miss Rachel Bates, a daughter of Isaac and Jane

(Davis) Bates, of Monroe county, and early settlers in this State from Kentucky, though they were originally from Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins were married October 13, 1836, he having met her some time before while looking at land in Monroe county. The spring after his marriage Mr. Hawkins settled near his father-in-law, on Clear creek, where Caldwell now lives. There he entered a small tract of land and afterwards increased it until he made a large farm. He sold this place in 1856 intending to go to Texas, but finally gave up the idea and settled where the family now resides. This is a fine farm of 400 acres. He died here February 8, 1872. He was a quiet, industrious home man, and followed farming exclusively from boyhood. Thoroughly devoted to his family, most of his time when not employed on the farm was spent around his own fireside, though he was fond of the society of friends and quite popular with all his neighbors and acquaintances. He left a family of seven children, namely: Margaret J., now Mrs. M. F. Bryon, of Shelbina; John F., an enterprising farmer of this county; Fannie E., now Mrs. N. W. Maupin; James H., on the farm and in partnership with his brother, Thomas E., in farming and stock-raising; Mary A., a young lady who is still at home; Thomas E., of Shelbina; and William A., a well-to-do farmer of the county. James H. Hawkins was born February 27, 1849, and was reared on the farm. As stated above, he and his brother, Thomas E., are in partnership in the stock business. They buy and feed mules and handle annually from 100 to 500 head. They are quite successfully engaged in stock breeding on the farm, James H. having charge of the farm. He has the farm in fine condition and is regarded as one of the best farmers and most enterprising stockmen of the northern part of the county. Mr. Hawkins is unmarried, though he is quite fond of society and is quite popular among the young people of both sexes. He is one of the worthy, highly esteemed citizens of Washington township.

#### DAVID R. HUME

(Farmer, Section 6, Post-office, Paris).

Among the self-made men of Monroe county stands out conspicuously the gentleman whose memoir now engages our attention. Beginning life without means or influence, Mr. Hume has worked his way steadily upward, and now enjoys the proud consciousness that no one in the county occupies a more honorable position among men, from every point of view, than he. His father, James Hume, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Cumberland county, December 27, 1809. Thence he removed to Ohio, where in Shelby county he married Miss Mary Driclem, born and raised in that county. He had eight children, of whom but two are now living: James H. and David R. The latter, born October 17, 1839, was reared in Shelby county, O. He followed the occupation of a farmer there up to February 23, 1883, when he removed to Monroe county, Mo. He married in his native county Miss Annie Shaw, who was born August 23, 1843, in



the same county. While still in Ohio eight children were born to them, seven of whom are living: Hubert S., Edmund E., Arthur C., Stella M., William, Olivia G., Earl C. and Mary L. Himself and family are strict members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Humes' farm, consisting of 270 acres, is very nicely improved and well fenced. He is rapidly surrounding himself with all the comforts of a thrifty and prosperous farmer, and it is safe to say that he will continue to enhance the value of his property by other improvements in the future, making it one of the model farms of the township.

### JOSEPH H. JETT

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Clapper).

Mr. Jett was born and reared in this county, two and a half miles south of Clinton, August 11, 1841. He started out for himself without any means to speak of, having only his ability to work and enterprise and intelligence to rely upon for a successful career in life. In 1860 he rented the place he is now on, and in two years was able to buy it partly on time. Industry and perseverance soon enabled him to complete the payments on his home, and from that time to this his career has been one of continued and substantial success. He has been engaged in farming and stock-raising all the time, and now feeds annually about 200 head of hogs, 30 to 40 head of cattle, and has a large number of sheep, besides a good stock of horses and mules and other farm animals. His place contains 271 acres, which is one of the best stock farms in the vicinity. Mr. Jett has long been regarded as one of the substantial citizens of Washington township, and is a man whose upright life and many kind, neighborly qualities have made him much valued as a friend and acquaintance by all. The Jett family was one of the pioneer families of this part of North Missouri, having come here as early as 1825. Mr. Jett's father, William Jett, was a hatter by trade and first located at Palmyra. He then settled on Salt river, in Monroe county, where Joseph H. was born. He settled there in 1830, at a time when there were but few settlers in this part of the county—the Martins, Pritchetts, and a few other families having come in a short time before. Mr. Jett's father died here, and the mother, whose maiden name was Martha Dicker, is still living. They had a family of nine children, namely: Elizabeth ("Bettie"), who became the wife of Judge Moore, and, after his death, the wife of James Hubbard, and is now a resident of Texas; William D., now of Kokomo, Col.; Emily, who was the wife of Pet. Dooley, is now his widow, Mr. D. having been a brother to Judge Dooley, and now lives, as does her eldest sister, Bettie, with the latter's son in Texas; Mary ("Polly"), now the wife of James Young, of Lewis county; Stephen, now of Doniphan, Kan.; Sarah, now Mrs. Benjamin Washburn; James, who died in the hospital whilst a Union soldier, at Fort Scott, Kan., during the war; and Samuel, now of Kokomo, Col.; and Joseph H., the subject of this sketch, who is the seventh in the family. After Joseph H. Jett grew up, he was married November

19, 1863, to Miss Amanda Vanskike, of this county. April 10, 1880, she died, however, leaving him five children: Samuel D., now in Illinois; Loula Lee, William Jett, at home; Anna May, now at school, and James Eddy. Mr. Jett was married to his present wife March 26, 1882. She was a Miss Ella V. Bradley, a daughter of Nomus Bradley, of near Florida. Mr. and Mrs. J. are members of the church, he of the Christian and she of the Baptist. Mr. Jett's mother is still living at the age of 78, and resides with her granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Forbes, near Holliday, and is said to be the stoutest woman, in the original and true sense of that word, in Monroe county, considering her age. She is also a member of the Presbyterian Church.

### JAMES T. MARTIN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Martin is one of the oldest living residents of the northern part of this county. His parents, Robert B. and Susan (Pearson) Martin, came from Kentucky to Missouri in 1824, when James T. was a lad about 12 years of age. They first located near Palmyra, and then for a short time at Sharpsburg, in Marion county, but in 1829 settled in Monroe county, near the confluence of Deer creek and Salt river, in the neighborhood where James T. Martin now lives, 55 years after their settlement here. The father was married four times, and left a large family of children. James T. Martin, born in Clark county, Ky., February 29, 1812, was 17 years of age when the family settled in Monroe county, and the same year returned to Kentucky to go to school. He remained there for four years, but at school only a part of the time. At Winchester, Ky., he learned the saddler's trade, and when 21 years of age returned to Monroe county. After this he worked at the saddler's trade at New Franklin, Mo., and then again for about two years in Kentucky. In 18— he set up a shop at Clinton, and did business there for about 10 years. In 1848 Mr. Martin engaged in farming and has been farming ever since. He has led a life of industry and without reproach, respected and esteemed by all who know him. Years ago he was a candidate for county judge, but on account of the relative strength of parties was defeated. He is a man of good education, and particularly fond of reading and study. He has an excellent collection of books, and is well informed in history and on most subjects of inquiry at the present time. Mr. Martin has been residing at his present place since 1848, and in his present dwelling for 23 years. He has a good farm comfortably improved, and is pleasantly situated in life. December 18, 1853, he was married to Miss Mary J. Fowler, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Carlyle) Fowler, early settlers in Missouri from Delaware. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have had seven children, but two of whom are living: William Robert, born August 18, 1863, and educated at the Normal school of Kirksville; and Mary E. (Miss Mollie), born January 16, 1867. Mr. Martin has served as justice of peace, but has never taken

any active part in politics. During the war he was foraged on by both parties.

### JAMES W. NESBIT

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Hunnewell).

The Nesbit family is one of the oldest in Monroe county. Mr. Nesbit's grandfather, Robert Nesbit, came from Cynthiana, Harrison county, Ky., to Missouri in 1819, and located with his family, first, in Palmyra. But two years later he came to Monroe county and settled in the north-eastern part of the county, there being then only two other families in this part of the county, or rather in the whole surrounding region of country for miles, for a large district of North Missouri was then known as Ralls county, including what is now Monroe county. He lived to an advanced old age and died in Lewis county, Mo., in 1852, leaving a large landed estate. He had two sons and eight daughters, the two sons being Samuel, now of Kirksville, Mo., and John, the father of the subject of this sketch. All the family lived to become heads of families themselves. John Nesbit settled on land entered by his father on Deer creek, in this township, and when about 33 years of age, in 1834, was married to Miss Catherine Waller, then of Macon county. John Nesbit lived on his farm in this county until his death in 1867. He reared a family of four children, namely: Minerva, now the wife of George Cole, of Montague county Tex.; William, James W. and John W. The father was a man of a great deal of life and energy and especially fond of hunting. He had the reputation of being the best shot in the county, and generally bore off the prize at all shooting matches. He was a noted hunter and killed more deer and turkeys than any one throughout the whole surrounding country. While he was a man of the noblest and best qualities of head and heart, generous and kind, and brave-hearted and true, and a man of more than ordinary intelligence and information, he had one ineradicable fault, and that was an overweening fondness for the bowl, or a "dhrop o' th' crathur," as the Irish call it; and often when he took a little too much, but never more than he wanted, he would illustrate in both an amusing and perilous way the truth of Burns' hexastich:—

"John Barleycorn was a hero bold,  
Of noble enterprise,  
For if you do but taste his blood,  
'Twill make your courage rise;  
'Twill make a man forget his woe,  
'Twill heighten all his joy."

It was not an uncommon thing for him at such times to swim Salt river when it was swollen out of its banks and its torrents of water surging and hurrying by with almost the speed of lightning—times when it seemed certain death to enter the stream, a stream whose waters have passed over many a lifeless form whilst the unfortunates were attempting to cross it. But barring this fault, he was a man whom



all that knew him respected and admired, and his industry and good, strong common-sense made him successful in the affairs of life, though he never became by any means a wealthy man, for he was too generous and cared too little for money to hoard it. James W. Nesbit was born on the homestead in this county, September 7, 1849, and was reared to the life of a farmer. His father was a man much given to reading and James W. inherited this quality, so that besides receiving a good common-school education he has become a man of liberal and wide information. Differing, however, from his father, he has always been a strong temperance man and has long been a prominent worker for the temperance cause. He was for several years a district organizer for the Sons of Temperance in Macon, Shelby, Randolph, Howard and Monroe counties. Since early manhood he has been engaged in farming and stock-raising for himself. About ten years ago he had a half interest in 160 acres of land and some \$500 or \$600 in capital, but such has been his industry and good management that he is now in independent circumstances. He has two good farms aggregating about 500 acres of fine land, both run principally in blue grass as stock farms, and his home place is exceptionally well improved. He has just built a handsome barn at a cost of nearly \$1,000, and he is now preparing to erect a dwelling to cost nearly double that amount. Mr. Nesbit makes a specialty of feeding stock for the markets, and ships two or three car loads annually. He now has on hand about 60 head of cattle besides considerable numbers of mules, horses, etc. Inasmuch as he is shortly to build a handsome residence it is believed, beyond a hinge to hang a doubt upon, that he has found one who has consented to become queen of his heart and home, and of whom he can truthfully say: —

“ My Nencia’s beauty hath not any blot,  
 She’s stately, straight and tall as lass can be;  
 A dimple in her chin my love hath got,  
 Which makes her bright laugh lovelier to see.  
 There is no single charm she boasteth not;  
 I think dame Nature framed her purposely  
 So fair, so fine, so noble and so tender,  
 That all the world might homage to her render.”

### MORGAN O. ROBERTSON

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbina).

Mr. Robertson traces his agnate lineage back to the old and respected Robertson family of Pennsylvania. In fact his father, Washington Robertson, was a direct representative of that family, born and reared in Pennsylvania, where he studied medicine and became a physician. He removed to Kentucky in 1810, locating in Henry county, where he practiced his profession and carried on farming on quite an extensive scale. He was married in that county to Miss Eliza J. Wiley, and of this union Morgan O., the subject of this sketch, was born January 31, 1832. He was one of a family of seven children, only four of whom are now living: William

W., Amanda J., Harriet N. and Morgan O. Morgan O. Robertson remained in Kentucky until after his marriage, which was on the 25th of September, 1855. Miss Jemima Kerlin then became his wife. Later along, desiring to have the advantage of cheap and fertile lands and of the excellent advantages in this State for raising stock, he came to Missouri, and settled in Monroe county. Here he secured some good land and has a comfortable homestead in a fair state of cultivation and improvement. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have three children: Callie B., Oscar D. and Sarah D. These were by Mr. Robertson's first wife, however, who was taken away by death when the youngest one was quite small. Mr. Robertson's present wife was previously a Miss Maggie Harlow, and is a most excellent lady.

### SAMUEL SHEARER

(Farmer, Post-office, Clapper).

In the formative period of Roman greatness and splendor the great body of the people were distinguished for their physical vigor, independence of character and courage, and not less than either for their fruitfulness. Then it was, that the architects of that great nation were brought into existence and were multiplied to fill the ranks of its mighty armies, destined to carry the eagle of the Imperial City in triumph throughout the known world. We read in Livy that in the early days of the Republic a family of from 13 to 23 children was considered only a general average among the people. So it is in the early, vigorous formative period of every people destined for greatness and empire. Hence it is not surprising to note, in reading the annals of the pioneers of this country, the numerical strength of their families. On the contrary, it was as it should be, and is a record greatly to their credit and honor. With the appearance of an era of decadence comes a diminution in the rate of increase of population, and the latter is an unfailing sign of the approach of the former. Among the families characteristic of the development in population of Missouri is that of which the subject of the present sketch is a representative. He was one of a family of 14 children. His parents were Cavil Shearer and wife, whose maiden name was Dulcina Dooley, her Christian name in its Latin meaning being happily suggestive of the great prosperity which was to attend her domestic life. Both were originally from Kentucky, but they were married in Monroe county, for they came here when young and were among the first residents of the county. Of their happy union Samuel Shearer was born January 1, 1834, two years after the father came to the county. Samuel Shearer was reared to manhood in this county and was married here January 20, 1857, to Miss Mary E. Henderson, originally from Virginia. Mr. Shearer, the subject of this sketch, started out without anything to begin on, and by his own industry and perseverance has established himself comfortably in life. He has a good farm of 172 acres in Washington township, where he has resided for many years, one of the substantial, well respected citizens of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Shearer are

members of the Baptist Church. Three of their family of children are living: Preston, Nannie B. and Mary A. Three of his brothers and a sister are also living: Simeon, Thomas, Henshaw and Celia.

### DAVID H. STODDART

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Hunnewell).

Mr. Stoddart is a native of Scotland, and was born at Dunfrieshire, June 14, 1836. He was reared in his native country, and there learned the carpenter's trade, serving an apprenticeship of four years. He then came to America in 1856, and stopped first in Canada, where a brother had preceded him, Robert, who came over in 1851 and was in Canada. Another brother, William, also came over at the same time Robert did, but William now resides in St. Paul, Minn., and is a prominent railroad contractor. Mr. Stoddart worked at his trade in Canada awhile, and then in Michigan, but came to Missouri in 1861, and was in the service of the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad Company during the entire war. He was attached to the protective service of the company, and was twice called out for military duty, once at the time of the burning of the Salt river bridge, and another time at Hannibal. His general employment, however, was in the line of his trade. In 1864, he came to the farm where he now resides. Subsequently he was engaged in building bridges on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas one season, and again in 1872 he did similar work for the St. Louis and South-Eastern. The following year he was engaged in trestle work for the Cairo and Vincennes. But in 1875 he returned to the farm and has since been engaged in farming and raising stock. He keeps from 40 to 50 head of cattle, about the same number of hogs, and sometimes as many as 30 head of mules on the place. The farm is owned by his brother William, of St. Paul, who improved it in 1864 and lived here for nearly 20 years, going thence to St. Paul. The place contains 280 acres and is an excellent stock farm, well improved. On the 31st of August, 1882, Mr. David Stoddart was married to Miss Harriet N. Hayes, a daughter of Kendall W. Hayes of this township. Mrs. S. is a member of the M. E. Church, and he is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Hunnewell.

### CALEB WOOD

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Clapper).

Between 1827 and 1837 four of the Wood brothers and three sisters, all grown up at the time and heads of families, came to Missouri from Bourbon county, Ky., where they were born and reared. They were the children of Malcum and Angelica Wood. Fielder Wood, who married Miss Mary Johnson, after he grew up, came to Boone county in 1827, but three years later settled in Monroe county on the farm where Caleb Wood, Jr., his son, now lives. Caleb Wood, Sr., a brother to Fielder Wood, came to Marion county in 1827 and to Monroe in 1830, settling on an adjoining tract of land to that of his brother.



John Wood, another brother, came to Monroe county in about 1831, but died a few years afterwards, leaving a widow and a large family of children. Thomas Wood came in 1833 and lived in this county until 1840, when he went to Sullivan county, where he died over 20 years afterwards. Nancy (Wood), the wife of John Arysmith, came in 1830 and settled adjoining to her brothers. Sarah, the wife of Henry Ashcraft, came out in 1834. She died in Paris in 1870. Fannie, the wife of Stephen Miller, came in about 1837, but subsequently moved to Shelby county. Nearly all of these are now deceased. Fielder Wood, the father of the subject of the present sketch, on coming to the county, entered 160 acres of land, where he improved a farm. He lived here a successful farmer and well respected citizen until his death, which occurred in 1871. His wife died in 1833. They reared a family of seven children: Martha, now the widow of the late John L. Wood, a minister of the M. E. Church South, of the State of Oregon; James, also in Oregon; Caleb, the subject of this sketch; Rachel, now the wife of George A. Forrain, of Oregon; John, residing near his brother Caleb; Louisa, who died whilst the wife of Charles Fondler, and Julia A., who died whilst the wife of William T. Arysmith in Sullivan county, Mo. Caleb Wood, the subject of this sketch, was born in Bourbon county, Ky., January 6, 1824. After he grew up he and his brother John ran the old homestead farm until the latter married, and then Caleb bought out the interest of the other heirs in the place and has since owned it. The farm contains 280 acres and here he has followed farming and stock-raising. On the 16th of October, 1851, he was married to Miss Sarah A. Fowler, a daughter of Jesse and Anna (Rickards) Fowler, formerly of Delaware. Her father was an early settler of Shelby county, and there he died. Her mother died in Delaware when Mrs. Wood was an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have had nine children: Joseph A., now of Crawford county, Kan.; Martha J., now Mrs. W. D. Brown, of Clarence; May E., now Mrs. M. F. Bastian; James F., Edward F., Charles R., who died at the age of thirteen in 1868; Henry T., John W., and Minnie M. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are members of the M. E. Church South. He has served as justice of the peace several years, a number of years ago, however. His uncle, Caleb Wood, had four children, all now in Oregon. He served as justice of the peace for a number of years and was judge of the county court at the time of his death, which occurred in 1844.

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## MARION TOWNSHIP.

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### THOMAS J. BARKER

(Farmer, Stock-raiser, Dealer and Feeder).

One of the most extensive and successful stock men in the county is he whose name heads this sketch. Born in Bourbon county, Ky..

September 27, 1832, he came to Missouri with his parents in 1839, and has ever since been a resident of Monroe county. His father, Judge Thomas Barker, was a Kentuckian by birth; his mother, Frances Dawson, a Virginian. The former, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, when he arrived in Monroe county purchased about 800 acres of land near Paris and improved a farm. He was a large farmer and stock-dealer and a man of immense public weight. He served several terms as judge of the county court, and his decisions were ever characterized by the most brilliant and profound learning. Though twice suffering terrible financial reverses, he did not allow himself to be conquered, but gathering together his energy and strength re-entered the lists, coming off in the end victorious. At the time of his death he was a very wealthy man and had given his children at least 2,200 acres of land. T. J. was next youngest in a family of seven children, and grew up on a farm with ample opportunities for acquiring information in that branch of business to which he has devoted his life. He early showed a taste for dealing in stock, and after receiving a good common school education, he chose this as the most congenial method of making a livelihood. He first lived for a few years on a farm five miles west of Paris, and in 1864 took possession of his present farm. Mr. Barker has 1,200 acres of land, about 500 in the home place, 200 at the Welsh settlement and two small farms in other places, besides 300 acres in Southern Missouri, which is unimproved. Mr. Barker's chief business is shipping stock. He ships about 400 car loads annually, and last year he and his partner did a \$250,000 trade. He feeds of his own about 200 head of cattle and 200 hogs. He formerly dealt in short-horn cattle, but after three very large and profitable sales at Hannibal, St. Joe and Moberly, in 1875-76-77, he retired from business. Mr. Barker stands at the head of the flourishing and substantial dealers of the township and enjoys the confidence, respect and admiration of every class of the community. He married February 15, 1854, Miss Sallie C., daughter of N. W. Dawson, of Monroe, formerly from Kentucky. Mrs. B. was born in Henry county, near New Castle, but came to Monroe when a child. By this marriage there are six children: Anna Belle, wife of Sam T. Curtright, Jr.; James E., married; Charles D., Edwin, Minnie R. and Fannie Maud. Mrs. Barker is a member of the Christian Church and Mr. B. belongs to the I. O. O. F.

### WILLIAM P. BRADLEY, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Holliday).

Having the advantages of thorough, general and professional educations, and earnestly devoted to the practice of medicine, Mr. Bradley's career, although not a long one as yet, has been a most gratifying one, thus far, to him and to the public. He completed his medical education at the Keokuk Medical College in 1877, at which time he was graduated with high honor, for he had been a hard student of

medicine, and, to advance him the more rapidly, had the advantage of a fine general education. It is not too much to say that he quit Keokuk, Ia., one of the best qualified young physicians ever sent out from the medical colleges of that city. Since then he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession for a period now of over seven years. He practiced for four years at Madisonville with his brother, Dr. John S. Bradley. After that he came to Holliday in 1881, and has since been located here. His gentlemanly bearing, irreproachable manner of life and thorough qualifications as a physician recommended him at once to the esteem and confidence of the public, and he was therefore not long in building up an excellent practice, which is still increasing. He has been very successful in the treatment of cases, and in several of great difficulty has made a high reputation for skill and ability. Dr. Bradley was born in Missouri (a son of Felix and Sarah (Volley) Bradley), August 1, 1850, his parents having come here in 1849 and located in Monroe county, where they partly reared their family. After taking a course in the common and intermediate schools, young Bradley entered the State University of Missouri, in which he continued as a student until his graduation in 1872. October 5, 1880, Dr. Bradley was married to Miss Rosanna Herndon, a daughter of Dr. John B. Herndon, of Florida, Monroe county. Dr. and Mrs. Bradley have no children, having lost their only two in infancy. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Good Templars' lodge.

### SAMUEL CORNELIUS,

(Farmer, Post-office, Madison).

All old citizens who lived here before the war remember Elder Isaiah Cornelius, the father of the subject of this sketch, one of the earnest ministers of the Gospel. He was a native of England, born in Yorkshire, August 26, 1788, but came to America when quite young with his parents, who settled in Kentucky. He was there married to Miss Elizabeth Haney, who was born in Clark county in 1802. They had four sons: Richard H., now of Knox county, Mo., Samuel, William, of this county, and James, also of this county. The mother died when Samuel was about five years of age, and in 1828 the father married Miss Elizabeth Holmes, of which union all but one son are living, namely: Anna, the wife of Leonard Bates, of Vernon county, Mo.; Joseph and John, twins, the former of Richardson county, Neb., and the latter of Franklin county, Kan.; Thomas P., of Knox county, Mo.; Kasiah, the wife of Dr. Thomas Cox, of Richardson county, Neb. and Alpheus G., the one deceased. In 1856 Elder Cornelius with his family, or those of them who had not grown up and gone to themselves, removed to Missouri and settled in Monroe county, where the father remained engaged in the ministry until his death, which occurred in the spring of 1866. His last wife died in 1861. Samuel Cornelius, the subject of this sketch, was born in Clark county, Ky., November 25, 1822. He now resides on the old family homestead of his father's,



which he owns. This is a good place of 160 acres, and Mr. Cornelius is comfortably situated, his place being substantially improved with all necessary conveniences. In the fall of 1849 Mr. Cornelius was married to Miss Anna Norris, originally of Switzerland county, Ind. She bore him three children: Mary M., now of Knox county, Mo., being the wife of Montville De La Montague; Anna E., now the wife of Thomas M. Collins, and William M., who died in infancy. The mother died at the birth of her last child. January 23, 1856, Mr. Cornelius was married to Miss Margaret P. Thompson, of Henry county, Ky. By this union there is a son, Samuel T., who is married and lives on the farm with his father, which the two cultivate in coparcenary. Mr. Cornelius lost his wife some years ago, but he and his son, together with the latter's wife are members of the Christian Church.

### WILLIAM A. DAVIS

(Farmer, Post-office, Madison).

Mr. Davis has been living on the place where he now resides for 36 years. He has a good farm of 1,860 acres, and is regarded as an energetic farmer and worthy citizen. His parents, James and Elizabeth (Fox) Davis, were among the first settlers of Ralls county, or rather they came with their parents, respectively, away back in the "twenties." They had but two sons, William A. and James C., now of Moberly. The father died in 1876, and the mother in 1878. They left a farm of over 300 acres. Mr. Davis was reared to be a farmer, an occupation he has since followed. In the spring of 1848 he was married to Miss Martha J. Yeager, a daughter of Aaron and Verrilla Yeager. They have been blessed with ten children: Verrilla E., the wife of George W. Ellsberry; James C., Thomas J., Cleopatra, the wife of Andrew Alexander, of Moberly; Aaron V., Billy U., Gabriel W., Oral W., Zulah M. and Ernest T. The part of Ralls county in which Mr. Davis was born was included in Monroe county after its organization, so Mr. Davis may be said to be a native of this county, and has therefore lived in it since the first streakings of earthly light illuminated the canopy of his globular optics, or, in other words, from the time of his birth. Mr. Davis is one of those earnest, sterling men who believes that one should prosper only by honest industry, and all through life should maintain the strictest faith with his neighbors, his family, his church and his God. He is a very sincere member of the Christian Church, and believes that the code of the true church is to be found in the Bible, which he believes in from Genesis to Revelations, without the cross of a t or the dot of an i, and not in catechisms or anything of that sort. He is one of those true, plain-minded Christian men, neither bigoted nor intolerant, who believes that all men will be saved who live according to the teachings of the Bible, regardless of sect or similar doctrines.

## ELD. WILLIAM M. FEATHERSTON

(Minister of the Christian Church, Post-office, Madison).

Rev. Mr. Featherston has been actively engaged in the ministry of the Christian Church since 1861, a period now of 23 years, and it is due to the truth to say that under the blessings of God his labors have been productive of great good to the Church and to the cause of his religion. He is a man whose life has been squared according to the great principles of Christianity, and earnestly devoted to the saving of souls and all the best interests of those around him. As a minister, both in work inside and outside the pulpit, his efforts have been characterized by unfaltering zeal, indefatigable industry and an earnest desire to promote the great cause of which he is a representative. In his daily walk and talk and in the discharge of the duties of the sacred office, he has always observed the same spirit of humility, sincerity and piety, and he so lives that his life illustrates the great truths he teaches. He has been pastor of the church at Madison for a number of years, and no minister ever commanded the sincere respect and affection of his congregation more fully than he. Mr. Featherston is a native of Kentucky, born in Jessamine county, February 24, 1833. His mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Wymore, died while he was in infancy, leaving besides W. M. six sons and four daughters, of whom the five brothers are yet living. Subsequently the father, Burwell Featherston, was married to Miss Rebecca Gorman, of Jessamine county, Ky., who bore him five daughters and a son, of whom all but one daughter are living, and in 1841 the family removed to Missouri, settling on a farm in Randolph county. He is now living in Monroe county, at the advanced age of 87, but in good general health and well preserved in mind. His wife died in 1874. William M. Featherston, the subject of this sketch, eight years of age when the family came to Randolph county, was reared on a farm, and was principally self-educated, though he attended several of the neighborhood schools, and after he was 21 years of age spent a term at the male academy at Paris. For a number of years he taught school, a part of the time alternated with attending school himself, and the balance with studying for the ministry. He was ordained in 1861 at the Madison Church, of which he is now pastor, and at once began his active work in the pulpit. Of his career we have briefly spoken above, which is one that reflects only credit on himself and the church. In 1850, he was married to Miss Mary J., a daughter of Edward and Sarah E. Ragsdale. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Featherston have no children. He is an active member of the Sons of Temperance.

## JOHN W. JOHNSTON

(Assessor of Monroe County, Paris).

Mr. Johnston, who is now filling his third term in the office of assessor, is a native of Monroe county, born March 16, 1833. His

father, Henry Johnston, from Kentucky, born in 1796, was a mechanic and farmer by occupation and followed these in Jefferson township, of this county, after coming to Missouri, until his death. John W. assisted his father during youth and remained with him until he attained his majority. He attended an occasional neighborhood school as he grew up and, besides, studied diligently at home, so that he became qualified to teach school. When 21 years old he began teaching, which he followed for about two years. He then located on a farm he owned and went to work, where he continued farming until 1857. Selling his place, he removed to Long Branch, in the southern part of the county, where he bought raw land and improved another farm. He lived on this place, engaged in farming with good success, for about 26 years. Selling it he bought another place in the neighborhood, and afterwards followed dealing in stock in addition to farming. This farm he also improved from raw land. Mr. Johnston being an old teacher, always took a lively interest in school affairs, and was school director for several years, and treasurer of the local school board. He also taught school for a while during the year 1862-63. Besides school offices he held the position of township clerk for a few years. In 1883, however, he removed to Holliday, where he has since resided. Being a man of good business qualifications and unimpeachable integrity, he was picked out in 1878 as the proper man for county assessor and was accordingly elected to that office. Since then he has been twice re-elected and still holds the position. His assessments give general satisfaction and he is more than ordinarily popular as a public officer. He is in the saddle almost constantly attending to his duties, and suffers nothing to go unattended to. He also has two or three deputies to assist him and together they keep the business of the office in excellent shape. As a matter of curiosity, some friend of his who has noticed that he is always on the go, has figured out that he travels about 1,200 miles a year in the performance of his official duties. That of itself ought to be worth three times the pay he gets. In 1880 he took the U. S. census of this district by appointment from Commissioner Walker, of Washington. February 3, 1854, Mr. Johnston was married to Miss Celia A. Lee, who lived to brighten his home for nineteen years, dying however in 1875. She left five children: Augusta, the wife of James C. Moore; Alice, the wife of George P. Moore; Everett J. and John and Lizzie. To his present wife Mr. Johnston was married March 16, 1881. She was formerly Miss Louisa C. Rice.

### JUDGE THOMAS W. McCORMICK

(Of T. W. McCormick & Son, Dealers in Hardware, Tinware, Stoves, Agricultural Implements, etc., Holliday).

Judge McCormick, a leading business man of the Western part of the county, and a man of high character and marked influence in the community, is by nativity from the old Commonwealth—Virginia, which has given to Missouri so many of our best citizens. He was



born in Clarke county, of the Old Dominion, April 6, 1820. At the early age of four years he was left an orphan by the death of both parents, and was reared by relatives. His father, Province McCormick, was of one of the most respected families in Clarke county, and was a man of liberal education. His mother, before her marriage a Miss Mazzie Davenport, was also of a good family in the northern part of Virginia. Young McCormick, being well connected, was given good advantages for an education. He was sent to both Kenyon College, Ohio, and Princeton College, New Jersey, and was graduated in 1839. After his graduation he remained in Virginia engaged in mercantile business until 1844, when he came to Missouri, and located in Macon county, in which he began merchandising at McGee College. He was also occupied with farming in the vicinity of that place, and continued there until 1879, when he came to Holliday and began his present business with his son. Judge McCormick is a man who has always commanded the respect and confidence of those around him. A capable and energetic business man, he is at the same time agreeable in his intercourse with others, and accommodating to the last degree, while for personal worth and reliability, he is never questioned in word or deed. In 1875 he was elected to the office of county judge in Macon county for a period of four years, but on account of a change made soon afterward in the general law of the State, he held the office but one year. Besides occupying that position, he was a justice of the peace in Macon county for about sixteen years consecutively, and is now holding a commission from the Governor as notary public. He is a worthy member of the A. F. and A. M., and also of the Good Templars, in both of which orders he takes a commendable interest. Judge McCormick has been twice married. On the 7th of February, 1850, he was married to Miss Harriet Hill, formerly of Virginia. She survived, however, less than three years, dying September 22, 1852. She left him two children: Ficklen and Strother, the last of whom died in 1861. To his present wife Judge McCormick was married December 7, 1854. She was a Miss Mary A. Tedford, a daughter of Andrew Tedford, formerly of Alabama. There are three children by this union: Francis D., Cyrus A. and May E. The Judge and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

### RICHARD P. MOORE

(Farmer, Post-office, Holliday).

Mr. Moore is a son of A. P. Moore, an old and highly respected citizen of this county, and was born on the old family homestead October 3, 1854. His mother was a Miss Mary Guthrie before her marriage, of the well known Guthrie family of North Missouri. The father being an energetic, go-ahead farmer, Richard P. was brought up to industrious farm work, and not only learned thoroughly the business of agricultural life, but, reared in the country and to the active work of farming, was favored with the development of a good

physical constitution, without which one can not hope for comfort, or hardly expect success. In the country schools he secured a satisfactory knowledge of books, and much attached to farm life, as soon as he reached manhood he began farming for himself. Being young yet, of course he has not become one of our solid citizens, for he has not had the time to accumulate property, but still he has a neat farm and is making a good start in life. He is not married yet, which is about the worst thing that can be said of him.

### LITTLEBERRY B. WADE

(Retired Farmer and School Teacher, Post-office, Madison).

Mr. Wade was one of the early settlers of Monroe county, coming to Marion county from Kentucky as early as 1835, and settling in this county two years later. He first taught school principally, but later along followed farming mainly, keeping up to pursuits, however, the former desultorily until six years ago, when he sold his farm, a fine place of nearly 400 acres, and retired from active work both on the farm and in the schoolroom. It is thus seen that his life has been a success. He was born in Bath county, Ky., June 18, 1815. His parents, James and Nancy (Bay) Wade, were early settlers in Kentucky, or rather came there with their parents in an early day, the father from Rockingham county, Va., and the mother from Pennsylvania. They spent their lives in Kentucky, and are buried side by side in the neighborhood cemetery in Bath county, of that State. But two of their family of five sons and three daughters are living: Frances A., who resides in Fayette county, Ill., being the only other survivor besides the subject of this sketch. Littleberry B. Wade was reared in Kentucky, and the day before he was 18 years of age was married to Miss Mary E. Mason, a daughter of Silas Mason, originally of Culpeper county, Va., and a descendant of the distinguished Mason family of that State. Two years after his marriage he removed to Missouri, as stated above. Mr. and Mrs. Wade have had 12 children, four daughters of whom are deceased: Anna E., the wife of William Sibel, of Genesee, Ill.; Nancy, now the widow of Luther Love; James A., of New Mexico; Henry, Samuel, now of Jefferson county, Mont.; Clifton, Ephraim, of Montana, and Florence, the wife of Montith Riley. The deceased are: Martha V., who died at the age of 13; Mary E., who died after becoming the wife of Bayless Riley; Lucy A., who died whilst the wife of Charles Mitchell; and Louisa, who died whilst the wife of Dr. D. B. Wilcox. Mr. Wade has a handsome piece of property in the town of Madison and is comfortably situated in life, his residence being one of the best in the vicinity. He and wife are members of the Christian Church. Both are highly esteemed and respected.

## CLAY TOWNSHIP.

## JOHN S. AUSTIN

(Of N. M. Read &amp; Co., Millers, Granville).

Mr. Austin bought an interest in the Granville mill in 1865, and has since been identified with it as one of its owners and proprietors and active operators. This is an excellent mill of two run of buhrs, with ample machinery of a good quality and pattern, and does first-class custom work. It is run by steam power and is one of the valuable pieces of mill property in the north-western part of the county. Mr. Austin is an experienced miller and, besides, a polite, accommodating man, and thus not only does good work but knows how to treat the public so as to keep up the enviable reputation both he and his mill enjoy. Mr. Austin was born in Marion county, October 14, 1838. His father, John F. Austin, came to this State from Kentucky as early as 1830, and was married to his second wife, subsequently the mother of John S., whose maiden name was Miss S. J. Wilson, soon after coming to the State. He died in Marion county in 1849 and the same year John S., then 11 years of age, came over into Monroe county, where he has since lived. He was reared on a farm in this county, but whilst still young apprenticed himself to the carpenter's trade, under his uncle, Wesley Wilson, at Paris, with whom he worked until he had mastered the business. He then worked for others or on his own account at his trade in Paris up to 1861, when, having married several years before, he settled on a farm, and followed farming for two or three years. Becoming dissatisfied, however, in 1865 he came to Granville and bought an interest in the mill, as stated above. October 14, 1858, Mr. Austin was married to Miss Nannie E. Kipper, a daughter of John and Jane Kipper, of this county, but formerly of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Austin have seven children: Adda E., wife of J. Wesley McGee; Jennie S., Anna May, Marcus B., Frank W., Belle and Sadie. Mr. and Mrs. A. and all their family, except the two youngest children, are members of the Christian Church. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Granville and of the Chapter at Paris.

## HON. MARCUS D. BLAKEY

(Ex-Representative, and Farmer and Fine Stock-raiser, Post-office, Granville).

Among the leading citizens and prominent and successful farmers and stock-raisers of the county, the subject of the present sketch has long occupied an enviable position. He came to the county when the whole country around him was in its primitive condition, unfenced and untouched by the husbandman. He purchased 700 acres of fine land and improved a handsome farm, having under fence nearly the



whole of his tract. His farm is one of the best improved in his part of the county, having a large two-story residence, commodious barns, other out-buildings of every needed kind, substantial fences, large fields and pastures, a good orchard, etc., etc. In fact, it is one of the choice places of the county. Mr. Blakey makes a specialty of raising fine stock, and has a herd of some 25 as fine thoroughbred short-horns as are to be met with in Monroe county, besides having sold off a number of fine cattle, for he raises them to sell principally as breeders, and has done a great deal in this way for the improvement of the grade of cattle raised in the county. He also makes a specialty of raising Poland-China hogs, of which he has a large number. One of the progressive-minded, enterprising farmers of the county, he is at the same time one of its most public-spirited and popular citizens. Favored in early life with an advanced education, and having afterwards followed mercantile pursuits with success for a number of years, his education and experience in affairs are such as to entitle him to the enviable position he has so long held. Mr. Blakey is a native of the Old Dominion, born in Madison county March 28, 1822. On both sides he came of old and respected Virginia families, the Blakeys and the Ruckers, and his father, James Blakey, was in comfortable circumstances. His mother, formerly Miss Margaret Rucker, was a daughter of Angus Rucker, a well-to-do and influential citizen of Madison county. She is still living, at the advanced age of 91. Marcus D. was educated in his native county, and besides studying the other higher branches took a course in advanced mathematics, including trigonometry, and also a course in Latin and Greek. He then taught school in Virginia with success for three years. In 1844 he came to Missouri and located at Clinton, in Monroe county, where he engaged in merchandising. From there he removed to Paris and continued merchandising up to 1854. Meanwhile he had purchased the tract of land on which he now resides, and he then moved on to it and opened a farm. November 3, 1847, he was married to Miss Patsey J. Buckner, a daughter of Madison Buckner, a pioneer settler of this county from Virginia, and related to the prominent Buckner family of that State, Kentucky and Missouri. Mr. Blakey's first wife died on the third of November, 1871, leaving him six children, who are now grown up and married: Ellen M., wife of Benjamin F. Harvey; Mary A., wife of T. T. Rodes; Frederick G., Angus R., Julia B. and Katie M. Mr. Blakey was married to his present wife November 23, 1872. She was Mrs. R. A. Weedon, widow of Mr. Weedon, deceased, and a daughter of Dr. Sylvester Hagin, of this county, but formerly of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Blakey have one son, Harry, nine years of age. Mr. Blakey has always been identified with the Democratic party, taking an active interest in its success and the triumph of Democratic principles. Away back in 1856 he was assessor, and has held other positions of consideration. In 1878 he was nominated for the Legislature and was elected by a large majority, receiving nearly as many votes as both the candidates who ran against him. He acquitted himself with great credit in the Legislature and occupied a position of

more than ordinary influence in that body. Personally, he is a man of pleasant, agreeable manners, and readily wins the good opinion of all with whom he comes in contact. No man in the vicinity is more highly esteemed as a neighbor and friend than he.

### JOHN S. CROW

(Farmer and Fine Stock Breeder, Post-office, Paris).

In the early days of this county, for a number of years Dr. Samuel Crow, the father of the subject of this sketch, and Dr. Bower, were the physicians of the county, that is, if they were not the only practitioners here they were the leading ones, and did by far the principal part of the practice. Dr. Crow was a Kentuckian, and early came to Missouri with his family, his wife having been a Miss Catherine Smith, of Kentucky. He first located in Cole county, where John S., the son, was born November 10, 1828. Whilst the latter was still in infancy Dr. Crow removed to Monroe county with his family and settled in the neighborhood in which John S. now resides, or rather in this vicinity, there being little or no "neighborhood" here for want of neighbors, inasmuch as the county was then nearly a wilderness. He practiced medicine in this county over an area of 20 or 30 miles, being almost constantly in the saddle or at the bedside of the suffering, until at last he who had healed so many was himself stricken down by the fatal hand of death. He was a man well known all over the county, one whose life had been of much value to the people, and his loss was greatly deplored. He had accumulated a handsome fortune for those days, and at his death was the owner of 3,000 acres of choice lands. He died in 1852. John S. Crow was principally reared in this county, and received a good general English education by private instruction and in the subscription schools of the vicinity; indeed, most of his time was spent in study, for he was generally in delicate health during his adolescence. In 1853 he made a visit to Kentucky, and there met and was married to Miss Catherine Kerr, a daughter of Enos Kerr, a leading citizen of Louisville. Mrs. Crow is a lady of superior education and rare intelligence, one of the estimable and excellent ladies of the county. Returning to Missouri with his fair young wife, Mr. Crow engaged in farming on the old family homestead, where he resided for about three years. He then bought raw land and improved a place of his own, where he has since continued to reside. He has a handsome farm of 330 acres, which is improved with good fences, buildings, etc., meadows, pastures, and the like, a fine orchard and small fruits, and everything is in excellent shape. Mr. Crow, besides farming and raising stock in a general way, is making a specialty of fine cattle, and has a fine Palangus, Gregis, two years of age. Mr. Crow is a man of sterling character, superior intelligence, and one of the substantial, highly esteemed citizens of Clay township. Hospitable about his home and unassuming in manners and conversation, as a neighbor he is highly prized by all around him. Mr. and Mrs. Crow have reared a family of seven

children: Lavenia, wife of Charles Burk; Cora, wife of Angus Blakey; Laura, wife of Andy Bassett; Charles D., Enos R., Frank and Smith.

### HENRY CURTRIGHT,

(Farmer, Post-office, Granville).

Mr. and Mrs. Curtright are members of the Christian Church, at Granville, believing that the views held by that church are nearest in accord with the true teachings of the Scriptures. They have been members of the church for years, and by their lives endeavor to illustrate, as nearly as the weakness of flesh and contiguous conditions will allow, the great principles of faith and hope and good works which they profess. Mr. Curtright, as was his wife, was brought up by Christian parents, and had instilled into his youthful mind the lessons of piety, charity and religious truth, which he has never forgotten. He was born in Bourbon county, Ky., December 21, 1843. His father was Hezekiah M. Curtright, named after that great and good king of Judah, who suppressed idolatry in Jerusalem and re-established the true religion. He also cleansed and repaired the temple and held a solemn passover. A more extended account of his life appears in Isaiah xxxvi. Mr. Curtright's mother, a good and most excellent lady, was formerly Miss Cynthia A. Stipp, and both the father and mother were native Kentuckians. In 1844 the family removed to Missouri and located in Monroe county. Here the father bought the farm where the son now lives, which was partly improved, and the improvement of which he completed. Besides being a man greatly interested in the church, he was deeply concerned for the public good, and took a leading part in opening roads throughout this part of the county. He was for a number of years road overseer and made nearly all the roads of Clay township. He died in February, 1866. His wife died in 1871. Henry, after he grew up, served in the Southern army under Col. Porter for a while and was in the battle at Kirksville, where he was wounded in the side, under the arm. He was taken prisoner and confined at St. Louis and Alton for about 18 months. He then took the oath and was released, and came back to the home place. December 26, 1867, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Clay, a daughter of C. S. Clay, of this county, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume, one of the sterling, good men of the county, a pioneer settler here from Kentucky. After his marriage Mr. Curtright continued on the home place for two years. He then rented land and farmed until 1871, when he rented the home place and lived on it for two years afterwards. After his mother's death he bought the other children's interests as they became of age, and now owns the old homestead. He has 140 acres in this farm, all under fence, an excellent homestead, substantially and comfortably improved. He has just built a new dwelling and is constantly adding to the value of the place. Mr. and Mrs. Curtright have six children: Leonard E., Hezekiah, Charles M. and Maggie L., twins, and Travis L. and



Martha A. Mr. Curtright is a man of great personal worth and is held in high respect by his neighbors and all who know him.

### JAMES DYE

(Farmer, Post-office, Granville).

Before Monroe county had "a habitation or a name," away back in the wilderness-days of the country, the Dye family came to Missouri. This was long before the subject of the present sketch was born, he having been born in Ralls county, December 20, 1829. His parents, Fauntleroy and Elizabeth (Young) Dye, were from Kentucky to this State, but his mother was originally from North Carolina. When the territory, now in half a dozen counties, was known as Ralls county, then an almost uninhabitable wild, with a settler here and there, a day's journey apart or more, they came to Ralls county and located in that part of it which is still included in the original county of that name. James Dye was born after his parents had been living there a number of years, and the following year they moved to what is now known as Monroe county. There they located on Big Indian creek, now in Indian Creek township, where they entered land in the timber, for no one thought the prairies were fit for cultivation then, where they opened a farm and lived some ten years. Selling out, however, in 1840, they crossed over into Shelby county, where they improved another farm and lived until their death. The father died November 28, 1870, at an advanced age. James Dye was principally reared in Shelby county, and when twenty-one years of age went to Texas, in 1851, then an almost *terra incognita* to the civilized world, where he spent about a year engaged in trade, and also taught school in a neighborhood of settlers who went there with the *Aeneas Italiae* of the Lone Star State, Col. Sam. Houston. Returning to Missouri, he resumed farming, and on September 1, 1853, was married to Miss Anna Bozarth, a daughter of Elias Bozarth, of Monroe county, but formerly of Kentucky. After his marriage he returned to Texas, but remained only a short time, coming back in 1855 and settling in Shelby county, where he improved a farm, and resided in Shelby county, engaged in farming, until 1864, when he removed to Monroe county and located about four miles south of Paris, in Jackson township. Mr. Dye lived in Jackson township for nearly 20 years, but something over a year ago sold his place there and bought the farm where he now resides, at Greenville, to which he at once removed. Here he has a place of 125 acres, on which he has good homestead improvements, including besides the buildings, fences, etc., a good ice-house and an orchard of about 100 bearing trees. August 21, 1862, he had the misfortune to lose his first wife, who left him three sons: Fauntleroy, Elias and Jacob D., who have grown up to manhood, and the two oldest are married and have four children in the aggregate. They and their wives are members of the Christian Church. To his present wife he was married in 1863. Her maiden name was Miss Mary Woods, and she was a daughter of John Woods, of

this county, but formerly of Kentucky. They have reared a daughter, Mary E., now the wife of William J. Glascock. Mrs. Glascock has an infant child, Bessie Lee. Mr. Dye and wife and daughter are members of the Granville Christian Church.

### 'SQUIRE WILSON T. FIELDS

(Farmer and Raiser and Shipper of Stock, Post-office, Granville).

'Squire Fields, who served as judicial magistrate of Clay township for 16 years consecutively, subsequent to 1860, and who is one of the substantial property holders and leading, influential men of this township, comes of the Maryland branch of the Fields family, a family that has given to the country some of its ablest and purest men in public life, and a number of distinguished characters in other departments of activity, including the professions and the arts and sciences. The 'Squire's father, John Fields, was in tender years when the latter's parents became pioneer settlers in Kentucky from Maryland. He grew up in the future famous Blue Grass State, and was married there to Miss Elizabeth Wiseheart, of Nelson county. The 'Squire was born in Washington county, January 21, 1827, and the family continued to reside there until after he had attained his majority and married. He married Miss Caroline Bell, a daughter of Col. William Bell, of Washington county, and a most estimable and intelligent lady, December 22, 1853. Reared a farmer, he pursued that occupation in Kentucky for some five years after his marriage, when he with his family, in company with his father's family, removed to Missouri, and settled on the land where he now resides, which he had previously bought. It was raw land and he went to work here and improved a good farm. The father died June 6, 1865. Previous to this 'Squire Fields had lost his wife, May 17, 1863. She left him four children, namely: Letitia, wife of James E. Brengle; John H., Logan M. and Elizabeth, wife of R. D. Phillips. 'Squire Fields was married to his present wife April 14, 1864. She was formerly Miss Mary B. Wilson, a daughter of William H. and Maria B. (Hoge) Wilson, originally of Virginia. The 'Squire is blessed with six children by this union: Washington, Oscar, Maude, Lillie, Robert and Burr. 'Squire Fields has been a large landholder in the township, but has given to his children and sold off until he now has less than a half section, over a quarter of a section of which is improved. He has a good homestead, and is a hospitable, plain, frank old gentleman whom it is always a pleasure to meet, particularly at his own home. His life has been one of industry and strict uprightness, and he therefore meets every honest man with an open countenance and a hearty, generous greeting. He was elected magistrate in 1860, and held the office as long as he would accept it, for 16 years. He could have had other positions, but never had any desire for public life, always preferring the quiet and comforts of home and the society of his neighbors and friends to the worry and annoyance and empty parade of prominent official station. The 'Squire ships annually about four car loads of stock, two of cattle and two of

hogs. He and wife and five eldest children are all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a prominent member of the Masonic order.

### JACOB H. FORD

(Farmer, Post-Office, Granville).

Mr. Ford, now 63 years of age, is a native of Monroe county, born August 21, 1821, and is thought to have been the first white male child born in the limits of the county. His father, Pleasant Ford, was a pioneer settler in Missouri, coming to this State as early as 1818, and was the first sheriff ever elected in this county. Mr. Ford's mother was a Miss Ellen Harris before her marriage. The family first located in Howard county, but in 1820 removed to Monroe county and settled at Middle Grove, where Jacob H. was born. His father served two terms as sheriff, and in 1825 returned to Howard county, but came back to Monroe five years afterwards and settled near Paris. He resided here until his death, which occurred in 1844. Jacob H. was reared in the county and when 22 years of age, January 17, 1844, was married to Miss Mary W. Abernathy, a daughter of James R. Abernathy, formerly of Kentucky and the first treasurer of Monroe county. After his marriage Mr. Ford lived on his father's farm one year and then removed to Boone county, but soon came back and bought a farm three miles north of Paris. He lived there until the spring of 1861, when he moved to a place which he had bought adjoining the one on which he now resides, where he lived for twelve years. He then sold that place and bought his present homestead. This contains 260 acres of land, and is well improved. He devotes most of his land to meadow, finding it to be a paying crop. He also has another tract of land in the township. Mr. and Mrs. Ford have reared six children: D. Ella, wife of C. S. Wood; William H., also married; Arzelia, wife of Joseph Brierly; Tirey L., Zerelda, wife of L. M. Webb, and Hugh W. Mr. and Mrs. Ford and all their family except one son, who has not yet joined, are members of the Granville Christian Church.

### TIREY FORD

(Farmer, Post-Office, Granville).

Mr. Ford is a brother to Jacob H. Ford, whose sketch precedes this, being three years the latter's junior, and was in infancy when his parents came to Missouri, having been born in Madison county, January 21, 1818. His father was from Virginia, but was brought out to Kentucky by the latter's parents when he was but six years of age, the family being pioneer settlers in Madison county of the Blue Grass State. Pleasant Ford was married, after he grew up, to Miss Ellen Harris, originally of South Carolina, but whose parents were also pioneers in Kentucky. After their marriage they came to Missouri, as stated in the sketch of Jacob H. They came to this county



in the spring of 1821. In 1832 the father was elected sheriff of the county and re-elected in 1834, serving in all four years. He died here in 1844. He was in well-to-do circumstances considering the times and the opportunities to make money, and gave his children as good school advantages as could be had here at that time. Tirey Ford had instruction in the higher branches, including algebra and surveying, and became a successful and popular school teacher. He taught school for about 10 years, including one term in Paris. May 1, 1845, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Collins, a daughter of James Collins, formerly of Kentucky. After his marriage he located on a farm near Greenwood, and the following season bought a part of the land where he now resides, where he improved a farm. He subsequently added to this until he had a large place. He has sold off considerable land, however, but still has nearly 300 acres; 240 acres of his place are in cultivation, pasturage and meadow. His place is comfortably improved. In 1854 Mr. Ford was elected justice of the peace and has served three terms in that office with great satisfaction to the public and entire efficiency in the discharge of his duties as a magistrate. 'Squire and Mrs. Ford have four children: Pleasant T., who is married and resides on the home place; Elgie, wife of D. Kippen, of Granville; Pierce and Joseph C. They have lost two, Sarah E., wife of David Hollingsworth, who died in 1881 leaving four children, and Bessie, who died in 1877 at the age of 21. 'Squire and Mrs. Ford are members of the Christian Church. The 'Squire is one of the substantial men of Clay township, and is highly respected by all.

### JOHN R. HANGER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbina).

Mr. Hanger, partly reared in Monroe county, was 24 years of age when the war broke out. A native of Virginia, not unworthy of the historic State that gave him birth, he promptly identified himself with the cause of his country—the South. During the first months of the war he enlisted in the State service, and then at the re-organization became a regular Confederate soldier in the Second Missouri Infantry, under Col. Frank M. Cockerill, now United States Senator from this State. He served under Col. Cockerill, afterwards Gen. Cockerill, until the close of the war, and contributed his full share to the services of that command which gave its commander such a name and reputation as a soldier that he was afterwards elected to the United States Senate, a command that bore a gallant and conspicuous part in many of the hardest fought battles of the war.

“Fortune’s wheel is on the turn,  
And some go up and some go down.”

The South went down in defeat and many of her bravest sons now sleep beneath her sod. Nor did Mr. Hanger make anything by the

war — indeed, he lost all he had, and had to commence life anew, penniless and broken in health. But —

“Except wind stands as never it stood,  
It is an ill wind turns none to good.”

The private soldiers who did the fighting and the starving and underwent all the hardships and dangers of the war, received none of the credits or rewards of the struggle, where credits and rewards were to be distributed, but all went to the officers. Such seems to be the order of things in general in this majestic world. A life-seat in the Senate at \$6,000 a year for the services which others performed, is but another illustration of this apparently inevitable law of merits and rewards. Mr. Hanger participated in the battles of Lexington, Elk Horn, Champion's Hill, Baker's Creek, Blackwater, the siege of Vicksburg, Altoona, Franklin and other engagements. At Franklin, Tenn., he was disabled by a wound in the leg and taken prisoner. He was held at Camp Douglas for about two months and then paroled. In June, 1865, he returned home and obtained a situation in a store at Shelbina. After this he engaged in farming, and in 1870 was married to Mrs. Fannie Barry, widow of William C. Barry, who was killed while in the Confederate army. After his marriage Mr. Hanger located on the old Hanger homestead in Monroe county, where he has since resided. He has a good place of 160 acres, where he has long been engaged in farming and stock-raising, and with excellent success. A man of good business qualifications and popular address, as well as of unimpeachable character, and a life-long Democrat, in 1876 he was nominated by the Democrats for assessor and was duly elected to that office, which he held for three years. He acquitted himself of the duties of his office with efficiency and to the general satisfaction of the public, making one of the best assessors the county ever had. Mr. and Mrs. Hanger have two children: Lucy B. and Carrie R., and two are deceased, Charlie B. and an infant. Mrs. Hanger is a member of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Hanger is a hospitable, social gentleman and is quite popular with all who know him. He was a son of Robinson and Virginia T. (Kennerly) Hanger, formerly of Virginia, and was born in Augusta county, that State, December 18, 1836. The family removed to Missouri in 1851, and settled in Monroe county, where they now reside.

### ALJOURNAL HANGER

(Farmer, Post-office, Granville).

It was when Aljournal was 10 years of age, in 1857, that his parents, Peter and Elizabeth A. (Bear) Hanger, turned the front of the immigrant wagon towards Missouri, where they expected to make their future home. Their ancestors had long been settled in Virginia, and it was the State of their fathers that they were leaving. Aljournal was born there (in Augusta county) April 6, 1847. They all landed

safe and sound in Monroe county in the fall of 1857, and settled on the land on which Aljournal now resides. Here they made an excellent farm, a comfortable home, and here the father lived out the remainder of a useful and blameless life. He died May 31, 1873, deplored by all who knew him, for he was a man of many friends and no known enemies. Aljournal grew up on the farm, as most boys in the country do who are raised on farms, assisting in work on the place and attending the neighborhood schools. In obedience to one of the great fundamental laws of humanity, a law that is as natural as that the fruit shall fall when it is over-ripe, he was married after he attained his manhood. This happy event was celebrated, as in such cases made and provided, on the 20th of September, 1876. It was then that Mrs. Lizzie A. Beller, relict of William Beller, and a most estimable and excellent lady, became his wife. She was a daughter of James D. Maupin, one of the honored old pioneers of this county from Virginia, and she had one child by her first marriage, Willie Mary. Already Mr. Hanger had been actively engaged in farming for himself, and by his industry and good management had laid the foundation for a competency. He continued his farming operations with unabated vigor and enterprise, and has long held a position as one of the substantial farmers of Clay township. He has nearly 200 acres of land, over half of which is well improved. His place has a good two-story residence and other buildings and improvements to correspond. Mr. and Mrs. Hanger have three children: Robert Lee, Alma F. and John Marshall. Mrs. H. is a worthy member of the M. E. Church South.

### ISAAC S. HEATHMAN

(Farmer, Post-office, Granville).

Mr. Heathman's father, Martin Heathman, was for many years before his death, as the son now is, one of the thorough-going farmers and worthy, respected citizens of Monroe county. The father was from Kentucky, where he married Miss Nancy Stipp, and came to Missouri with his family in 1839. He entered and bought land here and improved a good farm, on which he resided until his death, in 1878. Isaac S. was born in this county, October 16, 1841. He was brought up to farm work and received a fair common school education. January 29, 1868, he was married to Miss Margaret Heathman, a cousin, and daughter of Elias Heathman, also formerly of Kentucky. Her father died here in 1859. After his marriage Mr. Heathman farmed with his father for four years and then located on his present place. He has 180 acres. His idea of farming is that one should turn everything on his place to the best advantage and whatever else he does he should lose no time unnecessarily through the cropping and harvesting seasons. He is an energetic man and entirely successful as a farmer, as he would be in any business where industry and good management are the conditions for success. Mr. and Mrs. Heathman have five children: Frederick



G., Virginia, W. Lewis, J. Tippie and Alonzo T. He and wife, believing that the Christian Church more nearly than any other represents the true teachings of the Bible, after mature reflection, joined that church and have ever since continued worthy members.

### THOMAS B. LOYD, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Granville).

Among the prominent physicians of Monroe county, the subject of the present sketch occupies an enviable position. He is a practitioner of thorough general and professional education and of long and successful experience. Dr. Loyd has been engaged in the practice in Monroe county for over 20 years, and since the summer of 1865 he has been located at Granville. It is almost supererogation to say that with his skill and ability as a physician and his high character and popular manners as a man and citizen, he has succeeded in building up a large practice and has made a career of more than ordinary success in his profession, considering the field in which he has worked. Dr. Loyd is a native of Alabama, born in Jackson county, September 1, 1839. He was a son of Martin H. and Nancy (Garrison) Loyd, his father a native of Virginia, and his mother from Kentucky. When he was 12 years of age his parents removed to Greene county, Mo., where the father died in 1857. The family were in comparatively easy circumstances considering the condition of the country and the people. Thomas B. had the best school advantages the country afforded. After preparatory instruction he matriculated at the State University, where he completed his education. Meanwhile, he had been engaged in teaching to a considerable extent, and from first to last taught some five winter terms of school. He began the study of medicine under Dr. A. S. Clinton, a leading physician of Greene county. In due time he entered the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, from which he graduated with distinction in 1861. During the intervals of his terms at medical school he had practiced with his preceptor, Dr. Clinton, and now after his graduation he entered regularly into the practice in Greene county. In a short time, however, he removed to Cedar county, and two years later came to Monroe county, where he has since lived. In 1867-68 Dr. Loyd took a supplementary course at the Missouri Medical College, and three years after locating at Granville, November 3, 1868, he was married to Miss Belle Crutcher, a daughter of William and America Crutcher, of this county, but formerly of Kentucky. Dr. Loyd is a prominent member of the Masonic order and his wife is a member of the Christian Church.

### CHARLES A. MCKINNIE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Holliday).

Twice during the war Mr. McKinnie was severely wounded while bravely doing battle for the preservation of the Union. He was first

wounded at Drury's Bluff, Va., being shot through the left side, and for eight months was unable for service. Resuming his place again in the ranks after his recovery, he was wounded the second time at Fort Gregg, where he was shot through the right shoulder. After his recovery from this wound, still undeterred from the performance of his duty, he again resumed his place in the ranks and bravely kept step to the music of the Union, in march and bivouac and on the field of battle, until at last the old flag floated in triumph over a reunited country, from the lakes to the gulf, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He went out at the first call of his country for volunteers and came back only after the last cloud of war had floated away and the whole land was again radiant with the sunshine of peace. To the service of such men as this brave soldier, we owe the preservation of this magnificent republic, the heritage bought by the blood of our fathers and consecrated by the heroes of the Union during the late war, a heritage made doubly sacred to us, to preserve and defend. Mr. McKinnie enlisted in Co. I, Thirty-ninth Illinois Infantry, in 1861, and was honorably discharged in the spring of 1865. After his discharge from the army he returned home to McLean county, Ill., where he had been born and reared, and resumed farming, the occupation to which he had been brought up. He was married in that county September 6, 1866, when Miss Mary E. Land, a daughter of John S. Land, formerly of Kentucky, became his wife. Mr. McKinnie continued farming in McLean county with good success until 1873, when he removed to Missouri, and settled where he now resides. Here he bought his present farm, and has continued farming with steadily increasing success. Reared in Illinois, he learned those methods of farming which have made that State the greatest agricultural Commonwealth, population considered, on the globe. In short, Mr. McKinnie is a first-class Illinois farmer, and conducts his place on thorough-going, business-like principles. He has a good two-story residence, a large barn, a handsome young orchard and other improvements to correspond, and his place contains 220 acres of fine land. Mr. McKinnie has a herd of 22 young steers to be fattened for the markets, and he makes something of a specialty of handling stock. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church and he is a member of the Granville Lodge, A. F. and A. M. Mr. and Mrs. McKinnie have four children: Rebecca, Nettie, William T. and Jessie. Mr. McKinnie was a son of Andrew and Martha McKinnie, originally of Kentucky, but who removed to Illinois as early as 1824. They first settled in Sangamon county, where his father helped to build the first court-house at Springfield. He lived in Sangamon county for 27 years and removed to McLean county in 1851, where he died four years afterwards. Charles A. McKinnie was born in the latter county, March 8, 1837.

## JUDGE PRESLEY MOORE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Granville).

Judge Moore, whose life has been one of more than ordinary activity, not unattended with substantial results in the matter of the goods of this world, is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of Central Missouri, his father, Judge Robert Moore, having come to this State as early as 1819. Judge Moore, pere, was a native of North Carolina, but his parents, while he was yet in tender years, were early settlers of Kentucky. He was therefore reared in the latter State, and after he grew up, was married to Miss Mary Powell, of another pioneer family. Prior to his marriage, however, in 1819, he had been to Missouri, and had determined to make this State his future home. He, therefore, brought his wife out to Missouri and located in that part of Cole county now included in Moniteau county. There he entered a large body of land and improved an extensive stock farm. Entirely successful as a farmer, and a man of strong character and fine intelligence, he became a leading citizen of Moniteau county. Among other positions of public trust, he served as county judge, a position that his son, the subject of this sketch, afterwards held, and also represented the county in the State Legislature. He is still living, a venerable old gentleman of dignified bearing and marked presence, but has retired from all the activities of life, and now spends his time with his children at their respective home, where his presence and society is greatly prized. His good wife was called to her final rest some ten years ago. Judge Presley Moore was born in Cole (now Moniteau) county, December 26, 1826. He was reared on his father's farm in that county. Early displaying a taste for the mechanic art, he was permitted to gratify his inclination in that direction, and went to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he acquired in due time, and also wagon making. In 1852 he was married to Miss Nancy G. Clay, a daughter of Green Clay, related to the eminent Kentucky family by that name. She survived her marriage, however, only a short time, leaving him a daughter at her death, Nancy E., who is now the wife of Thomas Davis, of Linn county. Judge Moore, fils, was greatly depressed by the loss of his wife, and sought relief as best he could in travel. He spent about three years in the West and South, principally in Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, the Indian Territory and Kansas. He worked at his trade during most of the time of his absence from home. Returning with the determination to begin life anew and to put everything of the past behind him, but the memory of the loved and lost, which he still cherished as a sweet dream, he now engaged in farming in Moniteau county and followed it with steadily increasing success in that county until he removed to Linn county in 1864. Meanwhile, on the 11th of March, 1856, he was married to Miss Lydia A. Boggs, a daughter of Owen Boggs, a prominent citizen of Boone county. Judge Moore resided in Linn



county for 18 years and became one of the leading men of that county. He was frequently honored by the people with positions of public trust, and held nearly every office in county affairs from constable up to judge of the county court. In 1882, however, he sold his farm in Linn county and removed to Nevada City, in Vernon county. But not liking town life, the following spring he came to Monroe county and bought his present farm. Here he has since resided and will make his permanent home. His place contains 240 acres and is comfortably improved. Judge Moore is a man of high character, sterling intelligence, good business qualifications and popular manners, and although personally he has had all the public service he desires, it is not improbable that the citizens of Monroe county may decide to ask him to give them the benefit of his experience in public life in some position worthy of his name and high standing. Judge and Mrs. Moore have five children: Robert O., Golbert N., S. Jackson, Mary J. and Henry Clay. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church, and he is also a member of the Masonic order.

### WILLIAM POWELL

(Farmer, Raiser of and Dealer in Stock, Post-office, Shelbina).

In the work of sketching the lives of the citizens of Monroe county, there is of course much similarity in the facts given, particularly among farmers. But occasionally one is met with whose life varies not a little from those of the generality of men around him. Here is a case of that kind. Mr. Powell lives in a community composed almost exclusively either of Missourians by nativity, or Kentuckians or Virginians. But he is a Pennsylvanian by birth, a Northern man by nativity and bringing up. In harmony with the characteristics of Northern farmers generally, we find in him a man of conspicuous industry and enterprise and of superior intelligence — one more than ordinarily successful as an agriculturist. Such men are of great advantage to a community and their presence is greatly to be coveted. They build up a country, develop its resources, advance it along the onward march of civilization, contribute greatly to make it rich and prosperous. Mr. Powell was born in Fayette county, Pa., October 10, 1827, and was a son of James Powell of Delaware, and Susan *nee* Beckett, of North Carolina. They made their permanent home in the Keystone State. William Powell was reared in Fayette county, and in 1864 came West to Illinois, settling in La Salle county. Of course, raised in the North, he learned the successful methods of farming of that section of the country, and he followed farming with success in La Salle county until 1869, when he came to Missouri. Meanwhile he had accumulated considerable means and on coming to Monroe county bought 300 acres of fine land. This he went to work with energy and resolution to improve, and in a few years had the satisfaction of seeing that he had one of the best farms in the township. Not satisfied with raising grain and hay alone, he went to raising stock and to feeding stock for the wholesale markets, and buying

and shipping them. He gave his attention principally to hogs and sheep, as being upon the whole the most profitable lines of his stock business. These he has continued to handle and to good profit. He feeds and ships annually about 100 head of hogs and sheep each, but sometimes as high as 600 or 700 head. He has about 200 head of sheep and 80 head of hogs, besides considerable other stock. February 6, 1851, Mr. Powell was married to Miss Nancy Poundstone, a daughter of John Poundstone, of Fayette county, Pa. Mr. Powell and wife have three children: Allen, married; F. M., John T., J. Ewing, married, and Mollie E. They have lost two in their infancy, and Elvira in 1868, at the age of 17. Mrs. Powell is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Powell is highly esteemed in Clay township and wherever known. He has served as clerk of school district No. 10 for a number of years.

### DAVID A. SPRINKLE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Granville).

Mr. Sprinkle's parents, Charles and Mary (Barclay) Sprinkle, were early settlers in Missouri, coming to this State away back in 1820, in the territorial days of the country. The father was from Virginia, but the mother was of Tennessee, where they met and married, coming thence to Missouri. They first stopped near old Franklin, but in 1821 located in what is now Columbia, being one of the first three families that settled there. They subsequently improved a farm, three miles from Columbia, where they lived until their deaths, and where David A. was reared. At the age of nineteen he learned the plasterer's trade, and four years afterwards, in 1844, went to Hannibal, where he worked for some years. He was there married to Miss Jane Church, formerly of Ohio, but she survived only a few years, leaving him a son at her death, William C., now a prominent physician of this county. From Hannibal he went to Madisonville, and was engaged in merchandising there until about 1852. Returning to Hannibal, he lived at that place from first to last, about twelve years and built three houses while there. He now removed to Monroe county and settled on the farm where he has ever since resided. In 1856 he was married to Miss Fannie J. Bartley, of Boone county, a daughter of Major John Bartley, formerly of Kentucky, but a pioneer settler of Boone county. She presided over his home for nearly a quarter of a century, a good and true woman and a wife and mother who was devotedly loved by husband and children. She died in 1880, leaving him six children: George L., and Robert L., both of Montana; Charles E., J. Leslie, Linnie May and Eddie B. Mr. Sprinkle was married to his present wife, whose maiden name was Mollie E. Bartley, January 25, 1882. She was a sister to his first wife. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South at Granville. As a farmer Mr. Sprinkle's life has been one of untiring industry and satisfactory success. He has, as the fruits of his toil, besides having reared in comfort a worthy family of children, all of whom he has helped more or less to start

themselves in the world, a fine homestead of nearly 400 acres of land, all fenced and excellently improved, including a good two story-residence and other buildings and improvements to correspond. Above all he has so lived that no tarnish of reproach has fallen upon his good name.

### THOMAS E. STEELE

(Farmer and Fine Stock-raiser, Post-office, Granville).

Mr. Steele's parents, David and Jane (Jordon) Steele, were early settlers in Howard county, removing there from Kentucky in 1822. The father was a stone mason by trade, and followed that occupation at Fayette for about 10 years. He then removed to Monroe county and entered land about four miles from Paris, where he improved a farm and resided until his death, in 1850. Thomas E. was the youngest in his father's family of three sons and a daughter, and was born in Monroe county December 9, 1825. He was, therefore, principally reared on a farm near Paris. His tastes always having been for farm pursuits, he adopted farming as his permanent calling. However, in 1849, he went overland to California, during the general rush of gold seekers to the Pacific coast. He was engaged in gold mining out there for nearly three years with varying success, sometimes good and sometimes bad. He returned by way of the Isthmus and New Orleans, and having been away from the fair sex so long they had become the constant angels of his dreams, he of course married soon after coming back. The 6th of January, 1853, he was married to Mrs. Susan J. Austin, a young widow lady, a daughter of Sanford Wilson, formerly of Kentucky. He at once bought land in Monroe county and improved a farm, where he lived for two years. However, during this time, he made a second trip to California, taking a drove of stock, but returned right away, coming again by water. In 1855 he bought the place where he now resides. Here he has 160 acres of good land, which is well improved, and is one of the choice homesteads of the township. Mr. Steele makes a specialty of raising fine cattle, and has an imported *Palangus taurus* at the head of his herd. In 1863 Mr. Steele had the misfortune to lose his first wife. She died in August of that year, leaving him two children, both of whom are grown up: Henry A. and Mary E., the wife of W. C. Ridgeway. June 22, 1865, he was married to Mrs. S. E. Parrish, relict of T. C. Parrish, of Owensville, Ky., and daughter of Enos Kerr, of Louisville. Mrs. Steele is a lady of fine mind and mental culture, a regular graduate of Clover Port Institute. He and wife are members of the Christian Church.

### NATHANIEL M. THRELKELD

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbina).

Mr. Threlkeld, whose homestead includes 260 acres of land, in addition to farming in a general way, as other farmers do, makes a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs for the wholesale markets. He



has found this a profitable pursuit, and feeds annually about 75 head of cattle and some 200 head of hogs. Mr. Threlkeld is one of those stirring, enterprising men who make a success of anything to which they give their time and attention, where industry and good management are the conditions to success. He has made a success of farming, and would have made a success equally as decided of any other practicable calling. Like many of our best farmers, he is a native of Kentucky, born in Henry county, December 30, 1831. His parents lived until their death in that county. Nathaniel M. was married in his native county, in the fall of 1854, to Miss Sarah Ford, a daughter of Jeremiah Ford, of that county. Two years after his marriage he removed to Missouri, and located near Granville, in Clay township. He followed farming there with good success until 1863, when he came to his present place. Mr. Threlkeld has been the architect of his fortune, and has achieved his success in life by his own exertions. Mrs. Threlkeld, his first wife, died April 25, 1864. Two children survive her, Alonzo and Edwin. September 2, 1867, Mr. Threlkeld was married to Mrs. Tabitha Hanger, relict of David Hanger, and daughter of James Maupin, an early settler of this county, from Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Threlkeld have seven children: Emma, Jennie, Cattie, Mary L., Frank, Cap and Clarence. Mr. T. is a member of the Baptist Church, and his wife of the M. E. South denomination. Mr. Threlkeld lost two children of his first wife; Elijah, a young man of bright promise, died at Oxford, Ky., in 1881, at the age of 22, and Anna, a daughter, 15 years of age, greatly beloved by all who knew her for her many estimable qualities, died during the fall of the same year, 1881. These were heavy afflictions to Mr. Threlkeld, and but for the sustaining power of faith and of trust in the merciful and loving Redeemer, they would have seemed too hard to bear. But he is ever reminded that the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, all in his own good wisdom, and for the best of all both here and hereafter. What a blessed thing is such a faith!

### SAMUEL D. WALLACE

(Farmer, Post-office, Granville).

Mr. Wallace was born in Monroe county, Mo., April 27, 1835, and was reared on a farm, to that free and independent life which has been considered from time out of mind as most conducive to the development of true sterling manhood, both physically and mentally. Coming up in the country, removed from the temptations and vices of town and city life, and used from boyhood to the labors of the field and the duties of attending the flocks and herds of his father, he naturally formed that taste for agricultural life, which, when he came to start out in the world for himself, influenced him to adopt the pursuit of the tiller of the soil as his permanent occupation. At the age of 22 however, in order to fix more enduringly in his mind the instruction he had received in the schools and his services being sought after as a teacher, he concluded that it would not be time misspent.

which should be devoted to instilling into the youthful mind, as had been instilled into his, lessons from the books of practical utility for after-life. He accordingly engaged in teaching, which he followed for some time. He then went to Illinois, but returned later along to Monroe county, where he has since resided. He followed farming while there for a period of five years, preceding 1870. Since then he has been one of the thorough-going farmers of Clay township. His place contains 120 acres, a neat homestead. October 8, 1863, Mr. Wallace was married to Miss Aquila Boyd, a daughter of Robert Boyd, and Nancy, *nee* Mays, of McDonough county, Ill., originally of Washington county, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have had seven children: John B., James S., William W., Thomas D., Allen, deceased, Anna B. and Alta D. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are members of the Christian Church. He was a son of Walker P. and Emiline (Wills) Wallace, early settlers of this county. While he resided in Illinois Mr. Wallace was assessor of Hancock county for one term. His father, Walker P., lives on the old homestead, his mother being deceased.

### GEORGE W. WEBB

(Justice of the Peace, and Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office Granville).

In 1878 Mr. Webb was elected to his present office, magistrate of Clay township, and, after serving four years, his administration was so satisfactory to the public that in 1882 he was re-elected, and is now serving his second term. 'Squire Webb has been known to the people of Clay township from boyhood, and considering his early opportunities to fit himself for the business activities of life, it is a result of no ordinary credit that he has risen to his present enviable position as a successful farmer and prominent citizen of the township, as well as that he should by common consent be picked out as the most available man for the office of magistrate. He was reared in this county, and, as good schools were not the common thing then, his school opportunities were limited to a single grammar term of three months, and this after he was nearly grown. But notwithstanding, having the qualities that develop intelligent and useful citizenship, he applied himself at home as closely as at school to study, and succeeded in acquiring an ample knowledge of books for all practical purposes. A man of an inquiring mind and improving all his leisure time by reading, he has become more than ordinarily well posted on most subjects that generally engage attention, such as politics, affairs in court, general principles of law, business transactions, agriculture, etc. In a word, he is justly regarded as one of the leading men of the township, whilst as a magistrate all respect his opinions and have absolute confidence in his unswerving integrity. He will probably hold the office of justice of the peace as long as he will consent to serve. 'Squire Webb is a native of Virginia, and a son of Bird S. and Mary E. (Beard) Webb, subsequently for many years esteemed residents of this township. He was born in Franklin county, December 25, 1829,

and when he was in his tenth year his parents came to Missouri and settled in Monroe county. His father entered land in the same neighborhood in which the 'Squire now lives, where he improved a farm and resided until his death, in 1871. The 'Squire, after he grew up in the county, September 12, 1850, was married to Miss Susan S. Chinn, a daughter of Christopher C. Chinn, a pioneer settler of the county, from Kentucky. The second year after his marriage 'Squire Webb bought the land included in his present farm, which he at once went to work to improve. He made a comfortable homestead here, on which he has since continued to reside. He has about a quarter of a section of good land in his farm, on which, besides other improvements, there is an exceptionally fine orchard of some 400 apple trees and a large number of other trees, and fruit and shrubbery. The 'Squire and Mrs. Webb have five children: Mary E., Leslie M. (married), George H. (married), John H. (married) and Theodore W. The 'Squire and wife are members of the Old School Baptist Church, and he is a member of the Granville lodge of the A. F. and A. M. The 'Squire has never been absent from home any considerable time since he came to the county a mere boy, except while he was in the Southern army during the war. In 1861 he enlisted in the State service, and after the expiration of that time in the regular Confederate service. He was under Col. Porter in Price's army, and served until the winter of 1863-64. During nearly all of his service, however, he was in Maj. Pinnell's battalion, under Gen Price. In the fall of 1863 he was taken prisoner, and held in duress vile for some six months. He was then exchanged, at Cedar Point, and served until the latter part of 1863, when he returned home on a visit and was captured and made to take the oath not to take up arms against Mr. Lincoln again.

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## WOODLAWN TOWNSHIP.

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### JOHN W. ADAMS

(Farmer, Post-office, Granville).

Mr. Adams is a native Missourian, born in Monroe county November 3, 1835. Pursuing the even tenor of his way which destiny seems to have marked out for him, he was reared on the farm and has continued to follow the pursuit of farming. Obedient to one of the great laws of nature, the one on which the perpetuity of humanity depends, on the 9th of July, 1861, he was married, Miss Elizabeth C. Dry becoming his wife. She was a daughter of William F. and Laura Dry, originally of Kentucky. Though this happy union was nominally siccianious, it proved not actually so. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are blessed with five children, namely: Laura E., Samuel T., Mary



M., Willie M. and Ernest B. Mr. Adams settled on a farm soon after his marriage and went to work to establish himself comfortably in life. But already the heavy and ominous cloud of war had settled like a dark and fatal pall over the country, and ever and anon we heard the roaring peal of cannon and the rattle of musketry which meant death to many a brave man and sadness and sorrow around many a hearthstone, whilst the lurid flash of battle lit up with its terrible light many a former peaceful scene and green landscape where all nature was wont to smile with budding flowers and green meadows in the bright sunshine. He marched bravely off to the war to do for his country all that duty required and, if necessary, to die. He enlisted in the Southern service, under Col. Porter, and under the burning rays of the summer's sun and the dark shadows of night marched and fought at every signal word of command, until at last he was stricken down by the palsy hand of disease and rendered *hors de combat* for further service, being honorably discharged on that account. But in the meantime, he had bravely borne himself on more than one field of battle, rallying around the tribarred banner of the South, whose bright folds floated gallantly above the din and smoke of conflict, beautiful and talismanic, like a rainbow of hope athwart the sky, and there under its star-decked cerule might his gleaming bayonet be seen heroically glistening in the front rank of the charge. After his discharge Mr. Adams resumed farming, which he has since continued. He has 120 acres of good land which he has comfortably improved. Mr. Adams is looked upon as one of the sterling men of the township. His parents were George and Eleanor (Randol) Adams, early settlers of Monroe county from Kentucky. His father died in 1866, but his mother is still living. Mrs. Adams' mother died in 1872, and her father less than two months afterwards, in December of the same year.

### Z. M. ATTERBERY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Woodlawn).

No history of this county would be complete which failed to include a biographical sketch of one or more members of the pioneer families of which the subject of the present sketch is a worthy representative. The Atterberys came originally from South Carolina, where the family had settled prior to the revolution. About the close of the last century the father of the subject of this sketch, with his family, removed to Kentucky, and in 1829 he went to Tazewell county, Ill., but remained there only about five years, coming west again, and this time settling permanently in Woodlawn township, of Monroe county. This was when the country was in its infancy, away back at a day when the whole State was hardly more than a wilderness. The father lived here until his death, and when Elijah Atterbery died many a brave-hearted old pioneer who had faced the greatest dangers in the wilds, stood round his bed and wept generous tears over his departure, for he was a man who possessed more than the average of those

qualities of head and heart which bring around one near and dear friends, friends who prize him as a brother, kind and true, to be relied upon in every emergency. He had borne his full part in the great work of transforming the virgin forests and the horizon-bound prairies of Missouri into smiling harvest fields, and the abodes of an intelligent and prosperous and happy people. Let not the memory of such men fade from the minds of posterity, for to their courage and brawn we owe the beneficent civilization in the great West that we now enjoy. His good wife, Mary Atterbery, a daughter of Isaac Taylor, of South Carolina, and a woman in every way worthy to have been the life companion of such a man, such a bold pioneer and generous hearted Christian, nobleman of nature, she, too, has passed away in the fullness of time, the ripeness of years, and now sleeps peacefully by his side in the quiet little family graveyard, where they shall rest in peace until the resurrection morn shall dawn to call them to their eternal inheritance of bliss in Paradise. Z. M. was born while his parents lived in Kentucky, February 2, 1825, and was therefore nine years of age when the smoke of their camp-fire curled for the first time above the virgin prairies of Monroe county. He was reared in this county and obtained such an education, only, as could be had in the primitive schools of the period. But he learned enough for the ordinary practical purposes of life and grew up to be a farmer, an occupation he has always followed. In 1854, he was married to Miss Josephine Dabney, a daughter of Bluford and Rebecca (Vickery) Dabney, originally of Kentucky. Four children have blessed this union: Elijah, Rebecca, the wife of J. H. Dawson; Lou, the wife of Walter Dickson, and Mattie, *femme libre*, at home. Mr. Atterbery has a good farm of 292 acres, which is comfortably and substantially improved. In 1865 he had the misfortune to lose his first wife, a most estimable lady, greatly loved in her family, and esteemed by all. To his present wife he was married in 1866. Her maiden name was Parris; she was a daughter of Elizabeth Parris, of Kentucky. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and his wife is a member of the Christian Church.

#### CAPT. FRANKLIN BURNHAM

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Woodlawn).

Capt. Burnham, one of the prominent citizens and substantial men of Woodlawn township, is a native of Maine, born in Oxford county, January 31, 1808. His parents were Jeremiah Burnham, originally of Massachusetts and Mehetable, *nee* Sanborn, born and reared in Maine. In 1817 the family removed to Athens county, Ohio, where the subject of this sketch was reared. On attaining his majority he started out for himself as a farmer, which he followed with success for ten years. He then went into the mercantile business, and also speculating in produce and pork, following these for about seven years. In 1855 he removed to Illinois where he resumed the occupation of a farmer, which he has since continued. In 1866 he removed

to Missouri and located in Woodlawn township, of Monroe county, where he still resides. Here he has a good farm of 260 acres, comfortably and well improved. In Ohio in the old muster days, Capt. Burnham served as captain of militia for some time. He also held numerous local offices in that State and was postmaster for a number of years. In 1829 he was married in Ohio to Miss Orpha Lord. She was a daughter of Holtem Lord and Almira, *nee* Phelps, both originally of New York and of two well known New England families. Both the Lords and Phelps on coming to this country during its first settlement settled in Connecticut, and of the Lord family Rev. Benjamin Lord, a distinguished divine who flourished between 1694 and 1784, was a well known representative. He was a native of Connecticut and an able and voluminous theological writer. Then there was Hon. Frederick W. Lord who removed from Connecticut to New York, an accomplished scholar and for a number of years a representative in Congress. He died in 1860. Following him was Hon. Scott Lord, a leading Democrat in Congress from New York up to a few years ago. The Phelps family have had so many men eminent in public life that it is needless to mention them. Mr. and Mrs. Burnham have had nine children: Horace L., now of Kansas City, Mo.; Olive C., is yet living, the wife of Matthew Wilson; M. D., who died in 1882; Oscar F., who died in Illinois in 1882; Dorothy, Lois A., William W., who died in this country in 1880; Hiram H. and Jarvis H. Horace L. was a gallant officer in the Union army during the war and by his conspicuous bravery rose to the rank of major. He was severely wounded, being shot in the right shoulder, from the effects of which he lost the use of his right hand. William W. was a lieutenant in the army and was wounded, being shot through the left thigh. Hiram H. was also a lieutenant and a brave defender of the Union in the hour of its greatest peril. Capt. and Mrs. Burnham are members of the M. E. Church. They are both highly respected as neighbors and friends by those among whom they live and, indeed, by all who know them.

### CHARLES V. CLAY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Section 19, Post-office, Shelbina).

Mr. Clay, related by consanguinity, as well as name, to the well known Clay family of Kentucky, is himself a native Kentuckian, born in Bourbon county, December 25, 1824. When four years of age he was brought to Missouri by his parents, Charles and Polly (Hatheman) Clay, who emigrated to this State in 1828, and settled in Monroe county, where they still reside, venerated and respected residents of the county. In 1857 Mr. Clay was married to Miss Amanda Huninger, a daughter of Samuel Huninger and Sarah, *nee* Totten, both originally of Virginia. Ten children have been the fruits of this union: Lucy C. now the wife of H. H. Cunningham; Susan L., now the wife of S. L. Stalens; Margaret E., Caroline, Morton F., Julia, Missouri B. Irene M., Mattie G. and Baby. Mr. Clay has a large farm, contain-



ing 300 acres of excellent land, and is one of the prominent and successful farmers and stock-raisers of Woodlawn township. He has a more than ordinarily handsome residence, commodious and neatly built, and his other buildings are substantial and tastily constructed. In short, his farm is one of the well improved places of the township. He is to quite a considerable extent engaged in raising stock, and has some excellent grades of cattle and hogs on his place. He is a man of enterprise and progressive ideas, energetic and public spirited, both as a farmer and citizen. He stands high in the community and has the confidence of all who know him. He and wife are members of the Christian Church at Otter Creek, and he is a member of the Good Templars order, and takes an active interest in the promotion of the cause of temperance. He has been school director for several years, as he still is.

### REV. JAMES CLARK DAVIS

(Pastor of the Christian Church, Woodlawn).

Rev. Mr. Davis is a native of Kentucky, born in Clark county, May 19, 1809. At the age of 13 he went to Maysville, Mason county, to learn the dry goods business, and continued at that place for six years, or until he was 19 years of age. By this time he had learned the practical part of retail merchandising thoroughly, and was accounted a more than ordinarily active, efficient and popular salesman and young business man. But he had done more than this; of steady habits and a studious mind, he had devoted his leisure to the acquisition of an education, and had succeeded in securing more than an average knowledge of books for a young man of his age. Quitting the store; he taught school for a year and then attended an academy of local repute in Clark county for two terms of ten months. This prepared him to enter upon higher studies, and in 1824 he matriculated at the able and eminent Transylvania College at Lexington, in which he took a hard and thorough course of study for three years, coming out a scholar of fine culture and attainments. He was now greatly needing an active life to restore his health, and he accordingly accepted a clerkship on a steamboat, which he filled with great satisfaction to his superior officers and all concerned for two years. Returning to Clark county, he remained there until 1833, occupying his time to advantage in different pursuits, but never ceasing to be a student, a careful and judicious reader of the best books and a painstaking investigator of all the great problems and questions that present themselves to a thoughtful and sober mind, including those of the sciences, philosophy, history, public affairs, theology, etc. From Clark county Mr. Davis went to Montgomery county, Ky., where he became master of an academy. While there young Hood, afterwards the distinguished officer, Gen. John B. Hood, who commanded so brilliantly at the battle of Peach Orchard, was one of his pupils. In 1844 Mr. Davis was solicited to take charge of Funk's Seminary, a Masonic institution, being elected head of the seminary by the Grand

Lodge of Kentucky. In 1845 the seminary, by act of the Legislature, became a college, and J. Randolph Finley was elected president. In 1846 he resigned his position there to accept a more desirable and lucrative offer in Louisville, Ky., but tiring of the confinement and hard work of the school-room, in 1847 he went to Louisiana and engaged in merchandising at Plaquemine, 100 miles above New Orleans. From Plaquemine he went to the city of New Orleans, and in 1851 joined Lopez's expedition to Cuba, but the ship on which he took transportation being attacked by a Spanish man-of-war, his vessel was compelled to return. From New Orleans Mr. Davis went to Hinds county, Miss., but later along was elected principal of the Masonic High School of Raymond, Miss., a position he held for seven years, making the high school one of the best and most popular preparatory institutions in the State. After this he returned to merchandising, and was successfully engaged in that business at Utica, Hinds county, when the war broke out. A Southern man by birth, sympathies and convictions, he showed the courage and patriotism of the Revolutionary ancestor from whom he sprang, and promptly threw himself into the conflict in behalf of identically the same principles — independence and the right of local self-government, for which his father had fought more than three-quarters of a century ago. He was active and zealous in enlisting volunteers for the South, and was elected captain of Co. C, Sixteenth Mississippi Volunteers, having himself enlisted as early as January, 1861. For four years and three months he followed the bright banner of the Confederacy through battle and march, and hardship and danger, until all was lost for which the heroism of the bravest people who ever fought and failed had struggled so long. He was in many of the most lurid-lit and death-dealing battles of the war, including the deadly struggle at Cold Harbor and the fatal conflict at Malvern Hill, as well as the engagements at Winchester, Savage Station, Frazier's Crossing, Cross Keys, Fort Republican and many others. After the war Capt. Davis returned to Mississippi, and after being engaged in different pursuits, bought the Mississippi Springs property, for which he paid \$10,000, where he established a high school, and this he conducted for two years. In 1867 he returned to Kentucky. In the meantime he had studied for the ministry and been duly ordained in the Christian Church, and had also done considerable work in the pulpit. For the next five years after returning to Kentucky he was engaged in the school-room and the pulpit at different points. In 1872 he came to Missouri, locating at Shelbina, but the following year he removed to Madison, where he was engaged in teaching and preaching for three years. From Madison he came to Woodlawn, and has since had charge of the Christian Church at this place. Rev. Mr. Davis is a man of wide experience in the world, profound learning in the books, particularly in theology, an accomplished general scholar, a man of sincere and earnest piety, and an able and eloquent minister of the Gospel, a worthy representative of Him who taught faith, humility and good

works. September 20, 1832, he was married to Miss Sabrina Linville, who lived to cheer him and brighten his home for nearly 40 years, dying March 10, 1871. She had borne him four children, all of whom are deceased. February 28, 1872, he was married to Mrs. Martha Thacker, *nee* Orr, relict of John Thacker, deceased. They have had six children: James (deceased), Martha A., Mary E., John A., Lulelia J. and Lee O. Rev. Mr. Davis has been a member of the Masonic order since 1831. He was a son of Septimus and Mary (Clay) Davis, his father a native of Pennsylvania, but his mother a Virginian by nativity. His father was an officer in the Revolutionary army, and came to Kentucky in 1783, locating in Fayette county, where he was the friend and associate of Daniel Boone for a number of years, the two living in the same fort, in fact, for some time. He married Miss Clark, May 29, 1801, and reared eight children. She was a member of that old and now wealthy and aristocratic Clark family, for which Clark county, Ky., is named.

### JAMES DUNCAN

(Farmer, Post-office, Duncan's Bridge).

It was for Mr. Duncan's father, David Duncan, that Duncan's Bridge was named, and he, the father, was one of the sturdy pioneers of Missouri. He came to this State with his family away back in the territorial days of the country. His wife was a Miss Elizabeth Finney before her marriage and they reared a worthy family of children. On coming to Missouri they first located in Howard county, then a sort of center for settlers. But later along they removed to Randolph county and finally settled permanently in Monroe county. Their family was the only one for considerable time throughout all the region round about Duncan's Bridge, and it was a great stopping place for people passing this way. They were old-fashioned, great-hearted, hospitable people, always with plenty to eat, a big fire in the winter time and warm, thick feather beds, and their latch string was always on the outside for every worthy person who chose to partake of the hospitalities. These good old people have long since passed away, but the memory of their kind and generous lives hovers like a beautiful halo in the minds of those who knew them, and mingled with them at the places that now know them no more, around their own fireside, at the homes of their neighbors, in the old-fashioned log churches and at neighborhood gatherings. Let them not be forgotten while the truer and better qualities of head and heart are cherished among men. James Duncan, the subject of this sketch, was born in Kentucky, August 1, 1814, but was principally reared in Missouri. He was brought up to an honest, hard-working, farm life, which has continued to be his occupation with but little interruption. Away back in 1835, he was married to Miss Mary V. Taylor. She lived 27 years after she wore her bridal wreath, and became the beloved mother of seven children, but three of whom are now living: Greenbury, James and Francis. John W. died after his marriage, the others, young and unmarried. In 1862



Mr. Duncan was married to Miss Elizabeth Capp. They have seven children: Caroline, Elisha, Willard, Thrasher, Josephine, Urna and two are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan are members of the Christian Church. His farm contains 120 acres, and is comfortably improved. Aside from a trip to California in 1850, his whole life has been spent in Monroe county up to this time and from the first settlement of his father's family at Duncan's Bridge.

### SOLON H. FARRELL

(Of Farrell & Woods, Dealers in General Merchandise, Woodlawn).

The present business was established in 1880, though Mr. Woods did not become connected with it until the spring of 1883. Mr. Farrell established the business originally and has since been connected with it. A good trade has been built up and an excellent stock of general merchandise is kept constantly on hand. Both are gentlemen of well known integrity of character and genial, accommodating manners and are quite popular with the public, both for their personal worth and excellent business qualifications. Mr. Farrell was born and reared in the Blue Grass State, where, after attaining his majority, as before, he followed farming and stock-raising until his removal to Missouri in 1878, and with good success. Here he dealt in stock mainly, buying and shipping to the wholesale markets, having located in Monroe county, until he began merchandising at Woodlawn, in 1880. He was married August 14, 1870, to Miss Susie Luck, who has been all good luck to him. Mr. Farrell was born in Madison county, Ky., January 30, 1847, and was a son of Daniel and Spicie (Irving) Farrell, both Kentuckians by nativity. Mr. Farrell is a member of the Christian Church, as is also his wife. Their only child, Alma, a bright little girl, died when in her eighth year, in 1881.

### MILTON FORSYTH

(Farmer, Post-office, Woodlawn).

Farming has been Mr. Forsyth's occupation from boyhood, and being a man of clear intelligence and industrious habits, on the rich soil of Monroe county, blessed as it usually is with favorable seasons, he has been entirely successful, as would seem to go without saying. Fixedness of pursuit and perseverance in any given line of useful employment will in nine cases out of ten bring success, and Mr. Forsyth's career is but another illustration of this fact. He now has a fine farm of nearly 300 acres of land with good buildings on his place, excellent fencing, large fields and pastures, and, in fact, everything in unexceptionable shape. Mr. Forsyth, like many of the best farmers and citizens of Monroe county, is a native of the Blue Grass State, born in Harrison county, August 31, 1827. He was reared in his native county, and there learned those methods of farming and of handling stock which have made Kentuckians noted the country over for their success as farmers and stock-raisers. At the age of 29 he came to Missouri,

desiring to avail himself of the fertile lands to be had in this State at comparatively nominal prices. He located in Monroe county, where he has since resided. On the 2d of February, 1851, he was married to Miss Burzilla Milner, a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Lail) Milner, of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth have been blessed with 13 children, namely: Sarah F., Charles F., Nancy N., James H., John W., Elizabeth M., Mary S., William L.; all the above are married; Anna A., Minnie F., Joseph M., Katie S. and Elsie R. Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth are members of the Christian Church, as are also all their children above the age of 10. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M. at Granville. Mr. Forsyth's parents were Augustus and Fannie (Sparks) Forsyth, the father a native of Maryland, and the mother of Virginia. Mr. Forsyth has been school director of district No. 4, of Woodlawn township, for a number of years. He has also been a deacon in the Christian Church for 25 years, and is now an elder.

### JOHN HENDRICKS

(Saw and Grist Miller, Post-office, Duncan's Bridge).

Mr. Hendricks' parents, Daniel and Elizabeth (Thrasher) Hendricks, came to Missouri from Kentucky away back in 1819 and settled in Marion county, which was then a part of Ralls county, and with the exception of a few pioneer cabins here and there, nearly a day's journey apart, was an uninhabited wilderness, the bear and the panther and the savage still being denizens of its great forests and horizon-bound prairie. Mr. Hendricks, now himself an old man far beyond the allotted age of three score and ten, was then a tottling boy around his father's knee. He grew up in this new country and was educated in the school of hardships and privations and dangers common to those times. In 1852, then grown up, he went to Shelby county and followed farming there for 13 years. Returning to Monroe county in 1860, he located at Duncan's Bridge and commenced milling, which he has since followed, for a period now of nearly a quarter of a century, and neither has the old mill gone to decay long ago, nor is the miller lying sleeping where the gentle breezes blow, near the stream that ripples by the mill, but both Mr. Hendricks, still well preserved in health, and almost as vigorous as of yore, and his mill are yet going, and by the blessing of Heaven will continue to go on through years to come, grinding and sawing for the honest good men in and around Duncan's Bridge. When he put the mill in operation he gave this place the name of Leesburg. Mr. Hendricks has an excellent mill, a mill that does good work for all comers, and he himself is a man whose name has stood for more than a generation without reproach, a man respected and esteemed for his sterling worth, his generous heart and honest and useful life he has led. Away back in 1837 he was married to Miss Frances Daugherty, and for over 36 years she was spared to rear their children, and to make their home one of singular happiness and contentment. But at last the dark

shadow of death entered their door, and beneath his pall her spirit took its flight to its home beyond the skies. She had borne him 10 children, namely: Paulina, the wife of William Ray; Martha A., the wife of John Ridgeway; William P., Samuel C., Marion M., John I., Daniel Franklin, Frances M. and Mary E., deceased, and George G. Mr. Hendricks is a member of the M. E. Church South.

### THOMAS HIGHTOWER

(Farmer, Post-office, Granville).

The 12th of June, 1884, was the forty-fourth birthday of the subject of the present sketch. He is a native of Shelby county, Mo., and was brought up on his father's farm in that county. He was in his thirty-first year when the war broke out, and as soon as he became settled that there was really going to be a fight, he went to the front to do his full part in the struggle. He enlisted in July, 1861, and for 14 months was a faithful soldier of the South. But at last he was captured and made to take an oath not to bear arms any further on the Southern side during the war, and being a man of conscience, he felt bound to keep his plighted obligation. He therefore took no further part in the war. Meanwhile on the 6th of March, 1862, he was married to Miss Mary E. Dill, a daughter of Henry and Rebecca Dill, of Shelby county, and his stay at home during the great struggle was therefore not as disagreeable as it might otherwise have been. On the contrary it was quite the reverse, and barring occasional annoyances from the restless spirits of either army, was all that could have been desired, for his wife, a good and true woman, made and still makes his home a happy one. About the close of the war he engaged in railroading, becoming section foreman, and which he followed with success for about 10 years. He then removed to Monroe county and engaged in farming, which he has since followed. He has a place of about 100 acres of land, which is fairly well improved. Mr. and Mrs. Hightower have had six children: Benjamin, Eleanor, deceased; Minnie, Austin, Thomas and Laura, deceased. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Hightower was a son of William and Mary E. (Utz) Hightower, early settlers of Shelby county.

### JAMES C. JACKSON

(Farmer, Post-office, Woodlawn).

Ellis Jackson and wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Houden, were early settlers in Monroe county. Here the father became a responsible farmer and respected citizen, and he and his wife won the esteem and high regard of all who knew them. They reared a worthy family of children, and among these was James C., the subject of the present sketch. He was born December 7, 1850, and was brought up to farm work, having an opportunity, however, to obtain a good common school education, which he did not fail to improve. At the age of 20 he struck out in the world for himself, and, feeling a little lonely



after leaving the old family hearthstone, he concluded to have a hearthstone of his own and somebody to sit by it, whose grace and beauty would be a feast for his eyes and heart. Accordingly, on the 6th of March, 1871, he was duly united in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Anna R. Webb, a lady whose charms were more enrapturing than the beauty of all the stars, and whose lovely tresses swept in the summer zephyrs like the Milky Way that floats serenely in the sky. She was, indeed, a lady of rare beauty of form and feature, her loveliness of person only being exceeded by the beauty and gentleness of her mind and the excellence and tenderness of her heart. This union has proved one of great happiness, and Mrs. Jackson still presides over the home that she was brought to be queen of with that grace and refinement that are possible only to one of the most ladylike sensibilities. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have been singularly unfortunate in the loss of their children, having buried four of the nine with whom heaven blessed them, but the Lord giveth all we have, and in His good wisdom He taketh away. Let the will of the Lord be done. The five living are: Ernest, Reid, Minnie, Bobbie and Sunie. Those deceased were: Maggie, Eli, Lloyd and Cephas. Mr. Jackson has been farming, and still is following that occupation. He is an industrious man and, above all, a good husband, eminently worthy of the queenly wife who adorns his home with her lovely presence.

### WILLIAM R. LEGRAND

(Farmer, Post-office, Woodlawn).

Mr. Legrand, who, as his name implies, is of French descent, was 16 years of age when his parents, Henry and T. (Seamenter) Legrand, immigrated to Missouri from Kentucky in 1848, having been born in the latter State October 1, 1832. They located in Schuyler county, where they made their permanent home. William R. was married in that county January 4, 1855, when Miss Eliza J. Chanic, a daughter of Thomas Chanic, originally of Kentucky, became his wife. Twenty-three years of age when he was married, he had already begun farming for himself. This he kept up in Schuyler county with good success until after the outbreak of the war. He then enlisted in the Confederate service and served with courage and fidelity as a soldier until the time when he returned home, then resuming farming. While in the service he participated in the battle at Kirksville, and some other engagements of less importance. Resuming farming, he now continued it in Schuyler county until 1866 and then removed to Monroe county. Here he bought a place on which he at once settled and went to work. His career as a farmer in this county has been one of satisfactory success. He has a good place of 200 acres of land, improved with good buildings, excellent fences, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Legrand have eight children: Henry T., Martin L., Samuel C., John W., Christie A., Mary J., James R. and Lucy M. Mr. Legrand is a practical carpenter and does considerable business in that line, his work being sought after by those who know him, for he has the repu-

tation of being a careful, painstaking and capable workman. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church at Oak Grove, and he has filled the chairs of warden and deacon in the A. F. and A. M. lodge of which he is a member.

### TRAVIS MILLION

(Farmer, Post-office, Woodlawn).

It was in 1838 that Mr. Million's parents, Joel and Mary (Sanders) Million, left Madison county, Ky., for Monroe county, Mo. They settled in what afterwards became a part of Shelby county, where they lived until their deaths, peaceful, contented and respected lives. The father died at the age of 79, and the mother at 65. They reared a family of 10 children, seven sons and three daughters, and one, besides, died in infancy. Nine of the ten, all but a brother who killed himself, accidentally, at the age of 56, are living. All are married except one brother, who resides in California. Travis Million was born in Madison county, Ky., October 10, 1819. He was therefore 19 years of age when his parents came to Missouri, and he continued to live with them until he was 24 years of age, then went to work for himself and soon entered a piece of land, the tract now included in his farm, which he shortly began improving. In 1846 he was married to Miss Emerald C. Wright, a daughter of Thomas L. Wright, of Kentucky. He then having erected a cabin on his place, went to housekeeping, and his wife stood by his side, the brave and good and true woman that she was, for over 30 years, and bore her full share of the hard struggle of fixing themselves comfortably in life. While he was busy in the field, she was busy at the wheel, and thus they worked on happy and contented, seeing that the seasons prospered them with abundant harvests, and heaven with a worthy family of children. But at last the angel of death came and the spirit of his good wife passed through glory's morning gate and found its rest in Paradise. She had borne him nine children: Mary T., who died after her marriage to Daniel Purcell; Laurinda, the wife of Andrew C. Haden; Townsend, Missouri A., who died in infancy; Haden, also deceased; Tabitha, who died whilst the wife of Jacob P. Vaughan, and George, who resides in Montana. February 18, 1879, Mr. Million married Mrs. Elizabeth Million, *nee* Holman, widow of W. S. Million, deceased. She was a daughter of John and Nancy (Martin) Holman, both deceased, but originally from Kentucky. By this union Mr. Million has no children, but he and his excellent wife are rearing two orphans, Allen F. Lucas and Mary Trussell. He and wife are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Million's farm contains 270 acres and he is very comfortably fixed. Neither Thomas L. Wright, Mr. M.'s first wife's father, nor John Holman, his present wife's father, ever left their native State or county, but were born, lived and died in Madison county, Ky.

## GARLAND C. MITCHELL

(Farmer, Post-office, Holliday).

Every one who remembers the closing events of the war has a distinct recollection of the sinking of the steamer Kentucky, in June, 1865, on its way from the South after the general surrender, freighted with ex-Confederate soldiers returning home. It was loaded down almost to the water's edge with brave veterans of the South who for more than four years had gone through the hardships and dangers of one of the most terrible wars of which history gives any account, and who were now on their way back to the loved ones from whom they had been separated so long, and who were watching and waiting at each doorstep to see the care-worn form of the absent ones appear before them. But many of these brave men, after escaping death on many a hard-fought field and in the more deadly morasses and everglades of the South, were destined never to see home again. Whilst they were on the boat, their hearts swelling up with fond anticipations as they neared closer and closer to those who were watching for them, the unhappy boat went down amid a mighty rush of waters, and soon all was quiet again, but 700 brave soldiers were buried beneath the waves never more to see home or loved ones, for their spirits had taken their flight from the earth forevermore. Garland C. Mitchell, the subject of this sketch, a brave ex-Confederate soldier, was on the fatal boat at the time it went down, but as by miracle, almost, escaped with his life. He, too, had been gone for four years and had done his full duty as a brave soldier from the beginning. He enlisted in Capt. Crow's company, formed in Monroe county early in the war, and remained out until the close of the struggle, taking part in all the terrible death-duels of the war, where duty called. Returning to Monroe county, he resumed the occupation of a farmer, to which he had been brought up, and which he has since continued to follow. November 15, 1870, he was married to Miss Jennie Bierly, a daughter of Christopher Bierly and Mary (Butts) Bierly. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have three children: Eddie C., Mary F. and Effie R. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Mitchell is a native of Kentucky, born in Oldham county, April 10, 1841. His parents were Charles P. and Rebecca (White) Mitchell, who removed to Missouri, settling in Monroe county, when Garland C. was 16 years of age, where they still reside.

## W. S. OVERFELT

(Farmer, Post-office, Duncan's Bridge).

Born in Virginia and reared in Monroe county, Mo., Mr. Overfelt was 23 years of age when the tocsins of war sounded in 1861, which called many a brave spirit from the earth. He gallantly plighted himself as a soldier under the banner of the Confederacy, and



marched off to the war, tearing himself away from the arms of a loving young wife, and quitting for the hard march, the tented field and the lurid death-wailing battle scene, a peaceful, quiet, happy home, the tender caresses of wife, and the welcome and loving prattle of children. For four long years and more he bravely kept step to the music of the Southern drum and wherever duty called there might his gleaming bayonet be seen glittering in the sunlight amid the shadow and pall of battle, the sentry of a brave man's devotion to his conscience and to the cause that he believed right, a cause of Southern independence and the great and eternal principles of State sovereignty and local self-government, principles which, like the names of the men who fought and bled for their maintenance, were not born to die. After the war young Overfelt returned to Monroe county, where he has since resided, and proving that a brave soldier makes a good citizen, he has since lived a quiet and industrious farm life. He was born in Old Virginia, and the 23d of February, 1838, was the day the light of the earth, or rather, of the solar center of the universe first shot athwart his visual globules. He was a son of Barry and Martha (Darvis) Overfelt, his father a descendant of sturdy ancestors from beyond the Rhine, and his mother of Celtic origin, in the mountain regions of Wales, where the Romans nor the Saxons nor the Normans ever penetrated the brave country that has maintained its autonomy as a principality to this day and constitutes the title of the heir-apparent to the British throne, a power whose drum-beat like the morning light circles the earth, and whose flag floats on every sea from the Bay of Biscay to the gulf of Carpentaria, and from the yellow waters off the coast of Corea to the green waves that dash against the shores of the Patagonia. The family came to Missouri when young Overfelt was still in tender years, and located in Monroe county. Mr. Overfelt has been twice married. His first wife, formerly Miss Eliza Jackson, died less than two years after their marriage. To his present wife he was married October 14, 1860. She was a sister to his first wife. They have eight children: Jeff Davis, Thomas E., James W., Benjamin, Christopher, Barry, Della and Joe L. Mr. and Mrs. Overfelt are members of the Old School Baptist Church. He has a good farm and is a very successful stock dealer.

### GEORGE RAUK

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Duncan's Bridge).

From beyond the poetic and vine-clad waters of the Rhine, celebrated in song and story from time out of mind for the scenes of noble courage and grand achievement, and of happy loves and gentle wooing they have witnessed, came George Rauk, the subject of this sketch. He was born in the land of the Nibelungen Lied, January 6, 1835. and was a son of Erkein and Eve (Modt) Rauk, whose families had been settled in Germany since before the time that Cæsar attempted to conquer the brave spirits of her dark forests. Young Rauk was reared in the noble fatherland and in 1853 shipped for the New

World on this side the mad-capped waters of the Atlantic. He landed in New York and continued in the Empire State for two years. He then migrated across the blue-mist peaks of the Alleghanies, and over the sea-like valleys of the Ohio, to the distant shores of Lake Michigan, settling on the rich, luscinate soil of Wisconsin, where he remained pursuing the rural labors of Cincinnatus for five years. From the land of the wolverines he came to Missouri, and settled in Monroe county, where he has since resided. Here he has followed farming and has been known as one of the industrious, hard working men of the township, respected by all for his honesty and industry. During the late war he served for some time in the militia. On the 20th of January, 1869, he was married to Miss Betsey Baird, a daughter of Thomas Baird from ancient Caledonia. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Rauk are members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Rauk is one of the sterling, substantial, enterprising farmers and stock-raisers of this part of the country, a man progressive and liberal in his ideas and of marked intelligence, one of the useful and valuable citizens of his community. Such men develop a country and add more to its prosperity and advancement than a score of inactive, inert men, who sit around and grumble at the seasons, the soil, the markets, and their bad luck, instead of going to work and accomplishing something for themselves, their family and the prosperity of the country.

### WILLIAM G. SANDERS

(Farmer, Post-office, Woodlawn).

Mr. Sanders, a venerable and time-honored citizen of Woodlawn township, a man who has resided in Monroe county for half a century, and one whose life throughout has been industrious and active and without reproach, and who, for a spotless character and many estimable qualities, is greatly esteemed and venerated by all his neighbors and acquaintances, — this good and true citizen is by nativity a worthy son of the Old North State, born in Wake county, September 28, 1807, but was reared in Madison county, Kentucky, where his parents removed whilst he was quite young. His father, Wiley Sanders, was a native of the Old Dominion, but his mother, whose maiden name was Celia Pruitt, was born and reared in North Carolina. In 1834 the family came to Missouri and “Uncle Billy,” as he is now called, but then a young man, came with them. He had married three years before, Miss Paulina Heathman, a daughter of Benjamin Heathman, having become his wife February 3, 1831. They all settled in Monroe county, and here the parents died, the father in 1848, and the mother in 1866, at the advanced age of eighty-five. Mr. Sanders’ first wife died in 1838, May the 18th, leaving him three children: Benjamin F., Wiley J., who died at the age of 35, and Josephus, who died in tender years. On December the 11th, 1838, Mr. Sanders was married to Miss Elizabeth Gains, a daughter of Thomas Gains. She lived but a short time, leaving one child, William M., who died quite young. On July 4, 1842, he was married to Miss

Frances Gains, a sister to his second wife. She died on September 1, 1844. January 12, 1845, he was married to Miss Anna R. Alexander, a daughter of Archibald Alexander and Isabella Patton, her father of the old Alexander family of Kentucky. She was born in Kentucky, May 9, 1818. They have five children: Paulina, the wife of J. R. Cury; Sarah F., who died in infancy; Amanda E., the wife of John W. Holder; John H., and Archibald F., deceased. Mr. Sanders has a farm of nearly 300 acres, with good substantial improvements. He is comfortably situated and now in the serene afternoon of a well spent life, in which he can look back and see but little to regret, he is able to enjoy with ease and a pure conscience the fruits of his long years of toil and the good opinion of the many kind friends and neighbors that live around him. Loved in his own family and esteemed and venerated by all, his situation, now that the shadows of old age are settling around him, is one that we may all look forward to and envy, hoping that the evening of our lives may be as favored and blest as is his.

### JOHN H. SANDERS

(Farmer, Post-office, Woodlawn.)

Of an old and respected Missouri family Mr. Sanders is a representative, his parents having come here away back in the early days of the country. They were from Kentucky, and settled in Monroe county, where they have been long known as worthy neighbors by all among whom they live. Both parents, William G. and Anna R. (Alexander) Sanders, were native Kentuckians, and the families of which they came were each from Virginia. John H. the subject of this sketch, was born January 13, 1852, and was reared on his father's homestead in Monroe county. At the age of 21, or rather in his twenty-first year, September 12, 1872, he was married to Miss Josephine F. Newby, daughter of John W. and Martha (Wright) Newby, both also originally of Kentucky. Mrs. Sanders was born in Madison county of that State, July 3, 1855, and came with her parents to Missouri in 1866. They now reside in Randolph county. After his marriage Mr. Sanders remained at home on the farm till January 17, 1873, when he then went to farming for himself, which he has since continued. Mr. Sanders is an industrious, energetic farmer and highly respected in the vicinity as a neighbor and citizen. Since 1881 he has been a school director in district No. 5 of Woodlawn township. He and wife attend the Christian Church at Woodlawn.

### SIDNEY A. SANDERS

(Farmer, Post-office, Woodlawn).

Wiley Sanders and wife, whose maiden name was Lucinda Jennings, came to Missouri with their parents in an early day, and were married in this State and soon settled in Woodlawn township, Monroe county, where they lived until their deaths. The father, however,



died in 1855, leaving his wife and two children, Sidney A. and Julia A., the latter now the wife of William Wilson. Some years after the father's death the mother married Rev. James Barton, a Baptist minister, but they continued to reside on the old family homestead. She died in the fall of 1881. Sidney A. was born on the homestead December 27, 1840, and was therefore 15 years of age at the time of his father's death. He remained with the family until he was 21 years of age, at which time he received a distributive share of the estate and settled on his part of the land and went to work for himself. On the 22d of March, 1863, he was married to Miss Frances Burton, a daughter of Lucius Burton, his wife being still living to brighten his home. They have been blessed with five children: Adolphus, deceased; Ada, the wife of John Webb; Lucius D., Sidney W. and Julia L. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a member of the Masonic lodge at Madison. Mr. Sanders has a good place of 165 acres and is comfortably situated.

### WALTER S. WEBB

(Farmer, Post-office, Granville).

Two hundred and forty acres are included in Mr. Webb's farm, and it is one of the well improved places of the township. His buildings are substantial and comfortable, his fences of a good class and his lands are in excellent condition. Mr. Webb is one of those energetic thriving men who never fail of success when their opportunities are anything near satisfactory. Mr. Webb is a native Monroean, born October 4, 1852. His parents were early settlers in this county where they lived until their deaths. His father was William B. Webb, well known to all old citizens of this part of the county. His mother, before her marriage, was Miss Margaret Shropshire, a lady greatly beloved in her family and highly prized by all who knew her as a neighbor and friend. Walter S. was brought up to habits of industry and sterling principles of uprightness on the farm, and when 18 years of age, being anxious to accomplish something for himself, he went out in life on his own responsibility and has since been the architect and builder of his own fortune. January 1, 1880, he was married to Miss Anna S. Sytes, a daughter of William and Amanda (Shropshire) Sytes. Mr. and Mrs. Webb have two children, William S. and Mollie Etta. Mr. Webb has spent his whole life from boyhood in the occupation of agriculture, and is rapidly coming to the front as a successful farmer. Regardful of his interests in this world, he is wisely not blind to the future, but is a worthy member of the Christian Church at Granville, as is also his pious-hearted and excellent wife.

### WALKER WRIGHT, JR.

(Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, etc., Duncan's Bridge).

Mr. Wright, an enterprising and popular young business man of this place, is a native Missourian, born in Monroe county, February

1, 1856. His parents, Walker and Jane (Gear) Wright, were originally from Virginia, and came here in an early day. Young Wright was reared on the farm in this county and had good school advantages. He completed his education at the State Normal school in Kirksville. He carries a neat stock of fresh and well selected drugs and has made a special study of pharmacy, so that he is a successful and capable druggist. December 27, 1881, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Rosena Bennett, a daughter of John S. Bennett, of this county. Mr. and Mrs. W. have no children. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and of the I. O. O. F. He is a young man of popular manners, and is rapidly coming to the front not only as a business man, but as a public-spirited and influential citizen.

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### HEATON J. CLAPPER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Stoutsville).

Mr. Clapper's father 'Squire Poicell Clapper, a substantial Virginian, and a man of sterling intelligence and high character, immigrated to Missouri with his family in 1838, and bought land at Florida, in Monroe county, where he improved a small farm. He resided there until his death, one of the solid citizens of the township and a man greatly respected by all who knew him. He served for a short time as justice of the peace, and always exercised a marked influence for good upon those among whom he lived. He died in 1854. Heaton J. Clapper, the subject of this sketch, was but four years of age when his parents came to Missouri, having been born in Loudoun county, Va., May 26, 1834. Reared in Monroe county, he received a fair common school education, and at the age of 18 apprenticed himself to the carpenter's trade, at which he worked as a novice for three years. He then followed carpentering as a master workman some six years. March 10, 1861, he was married to Miss Martha J. Thompson, a daughter of John L. Thompson, of this county, but formerly of New Jersey. About this time Mr. Clapper settled on the farm where he now resides. His first wife died September 25, 1873, leaving him two children: Anna M. and John H.; two, besides, died in infancy. Mr. Clapper continued on his farm and about three years after his first wife's death, August 12, 1877, he was married to Mrs. Naomi P. Starrett, relict of Charles R. Starrett (who died leaving one child, Jacob S.), and daughter of Jacob Painter, of this county, from Virginia. Mrs. Clapper had been a teacher before her first marriage, and after her first husband's death she entered the high school at Shelbyville, in order to further qualify herself for teaching. She took a thorough course and was awarded a

diploma for proficiency in the common and higher English branches, having attended and studied with great assiduity for two years. She then resumed teaching and taught with marked success in Missouri and Illinois for about six years, and until her marriage to Mr. Clapper. She is also accomplished in music, and gave instructions on the piano for several years. Mrs. Clapper is a lady, as the facts above show, of a high order of culture, and as all know who have the pleasure of an acquaintance with her, she is a woman of many estimable qualities of character, refined in manners, kind and gentle in disposition, and a generous, hospitable neighbor, and a most companionable friend and acquaintance, always agreeable and entertaining in conversation, and ever as sensitive for the feelings of others as she is for her own. Mr. and Mrs. Clapper have had two children, but both, alas! have been called away to the Heaven from whence they came. Both died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. C. are church members, he of the Presbyterian and she of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Clapper has a fine farm, his tract of land including about 500 acres, all of which is under fence and about 260 acres are used for farming purposes, aside from stock-raising. Mr. Clapper has a large two-story dwelling, good new barn and other improvements to correspond. He is one of the well-to-do citizens of the township, and bears with worth the name and character he has inherited from his honored father.

### MARTIN J. CLARK

(Farmer, Breeder and Dealer in Thoroughbred Cattle).

Mr. Clark is a native of Montgomery county, Ky., born June 7, 1825. His father, James Clark, one of the pioneers of that State, served in the Indian War and with honor in the War of 1812. He married Eliza Burroughs, a native of Culpeper county, Va. He then removed, in 1852, from his home in Kentucky and settled in Monroe county, where he died in 1863. He had grown to be a large stock-dealer. Martin's youth was spent on the farm. He was educated fairly well in the district schools. As he grew to manhood he began himself to trade in stock. In 1850 he removed to Menard county, Ill., where, March 23, 1851, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary E., the lovely daughter of Alvin Ringo, one of Menard county's staunchest farmers. From Illinois he removed, in 1853, to Missouri, locating, first, in Pike county, afterwards, in 1854, in Monroe county, and finally on the farm where he now resides. From a place of little value he has by assiduous toil and diligent labor made one of the finest stock farms in the county. He owns as much stock as any man in the county, making a specialty of thoroughbred horses and graded sheep. Mr. C.'s farm consists of 680 acres of land, fenced in, improved and in a high state of cultivation. His residence is an elegant structure, surrounded by a number of modern improvements. He has three children: James A., Alice R. and Joseph L. Two others, Charles W. and an infant, are deceased. Mrs. Clark attends the Christian Church. Mr. Clark is one of the highest members



of the Ancient Order of Odd Fellows. To Mr. Clark's indomitable energy and notable ambition is due one of the finest farms in this county, and by his worthy example, has the introduction of thorough-bred stock placed Monroe county prominent in the rank of North-east Missouri. Mr. C. is a child of nature. With the advantages of a common school he has by profitable experience become marked as one of the leaders of public opinion by all who know him. Abroad a man of large views and personal influence, at home he is an indulgent parent and husband.

### THOMAS CLEAVER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

This enterprising and intelligent gentleman was born in Grayson county, Ky., in March, 1807. His father, Gen. Stephen Cleaver, was a Virginian by birth who emigrated when a young man to Kentucky. He married there Miss Rebecca Smith and moved, in 1817, to Missouri. He entered and bought for himself and other Kentuckians a large quantity of land in Ralls county and improved a farm, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1846. He was a man of much public importance and was chosen a delegate to the constitutional convention. He served, holding a General's commission, in several Indian campaigns, in one of which he was taken prisoner and not released for two years. He was also a soldier in the War of 1812, and was in the battle of New Orleans. Mr. Cleaver was twice married, having four children by the first and three by the second marriage. Of both families but two children are living: T. C. and Mrs. Eleanor Cobb, now of Texas. The former grew to manhood in Ralls county, having good educational advantages, though the greater part of his studying was done after he reached his majority. The first school-house in Ralls county was built on his father's farm. He married, December 16, 1835, Miss Margaret J. McComb, also a native of Kentucky, and a daughter of John McComb. Mr. Cleaver farmed in the same county until 1849, and then, in company with Capt. Brolasky, of St. Louis, and others, about 100 in number, he went to California. They were absent about 18 months, were in the mines for a few weeks and then engaged in cattle and mule trading. In 1851 Mr. C. returned, lived in Ralls until 1858 and then moved to his present farm. This consists of 520 acres of land, and that belonging to his son, who lives with him, swells the amount to 728 acres, all fenced and all in grass, plow land and timbered pasture. The farm is well improved, with good residence, barns, etc. Mr. and Mrs. C. have six children: John S., married and living in Ralls county; Louise, wife of Dr. R. H. McKee, of Clarke county; Susan E., wife of George W. Stewart, of Audrain; Nannie May, wife of Irving E. Hickman; Harry H., married and with one child, Mary A.; and Ruth E., wife of Leslie M. Combs, of Wichita, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver and all their children belong to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

## JACOB W. CONRAD

(Proprietor of the Stoutsville Pottery).

Success in whatever they undertake is a characteristic of German-Americans, and Mr. Conrad, a native of the Fatherland, is no exception to the general rule of his nationality in this country. He is an adept in pottery, and came to Missouri in the fall of 1877, since which he has succeeded in building up one of the largest and most successful manufactories in this line in North Missouri. He manufactures about 120,000 gallons annually, and such is the reputation of his pottery that he has constant demand for far more than he can supply. He burns about 30 kilns a year, and is steadily increasing the capacity of his works. Mr. Conrad was born in Bavaria, June 16, 1842, and was a son of Jacob and Mary (Sprow) Conrad, each of whose ancestors had been settled in that country for a period, in the language of Blackstone, "Whereof the memory of man runneth to the contrary." In 1845 the family emigrated to the United States, and lived for 14 years in New York City. They then removed to Pennsylvania and settled in Jefferson county, where they still reside. Jacob W. assisted his father in timbering in Pennsylvania until 1864, when he enlisted in the service, becoming a member of Co. B, Two Hundred and Sixth Pennsylvania Infantry. In February, 1865, he was attached to the Twenty-fourth corps of Sharpshooters, and on the 2d of April was wounded in the left shoulder and fore arm, at Hatcher's Run, Va., being thus disabled until the close of the war. He was honorably discharged July 24, 1865, and returned to Pennsylvania. In 1866 he engaged in farming in that State, but the following year removed to Ohio and located at Limaville, in Stark county, where he learned the pottery business. Remaining there for two years, he then went to Alliance, where he worked for some 18 months. In 1871 he went to Atwater, in Portage county, where he worked at his trade until 1877. Mr. Conrad then came to Missouri, as stated above, and established his pottery near Stoutsville. April 3, 1866, Mr. Conrad was married to Miss Mary Sohlinger, of Limaville, Ohio, a daughter of John Sohlinger. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad have five children: William E., Maggie, Nettie, John B. and Fred. Mr. C. is a member of the Ancient Order of Odd Fellows.

## JOHN R. CROSWHITE, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Stoutsville).

One of the most brilliant young physicians whose rising star ever cast a flood of light over the medical horizon, is Dr. John R. Crowwhite. Though not yet arrived at the meridian of life, he has achieved a success which grey hairs need not despise. Of most unusual force, he keeps well up with all the newest discoveries in his profession, and his large and steadily growing practice bears witness to the skill and ability with which he applies his learning, showing a practicability of mind that in no calling is more useful. He is every day more thor-

oughly establishing himself in the confidence of his fellow-citizens, and in time will no doubt be at the head of the fraternity which his talents so adorn. He was the son of John R. Croswhite, a farmer and stock-raiser of Kentucky, who was born in Clark county in 1807, and moved in 1833 to Audrain county, Mo. Twenty years after (1855) he was chosen as the most able representative of the county in the legislative hall. His wife, formerly Miss Rosa Mosley, was also born in Kentucky, in 1811, and is still living in Boone county. Dr. J. R., born March 27, 1852, resided with his father until his education was completed, then was for a number of years in the drug business at Sturgeon. He then, in 1874, commenced the study of medicine at the Missouri Medical College, graduating in 1877. He returned to Sturgeon, practiced there one year, then moved to Stouts-ville, in Monroe county, where he now enjoys the most flattering success. He is a live and wide-awake man, and has already made a name which will be the proudest inheritance of his children. Dr. Croswhite loves his profession as the artist his brush, and striving to penetrate ever deeper and deeper into its mysteries, he purposes attending in the near future a course at the Bellevue College, in New York. The Doctor married, June 21, 1882, Miss Minnie L. Searcy, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Col. J. J. Searcy. They have one son, Roy S., who inherits the combined intellect and attractiveness of both parents. Dr. Croswhite is a member of the Paris Union Lodge No. 19, A. F. and A. M., also the Chapter No. 16, and Parsifal Commandery No. 44.

### ROBERT H. CRUMP

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Florida).

Mr. Crump is a native of the township of which he has long been a substantial citizen, and was born October 4, 1836. He was reared to a farm life in this township, and, receiving a good education, he early became a school teacher, and made that his profession for a number of years. Even upon to a few years ago, he alternated teaching and farming. He long had the reputation of being one of the most successful and popular teachers of the county. On the 15th of March, 1866, Mr. Crump was married to Miss Josie Morrow, the accomplished daughter of Allen Morrow, of Cass county, Ill. She died, however, three years afterwards, April 11, 1869. There are no children living by this union. April 19, 1870, Mr. Crump was married at Rushville, Ill., to Miss Hannah Wheelhouse, daughter of George Wheelhouse, of Schuyler county, Ill. Mr. Crump located on the farm where he now resides in 1866. He has a place of 160 acres, substantially improved. He also has two other good farms situated in the vicinity — in all aggregating about 600 acres. Mr. Crump is a successful stock-raiser and breeder of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. His father, William W. Crump, was one of the early settlers of this county. He came here from Virginia in 1830. He entered and bought land and improved a farm, on which he lived until his death, in 1875, at the age of 75. His



wife, whose maiden name was Susan Jordan, also of Bedford county, Va., died in 1880.

### ALBERT G. DILS

(Mail-carrier between Stoutsville and Florida).

Mr. Dils was born July 30, 1846, in Coahoma county, Miss. He was the fourth child in a family of ten children. His father, Albert G. Dils, was a Virginian, and his mother, Nancy Rownd, a native of Maryland. They were married in Ripley county, Ind., October 15, 1833, and the husband giving up his position as pilot between Cincinnati and New Orleans, moved to Mississippi and became a planter. In 1849 he returned to Indiana, and in 1857 moved to Ralls county, Mo., where he was a successful farmer and stock-raiser up to the time of his death, which occurred November, 12, 1870. Mrs. Dils is still living at Stoutsville. Albert G., Jr., grew up and was educated in Ralls county. On coming of age he went to farming, but after a year, with unusual ambition and independence, returned to school and pursued his studies until he felt himself prepared for the conflict with the world. On the 23d of December, 1869, Mr. Dils married Miss Lulu Boren, a native of Marion county, Mo. He then resumed his interrupted farming operations, also raising stock. In 1880 he went West with a view of making it his future home, but disappointed in his expectations, he returned to Stoutsville in December of the same year and accepted the position of contractor for the Hannibal Lime Company, shipping wood. He was next, for awhile, connected with the livery stable of Dils Brothers, and in 1883 began carrying the mail between Stoutsville and Florida, in which occupation he is now engaged. Mr. Dils is an active and energetic man and will always be successful in anything he undertakes. He has five children: Albert P., Minnie V., Centennial, George H. and Darthula. He is a member of the Florida Union lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 23. His mother and three sisters belong to the Missionary Baptist Church.

### JUDGE HENRY DOOLEY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, and General Business Man, Stoutsville).

It was a saying of Kant, the greatest of German philosophers, and without question one of the greatest minds humanity has ever produced, that the abilities and character of men should be measured with reference particularly to their opportunities or environments. He often said he estimated the force of a man by the distance he had come, the difficulties he had to overcome, and the individuality that marked his efforts. One, in favorable surroundings and forwarded by altruistic help, may attain to a high degree of success in life, and still be essentially devoid of the stronger and better qualities of a successful manhood; while another, who may not reach so high a station as the former, may show, by the rise that he does make, far greater strength of mind and character than the first, having come

up without assistance from those around him, but by his individual exertions and personal worth. These views of Kant, old and well known as they are, are vividly brought to mind by contemplating the record Judge Dooley has made. Without any early opportunities whatever, and in the face of the greatest difficulties, he has risen to a position by his own efforts and mental force, alone, equaled even by that of but few citizens in the county, or throughout the surrounding country, whose advantages were of the best. Not a man of State prominence, or whose name has been sounded by the trumpet of fame, he is yet a man of such solidity of character, such strength of mind and sterling intelligence, and such vigor and success in affairs, that by the intelligent observer he can not but be recognized as a man of a remarkable and superior individuality. The impression at a glance is unavoidable that if his earlier opportunities had been at all favorable, eminence would have come to him as a matter of course. Left an orphan in childhood and practically friendless, and brought up where schools were not in reach, long after his marriage he was able neither to read nor write; yet to-day, he is, and for years past has been, accounted one of the most successful men in Monroe county, indeed, the most successful, as well as one of the leading property holders in North Missouri, his landed estate numbering over 2,500 acres, and for a number of years he occupied with ability the bench of the county court, esteemed one of the most capable and efficient judges who ever sat upon the bench, showing the same vigor and forcible comprehension of duties in administering the affairs of the county that he has always shown in the management of his own interests. Whilst he has exhibited the mental force and the perseverance to accumulate a handsome fortune from worse than no beginning, he has at the same time not neglected the improvement of his mind, and has become, first, through the instruction of his wife and the teaching of a hired hand on his farm, and then by his own reading and untiring investigations, a man of wide and thorough general information, and a business man of superior qualifications. Nor has he become successful in the accumulation of property or in advancement among men of education and information, by selfishness or a sordid care only for his own personality. On the contrary, he has ever shown his heart to be as large and his generosity as unlimited as his mind is broad and liberal and his industry untiring. There are many to bear witness to the kindness of his heart and liberality of his hand. The smallest voice of distress or the most diffident plea of the worthy find in his breast a responsive echo and his hand is not less generous to help such a one than his heart is sympathetic. Among the many instances which illustrate this noble and humane quality of the man, is one where a little girl came to him penniless, and with tears asked him to buy her a book that she might attend the neighboring school. His heart was touched. He not only bought her a book, but sent her to school and educated her, paying her board and other expenses throughout, although he himself, had never learned a letter within the walls of a school-room. And the record of his candidacies show

in a generous light how he is regarded by those who have known him for a lifetime. Although the candidate of the opposite party for the office of judge was considered one of the strongest men in the county, Judge Dooley was elected almost unanimously. Of a large vote in his own township he received all but four, and his re-election to the same office was even more complimentary to him. The life record of such a man as this is certainly eminently worthy of an enviable place in the history of the county where his long and worthy record has been made. Judge Henry Dooley was born in Madison county, Ky., January 20, 1831, and two years afterwards his parents removed to Monroe county, settling in Jefferson township. The father died when Henry (the Judge) was quite young, he being the youngest in the family of children. From this forward his future was to be only what he himself could make it. But generous nature had given him a good mind and a vigorous constitution, and above all an inflexible purpose to rise in the world by honest methods, untiring industry, blameless habits and good management. He had no chance to attend school but had to work from early morn till dewy eve at farm labor, and when night came he was wise enough to know that refreshing hours of sleep would be of more value to him in the end than what little knowledge of books he could pick up when wearied with the day's work. Coming up to farm employments, he of course became a farmer, and subsequently married Miss Nancy Nolen, who was born in Kentucky. He soon became able to buy a small piece of land, which he improved, and with this as a nucleus he afterwards made a large farm. With farming he combined stock-raising and feeding. In 1854, now thirty years ago, he was able to start a small store, carrying a stock of general merchandise and his business, like his farming, greatly prospered. His house became one of the leading establishments of Paris. In 1883 he built a fine brick hotel in Paris, a handsome structure, which is a substantial improvement to the town. Judge Dooley has always taken a commendable interest in public affairs. Years ago he accepted the office of constable and discharged its duties to the great satisfaction of the public. Afterwards, as has been noted above, he was elected county judge, holding the office for several years from 1874, being re-elected. He has been a delegate to county conventions a number of times and also to State senatorial and congressional conventions, and for over 20 years he has served with more or less regularity on the grand and petit juries of the county. Judge Dooley has never been identified with any church, but believes earnestly in the great fundamental principles of religious truth. He is bound to no sect, and in the confusion of jarring doctrines, where —

“ You can and you can't,  
 You will and you won't;  
 You'll be damn'd if you do,  
 You'il be damn'd if you don't,” —



he prefers to take the plain road to Heaven marked out by his own conscience —

“Slave to no sect, who takes no private road,  
But looks through nature up to nature’s God.”

Judge and Mrs. Dooley have eight children living, namely: John W., Alonzo G., James H., Lulu M., Annie L., Eva L., Charles E. and Samuel Tilden. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M.

### UNDERWOOD DOOLEY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Stoutsville).

Mr. Dooley’s grandfather, Jacob Dooley, a native of Virginia, was a gallant soldier under Washington in the War for Independence, and his son, Job Dooley, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a soldier in the American army during the War of 1812, and afterwards drew a pension on account of disabilities received whilst in the service of his country. The Dooleys became pioneer settlers in Kentucky, and Job Dooley married Miss Lucy Searcy, of the well-known family of that name in Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri, and several other States. Underwood Dooley was born of this union in Madison county, Kentucky, May 6, 1809, and was reared in his native State. After he grew up he spent four years in the stock trade between Kentucky and North Carolina. In the fall of 1838 he was married to Miss Martha Dooley, a daughter of his uncle, Jacob Dooley, of Kentucky. But in the meantime both he and his father’s family had come out to Missouri. He came here in 1832 and entered land and improved a farm on Otter creek, in Jefferson township, of Monroe county, and his father’s family came out the year following, where they also opened a farm. The father died here in 1854, and the mother May 15, 1874. Mr. Dooley lived on his first farm for a number of years, but since then he has bought land and improved three other farms in this township. He came to his present farm which he improved in 1854, and has therefore been residing on it continuously for 30 years. This place contains 270 acres, and, indeed, constitutes two farms, having two sets of improvements. His house is a substantial two-story building, and the other house is a one-story building of three rooms. Both places are well improved. Mr. Dooley’s first wife died September 3, 1855. By her he reared a family of seven children; Angeline, who died after becoming grown; Thomas N., Christina, Perry W., Cicero and Alexander, twins, and Lizzie, the second child, also deceased. To his present wife Mr. Dooley was married May 26, 1858. She was formerly Miss Arzelia Renfro, daughter of John Renfro, of this county, but originally of Madison county, Ky. There have been four children by this union: John W., deceased; James P., Sallie and Laura. Mrs. Dooley is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

## JOHN ELLIS

(Farmer, Post-office, Stoutsville).

England gave to this country its original white population, and above all those ideas of free government and personal liberty under the ægis of which has been built up one of the first nations of the earth, a nation that is destined to surpass all others in wealth and population and power, in intelligence and learning and in the onward march of civilization. The parent country is still contributing its brave sons to help the great Republic forward in its splendid career, and every ship that comes over brings Englishmen to unite their energies with ours in the great work going forward. Every State and every county in this country can point to its citizens who are natives of the Empress Isle of the seas. Among this class of citizens in Monroe may be mentioned the subject of the present sketch. Mr. Ellis was born in England, August 15, 1832, and was a son of William and Alice (Crawford) Ellis, his father an Englishman by nativity, and his mother, also a native of that country. In 1837 the family came to America and settled in Courtland county, N. Y. December 25, 1854, he was married there to Miss Alexina Beattie, a daughter of Alexander and Allen Beattie, originally of Dunbreeshire, Scotland. Mrs. Ellis came to the United States with her mother and grandparents, her father having previously died, when she was four years of age, and was reared in Courtland county, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have five children: John B., Rachel, wife of O. S. R. Honeyman; Jane, Mary and Robert E. Mr. Ellis continued farming in Courtland county, N. Y., to which occupation he had been brought up, until the spring of 1866. He then removed to Missouri and located in Monroe county, where he resumed farming, which he has since continued. In 1869 he bought his present place and settled where he now resides. He has a place of 160 acres with good improvements. He and wife are highly esteemed residents of the neighborhood where they reside. Mr. Ellis is a man of great industry and is steadily coming to the front as a successful farmer and influential citizen of the township.

## BENEDICT GARWOOD

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Stoutsville).

Mr. Garwood is one of the thrifty Northern farmers and worthy citizens who, with their wives have settled in this county since the war, and contributed by their brain and energy to build up the county and develop its resources. He has an excellent farm of 180 acres, all under fence and in cultivation and pasturage, the principal branch of cultivation being wheat-raising. Stock-raising is another branch of industry in which Mr. Garwood takes great interest. He is one of those business-like farmers who have shown the acumen to see that stock-raising is one of the most profitable industries in which a man can engage. His farm is well improved and finely watered, and is one of

the choice homesteads of Jefferson township. Mr. Garwood is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Fayette county, about 30 miles from Pittsburg, February 4, 1832. His father was of the same given name, and his mother, formerly a Miss Hannah Swindler, was a native of Maryland. Mr. Garwood, Jr., was reared in Fayette county, and received a good common school education. He came to Ohio in 1856, and followed farming in Carroll county until the year 1862. October 10, 1861, he was married in that county to Miss Elizabeth Maple, a daughter of Jacob Maple, of Carroll county. Five children are the fruits of this union: 1st. Matilda J., now the wife of A. D. Paynter, of this county; 2d, a daughter, Mary A., died in infancy; then two sons were born to them, William T. and John H., and lastly a daughter, Cora S. Mr. Garwood removed to Illinois the second year after his marriage, and located in Pike county, near Kinderhook. Four years later he with his wife and family came to Missouri, where they have since resided. Mr. and Mrs. Garwood and their eldest daughter, Mrs. Paynter, are members of the M. E. Church.

#### JAMES GOODIER, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Florida).

Dr. Goodier was reared in North Missouri, and a sketch of his life shows what difficulties young men with an ambition to accomplish something in the world, had to meet and overcome in this section of the country at that early day in order to succeed. Generally they had to educate themselves, and with but very limited opportunities for doing that. Means were not as easily to accumulate to defray expenses, or for any other purpose then, as they now are. By hard study, principally at home, and without an instructor, he succeeded in gaining a sufficient knowledge of books to teach school. He then taught at the small salaries paid in those days for means with which to complete his education, and finally to take a regular course at a medical college. In this way he became not only a man of excellent general education, but a thoroughly accomplished physician. Dr. Goodier, though reared in this country, is a native of England, having been born in Lancashire June 3, 1825. In 1831, his parents, James and Alice (Willett) Goodier, immigrated to the United States and located in Philadelphia, where they lived for six years. They then came to Missouri and made their home in Marion county for several years, but finally settled permanently in Ralls county. The father improved a good farm there on which he lived until his death, an active, upright and respected life. The facts of Dr. Goodier's early career have already been outlined above. He completed his general education at the Hannibal Collegiate Institute. His preceptor in the study of medicine was Dr. R. N. Anderson, a leading physician of Hannibal. He completed his medical education at the Missouri Medical College, of St. Louis, under the presidency of Dr. McDowell, in which he took a regular course of two terms, graduating with distinction among the first in the class of '51. He now returned to Ralls county and entered



actively into the practice, his ability and acquirements as a physician being such that he was invited to become a partner in the practice with Dr. Tyre Rodes, an old and established physician of Ralls county, with whom he formed a partnership. A year later, however, he came to Florida and has since been engaged in practice from this point, for a period now of 32 years. It is unnecessary in this connection to speak of his unqualified success and high standing as a physician, for he is well known to the people throughout this whole section of country as one of the ablest physicians who has ever practiced in their midst. Dr. Goodier was married away back in the winter of 1853-54, in January, to Miss Martha E. Holmes, a daughter of Amanca W. Holmes, for some years sheriff of Monroe county, and originally from Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. Goodier have two children: Robert H. and Alice. Robert H. is a practicing physician, and was graduated from the St. Louis Medical College with distinction in March, 1883. Miss Alice is a young lady of rare culture and refinement, still at home with her parents. Dr. Goodier and family are members of the M. E. Church South, and young Dr. Goodier is a prominent member of the Masonic order.

### ROBERT G. HANNA

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

This enterprising and reliable farmer is the son of Robert Hanna, of Augusta county, Va., who came to Missouri in 1828 a young man full of bright and glowing hopes and dreams. Behind he had left that purest and strongest incentive to a man to brace every nerve in the struggle with life's perplexities. A tender heart counted the moments until he should return to claim his own. A pure and lovely maiden waited to crown his life with her love. After a year of patient endeavor, Mr. Hanna was able to return to Virginia, and Miss Jane E. Berry, also of that State, plighted to him her troth and accompanied him, in 1830, to Monroe county, where he entered land and improved the farm upon which his son, Robert G., now lives. He gradually added to his property until he owned upwards of 1,000 acres, and spent the rest of his days in peaceful prosperity. He died in 1867. Mr. Hanna's first wife dying in 1845, he married again, and had five children in all, four by his first and one by his second marriage. Of these, William A., the eldest son, was killed in the Confederate service, in 1863, at the battle of Corinth. Robert G., the second son, grew up on the farm he still owns, which was willed to him by his father. He received a good common school education, and upon reaching years of discretion became a farmer. He married, October 30, 1867, Miss Victoria E., daughter of Hiram Wommack, of Monroe county, formerly from Virginia. Mrs. Hanna was born in Lincoln county, and was almost a woman when she came to Monroe. There are five sons by this marriage: Albro, Eddy P., Hiram W. and Benjamin J. and Perry B., twins. Mr. Hanna has always lived on the home place, which contains 420 acres, 380 fenced and in meadow

pasture and plow land. The farm is supplied with every convenience and improvement, and reflects unbounded credit on the systematic management and industrious energy of its owner. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna are members of the Presbyterian Church at Perry, Ralls county. They are among the most highly honored citizens of Jefferson township.

### WINFIELD S. HAWKINS

(Farmer).

Mr. Hawkins was born in Culpeper county, Va., on St. Valentine's Day, 1821. His father, Benjamin Hawkins, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and married Miss Susan Green, both natives of the Old Dominion. Mr. Hawkins, Sr., in later life emigrated to Kentucky, where he finally ended his days. Winfield S. lived in his native county on the home farm until he was 17 years of age, attending the common schools. In 1837 he moved to Missouri, learned the carpenter's trade and worked at the same through the counties in the eastern part of the State for 10 years. He then came to Monroe and for some time followed carpentering in and around Paris. In 1850 he went to California, worked in the mines there for a year and a half, and returned by Central America and New York. In 1854 he began farming in Audrian county, which he continued until the close of the war, then returned to Monroe county and bought the farm he still occupies. He has 160 acres of fine land, 140 fenced and in a good state of cultivation; has a comfortable residence, good buildings, fine orchard, etc. It may be safely said that there is no more correct and estimable man, as well as reliable and intelligent farmer in the township. Mr. H. went up, in 1840, on the first four-horse coach that ever made the trip from St. Louis to Palmyra. He has always been identified with every movement tending to promote the general good, and in him the county possesses a faithful and valuable citizen. Mr. Hawkins has been twice married. His first wife, whom he wedded January 26, 1849, was Miss Sarah P., daughter of Braxton Pollard, of Florida. She died January 15, 1871, leaving eight children, viz.: James William, married and living in Henry county; Mary E., wife of Bela Hughes, of Monroe; Charles B., in Illinois; Virginia L., Hugh B., George N., John W. and Henry M. Two children died in infancy, and one, Benjamin F., died in May, 1873, aged 25 years. On the 12th of October, 1871, Mr. H. married Miss Mary E., daughter of Wilkinson Crump, one of the early settlers of Monroe, who emigrated in 1844 from Bedford county, Va. By this marriage there was one child, who bloomed but to fade. Mr. Hawkins is a member of the Presbyterian Church, while his worthy and superior wife worships according to the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

## J. G. HICKMAN

(Post-office, Florida).

Mr. Hickman, a son of Hugh A. Hickman, was born in November, 1837, in Monroe county, Mo. Having some taste for learning, he acquired a fair classical education, and has always manifested some interest in matters of thought. He was married to Miss M. K. Campbell, in April, 1863. Two children are living, a son and daughter, the former 17 and the latter 19 years of age. He is proprietor of the Excelsior Mills, north of Florida, which he hopes to make a success.

## PHILANDER W. HICKMAN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Hickman is a native of Monroe county, born in South Fork township, July 15, 1847. His parents, Anderson and Susan (Cowherd) Hickman, were from Kentucky. P. W. grew up in the county, spending his youth on the farm and receiving a good common school education. Upon reaching his majority, it was natural that in his choice of a calling he should be swayed by his early associations and training. Having, therefore, been brought up on a farm, among farmers, and feeling that he was well fitted to make a success of agriculture, he embraced it as his own field of action. He farmed with his father up to the time of his marriage, then settled on a farm he owned near by, and lived there for three years. In March, 1882, he took possession of his present farm. Mr. Hickman owns 160 acres, all fenced and in meadow pasture and plow land. He has a handsome residence, new buildings and fine young orchard. His home is further adorned by the presence of a beautiful and charming young wife, to whom he was united March 21, 1878. She was Miss Ella, daughter of Darius and Martha Poage, of Monroe county, where Mrs. H. was born and raised. One noble boy blesses the married life of this interesting and attractive young couple, Elbert A., born August 28, 1883:—

A royal guest with flaxen hair,  
He rules by his divine right of helplessness,  
And the light of love shines over all.

Mr. Hickman is quite young, and life blossoms before him like a garden wooing his plucking hand. With such a mind, heart and temperament as his, he can not fail to wreath a garland of fairest beauty. He and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church.

## THOMAS W. HURD

(Farmer, Post-office, Stoutsville).

Mr. Hurd, though a native of Kentucky, born in Harrison county, October 17, 1820, was principally reared in Missouri, his parents



having removed to Monroe county in an early day, whilst he was still a lad. Coming up in those times, his opportunities for an education were, of course, limited, but, as was said of Sir William Jones, that he might have been sewed up in a sack and placed on the most barren spot in England to die, yet he would have found a way to get out and accomplish something in the world, so there are some who can not be kept down, it matters not in what circumstances they are placed, and Mr. Hurd is one of these. He found a way to educate himself, almost entirely regardless of school and of instruction from others, and has become one of the well informed men of the county. Not only this, but as a farmer he has been entirely successful. By his own exertions and sterling intelligence he has placed himself among the substantial farmers of the county. He has an excellent farm and is comfortably situated in life. Above this he is one of the public spirited citizens of the township, having an intelligent appreciation of the needs of the people and the country to make them prosperous, and is ever ready with counsel and to assist with his own efforts and otherwise to help along any movement designed for the general good. Mr. Hurd was a son of Judge Thomas Hurd, of this county, a pioneer settler of the county, and previously a citizen of Harrison county, Ky. He was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812, and afterwards a judge of the county court in Kentucky. He came to Monroe county with his family in 1832, and improved a large farm here. He served as justice of the peace in this county for a number of years, and died May 1, 1861. His wife, whose maiden name was Martha Stevenson, died March 6, 1860. They had a family of 16 children, 14 of whom grew to maturity. Thomas W. was one of seven sons, three of whom are living, and only three daughters are living. Thomas W. Hurd was married February 20, 1845, to Miss Margaret I. Kerr, a daughter of John and Susan Kerr, originally of Virginia. Her father also had a family of 16 children, 14 of whom attained majority. He was twice married, and had 12 children by his first wife and four by his last wife, the mother of Mrs. Hurd. Mr. and Mrs. Hurd have seven children, namely: Susan J., wife of John H. Clapper; John W., Martha E., relict of Frederick Clapper; James P., Robert B., Laura E., wife of John M. Jones, and Thomas F. Mr. Hurd settled on the farm where he now resides immediately after his marriage. This is one of the oldest places in the county, the land having been entered at the first land sales in the State, at St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. H. are members of the Regular Presbyterian Church.

### WILLIAM H. POAGE

(Retired Farmer).

Mr. Poage is the son of a gallant Virginia gentleman, Maj. James Poage, of the militia of that State. His wife, Jane Poage, was also born in Virginia, and was reared on the south branch of the Potomac. The family emigrated to Kentucky in about 1805, and were among

the pioneer settlers of Green county. In such a wild condition was the country at that time that bear still roamed in unrestrained freedom through the forests, sometimes causing the farmers much annoyance by their depredations among the stock. So bold were these that often they would chase the hogs into the very farmyard. In 1882 Mr. Poage moved with his family to Missouri, and farmed until his death in 1850, on a place four miles east of Paris. William H. was born in Greenup county, Ky., August 15, 1815, and accompanied his parents to Missouri. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. In 1849, with the adventurous spirit of youth, he took a trip overland to California, where for a year he worked in the mines, golden visions of the future dancing before his eyes. Realizing with the sober judgment of growing experience that fortune smiles only on patient and long continued efforts, he returned in 1850 to his home and the life to which he had been brought up, making the journey by way of the Isthmus and New Orleans. Previous to this little episode in his history, Mr. Poage had assumed the responsibility of a wife. In February, 1843, Miss Elizabeth Ann, daughter of B. C. Pollard, of Florida, Mo., formerly of Kentucky, stood with him before God's holy altar and vowed to be to him that most priceless of all treasures, a true and faithful wife. Mrs. Poage was born in Kentucky. Her father was well known as having the first tanyard in Monroe county, at Florida. Mr. Poage farmed until 1852 near Austin Station, in March of that year changing his residence to his present location. He first bought 500 acres of land, a part of which he has since disposed of. His place is all fenced, with 240 acres in cultivation. His improvements are good and his whole farm presents an appearance of smiling prosperity. He is not only a successful farmer, but one of the most esteemed citizens of the township. His household is enlivened by the sunshiny presence of seven children: James A., Samuel B., Charles W., Sarah C., wife of Albert Henderson; Mary Jane, wife of B. F. Vaughn; Amanda C., wife of James Yowell, and Ruth E. Mr. and Mrs. Poage and their family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

### JUDGE JAMES M. POLLARD

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Stoutsville).

Judge Pollard has been a resident of Missouri for nearly half a century, from youth up to approaching old age, and during his entire career as a citizen of this State, his life has been one of continued activity and usefulness. Judge Pollard is a native of Kentucky, born in Owen county, October 17, 1826, and was a son of Thomas Pollard, a leading citizen of that county, and sheriff of the county, and Nancy, *nee* Marsh. His father was a Kentuckian by nativity, but his mother came with her parents from North Carolina, and was married in Kentucky. In 1840 the family removed to Missouri and settled where the Judge now resides, the father having improved his farm from raw land. He died here in 1864, and his wife died the follow-

ing year. Of their nine sons and two daughters, only two brothers and a sister are living. When 21 years of age, young Pollard went to the town of Florida, where he learned the wagon making and carriage trade. When he came to Missouri he was old enough to have left a sweetheart behind, a school-mate, whose form and features were never for a moment effaced from his mind. Accordingly, in 1851, being then 24 years of age, and having a trade as a means of making a living, he went back to claim the hand, as he had already won the heart, of her with whom he parted in Kentucky, 11 years before. They were married in Owen county, April 23, 1851. She was a daughter of Turner Gentry of that county, Miss Malinda Gentry, as true as she was fair, and as pure in thought and word as angels are. Bringing his happy young wife out to Missouri, he now located at Platte City, and went to work at his trade with the courage of Trojan and heart as light and free as the balmy zephyrs of May: —

“ But all that's bright must fade,  
The brightest still the fleetest.”

Hardly more than a year had circled around when the pall of death settled over their happy little home, and the spirit of his fair young wife was borne away to Heaven. She died July 15, 1852. Judge Pollard bore his heaviest of all bereavements with the courageous resignation that only the brave and true man that he was, could. He accepted the decree that robbed him of all that was near and dear and continued on to work out the thread of his destiny. He remained at Platte City until 1855, and then returned to this county. In 1857 he removed to Shelby county, where he followed farming until 1863, when he engaged in selling goods in Hunnewell, in that county. But on account of war troubles he soon left and moved his family to Illinois, where he remained until the restoration of peace. Meanwhile, on the 11th of October, 1853, he was married to Miss Mary J. Blackburn, a daughter of Samuel Blackburn, of Shelby county, but formerly of Kentucky. This has proved a union of great happiness and is blessed with five children: Samuel Thomas, Viola, wife of O. A. Marr; James C., Henry M. and William Lee. Returning from Illinois after the war, the Judge settled on the old Pollard homestead in this county, where he has ever since continued to reside. This place contains nearly 300 acres, over half of which is improved with good substantial and comfortable improvements. Judge Pollard was elected presiding justice of the county court in 1878, and served with ability and to the general satisfaction of the public for four years. Prior to that he had filled other positions of public trust, including that of magistrate, an office he held while a resident of Shelby county for five years. He has always taken an intelligent and somewhat active interest in public affairs, though entirely disinterested so far as his own advancement is concerned, for he has never sought office, and has only entered the public service when called by the votes of his fellow-citizens, unsolicited by him. He has been a member of numer-



ous conventions, town, township, county, etc., and, indeed, has always occupied a leading position in affairs in general. He and wife are worthy members of the Baptist Church at Stoutsville, and he is a prominent member of the Masonic Order. He has ever been a faithful worker in the temperance cause, and a friend to the poor and needy.

### MARCUS M. POWERS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Florida).

Mr. Powers has a large stock farm of nearly 500 acres, and he makes a specialty of raising and handling stock, producing no grain whatever, except for feeding purposes, on the farm. He is one of those clear-headed, practical men who do everything of a pecuniary nature from a common-sense business point. According to his ideas and figures, if it pays at all to raise grain and grass, it pays twice as well to feed them to stock and put them on the markets in the shape of cattle, hogs, sheep and other farm animals. At least, this is his policy as a farmer, and his success in it shows that it is a sound one. Mr. Powers has led a very active life and one not devoid of substantial results. He was eight years of age when his parents came to this county, then Ralls county, in 1830, having been born in Green county, Ky., January 22, 1822. He grew up in the county and had the benefit of one of the old-fashioned puncheon floor educations, distributed by the occasional itinerant old-field Virginia school teachers, who taught school here in those days, when the timber was so hard frozen that they couldn't make boards. Still of a studious mind, young Powers studied at home and succeeded in obtaining a very good knowledge of books, quite sufficient to get along with in the world. January 16, 1844, he was married to Miss Mary Terrell, a daughter of Robert Terrell, of Randolph county, but formerly of Kentucky. After his marriage, Mr. Powers engaged in farming in Jackson township, and was getting along first-rate until the California gold excitement broke out. He then caught the general fever to cross the plains and get rich in a little while digging gold. Accordingly, he went overland to the Pacific coast in 1850 in company with his brother, Tom Reavis and others, and spent nearly three years on the shores washed by the Pacific. He was principally engaged in mining and freighting out there, and while there, his brother, Robert, died. Mr. Powers returned to Missouri by water in 1853, and having made some money he bought a farm in South Fork township, where he resided for about 17 years, successfully engaged in farming. Whilst there his first wife died in 1864. She left him eight children: Robert C., Richard E., Cyrus B., Orville H., George M., James W., Harvey T. and Arthur L. Three of these are married and have families of their own. Mr. Powers was married to his present wife, March 11, 1866. She was previously Mrs. Angeline Nesbitt, relict of Nicholas Nesbitt, and a daughter of James Field, formerly of Kentucky. There are two children by this union, Minnie and Beulah C. Mr. Powers' second wife died November 15, 1880.

Meanwhile, in 1870, he sold his farm in South Fork township to his two youngest brothers, and bought the old Powers' paternal homestead in Jefferson township, consisting of 475 acres. This is one of the best stock farms in the township and all the improvements are substantial and well arranged, both as a home and for stock-raising. Mr. Powers is a genial, whole-souled man, hospitable and generous, and is as pleasant to meet or to spend an evening with at his own home as it is to have your shirt-front blown open by a gust of cool wind in a harvest field of a sultry day in July. Mr. Powers has been an exemplary member of the Presbyterian Church for the past 43 years, and is one of the sterling men of that denomination in Florida. Mr. Powers was a son of R. D. and Harriet (Poage) Powers, his father originally of Virginia, but his mother a native of Kentucky. They were married in Kentucky and came to Missouri in 1830. The father bought and entered over 700 acres of land here and improved a fine farm. He became one of the prominent citizens of Jefferson township and served as magistrate some years. He died in 1859, wide and sincerely mourned. He was twice married. There were eight children by his first wife and four by his last, Marcus M., being the eldest by his first marriage. Four sons by his first marriage are still living, and all the children by his second wife.

### Theron B. Powers

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Feeder and Dealer).

Mr. Powers was born in Monroe county, Jefferson township, February 23, 1834. He is a brother to Mr. M. M. Powers, whose memoir adds greatly to the interest of these pages. Theron B. received a good education in the common schools, and at the age of 20 went overland, in company with James and John Terrell, of Randolph county, to California, taking a large herd of cattle. He was four months making the trip. Its tediousness, however, was amply compensated for by the success which met him upon his arrival. He was engaged for 15 years in freighting upon a large scale from Sacramento to different places in Nevada. Longing for home after so many years, Mr. Powers returned by way of the Isthmus, New York and Chicago in 1869, after which, for five years, he was engaged with his brother, J. N. Powers, at Long Branch, in farming and the stock business, which seems always to have had a fascination for him, and of which he has made a complete success. In 1870 Mr. Powers became enamored of the fresh charms of one of Monroe county's fairest daughters, Miss Lucy M., daughter of Joseph Hoeker, formerly from Kentucky, and one of the earliest settlers of the county, and on the 23d of February, of the same year, "they twain were made one flesh." Naturally enough he was drawn through this influence to Monroe county, to which he moved in the spring of 1874. He now has a beautiful place of 620 acres of land, all fenced, except one tract of 80 acres, which is in timber. The home farm is almost all in meadow and pasture and contains every comfort and convenience.

Mr. Powers makes a specialty of raising and feeding cattle for the wholesale market, and ships as fine specimens as ever crossed the boundaries of Monroe county. In November, 1880, he shipped 27 head, making three car loads, and averaging 2,145 pounds in weight. The following year he fed 18 head that averaged 1,885 pounds. Mr. Powers is one of the most experienced and skillful stock-raisers in the county. His judgment is always good, and possessing unbounded energy and, withal, a strong taste for his chosen business, he has made his place a model stock farm, and his utterances on the subject of cattle are received as those of an oracle by all for miles around him. He is a leading man in the county, and strives ever to elevate his profession by his uniting efforts and example. Mr. and Mrs. Powers have six children: Mary Emma, Cassie V., Hattie R., Homer N., Oscar B. and Charles O. Mr. P. is a member of Florida Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and he and his wife belong to the Baptist Church.

### THOMAS M. REAVIS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Florida).

Mr. Reavis' grandfather, Mark Reavis, an early settler in Kentucky from North Carolina, became a pioneer settler in Saline county, Mo., but finally made his home near Columbia, in Boone county, where he resided until his death. He moved from Virginia to Buncombe county, N. C., and from there moved to Warren county, Ky., in or about 1800. After a residence in Kentucky of some 18 or 20 years he came on to Missouri in 1820, locating at first in Saline county. St. Charles, Cote Sans Dessein and Old Franklin were then small landings or villages on the river. In the upper part of Saline county, his uncle, Ned Reavis, discovered a valuable salt spring and decided to engage in the manufacture of salt. He accordingly procured kettles in St. Louis or some other place where they could be obtained, and other utensils necessary for that purpose. He made salt in that county until after steamers began to navigate the Missouri, in 1819. They made the cost of transportation so cheap that salt could be brought up the river from other and larger works at a distance and sold for less than it could be made for in Saline county or this part of the country. The manufacture of salt was therefore discontinued. Mr. Reavis, the subject of this sketch, remembers hearing his father relate what an excitement the advent of the first steamboat up the Missouri created. The father went some distance to see it, and knew of many who went miles to view the great wonder. Saline county then being too far away even from the outposts of civilization, the family moved back and settled near Columbia, Boone county, where the grandfather spent the remainder of his days, one of the highly respected old citizens of that county.

Mr. Reavis' father, Jones B. Reavis, the son of Mark Reavis, was about six or seven years of age when the family moved to Kentucky from North Carolina. He enlisted in the War of 1812 from that State and served from 1814 till its close under Gens. Adair and Thomas,



and embarked in flat boats at Smithland, Ky., and went down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans. After the war they marched back to Kentucky on foot, where they were honorably discharged. Jones B. Reavis in a few years after came out to Missouri, the year previous to his parents, in 1819, to Saline county, and finally moved to Boone county. He was married in Boone county in 1823 to Miss Hannah Morton, who was on a visit to see relatives, of Woodford county, Ky. In 1830 he removed to Monroe county, where he became a farmer and stock-raiser, and resided here until his death, which was in 1858. He was a man of industry and intelligence and was highly respected in this county. His wife died in 1871. They had a family of 11 children, five now living: Thomas M. Reavis, of Monroe county; James O. Reavis, Mrs. Bartlett Russell, David M. Reavis, Andrew Reavis, of California.

Thomas M. Reavis was born in Boone county, March 7, 1826. He was therefore four years of age when the family removed to Monroe county. Reared in this county, in the winter of 1847 he enlisted under Lieut. John H. Hawkins as recruit for Price's army in New Mexico, and served till the close of the war. He was honorably discharged at Independence, Mo., in the fall of 1848. Subsequently he made several trips to California, but finally settled down permanently at farming in this county. At the outbreak of the Civil War, in 1861, he enlisted in the Missouri State Guard, Southern service, as a private under Col. Brace, and afterwards was promoted to the position of first-lieutenant in Capt. Grigsby's company, at Springfield. After the close of his term in the State service, he enlisted in the regular Confederate army and was out until the close of the war. After the war he returned to Monroe county and engaged in farming, which he has since followed.

### JOSHUA RICHMOND

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Richmond was born in Frederick county, Md., November 14, 1815. His parents, natives of the same State, were Francis and Susanna (Stottlemeyer) Richmond. The father held the commission of first lieutenant in the War of 1812. He moved to Missouri in 1837 and settled near Hannibal on a farm, where he died in 1844. He was twice married, his second wife drawing a pension until her death, in 1881. Joshua R. lived in Maryland on a farm until he was past boyhood, receiving a good common school education as he grew up. At the age of 17 he came West and fixed on Dayton, Ohio, as the scene of his struggle with life. He began learning the brickmason's trade, but after working at this for three years, the strong associations of childhood drew him with restless power to his own home. After a visit of one year with renewed resolution and courageous hope he again set his face toward the setting sun. He settled in Hannibal, Mo., where he worked at his trade most profitably for 16 years. In 1854 he removed to Monroe county, bought some raw land and

improved the place upon which he now lives. He owns 240 acres of land, 160 of it is fenced, and about 120 improved. He has a commodious residence and good buildings, also a fair orchard. In farming, as in all else he has undertaken, Mr. Richmond has brought to bear qualities which can not fail of success. Pluck, energy and patient industry never have but one result, and this has crowned Mr. R.'s labors. He fell a victim, in 1844, to a fever that sooner or later must scorch the being of all weal mortals with its burning breath, love; that tyrant, restless as death, bound him in his chains, those chains so fair, so sweet, so alluring, that we voluntarily clasp them round our chained hearts, and which, when we feel the bitter pain of their merciless power, we struggle vainly to tear away:—

Time flies. The swift hours hurry by  
And speed us on to untried ways;  
New seasons ripen, perish, die,  
And yet Love stays.

On the 17th of June, 18—, Mr. Richmond wedded Miss Aurelia Torry, a bright young school teacher from Massachusetts. Three years later she was torn from his despairing arms by the Death Angel who envied his joy. January 16, 1849, Miss Angeline M., daughter of Hiram Cook, of Hannibal, formerly of Massachusetts, became Mr. R.'s second wife. Mrs. Richmond was born in Massachusetts, but came to Missouri at the age of nine years. Seven children have made the poetry of their married lives: Lizzie C., wife of Harmon Vaughn, of Ralls county; Charles F., now at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo.; Angeline A., a teacher in Colorado; Cora L., also a teacher of Monroe county; Hiram C., Adella and Joshua are living. Ella J. died in 1876, aged 20 years, and one flower fell from the stalk ere its first leaves were opened. Mr. R. and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a deacon for 25 years.

### LE GRANDE ROUSE

(Dealer in Drugs, Groceries, Etc., Florida).

Mr. Rouse is a business man of long experience, and has an established trade in and around Florida which he has built up by close attention to business, fair dealing and his accommodating way of treating customers. He has been engaged in business more or less continuously for over 20 years, and at Florida, without any interruption whatever, for the last 18 years. He carries a general stock of drugs and groceries and keeps everything in these lines to be found in a village store of a place even much larger than Florida. He is well known to the people of Jefferson township and, indeed, of the eastern part of Monroe and the western part of Ralls counties, and commands a good trade throughout the entire territory tributary to this point. Mr. Rouse was born in Boone county, Ky., March 4, 1832, but was reared in Monroe county, this State, his parents, Maj. Jeremiah

and Nancy (Barlow) Rouse, having immigrated to this county in 1836. His father received the title of Major in the old Muster days, which ever afterwards clung to him. He bought and entered land in this county and improved a farm, on which he lived until his death in 1866. He and wife were both originally from Virginia. Le Grande Rouse's opportunities for an education consisted of an occasional three months' school in the winter time, which was attended usually about every other day, or, in other words, when the snow was not blowing in at the cracks at the school house or not melting on the roof and leaking through, or the weather was not so cold but that the room could be kept warm by a log fire in the stick chimney at the end. Those were the good old days of spelling matches at the schools, and the boys and girls had any amount of fun, if their only books were Pike's Arithmetic and the Life of Marion, interspersed now and then, by way of variety, with an interesting chapter in the Scriptures. Mr. Rouse succeeded in acquiring a sufficient knowledge of books to move along very well in business affairs, and afterwards, by study and reading, made himself a man of good, fair general English education and liberal information in affairs, business, political and otherwise. June 24, 1858, he was married to Miss Polly Scobee, a daughter of Capt. John Scobee, formerly of Kentucky. He then located on a farm in Jefferson township, which he improved from raw land. He lived there for about five years and then engaged in merchandising in Ralls county. A year later he resumed farming in Jefferson township and in 1866 sold the farm he then owned and bought another place, where he farmed for a while. He then sold that and bought the old Rouse homestead. Later along he traded that for his present property and business at Florida. He owns his business building here and also his residence. One of his sons is now in business with him. Mr. and Mrs. Rouse have five children: Jeremiah F., Elvira, wife of Josiah Heavenridge; Sarah E., Robert J. and John C. They have lost three: James W., John A. and Lucy L., all between two and four years of age. Mr. Rouse is a member of Florida Lodge No. 23, A. F. and A. M.

#### ROBERT SCOBEE, SR.

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Scobee is a native of Monroe county, born October 21, 1821. His father, Stephen Scobee, was born and raised in Kentucky, and there married Miss Sarah S. Ely, also of Kentucky. The family moved to Missouri in 1821, and settled in what was then Ralls, but is now Monroe county, where Stephen Scobee entered land to the amount of 7,000 acres. He was a large and prominent stock-dealer and farmer. He died in St. Louis in 1855. Robert S. was raised on the farm in Jefferson township where he still lives. Upon arriving at his majority and after his marriage Mr. S. settled in Ralls county and improved a farm, which he made his home for 20 years. He then sold it and bought the old homestead, endeared to him by a thousand tender associations, and sweeter in his eyes than any home on earth could



ever be. He moved to the county in 1859, and now owns 280 acres of land, mostly in meadow, pasture and plow. He has a handsome residence and all other necessary improvements. His property was even larger than at present, but he has sold a portion and has also given with lavish generosity to his children. Of these he has eight: Martha Ann, wife of Isaac P. Bibb, of Randolph county; Stephen T., Elizabeth J., wife of S. H. Scobee; R. G., married and living in Adair county; J. D., also married; D. A., a young man at school at College Mound, McGee College; M. B. and James W. Besides his own goodly flock, Mr. Scobee has taken into his noble heart and hospitable home two fatherless little ones, Robert D. and Katie E. Norman, upon whom he bestows the same affection and parental care which fell to his own children. If nothing else were known of this good man beyond the above recorded fact, that alone would stamp him forever as living in a moral atmosphere as far above that breathed by mankind generally as are the pure, white stars above the senseless clods of the earth's clay. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me," Christ hath said, and he to whom these words have been more than empty sounds, can have but little to fear at the last trump. Mr. Scobee is an intelligent and industrious farmer and stands as high as any man in the township. His wife, a woman well worthy of a place by his side, to whom he was married January 24, 1843, was Miss Dulcinia, daughter of Saunders and Elizabeth Norman, formerly from Boone county, Ky. Mrs. S. was born in that county in 1824, but was brought to Missouri when a tiny maid of three summers, and has spent the rest of her life in Monroe county. She and her husband present a beautiful example of Christian life. They are both members of the Baptist Church.

### STEPHEN H. SCOBEE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Scobee was born in Monroe county, July 20, 1845, of Frances Wood, of South Carolina, and Capt. Stephen Scobee, a native of Kentucky. The latter served as captain of militia during the drill times. He moved to Missouri when a young man, entered land and improved a farm in Monroe county, where he lived until his death in November, 1876. He was one of the earliest settlers of the county. Of the children who grew to maturity, Stephen H. was the fourth son. He has always lived in Monroe county and is now one of its model farmers. He owns 360 acres of land with 260 in meadow pasture and plow land. His improvements are first-class and his orchard is especially fine. During the war Mr. Scobee served for about nine months in Col. Pinnell's regiment. He was on duty in Louisiana and Texas but was in no engagements. Upon the cessation of the hostilities he returned to his home and in January, 1866, married Miss Bessie, daughter of Robert and Dulcina Scobee, of Monroe county. After this important event he went to work in earnest as a farmer, and has met with the brightest success. Every opening vista of life has

been but a fresh and fair surprise. He enjoys the cordial respect and good will of all who know him. Mr. and Mrs. Scobee have six living children: Cena J., Minnie L., Thomas, Katie F., Sallie S. and Christy C. Two died in infancy, and Robert, aged 18 months and Mattie aged three months. Mr. and Mrs. Scobee are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

### DENNIS THOMPSON

(Dealer in Drugs and Groceries, Stoutsville).

Mr. Thompson, a business man of long experience, was the pioneer merchant of Stoutsville, having opened the first stock of goods here ever brought to the place. He came to Stoutsville in 1867 and has been here merchandising continuously ever since, a period now of 17 years. He carries a good stock of drugs and groceries, commodities not only to make well but to make fat his fellow creatures, and being a man without reproach and of popular address he, of course, seeing the commendable lines which he is in, does an excellent business, for all the goods he keeps are for the good and nothing for the hurt of humanity. Mr. Thompson is one of the sterling business men and public-spirited citizens of Stoutsville and has contributed his full share to the prosperity of the place. He is a man whom all respect and have confidence in and whose influence in the community is only for good. He is a native Missourian, born in Ralls county, September 29, 1824, and a son of Hiram T. Thompson, who came to this State away back in 1818. His father married here, having lost his first wife, to Miss Elizabeth Dale, who became the mother of the subject of this sketch. She came to Missouri when a child with her parents in 1807, when the white men of the interior of the State could almost be numbered on one's fingers, but when the Indians and the wolves and the wild beasts of the field and forest were hardly less numerous than the blades of grass that waved before the summer breezes on the boundless prairie like the waters of a horizon-bound sea. Mr. Thompson's parents removed to Monroe county, near Stoutsville, in 1827, where they resided for 20 years. The father died in Texas in 1863, whence he had removed a year or two before. Dennis Thompson, after he grew up, followed stock trading for about eight years and then sold groceries at Florida, in this county, for a short time. He subsequently followed either farming or the grocery trade until 1867, when he came to Stoutsville, as stated above. January 30, 1845, he was married to Miss Sarah F. Yowell, a daughter of Ephraim Yowell, of this county, but formerly of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have three children: Clarissa A., wife of Shedrack Woodson; Elizabeth J., wife of William Carter and George W. Mr. Thompson served eight years as justice of the peace of Jefferson township and is, therefore, generally called by his neighbors and acquaintances 'Squire Thompson, for in this country, although a man may quit an office, the title of the office never quits him, unless it is for one a little more high sounding. Hence the country, in these piping times of peace, is

filled with generals and colonels and captains, but never a corporal is seen, Private Dalzell being the only private thus far heard from.

### JOHN W. VANDEVENTER

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Merchant).

Mr. V. was born in Monroe county, February 27, 1844, on the same farm which is still his home. He was the son of William Vandeventer, who came to Missouri from Virginia, in 1831. He was a young man and settled in Monroe county, afterwards marrying Miss Sarah Conrad, a native of Kentucky. He entered and bought land to the amount of 800 acres, and improved a splendid farm, upon which he lived until his death, December 26, 1866. J. W. grew to manhood on the home farm, and at the age of 20 enlisted in the Confederate army. He took a brave part until the close of the war, being under Col. McDaniel. In 1865 Mr. Vandeventer came home, and once more taking up his old life as a farmer, married, January 15, 1875, Miss Mary Buchanan, daughter of Robert Buchanan, of Monroe county, formerly of Virginia. Mrs. V. was born in the county. Of this marriage were born three children: Antha L., Hattie B. and Maggie H. Mr. Vandeventer owns, in partnership with Mr. Goss, upwards of 1,200 acres of land, nearly all fenced and in grass. They are large dealers and feeders of cattle and hogs and ship annually about ten car loads. The firm of Goss & Vandeventer also own the Florida Flouring Mills and in addition carry on an immense mercantile business at Florida, this branch of enterprise being erected under the immediate supervision of the other partner, Mr. Goss. This is one of the staunchest and most reliable firms in Monroe county, and do a trade second to none. The brightness of their prosperity is largely due to the capable management and untiring energy of Mr. Vandeventer, who possesses to an eminent degree every characteristic most necessary to success. He and his family are also shining additions to the society of the township. Mrs. V. is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

### CAPT. BENJAMIN F. WHITE

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Dealer).

One of the oldest of those heroes who fought, bled, and risked death for the preservation of Southern rights is the subject of the present sketch. Capt. White is a son whom Missouri proudly claims as her own. His parents, James M. and Nancy White, came from Kentucky in 1832, and settled in Jefferson township, Monroe county. Benjamin F. was born in Monroe county, July 2, 1838, and spent the early years of his life on his father's farm, having fair educational advantages. In 1861, being of a suitable age, and his heart full of zeal and enthusiasm in the cause of the land of chivalry, Mr. W. enlisted in Col. Brace's regiment of Calvary, Co. B, State Guard. His intelligence and natural capacity to rule elevated him at once to the rank of lieutenant. In the spring of 1862, he enlisted in the



regular Confederate service, Col. Porter's calvary, and fought with brilliant gallantry until the close of the war. He was captain of Co. F. Mr. White was wounded three times: first, at Monroe City, through the hand and arm, losing the end of one finger, also received a flesh wound in Newark, and on another occasion had two ribs broken. He took part in many battles, among them, Lexington, Kirksville, Little Rock, Arkansas, Camden, and skirmishes innumerable through Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. When peace once more

Lay like a shaft of light across the land,

Capt. W., who had lived to see his beloved banner trailed in the dust, wended his mournful way homeward, and taking up his plow, endeavored in the peaceful life of a farmer to find repose and happiness. March 15, 1866, he led to the altar Miss Sarah J., daughter of William S. Briggs, of Ralls county, but formerly of Kentucky. Capt. White came to his present farm in 1877, and is now one of the well-to-do men of the township. He has 480 acres of land all fenced and almost all in cultivation, meadow and pasturage. His buildings are neat and substantial and mostly new, and his farm presents a very attractive appearance. He has been no less deserving as a citizen than as a soldier, and bears a reputation of which his family may justly feel proud. He has three children living: Joseph T., Benjamin T. and Robert M. Mr. and Mrs. W. are connected with the Christian Church, and he is a member of Florida Lodge of the A. F. and A. M., in which he fills the responsible position of treasurer.

### WILEY M. WILKERSON

(Dealer in General Merchandise, Florida).

Mr. Wilkerson was born in Monroe county, June 15, 1833. His father came from Kentucky when a young man, away back in 1822, and was married here to Miss Phœbe Dean, formerly of Lawrence county, Ind. He settled in this county and remained here until 1850, when he went to California, crossing the plains. He remained there two years and died at Havana, Cuba, while on his way back by the Isthmus route. Wiley M. was reared on the farm, and in 1850 he, too, went to California, remaining for four years, engaged in mining. Returning in 1854, he engaged in farming on the home place, which he continued for several years. But in 1858 he engaged in the grocery business in a small way at Florida, which he continued until 1861, when he enlisted in the Southern service. He was out for about two years, participating during that time in fights at Kirksville, Walnut Creek, and numerous other engagements. Returning in 1863, he went to Carrollton, where he remained until after the close of the war. He then came back to Florida and resumed merchandising at this place, which he has since continued. He has built up quite an extensive business, and now carries a large and well

selected stock of dry goods, clothing, hardware, farm implements, groceries, queen's-ware, glassware, etc. He has a large trade, which is steadily increasing. Mr. Wilkerson is one of the leading business men of this part of the county. June 14, 1859, he was married to Miss Amelia J. McQuary, a daughter of Robert McQuary, of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkerson have two children, William R. and Exie May. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church at this place. Mr. Wilkerson is in easy circumstances, and owns his business building, his residence property, and does exclusively a cash business, at least so far as buying is concerned. His career as a business man has been one of entire success, and personally he is highly esteemed and popular with all who know him, for he never sought to prosper by the injury of any one, but, on the contrary, to live an upright life and accumulate what he could by honest methods.

### HIRAM WOMMACK

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Wommack was born in Tennessee, Sumner county, April 5, 1811. His parents, Richard and Catherine (Street) Wommack, moved from Virginia to Tennessee at an early day, and were among the pioneer settlers of Sumner county. There the father was ruthlessly torn from his family by death in 1812. After this dread calamity the bereaved ones, no longer able to bear the scene of such a misfortune, moved to Missouri and settled in Lincoln county. Hiram was the youngest of a family of eight children, all of whom grew to maturity. He was raised in Lincoln county, on the farm, and had but limited advantages in schooling, but his natural intelligence triumphing over all accidents of circumstances, he acquired an unusual store of information, and his mind is now well trained and stocked with a more than ordinarily wide range of reading. In September, 1833, Mr. Wommack married Miss Louisa, daughter of Judge G. W. Zimmerman, of Lincoln county, formerly connected with a mercantile house in Falmouth, Va., of which State Mrs. Wommack is a native. After his marriage Mr. Wommack settled on a farm in Lincoln county and farmed with much profit to himself until 1867, when he sold his place, and, moving to Louisiana, in Pike county, there embarked in the wholesale and retail grocery business, in which trade he continued for four years. At the end of that time he again sold out, moved to Monroe county and bought his present farm. Mr. Wommack has 300 acres of land all fenced and in a good state of cultivation, on which he has placed improvements of the very best order. He is, in every sense of the word, an enlightened farmer, and his example is of great benefit to those around him. Before the war Mr. Wommack was quite a large slave owner. He and his wife have had nine children: Catherine, wife of Dr. Brown, of Audrain county; Ann, who died in 1878, the wife of A. J. Reed; Washington, now in Denver; Mollie, wife of E. F. Matthews, of Louisiana, Mo.; Victoria, wife of R. G. Hanna; James M., married and living at Laddonia, Audrain county; Zulina,

widow of William G. Proviance ; Alice, wife of Dr. Bledsoe, of Perry, Ralls county, and Lillie, a young lady and teacher of instrumental music. Mr. Wommack and family are members of Perry Presbyterian Church.

### DRURY L. WOODSON

(Farmer and Justice of the Peace, Post-office, Stoutsville).

'Squire Woodson, a substantial farmer and leading citizen of Jefferson township, is a native of the Blue Grass State, born in Edmonson county, December 29, 1825. Both his father, Shadrach Woodson, and his mother, whose maiden name was Betsey Haines, were originally from Virginia but were married in Kentucky. When Drury L. was less than a year old his parents removed to Missouri, and settled in that part of what was then Ralls county, which is now included in Marion county, near Hannibal, where the father entered land and improved a farm. He died there in 1863. He had been twice married, Drury L.'s mother being his second wife. There was a son and daughter by his first marriage, and three sons and three daughters by his second marriage, all of whom lived to reach their majority except one daughter, but only four are now living. Drury L. is the youngest of the family and was reared on the farm near Hannibal, receiving a good common-school education as he grew up. He then engaged in teaching school, and continued to study while teaching, following teaching desultorially, alternated with either farming or merchandising, up to within ten or twelve years ago, having taught in all a length of time that would be equal to perhaps 15 consecutive years. May 31, 1849, he was married to Miss Nancy Johnston, a daughter of Rev. John M. Johnston of Ralls county, but originally of Kentucky. Prior to this he had become book-keeper for a mercantile house in Hannibal, but the year after his marriage he began farming and continued farming, attending his place during the summer and teaching during the winter, until 1859. June 21, of that year, he had the misfortune to lose his wife, who at her death left him four children. After his wife's death he quit the farm and followed teaching exclusively for three years. December 30, 1862, he was married to Miss Martha A. Warren, a daughter of Richard Warren, of Ralls county. He was living in Audrain county at the time of his marriage and he now settled on his farm in that county, where he followed farming until 1866. However, he sold his place in 1865 and in the fall of the following year came to his present place, where he has since resided, where he has 100 acres of good land comfortably improved. Since coming to Monroe, up to within a few years past, as stated above, he has worked on the farm in the summer and taught in the winter, and for a short time he was engaged in merchandising at Stoutsville. While living in Audrain county he was elected justice of the peace and served for four years. In 1870 he was elected magistrate in Jefferson township, of this county, and has since been continuously re-elected, still being an incumbent of that office. 'Squire Woodson has the reputation of



being one of the best magistrates, if not the best one, in the county. For three years he held the office of deputy assessor, and has been a notary public since 1880. He is prominently identified with the Democratic party of this county, and has been a delegate to different conventions for a number of terms, county, district and congressional. The 'Squire and Mrs. Woodson have six children: Richard, Pink, Robert L., William I., Lizzie and Effie. Two are deceased, Elmer and Ora S., both of whom died at the age of four years. There were four children by the 'Squire's first marriage, namely: Rose, wife of George W. Woolwine; Jennie, wife of A. W. Woolwine, both of Audrain county; John M., of Sumner county, Kans., and Joseph, who died at the age of 12 years. Mr. and Mrs. Woodson are members of the Baptist Church at Stoutsville, and he is a member of the Masonic order.

### PROF. TOWNSEND WRIGHT

(Of Townsend and J. B. Wright, Editors and Proprietors of the Monroe County *Democrat*).

Prof. Wright, one of the prominent educators of the county, and for the past year also identified with the Monroe *Democrat* as one of its editors and proprietors, is a native Missourian. He was born in Howard county, June 2, 1853, and is a grandson of one of the pioneer settlers of that county, Townsend Wright, who came there from Kentucky as early as 1819. The Professor's father, John R. Wright, a well-to-do and respected citizen of Howard county, was born and reared in that county, and still resides there, near Fayette, and within a mile from where he was born. Prof. Wright's mother was a Miss Jane Hern before her marriage, a daughter of Solomon Hern, who came from Madison county, Ky., in 1830. Young Wright spent his early youth on the farm, assisting in such work as he could do, and attending the neighborhood schools when they were in session. He early became qualified to teach school, and having an ambition to rise something above the humbler stratum of life, he engaged in teaching as a means, not only of advancement, but of self-culture. He alternated teaching with attending school himself, the better to prepare himself for his work in the school-room, or, rather, he attended college. He attended Mt. Pleasant College desultorily for some four years, equal to, perhaps, two years of consecutive attendance. Studying all this time with assiduity, whether in or out of college, he succeeded in acquiring a superior general education. Since quitting college he has continued to teach uninterruptedly, and is now teaching his fifth year at Florida. At this place, as, indeed, at every place he has ever taught, he is esteemed by common consent one of the most capable, successful and popular teachers who ever presided over a school-room. In April, 1883, Prof. Wright formed a partnership with his brother, J. B. Wright, for the purpose and publication of the Monroe *Democrat*, which they have since edited and published. This is the first paper ever established at Florida, and was first published here

in 1882, but its publication was suspended a few months afterwards. Its career since these gentlemen have conducted the paper has been one of entire success, and a prosperous future for it seems to be assured. Editorially it is ably conducted, and its business management is all that could be desired. It is a weekly paper of dignity and character, and is obtaining a wide influence in affairs. On the 26th of August, 1879, Prof. Wright was married to Miss Katie A. Tulley, an amiable and accomplished daughter of James Tulley, Esq., of this county. But she was taken from him by death a few years after her marriage. She died November 23, 1882. They were blessed with one child, a little girl, Mary J. But she too now sleeps in the same church-yard where her mother is buried. Prof. Wright is a worthy member of the Baptist Church, and he is also a valued member of the A. F. and A. M.

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## JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

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### JUDGE JAMES R. ABERNATHY

(Retired Attorney at Law, Paris).

This venerable and honored citizen of Monroe county, now well advanced in his ninetieth year and still bright and active in mind, though not vigorous in health, has been a resident of Missouri from the time of its territorial days, and of Monroe county for over half a century, since prior to its organization as a county. He has, therefore, been a personal witness to the progress of his adopted State and of this county from their infancy, and by no means an inactive or obscure participant in the great work of development that has been accomplished, a work that has placed Missouri among the great and prosperous States of one of the first nations on the globe. Judge Abernathy is a native of the Old Dominion, born in Lunenburgh county, February 25, 1795, though the ancestors of both of his parents had been settled in that State since long prior to the Revolution. In 1797 the family removed to Kentucky, and the father was one of the pioneer settlers of Fayette county, now one of the first counties in the Blue Grass State. James R. was reared in Fayette county and learned the hatter's trade and in the fall of 1817 came to Missouri, locating at first in Howard county. Having received a good common school education, he taught school for several years in that county and removed to Ralls county in about 1823. Ralls then included the territory now contained in Audrain, Monroe, Shelby, Lewis, Clark, Knox, Schuyler, Scotland and Adair counties. Prior to this, however, Judge Abernathy had been engaged in agricultural pursuits and was at New Madrid at the time the great earthquake occurred in that vicinity, and lost all he had by that unfortunate event. After remov-

ing to Ralls county he remained there for a period of about nine years and then came to what is now the site of Paris, which then, however, was almost an unbroken wilderness of forest, being covered principally with white oak timber and hazel brush. Here he started a school for the instruction of the children of the "settlement," and when not occupied in the school-room worked at the carpenter's trade, or at building chimneys. While teaching school, or rather during all his leisure time, he pursued a course of study for admission to the bar and in due time took an examination for license to practice, which was duly issued, his examination having been highly satisfactory. He now began the active practice of his profession, rapidly growing into an excellent practice, both in the circuit and Supreme courts. At the bar at that time were many of the most eminent lawyers of the West, with whom Judge Abernathy coped with success in the practice. He rose with rapid strides in his profession and subsequently was elected circuit attorney. His circuit included 12 counties, and to attend to the business in each he made three trips a year, which necessitated a ride of 300 miles each trip, or 900 miles a year. The country was then unsettled except here and there a pioneer and there were scarcely no roads, few stopping places and no bridges at all. The circuit was of course made on horseback, and during the summer season the green-head horse-flies were so bad that the trip had to be made after night, and in the absence of roads the North star sufficed for a guide, and the wolves kept the ride from being lonesome, with an occasional scream from a panther to add additional life and interest to the journey. Judge Abernathy filled the office of circuit attorney with marked ability, and was accounted one of the most successful prosecuting attorneys in the State. Prior to this Judge Abernathy had held various positions of public trust. Before his admission to the bar he was appointed to sell the school lands in Monroe county, the sixteenth section in every township, a trust that he fulfilled to the entire satisfaction of the public. After the organization of the county he was appointed its first treasurer, and held that office for 12 years and until his resignation to accept the office of circuit attorney. He had also held the office of constable and was for about 16 years justice of the peace. Later he ran for judge of the county court, his competitors being John Quarles and Ephraim Poey. He canvassed the entire county and was triumphantly elected. Subsequently he was appointed to the same office by Gov. Thomas C. Fletcher. During the war he was a staunch Union man, and was subjected to many indignities and outrages on account of his loyalty to the Old Flag. He had been a soldier in the War of 1812, and the Union for which he had fought then he could not forsake in the hour of its greater peril in 1861. He now draws a pension from the Government on account of his services in the Canadian War. Judge Abernathy has been married three times. His first wife was a Miss Jennie Winn, to whom he was married in Kentucky. She died October 13, 1822. Her children are all deceased. May 11, 1826, he was married to Miss Rosana Davis, by whom he had nine children.



After her death he was married to his present wife, Miss Jane Davis, June 28, 1841, a sister to his first wife. Their three children are also deceased. She is still living and is thoroughly devoted to the comfort and happiness of her husband. Judge Abernathy, although he has had much physical affliction in his time, having been confined to his bed for seven years at one period, is still as bright in mind and conversation as men usually are who are 20 years his junior. He is a man whose life is without reproach and one who has been of much value to those among whom he has lived. No man in the county is more highly venerated and respected.

### ANDREW J. ADKISSON

(Dealer in General Merchandise, near Welch).

The family of which Mr. Adkisson, one of the popular business men of this part of Monroe county, is a representative, like many of the older and better families of Missouri, took its rise, so far as this country is concerned, in the Old Dominion, the grand old mother of States as well as of Presidents. Mr. Adkisson's father, John Adkisson, was, as were his ancestors for generations, a native of Virginia. When a young man he came out to Kentucky, where he was subsequently married to Miss Elizabeth Silvey, also originally of Virginia. He lived in Kentucky until 1853, having been an early settler of Mercer county, in that State, and also a gallant soldier in the War of 1812. From Kentucky he immigrated to Missouri with his family and located in Monroe county, where he lived until his death, in 1872, a period of nearly 20 years. Andrew J. Adkisson was born in Mercer county; Ky., July 26, 1828, and was married there September 29, 1849, at the age of 21, to Miss Sarah, daughter of Hiram Noel. Mr. Adkisson came to Missouri with his father's family, and bought land in Monroe county, where he followed farming and stock-raising until he began business at Welch in the fall of 1882. The following fall he removed to his present place of business, where he has since carried on his store. He carries a good stock of general merchandise, including dry goods, clothing, furnishing goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes, groceries, etc., etc., and has an excellent trade. Thus far his success at this point has been unmistakable, and he is well pleased with the outlook for the future. Mr. Adkisson is a man of plain but genial manners, social and accommodating, and justly popular with all who know him. He and his excellent wife have been blessed with a family of seven children: Elizabeth M., now the wife of R. W. Evans; John T. (married), both of Boone county; William H. (married), Anna, wife of James Sanker, of Boone county; James H. (married), of Davies county; Sarah B., wife of W. H. Hayes, of Kansas, and Charles L. Mr. and Mrs. Adkisson are members of the Baptist Church.

## CICERO ALEXANDER

(Of Alexander & Son, Grocers, Etc., Paris).

The Alexanders came originally from the North of Ireland, John Alexander, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, having settled in America from the region of Belfast, Ireland, in about 1775. He first made his home in Pennsylvania, but in an early day removed from that State to Kentucky, settling in Clark county, where he became a substantial and influential citizen, and died in 1841, at the advanced age of 94. John Alexander, Jr., the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Clark county, in 1800, and was reared and married in that county. His wife was a Miss Elizabeth J. Ragland, of another pioneer family of Kentucky. He became a minister of the Christian Church, and also an energetic farmer, and continued to resided in Clark county until the year of his father's death, shortly after which, in 1841, he removed to Missouri with his family, and settled on a farm five miles south-west of Paris. Elder Alexander survived his removal to this State but three years, dying in 1844. He was engaged in the work of the ministry in this county until his death, and also in farming. Elder Alexander was a man possessed of the strong character and intelligence for which the stock he represented—that sterling people of the North of Ireland—are noted. He was also a man of more than ordinary culture and information considering his times and surroundings, a strong and able and deeply earnest minister of the Gospel. He died suddenly of apoplexy, while in the meridian of life and of his usefulness as a minister. His widow is still living, and makes her home with her children at Paris. She, however, after her first husband's death, became the wife of Col. Thomas Nelson, of this county. He died in 1851. Elder Alexander left a family of five children, namely: Armistead M., a leading lawyer of this section of the State, and at present representative of this district in Congress; Cicero, the subject of this sketch; Sallie F., now the wife of E. A. McLeod, sheriff of Marion county; Mary M., now Mrs. Alex. Milstead, of Macon county, and Eliza J., the wife of T. J. Marsh. Cicero Alexander was born in Clark county, Ky., March 15, 1836, and was, therefore, five years of age when the family removed to Missouri. Growing up in this county, as early as 1849 he began in mercantile life. Since then he has been continuously engaged in business at Paris, with the exception of a short interval or two, for a period now of 34 years. He began as a clerk, but soon engaged in business on his own account. Mr. Alexander has been moderately successful, and is one of the substantial business men of the county. His son, Eben M., is his present partner in business. They have one of the leading grocery houses of the county. They have a trade of about \$25,000 a year. Mr. Alexander was married in the fall of 1857, Miss Eliza McBride, daughter of E. W. McBride, becoming his wife. She died

nearly 20 years afterwards, early in 1875. There are three children living of this union, Eben M., Mary and John. To his present wife, formerly Miss Ellen M. Carter, Mr. Alexander was married July 8, 1878. She is a daughter of Levi Carter, of New Hampshire, who is still living, at the advanced age of 97. Mrs. Alexander was a popular and accomplished teacher in the Paris public schools previous to her marriage, and before coming to Paris had taught at Belleville, Ill. She is a graduate of New Hampton Institute, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. A. have two children, Carter and Roger G.

### JUNIUS J. ARMSTRONG

(Justice of the Peace, Paris).

'Squire Armstrong comes of two old and respected New England families — the Armstrongs and Boyntons. His father, Ira Armstrong, born at Fletcher, in Franklin county, Vt., where he spent his whole life, was a soldier in the War of 1812 and for a long time was employed by the government as a detective in the secret service to ferret out the frauds of smugglers from Canada. Mr. Armstrong's mother was a Miss Lucy Boynton, originally from Massachusetts. Her family, settled in New England for generations, can be traced back for nearly nine hundred years in England, and it comes of a historical lineage, a copy of the coat of arms used by the family in that country now being in the possession of the subject of this sketch. Mr. Armstrong was born in Franklin county, Vt., October 30, 1823, and received a good academic education in his native county, becoming well qualified for teaching. When 21 years of age he went to North Carolina and taught school in Wayne and Lenoir counties for about 10 years. He then went to Clinton county, Ia., where he bought land and improved a farm. 'Squire Armstrong lived in Iowa some 10 years, and until his removal to Missouri. Here he has lived for many years and has throughout his entire residence at Paris been esteemed one of the worthy and valuable citizens of the place. He was for a number of years mayor of Paris, and also president of the school board. He held the latter position when the new public school building was erected, and by his good management contributed very materially to the success of the enterprise. He has always been a warm friend of popular education, and has done much for public schools at this place. Years ago he was elected justice of the peace and such is the confidence the public have in his ability and integrity, that he has been continued in that office, which he still holds. In the fall of 1853, 'Squire Armstrong was married to Miss Nancy Kinsey. She died seven years afterwards. The 'Squire has one son by his first marriage, Arthur DeF., who is now engaged in the book and stationery business at Paris. In 1863 Mr. Armstrong was married to Miss Elsie A. Wood.



## NIMROD ASHCRAFT

(Blacksmith).

Mr. Ashcraft was born in Monroe county, September 12, 1831, and was reared on his father's farm in this county. When 19 years of age he came to Paris to learn the blacksmith's trade and worked for Mr. A. Crutcher for two years, at \$30 a year. The next year he received \$50 for his labors, and by three years' hard work saved \$20 with which to set up for himself. When he came to Paris a complete invoice of his worldly possessions showed that all he had was a new suit of jeans clothes, which his mother had made him, and a five franc piece. After working three years, he took his \$20 and invested it in an outfit to carry on business for himself. He established his shop on the same spot where it now stands and has since carried on blacksmithing at this place. From the time he commenced here, in 1850, he has never lost as much as 10 days continuously from work, and has been as faithful to his business as any one who ever wielded a hammer over an anvil. His life has been one of continuous hard work and he has been satisfactorily successful. He now has a good property in Paris, and is comfortably situated. In 1858 he was married to Miss Lucinda Speed, a daughter of Judge James Speed of this county. Three children are the fruits of this union: Belle, Charles and Frank. One, Ella, died in infancy. When Mr. Ashcraft came to what is now Paris, there were but two or three houses in the place, and these were constructed of logs. A log hotel occupied the place where the Glenn House now stands, and all goods were either brought from St. Louis or Hannibal by wagon. He has therefore witnessed the progress of the place from its very cradle up. During the war Mr. Ashcraft suffered severely by depredations from both sides and was virtually stripped of everything he had. His father, Henry Ashcraft, was born in Kentucky, and died in Paris June 4, 1870. His mother, Ella Wood, was a native of Bourbon county, Ky.; she died on May 4, 1872.

## E. ASHCRAFT

(Blacksmith and Wagon-maker, Paris).

Mr. Ashcraft is an elder brother to Nimrod Ashcraft, being two years the latter's senior, a sketch of whom, together with an outline of his parental family history, appears just above this biography. It is therefore unnecessary to repeat any of the facts stated in the former sketch, which was given first because the notes were taken first, and not in the order of the ages of the brother, which, perhaps, would have been better. Mr. Ashcraft, the subject of this sketch, was reared in this county and remained on the farm until he was 17 years of age. He had little or no schooling, and the business education he has acquired has been obtained mainly by his own application and without instruction from others, either school or otherwise. In

1846 he came to Paris and apprenticed himself to the blacksmith trade, at which he worked as an apprentice for three years. He then worked as a journeyman for three years, and in 1851 formed a partnership with Mr. Crutcher in a shop at this place. This partnership continued for six years. Then he and his brother formed a partnership which lasted until 1874. By this time hard work had begun to tell seriously on his health and he concluded to change employment. He therefore went to farming and farmed with success for three years. Returning now to Paris, he re-engaged in his old business. Later along he established his present shop, where he receives a large custom and is doing a flourishing business. In the summer of 1855 Mr. Ashcraft was married to Miss Mary Z. Clapper, formerly of Virginia. They have six children: Sarah F., married, and living in California; Mary C., now a teacher in the high school at Paris; Lulu B., now the wife of E. J. Eubanks; James H., in the shop with his father; Carrie B. and Maggie, the last two attending school. Two others, Katie and Frank, died at tender ages. Mr. and Mrs. Ashcraft are members of the church.

### JAMES E. BARKER

(Dealer in General Merchandise, Welch).

Mr. Barker engaged in his present business in the spring of 1884, and had built for his special use, as a business house, a good frame building, commodious and tastily constructed and well arranged for carrying on merchandising. He at once laid in a good stock of general merchandise, including dry goods, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes, groceries, hardware, etc., etc.; indeed, everything to be found in a first-class country general store. He is a young man of character and good business qualifications, and having ample means of his own to carry on his business without embarrassment, as well as being located in an excellent business point for general trade, being in the midst of a fine country, well settled by prosperous farmers, he can hardly fail of success. Mr. Barker is a native of Monroe county, and a son of Thomas J. Barker, one of the substantial citizens and prominent stock men of the county. Young Barker was born on his father's homestead, in this county, October 12, 1860. He was reared to a farm life and at handling stock, but had ample opportunities, which he improved to the best advantage, to obtain an excellent common school education. On the 1st of March, 1881, he was married to Miss Kate M. Moore, a daughter of John W. Moore, then of this county, but now of Vernon county. After his marriage he engaged in farming and stock-raising, which he continued until the spring of 1884, when he established his present store at Welch. Mr. and Mrs. Barker have one child: Jefferson W. Mr. Barker's father came from Kentucky, when 16 years of age, with his parents. He grew up in this county and married Miss Sarah C. Dawson, also formerly of Kentucky. He has since been actively engaged in farming and stock dealing. He now has over 1,000 acres of fine land, and large numbers of stock,

having been quite successful in his affairs. James E. is the second in a family of six children, three sons and three daughters.

### HON. THOMAS P. BASHAW

(Attorney at Law, Paris).

This history of this country is replete with illustrations of the possibilities of true manhood and merit under our institutions, regardless of favorable conditions of birth, early advantages or family influence. The young man of to-day, of character and courage and brains, becomes the man of prominence of to-morrow, and afterwards, the distinguished citizen. So it has ever been, so it now is, and so, at least as long as free institutions prevail, will it ever be.

Civilization pushes westward, or into the wilderness, new States are founded, and each State presents her names of eminent citizens to be inscribed on the roll of the able and distinguished men of the country. Nor is Missouri behind her sister States in this regard. She can point with pride to those of her citizens who have held places, or now hold them, among the foremost in the country — in the halls of legislation, in the professions, and in almost every department of learning and genius and skill. That her future in this particular is not to be in unfavorable contrast with her past and present, is evident to the most casual observer. Here and there and in every section of the State may be seen young men whose characters and attainments, and whose careers, hardly more than yet begun, point with a certainty, impossible to doubt, that they are destined for the highest services in their respective departments of life.

Prominent among the comparatively young men of this State, whose future and personal worth, and whose careers, thus far, give every promise of eminence in the service of the State and of personal distinction, is the subject of the present sketch, Hon. Thomas P. Bashaw. Judge Bashaw, now but little past 40 years of age, is already recognized as one of the leading men of Missouri. A man of sterling integrity of character and of a high order of ability, he has risen to the position he now holds in popular esteem by his own merits — by his own efforts and resolution almost alone, and in the face of great difficulties. Four of the most valuable years of his life for self-improvement, from the age of 17 to his twenty-second year, were spent as a private soldier in the Confederate army, bravely fighting for what he believed to be the right; and after this he had to complete his education as best he could and prepare himself for the bar, the profession to which he had decided to devote himself. Without means, his courage and determination, nevertheless, were unfaltering, and he went to work to carve out his career with that industry, patience and perseverance which, combined with the other sterling qualities of his mind and character, could not fail of success. The result is already partly manifest. One of the best lawyers of North Missouri, he has also served with high honor, three terms consecutively, in the Legislature, having been Speaker of the House during his



second term, chairman of the ways and means committee (declining the speakership) during his third, and chairman of several important committees during his first term.

Thomas Philip Bashaw was born in Shelby county, Ky., October 31, 1843. His father was Philip T. Bashaw and his mother's maiden name was Elizabeth. The father was a farmer by occupation and was quite successful, but died when Thomas P. was but three years of age. Thus deprived of the assistance and counsel which only a father can give, young Bashaw's advantages were afterwards what he himself made them, although his mother was one of the kindest and best of women, and a woman of superior intelligence, profoundly concerned for the welfare of her child. After the father's death the family remained on the farm, and young Bashaw's early youth was busily occupied with assisting at farm work and attending the local schools. Of steady, studious habits, he made excellent progress in his studies, and whilst still quite a youth matriculated at the State University, in Lexington, where he was pursuing a regular course of study when the war broke out. Of Southern parentage and sympathies, he promptly enlisted in the service of the South, and for four long years followed the bright-barred, but ill-starred banner of the Confederacy, with unfaltering devotion, until it went down to float no more. He served during most of the war in the commands, respectively, of Gen. Marshall Williams and Gen. John Morgan. He did his duty faithfully and well as a soldier, and at the close of the war returned home with no regrets for the gallant but unobtrusive part he had borne in the struggle.

Young Mr. Bashaw now resumed his career where he had left off in 1861, not, however, re-entering the University, for too much time had already passed by to permit him to think of that. Refreshing himself in his studies by close application to his books, he soon felt prepared to be in the regular study of law, which he accordingly entered upon under the preceptorage of Hon. S. S. Bush, a leading member of the bar at Louisville, Ky. After studying at Louisville for some time, he came to St. Louis, Mo., and in 1867 was admitted to the bar in that city by Judge Rombauer, being examined in open court by Judge Rombauer and Hon. A. W. Slayback.

After his admission Mr. Bashaw located at Mexico, in Audrain county, but several prominent citizens of that place, aware of his culture and character, prevailed upon him to take a position as a teacher in a private seminary, which he accepted. He taught for a short time there with excellent success, and then came to Paris, where he also taught for a few months. But impatient to engage in the practice of his profession, he opened a law office at this place, and began his career as a member of the Monroe county bar.

Personally, Judge Bashaw possesses those qualities which go far to win the respect and confidence of men. Plain and unassuming, his honesty is apparent to all, whilst his manners are agreeable, and his conversation, never too voluble, is always pleasant. Personal popularity comes, almost unavoidably, to such men. Added to this is his

close attention to business, and he is always remarked for his studious habits. Gifted with a mind of superior natural strength, which he has cultivated with great industry, and having a fine command of language, he soon showed that as an antagonist in a lawsuit he was not to be despised. Preparing himself well in his cases before entering the court-room, and conducting them there with vigilance and with marked skill and ability, his early success was most decided, and as a result he rapidly accumulated a handsome practice. It is unquestionable, however, that one of the most important factors in his success at the bar is the absolute confidence which the court and the public have in his honesty.

Judge Bashaw's progress in the practice of law has been steady and substantial; not pre-eminently a brilliant man, he is yet one of those men of strong minds, possessed of large general powers and, withal, an indefatigable worker. By his industry and strength of mind and constitution, he has come to the front as a lawyer, and his future promises still greater eminence at the bar. He is what may be termed a *safe* lawyer. He takes no risks, but provides against every contingency. Studying his cases thoroughly, he is rarely, if ever, taken by surprise, whilst he often gains a cause where the opposing counsel are less studious and vigilant than himself.

As a speaker, he is generally calm, and always dignified, and addresses himself to the point or points in issue, discussing each question with clearness and force, and striving to secure a favorable decision more through the reason of men than through their passions or feelings. His process of reasoning is that of the closest and most studied logic, and his success in influencing the opinions of court or jury to his views of a difficult or complicated question is often remarkable. A man of great originality of thought, he is not as much given to relying upon precedent as some, but if a case, according to his belief, has been wrongly decided, he attacks it without hesitation, however high the authority whence it came. He justly believes that the men of the present generation are not less intelligent than were those of the past, being no subscriber to the doctrine that, —

“ To look at foolish precedent and wink  
With both eyes is easier than to think.”

Rarely quitting the field of reason and logic in a discussion unless the nature of the subject is such as justly to appeal to the hearts and consciences of men, when he is called upon to address himself to the emotions of a jury, he does so with that earnestness and manifest sincerity that he never fails to make a profound impression, and, often, when fully wrought up by the consideration of some great wrong or some feeling or sentiment of our common humanity, he rises to a high point of eloquence.

Judge Bashaw has devoted himself mainly to civil practice, and for a number of years has been identified as attorney with nearly every important civil suit tried in this county, and with a great many throughout

the circuit. Judge Bashaw's services are much sought after in this department of the law. There has hardly been a criminal case tried in this county for a decade with which he has not been connected either for the defense or prosecution, but generally for the former.

As has been intimated, Judge Bashaw has frequently been called into the public service. Less than six years after he began the practice at Paris, he was elected to the responsible office of probate judge of the county, a position he filled with ability and to the entire satisfaction of the public until his election to the Legislature in 1878. A higher compliment could hardly be paid a young man than was paid him by his election to the probate bench at the time he was elected; considering his then limited experience at the bar, his age and his brief residence in the county. The office to which he was elevated was one of great trust, having to do with the administration and management of the estates of widows and orphans, people with little or no qualifications to take care of their own interests, and who have to rely almost solely upon the intelligence and integrity of the court. How well he deserved this compliment, however, is shown by his subsequent rapid rise in public life.

In 1878, as has been said, he was elected to represent Monroe county in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth General Assembly. Judge Bashaw at once took a prominent position in the Legislature. Among the other measures of importance he took a leading part in enacting were the Immigration Act, the General Election Act, the State Treasurer Bond Act, and the Penitentiary Act. He was the author of the first of these bills, and secured its passage as a law of the State mainly by his own earnest, forcible and successful advocacy of it. The first act was designed, and it has had the effect, to encourage immigration to the State. It established a State Board of Immigration and provided for all other necessary steps in bringing Missouri to the attention of the public of this country and of Europe, as a desirable location for settlers. Its results have been of inestimable value to the State. The second act provides for the simplification of our election laws and prevents many former abuses under them, and has proved a most wise and efficient law. The State Treasurer Bond Act, as every intelligent citizen of the State knows, has saved the people of the State thousands of dollars, even admitting that further abuses would not have been practiced under the old law. This act provides for the safe deposit of the funds of the State; provides that ample bonds shall be given by those receiving the deposit, dollar for dollar, according to the amounts so deposited; that the interest of this money shall go to the State, and not to the State Treasurer personally, as was the case under the old law; and also sets up other important safeguards for the protection of the interests of the State. The Penitentiary Act greatly reformed the system of management of the State prison. It prevents the working of convicts outside the prison walls and corrects other abuses that had crept into the management of that institution, so that, from a great public burden which the people were taxed to sustain, it has become



self-sustaining, except as to the salaries of the officers, which are an inconsiderable part of its expenditures.

From this brief and incomplete review of his record during his first term in the Legislature, it is seen that his time was not uselessly nor idly spent; but that, on the contrary, he was one of the laborious members of that body and a man who took a broad and statesmanlike view of his duties as a legislator. There was nothing narrow or demagogical in anything he did, but his labors and measures were all for the general good of the State. These laws were among the most important acts passed during his term. Thus, taking so prominent a part in the legislation of the State during his first term of service in the House, it is not surprising that, on his re-election to that body, he was honored with the Speakership. He was elected Speaker of the House of the Thirty-first General Assembly by the unanimous vote of the members of that body of his own party, and with the cordial good wishes of his opponents on the Republican side. It is conceded by all qualified to give an intelligent and impartial opinion that he made one of the best Speakers who have presided over the House since the war. Making a study of parliamentary law, and having already had considerable experience in practical legislation, he shortly became a superior parliamentarian, and possessed of a commanding, dignified presence, of great equanimity of temper and clearness and impartiality of judgment, he so conducted the proceedings of the House that there was the least possible friction or delay and as to win the esteem of every member of that body. In no single instance was a decision of the chair overruled whilst he occupied it, and at the final adjournment he was honored with a unanimous resolution of the House expressing the high confidence and consideration in which he was held by the members of that body.

In the Thirty-second General Assembly Judge Bashaw declined reëlection to the Speakership, preferring to be on the floor, where he would have better opportunities for making himself useful in the practical work of legislation. He was, therefore, honored with the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee, the leading committee of the House. During this term he introduced and secured the passage of the act establishing a State Board of Health, and also an act regulating the practice of medicine and surgery in this State, both of which have proved of great public benefit, but the details of which we have not the space here to present. He also introduced and secured the passage of the act making unusually liberal appropriations for the support and encouragement of the common schools, the State Normal Schools, the State University and other public educational institutions. He also advocated throughout his entire service equal taxation of all classes of property, according to just and equitable valuations, believing that such a system is the only fair manner of taxation and the one least burdensome to the great body of the people.

Judge Bashaw's personal popularity and the influence of his high character attributed not a little to his success as a legislator. His name was always regarded by his colleagues and the public generally

as little less than a synonym for honor and integrity, whilst all had and still have confidence in the soundness and clearness of his judgment. That he supported a measure was sufficient assurance to those who knew him that there was nothing impure in it, and the estimation in which his ability was held always secured the measures he advocated the most respectful and candid consideration. Few men in Missouri, if any, have made a record as a legislator, in so short a time, so creditable as his. With such consideration is he regarded throughout the State as an able, upright and statesmanlike public man, that he is now one of the leading men whose nomination for the office of Governor will be advocated before the approaching State Democratic Convention, and his nomination is considered by many an assured fact. However that may be, whether he is nominated this year or not, every one recognizes that he is one of the coming men of the State, and that the highest positions in the gift of the people are not beyond his reasonable hopes and expectations. That he is destined to reach, as he is already approaching, the position of one of the distinguished and eminent public men of Missouri, if he lives and retains his mental and physical vigor, as he has every prospect of doing, no one for a moment doubts.

For five years Judge Bashaw was one of the editors of the *Paris Mercury*, and while in this capacity the paper took a high rank among the leading interior journals of the State, a rank it still holds.

On the 13th of January, 1868, Judge Bashaw was married to Miss Frances P. Shaw, a young lady of superior culture and refinement. She is a daughter of William A. Shaw, a prominent minister of the Presbyterian Church, in St. Louis, and the Judge and Miss Shaw were married in that city, Rev. James H. Brookes, an eminent Presbyterian divine, officiating. This union has proved a most happy one, and is blessed with four children, namely: Laura, Hallie, Nellie and Thomas P.

Judge and Mrs. Bashaw are members of the Presbyterian Church, and the Judge is a member of the Odd Fellows Fraternity. He and wife are honored members of the best society at Paris, and, indeed, wherever they are known.

## JOHN BIGGS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Biggs came to the United States from England in 1870, then a young man 25 years of age. One of those sterling, practical Englishmen, energetic and with a clear knowledge of the requisites of success in any calling in which they engage, of the same class who laid the foundation of free institutions in this county and opened the way for the magnificent destiny it was destined to achieve, and has partly already accomplished,—he has shown himself to be a worthy representative of his nationality, both as a citizen and a worker in developing the resources of his adopted country. Mr. Biggs was born in Herefordshire, May 20, 1845, and was a son of Daniel Biggs and

wife, *nee* Miss Catherine E. Pember, the ancestors of both of whom had been native to that country time out of mind. Young Biggs received a good general education in the schools of his native county and was brought up to a farm life. Desiring to become a landholder himself and a farmer independent of rents, he decided to come to America where favorable opportunities were to be had, not only of becoming an independent farmer but also of farming with better profit than in England. He followed farming in this country from 1870 to the spring of 1883 in different States in the West, namely, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and Kansas, and then located permanently in South Jackson township, of Monroe county, Mo. Here he bought a large farm of 400 acres all under fence and either in cultivation or pasturage, but principally the latter, as he makes a specialty of raising stock. These facts show that Mr. Biggs has been quite successful as a farmer and stock-raiser. Still comparatively a young man, with the start he already has and with his energy and enterprise he can hardly fail of becoming one of the leading agriculturalists and property holders throughout this vicinity of North Missouri. On the 25th of December, 1875, Mr. Biggs was married to Miss Flora I. Williams, a daughter of Horace P. Williams, a prominent stock man of Cook county, Ill. Mrs. Biggs is a lineal descendant from Rodger Williams, one of the founders of the colony of Rhode Island and president of its counsel, originally from Wales, who was born in 1599, and came to America in 1631. He was in early life a clergyman of the English church, but became a Dissenter and preached at Salem and Plymouth, Mass., until he was banished from that colony by the religious intolerance and bigotry of the Puritans. Speaking of this — the banishment of Rodger Williams and Puritan bigotry and intolerance generally — Hon. S. S. Cox in a speech delivered in New York, January 13, 1863, said: "The same egotistic intolerance is observable in their treatment of Rodger Williams in 1635. His persecutors came to New England with no correct ideas of religious tolerance. Their system tolerated no contradiction and allowed of no dissent. The statutes of uniformity of England they re-enacted here, by church and public sentiment. This was the source of those dissensions which rent their own youthful Republic, and whose intolerant spirit has produced in our time that sectional alienation which deluges the land in blood. The New England Pilgrim drove Rodger Williams into the winter wilderness, as he drove Mrs. Hutchinson and Coddington to the same exile, for differences of opinion in religion. He enacted laws forbidding trade with these outlaws for conscience sake. Savages were more kind than these bigots; for the Indians hospitably received the victims of persecution. Disdaining the Pope as anti-Christ, and hating the prelate, the harsh Pilgrims set up every little vanity of a preacher as their Pope infallible, every village Paul Pry as an inquisitor, and every sister communicant as a spy for the detection of heresy." Mr. and Mrs. Biggs have one child, Eva E., born October 23, 1881, at Kinsley, Edwards county, Kas. Mrs. B. is a member of the M. E. Church.



## JOSEPH M. BLADES

(Farmer, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Blades was the posthumous son of Abraham Blades, formerly of Virginia, by his wife Ruth, whose maiden name was also Blades, and was born in Oldham county, Ky., March 10, 1819. Born after his father's death, young Blades never knew what it is to have the assistance and encouragement which only a father can give. His mother married a second time and continued to reside in Oldham county, and young Blades was reared in that county. Brought up to a farm life, he naturally chose farming as his calling when he became old enough to start out for himself. On the 2d of July, 1844, he was married to Miss Mary J. Shroeder, a daughter of Philip Shroeder, then of Kentucky, but afterwards of Monroe county, Mo. After his marriage Mr. Blades removed to Jefferson county, Ky., but four years later came to Monroe county, this State, where he has since resided. Here he began in 1852 as a renter, and by industry and good management has succeeded so well as a farmer that he now owns an excellent place of nearly 200 acres, a place on which he has resided and which he has owned for many years. This is a good farm, and is provided with all necessary improvements and conveniences. Mr. and Mrs. Blades have had ten children, five of whom are living: William T. (married), of Barton county; James M. (married), of this county; Laura A., wife of James Deaver; Henry R. and Erastus G. Those deceased were Matilda, who died at the age of 15; Ruth E., died when in her tenth year; Alfraetta B., who died when 8 years old; Susan E., also died at the age of 8, and John V. Wesley, named after the great Methodist preacher, died in infancy. Mrs. Blades is a member of the M. E. Church South.

## BENJAMIN F. BLANTON

(Editor and Proprietor of the *Monroe County Appeal*, Paris).

Mr. Blanton, who in early life had several years' experience in the newspaper business, bought the office of the *Monroe City Appeal* in 1873, and changed its name to the *Monroe County Appeal*, and its place of publication from Monroe City to Paris. Since that time, for a period, now, of 11 years, he has been conducting the *Appeal* as editor and proprietor, at this place. Sufficient time has elapsed to decide its fate as a journal, whether it was to be a success or a failure. The result has been most gratifying to him and to the people of the county, generally. The *Appeal* has become thoroughly and firmly established, both as a business enterprise and in popularity and influence. Mr. Blanton is one of those men of strong character, positive convictions and the courage to maintain them, and, withal, full of energy and perseverance. Having begun the publication of the *Appeal* on a sound footing, in a business point of view, with his qualities of character, failure was hardly in the range of possibility. The

policy he adopted upon which to conduct his paper, strict allegiance to the best interests of the people of the county, regardless of all other considerations, political or otherwise, assured its success. In a newspaper, particularly, the public expect to find an advocate, outspoken and fearless, of the common interests; for it is on the patronage of the public that a paper thrives, and if it proves false to the interests of the people, it forfeits its only just claim to support. Recognizing this in its full force, Mr. Blanton has never permitted the *Appeal* to swerve from its line of duty, as he saw it, from any consideration, or in any circumstances. He has allowed it to become the organ of no man or set of men, or of any cabal of small-fry or other politicians, or any party. While it is Democratic, it is as free and quick to denounce fraud or unworthy schemers in its own party as on the opposite side, and its influence in this respect, particularly, is recognized and feared by those who, pretending to be solicitous for the interests of the public, are only seeking their own advancement and aggrandizement. Thus the *Appeal* has won the respect and admiration of the honest men of all parties and classes, and has been able to establish itself as one of the successful and influential country journals of North Missouri. A good business manager, Mr. Blanton is at the same time a clear, terse and forcible editorial writer, bringing his ideas out in short, pithy sentences that leave a lasting impression on the mind of the reader. Looking to the interests of the people, he writes directly to that point, regardless of whom it hits or don't hit, and he never stops to see who is making wry faces or smiling at his work. He is perfectly fearless in the expression of his views, as every upright and worthy editor ought to be. Mr. Blanton is of an old and respected Missouri family. His parents, Thomas and Nancy (McCrary) Blanton, came to this State, back in 1832. They were from Kentucky, where both were born and reared. His father was a blacksmith by trade, but later in life followed farming. He first located at Jefferson City, and while there did a large part of the iron work in the construction of the penitentiary. He made the hinges on which the first door of that building was hung. In 1842, however, he removed to Howard county, where he made his home until his death. He was a man of sterling intelligence and many estimable qualities, and was greatly respected by all who knew him. Benjamin F. was born at Jefferson City, September 20, 1838. He remained at home until he was 13 years of age, when he entered the office of the *Glasgow Times*, then owned by Clark H. Green, to learn the printer's trade, where he worked for several years. In 1856 he took part in the "Kansas Troubles," and was in the first fight with the old horse-thief martyr and red-handed saint, John Brown. In 1858 Mr. Blanton was married to Miss Harriet Young, a daughter of David Young, a prominent farmer of Howard county. Prior to this he had engaged in farming, and for the next 15 years he devoted himself exclusively to agricultural pursuits. Mr. Blanton was an enterprising farmer and met with substantial success. Mr. and Mrs. B. have 10

children: Mattie, Kate, Charley, Lillie, Edgar, Jack, Pearl, Andy, Maggie and Frank. He is a prominent member of the A. O. U. W., K. of H. and the Masonic order.

### ALFRED G. BODINE

(Dealer in Lumber, etc., Paris).

Mr. Bodine was a son of Isaac A. Bodine, a substantial citizen of the county and formerly county treasurer, but now deceased. Mr. B.'s mother was, before her marriage, a Miss Mary Gore. She is a sister to Dr. A. E. Gore and is still living at Paris. Both the Bodines and Gores were early settlers of Monroe county from Kentucky. Alfred G. was born in Paris, October 30, 1858, and was reared in this county. He was educated in the public schools and since he was 19 years of age has been engaged in business life. In 1877 he engaged in shipping coal from Godfrey, Kans., which he followed for three years. He then located in Saline county, where he was in the grain business for the following year. In January, 1881, he began selling lumber at Lamar, in Barton county, and was there about six months. From Lamar he located at Hannibal and from there returned to Paris, in February, 1883. Here, the same year, he established his present business. He has a good stock of lumber, shingles, lath, lime, etc., etc., and is doing a good business, considering capital invested. Mr. B. is a member of the K. P.'s Apollo, No. 25, at Hannibal.

### SAMUEL M. BOUNDS

(Farmer, Post-office, Paris).

The parents of Mr. Bounds, Thomas J. and Henrietta (Dennison) Bounds, are from Kentucky, where they were married in January, 1837. They came to Missouri the following year and settled in Monroe county, eight miles west of Paris. He died there in 1853, and she, in 1879. Both were members of the Christian Church. They had a family of seven children: George S., John W., Laura Z., Marcellus S., Samuel M., James D. and Rebecca E. Samuel M. Bounds was born on the farm October 26, 1849, where he was reared to manhood. He was not married until he was 30 years of age, when, on the 18th of December, 1869, he was united according to the forms of law in the ordinances of the Christian Church with Miss Julia F. Smith, an estimable young lady of the county. She was a daughter of John B. and Harriet (Wilcox) Smith, formerly of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Bounds have one child, a daughter, Leta B. Mr. Bounds has followed farming from early life, and has a good homestead of 140 acres. He and wife are members of the Christian Church.

### G. M. BOWER

(Dealer in Lumber, Paris).

Mr. Bower carries a full assortment of building materials of every description in the lumber line, and having been in the business for a



number of years, he has a large trade and established reputation, the result of fair dealing and the exercise of good judgment as a business man. Mr. Bower is a native of Monroe county and was born in October, 1838. His father, Dr. G. M. Bower, a pioneer physician of this county, was in comparatively comfortable circumstances, and the son, as he grew up, had as good common school advantages as the county afforded. Until he was 21 years of age, most of his time was spent in the school-room, so that he acquired a good general education. After reaching his majority he engaged in farming on his own account and later along went to trading in stock. After following this for two years, he established a lumber yard at Paris and has since given his whole attention to this line of business. In 1873 Mr. Bower was married to a daughter of Maj. James Ragland, then a prominent citizen of this county. His first wife, however, survived her marriage only a short time, when, in 1878, he was married to his present wife, Miss Anna Levering, a daughter of Frank Levering, Esq., of Hannibal. Mr. Bower's father came to Missouri in 1832 and settled about a mile and a half from the present site of Paris. He had a thrilling experience in the War of 1812. Originally from Virginia, he removed from that State to Georgetown, Ky., where he was residing at the time of his enlistment in the Canadian War. He was captured by the Indians during that struggle and was sold into slavery. For 14 days he was compelled to subsist on roots alone. In one of the terrible border fights which characterized the War of 1812, every surgeon of his command was killed, except himself, and most of the privates were either killed or wounded, so that he was compelled to care for the wounded of the entire command, a duty that he discharged with that humanity and kindness for which he was always remarkable. After the close of the war he continued to reside in Kentucky until his removal to Missouri. He married in Kentucky, his wife, formerly Miss Catherine Long, being a daughter of James Long, of that State. She, however, was his second wife, his first wife having died some years before. It was by his second marriage that he reared the family of children of which the subject of the present sketch was a member. A physician by profession, he practiced medicine in Monroe county until his death, and was a physician of high standing in his profession as well as very successful in the practice. He was also earnest and active in church work, being a member of the Baptist denomination, and often in the absence of a minister filled the latter's appointment in the pulpit. He was one of the good pioneers of Monroe county whose memory is venerated by all who knew him.

### J. WILLIAM BOYD

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Paris).

The family of which Mr. Boyd is a worthy representative is one of the old and respected families of the county. His father, Andrew J. Boyd, came to this county from Fayette county, Ky., away back in

the "thirties." He was a young man then and soon afterwards married here, Miss Mary Shoots becoming his wife. She was also from Fayette county, Ky. They subsequently settled on a farm in Jackson township, where the father lived out a respected and well spent life. He died February 5, 1876. He was a man of sterling worth of character, and died, as is believed, without a known enemy. J. William Boyd was born in Jackson township, June 9, 1839. His father was a man of industry and energy, and the son was brought up to strictly industrious habits. He learned under his father that success in life could be achieved honorably only by honest industry and good management. Such a bringing up was worth more to him than if his father had left him a large estate, without any appreciation of the proper way to accumulate property or the right methods of managing it and saving it when it is obtained. J. William of course became a farmer, and has continued to adhere to his chosen occupation without faltering for a moment. On the 5th of February, 1863, he was married to Miss Martha J. Stockdale, a daughter of Allen Stockdale, formerly of Washington county, Penn. Mr. Boyd rented land for two years after he was married and afterwards bought a place of his own. He continued to farm there until 1874, when he came to his present farm. Here he has over 160 acres of land, nearly all of which is in an excellent state of improvement. Besides the usual way of farming, Mr. Boyd makes a specialty of raising stock, and has some excellent graded cattle. Mr. and Mrs. B. have seven children: Francis, Mary L., Virgil E., Amy A., Etta, William C. and Maude. They have lost two, Maggie, who died at the age of 13, and Lizzie, at the age of 11. They died within little more than a month of each other, Maggie September 22, 1882, and Lizzie October 27, following. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Boyd has always been a warm friend of education, and has taken a commendable and active interest in keeping up the schools in his neighborhood. In recognition of his public spirit and especial fitness for the position, away back some 15 years ago he was elected school director, and he has since continued to fill that position by consecutive re-elections.

### JUDGE THEODORE BRACE

(Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of Missouri, Paris).

Illustrating the possibilities of this country for young men without means or influence, but of character and ability, and industrious and determined to succeed, a most striking example is afforded in the life and career of the subject of the present sketch. Judge Brace, barely yet a middle-aged man, occupies an enviable position in the judiciary of the State, being recognized as one of the ablest judges on our circuit bench; whilst, before accepting his present office, he was a lawyer of high standing at the bar, and he had served with distinguished ability in the State Senate, and in other positions of important public trust. He was also an officer of conspicuous gallantry in the Southern army during the war — colonel of the Third Missouri Cavalry, a regi-

ment, one of the first organized in the State, noted for its bravery and discipline, and for the value and intrepidity of its services on the field. With this record in the past, and still but entering upon the meridian of life, and with the years of his greatest usefulness before him, the friends of Judge Brace may well predict for him a future of great honor and distinction. Yet Judge Brace commenced for himself without a dollar, with a very limited elementary education, and at the early age of 15. Since that time he has been the architect and builder of his own fortune, and every stone that has entered into the structure of his character and career has been placed there by his own design and his own hand. Judge Brace is a native of Maryland, born in Alleghany county, June 10, 1835, and was a son of Charles and Delia (White) Brace, both of well-known and highly respected families in the Northern part of Maryland, and his father a well-to-do farmer of Alleghany county. Young Brace's early youth was spent at home on the farm, assisting at such work as he could do, and attending school. He also had some valuable instruction in the local academy at Cumberland, the county seat of that county. But of an independent, self-reliant disposition, and impatient to do something for himself in life, he quit school at the very early age of 15, and started out on his own responsibility, becoming a clerk in a store at Cumberland. After clerking for some time, he accepted the position of deputy in the circuit clerk's office in Alleghany county, and remained there for about six months. He must have established an excellent reputation by this time for fidelity and business qualifications, for he was now offered the position of bank clerk at Cumberland, which he accepted, and the duties of which he discharged so acceptably that he was retained for three years. During all this time, since leaving school, he improved every opportunity for gaining knowledge and storing his mind with such material as would enable him after awhile to be of some use to society and honor to his family. Having prepared himself for the study of law as thoroughly as his situation and circumstances would allow, he began study for the bar, and prosecuted his studies with great diligence and energy until 1856, when he was admitted to practice in the courts of Maryland by the circuit court of Alleghany county. With the forecast of mind that is one of his most marked characteristics, he saw even then, young as he was, that the seat of empire in this country was to be in the great West, and that in the upbuilding of this magnificent region, unequalled opportunities would be afforded young men of character and intelligence and enterprise, to establish themselves honorably in life, and perhaps to achieve a name and reputation that would make their careers worthy parts of the history of their States. He accordingly at once cast his fortunes with the great West, and after stopping at Bloomfield, Iowa, for a short time, came thence directly to Paris, Mo., where, early in January, 1857, he made a permanent location. Judge Brace came to Paris a young man just admitted to the bar, 22 years of age, and a stranger without means or known friends; but he was courageous, determined and fully confident that by industry and close attention to his



profession he would succeed. A young man of good address as well as bright and quick in his profession, he was not disappointed in his expectations, but soon found himself in the possession of respectable and steadily increasing clientage. His popular manners and manifest personal worth contributed hardly less than his recognized ability as a young lawyer and his almost invariable success at the bar, to the rapid increase of his practice and the advancement of his reputation as a lawyer. A careful and painstaking practitioner and an advocate of singular force and eloquence, he made rapid progress in his profession and, in 1861, when the war broke out, was in the possession of a lucrative practice and occupied a prominent position at the bar of his circuit. Born and reared in the South, and an ardent believer in the great doctrine of State's rights, a doctrine that will yet hear its Cumi in this country, when the tocsin of war sounded he bravely went to the front to uphold Southern rights and Southern institutions. Laying aside everything else, he actively engaged in enlisting and organizing a regiment for the service of the South, a work he had little trouble to do, for personally he was more than ordinarily popular, and the gallant men of Monroe county not only had confidence in his ability and patriotism, but were as ardently and devotedly attached to the Southern cause as he himself was. This regiment became, during the early part of the war, one of the best in the service in this State. Mr. Brace was elected colonel of the regiment, a position he filled with distinguished gallantry. The Third Missouri participated in numerous small engagements in North Missouri, and then took a leading part in the battle of Lexington. Col. Brace led his regiment in the final charge that resulted in the capitulation of all of Mulligan's forces. After the battle of Lexington the Third Missouri figured conspicuously in the campaign of South-west Missouri and in Northern Arkansas, and bore a particularly important and honorable part in the battle of Pea Ridge. Soon after this battle, however, Col. Brace, who had undergone great exposures and hardships, was taken seriously ill, and while in this condition was taken prisoner by the enemy. He was transferred to the Myrtle street prison at St. Louis, where he lay for a considerable time, but was finally paroled as a prisoner of war. After his release from prison Col. Brace returned to Paris and resumed the practice of law, in which he has since been engaged, except while occupied in the public service. It is unnecessary to take space here for comments upon his continued rise in his profession and as a public man. The facts themselves carry with them their own lessons, and all of credit to the man and of encouragement to young men of ability and ambition who have the spirit to imitate his example. Col. Brace has never asked for a public office, his preference having always been to devote his whole time and attention to his profession; but he has frequently been called into the public service. In 1874 he was elected to the State Senate and served in that body with distinguished ability for four years, becoming recognized all over the State as one of the ablest men, and, without exception, the ablest speaker and debater in the Senate. Immediately

following his term of service there he was elected probate judge of Monroe county, the duties of which he entered upon in January, 1878, but the office of circuit judge becoming vacant in 1880, he was elected to the circuit bench without opposition, whereupon he resigned the probate judgeship to accept the circuit judgeship. On the circuit bench Judge Brace has distinguished himself as an able and conscientious judge, and whilst his opinions are almost invariably sound expositions of the law, he is at the same time quick and expeditious in disposing of the business of the court, and receives great commendation from the bar and public generally for the manner in which he keeps his dockets so nearly or quite up to date. In short, it is a remarkable fact in Judge Brace's career that in whatever position he has been placed he has won more than ordinary credit and approval. When he was at the bar he was considered one of the best attorneys in North Missouri; in the senate he was a leader in that body; as an officer in the army his gallantry and ability were conspicuous; and on the circuit bench he is considered one of the best judges in point of ability and conscientious and expeditious discharge of duties in the State. Such a record is well worthy to be looked upon with satisfaction, not unmingled with at least a pardonable degree of pride. On the 12th day of October, 1858, Judge Brace was married to Miss Rosanna C. Penn, a daughter of William N. Penn. Mrs. Brace is a lady of many estimable qualities of head and heart, and is held in the highest esteem by all who know her. She is a lady of rare culture and refinement, and by her presence and brilliant conversation lends an additional charm to the polite and cultured society of Paris. Judge and Mrs. Brace have seven children, namely: Kate, Ned, Jessie Paul, Pauline Penn, Ruth and Theodore; they lost one daughter. Judge Brace has held several local offices, such as city attorney, etc., and was once prominently put forward by his friends for Representative in Congress from this district, but peremptorily, yet kindly, and with proper appreciation of the compliment and honor intended to be conferred, declined to make the race.

### JEFFERSON BRIDGFORD

(Farmer and Fine Stock-breeder, Post-office, Paris, Mo.).

Mr. Bridgford was one of the earliest, as he was for many years one of the leading breeders of fine short-horn cattle, if not the leading one, in North Missouri. He commenced in life for himself at the age of 22, and for two years worked out at farm labor for the small monthly wages paid away back in the "Forties." But by industry and the sterling intelligence and enterprise that have characterized his whole life, he soon rose above that. Up to about the time of the war he followed farming and stock-raising as well as dealing in stock in a general way in this county, but soon afterwards turned his attention especially to fine short-horn cattle, in which he has since been chiefly interested. In this branch of industry he gained great prominence and has taken a great many premiums at county, State and Western

fairs. Indeed, within three years — 1872, 1873 and 1874 — he has taken premiums amounting to over \$10,000. In 1874 he shipped a herd of short-horns to California and, after carrying off the prizes at two of the leading fairs in that State, sold his herd out at a handsome figure. From first to last he has shipped, perhaps, 75,000 head of cattle to the markets. Though not at present engaged so extensively in the stock business as formerly, he still handles large numbers of stock, and exhibits a degree of enterprise and activity in business that would reflect credit on many a younger man in the stock business. He has also improved several of the best farms in the county, and has had considerable success in buying and selling farms. Mr. Bridgford was born in Woodford county, Ky., November 9, 1822, and came to Missouri with his father's family, who settled in Monroe county in 1836. He had previously taken a course, though not a complete one, in Centre College at Georgetown, Ky., but after the removal of the family to Missouri, had no further advantages for an education. He remained with the family until he was 22 years old and then started out at farm-work, as stated above. In 1848 he was married to Miss Margaret E. Waller, a daughter of John Waller, deceased, formerly of Scott county, Ky. Mr. Bridgford began handling stock about the time of his marriage, and has continued it up to the present time, for a period, now, of over 35 years. He has also been constantly engaged in farming, except while absent in California. In 1850 he crossed the plains to the Pacific coast and was gone something less than two years, returning by way of Panama. He then resumed farming and the stock business, settling about six miles south of Paris, where he improved a fine farm, a place aggregating nearly 800 acres. He lived on that place and shipped stock until 1865 and then he moved to a large farm he owned north-east of Paris, meanwhile selling his first place. Selling his second place in 1877, the following year he moved to a farm near Paris, where he resided until 1884, and then came to his present place. Mr. Bridgford is in easy circumstances, and what is better than that, he has the confidence and esteem of the whole county, for his life has been without a reproach, and one of much value to the county. He has done, perhaps, more than any other man in it to give it the reputation it has for fine stock. Largely through his influence the raising of fine short-horn cattle has become almost universal with the farmers of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Bridgford have reared eight children: Eugene A., now a judge of the Superior Court of California; Cornelia, now the wife of George C. Brown, of Paris; Churchel G., a prominent stock commission man of Chicago; Waller T., of the firm of Brown & Bridgford, at Paris; Charlie B., Bower, Hugh W., and Alma, the last four at home. Mr. Bridgford owns nearly 1,700 acres of fine land, principally in Arkansas and Missouri. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, and have been since 1849. He is also an old and prominent member of the A. F. and A. M. Mr. Bridgford's parents were Richard and Nancy Bridgford, the father born and reared in Virginia, but the mother a native of, and brought up in Kentucky.



After coming to Monroe county they resided here for some four years and then removed to Clay county, where the mother died in 1844. The father then went to Hannibal and made his home with a son, James, where he died five years afterwards, in 1849. There were five sons and one daughter in their family who grew to maturity, but James, who resides in Nevada, and Mr. Bridgford, the subject of this sketch, are the only two living, the latter being the youngest of the family.

### GEORGE C. BROWN

(Of Brown & Bridgford, Grocers, Paris).

Among the influential, highly esteemed and substantial citizens of Monroe county, the subject of the present sketch holds an enviable position. A man of marked intelligence and culture, he is at the same time one of the active business men of the county, and one of its public-spirited, useful citizens. Mr. Brown is a native Missourian, born in Marion county, December 9, 1840. His parents, Lewis S. and Anna M. (Tolle) Brown, came from Virginia in about 1831, and made their home for some time on a farm about eight miles north-east of Palmyra. Afterwards, in about 1843, they removed to Lewis county, where they settled permanently. His father, a respected and well-to-do farmer of that county, died there November 12, 1856. Mrs. Brown, the mother, is still living on the old family homestead in Lewis county. George C.'s youth was spent on the farm in Lewis county. In 1859-60 he took a course at Miami Male Institute, in Saline county, where he attained considerable proficiency in the sciences and in Latin and Greek and in other higher studies. At the conclusion of his course at Miami, young Brown returned to Lewis county and entered upon the profession of teaching, which he followed with steadily increasing success and reputation for some ten years. Up to 1865 he taught country schools in Lewis, Macon, Monroe, Shelby and Marion counties, in Missouri, and in Adams county, in Illinois. He then became principal of Payson's Seminary, in Illinois, which he conducted with efficiency for some three years. In 1860 Mr. Brown took charge of a select school at Shelbina, and the following year he became principal of the Paris public schools. In 1870 he and Judge Bashaw conducted the Paris Female Seminary, but in November of that year Mr. Brown was elected county school superintendent, and resigned his position in the seminary in order to give his undivided time and attention to the duties of his office. Meanwhile, early in his career as a teacher, he had become a man of family. He was married December 4, 1862, to Miss Mattie A. Gordon, of Marion county. She lived to brighten his home for nearly 20 years, but during much of the latter part of her married life suffered greatly from ill health. In 1872 Mr. Brown resigned his position as county school superintendent, on account of the ill health of his wife, and in order to travel with her in the hope of benefiting her. He went to Texas, hoping that the climate of that State would improve her health, but she obtained no permanent relief. He

was absent about 10 months, and after his return he had charge of the Woodlawn school until his election to the office of circuit clerk and recorder of Monroe county, which was in November, 1874. Mr. Brown served in that office for four years, and such was the efficiency with which he discharged his duties that in 1878 he was re-elected, serving a second term of four years. Early in 1883, at the conclusion of his last term of service, he went to Arkansas and engaged in the saw-mill business on Black river. But the following fall he sold his mill and tributary timber lands, amounting to over 1,000 acres, and returned to Paris, where he began his present line of business, the grocery trade. His brother-in-law, W. T. Bridgford, became his partner in business and they have since continued it together. They carry a stock of about \$3,500, and have a large and profitable trade. Mr. Brown's first wife, who, as stated above, had long suffered from ill health, was taken from him by death on the 11th of April, 1881. She left him a daughter, Lillie, now an accomplished young lady, educated at Lexington Female College, and with her relatives, on her mother's side, at Payson, Ill. To his present wife Mr. Brown was married November 9, 1882. She was a Miss Nelie Bridgford, a daughter of Jefferson Bridgford, of this county. Mrs. Brown is a lady of superior culture and refinement, a graduate in the class of 1873, of Christian College, of Columbia, Mo. Mr. Brown has long been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and, indeed, was ordained a minister of that church as early as the spring of 1865. Since then he has been engaged more or less desultorily in ministerial work, principally filling vacancies and the appointments of others which they were unable to meet. Mr. Brown is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Masonic order and the Knight Templars, and is an active worker in these orders as well as a leading member. An earnest Democrat, he has also been quite active in local politics for the last 8 or 10 years. In all kinds of enterprises and movements, material, political, social, or otherwise, he is public-spirited and ever zealous and generous in his efforts for the general good. Mrs. Brown is an accomplished musician, a pianist of rare culture and skill, in fact.

### JACKSON H. BRYAN

!(Farmer, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Bryan's parents, Joseph J. and Martha (Bates) Bryan, were early settlers in Monroe county. They came here from Kentucky in 1836, and bought the land on which Jackson N. now resides, and where they made their permanent home. They had a family of ten children, of whom eight are living, namely: Susan, James, Morgan, now residing in Shelbina; Sallie, Martha, Joseph, who is engaged in the hardware business in Paris; Jackson, John and Amanda. Jackson N. was born on the homestead in this county, in 1850, and was reared to a farm life. He attended the neighborhood schools as he grew up and thus secured sufficient knowledge of books for all ordin-

ary practical purposes. Reared on a farm, he naturally formed a taste for farm life, which has ever afterwards influenced him to follow this calling as his regular pursuit. He now owns the old family homestead, a good place of 160 acres, all under fence and fairly improved. He devotes his farm both to raising grain and stock, and is having good success. On the 11th of September, 1853, he was married to Miss Isabella Bedford, a daughter of Franklin and Rachel (Bever) Bedford, formerly of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan have three interesting children: Joseph and Frank, twins; and Ada, who is the eldest. Mr. Bryan's father died in 1869, and his mother in 1871. They were highly respected residents of the community, and worthy members of the Primitive Baptist Church. Mr. B. himself is a member of that church, as is also his wife.

### ROBERT M. BURGESS

(Farmer and Stock-dealer, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Burgess, who has long had the reputation, and justly so, of being one of the leading stock-dealers and traders in Monroe county, was a son of that old and highly respected citizen of the county, Pleasant M. Burgess. The Burgess family came from Virginia to Monroe county; the father, Pleasant M., was born in 1788. He grew up and was married in that State to Miss Rebecca C. Towler in 1820. She was from Georgia. After their marriage they remained in Virginia until 1842, when they removed to Missouri and settled in Monroe county. He was a farmer by occupation, and made a specialty of raising tobacco. He was one of the leading tobacco raisers of this county, and one of its worthiest and best citizens. He died here in 1857, sincerely and profoundly mourned by all who knew him. There was six in his family of children, namely: William Henry, who died in California in 1879; Lizzie, also deceased; Susan M., now the widow of Marquis Poage, deceased; Mary, the wife of D. M. Dulaney, of Hannibal; Anna, the wife of Wesley Wilson, of California; John C., also of California, and Robert M. The mother lived to the advanced age of 90 years, dying in May, 1884. She was a most estimable, Christian-hearted old lady, and was venerated and loved by all who knew her. Robert M. early showed a preference for handling stock, and when but 14 years of age commenced making trips to St. Louis, driving stock to that market, and acquiring quite a reputation in the county and along the road as the boy stock-trader. The preference of his early life for the stock business has been continued, and he has achieved marked success in this line of business. No man in the county enjoys in a higher degree the confidence of the entire community for fair and honorable dealing. In the fall of 1857 Mr. Burgess was married to Miss Celestia Hodges, formerly of Norfolk, Va. They have eight children: Samuel P., John M., Jennie N., Lizzie B., Nora Mary, Robert M. and Charles Elwood. Mr. Burgess has an excellent farm in section 8 of Jackson township, and is comfortably situated. He is well known



over the county and popular with all classes for his sterling worth as a man and his genial, agreeable manners.

### JOSEPH BURNETT,

(Of Mason & Burnett, Editors and Proprietors of the *Paris Mercury*).

Mr. Burnett is a native of Virginia, born in Harrisonburg, Rockingham county, January 8, 1847. His parents were Charles A. and Jane P. (Dougherty) Burnett, both of old and respected Virginia families. In 1856 the family removed to Kentucky, and located in Boone county, but the year following they pushed out west and made their home at Troy, Ia., for a short time. From Troy they removed to Farmington, Ia., and from there to Huntsville, Mo., in 1859. Joseph, 10 years of age when the family located at Huntsville, soon afterwards entered the office of the *Randolph American* to learn the printer's trade. From Huntsville he came to Paris, in 1860, and became a type-setter in the office of the *Mercury*. He has been with the *Mercury* ever since, either as employé or partner in the office. In 1873 he bought an interest in the paper, and has since been a partner with Mr. Mason in its ownership and management. The standing of the *Mercury* and its value as a piece of newspaper property has already been spoken of in the sketch of Mr. Mason. Suffice it here, therefore, to say that, while it is one of the oldest and best established country papers in North Missouri, and with a past career of uninterrupted success, at no time in its history has it held a position of greater influence or been more prosperous as a business enterprise than at the present time, or since these gentlemen have had control of it. Both being practical printers, and themselves energetic and industrious, they are at the same time experienced, successful business men, and, withal, capable, well informed and effective editorial writers; so that they possess all the essential qualifications for carrying their paper on in a career of uninterrupted success and increasing reputation and influence. December 9, 1874, Mr. Burnett was married to Miss Fannie Gore, a daughter of Volney Gore, of Bloomfield, Ky. They have three children living, and two deceased. The living are: Volney G., Jefferson G. and Ella Bodine. The deceased are Hurbert and Horace S., aged, respectively, three and two years at the time of their deaths. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett are members of the church. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and of the I. O. O. F.

### JAMES W. CLARK

(Proprietor of the Paris Livery, Feed and Sales Stables).

Prior to engaging in his present business, Mr. Clark had followed farming and stock-raising exclusively, occupations to which he was brought up. He was principally reared in Kentucky, a State the very atmosphere of which seems to make successful agriculturists, particularly in the line of raising and handling stock. Kentuckians are noted the world over for their taste for the stock business and

their superior judgment and success in handling stock. They produce the finest horses on the continent, stock that are sought after in the capitals of Europe; whilst the cattle of the Blue Grass Regions are famed from ocean to ocean for their superior excellence. It was a well known saying of Tom Marshal that "Kentuckians take to fine horses and fancy cattle as naturally as a hot dog to a pond of water." However that may be, certain it is that in this State, and wherever we come upon them, we generally find them handling "a few good stock." Mr. Clark, in his inclinations in this direction, is no exception to the general rule of Kentuckians. He is a great admirer and, withal, as good a judge of fancy stock as we have in the county. A leading consideration that induced him to engage in the livery business was that he might have better facilities for handling good horses, might constantly be in the market at Paris where he could see the stock of the surrounding country daily, and buy and sell as his judgment dictated, to the best advantage. He of course also expected to make a success of the livery business, in which he has not been disappointed. Coming here in 1881, he supplied himself with a good stock of driving and saddle horses, and a number of buggies and other vehicles, of the best and most stylish makes. By dealing fairly with the public and always showing an obliging and accommodating disposition, as well as never failing to keep his rigs and turnouts in the best possible shape for utility, comfort and style, he has built up a large custom and has placed his stables among the first in this part of the country in popularity and patronage. He is doing an excellent business, which he reports as being steadily on the increase. Mr. Clark was born in Clark county, Ky., January 18, 1837. When he was quite small his parents, James and Eliza (Burriss) Clark, removed with their family to Montgomery county, Ky., where they resided for about 15 years. They then immigrated to Missouri, and stopped for a while in Ralls county, where the mother died in the same year, 1852. The father, the following year, crossed over into Monroe county with his family, where he made his permanent home. He died here in 1861. Like most Kentuckians, he was a farmer and stock-raiser, to which his sons were brought up. There were three sons and two daughters in his family, namely: Martin J., Michael B., James W., Jane and Eliza. James W. Clark, the youngest in the family, engaged in farming and stock-raising for himself about the time he reached his majority, and continued in those industries until his removal to Paris. In 1869 he was married to Miss Sallie Cowherd. They have two children: James M. and Ella M. Mr. Clark was a soldier in the Southern army during the war, his sympathies and principles being with the South. Since his residence at Paris he has become one of the prominent and popular citizens of the place.

#### WILLIAM LESLIE COMBS

(President of the Missouri Association of Surveyors and Engineers, Paris, Mo.)

Mr. Combs, a well known and influential citizen of Monroe county, is a representative of the Combs family of which Gen. Leslie Combs,

a gallant officer in the War of 1812, was a distinguished member. The Combs family came originally from Wales, Mr. Combs' great-grandfather and three of the latter's brothers having emigrated to this country prior to the Revolution. His great-grandfather settled in Virginia where he reared a family of children. One of his sons, Benjamin Combs, became the father of Leslie and Fielding Combs, of Kentucky, both of whom served in the War of 1812, and the latter was the father of the subject of this sketch. They were born and reared in Kentucky, and Fielding Combs was married there to Miss Mary Foreman. Subsequently, in 1818, soon after the close of the Second War with Great Britain, he came to Missouri with his family and settled in Ralls county. That was in 1818, whilst Missouri was still a territory. He entered land and opened a farm in that county, and resided there for a period of 20 years. From Ralls he removed to Monroe county, in 1838, and lived here successfully engaged in farming until his death, for 46 years, in 1878, having reached the advanced age of 83. His wife had preceded him to the grave by only four years. They left a numerous family of children, several of whom are now, themselves, the heads of families, and residents of this and other counties. The father, besides being a farmer, was a carpenter by trade, and occupied his time during the winter months for many years in working at his trade. He built the first house erected in Palmyra, and built many of the better houses throughout the section of country in which he lived. He was quite poor when he came to Missouri, as most of the early settlers were, and, indeed, it is a well-known fact among his descendants that he had but five picayunes in cash when he spread his tent for the first time in Ralls county. His other worldly possessions consisted of his family, a horse, a small wagon, an old flint-lock gun and a powder horn. The picayunes still remain in the family, and are treasured as heirlooms by his descendants. They are now in the possession of one of his children. He became, however, quite well-to-do, for he was a man of great industry and sterling worth.

William Leslie Combs, the subject of this sketch, was born in Ralls county, Mo., June 28, 1828, and was 10 years of age when the family settled in this county on what subsequently became their permanent homestead, situated five miles north of Paris. For the next six years his time was occupied in assisting on the farm and attending the local schools. His health failing, however, from the exposures incident to farm life, it became necessary for him to engage in some indoor pursuit. Of a quick mind and retentive memory, he had acquired a sufficient knowledge of books to qualify him for teaching, and although quite young for such a calling, he engaged, and with success, in that occupation. For a number of years, succeeding, he continued teaching, alternated with attending school himself, and thus persevered until he had acquired a somewhat advanced general English education, together with a knowledge of higher mathematics and an elementary knowledge of the classics. He finally became identified as teacher with the high school at Paris, and taught there



with enviable success and increasing reputation for about two years. In the meantime, having become thoroughly conversant with the science of surveying, in his educational course, and being recognized as a young man of high character, as well as possessed of popular manners and address, he was selected by general consent as the proper person to fill the office of surveyor, to which he was accordingly elected. This office Mr. Combs has filled almost continuously since 1855, when he quit the high school to accept it, except during the hiatus in his official terms caused by the war. Soon after the war he was re-elected to this office and has continued to hold it. His continued indorsements for a position so responsible, which has to do with the most important property rights of the people, their real estate holdings and land titles, the settlement of disputes as to boundaries, etc. — this unbroken confidence expressed by those who have known him from boyhood, speaks more for his character as a man and his record as a public official than anything that could be said here. Mr. Combs stands without a reproach among his fellow-citizens, and is esteemed by all not only as an officer and man, but for his sterling intelligence, his many estimable, neighborly and social qualities, his wide general information, and his culture and refined sensibility. November 8, 1852, Mr. Combs was married to Miss Nancy B. Smith. They have two children: Leslie Marion and Eff Estelle. Mr. Combs has always taken a public-spirited interest in the cause of education, and has contributed perhaps as much to the formation of the general sentiment of the county in favor of popular education as any other man in it. He was a member of the first teacher's institute held in the county and a prominent officer in its organization. He was also active in forwarding teachers' organizations for the county for a number of years, and so continued until the cause was so well advanced that its success was assured. He has also taken a commendable interest in the general good and progress of the surveyor's profession, and was prominently instrumental in establishing the Missouri Association of Surveyors and Engineers. In recognition of his activity and public spirit in this behalf, as well as his conceded ability and high standing as a surveyor, he was at the beginning elected president of that association, and has since been continued at its head by consecutive re-elections.

### JOHN S. CONYERS

(Cashier of the First National Bank, Paris, Mo.).

Mr. Conyers' parents, Thomas W. and Eliza (Wall) Conyers, were early settlers of Missouri, and were from Stafford county, near Fredericksburg, Va. His father was in the War of 1812, and the Black Hawk War. He was a friend and comrade of Boone and Callaway in the North-west, and was a major in that expedition. Maj. Conyers settled in Boone county in 1822, and improved the farm on which Maj. James J. Rollins now resides. After a residence of 14 years in Boone he came to Monroe county and established a store at Paris, placing his

son, John S., the subject of this sketch, in charge of it. He continued to reside in this county, engaged either in merchandising or farming, or in both, until his death, or until his retirement in old age from active life. He died January 13, 1879, in his eighty-fourth year. He was often urged to enter public life, but invariably declined to do so, being thoroughly devoted to his private affairs and his family. He was one of the sterling, good men of the county, and lived a life that reflected only credit upon his name and upon the community with which he was for so many years and so worthily identified. John S. Conyers was born in Stafford county, Va., about seven miles from the City of Fredericksburg, November 27, 1819, and was therefore about 17 years of age when he came to Monroe county. He has since continued to reside at Paris, except for seven years, following 1849, during which he was engaged in merchandising at Middle Grove, Mo. After this, from 1856 to 1861, he was in the mercantile business at Paris, and during the last named year suffered heavy losses, being nearly broken up by the peculations and thievery of a dishonest clerk. In 1865 Mr. Conyers, in partnership with Judge D. H. Moss, formed a savings association in the banking business, which was carried on with success until 1871, when it merged into the First National Bank of Paris, he becoming its cashier. He has since continued identified with the bank, and has contributed very largely by his close attention to business, personal popularity and efficiency as a cashier, as well as by his high character and integrity, to the gratifying success which this institution has achieved. It is generally recognized, both in banking circles and by the public, as one of the sound, safe banking institutions of this section of the State. Back in 1840, on the 10th of September, Mr. Conyers was married to Miss Pauline T. Moss, a sister to D. H. Moss, his associate in the bank. They reared but one child, a daughter, Lena C., who is now the widow of John W. Irvine. She has two bright little girls, Pauline and Fannie, to whom their grandparents are hardly less attached than their mother. Their father was a prominent young lawyer, and gave every promise of a brilliant future at the bar and in public life, when he was suddenly cut off in the morning of his usefulness by death. Mr. and Mrs. Conyers are members of the Christian Church, and he is a Royal Arch Mason.

#### DAVID L. COOPER (DECEASED)

(Paris).

Between the 2d of April, 1818, and the 10th of September, 1883, the dates, respectively, of the birth and death of the subject of this sketch, was lived a life that was useful and just, and one more than ordinarily successful in the affairs of the world. Commencing for himself when a young man and without a dollar, he succeeded by his own unaided efforts and sterling good sense, even before he was well advanced in middle age, in becoming a man of ample wealth, and by means that brought no reproach for a wrong act upon his name. At his death his estate was valued at over \$150,000, all the fruit of

his own industry and good management. He was not only a successful man, but a good and useful citizen and a kind and generous neighbor. Public spirited and liberal in all affairs that concerned the public good, his nature was also one of great benevolence and generosity toward those who needed the help he could give them. He reared a large and worthy family of children, and around his own fireside he was more than ordinarily well beloved, for he was a kind and devoted husband, and an affectionate and tender parent. In his character there was no such thing as hypocrisy or anything akin to cant goodness. On the contrary, he was a plain, brave and true-hearted man, without pretense, and always better at heart than those whose pretensions were the loudest. He was an early settler in Monroe county and lived here until his death, near half a century, one of the self-made, successful, useful and highly esteemed citizens of the county. His memory is justly revered as that of one of the best citizens who ever honored and benefited Monroe county by their residence within its borders. David L. Cooper was a native of Kentucky, reared in Fayette county, and afterwards married at Georgetown, in Scott county. His first wife was a Miss Catherine Caplinger before her marriage. They came to Missouri in 1834, and located at Lexington, Mo., and lived there two years and then moved to Paris. He followed the tailor's trade here for a time, which he had previously learned, and then bought land and engaged in farming and handling stock. He became one of the leading mule traders of this part of the country, and accumulated a large property in this business. He returned from his farm to Paris in 1859, and resided here until his death. He also dealt largely in real estate, and improved considerable property, both farm and town property. He built the Cooper block of this place, and after the fire rebuilt it, in 1870. This is one of the best business blocks in Paris and contains seven store rooms. He also built other property, business and residence, and his own residence property is one of the finest in the county. He also owned several farms in this county and elsewhere. He was a man of untiring energy and thorough-going enterprise, always alive to business and almost invariably successful in all his ventures. His first wife died in 1867 and he was afterwards married to Miss Bettie Gore, who still survives him, a sister to Dr. A. E. Gore. By his first wife he has eight children, and by his last wife four children. Most of his family of children are still living, and the older ones are themselves the heads of families. They were given good educations and other advantages, and now rank among the best people of their respective counties.

David L., the youngest of his father's first family of children, and who kindly furnished the data for the present sketch of his father's life, was educated at the high school of Paris, and afterwards took a business course at the Gem City Commercial College, of Quincy, Ill. A young man now in his twenty-second year, he is a partner with Mr. U. G. Speed in the saddlery and harness business at Paris. They carry a stock of \$2,500, and have a large and steadily increasing trade. Young Mr. Cooper is one of the enterprising and thoroughly qualified



and reliable young business men of Paris. He is highly respected and justly popular.

### FRANCIS C. COOPER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Cooper is the son of David L. and Catherine E. (Caplinger) Cooper, both of Scott county, Ky. They moved to Missouri in 1838 and settled in Lafayette county, but in 1840 went to Paris, where Mr. Cooper took up his trade of tailoring and followed it most profitably for nine years. He then bought a farm just north of the town, where he farmed and raised stock until his death, September 10, 1883. He was very successful and accumulated a nice fortune. He was a member of the Christian Church and was twice married, having six children by his first wife, and two by his second. Francis C. was the second child of the first marriage. He grew up on the farm and attended the common schools. In 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate service under Col. Brace, of the cavalry, and was a faithful soldier until 1864. He was in the battles of Lexington, Mo., Pea Ridge, Ark., where he was taken prisoner, and held three months at St. Louis, then paroled and exchanged. He next fought at Corinth, first siege of Vicksburg and a great many lesser fights. In 1864 Mr. Cooper went across the plains to California, but soon after returning he married October 23, 1866, Miss Laura E., daughter of Philip Ross, formerly of Kentucky, now deceased. Mrs. Cooper was born in Kentucky and came to Missouri at the age of nine years. After his marriage Mr. C. farmed for a year in Saline county, but in the spring of 1868 returned and lived on the home place for five years, then buying his present place. He has 160 acres of land all fenced, 100 acres in meadow and plow land, the balance in timbered pasture. Mr. Cooper's farm is beautifully situated and well improved, his residence, which is quite new, being one of the most tasteful in the county. There are also in his home ornaments of another description, jewels more rare and precious than those that flash in a monarch's crown. Five children, bright and blooming, gather round his table and make of his life a symphony of sweetest music. Their names are respectively: Oliver P., Mabel M., Mary E., Josie and Frank L. One charming girl, Daisy C., died when "standing where the brook and river meet" September 12, 1883. Mr. Cooper is a member of Paris Lodge No. 29, I. O. O. F. and both he and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

### EDMOND COVEY

(Farmer, Post-office, Welch).

On the 15th of December, 1865, Mr. Covey was honorably discharged from the Union service, after having for more than four long years followed the flag of his country through the hardships and dangers of the Civil War. When he entered the service the life of the

Nation was threatened and was in peril, and the stoutest hearts among those who loved their country, almost stood still of fear lest the Government which Washington and their fathers founded, the noblest heritage ever bought with patriotic blood and bequeathed to posterity, should perish from the earth. When he returned from the war this noble fabric of free institutions was secured to the future past all danger, and consecrated to those who are to come after us by blood not less patriotic than that which was spilled at Lexington or stained the ground of Valley Forge. We of the present generation are wont to look with enthusiastic admiration upon the achievements of the illustrious heroes of 1776. But let us not for a moment doubt that the deeds of the Union patriots of the Civil War will go sounding down the ages with as proud and glad acclaim as ever fell upon the ears of men. Mr. Covey enlisted in Co. B, Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, on the 12th day of August, 1861, and at the expiration of his first term of service enlisted again as a veteran in the same company January 1, 1864. He participated in many of the severest engagements of the war. He was in 12 of the distinct bayonet charges, and escaped from all danger with but a single wound. He was shot through the right forearm with a Minie-ball, having one of the bones of his arm broken. The ball lodged under the skin on the opposite side of his arm from where it went in, and he still has it in his possession, keeping it as a souvenir of the war. After his discharge he returned to Illinois and engaged in farming in DeWitt county. He was married in that county March 22, 1863, to Miss Kezia Harrold, daughter of Eli Harrold, formerly of North Carolina. He continued to farm in that county until the fall of 1878, when he removed to Monroe county, Mo., and bought the farm where he now resides. He has 160 acres in his homestead and also another tract a short distance from this one. Mr. Covey is an energetic farmer and one of the esteemed citizens of the township. He is a native of Illinois, born in McLean county, July 26, 1840, and a son of Cornelius and Lucy (Johnston) Covey, his father a native of New Jersey, but his mother of Sangamon county, Ill. They are still living in McLean county, his father being now in the seventy-first year of his age.

### CHARLES A. CREIGH

(Clerk of the Circuit Court and Recorder of Deeds, Paris).

When the war broke out in 1861, Charley Creigh, then in his seventeenth year, was at home with his parents in Greenbrier county, Va., and occupied with assisting on the farm and attending school. If there are any people under the sun who will defend their native soil against hostile comers at all times and in all circumstances to the very death, they are the people of Virginia. For this they are famed in history, the world over, and no braver or truer soldier ever kept step to martial music than the genuine Virginian. Young Creigh, when the soil of his native State was invaded by the hostile armies of the North in 1861, showed himself a worthy son of the Old Dominion, and although

hardly yet more than a boy, gallantly volunteered as a soldier for the defense of the families and firesides of his people and the rights and institutions of his State. He followed the flag of the South bravely and with unflinching devotion until after he was wounded for the second time. He left an arm on the field as an offering of his patriotism, and now goes with an empty sleeve dangling from his left shoulder as a living witness of the brave part he bore in the gallant struggle of Virginia, for the same principles for which her first great commander and his heroic compatriots fought nearly a century before. After being wounded a second time, which necessitated the amputation of his arm, he retired from the gallant old Fourteenth Virginia, no longer able to do military duty. The next two years were spent in teaching and attending school in Greenbrier and Albemarle counties. In 1867 he came West, to Kansas, and taught school in that State for two years. After this he returned home to Virginia to take charge of his mother's family and settle up their estate, which was now greatly needing the attention of some one qualified to bring it out of the wreck in which the war had left it. The father had been brutally murdered during the war, or worse than murdered, taken out and deliberately hung by order of one of the most infamous characters the unhappy strife between the sections produced on either side, Gen. David Hunter. So high-handed and outrageous was the conduct of this coarse savage, dressed up in the uniform of a Union officer, that President Lincoln had to repudiate his proceedings in the South by proclamation as President of the United States and general order as Commander-in-Chief of the Union armies. This document is dated May 19, 1862. Hunter, it will be remembered, was the first one to declare martial law in the South, or, rather, in the States of Georgia, Florida and South Carolina, the military district over which for the time he had control. He was also equally "previous" in issuing an emancipation proclamation which the President had to repudiate, the Union sentiment not yet being ripe for it. But to resume the thread of young Creigh's career: He settled up the estate as best he could, for his father had been in good circumstances before the war, so as to save a few thousand dollars. With this he came West again, bringing his mother and sisters, and settled them in the eastern part of the county as comfortably as their means would allow, where they still reside. He there bought a tract of land and improved a farm, where he engaged in farming and also in handling stock. He became quite successful as a farmer and stock-raiser, and, being a man of good education and popular address, made many friends in the vicinity of his new home, and wherever he became acquainted. This perhaps was not hard for a one-armed Confederate soldier to do in Monroe county, fighting the battle of life, as he was, "single-handed," sure enough, and taking care of his widowed mother and his sisters in addition, especially one so genial and clever as an acquaintance and so irreproachable as a man as Charley Creigh was. To make a long story short, his friends in his part of the county rallied around him and ran him for sheriff, and wherever he appeared with his armless



sleeve and his brave, genial countenance, he swept the field, but he made little or no effort himself for the office, and for that reason was defeated, for he was not generally acquainted, but was beaten barely by the skin of his opponent's teeth. He was really doing first-rate on his farm and had little or no desire for the office and, besides, everybody knows that to be elected sheriff, one must be a professional laugher, grin at every stupid joke and kiss every dirty-mouthed baby from the mouth to the head waters of Bitter creek. Mr. Creigh was thoroughly up to kissing, but not to kissing babies, and hence, he was *left* by a small majority. But when the next election mill-day came around, his friends of the south-eastern part of the county ran him again, but still he had not learned the osculatory art *infantilis* and his opponent got in this time barely on the principle that "a miss is as good as a mile." He took little or no personal part in this election but remained at home like a good Agricola, attending his flocks and herds. When the office of circuit clerk became vacant his friends, like Napoleon's Old Guard, rallied around him again to place him in this position. This time he concluded to try his hand on a trump card or two himself, and he went into the canvass to win, or to know just exactly where he was struck if he got knocked out of time. He had one of the most popular men of the county to contend against, a man backed by wealth and family influence, and, withal, a good man himself. But he started on the circuit around the county and no honest-hearted Methodist circuit rider ever did more earnest work than he did, from precinct to precinct, and he made every school-house almost as familiar with his voice, talking to the good men of Monroe county, as with the music of the horse-hair Æolian made in the window by the bad boy at playtime. The result was, that everybody became acquainted with Charley Creigh and this time he came triumphantly through with colors flying. His election was a most gratifying victory to his friends (and now everybody seems to be his friend), and all predict for him a long and honorable future in official life. It will evidently be a cold day when Charley Creigh is beaten for circuit clerk in Monroe county. He is faithful to his duties and fully qualified and capable for them, and personally he is so popular that his butcher bills are simply remarkable in magnitude, so common is it for his friends to dine with him when they come to town, and he is in his happiest element when he is helping them to a mutton chop or a good beefsteak and telling them some old war experience.

### THOMAS CRUTCHER

(Clerk of the County Court, Paris).

In the "History of Monroe County" there is no one more justly entitled to respect and esteem, or who stands higher as a man and citizen in the estimation of all who know him, than the subject of this sketch. Mr. Crutcher has been a resident of this county for over half a century — from early youth — and from the first his life has been one without a stain or the suspicion of a wrong act, and devoted through-

out with intelligence, earnestness and unfaltering fidelity to the best interests of those among whom he has lived. Nor has his personal worth and value passed unrecognized by those around him. Time and time again he has been called into the public service, and in no single instance when he was a candidate before the people have they withheld their confidence and support. Mr. Crutcher is a native of Kentucky, born in Lincoln county, July 16, 1818. His father was Charles Crutcher, a native of Virginia, and lived there until nearly 40 years of age and then removed to Kentucky, where he lived until 1831, when he came to Monroe county. His mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Jones. She was a native of Virginia. Thomas Crutcher, the eleventh of twelve children, was 13 years of age when the family removed to this State. They settled in Monroe county, where the parents lived until their deaths. The father died June 1, 1864, the mother some time previous. They were highly esteemed residents of the county and their memory is cherished by their surviving children and by all who knew them as that of those whose lives were useful and just, and kind and true in every relation, whether in the family or in the community. Charles Crutcher opened a farm here and became comfortably situated. He introduced the raising of wheat in the county and sowed the first wheat ever grown within its borders. Thomas Crutcher, the subject of this sketch, remained on the farm only a short time after the family came to Monroe county. His health being quite delicate, it was thought best for him to engage in some in-door pursuit. He, therefore, came to Paris in 1834, and entered a store here to learn merchandising. His opportunities for an education had been quite limited, but he had picked up a sufficient knowledge of books to understand reading and writing and the elementary rules of arithmetic. This sufficed him to begin with, and practical experience in the store, together with study when not otherwise occupied, soon made him a young man of superior business qualifications. Later along he engaged in merchandising on his own account, and continued it with steadily increasing success for a number of years. Mr. Crutcher possesses to a marked degree many of the qualities that make men popular with those around them. Of a kindly, humane disposition, transparently honest, and manifestly concerned for the good and the feelings of others, accommodating to the last degree, generous in impulses, and agreeable and pleasant in manners, he became one of the most popular business men in Paris and throughout the county. In 1840, although but 22 years of age, he was elected sheriff of Monroe county by an overwhelming majority, and is said to have been one of the youngest sheriffs who ever occupied that office in the State. In 1842 he was re-elected, filling the offices of sheriff and collector for four years without opposition. After the expiration of his last term he resumed merchandising at Paris, and continued it until the outbreak of the war. Though sympathizing strongly with his friends in the South, Mr. Crutcher was devotedly attached to the Union, but did not feel justified in engaging on either side in the suicidal and unhappy conflict between the two sections.

In order, therefore, to avoid becoming mixed up in the troubles of the times in this section of the State, he removed with his family to Quincy, Ill., and remained there until the restoration of peace. Returning to Paris after the war, he resumed merchandising and followed it without interruption until 1873, when he was appointed county clerk to fill out the unexpired term of William N. Penn, deceased. At the expiration of this term he was elected to that office and has since been re-elected, continuing to hold it up to the present time. On the 12th day of April, 1838, Mr. Crutcher was married to Miss Esther J. Glenn, a daughter of Hugh Glenn, Esq., deceased, formerly of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Crutcher had nine children, four of whom are living, namely: Sarah E., wife of E. W. Crutcher of the State of Nevada; Anna B., wife of R. H. West of this place; William L., his only son, now residing in Nevada, on account of failing health, and Essie J., wife of James A. Curtright, now deputy county clerk under Mr. Crutcher. Of the 12 children in the family of Mr. Crutcher's parents, six sons and as many daughters, only three of the family, including himself, are living, namely: his youngest brother, Milton, now on the old family homestead in this county, and Ambrose, four miles south of Paris. Mr. Crutcher's father lived to the advanced age of 89 years, and his father's only brother, Samuel, lived to be 88 years of age. Their father also lived to be 88. Mr. Crutcher, himself, is now 66 years of age. Though not a man of the most robust physique, he is yet well preserved, and possessed of great natural recuperative power. He is brighter in mind and conversation than many, a decade or more his juniors, and indeed, he seems to be in the meridian of life mentally. Having lived in the county for so many years, he is possessed of an apparently inexhaustible fund of reminiscences and incidents which throw a clear light upon the condition of society and the country in the times to which they refer. When Mr. Crutcher came to Monroe county, there was not a school-house or church building in the county, and the nearest settlement to the present site of Paris was 16 miles away. The first church was built in 1832, a primitive log structure, erected by the Old School Baptists, and afterwards the Methodists came in and built a church, who were soon followed by the Christian denomination. He contributed to the first Christian Church erected in the county, and he and wife have been members of that denomination for over 40 years. But he has lived to see a mighty change in the country. And in this wonderful transformation he, himself, has borne a most worthy part. As a citizen, no one has taken a more public-spirited and intelligent interest in the general progress of the country. He has been active in its public and business affairs, and in the advancement of the cause of education, of church interests, and of every movement designed for the general good. He has always been a warm friend to popular education, and has had the satisfaction to see his life-long views approved by the general sentiment of the country. Where formerly there was not a school-house in the county, there are now more than a hundred, where



instruction is given to the young. To the churches his liberality has been limited only by his means, for no one ever showed greater generosity according to his ability to give. He also took an active interest in the construction of the railroad running in the county; and in everything that would contribute to the material, social or general welfare of the people, he has taken a worthy part. He assisted to effect the first town organization of Paris, and was a member of the first town council. Mr. Crutcher's life has been one of unceasing activity, directed by a generous ambition to make himself useful to those around him, and to do as much good and as little harm in the world as possible, according to the talents given him. And looking back over his long and useful life, it must be admitted that his has been a career to which as little blame attaches, and in which there is as much to challenge the esteem and good opinions of his fellow-men, as seldom falls to the lot of one to make. A man of the most generous and unselfish impulses, in whose nature warm and noble humanity prevails over, perhaps, any other characteristic, as upright in thought and deed as the purest and best, his whole life has been an unbroken chain of duty faithfully and well performed, and of kind and generous acts untiringly done. All over the county he is known and esteemed as one of the best of men, and wherever his name is spoken it is uttered with that consideration and respect which evinces the high regard in which he is held. Elected time and again to public office, no one can hope to be a successful candidate for any position which he will consent to fill, so long as he is able to discharge its duties and will accept the place. Through this whole section of country his name stands as a synonym for honesty and integrity, for noble and generous humanity, and for all the purer and better qualities of head and heart. In very looks he is a man to be trusted and revered, for his heart seems to be open to all who approach him, and to know Uncle Thomas Crutcher, as he is called far and wide, is to know, as all believe, the noblest work of God, a good and true and noble and downright honest man.

### JUDGE JAMES M. CRUTCHER.

(Judge of the Probate Court, Paris).

James Madison Crutcher was born in Monroe county, November 9, 1841. His father was William Crutcher and born in Kentucky; his mother, before her marriage, was a Miss America Arnold, of Kentucky. His father was a farmer by occupation, residing near Paris; he died in December, 1844, and James M.'s youth was spent on the farm, where he assisted in farm work, but during the winter months attended the neighborhood schools. When he was seventeen years of age he was offered a position as assistant in the circuit clerk and recorder's office, a place he accepted and filled until the expiration of the term of his employer, Mr. George Glenn. He then returned to the home with his grandfather, William Arnold, with whom he had formerly lived and assisted in managing the farm. He remained there

until three years after his grandfather's death, which occurred in 1861. In 1865 he bought a farm and moved his mother's family, consisting of herself and two daughters, on to it, where he, himself, settled. He followed farming there, but during the winter months taught school. After this he engaged in clerking in a store at Granville, and followed that until he was offered a position as deputy circuit clerk and recorder at Paris, which he accepted. After remaining in the office as deputy for two years, he was then solicited by friends all over the county to become a candidate for circuit clerk and recorder himself, to which he finally consented. Although his opponents were considered among the most popular in the county, he was successful and was elected by a handsome majority. While serving as clerk he read law and was admitted to the bar, passing an exceptionally good examination, being admitted at the April term, 1875. At the close of his term of office, he opened a law office at Paris and engaged in the practice of his profession, but his health failing from close confinement and hard study, he returned to the farm and engaged in farming. As a farmer, Judge Crutcher's career was quite a successful one. In December, 1880, the office of probate judge became vacant by resignation of the incumbent, and he was requested to allow his name to be presented to the Governor for appointment. Doing well on his farm and loth to quit farming, he hesitated to accept the office, even if tendered to him, but the solicitations of his friends were earnest and continued, so that at last he told them that if the commission were offered him, he would not refuse it. The Governor requested that a primary election be held to determine who was the choice of the people, and the election resulting favorable to Judge Crutcher, he was appointed. He held the office for two years and then was elected without opposition, now holding the position for the term for which he was elected. Judge Crutcher is a man of excellent business qualifications, sterling worth and, as the above facts show, one of the most popular men in the county. As a probate judge and as a man he has the entire confidence of the public, and he has discharged the duties of his office with marked efficiency and ability. December 12, 1872, he was married to Miss Ella Forsyth, a daughter of Capt. John Forsyth, of this county. They have one child, a daughter, Belle, now eight years of age. After his election to the office of probate judge, he removed his family from the farm to Paris. His mother is still living and resides on the farm, which he still superintends and manages.

### JAMES A. CURTRIGHT

(Paris).

Mr. Curtright is a worthy representative of one of the old and highly respected families of the county. His father, Judge Curtright, came to Missouri away back in 1828 and settled in Monroe county the following year. He entered land on which he improved a farm, where he still resides, at the advanced age of 83. Mr. Curtright's mother was a Miss Dawson, of another good family of the county. She has

been dead many years, and Judge Curtright married a second wife. She died about 10 years ago. James A. was one of a family of 15 children, 12 of whom reached mature years, and 11 of them are still living. He was born on a farm four miles south-west of Paris, April 21, 1843. On reaching majority he came to town and began as a clerk in merchandising, which he continued until 1883, becoming widely and favorably known as a popular and efficient clerk. Since then he has been an assistant in the county clerk's office. August 20, 1874, he was married to Miss Essie Crutcher, a daughter of Thomas Crutcher. They have a family of two children: Virgie L. and Nellie W. He and wife are members of the Christian Church. He is now acting High Priest of the Encampment of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Curtright is a candidate for county treasurer. Thoroughly qualified for the position, and a man of unimpeachable integrity, as well as being a good Democrat, which is of itself a guaranty of honesty and ability, there seems to be no reason why he should not be chosen to the office. Reared in the county, he is well known to the public, and his perfect reliability and fidelity are proven by the faithfulness with which he has filled the positions of clerk in the different stores where thousands of dollars were handled monthly, and by the great esteem and confidence in which he is held by those for whom he worked. There is no earthly reason why he should not be made county treasurer, unless it is that he is not a man of wealth. But can it be that this is to defeat him, and are not absolute integrity and thorough qualifications for the position sufficient? If not, then the law ought to be changed so that none but men of wealth could hold important public trusts. But Mr. Curtright has a strong support in the county, with every prospect of success.

### HENRY L. CURTRIGHT

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Paris).

The sketch of Samuel Curtright, the father of Henry L., is given elsewhere in this volume, where something of an outline of the family antecedents is presented. Henry L. was born June 12, 1833, and had good opportunities to attend school as he grew up. Much of his time was spent in school until he was 21 years of age. But after reaching his majority he engaged in farming for himself, which he has ever since followed. He began on rented land, but now owns a comfortable homestead, where he has resided for a number of years. On the 20th of September, 1865, he was married to Miss Mattie A., a daughter of Harvey and Nancy (Hill) Arnold, formerly of Kentucky. They have five children: Samuel H., James W., Robert F., Mary F. and Clay P. Mr. Curtright is engaged in raising stock, principally cattle of the high grade breed. He and wife are members of the Christian Church and he is a member of the Odd Fellows Order of Paris. For two years during the war he was deputy sheriff of the county.



## MERVIN M. DAWSON

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock-dealer, Post-office, Welch).

Mr. Dawson, a son of Nathaniel W. Dawson, of this county, was brought up to the business of farming and handling stock, and although comparatively a young man yet, is steadily coming to the front in these lines. His father is a Kentuckian by nativity, from Henry county, and came to Missouri with his family in 1849. He located in Monroe county, where he bought a farm and began his career here as a farmer and stock man. He was entirely successful in these lines, and although retired from active work for some years past, bears the reputation of having shipped more stock from this county than any other man in the county. He is now 67 years of age, and is living in quiet and comfort on his homestead, in the bosom of his family and the enjoyment of the esteem of all who know him. His good wife is also still living to accompany him on down the stream of life, as she has done for so many long and happy years. They have reared a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, all of whom are married and all reside in the county but two — one, the wife of John Brockman of Audrain county, and Ellis, of the State of Colorado. Mervin M. is the keystone of the family of children, there being four older and four younger than he. He was born in Henry county, Ky., October 13, 1845, and was therefore principally reared in Monroe county. He was married in this county February 3, 1867, when Miss Rebecca F. Threlkeld, a daughter of William Threlkeld, became his wife. After his marriage Mr. Dawson quitted the paternal roof to establish a home for himself and his family. He came to the place where he now resides and went to work with a resolution to make himself one of the successful farmers of the county. This object he is steadily accomplishing, and already he is well advanced toward the front. He has a place of about 200 acres of fine land, all under fence, and either in cultivation, meadow or pasturage, except 15 acres of timber. His place is neatly and substantially improved, and is a comfortable and desirable homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson have seven children: Mary E., William N., Smith T., Arthur P., Fannie L., George A., and Bulah M. He and wife are members of the Christian Church.

## JOHN A. DELANEY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Paris).

John Alfred Delaney was born in Scott county, Ky., January 23, 1814. His father died in Kentucky in 1828, and two years afterwards the family removed to Missouri and settled on a farm, and in 1831 came to Monroe county and settled permanently on the place where the subject of this sketch now resides. John A. and a brother had to care for the family, and it was a hard struggle through which they

passed in this then new country, with every disadvantage to contend against to keep those dependent upon them comfortably provided for, and get something of a respectable start in life for themselves. Farm products were worth comparatively nothing and everything bought from the stores was exorbitantly high, in fact, circumstances more unfavorable for prosperous farm life could hardly be imagined than they then were. But young Delaney and his brother did quite as well as those around them and as the conditions of times improved each of them advanced in prosperity with more rapid strides. In 1834 Mr. Delaney was married to Miss Sallie Sparks, who lived to brighten his home for nearly 20 years, and bore him 12 children, six of whom are living: William, John A., Mary, Elizabeth, James S. and Sallie. The mother of these died in 1852 and some years afterwards Mr. Delaney was married to Miss Margaret S. Hammonds, a most estimable lady. They have six children: Thomas B., Leonidas N., Edwin H., Maggie S., Slade I. and Perry M. When Mr. Delaney started out for himself he had but 50 acres of land, a horse or two and wagon, and no other property but a skillet and lid, bed and bedding, and a few household articles. But he went to work with that industry and resolution that, on the rich soil of Monroe county and by the genial showers which come of the favor of Heaven, could not fail of success. He has steadily come up in the gradient of prosperity and success until he is now one of the leading farmers and substantial citizens of the county. His estate numbers over 400 acres of as fine land as ever germinated the seed of the husbandman, whilst his farm is abundantly stocked with sleek cattle, contented swine and rich-fleeced sheep as well as horses and mules, and other domestic animals. He and wife are church members.

### BENJAMIN G. DYSART, M. D.

(Of Dysart & Moss, Physicians and Surgeons, Paris).

Dr. Dysart, a physician of twenty-five years' standing and a surgeon of established reputation, now one of the leading members of the medical profession in this part of the State and president of the District Medical Society, was born in Randolph county, September 28, 1834. He is a son of Dr. Nicholas Dysart, of Randolph county, an old and highly esteemed citizen of that county residing near Yates Post-office, a sketch of whose life appears on pages 673 and 674 of the "History of Randolph and Macon Counties," recently issued by the publishers of this volume. Dr. Dysart, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm near Yates and received an advanced education, which was concluded at McGee College, where he was awarded the degree of B. S., or Bachelor of Science. Prior to concluding his course at college, however, which was in 1854, he had taught school, having begun to teach at the early age of 17. His first school was at Ft. Henry, and afterwards he taught again in Chariton county, teaching about two years, having charge of the high school where he gave instructions in Latin and other higher branches.

In 1856 he quit teaching and began the study of medicine, taking a course of reading under Dr. R. K. Lewis, eight miles west of Ft. Henry, under whom he read for about two years. He then entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1859. Immediately following his graduation, Dr. Dysart located at College Mound, where he began the practice of his profession. In 1861 he entered the Southern service becoming, after the battle of Lexington, in which he took part, surgeon of Col. Bevier's regiment, of which he was surgeon until the close of the State Guard service. At the general reorganization for the Confederate service which then took place, he was made surgeon of the Fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry under Col. McCowen, a position he held until 1864. During this time the field of operations of his regiment included Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Missouri, and he took part in the battles of Pea Ridge, Farmington, Iuka and second Corinth. After the second battle of Corinth he was left in charge of the wounded, and was four months inside the Federal lines. Rejoining his regiment at Grenada, Mississippi, he afterwards participated in the battles of Grand Gulf and Port Gibson, and at the latter place was again left in charge of the wounded, spending nearly five months more in the Federal lines. During this time his regiment was captured at Vicksburg, and at the reorganization at Demopolis he was made surgeon of the Third and Fifth Missouri Infantry, still under Col. McCowen. Following this the consolidated regiments were in the campaign up through Georgia, and joined Gen. Joe Johnston near Kingston, Ga., participating in the series of fights made between Altoona and Atlanta. They then joined Hood and participated in the latter's campaign in Tennessee and in the battle of Franklin, in that State. There Dr. Dysart was left in charge of about 5,000 wounded, including 1,000 Federals wounded. He continued in charge of these for about nine months, from November 17, 1864, until August 1, 1865, several months after the close of the war. Early in the fall of 1865 Dr. Dysart returned to Missouri, after having spent four years in field and hospital. The thorough training he received as physician and surgeon during his long service in the army, and the satisfaction of having faithfully performed his duty to suffering humanity and to the cause of the South, were the only rewards he received for the labor and hardships he had undergone. Worse still: what property he had before the war was swept away, leaving him practically penniless. But locating at Paris, he began life anew in his profession and went to work with courage and resolution. The result has been most gratifying. His skill and ability in medicine and surgery have long since placed him in the front rank of his profession in North Missouri. For years he has had an extensive practice and he has prospered in a material point of view. He owns a fine farm of 400 acres a short distance north of Paris, and another place of 200 acres west of the city. Dr. Dysart, besides attending to a large practice, is engaged in raising stock. He also deals to some extent in real estate. He has a commodious and neat residence property in Paris and is comfortably and pleasantly situated. January 9, 1869, he was married to Mrs. Olivia Ragsdale,



an estimable widow lady. Mrs. Dysart's maiden name was Vivion, and she was a daughter of Preston Vivion. The Doctor and Mrs. Dysart have one son, Charles, born October 16, 1870. She is a member of the Christian Church, and he of the Cumberland Presbyterian. He is also a prominent Mason.

### JOHN H. EDWARDS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Edwards was born June 10, 1810, in Bourbon county, Ky. His father, John Edwards, was a native of Virginia, but immigrated, when a boy, to Kentucky, there marrying Miss Polly Garrod, daughter of Gov. James Garrod, Kentucky's first governor. John Edwards was a magistrate for many years and was also sheriff of the county. He was one of the sturdy veterans of the War of 1812. He lived in Bourbon county, Ky., until his death. John H. grew up on his father's farm, receiving a good common school education and assisting in the farm-work. Until his marriage, November 8, 1832, he carried on a distillery, manufacturing old Bourbon whiskey. When he had taken a wife, however, he began farming for himself, first in Kentucky and afterwards in Missouri. In 1857 he removed to Monroe county and the following year bought a farm, upon which he now lives. The place was already partially improved, but in the hands of Mr. Edwards it "blossomed as the rose." He has 320 acres all fenced, 240 in meadow and plow-land, and 80 acres in timber and pasture. Every comfort surrounds Mr. E. and his home is one to be proud of; attractive residence, good buildings, orchard, etc., and a most refined and intelligent family in whose society to refresh his mind and heart. Mr. Edwards' wife was Miss Margaret, daughter of Capt. Abraham Keller, of Bourbon county, before her marriage. She has with faithful tenderness

"Mended his ills, increased his hopes,"

and in the truest sense of the word been to him a better half. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have six children, all except one of whom are married: John Monroe, Abram K., Amos, Joseph T., William, Tolbert, now at Wichita, Kans., and Margaret, wife of Robert T. Carter. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are members of the Christian Church.

### JOHN M. EDWARDS

(Farmer, Section 17, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. John M. Edwards was born June 20, 1835, in Bourbon county, Ky. His father, who was born June 12, 1800, was also a native of that State. He followed the occupation of farmer until 1847, when he moved to Missouri. He was married in Bourbon county, Ky., in 1825, to Miss Margaret Killer, also a native of that county. Of this marriage were born 10 children. Five still survive: Abraham, Noah,

Joseph, William and Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. E. were good and faithful members of the Christian Church. John M. was the fourth child, and was reared in Bourbon county, Ky., and from his early childhood had a predilection for farming, which occupation he has steadfastly followed ever since. In 1856 he removed to Monroe county, Mo., and was married February 10, 1875, to Miss Mary Evans who was a native of Monroe, where she was born August 12, 1837. They have two children: Rufina M. and Margaret K. Mr. Edwards owes everything in life to his own exertions, and has indefatigably persevered in his efforts to succeed in the occupation he has chosen. It can truly be said of him that he is a self-made man. He can now look with pride at the time when but a boy he was penniless and had nothing but his robust health, and an honest purpose, which has led him upward to the rank he now maintains among his fellow men. His farm consisting of 296 acres of rich land, and of which 220 acres are highly improved, has been made to yield him a comfortable living. Though now but in the prime of life, he may well rest upon his oars, and view with complacent eye his broad acres that have been made to bear the fruit of an honest and well spent life. Mr. Edwards is a good member of the Christian Church.

### HENRY H. FIELDS

(Farmer and Stock-dealer, Section 1).

Of all that sturdy and independent class, the farmers of Missouri, none are possessed of more genuine merit and a stronger character than he whose name stands at the head of this sketch. Left to hew his own path in life, he has most manfully acquitted himself of the task. He was born November 6, 1822, in Washington county, Ky., of John Field and Elizabeth Wiseheart, his wife. John F. was born October 17, 1796, in Maryland, but spent his early years in Washington county. He was a farmer, and married December 19, 1817, a fair flower of Nelson county. They had a family of 10 children, of whom six are now living: John W., a Methodist minister, located at Palestine, Tex.; Matilda, Wilson M., Catherine, Alfred M. and Henry H. In 1858 Mr. F. moved to Ellis county, Tex., and two years later to Monroe county, Mo., whither his son, Henry H., had preceded him by five years. The latter grew up in his native country, and was there married May 28, 1849, to Miss Martha M. Phillips, by whom he has four children: Florida, Missouri, Dennis M. and John L. He moved to Missouri in 1855, and two years later, August 19, 1857, his wife was wrapped in the dark and impenetrable mantle of death. Mr. Fields has a fine farm of 320 acres, the fruits of his own industry and untiring energy. His farm is well stocked with everything necessary to its thorough cultivation, and his improvements bear witness to the intelligence and wisdom that rule. He is a valuable citizen, and his example and success may well serve as a beacon light to guide other struggling souls to a safe harbor. Mr. Fields is a worthy member of the Masonic order.

## WILLIAM H. FORMAN

(Farmer, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Forman, an old citizen and respected farmer of the county, has been a resident of this county for over 53 years. He came from Kentucky, having been born in Montgomery county, of that State, in 1813. He was a son of John and Susan (Caldwell) Foreman, and emigrated from Kentucky with his parents in 1831. His father was a deacon for over 20 years in the Christian Church. Settling six miles west of Paris, he resided on that place for nearly 30 years, or rather in that neighborhood, for he sold his original place during that time and bought one near by, to which he removed. In 1860 he went to Sturgeon, in Boone county, where he engaged in the hotel business. He died there in 1863. His wife had died the year previous. William H. Forman, who was 16 years of age when he came to Missouri, grew to manhood in Monroe county, and in 1839 was married to Miss Martha A. Curtright, formerly of Kentucky. Already Mr. Forman had begun his career in life as a farmer, which he has continued ever since. He has a good homestead of 160 acres, on which he has resided for many years. Mr. Forman goes down in the "History of Monroe County" as the first teacher of vocal music who ever taught in the county. And he is perhaps the oldest teacher in point of continued service of that which Congreve says: —

"Music has charms to sooth a savage breast,  
To soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak;  
I've read that things inanimate have moved,  
And, as with living souls, have been inform'd,  
By magic numbers and persuasive sound."

Since he was a young man, for nearly half a century, he taught vocal music in the county up to within about a year ago. Mr. Forman has been a member of the Christian Church for over fifty years. He and his good wife have had seven children: John C., Emily E., William, Daniel, James, Thomas A. and Nancy. Daniel C. died in 1857, Thomas in 1863, and William was killed in 1868 by the fall of a tree. Mrs. Forman is also a member of the Christian Church.

## VALENTINE FOWKES

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, section 9).

Mr. Fowkes, who was born in Scott county, Ky., near Georgetown, July 16, 1817, is the son of Gerard and Nancy Fowkes and the brother of Richard, whose sketch follows this. He grew up on the home place with a common school education, and at the age of 16 commenced freighting in Kentucky. After moving to Missouri he continued the same business, freighting from Hannibal to Paris, and also when the river was low to Richmond, Chariton and Brunswick. When navigation was closed he hauled between St. Louis and Paris.



He was engaged in this occupation for 35 years. Mr. Fowkes bought the farm upon which he now lives about 30 years ago. It was partly improved and his industry, good management and tastes have made it one of the garden spots of the county. He is a reliable and leading farmer in the township and contributes materially to its general prosperity. Of very winning manners, and adapting himself readily to those among whom he is thrown, he is universally popular and his success in life is not to be wondered at. His farm contains 260 acres of land, 220 fenced, with 75 in cultivation, and the balance in timbered pasture. His buildings are good and substantial and his orchard young and promising. His business for 20 years has been the breeding of horses and mules, in which he is eminently successful. He has made seven trips South with this stock and with pecuniary profit. Mr. Fowkes married in this county January 8, 1866, Miss Lucy, widow of Harvey Smith, and daughter of Christopher and Mildred Acuff, formerly from Kentucky, and both now deceased. This marriage has been without its crowning glory, the birth of children. Mrs. Fowkes, a woman of unusual charms, is rendered still more attractive by the adornment of a truly Christian spirit. She is a devout worshiper in the Baptist Church.

### RICHARD FOWKES

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Paris).

Gerard Fowkes, a native of Scott county, Ky., and the father of Richard, married Nancy Rogers, also a Kentuckian, and after a few years moved to Missouri, settling in Monroe county on the farm still occupied by the subject of this sketch. The place was already slightly improved, and Mr. Fowkes made of it a beautiful home, where he spent the remainder of his years, dying February 27, 1881, in his ninety-first year. He was a pensioner of the War of 1812. Of a family of nine children three are now living. Richard, who was the youngest of the family, was born in Scott county, Ky., on the 30th day of October, 1829. He was quite young when his parents moved to Missouri, and has spent the greater part of his life on the same farm. He was educated at the common schools, and as soon as he reached his majority, like many other young men growing up at that day, was seized with the California fever. He spent two very profitable years in the mines there, and then returned to the home of his childhood, where he settled down and became a farmer. February 12, 1856, he married Miss Catherine, daughter of Thomas H. Noonan, formerly from Kentucky, now deceased. Mrs. F. was born, reared and educated in Monroe county. There is in this family but one child, Lillie, a bright and beautiful girl just blooming into womanhood. Mr. Fowkes is a farmer of experience and ability, and is much respected by all. He owns 80 acres of land, all fenced, 25 in plow land and the balance timbered pasture. His place is well improved and an ornament to the township. He is a member of Paris Lodge No. 19, A. F. and A. M., in

which he has been a member 32 years. Mrs. Fowkes is a member of the Baptist Church.

### JAMES CEPHAS FOX (DECEASED)

(Paris).

He whose name heads this sketch was a man well and favorably known to all old citizens of Monroe county. He came to the county before it was formed, and was afterwards one of the pioneer merchants of Paris. The following in reference to his death we take from the *Christian*, of September 5, 1878:—

Something more than the mere announcement of his death deserves to be written concerning the life and character of that eminent servant of God, J. C. Fox, who passed away from earth on Thursday, August 15th, about one o'clock in the afternoon. His death was so sudden and unexpected, its announcement was a shock to the citizens of Paris and of the whole county. He had almost completed his seventy-sixth year, yet he was so hale and vigorous, the idea of his death from the weight of years and the natural close of life had not entered the thoughts of our people. He had not been feeling very well for several days, but was seen on our streets, to all appearances in his usual health, the morning of the day of his death. After eating his dinner he began to complain of pains in his breast and a dullness and dizziness in his head. The doctor was sent for immediately, who reached the house within 10 minutes, and in 30 minutes Brother Fox expired. Apoplexy was the cause of his death. He died calmly and without a struggle, as if going to sleep, as he really was, in the arms of the blessed Savior. James Cephas Fox was born in Fayette county, Ky., October 30, 1802. When he was about four years of age his father and family moved to Loudoun county, Va., where they remained a few years and returned to Kentucky. In 1819 the family, including the subject of this sketch, removed to the then Territory of Missouri and settled near Middle Grove, in what is now Monroe county, but was then a part of Ralls county. This was the first settlement within the present limits of Monroe county, and was long known as Fox's settlement. Shortly after Monroe county was formed, the site now occupied by the town of Paris was selected for the county seat and Brother Fox was appointed commissioner to lay off the town and sell the lots, he having deeded to the county a part of the land upon which the town is built. The honor of giving the name to the town was awarded to his wife. In connection with Robert Caldwell he opened the first store in Paris. For many years he was actively engaged in merchandising in the place, and by his close attention to business and the exercise of his fine business qualifications he amassed a large fortune for a country merchant. June 23, 1822, he was married to Miss Ann Smith. After her death, in 1861, he was married to Mrs. Mildred Caldwell, who survives him. Joseph H. Fox, of Shelbina, and Mrs. T. L. Fox, of Quincy, were born of the first marriage, and Miss Annie May Fox of the last, and these are all left to mourn his loss. After a

long and successful business career he retired from such labor, and in 1866 was honored by the citizens of Monroe county as their representative in the State Legislature, which place he filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. His history is so intimately connected with the history of our county and of Paris, that the history of one would involve the history of the other. He assisted in surveying the first public road in the county, and, as we have seen, laid the foundation for our county seat. By his counsel and his wisdom and his means he was always unobtrusively prominent in every enterprise that promised to add to the material growth and prosperity of the town and county in which he lived. He belonged to us all in a very peculiar and endearing sense, which was most fully and sincerely attested by the very large crowd that attended his funeral and wept over him. Young and old, black and white, rich and poor, met around his coffin and looked upon his face with one common grief, and sorrowed most of all that they should see that face no more. Few places are blessed with such a scene as was witnessed on the day of his burial, because few places are blessed with such a life as his, over which the whole community could rejoice and upon which it had so confidently leaned, and in whose death there could be tears of genuine grief from all, for unto all he had been a father and a friend, rejoicing at their joy and weeping with them in their sorrows. But it is of Brother Fox as a Christian that I desire to speak, for it was this that sanctified and made beautiful all the other relations of his life. I am not able to say just when he became a follower of Christ, but it was in the early years of his manhood. I have been told that he was the first person baptized in this county upon the simple confession of his faith in Christ. Before he ever heard a minister from among the Disciples he was attending a Baptist meeting, and at the invitation arose in the audience and addressed the preacher about as follows: "I believe with all my heart that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. If you will receive me upon this confession, I will come." He was received. Not long after, old Brother McBride came to Paris from Boone county, and on the 10th day of March, 1833, organized the Christian Church in this place. Six members composed the organization. Brother Fox was one of the six. They are all gone but one, and he still lingers at Paris at the advanced age of 84. During all these years of the existence of the church here, now numbering nearly a half century, Brother Fox has been intimately associated with its life and growth, indeed, has been a very large factor in the production of all gracious results arising from a congregation of Disciples so large, so united, and so ready for every good work and word. Active, energetic and industrious throughout all the years of his long and splendid career, yet he never for one moment became so much absorbed in his business interests and cares as to forget his allegiance to his God and the duties and privileges arising out of his relation to the church. His life is a very striking illustration of the fact that a man can use this world without abusing it; that he can toil, and buy, and sell, and keep, and use, and trade, and yet keep close to



the Cross, and yet nearer and nearer to God. He always considered himself simply a steward of the manifold mercies of God, and with a liberal and a generous hand and heart, was ever found truly "given to hospitality," distributing to the "necessities of the saints," and as he had opportunity, of doing good unto all men. He was liberal and generous toward all the enterprises of the church, educational, missionary and others. After having done his part liberally and willingly we never failed to hear him and see him with his pocket-book in his hand and open, saying, "How much is lacking?" and quietly supplying the deficiency. Brother Fox grew old so gracefully. No sourness nor bitterness spoiled the loveliness of his last days. He had looked upon the rapid movements of the world since he was a boy in all that bore upon its material prosperity and growth, and had observed the wonderful changes in religious, scientific and philosophic investigation and knowledge, but he was never the man to utter a groan of regret and say, "things are not what they once were." Brother Fox was a very wise man, and he had gathered his wisdom, most of all while he sat as a little child, at the feet of Him who spoke as man never spake. His wisdom increased with his years. It was not blunted by any dimness of vision, nor disturbed by any crotchets of a soured old age. He was willing to work anywhere and everywhere for the Master. He was never absent from the Sunday-school, prayer meeting and the meetings on Lord's day and night. One of the touching scenes at his funeral was the presence and grief of the little boys from five to seven years of age whom he has taught for sometime in the Sunday-school. They bore a beautiful cross and wreath of flowers and laid them upon his coffin. As they looked upon his face for the last time, beside them stood the aged pilgrim, now 84, the only one now living in Monroe county of those who were here when he and Brother Fox came to this country, and the only remaining one of those who formed this church 45 years ago, Brother James R. Abernathy. The aged and young mingled their tears together. But it would take a volume to give a true history of this noble man of God, whose loss we all feel so deeply. A most excellent funeral discourse was preached by Brother Proctor, who had come to rejoice and weep with us. I can not express my loneliness without my brother. Although so much older than I, yet his companionship was very precious and pleasing to me. I never knew a better man. I do not think I ever will. Even tempered, mild, gentle, meek, faithful and true, he was. His life was well rounded, and his character worthy of all admiration. He left us so calmly. The close of his life so befitting. He was not broken by years, nor emaciated by disease. "His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated." He laid down his armor and is at rest forever from all his labors. We will meet him on the other shore, and while on our way will cherish his memory as the precious legacy he has left us.

## ROBERT FREEMAN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Freeman, an industrious and intelligent farmer of North Jackson township, was born June 2, 1828, in Madison county, Ky. His parents, Burket and Elizabeth (Linsey) Freeman, were natives of the same State, where the former died in 1834. Mrs. Freeman and family moved to Missouri in 1840, and settled in Monroe county, about four and a half miles from Paris. Robert grew up on this farm and principally educated himself. In 1850 he went to California but returned after spending one year in the mines. July 7, 1851, he married Miss Martha A., daughter of Samuel West, formerly from Virginia, now deceased. He then settled on the old homestead of his father-in-law and began farming and stock-raising, continuing this occupation with much success and profit until the war came on, when he was conscripted in Porter's raid. His service in the Confederate army was short but spirited. During the 10 days in which he bore arms he took part in three engagements, Newark, Kirksville and Cherry Creek, besides several skirmishes. On his return Mr. Freeman joined the Home Guards. Since the war he has been carrying on the farm until 1873, when he went into the employ of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, watching and repairing its bridges. In this capacity he has given the fullest satisfaction to his employers, and entirely deserves the confidence and esteem with which he is regarded. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have five children: Samuel B., James M., Mary E., wife of James Scobee, J. Franklin and Richard S. Mr. F. and his wife are members of the M. E. Church South.

## THOMAS B. GANNAWAY

(Treasurer of Monroe County, Paris).

Mr. Gannaway, a leading merchant of Paris, who has been treasurer of the county for the last eight years continuously, and is one of the highly respected and influential citizens of this place, like most of the old settlers of North Missouri, is a native of the Blue Grass State, and was born in Washington county, March 15, 1844. His father, who came to this county in 1852, with his family, was William Gannaway, a man of high character and marked intelligence. The mother, before her marriage, was a Miss Martha Berry, a lady of refinement and great gentleness of disposition and kindness of heart. She seemed to be attached to her family with more than ordinary devotion and especially concerned herself with the moral training of her children. From their earliest recollections she strove unceasingly to instill into their minds the great principles of moral and religious truth, and taught them that character and fidelity to all their duties were the most priceless jewels to be had in this world. Her children now look back to her pure and noble teachings as the inspiration of every generous and worthy act they feel prompted to do. She is one

of the true and good women of the earth, and is so remembered by all who know her. William Gannaway, the father of Thomas B. Gannaway, after having moved to Paris followed the trade of his early life, that of a carpenter. He was an excellent workman and industriously pursued his avocation, with a strong desire and determination to give his children the best school advantages possible. But his health having been already impaired for many years soon gave way and he was compelled to quit the trade. He engaged for a short time in the furniture business, also in saddlery and harness, but his health soon became so feeble that he was unable to attend to any business. He died in 1867. He was a faithful member of the Baptist Church. Ever zealous and true in his religious devotions; much devoted to his family, he ever placed before his children and other associates the worthy example of an honorable, a true, a highly moral and religious life. Thomas B., the subject of this sketch, was eight years of age when the family settled in Monroe county. They had previously lived a short time in both Illinois and Iowa. In those States the son had had some school advantages, but after the family came to Monroe county, school facilities were quite limited, and he had little opportunities for instruction. His parents were in moderate circumstances and he had to assist in the support of the family by work. He worked on the farm until the family came to Paris in 1857, where he attended school when opportunity offered and subsequently worked in various employments at this place and studied his books at night. He thus succeeded in getting a good elementary education, and, having intended to become a lawyer, he began reading law under Judge Brace, but the family needing his help, he had to do something that would yield an immediate income. He was offered a clerkship in a store at a small salary which he accepted, and since that time he has been identified with merchandising, and in fact with the same store. By economy he saved up enough after awhile to buy a half interest in the store, and later along he bought the other half, since which he has continued to conduct it. He has been entirely successful as a merchant and has accumulated ample means. As has been said, he is one of the leading merchants of Paris and does a large and flourishing business. Having made it a rule in business life, as in every other respect, to deal with perfect uprightness in all transactions, he has steadily secured the confidence of the public, which he has never failed to retain. How well he stands in the county is shown by his repeated elections to the responsible office of county treasurer. He was first elected in 1876, and still holds the position by re-election. February 27, 1878, Mr. Gannaway was married to Miss Mollie Rawlings, a daughter of Col. Sam A. Rawlings, at one time a member of the Legislature from this county, but afterwards connected with the *Democrat*, at Shelbyna. Mr. Gannaway and wife are members of the Baptist Church, and he is closely identified with the Sunday-school work of that denomination, having occupied the superintendent's chair for several years. He is also a prominent member of the Odd Fellows Order, and is quite active in both church and secret society affairs. He is one of the leading lay-



men in the Baptist Church of this place, having formerly been a member of the executive board of the Bethel Association. In the Odd Fellows Order he has filled all the chairs of the subordinate lodge and Encampment. He has also filled the office of Grand High Priest of the Grand Encampment of Missouri. In 1882, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri and delivered an address to the largest assemblage of the order ever witnessed in the State. In 1883, he was elected a representative from the State of Missouri to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., for the term of two years, and attended the Sovereign Grand Lodge of that order at Providence, Rhode Island, in 1883, and at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1884. He has made a specialty of the study of the laws of the I. O. O. F., and is considered high authority in that order, his decisions being almost invariably accepted as final on questions that come up in the order. During his term of office he was invited to St. Louis to deliver an address on the anniversary of the order, and was complimented with the largest audience ever assembled on such an occasion in the State.

### HON. FRENCH GLASCOCK

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Glascock, who represented his native county, Ralls, in the Legislature during the sessions of 1858-59 and 1859-60, and also during the called session of 1860, but has long been a prominent citizen of South Jackson township, in this county, and one of its thorough-going, enterprising farmers, was born at New London, in Ralls county, December 17, 1821. He was a son of Asa Glascock, one of the pioneer settlers of that county, and in those days its wealthiest citizen. He was a native of Virginia, and was there married to his cousin, Miss Anna Glascock. They came to Missouri in 1820, and settled in Ralls county. He entered land there and improved a farm, and engaged extensively in stock-raising. He was abundantly successful, and at his death, in 1844, besides being the largest stock-owner in the county, was the largest landholder, having over 4,000 acres of choice and carefully selected land in that county. He was married three times and had, in all, 13 children, 12 of whom grew to maturity. French Glascock was the youngest child by his father's first marriage, there being four sons and two daughters older than he. His education was quite limited on account of the absence of school advantages in that early day. But at the occasional subscription schools which he attended, and by study at home, he succeeded in obtaining a practical knowledge of books. In 1849, like many young men, he was attracted to the Pacific coast by the California gold excitement, and made the trip out by the overland route. Absent over two years, he returned by the Isthmus and New Orleans in 1852, and engaged in merchandising at Madisonville. The next year after he returned, April 21, 1853, he was married to Miss Lucy Muldrow, a daughter of Andrew Muldrow, of Ralls county, but formerly of Kentucky. In 1855 Mr.

Glascoek sold his store and engaged in farming near Perry, where he farmed for over 10 years. Selling that place to advantage, however, in 1866, he bought his present place in Monroe county, to which he at once removed. Here he has since resided and been continuously engaged in farming and stock-raising. His homestead tract of land contains about 200 acres, all under fence and nearly all in cultivation, meadow or pasturage. Meanwhile, in 1858, whilst engaged in farming in Ralls county, Mr. Glascoek was nominated for and elected to the Legislature. He served in that body for the terms mentioned above and with marked ability. A man of high character and sterling intelligence, he exercised a potent and salutary influence on the legislation of that time and the proceedings of the House. Those were fevered and exciting times, and it required men of cool heads and conservative ideas to stem the passions of the hour and prevent hasty and unwise enactments. Mr. Glascoek was noted for the broad-minded, liberal views he entertained, and although a State's rights Democrat of the old school, he was no advocate of extreme measures, believing that whilst struggling for the name and form of a principle, its substance might be imperiled or lost, as subsequently proved to be the case. If the course he pursued and advised in the Legislature in 1858 and 1860 had been pursued by others later along in the legislatures and conventions of the different States generally, the long and bloody war that followed would have been avoided, the doctrine of State's rights would not now be practically extinct, and the farmers of Missouri and the people of the South, generally, would not be as they are at present, compelled to pay about \$30 per family annually in tariff taxes to the government and to manufacturing monopolists for the payment of the pensions on the one hand of those who fought against them in the war, and of subsidies on the other to fat ex-Federal army contractors, who are now growing even fatter on "protected" manufactures. But the course of the South was one of the great mistakes which happen in the best of countries as well as in the best of families, and its sequences and even consequences must be borne. Yet the men who foresaw these results and warned their countrymen of them can not but regret that their admonitions had not been heeded. Mr. and Mrs. Glascoek have a family of five children: Mary M., now the wife of John Q. Morehead; Anna E., William Jefferson, Hugh G. and Maggie Lee. They have lost one, a son, George B., at the age of 16 months, May 1, 1862. The mother of these is also now deceased. She died February 11, 1870. She was long a member of the Presbyterian Church, thoroughly sincere and exemplary in her faith and daily life, and a devoted wife and mother. Mr. Glascoek is a prominent member of the A. F. and A. M.

#### GEORGE GLENN (DECEASED)

(Paris).

For nearly half a century, from early manhood until the shadows of old age settled around him which were broken only by the light of

a day eternal in the heavens, he whose name heads this sketch gave to Monroe county the best energies of his life, as one of its most worthy and highly respected citizens; and to the community and all among whom he lived the beneficent influence of a character without stain, the example of a life well and usefully spent, which was always devoted to the best interest of those around him, his own loved ones, his friends and his neighbors, and all who came to know him well and to appreciate him at his true value for his blameless, upright and useful life. George Glenn was a plain, frank, honest and unpretending man, a man who was esteemed for his personal worth and for the many excellencies that were blended in his character. He was a man who, while he was appreciated for his sturdy integrity and his kindness and generosity of heart, commanded not less respect for his strength of mind and his high standing among the more intelligent and better informed people of the community in which he lived. He was a man of more than ordinary strength and force of character, of strong convictions, great moral courage, and as immovable from the path of rectitude as the eternal adamants beneath the Pyrenees. He lived a life that, when he was gone, left only sad regrets that so good a man had passed away, that so worthy a citizen of the county could no longer be spared to mingle with those who had learned to know him so well and esteem him at his true worth. He died at his home in this county on the 7th of March, 1875, in his seventy-third year. He had been a member of the Presbyterian Church for many years, and was an earnest Christian in every better sense of the word. He was superintendent of the Sabbath-school of his church at the time of his death, as he had been for a long time before. Let us then give at least a brief sketch of the life of this good man, whose death was so widely and sincerely mourned. George Glenn came of a worthy Virginia family, and was a son of Hugh Glenn by the latter's first wife. Both his father and mother were Virginians, and George, the subject of this sketch, was the eldest of their family of children. His father left a numerous progeny, having been married three times, each wife leaving him a large family of children at her death. In the first family of children, of which George was a member, there were two sons and six daughters. The other brother, John, died in this county some years ago, leaving a family of children. A half sister, Mrs. Thomas Crutcher, is a resident of Paris. George Glenn was born in Augusta county, Va., in 1802. Reared in that county, he was brought up to habits of industry, and from his parents inherited a sterling character, which made him respected and esteemed from the morning of his earthly career until his sun was forever set. In 1823, then just arrived at majority, he was married to Miss Grace Anderson, of Augusta county, and he continued to make his home in his native county after his marriage for some eight or nine years. He then, as early as 1831, removed to Missouri and located for a time in Pike county, but in the spring of the following year he came to Monroe county. Here he made his home until his death, until the sands of his life had run out. His regular occupation was that of farming and raising stock, but being a man of great



personal popularity, good education and fine business qualifications, he was frequently called to serve the people of the county in an official capacity. He was county surveyor for a number of years, and then served two terms as clerk of the circuit court. He was a man who made the pursuit of wealth no controlling object in life, but such were his industry and his intelligent, good management, that he accumulated a comfortable property. His first wife died in 1845, some 22 years after their marriage. Of their family of children was the well-known Hugh Glenn, the great wheat grower of California, a physician by profession, and at one time the Democratic candidate for Governor of that State, one of the wealthiest men on the Pacific slope, and who was killed a few years ago, as is well known, by a murderous employe of his. In 1847 Mr. Glenn, the subject of this sketch, was married to Mrs. E. C. Riley, widow of the late John Riley, of Jefferson county, Va. By his last marriage there are two sons — Benjamin F., of California, and George M., of Monroe county. The memory of no citizen of Monroe county is more kindly and reverently cherished than that of the worthy good man whose memoir is here briefly given.

#### DAVID C. GORE, M. D.

(Of A. E. & D. C. Gore, Physicians and Surgeons, Paris).

Dr. David C. Gore is a son of Dr. Abner E. Gore, as well as his partner in practice, and was born at Paris, May 18, 1852. Young Gore was early intended for the medical profession and was educated with that object in view. After attending the common schools he took a course in the high school of Paris, and out of that matriculated into the University of Kentucky, at Lexington, where he studied for three years. Following this, young Gore returned to Paris and engaged in teaching school near this place, entering upon the regular study of medicine under the instruction of his father at the same time. He taught school for about a year, the last term he taught being as first assistant in the graded school of this place. In the fall of 1874, having continued the study of medicine under his father up to that time, since quitting the Kentucky University in 1871, he entered the Missouri Medical College, of St. Louis, in which he continued as a student until his graduation on the 4th of March, 1876. Immediately after his graduation young Dr. Gore located at Pierce City, Mo., for the practice of medicine. He practiced at that point for three years, being in partnership during this time with Dr. S. A. Sanders. But his father earnestly desiring his return to Paris, in 1879 he came back to his old home and entered upon the practice here in partnership with his father, under the firm name of Drs. A. E. & D. C. Gore, since which they have continued the practice together. The confidence of the public, so long and worthily shown Dr. Gore, Sr., has not been withheld from his son, and the latter has proved himself eminently worthy of it. A thoroughly qualified young physician, active, energetic and ambitious to make an honorable name in his profession, he

has worked with singular great zeal in his practice and with untiring industry to acquit himself with credit and success in the cases under his charge. Nor is it a matter of less congratulation to the public so vitally interested in having those among them in whom they have confidence as physicians and men, than it is to both father and son that the mantle of the father should so fortunately and worthily descend to the latter. Dr. Gore, Jr., is a talented and skillful young physician and personally he has those qualities of mind and heart that make him esteemed quite as much as a man as he is as a physician. On the 24th of November, 1880, he was married to Miss Ione Cooper, a daughter of Hon. D. L. Cooper, of Paris, and a young lady of rare refinement and culture. She was educated at the Christian College, at Columbia, from which she graduated in the class of 1878. They have an interesting and promising little son, Abner Ellis, born January 20, 1882. The Doctor and Mrs. G. are members of the Christian Church and he is a prominent Odd Fellow.

#### MILTON GROW (DECEASED)

(Paris).

Mr. Grow, a respected farmer, died at his homestead in Jackson township, September 29, 1882. He was born in Jessamine county, Ky., November 10, 1834, and was, therefore, in the forty-eighth year of his age. Thus cut off in the middle of life, his loss under any circumstances must have been deplored, for he was an upright man and valued citizen. But when it is considered that he was a husband and father, with near and dear ones dependent upon him, those who looked upon him as their support and protection, and who loved him as only a kind husband and good father can be loved, his death was a blow of exceptional severity, yet we are taught by the faith he held, by the great lessons of Christianity, that there is an All-wise purpose in every dispensation of Providence, however hard it may seem at the time to bear, and this we can not and do not doubt. In the great day, when all shall rise again and know each other, and when loved ones shall meet never again to be separated, the purpose of the good God in calling his creatures away from this life — some in its morning, others in its meridian, and yet others at its eventide — will then be made known, and its wisdom and justness and goodness will become manifest. Let all, therefore, submit to those decrees of heaven without a murmur, and with the assurance that everything is for the best. Mr. Grow was a son of Peter Grow and wife, who was a Miss Sarah Lewelen before her marriage. Both of his parents being of early families in Kentucky, he was reared in that State, and brought up to a sturdy, hard-working, honest farm life. There he formed those habits of industry and that strict integrity of character which marked the entire after years of his life. He early became a member of the Christian Church, and kept faith in that communion until his death, in 1854. He was married to Miss Amanda Carman, of Jessamine county, Ky., and he continued to reside in his

native State, engaged in farming, until 1870, when he removed to Missouri. Here he bought the Noonan farm, on which he settled and where he lived until his death. He and his good wife, who survives him, and is the loved mother of his children, were blessed with six sons and two daughters, namely: William J., dead; Stephen D., Newton, James A., Sarah A., Archie, Melvin, dead; and Irene. Mrs. Grow is an estimable lady, a kind and valued neighbor, and a worthy member of the Christian Church.

### ZADOK HARBIT

(Farmer, Post-office, Paris).

A son of Joshua and Winnie (Brown) Harbit, formerly of Indiana, Mr. Harbit was born March 24, 1857. When he was about 11 years of age the family removed to Missouri, and his father bought the DeLong farm in Jackson township, of this county, on which they settled. The father died there in 1880, and the mother, with her younger children, still resides on their homestead. There are nine in the family of children, namely: Gwinn, Francis, Nannie, Andrew, Jane, Anna, Zadok, Willard and John J. Zadok completed the years of his youth on the farm in this county, and received an ordinary common school education as he grew up. In October, 1878, he was married to Miss Elizabeth McAfee, of this county. They have two children: Ernest and Amanda. The homestead of the family contains 280 acres, and is an excellent farm. Mr. Harbit is an energetic young farmer, and is steadily making his way up by industry and good management.

### ISAAC HAYDEN

(Farmer and Fine stock-raiser, Post-office, Paris).

Among the substantial and highly respected citizens of Jackson township is Mr. Hayden, the subject of the present sketch. He is a man who has come up in life solely by his own exertions and merit, and in the face of obstacles and disadvantages that it required no ordinary courage, resolution and strength of character to overcome. At the age of seven years he was left an orphan by the death of his father, or perhaps worse than an orphan so far as his own advantages were concerned, for he and two elder brothers had the care of his mother's family, in addition to providing for themselves. He worked his way up, however, through all difficulties and came to be, as he has long been regarded, one of the well-to-do and representative citizens of his community. In 1882 he was made a candidate by his friends in different parts of the county for the office of county judge, and although running against one of the best-known and most popular men in the county, he came within seven votes of being elected. Mr. Hayden was born in Monroe county, Mo., August 13, 1831, and was a son of John G. and Mary (Baker) Hayden. His father died in 1843, leaving his wife a widow, and seven children to care for. Isaac early apprenticed himself to the shoemaker's trade, at which he



worked two years, but not liking the inactivity of the calling, he decided to learn the blacksmith's trade. This he worked at for a time, but an opportunity being offered for him to learn the wool carder's trade, which was then quite profitable, he accepted the offer and agreed to work three years in order to learn it, his only compensation being his board and clothes and a six months' term at school. After serving out this term he felt that he had enough of wool-carding, for employment in that trade proved to be scarce and not very profitable after all. He then went to making rails by the hundred and then engaged in digging wells by contract, in which he made some little money. Later along he concluded to learn the cabinet maker's trade, at which he worked for nearly two years, and then he learned house carpentering. This latter he followed for about nine years, but finally settled down to farming, having married in the meantime. After farming for some years, he had accumulated some means, whereupon he enlisted in the drug business and kept a drug store at Paris for some time. He finally sold out, however, and resumed farming, which he has ever since followed. It is thus seen that Mr. Hayden has learned five different trades and followed four additional occupations, or in other words, about all the different employments that then offered. April 12, 1859, he was married to Miss Dollie Curtright, who is still spared to accompany him on the journey of life. In an early day, Mr. H. was quite a hunter and became noted in all the country round about as a remarkably fine shot. To this day he has the reputation of being one of the best rifle shots in the community. He and wife are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Hayden besides farming is engaged in breeding and raising fine stock, particularly high-grade cattle, of which he has some fine representatives.

### JAMES P. HOLDSWORTH

(Postmaster, Paris).

Mr. Holdsworth's father, John H. Holdsworth, came out to Missouri from New York City with his family in 1858, and settled on land 11 miles north-east of Paris, part of which he had bought 20 years before. Afterwards he became quite a prominent citizen of the county and represented this senatorial district in the State Constitutional Convention of 1865. He was a conscientious, consistent Republican in politics, and after the Confederate soldiers changed their policy from shooting to voting, his promotion in public life, of course, ceased, as the Southern element was and is largely preponderant in this part of Missouri. However, in 1876 he was appointed postmaster at Paris, and held that office until his death, which occurred January 31, 1879. James P. succeeded him in office at this place, and has since continued to hold it. He had previously been deputy under his father, and indeed had done the principal part of the office work. He makes an efficient and popular postmaster, and has the hearty indorsement of the Government authorities and the people. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 18, 1847, and was therefore 11 years of age when his

parents came to Missouri. He was reared in this county and educated in the common schools. April 3, 1870, Mr. Holdsworth was married to Miss Susie Tutt, of New London, in Ralls county. They have two children: Katie and Lucy. Mrs. Holdsworth is a member of the Christian Church.

### JOHN H. HOWELL

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Howell started out for himself in this county when a young man, without any means or other help, and by hard work and a frugal life, has accumulated a comfortable property. He has an excellent stock farm of about 260 acres, all under fence and in a good state of improvement. Mr. Howell makes something of a specialty of raising mules for the market, which he has found a profitable industry. He was born September 25, 1836. When he was a youth about 17 years of age he came to Monroe county, Mo., with his parents, John M. and Catherine (Cooperider) Howell, who settled about four miles west of Paris. They had a family of nine children. The father died there in the fall of 1867, and the mother in the spring of 1866. John H. was reared on the farm, and what education he received he obtained in a district school, to which he had to walk a distance of five miles; but he secured a practical knowledge of books, enough to get along with satisfactorily in ordinary affairs. On the 1st of October, 1857, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Jones, a daughter of George and Mary (Rippey) Jones, originally of Kentucky. Four children are the fruits of their married life: George, James S., Mary C. and John H. Mr. and Mrs. Howell are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a member of the Knights of Honor at Paris.

### HENRY C. HOWELL

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock-dealer, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Howell comes of one of the oldest and best families of North Missouri. His grandparents settled in Marion county from Kentucky in 1813, and from them branches of the family have extended into nearly all the neighboring counties, being among the most useful and highly respected citizens of their respective communities. Mr. Howell's father, Maj. William J. Howell, was still in boyhood when his parents removed to Missouri. Reared in that county, he exerted himself for the acquisition of an education, and became a young man of fine mental culture. He read law under the distinguished member of the bar, Judge Urial Wright, one of the most eloquent advocates as well as one of the ablest lawyers who ever addressed judge or jury in this or any State of the Union. Young Howell became only less famous at the bar than his distinguished preceptor. He early became known as one of the ablest lawyers of the State, and making his home in Monroe county, was repeatedly honored by the people of this county with the commission of representative in the

State Legislature. He also represented this district in the State Constitutional Convention. In each of these bodies he took a commanding position by virtue of his ability and high character. Thus by his own personal worth and exertions he rose from the average station of a farmer's son to that of one of the distinguished and representative citizens of the State. Even before he was 21 years of age he was elected circuit clerk of Monroe county, and had barely attained his majority when he was sworn into office. His death was as widely and as deeply mourned as any citizen who was ever laid to rest within the borders of the county. Judge Howell left a large family of children. He was three times married. His first wife was formerly Miss Louisa Smith, of Palmyra. Of that union a son and daughter are living, Harry C. Howell, of Paris, and Mrs. H. J. Boatner, of the same place. The mother of these dying, he was subsequently married to Miss Margaret Gore, daughter of the late Judge Jonathan Gore, of Hannibal. There are no children by this wife. His last wife was, before her marriage, Miss Ellen Stone, formerly of Nelson county, Ky., to whom he was married some years after his second wife's death. There are two of the family of this marriage living: Mrs. Bennie Dresher, the wife of Edward Dresher, of Hannibal, and Judge Thomas S. Howell of the same city. Henry C. Howell was born on the old family homestead, in this county, February 21, 1848, and was reared on the farm. Given a good education, he was graduated at the Paris high school and after completing his studies, resumed farming and the stock business, to which he had been brought up. His father left an estate of 4,000 acres of land and had been a prominent slave holder before the war. But while his slave property was swept away by the war, his land, consisting of a number of farms, was left, and young Howell succeeded to an ownership of his share of the estate. He has over 300 acres on the farm where he now resides, where he has continuously been engaged in stock-raising and feeding and shipping stock, as well as trading to some extent in them, since his location on his present place. He fattens about 300 head of cattle annually. His farm is an excellent stock farm, well arranged for the business, including fine water facilities, etc. On the 14th of April, 1880, Mr. Howell was married to Miss Effie Hutchinson, a daughter of the late John Hutchinson, of Shelby county, but formerly of West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Howell have had the misfortune to lose their only child, who died at the tender age of thirteen months, February 18, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Howell are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Howell ranks among the best and most highly respected citizens of Monroe county.

### JAMES A. JACKSON

(Sheriff of Monroe County, Paris).

Few men in coming up to positions of prominence and influence have had greater difficulties to contend against than those which the subject of the present sketch has encountered and overcome. Of an



old pioneer and highly respected family, with the cataclysm of ruin and desolation that fell upon the country from the war, sorrow and misfortune also fell upon the family of which Mr. Jackson, then a small boy, was a member.

In 1861 Capt. Thomas Jackson, the father of James A., enlisted a company for the Southern service, and marched bravely off to the war, to make a tender of his life upon the altar of his convictions, to fight like the brave and honest man that he was, for what he believed to be the right and, if necessary, to die in the cause which he had sworn to defend. He was then comparatively a young man, but 32 years of age, and had just begun to get comfortably situated in life. He was married and had a family of children growing up around him. But a man of generous impulses and patriotic sentiments, a man of character and principle, he had the courage to stand up for his honest convictions, and when the bugle note of the South called her brave sons to the field to defend her dignity and honor and virtue, Thomas Jackson, like the historic heroes of the country whose name he bears, was one of the first to tear himself away from the bosom of his family, and his comfortable home, and respond to the call of his native and beloved Southland. But the grim destroyer, Death, did not long spare him for the execution of his high and noble resolve. Stricken with a malignant fever, he died a faithful soldier, with the prayer on his lips "God help my family, God save the South."

Capt. Jackson was a son of James Jackson, a native of North Carolina, and one of the sturdy old pioneer settlers of Monroe county. He came here in 1830, before the afflatus of life had been breathed into the county, before the county was formed or named. He became a leading man among the pioneers of the county and amply successful as a farmer and a citizen, surrounded with an abundance of this world's goods, and comfortably and happily situated. It was for him that Jackson township was named, a name that reflects only honor upon the township and upon all the citizens whose homes, like flowers in a meadow, brighten its fair landscape. He died at a ripe old age, mourned as the just and good are mourned, and his memory is venerated for the useful and blameless life that he led.

James A. Jackson, the subject of this sketch, was born ten years before his father's death, November 30, 1851. About this time he was taken of the typhoid fever and just as he was narrowly recovering from this he was also taken of the measles, the result being so unfortunate as to render him a cripple for life, by the effects of the latter disease settling permanently in his system. The death of his father, and other misfortunes to the family, broke up their home, and young Jackson came to live with his grandfather, Albert Callis, in Paris, where he remained for three years. The oldest in his mother's family of children, and sufficiently recovered by this time to make himself of service to the family, he gathered them together and set up to house-keeping, having also an invalid relative to care for. Since then, by his industry and good management he has succeeded in keeping the family together: not only this, but with the greatest responsibilities

on his shoulders and the severest difficulties to contend against — his loved ones to provide for, which has always been to him a happy duty, ill-health to encounter, poverty to face and other hardships to meet — with all these he has fought successfully the battle of life, has made a man of himself (which in a few words means a great deal), has become a successful and popular citizen, a prominent and influential man, illustrating by a living and forcible example that in any and all circumstances blood will tell. Coming of the family he does, it would be strange if he had not succeeded.

His first public promotion was in 1876, when he was taken up by the people of the township and elected to the office of constable. Serving a term of two years in this office with marked efficiency and great satisfaction to the public, he was placed before the people for sheriff, but not having been able to take the time to talk horse and crops to every man in the county and tell each one a joke, in other words, not having been able to become acquainted and make himself popular with everybody, he was defeated by a few votes, barely on the miss-is-as-good-as-a-mile principle. But at the next election his friends put him up again (and like Barkis, he was not very hard to put up), and this time he was triumphantly elected by over 500 majority. As a sheriff it is not too much to say that he has made one of the most efficient officers who ever occupied the place in this county. Personally, he is a man of generous big-heartedness, genial and kind to everybody, a man who always goes out of his way to do another a favor, and one who seems to care more for the welfare and success of those around him than for his own.

### WILLIAM H. JOHNSON

(Farmer, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Johnson, a son of Abel Johnson, an old and well respected citizen of Jackson township, was one in a family of 11 children, and his father was one of just twice that many, 22 children. Thus it is seen that this branch of the Johnson family is a prolific and quite numerous one. Mr. Johnson's mother was a Miss Mary Hibler before her marriage, and both his parents were Kentuckians by nativity. They removed to Missouri, however, in 1839, and located near Middle Grove, but in 1840 his father bought the land on Elk Fork, now known as the Abraham Grimes farm, which he improved. Subsequently he sold that and improved the farm where William H. now resides; here he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1872, at the age of 75. He was a quiet, industrious citizen, greatly attached to his home and sought no sort of notoriety. He died without a known enemy. He was a worthy member of the Christian Church. William H. Johnson was born in Bourbon county, Ky., January 4, 1826. He was, therefore, 13 years of age when the family came to Missouri. Before coming to this State, however, he had made two trips with stock from Kentucky to Georgia. After remaining in Missouri until 1845 he returned to Bourbon county, Ky., and

subsequently made six trips to Connecticut with mules, taking on an average 120 head at a time. They were sold in New Haven and from there shipped to the West Indies Islands. This was then a profitable source of industry. After he grew up he was married in Bourbon county, in 1852, to Miss Anna Bishop, formerly of that county. He then came to where he has ever since lived. Mrs. Johnson was spared to brighten his home for 20 years and became the mother of seven children, namely: William, Marion A., Mrs. Belle Willis, a widow with two children, now living with her father; Isaac, Mollie, John and Kate. She died in 1872. Mr. Johnson was married to his present wife some 12 years ago. She was a Miss Salina Johnson before her marriage. He has followed farming continuously from boyhood and now owns the old family homestead, an excellent small farm of 72 acres. He is a member of the Christian Church, and his wife of the Methodist South denomination. Mr. Johnson has made a good living by industry and proper economy and attending closely to the farm. He lost largely during the Civil War, but has regained it since, and though always with a large family is still in easy circumstances, surrounded with plenty, living happily and perfectly contented. He did all of his own plowing the past year and has a splendid crop. He attends church regularly, having been a member for 42 years, is strictly temperate and lives in peace with all mankind. He never held any office of profit in his life nor ever asked for one, not desiring it. He is noted as a friend to the widows and orphans, a strong friend to education and encourages common schools. He has generally enjoyed good health, and is very fond of feeding and raising young stock, attending to them himself. He seldom sells any grain from the farm, but feeds it and buys feed from others.

### WILLIAM J. JONES

(Farmer, Post-office, Paris).

Away back in the territorial days of Missouri, the family of which the subject of this sketch is a representative, settled in Boone county from Kentucky. His parents were George and Elizabeth (Turner) Jones, and after a residence of about 13 years in Boone county they crossed over into Monroe and settled some three and a half miles west of Paris. They made their permanent home in this county and the remains of both now sleep the sleep that knows no waking in this world, within the borders of the county. William J., the third of eight children, was born in Boone county in 1820, but grew to manhood from his thirteenth year in Monroe county. In 1858 he was married to Miss Susan Howell, of the old and respected family of that name, an outline of which is given in the sketch of John H. Howell. Mr. Jones early engaged in farming for himself, and he has been reasonably successful in his chosen calling. He has a comfortable home of about 200 acres, a good farm substantially and conveniently improved. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have reared but one child, a daughter, Jennie, who is now the wife of Charles Bryant. In an early day Mr. Jones was quite



a hunter and was a fine marksman. He has perhaps killed as many deer and turkeys as any old settler in this part of the county, and he has had some interesting experiences, including a thrilling adventure with a panther, which he killed, but space can not be given here to relate them. In 1863 Mr. J. enlisted in the Seventeenth Missouri Infantry, and did service for nine months, or until the close of his term of enlistment. He says that it is not as hard for a young farmer without means to get a start now as it was when he began for himself, and in proof of this he cites the fact known to all his contemporaries that they used to raise wheat for twenty-five cents a bushel, oats for ten cents and corn for twelve and a half cents, with other farm products quite as cheap in comparison, while at the same time they had to pay twenty-five cents a yard for calico, and other "store" articles were proportionately high. Truly work was not as easily done then as it is now, but still the people seem to get along quite as well if not better than they do now, and they certainly were happier and more contented and by far more neighborly and kind to each other.

### WILLIAM F. KENNETT

(Farmer and Stock-dealer, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Kennett's ancestry in this country on both his father's side and on his mother's side came originally from Maryland, but his parents, Martin and Mary (Brazier) Kennett, were reared in Kentucky. They resided there for some 25 years after their marriage, but in 1854 removed to Missouri and settled in Monroe county, seven miles north-east of Paris. His father was a substantial farmer and a man of some prominence as a lay member of the Baptist Church. He took an active interest in the church and for many years held the office of deacon. He died on his farm near Paris in 1878, and his widow, Mr. Kennett's mother, still resides on his old homestead. They had a family of nine children, most of whom lived to reach mature years, and are now settled in life with families of their own. William F., the subject of this sketch, was born in Grant county, Ky., July 23, 1839, and accompanied his parents to Missouri in 1854. He remained on the farm with his father until 1862, when he enlisted in the Southern army under Gen. Price, and served for about two years. He then became separated from his command and, unable to rejoin it, went to Illinois, where he remained until the close of the war. Meanwhile, however, he had been taken prisoner once, and was released on parol to secure bondsmen to stand for him not to rejoin the Southern army, but while out looking for bondsmen he tore the bond up and promptly entered the ranks of his old comrades. He was in nearly all the engagements in which Price's command was engaged during his term of service, and came back north with Col. Porter in 1864. He was in the fight at Kirksville, and was one of a company who killed the 42 Federals shot while crossing the river. It was after this that he went to Illinois, not being able to make his way back to the Federal lines to join Price. Since the war Mr. Kennett has been actively engaged in farming in this county, and he has a good

place finely improved. November 29, 1866, he was married to Miss Louisa Crain, of this county. They have five children: Martha, Malvern Lee, May E., Stephen N. and Mabel. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Kennett has been engaged in trading in horses and mules and also shipping hogs to the markets, in which he has been satisfactorily successful.

### WILLIAM LEWIS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Lewis was born in England, May 1, 1819. His parents, William and Ann (Lloyd) Lewis, were from Wales. They are both now deceased. They reared a family of six children, of whom William was the eldest. He worked on a farm in his native country until he was 16 years of age, receiving meanwhile a good English education. At that age he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade, and after two years took it up for himself and followed it until 1851. He then immigrated to the United States. After living several years in Beloit, Wis., he bought a farm about four miles from town, put up a shop, and carried on both the farm and his trade. He next resided for 10 years in Winnebago county, Ill., and finally in the fall of 1865, moved to Missouri and bought his present farm. It comprises 160 acres of land, 100 acres of which are fenced and nearly all in meadow and plow land. His place has on it a fine residence, good buildings, and other improvements, and he has accumulated a comfortable competency as the result of his labors. He has a blacksmith shop on his farm and still does now and then a little neighborhood work. Mr. Lewis married in Shropshire, Eng., October 26, 1843, Miss Ellen Robison, also an English woman. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have seven children: Mary Ann, wife of Joshua Peckham, of Vermont; William, married and living in Monroe county; John, employed at the water-works in Buchanan county; Jane, wife of D. Donaldson; Ella, wife of Frank Peckham, brother to Joshua; Clara, wife of William Hempstead; and Charles H., freight conductor on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad. Mr. Lewis and wife are members of the M. E. Church South.

### WILLIAM H. LIVESAY

(Farmer, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Livesay was the third in the family of eight children of John M. and Mary (Howell) Livesay, old and respected citizens of Monroe county, who came here from Virginia in an early day. They settled about 10 miles west of Paris, where the father followed farming. He was also a house carpenter and built numerous houses in the county. William H. was born in this county, May 21, 1844, and was reared on the farm. During the war he enlisted in the Southern army, under Price, and served until its close, finally surrendering at Shreveport, La., in May, 1865. He was in all the principal battles

his command took part in during his term of service, and was also in the fight at Kirksville. Returning after the war, he re-engaged in farming, to which he had been reared, and in 1870 was married to Miss Rhoda E. Howell, a daughter of John and Catherine (Coopenrider) Howell. They have one child, Bessie M. Mr. Livesay commenced for himself after the war without a dollar, and by industry and close attention to his farming has been able to purchase a comfortable homestead of 100 acres. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

### HENRY P. LONG

(Druggist, Paris).

Mr. Long, a substantial business man of Paris, and a citizen of enviable standing and influence in this community, was a son of Dr. John W. Long, who was for years well and favorably known in Monroe and Shelby counties. Dr. Long upon coming to Missouri at once located at Shelbyville, where he practiced medicine with marked success for some years. He represented Shelby county in the Legislature, and later ran for re-election against his brother-in-law, Russell Moss, the Whig candidate, Dr. Long being an ardent Democrat. The county was closely divided between the Whigs and the Democrats, and the contest was an exceedingly sharp one, but good natured throughout. Dr. Long, however, was so certain of success that he frequently told his opponent, in order to twit and plague him, that if he did not beat him (Moss) he would leave the county. The result showed that he did not beat him, being himself defeated by 13 majority. Good as his word, Dr. Long, sure enough, put out the fire, called his dogs and left the county. He came over to Monroe county and settled at Paris, where he devoted himself exclusively to the practice of his profession, giving up in genuine disgust all political ambition. Thus Shelby county lost an able representative and Monroe gained a useful citizen and successful physician. Henry P. Long was born of his father's third marriage, his mother's maiden name having been Miss Sarah E. Priest. She is living. Dr. Long died at Paris in 1871, aged 67. Henry P. was born on the 1st day of June, 1845, and was educated at the Paris Academy. He afterwards took a thorough course at Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College, at St. Louis. He followed clerking in the mercantile line up to 1868, when he and Dr. E. W. Smith engaged in the drug business at this place. Dr. Smith subsequently retired, and Dr. Long has since continued the business alone. He has been quite successful, and is in easy circumstances. He has one of the handsomest residence properties at Paris, in Monroe county. He also has mining interests in Colorado. Mr. Long was married in the spring of 1869, to Miss Kate Major, a daughter of David Major. Mrs. Long died September 5, 1883. She left four children: Aleta, John W., Harry M. and Eddie P. Harry M. and Eddie P. are deceased. Mr. Long is a prominent Mason.



## PROF. J. C. McBRIDE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser and Teacher, Post-Office, Paris).

Prof. McBride, a former sheriff and collector of Monroe county, and a man of finished education, founder of the first male academy established at Paris, is a native Missourian. His father, E. W. McBride, was from Rutherford county, Tenn., and came to Boone county, this State, in the spring of 1828. Two years later, September 13, 1830, he was married to Miss Julia A. Snell, a daughter of John C. Snell, of Boone county. Of this union, John C., the subject of this sketch, was the third child in the family. The father, a man of enterprise and of intelligence and education, became well-to-do in life, and gave his children liberal opportunities for mental culture. John C. attended the common schools from early boyhood up to the age of 12, and then had a private teacher for two years. Following this he entered the State University, at Columbia, where he took a regular course, and then matriculated at Centre College, of Danville, Ky., one of the leading institutions of the West at that time. He entered the senior class at Danville and graduated with distinction, and, returning from college, he established a male academy at Paris, which he conducted with success for about 15 months. About this time, in 1855, he was married to Miss Susan M. Kerr, a young lady of superior education and refinement. From his academy Prof. McBride retired to the country and engaged in farming. In 1860 he was elected sheriff and collector of the county, a position he filled until after the outbreak of the war, when he resigned and returned to his farm. Since then his whole time has been occupied with farming and teaching, and while he is recognized as a good farmer, as a teacher he has long held a position in the front rank of the teachers of the county. Prof. and Mrs. McBride have four children: Julia S., Ella, Maggie and Walker. Prof. McBride is of Scotch-Irish descent, his grandfather, Thomas A. McBride, having been a native of the south-west peninsula of Scotland, Cantire, the population of which is almost exclusively Scotch-Irish.

## ROBERT D. McCANN

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock-dealer, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. McCann has a fine stock farm of 425 acres in South Jackson township, about half of which is in pasture and the other half in meadow or active cultivation. His place is well improved and is one of the choice stock farms of the eastern part of the county. He has been residing on this place for nearly 40 years or since 1846, and has been continuously engaged in farming and handling stock. Besides raising and shipping stock to the general markets quite extensively, he is making a specialty of breeding and dealing in thoroughbred short-horn cattle, of which he has some very fine representatives of both sexes. He has a neat herd of short-horns and is having good

success in this line of business. Mr. McCann was a son of Pleasant McCann, now deceased, but for many years one of the leading stock men and land owners of Monroe county. Long before the era of railroads he drove stock in large numbers to St. Louis and at his death in 1868, at a ripe old age, he owned over 2,000 acres of fine land in this county. He was twice married and reared two families of children. Robert D. McCann was by his first wife, whose maiden name was Susan Dawson, formerly of Kentucky, as he himself was, he of Clark county and she of Bourbon. At her death she left two sons and a daughter, Robert D., being the eldest of her children. He was born in Fayette county Ky., August 2, 1822, and was 17 years of age when the family came to Monroe county in 1839. He was brought up to farming and the stock business and in the spring of 1846 was married to Miss Martha Crow, a daughter of Dr. Samuel Crow, formerly of Kentucky. He then located on the land where he now resides and went to work to improving his farm. His first wife died in the spring of 1849, leaving him one child. In June, 1852, he was married to Miss Mary L. Garnett, a daughter of William Garnett, of Lexington, Ky. She survived her marriage six years, dying in May, 1858. She bore him two children, William C. and Susie A., the last of whom is deceased, having died in the spring of 1873, at the age of 20 years. Mr. McCann was married to his present wife August 27, 1866. She was a Miss Amanda T. Warren, a daughter of Mideon Warren, of this county. Mr. and Mrs. McCann have four children: Robert E., Ella K., Carrie D. and Walter P.

### McCRARY & WILLS

(Grocers, Paris).

Both of these gentlemen are of old and respected Howard county families. A sketch of the family of Mr. McCrary's father, John McCrary, appears on page 456 of the "History of Howard and Cooper Counties." Thomas W. was born on his father's farm in that county, November 5, 1851, and was reared to the age of 20 in the occupation of a farmer. His education was completed at Central College, in Fayette, from which he graduated in the class of 1872. Following this he taught school for over five years, all in Howard county except one term in this county. While teaching in this county he met, and wooed and won his present wife, previously Miss Belle Wills, a daughter of W. W. Wills, a substantial and respected farmer of the county. She was a pupil at young McCrary's school, but as it is altogether wrong to tell tales out of school, we shall not say that any whisperings of love passed between them within the classic walls of the school-room, dedicated and devoted alone to the acquisition of knowledge. Possibly the two learned some lessons of the heart while there, however, not taught in books of the school-room and far more gladly pursued than any learning which the books had to offer. Anyhow, they were married about this time, September 12, 1876, and their union has proved one of great happiness. They have an inter-

esting little daughter, Berta, now past two years of age. Mr. McCrary engaged in mercantile life after his marriage, and followed clerking at Paris up to the winter of 1883. He and young Mr. Wills then engaged in their present business.

Edward C. Wills, brother-in-law to his partner, was born at Lisbon, in Howard county, December 5, 1861. His father is a merchant, and young Wills was reared to that business. A short time before attaining his majority, however, he engaged in farming and followed it for several years. Meanwhile he took a commercial course at the Gem City Business College, of Quincy, Ill., becoming a graduate of that institution. He engaged in his present business with Mr. McCrary in December, 1883. They carry an excellent stock of goods and have built up a good trade. They are young men of business ability and enterprise, and are steadily coming to the front. Mr. Wills and Mr. and Mrs. McCrary are church members. Mr. McCrary is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. He is also dictator of the Knights of Honor.

### J. J. McGEE,

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. McGee has a fine farm of nearly 400 acres in Jackson township, handsomely improved, including a commodious and tastily constructed dwelling and other comfortable buildings, and has been a resident of what is now Monroe county for the past sixty years. He is one of the sterling citizens of the county, esteemed and respected wherever his upright character and good name are known. He is a native of Kentucky, born in Mercer county, November 20, 1819. His grandfather McGee was a pioneer settler of Kentucky from Virginia, a friend and associate of the Boones and Clarks and others who first blazed the way for civilization into the then wilderness of the Blue Grass State. John McGee, Mr. McGee's father, was born and reared in Kentucky and was there married to Miss Jane C. Curry. In 1822 they removed to Missouri with their family of children and first located in Howard county, near Fayette, but two years afterwards they came to what is now Monroe county, or rather a part of them did, for the father and one of the children never lived to make their home in this county. There were practically no roads then and the prairie grass, not uncommonly as high as a man's head on horseback, covered all the prairies, only broken now and then by the trail of the Indian and an occasional pioneer's wagon track or the tread of wolves or deer, or other wild animals. It was in the fall when the family started from Howard to Monroe county, and the grass, heavy and dry, was almost as quick to burn as powder. Mr. McGee, the subject of this sketch, was then a child four years of age. His father and an older sister were quite a distance behind the wagon driving their cattle, and the latter fell considerably behind, indeed, entirely out of sight. All of a sudden a fire came flying across the prairie with the speed of the wind, and the roar and crackle of cannon and musketry, traveling



faster than any horse could run and taking a course by which it caught the father and daughter—it was impossible for them to escape. The daughter's clothes took fire and the father in striving to put out the flames that enveloped her, suffered himself to be so severely burned before he gave his own burning clothes any attention that both were burned to death, or so badly burned that they died within ten or twelve days afterwards. Medical attention was impossible, for there was not a doctor within 40 miles, and those that could be had, even beyond that distance, were scarcely ever found at home, for their practice covered so wide a region that they were almost constantly absent. The suffering of the father and daughter was intense, too terrible indeed, to be imagined, much less described. Such was the sad experience of the subject of this sketch on first coming to what is now Monroe county. Heaven grant that when the shadowy curtains of death shall be drawn about him, and his spirit shall take its leave from the county in which he has so long lived, its flight may be happier than his coming was. His mother was left with a large family of children, of whom he was the eldest, and he, with her help and prayers, went to work to provide the family a home and support them as best he could. Their lot was a hard one, but they proved equal to it, and in keeping with the noble heart that he had young McGee courageously went to work and succeeded in bringing up the children in comparative comfort. He lived to see them all married and settled in life and then himself was married to Miss Catherine E. Helm. She lived to brighten his home for many years, but at last was taken from him by the Grim Harvester of all. She left him five children: Alonzo T., Melissa, wife of George Neugent; William J., Mattie J. and Hettie E. In 1873 Mr. McGee was married to Miss Polly A. Vaughan, who now presides over his comfortable home.

### HUGH MCGEE

(Attorney at Law, and of McGee & Burgess, Real Estate and Loan Agents, Paris).

Mr. McGee, though still a young man, has already succeeded in establishing himself in a good law practice. A man of marked strength of mind and character, he had, at the same time, the advantages of an advanced education, and before he began the practice of his profession he had qualified himself thoroughly for it by long and diligent study. Industry and close attention to business are leading characteristics of his, and these, with his ability and high character, have advanced him as a lawyer with more than ordinary rapidity. He has already taken an enviable position at the bar. Mr. McGee is a son of Hugh J. McGee, Esq., a sketch of whose life is given elsewhere, and was born on his father's homestead south of Paris, January 23, 1859. He was educated at the State Normal School, of Kirksville, where he took a complete course, graduating in the class of 1880. After this he was for one term principal of the Monroe City graded school. Mr. McGee then entered the office of James Ellison, Esq., of Kirksville, where he began the study of law, and under whom he studied until

his admission to the bar, June 22, 1883. After his admission he began the practice in the office of Hon. A. M. Alexander, who, having been elected to Congress, turned his practice over to Mr. McGee, a large part of which he has retained, besides drawing to himself a considerable clientage of his own. Mr. McGee is thoroughly devoted to his profession, and considers his only aspiration, that of becoming a successful lawyer, one of the highest that can be formed. He is now serving as city attorney of Paris, to which he was chosen last spring. He is also secretary of the Fair Association. Mr. McGee is highly esteemed and popular and has a most promising future, both at the bar and as a citizen of standing and influence.

### DAVID A. McKAMEY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Prior to the Revolution, Mr. McKamey's grandparents came to America and settled in Pennsylvania, where they lived until after the close of the War for Independence. They then removed to Kentucky and were pioneers of that State. There Mr. McKamey's father was born and reared. He married first Miss McAfee, and the second time Miss Adams, in Kentucky, and lived in the Blue Grass State until 1828, when he removed to Missouri with his family. David A., the subject of this sketch, was 11 years of age at the time of the removal of his father's family to Missouri, having been born in Mercer county, Ky., May 6, 1817. The family settled in this State in what was then a part of Ralls county, but since Monroe county, where David A. was reared and has since resided and where his parents lived until their death. In 1840 David A. McKamey was married to Miss Zerilda Campbell, a daughter of John W. Campbell, a pioneer settler of this county from Kentucky, who settled on the farm where Mr. McKamey now lives, in 1834, which, in 1852, he bought from his brother-in-law. Mr. McKamey, coming up in those early days of the country, is of course familiar with the primitive and pioneer condition of the times. Like others he had many adventures, and remembers many incidents that would be worth relating if the space could be given in this connection to print them, but these belong to another part of this work. In common with most of the young men of his time, and, indeed, of the present, he became a farmer, and, commencing in a small way, with a log house for his early home, by industry and good management he has steadily prospered so that he has long held a place among our most well-to-do farmers. In 1849 he went to California, partly for his health and partly with an eye to the gold there, and was successful in both respects. He was engaged in mining and handling cattle out there and came back almost a new man in the point of health, and with not a little of the gold-dust for which the Pacific slope has long been famed in song and story. Mr. McKamey has been quite a successful stock-raiser, and one year shipped 80 head of cattle that averaged in weight over a ton, or 2041 pounds each. He has always advocated the handling of a good grade of stock on the ground that it

pays better and has thus contributed not a little to the improvement of stock in this county. Mr. and Mrs. McKamey have three children living: John C., William T. and David Elah. Mr. McK. has always been a friend of the schools and a staunch supporter of the church, and has done a great deal for both, both by his personal exertions and generous contributions.

### PROF. JAMES MILTON McMURRY

(Principal of the Paris Graded School).

Prof. McMurry, a man of advanced English and classical education when he began in the profession of teaching, has since had an active experience in the school-room of nearly 20 years, and for the last 14 years has been continuously engaged in teaching. For a number of years past he has been occupied with the management of graded schools, and he has established a wide and enviable reputation as an educator in this class of schools. A man of thoroughly practical ideas and methods, and a scholar of superior attainments and culture, combining with these his long and successful experience in the school-room, it is not surprising that he has taken a position among educators in the field in which he has been employed second to that of but few, if any, in the State. His services are widely sought after, and in his work he has the advantage of choosing the school which he prefers to conduct and continuing in charge of it as long as he desires. Prof. McMurry is a native Missourian, born in Marion county, May 12, 1839. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Wilson) McMurry, came to that county from Kentucky as early as 1835. They removed from Marion to Shelby county and settled on a farm five miles west of Shelbyville, where the father had entered land. He died there in 1852. James Milton (the subject of this sketch) was reared on the farm near Shelbyville to the age of 18, when he began a course in Prof. Arrendt's Shelby High School. He took a regular course in the English branches and in Latin and Greek under Prof. Arrendt, continuing in the High School for four years. After this he engaged in teaching, and taught continuously for several years. He then engaged in the drug business at Monticello and afterwards continued it at Monroe City. In 1868 he and M. C. Brown established the *Appeal* at Monroe City, but a year later he went to Salisbury and in partnership with A. Frazer, the first foreman in the office of the *New York Herald*, started the *Salisbury Bulletin*. But in 1870 he retired from the newspaper business and resumed teaching, which he has since continuously followed. He taught a year at Salisbury, three years in Shelby county and eight at Palmyra. From there he came to Paris in 1881 and took charge of the graded school of this place. Here he has given great satisfaction to those interested in the school, and has given it a standing for efficiency and thoroughness, as well as good management, that it never had before. Prof. McMurry has been married twice. His first wife died August 27, 1873, leaving him two children, who are living, Effie May and William E. Their mother



was a Miss Elizabeth Vance before her marriage, a most excellent lady, a devoted wife and a gentle, loving mother. To his present wife Prof. McMurry was married October 13, 1875. She was a Miss Mary E. Taylor, a daughter of Capt. Thomas Taylor, of Palmyra, but formerly of Baltimore, Md. They have four children, Wilber F., Mary E., James D. and an infant. The Professor and wife are members of the Methodist Church, and he is a member of the A. F. and A. M., the Knights of Honor and the Triple Alliance.

### ABRAHAM G. MASON

(Of Mason & Burnett, Editors and Proprietors of the *Paris Mercury*).

For nearly forty years Mr. Mason has been connected with the *Mercury*, and for the past 33 years has had an interest in the paper as an owner and proprietor. He commenced his newspaper career in the *Mercury* office back in 1845, when he began work at the case as a type-setter, or rather to learn type-setting. In due time he acquired his trade and six years afterwards became one of the owners of the paper, in partnership with James M. Bean. They bought the office from James R. Abernathy. Meanwhile, Mr. Mason had been out of the office one year, during 1848. The career of the *Mercury* is well known to every citizen of Monroe county, and, indeed, to every well informed person in this section of the State. For years it has been recognized as one of the leading country journals north of the river. Successful in its business department, so, also, its editorial columns have ever been conducted with marked ability. Though a Democratic paper, it is one of those sober, conservative journals which look first to the interests of the public and are Democratic only because they believe that the principles and policies of that party are most conducive to the common welfare. Ever true to the interests of the county, the *Mercury* is justly a paper of more than ordinary popularity with the people generally among whom it circulates. For its success and high standing, Mr. Mason, who has been connected with it longer than any one else, is entitled to great credit. His experience as a newspaper man, his safe, conservative principles of business management, and his close attention to all the interests of the paper have contributed very materially to its success. Mr. Mason enjoys an enviable reputation among newspaper men as a strictly upright and, at the same time, successful journalist. On the 5th of May, 1854, he was married to Miss Levena Rubey, of Randolph county. She, however, was taken from him by death six years afterwards, in the spring of 1860. She left him two children, Laura, now the wife of George W. Miller, and Charles, who died in tender years. To his present wife Mr. Mason was married in 1861. She was a Miss Anna E. Sinclair before her marriage, and was from Cass county, Illinois. They have a family of nine children: Josie, Lethe, Harry, George, Anna B., Watson, Notley and Earle. Two are deceased, Herbert and Victor. Mr. Mason himself is a Kentuckian by nativity, born in Casey county, November 18, 1824. When he was eight years of age

he was brought out to Missouri by his parents, who removed to Monroe county in 1832. His father, Abraham Mason, was originally from Virginia, and was a farmer by occupation. He died in this county some time before the war. The mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Gartin, was born and reared in Kentucky, where she was married. She died in this county in 1870.

### W. F. MAXEY

(Artist-painter, Paris).

Mr. Maxey, a painter, in the artistic and higher sense of that word, of recognized merit and established reputation, who has long studied the fine art of painting, a profession he has practiced, especially in the department of portraiture, for many years, is a native of Kentucky, born in Garrard county, March 9, 1819. He was a son of Boaz and Judith Maxey, both originally of Buckingham county, Va. From Kentucky the family came to Missouri, in 1831, and settled in Monroe county, about half a mile from the present site of Paris. The country was then in the condition of a wilderness, and the solitude where Paris now stands was broken only by a single cabin of a white man. Young Maxey was reared in this then new country, and of course had no opportunities of an advanced character to secure an education. But possessed of a desire for learning, he employed all his leisure at study to good advantage, and became especially expert as a penman and at figures. When about 20 years of age he was employed in one of the offices in the court-house at Paris on the public records, and continued writing in the different offices about the court-house several years. He also followed light farming during the same time, particularly fruit-raising, in which he was quite successful. Later along he began studying portrait painting and took a regular novitiate in that profession. Possessed of a decided artistic taste as well as a natural aptitude for harmonizing and contrasting colors to good effect, and understanding thoroughly the philosophy of lights and shades, he made rapid progress as a painter, and soon came to be regarded as a master of portraiture. He painted portraits at different towns throughout North Missouri, and when not busy with his brush taught school with success. Locating permanently at Paris, he resumed his profession of painting, which he has since followed. Prof. Maxey has become comfortably established in life and is one of the highly esteemed citizens of Paris. Prof. Maxey's father died February 11, 1864, and his mother October 20, 1870. The former was born in Buckingham county, Virginia, August 17, 1785, and the latter in the same county, February 14, 1791. They were married October 4, 1809, and the same year they removed to Garrard county, Ky. The father was a farmer by occupation and was quite successful. They had a family of six children: Joel H., Elisha A., Mary M., John J., W. F. and Jane E. The Maxey family have been settled in the United States for about 200 years, and was one of the old and respected families of Virginia.

## JUDGE DAVID H. MOSS

(President of the First National Bank of Paris, Mo.).

In preparing a sketch of the life of Judge Moss the writer meets with a serious embarrassment at the very beginning. A man of long and recognized prominence, and for years closely identified with the history of his county, yet such is his known aversion to anything that might bear even the appearance of flattery, that it is difficult to state the facts in his career, as plainly as it is possible to put them, without incurring his disapproval, for the facts themselves are greatly to his credit. These facts, however, will be plainly stated at a venture. Judge Moss is a native Missourian, born in Boone county, September 19, 1826. His father, James T. Moss, a Virginian by nativity, early went to Kentucky, where in young manhood he was married to Miss Sarah D. Talbot, of Shelby county, of the old and respected Talbot family so well and favorably known in Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri. After their marriage, in 1821, they removed to Missouri and settled in Boone county, where Mr. Moss, Sr., became a successful farmer and valued citizen of that county. They reared a family of seven children, namely: Catherine T., now Mrs. Boyd; Zerilda E., the wife of Mr. Bryan; Dr. George W. Moss, Mason F., Preston T., Paulina T., now Mrs. Conder, and Judge David H. Moss. Judge Moss was reared in Boone county and received a good general education in the ordinary branches taught at the private academies of the county. In 18— he came to Paris and began the study of law under Maj. W. J. Howell. After a due and thorough course of study he was admitted to the bar, and at once entered actively into the practice of his profession. The California gold excitement breaking out soon afterwards, however, he joined the innumerable throng of Argonauts bound for the Pacific coast, and was gone for nearly three years. While absent he was engaged in mining and trading in California, and with fair success, but returning in 1853, he formed a partnership in the law practice with his old preceptor, Maj. Howell, and resumed the practice of his profession. A man of sound ability and thorough local attainments, as well as a forcible and successful advocate, and always honorable and true to his clients, he soon took an enviable position at the bar, and in 1856 was elected circuit attorney of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. He served for nearly three years in this office, and until he resigned it to give his whole time and energy to his private practice, which had now increased to such a volume as to demand his undivided attention. He continued successfully in the practice, discharging incidentally the duties of county attorney at the special instance and request of the county court until 1868, when he was elected circuit judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. He was not permitted, however, to assume the duties of his office by the desperate, unscrupulous faction then holding a high carnival of misgovernment, political corruption and shameless official oppression and



persecution in this State, composed largely of the worst elements of society, men without property or standing before the war, with only now and then a citizen of some respectability, who was disposed to run with the hounds. They were put into power by Federal bayonets, and after the war retained it by virtue of an infamous disfranchising ordinance enacted mainly by the smoke-house militia, which excluded from the right to vote, or rather to have their votes counted (according to the way Count Rodman interpreted the ordinance), a large percentage, if not a majority, of the more respectable class of voters and representative citizens of the State. Notwithstanding this outrageous travesty on law and self-government, Judge Moss was elected by a majority of 1,200 votes of even those who were permitted to cast their ballots. But of course it was not intended by the scurvy, shameless faction then in power to permit the people to choose their own public servants, because if they did, these irresponsible adventurers, as many of them were, would be relegated to the deserved obscurity from which the unsettled condition of affairs, like the fermentation of spilt milk bringing whey to the top, had brought them. Count Rodman, the alleged Secretary of State at that time, but who has long since passed out of memory, but not out of infamy, arbitrarily threw out enough of the votes cast for Judge Moss to prevent his election, or rather enough to form an excuse for refusing to issue him a certificate of election. Of course his opponent, Judge Harrison, the former circuit judge, was not elected, but it is a truth of history, which must be stated, that he held over, nevertheless, and continued to exercise the duties and receive the honors and emoluments of the office to which Judge Moss was by every principle of right and justice entitled, to such a condition had affairs descended at that time. Not disposed, in these circumstances, to practice any longer in the circuit court, Judge Moss retired from his profession and engaged in the banking business, or rather he had previously engaged in banking, and he now turned his whole attention to that business. As early as the fall of 1865 he had organized the Monroe Savings Association. In the spring of 1871 this was merged into the First National Bank of Paris, of which he has long been, and is still, president. This is well known as one of the soundest and most reliable banks in this part of the State. The high character of Judge Moss and his well known personal honor and integrity, as well as his proved business ability, have contributed very largely to give the bank the enviable reputation it enjoys. Judge Moss is a man of great personal worth, sterling intelligence, and one of the highly esteemed and public spirited citizens of the county. In February, 1856, he was married to Mrs. Melville E. Hollingsworth, a daughter of B. S. Hollingsworth, of this county. Their children are: Pauline, who is now the wife of W. W. Anderson, of Hamilton; Sallie, Preston, Annie, Clara, Georgie, Lillie and David H., Jr.; another, Mary B., died in 1860, and still another at a tender age. The Judge and Mrs. M. are members of the Christian Church, and Judge Moss holds the position of elder in the church.

## JOEL M. MOSS

(Deputy County Collector, Notary Public, and Insurance Agent).

Mr. Moss was born and reared at Paris and was a son of Dr. George W. Moss and wife, Mary E., a daughter of Judge Joel Maupin. Judge Maupin was one of the prominent men of the country, and held various positions of local consideration, including those of sheriff, collector and county judge. Dr. Moss came to Missouri with his parents when a mere lad, and was reared in Boone county. His father died in that county, and his mother afterwards married Judge Maupin. Dr. Moss had already studied medicine and had taken one course of lectures at the time of his mother's marriage to Judge Maupin. He at that time met Miss Mary E. Maupin, the Judge's daughter, for the first time, and a year afterwards they were married. He continued his medical course and graduated at the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. Meanwhile he had removed to Paris, and here he began the practice of medicine. He was quite successful and became a leading physician of the county. During and since the war he served as county treasurer and represented the county in the Legislature. He died here in 1881. His widow is still living at Paris, at the age of 64. Joel M. was born August 2, 1845, and was the second in a family of seven children, all living except George and Robert B. The former died of consumption and the latter was killed by being thrown from a horse. He was one of the leading young business men of the town, and stood high in the esteem of all who knew him. He had been married the year before, and his widow and an only child, six weeks of age at his death, survive him. Joel M. was in the Union service from 1862 until the close of the war, principally in the clerical profession, but was made regimental adjutant in 1865. January 12, 1865, he was married to Miss M. E. Cox, of Rye Beach, New Hampshire, who was then visiting at Chillicothe. After the close of the war he became deputy sheriff and afterwards deputy circuit clerk. He was then with an insurance company in St. Louis for three years. Following this he was a traveling salesman for a St. Louis house. He traveled during the winter seasons for about 10 years, being assistant in the county office at Paris most of the time during the summer seasons. He became deputy county collector in 1881. He is also a local insurance agent at Paris and a notary public. He has made up the tax collector's books for the past eight years, and is considered one of the most efficient men for this work in the State. Mr. and Mrs. Moss have five children: Minnie P., Mamie W., Melville C., Edward and Frank P. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Moss is a leading member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows Orders. Edward C., now a lad 10 years of age, is a natural musician, and has played the piano and other instruments with remarkable skill and genius since he was three years of age. Misses Minnie and Mamie, young ladies of rare grace and refinement, are also accomplished pianists and are singularly entertaining and agreeable in society. The

second sister Miss Mamie, is also a fine vocalist, having a voice of great sweetness and culture as well as of ample volume and flexibility.

### JOHN T. NESBIT

(Farmer, Post-office, Holliday).

It was in 1824, when the subject of this sketch was but 10 years of age, that his parents removed to Missouri and located in Callaway county. A year later they crossed into Boone county and in 1828 settled permanently in what was then a part of Ralls county, but is now Monroe county. They were among the pioneer settlers of this county and Mr. Nesbit's father hewed the logs to build the first house ever erected in the town of Florida, which is still standing, and he also helped to build the first mill established at that place. John T., who was born in Harrison county, Ky., December 2, 1814, was partly reared in Monroe county, and coming up in this new country, he was trained in that school of hardships and adventures, which, if it did not afford its pupils the knowledge of books to be had in modern colleges, it at least gave them greater strength of character and greater fortitude, and made them more courageous and better fitted for the hard struggles of life than does the atmosphere in our college walls. The early training of the wilderness made men of generous and hospitable hearts, or unfaltering courage, or strong arms and willing hands to wrestle with the duties of life, developed such a manhood as is now unfortunately rapidly passing away with the flight of years, a manhood just and true, and noble and brave, such as every country needs and ought to have, but such, when these old pioneers are gone, we shall probably not see again. In 1837 Mr. Nesbit was married to Miss Lucretia Lyon, formerly of Greenwood county, Ky. They have three children: John Y., Anna and William A. Mr. Nesbit, whose life has been one of untiring industry, crowned with satisfactory success in the accumulation of a neat competency, has always taken an active interest in church affairs and in the advancement of the cause of education, to both of which he has contributed liberally by personal exertions and of his means on all proper occasions. He has been a member of the Methodist Church for the last 40 years, and for many years has been an officer in the church. He is one of the highly respected and honored citizens of this place.

### JUDGE WILLIAM K. NEUGENT

(Presiding Judge of the County Court, and Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Judge Neugent, one of the leading citizens of Monroe county, and a man who is held in the highest esteem wherever he is known for his character, sterling intelligence and business qualifications, a man whose life has been one of marked success and who has risen to an enviable position among the prominent and influential citizens of this section of North Missouri, has come up solely by his own exertions and personal worth, and in the face of the greatest obstacles and diffi-



culties. He was left an orphan at an early age, and began for himself whilst still quite a youth by working on a farm at \$4 a month. He kept at work at this rate for two years and thus made his start in life. His school advantages were practically *nil*, and all the education he has acquired he succeeded in attaining by personal application, with little or no help from an instructor. Yet, unfavorable as his early outlook seemed to be, he has come to be a man of recognized prominence, not only for his success in material affairs, but for his broad, general information and as a leader in public life of those among whom he lives. There are many farmers and business men in Monroe county who, in early life, had every advantage that abundant means and good schools could afford, but it will be admitted by all that there are few men in the county whose positions are so enviable as Judge Neugent's. Success, when honorably achieved, even in the most favorable surroundings, is always creditable, but when achieved in the most adverse circumstances is justly regarded as worthy of the highest commendation. Judge Neugent is a native of Kentucky, born in Shelby county, May 29, 1815. His father died when he was six years of age, after which he went to live with a brother, where he remained for eight years. When 14 years old he hired himself out to a farmer at \$4 a month, where he worked for two years. He then apprenticed himself to a carpenter in order to learn the trade, with whom he worked until he had acquired a knowledge of carpentering. Returning to farm work, however, he followed it for a short time and soon began farming for himself. By industry and economy he accumulated enough to buy a small place, and about this time, in 1836, was married to Miss Mary Johnston. He continued farming with good success, and later along added to his place until he had one of the best farms in his vicinity. In the meantime his first wife died, surviving her marriage but a short time, and in 1841 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Wise. Mr. Neugent had occupied his leisure to good advantage at study, or rather at reading and acquiring a general knowledge of business transactions and of the affairs of the world. The office of justice of the peace becoming vacant in Shelby county, Ky., he was thought to be the proper man for the place, and was accordingly appointed to it by the Governor. His discharge of the duties of that office were so efficient and satisfactory that afterwards he was elected by the people, and continued to hold the office for twelve years and until he resigned to come to Missouri. He removed to this State in 1856, settling on the farm where he now resides in Monroe county. His removal from Shelby county, Ky., was greatly regretted by the people of that county, for he was regarded as one of their most useful and valued citizens, and left the county without an enemy. Judge Neugent soon became known here, as he was known in Kentucky, as a citizen of high character and superior intelligence, and a man highly popular among all with whom he came in contact. In 1866 he was elected judge of the county court, and served for six years. Again, in 1879, he was elected judge, this time for the western district of Monroe county, and after

two years' service more on the county bench, in 1882 he was elected presiding judge of the court for a period of four years, the term which he is now filling. It is thus seen that he has already had years of experience on the bench, and it is not too much to say that he has made one of the best county justices that ever occupied the bench in this county. Judge Neugent has always taken a commendable interest in school affairs, and has served as school trustee for his district for the last fifteen years, and has been a liberal supporter of the churches, being, himself, a member of the Presbyterian Church. Judge Neugent lost his second wife in 1866. At her death she left him five children, namely: Mary J., George W., James E., David E. and Virginia B. In 1867 he was married to Miss Frances Coxby. She survived her marriage, however, only a short time, leaving him one child at her death, Fannie F. To his present wife he was married in 1869. She was formerly Miss Mary F. Dellaney, a lady of rare excellence of character and great personal worth. Judge Neugent has been abundantly successful as a farmer and stock-raiser and is comfortably and pleasantly situated. A resident of the county for nearly 30 years, he has from the beginning shown himself to be a thoroughly public-spirited citizen, and one earnestly devoted to the best interests of the county.

### FRANK L. PITTS

(Ex-Sheriff and Collector, Paris).

Mr. Pitts, a gallant one-armed ex-Confederate soldier, and one of the substantial citizens and most popular and highly esteemed men of Monroe county, was born near Shelbyville, in Shelby county, April 25, 1841. His parents, James P. and Gertrude (Jarman) Pitts, came from Maryland to Missouri as early as 1826. They first located at Hannibal, and from there, later along, went to Shelby county. But in 1845 they returned to Hannibal, where both lived until their deaths. The father was married a second time, and his widow is still living. He was a saddler and harness-maker by trade, and was successfully engaged in that line of business at Hannibal for years. He left a large family of children. Frank L., the sixth of his father's family of children, was reared at Hannibal, and brought up to the saddler and harness maker's trade. In 1860 he and his next eldest brother, Thomas W., came to Paris, and engaged in the saddlery trade and business at this place. The war breaking out soon afterwards, Mr. Pitts promptly enlisted in the Missouri State Guard under Capt. Brace, and while in this service participated in the battles of Lexington and Pea Ridge, and some minor engagements. He then enlisted in Co. G, Second Missouri infantry, under Col. Cockrell, and served until the close of the war, or rather until nearly the close, when, after having his arm shot off, he was taken prisoner and confined at Camp Chase until after peace was declared. We can not take the space to follow him through his four years of campaigning in the South, or to give any idea of the dangers and hardships through

which he passed. Suffice it to say, that as a soldier he was distinguished for bravery among as brave a body of men as ever kept step to martial music, or faced death without fear on the field of battle. He participated in all the campaigns and battles in which his command took part, and was ever found in the front rank of his comrades where brave men dared to do and die for the cause that they held dearer than life. After the war and after his release from Camp Chase, Mr. Pitts returned to Paris and began the harness business again at this place. He continued it with success until 1872, when he was elected sheriff of the county. Two years later he was re-elected. At the close of his second term as sheriff, in 1876, he was elected collector of the county, and he was afterwards twice re-elected to that office, serving three consecutive terms as county collector. Since the close of his last term, in January, 1883, Mr. Pitts has not re-engaged in business. He has valuable property interests, however, to which he is giving his attention. He is also a large stockholder in the "Governor" silver mine of Colorado, and has made two trips to the West, looking after his interests in the mine. February 4, 1875, Mr. Pitts was married to Miss Laura F. Boulware, of Monroe county. They have an interesting little daughter, Kittie, now in her third year. One, a promising infant son, Harry E., died when less than a year old. Mrs. P. is a valued member of the Christian Church. Mr. Pitts is universally regarded as one of the most estimable men of the county, highly esteemed by all who know him.

### THOMAS W. PITTS

(Dealer in Saddlery and Harness, Paris).

Mr. Pitts has been engaged in his present line of business at Paris almost continuously since 1860, a period of 24 years, and has given his time and attention to no other business interest, save that of hotel proprietor, he having kept the Virginia House in Paris for 12 months. A man of high character and highly esteemed by all who know him, his name is a synonym for fair dealing, good work and good citizenship all over the county. He is the fifth of his father's family of children, something of a history of which has already been given in the sketch of his brother, Frank L. Pitts. The others are Mrs. Martha J. Owen, wife of W. T. Owen, of Hannibal, and a twin sister of Thomas W., both having been born July 4, 1838; Sarah, now Mrs. William L. Kidd, who resides at Hannibal, her husband being deceased; William R., a wholesale merchant of Hannibal; James K., who died in young manhood, in 1856; Frank L., the subject of the previous sketch, and Mary C., the wife of Frederick Waller, now of Leadville, Col. Thomas W. Pitts was married May 18, 1863, to Miss Bettie F. Vaughn (who was born in Sparta, Va.), a daughter of Col. John Vaughn, formerly of Kentucky. They have six children: Bina, Carrie, Bessie, Sadie, Olive V. and Archie. Two are deceased, Frank and Harry.



## MILFRED POWERS

(Farmer, Post-office, Paris).

March 8, 1826, was the date of Mr. Powers' birth, and his father's farm in Greenup county, Ky., the place. When he was about five years of age his parents, Richard and Harriet (Poage) Powers, removed to Missouri and settled in Monroe county, on the old Hannibal and Paris road, about a mile from the North Fork. There his father entered land and improved a farm. He resided on his place near the North Fork until his death, which was in about 1860. He was very successful as a farmer and at one time owned about 1,100 acres of fine land. He served for a number of years as justice of the peace, and was from time to time a member of the grand jury, one of the well known and highly respected citizens of the county. He was a worthy member of the Presbyterian Church. Milfred Powers was reared on a farm in this county and following in the worthy footsteps of his father, himself became a farmer of the county after he grew up. He has been satisfactorily successful in his chosen occupation and now has a good place of 120 acres in Jackson township. In 1847 he was married to Miss Harriet Dickson, a daughter of James Dickson. Six children bless this union, namely: Laura B., James D., Luella M., Richard B., Annie J. and Harry C. He and wife are members of the Church. Mr. Powers is a man of marked industry and thorough-going qualities as a farmer, and as a neighbor and citizen commands the respect of the community.

## CHARLES M. REED

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Dealer, Sections 6 and 7, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Reed was born August 6, 1872, in Shelby county, Ohio. His father, James S. Reed, a native of Lycoming county, Penn., spent most of his youth in Richland county, Ohio. In 1863 he moved to Iowa; in 1866 to Salem county, Mo., and the following year to Monroe. After a few years, he changed his residence to Shelby county, Mo. His wife, Mary Johnson, was a native of Shelby county, Ohio. They had four children, and of these three are still living: Thomas W., P. Wilbur and Charlie M. The last named grew up in Shelby county, Ohio, and became a farmer and dealer in stock. After living successively in Iowa, Saline county, Mo., and again in Iowa, in 1867 he removed to Monroe county, Mo., where he now owns a finely improved farm of 320 acres. Mr. Reed is a man of large brain and advanced ideas, and is made of that material which constitutes in its citizens the wealth and insures the welfare of every State. His honesty, upright character and energetic industry have placed him upon the only level possible to a man of his calibre. His benevolence and nobility of soul are shown in the fond care which he bestows upon three orphan children to whom he has given a place in his warm heart and hospitable home. His wife, to whom he was married in

Jones county, Iowa, was Miss Louie Freeman. Heaven has denied them the blessing of children. Mr. Reed is a member of the Masonic Order.

### TEMPLE B. ROBINSON

(Attorney at Law, Paris).

Col. Waltour Robinson, the father of the subject of this sketch, is remembered by the early settlers of Monroe county as one of its most highly respected and influential citizens. He came to Paris in 1838, and lived in this county for about 15 years, following merchandising at Paris for a time and then farming and stock-raising, near this place, in both of which he was very successful. His health failing, however, he removed to Lawrence county, in the south-western part of the State, for a milder climate, where he died two years afterwards, in 1856. He had represented Monroe county in the Legislature, and held other positions of public trust. In the old muster days he was colonel of militia. He was a man of fine intelligence and great strength of character, and in his day was one of the most popular men of the county. He was born in Virginia in 1815, and came to Missouri with his parents, settling in Boone county, in 1830. There he married Miss Clara A. Moss, a daughter of Mason Moss, originally of Virginia, and one of the pioneers of Missouri, settling first at old Fort Hempstead, in Howard county, where his daughter Clara was born in 1820, and afterwards moving to Boone county. Six of his family of children are living, namely: Temple B., the subject of this sketch; Lucy H., now Mrs. R. N. Bodine; Laura V., Walter M., Charles M. and Willie H. Kate M., who married George B. Caldwell, died in 1883. The mother, an active, intelligent and most amiable and estimable woman, is also still living, making her home with her son, Temple B. Robinson, at Paris. One of his sisters, Laura V., also resides with him. Temple B. Robinson was born in Monroe county June 16, 1841, and was educated at the Paris Male Academy. In 1861 he began the study of law under D. H. Moss, Esq., of this place, which he continued for a time, but his health failing from close application and confinement, he was compelled to abandon the law and engaged in the stock business, which he followed for some years. After the close of the war, however, he resumed the study of law, and was admitted to practice in 1865. He was then offered a partnership with Judge D. H. Moss, who had a large practice, which he accepted, and he continued with him until the Judge retired from active work in his profession in 1876. Since then he has had no partner, but has continued the practice and has achieved excellent success in his profession. He has a regular and substantial practice in both civil and criminal cases, and has an enviable reputation at the bar. Thoroughly upright, he has the confidence of every one, and a hard worker in his profession as well as a skillful practitioner and able advocate, he is looked upon as an attorney who can be implicitly relied upon by clients in the most difficult cases. Mr. Robinson was a steadfast Union man during the war, and,

indeed, was an Emancipationist at heart from his earliest recollection. He has always taken an active and zealous interest in the cause of popular education, and stood by the public school system of Missouri after the war, when it needed all the friends it could get, and then had none too many. In 1867 he was made secretary of the school board, and has held that office continuously until the present, and during that time has worked with great energy for the success of the schools of Paris. He has never held or sought any other official position, although he takes a deep interest in all questions of public welfare and advancement, whether local, State or National.

### HON. TYREE T. RODES

(Dealer in Real Estate, Paris).

Mr. Rodes was born near Hydesburg, in Ralls county, November 23, 1841. He was the fourth in a family of eight children of Dr. Tyree Rodes and wife, *nee* Miss Eliza Tipton, the father originally of Virginia, but the mother of an old Tennessee family. His father, born in Albemarle county of the Old Dominion, was reared in that State and educated at the Virginia State University, of which he was a graduate. Early in life Tennessee became his home, and from that State he came to Missouri in about 1837, settling in Ralls county, where he reared his family. He was a man of fine intelligence and culture, an able and successful physician, and an influential and substantial citizen of Ralls county. He died there in 1861. Tyree Tipton Rodes, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Ralls county, and educated at Rensselaer Academy, where he took a complete course. He subsequently attended a commercial college in St. Louis. Following this Mr. Rodes went to Virginia, where he was engaged in mercantile life until 1865. Returning to Missouri during the year last named, he located on a farm in the north-western part of Monroe county, and continued farming until 1873. Meanwhile, in 1868, he was nominated for the Legislature by the Democrats of Monroe county, and was elected by an overwhelming majority, but was not permitted to represent the people. Those were the days when it was one thing to vote and another thing to get the votes counted, if they were Democratic ballots. Indeed, judging from Tilden's experience, it is doubtful whether such days will ever cease, as long as Republican mathematicians have the casting up of results. Anyhow, Mr. Rodes' votes were thrown out as being the ballots of rebels, although each voter had taken an oath so loyal that it left his lips blue for a month after he had sworn it. It was in the same election in which Switzler and Dyer ran for Congress, and as Switzler was counted out, so of course Mr. Rodes was counted out also. Then Democratic voters, when too numerous, were "rebels;" when Tilden was counted out, they were "bulldozers;" and the Lord only knows what they will be in 1884. Continuing on his farm until 1873, Mr. Rodes then came to Paris and became a partner with Mr. B. F. Blanton in the publication of the *Appeal*, taking charge of the editorial department of the paper. He



was in the *Appeal* for five years and contributed very materially toward building up that paper to the position of prominence and influence it has ever since held among the leading country journals of the State. Since 1880 he has been engaged in the real estate business. In 1880 he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Senator from this district, but was defeated for the nomination as follows: There were three candidates before the convention, Major, of Howard; Rouse, of Randolph, and Rodes, of Monroe county, and over 600 ballots were taken, the result standing each time Rodes 17, Rouse 14, and Major 11. On the 602d ballot the entire vote of Randolph county, which had until then been cast for Rouse, was cast for Major. Before the vote was announced, however, Monroe county cast her vote of 17 solid for Rouse, and called on Randolph county to come to the rescue of her candidate, which was accordingly done, resulting in the nomination of Rouse. October 15, 1868, Mr. Rodes was married to Miss Mary Blakey, a daughter of Hon. M. D. Blakey. They have three children: Jennie C., Marcus T. and Willie C. He has lost one child, Fannie B., who died in 1880 at the age of two years. Mr. Rodes is a prominent member of the Masonic order, and his wife is a member of the Christian Church.

### ENOCH W. ROGERS

(Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Rogers ranks as one of the conspicuous farmers and stock-raisers of that rich agricultural and grazing land, Monroe county. He resides on section four, in Jackson township, and was born May 24, 1847. His mother died December 25, 1848, and his father making an overland trip to California in the spring of 1849, died there in 1851, leaving him an orphan. He, young Enoch, received the care of his uncle Wilson, and when only 13 years old he began the struggle of life for himself, attending as time allowed with a noble ambition a district school. At 18 years of age he went to Warren county, Ill., where he located for several years. Thence he returned to Missouri, and September 28, 1870, was married near Madison, to Mary Eliza, daughter of C. P. Love, a lady who has been a life long joy to him in his cares and struggles. After his marriage he purchased a farm in Audrain county, sold this and purchased and sold other places to advantage. Finally, in December, 1883, he obtained the farm where he now resides, consisting of 165 acres of beautiful meadow land. His wife has borne him three children: Arthur P., Emma B. and Joseph C. Himself and wife are devout members of the Christian Church, while Mr. Rogers is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

### LOUIS ROSE

(Dealer in Boots and Shoes, Paris).

Mr. Rose, one of the leading business men and large property holders of Paris, commenced for himself without a dollar and learned

the shoemaker's trade, at which he afterwards worked as journeyman for a number of years at a small pittance. Most of the salary he received for his work was generously given for the support of his orphaned brothers and sisters. From this apparently unpromising beginning, by his industry, intelligence and perseverance, he has steadily come up in life until he has reached his present enviable position. Mr. Rose is a native of Germany, born July 26, 1836. His father was John C. Rose. His parents continued in Germany for eight years after the birth of Louis, during the last few years of which he attended the schools of his native village. Coming to America in 1844, the family settled at Cape Girardeau, where both the parents died a few years afterwards. At the age of 15, being left not only to look out for himself, but also to care for his brothers and sisters, by the death of his parents, he being the eldest in the family, Louis apprenticed himself to the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked as an apprentice four years and a half, two and a half at \$4 a month and two years at \$50 a year, receiving his board and washing besides. He then worked as a journeyman at a small salary, for shoemaker's salaries were not large then, and as has been said, practically, all he made went to help those dependent upon him, which at best was only too little. But some of the older of them grew up so that they could also assist, and in the fall of 1857 he was married to Miss Anna Klusmer. Married now, he felt that it was time to begin in business for himself and to commence establishing himself in life. But he had not a dollar to begin on, and to think of continuing life as a journeyman seemed out of the question. In this emergency his generous and true-hearted wife came to his relief. She had saved up \$27 from her own work before their marriage, and this she loaned him to buy a kit of tools. Buying a few tools, he opened a shop of his own, and from this beginning sprang his subsequent success. He now has the largest boot and shoe house in Paris, and is doing a heavy and prosperous business. He also owns the handsome business house he occupies and the one adjoining which is occupied by a millinery store. He also has a handsome brick residence, where he resides. In a word, Mr. Rose is one of the solid men of the town of Paris, and one of its valuable and useful citizens. Whether he has ever refunded the \$27 borrowed to his wife, or not, deponent sayeth not. But if she ever lost anything by the transaction, she is the least dissatisfied creditor one would meet of a summer's day. Doubtless she has found it the best investment she ever made in her life. Mr. Rose has been in business at Paris for many years, and has an established reputation as a man and citizen, which is without reproach. He and wife have three children: John W., Charles H. and Martha H. He has been a warm friend of the public schools. He is a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders.

## THOMAS J. ROWE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Feeder and Dealer, Section 29).

S. S. Rowe, father of Thomas J., was a native of New York, but he came when a young man to Missouri. He was by profession a dentist and traveled a part of his time in the practice of it. He, in the course of events, married Miss Elizabeth F. Summers, of Randolph county, and settled in the northern part of Audrain county. After trying several farms, he finally entered and purchased 1,500 acres of land and improved a place, upon which Thomas J. now resides. He was twice married, the mother of Thomas J. being the second wife. There was one son by the first marriage, and four sons and a daughter by the last. Of these Thomas J. was the eldest. Mr. S. S. Rowe died in Monroe county, on the farm now owned by his son, in June of the year 1857. After his death Mrs. Rowe moved with her family to Randolph county and there the subject of the present sketch grew up on the farm. He was given a good English education at Mt. Pleasant College, Huntsville, Mo. After the completion of his studies, Mr. Rowe taught school for three years in Randolph and Monroe counties, in the last named of which he finally settled in 1877. Two years later he married Miss Mary E., daughter of G. W. Vanlandingham, whose sketch may be found in this History. There are two children living by this union: Georgia Ann and Fannie Lena. One lovely babe, 11 months old, Corda L., died February 17, 1881. Mr. Rowe is a farmer of unusual ability and is a most enterprising man. He owns 360 acres of land, all fenced, and about 300 acres are in meadow, pasture and plow land. His improvements are good and his place presents a very tidy and attractive appearance. Mr. and Mrs. R. are members of the M. E. Church South.

## FREDERICK SAGESER

(Post-office, Rowe).

Mr. Sageser, like many of the stanch citizens of Monroe county, is a native of Kentucky, having been born September 6, 1828, in Jessamine county. Both parents died, leaving Frederick with eight brothers and two sisters, he being the eldest of the family. With such cares before him, it is a high commendation to say of his character that he strove to obtain a good education when the weather was bad and he could not labor in the field, allowing his brothers to attend when it was fair and he could toil; and in November, 1853, he wedded Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Van Tice, she being a native of Jessamine. She died in 1856, leaving one son, Joseph Sageser, now a prominent physician of Chicago. Mr. Sageser was again married, February 14, 1858, to Miss Aurend Jane Gully. Shortly afterwards the young couple located in McLean county, Ill., 80 miles from Chicago, residing there until 1882, when the property was sold and they removed to Monroe county. Here Mrs. Sageser passed away, August 21, 1881,



riage March 26, 1874, to Elenora Wills, also of Kentucky parentage. After this event, he purchased a farm three miles west of his present location, improving it for five years, when he removed in the spring of 1879 to a better place. Of his children three have died: Mary E., in August, 1876, aged 13 months, Nellie F., February 27, 1884, aged three years; James F., March 1, 1884, aged 14 months. But one child is spared to them, William. R. Mr. Shrader, though one of the youngest prominent men of Monroe county, is an example of progress and a credit to success. He has risen steadily and held his place against the adversities which beset him and ere many years have passed, should he continue his steps, he will stand among the wealthiest and foremost farmers and stock-raisers of Monroe county.

### JEREMIAH B. P. SMITH

(Blacksmith and Wagon-maker, Paris).

Mr. Smith was born in Boyle county, Ky., April 3, 1836, and was a son of Ephraim Smith, of Garrard county, Ky., born November 19, 1795, and Elizabeth Pope, born in Boyle county, July 4, 1802. When 14 years of age his parents removed to Missouri, locating two miles north of Paris, where he remained with them for three years. He then came to Paris and apprenticed himself to the blacksmith's trade, and after he learned that, he went to Santa Fe, Jackson county, Mo., and worked there for about two years, but in about 1856 he established a shop of his own at this place. After a while he formed a partnership with Mr. Wilson and engaged especially in the manufacture of plows, which he followed with rapidly increasing success, their plows obtaining a wide sale and high reputation until the outbreak of the war put all sorts of business out of joint, including his own. He now traded his stock of plows off for a tract of land in Carroll county, taking the view very sensibly that whatever else the thieves stole during the war they could not carry his land off with them. He now farmed for a time and then went to California with Hugh Glenn, who took a large drove of mules. Returning from the Pacific coast two years afterwards by the way of the Isthmus and New York, he worked on a farm with his father until 1868, when he moved to his land in Carroll county, but his wife's health failing, he came back to Paris and resumed blacksmithing and wagon-making, which he has since followed. He is a man highly esteemed by all who know him, a first-class mechanic and has a large custom. March 3, 1868, he was married to Miss Mary B. Baughman, daughter of Samuel Baughman, of Boyle county, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a clerk and deacon of the church at this place and has been secured several years as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He was sent as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention at Waco, Tex., which was attended by about 10,000 people. While in Waco he was given a pass to Monterey and other points in Old Mexico by the superintendent of the Gould system, and visited the scene of Gen. Taylor's victory in the Mexican War, and also the

Alamo where Davy Crockett fell gallantly fighting and overpowering a number of assailants, several of whom fell pierced by his sword before he himself yielded up his life. Mr. Smith visited many places of interest in Mexico, and gives an intelligent and interesting account of the country, its climate, appearance, people and their character, habits, manners, religion, their churches, schools, etc., and of the products of the country, tropical and otherwise, plants, flowers, fruits, etc.

### JAMES A. SMITH M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Paris).

Dr. Smith is a native Indianian, born May 10, 1846. His parents were Jesse and Henry B. (Beales) Smith, his father from North Carolina, but his mother from Ohio. They married in Indiana, and resided there and in Iowa until 1857, when they came to Missouri, locating near Princeton, in Mercer county. In 1865 they moved to Grundy county, and three years later to Montgomery county, where they made their home until 1881, when they came to Granville, in Monroe county, where the father is now engaged in merchandising. He was for 20 years engaged in the active ministry of the Christian Church, but now is, and for some years past has been, engaged in the mercantile business. Early in 1861 James A. (the Doctor) enlisted in the Fifth Kansas Volunteers, but soon afterwards became a member of the Tenth Kansas, under Col. Weir. He was then but 15 years of age, but nevertheless made a faithful and valliant soldier until after the close of the war, participating in no less than 26 battles and skirmishes, including some 15 regular engagements. During a service of four years and three months he was wounded but once, at Nashville, Tenn., when he was struck on the head with a piece of Confederate bombshell, but he was too sound on the Union question to be broken up in any such a way as that. Space is not sufficient in the limits to which we must confine these sketches to permit us to give the details of his army career, for while it is quite thrilling and interesting, it is too lengthy to admit of publication here. Under 20 years of age when he was honorably discharged from the service, after the Union had been restored, he went to work at the carpenter's trade with his uncle, in Montgomery county, this State. Meanwhile he had married, being a brave soldier boy but 17 years of age when he was united in the silken bonds of matrimony to his fair bride. She was just past 14 years of age when they were married, and after this happy event, was permitted to return home on a furlough of 30 days, and took his young wife home with him, where she remained until after the close of the war, and the 30 days' honeymoon he spent with her was his only absence from the army during the entire war. His wife was a Miss Ruth Quinby before her marriage. He worked at the carpenter's trade until 1869, when he began the study of medicine under Dr. V. A. Willis. He took his first course of lectures at the Indianapolis Medical College, and his second course at the Medical College of Fort Wayne, Ind., at which he graduated April 10, 1871.

Dr. Smith began the practice at Price's Branch immediately after graduation, and afterwards moved to Pike county in 1877, and in the spring of 1880, he moved to Clapper, in Monroe county. From Clapper he came to Paris in February, 1884. He has a good practice here, and is vice-president of the County Medical Society and county physician. Dr. Smith's first wife died in 1871, leaving him two children: Charles E. and Hattie M. He was married to his present wife, September 1, 1874. She was a Miss Priscilla A. Watkins, a daughter of Jesse Watkins, deceased, one of the first settlers of Montgomery county. They have three children, Sanford M., Donie E. and Roy. One (Flora) is deceased. The Doctor was reared a Republican, but during the Greenback picnic coquetted considerably with that party, being one of its State central committee men, but he has now returned to his first and early love, and is happily for Blaine and Maine. The Doctor and wife are members of the Christian Church, and he is a member of the Masonic order and the Triple Alliance.

### WILLIAM H. SNELL

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Paris).

Among the prominent young farmers of South Jackson township, the subject of the present sketch occupies a justly enviable position. He is one of those energetic, business-like men who go at anything they undertake with the determination to succeed, and where their opportunities are at all favorable they rarely, if ever, fail. Mr. Snell is a native of Missouri, born in the county where he now resides, on the 27th of October, 1852. His father was Willis Snell, originally of Kentucky, but from Boone county, Mo., to Monroe, and one of the successful farmers and sterling, highly esteemed citizens of this county. He died here in the spring of 1882. Mr. Snell's mother was a Miss Martha F. Woods before her marriage, a daughter of W. A. and Elizabeth Woods, of Monroe county, but formerly of Kentucky. William H. was reared on the family homestead, where he was born, one and a half miles north of Middle Grove, and received his education in the district schools of that vicinity. On reaching his majority he engaged in farming on his own account and being a young man of industry and good business ideas, made substantial progress as a farmer. On the 11th of March, 1880, he was married to Miss Mattie Crow, a daughter of Dr. W. H. H. and H. E. Crow, one of the early settlers of Monroe county, or rather the Doctor's parents were early settlers, for he himself was in infancy when they came here from Kentucky, in 1826. Prior to his marriage Mr. Snell had bought the land on which he now resides and made some improvements on it. He now came to his place with his young wife and went to work with renewed energy and resolution to establish himself comfortably in life. He has greatly improved his place since then and now has good buildings, excellent fences and all other necessary improvements and conveniences for a grain and stock farm. His place contains nearly 300 acres, all of which is under fence and about 240 acres are in meadow



and pasturage. Mr. Snell makes a specialty of breeding and raising good graded cattle, and has 50 head of fine cows. He and wife are members of the Christian Church. They have two children: Hattie Frances and Henry Willis.

### W. E. SPALDING

(Of Spalding & Speed, Cabinet Makers, Dealers in Furniture and Upholsterers, Paris, Mo.)

Mr. Spalding, whose career is a striking and remarkable proof of what industry, perseverance and good management can accomplish in cabinet making and the furniture business, as indeed in almost any other branch of industry or business, is a native Missourian, born in Ralls county, November 29, 1829. His boyhood and youth were spent on the farm with his father, with whom he remained until after he was 18 years of age. He then started out for himself and learned the cabinet maker's trade, and after working at his trade at different places, located at Paris in 1855, where he established a shop of his own and where he has since resided. When he came to this place he had no capital. He rented a small room, 8 x 10 feet square, where he set up for himself and went to work. It is an old adage that, "If you keep your shop your shop will keep you," and his experience has given another proof of the truth of this. From that small beginning he has steadily come up until he now has one of the largest cabinet and upholstering establishments and furniture houses outside of a considerable city, in North Missouri, a house with a full plant of machinery, an immense stock of goods and a heavy business, commanding a trade which extends over a wide district of country and is constantly increasing. His business house is a large two-story brick, fitted with two flights of stairs for greater convenience in handling furniture, and in his display rooms he has every fashionable pattern and style of furniture, including all the latest designs and articles in house-fitting, marble-trimmed goods of every variety of marble and make, upholstered goods, damask, silk and plush finished, and, indeed, everything to be found in a first-class, full-stock, retail furniture house. Of course this has not all been accomplished in a day, nor a month, nor a year, but is the result of years of patient industry, close attention to business, fair dealing and enterprise and good management. After his little 8 x 10 room he secured one a little larger as his business increased, then another still larger, then one larger yet, and finally built a small house of his own which, after awhile, he furnished with machinery, and he kept on enlarging his facilities, until at last he built the handsome brick structure which he now occupies. In 1879 he admitted Mr. Speed, who bought an interest in his business, into partnership with him, who, a thorough-going and enterprising business man, is doing a great deal to advance the interests of the firm. Prior to this Mr. Spalding had had but one partner, and that one only for a short time, so that this business is almost exclusively the product of his own muscle and brain, and stands out a worthy monument

to his industry and personal worth. In 1862 Mr. Spalding was married to Miss Louisa E. Smith. She survived, however, less than two years after their marriage, their only child dying about the same time. In the spring of 1866 he was married to Miss Eliza Speed, who still brightens his home. Mr. Spalding's parents were Benjamin E. and Matilda (Hager) Spalding, both originally of Marion county, Ky., and W. E. was the fourth of their family of six children. His great grandfather, on his mother's side, George Hager, was the founder of Hagerstown, Md. His grandfather, Aaron Spalding, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was several times wounded during the war and carried bullets in his body to the day of his death, at a ripe old age, after independence had been won, which he received from the enemy whilst in the service of his country. Mr. Spalding's father came to Missouri in 1829 with his family and finally settled in Ralls county, where he lived until his death at a good old age, highly respected by all who knew him.

### MATTHIAS W. SPEED

(Of Spalding & Speed, Cabinet Makers, Dealers in Furniture, and Upholsterers, Paris, Mo.).

It was in Casey county, Ky., that Mr. Speed was born, and he made his *introitus* into post-accouchement life January 17, 1834. His parents were Judge James Speed and consort, *nee* Dorinda Weatherford, both born and reared in Kentucky, and of old and highly respected families of the Blue Grass State. The same year that Matthias was born the family removed to Missouri and settled in Jackson township, of Monroe county. The father in early life was a tanner by trade, and followed that until his removal to Missouri. In this State he followed farming and after a while was elected constable of Jackson township, which at that time was an office of more importance than it is now and produced a neat income. By becoming generally acquainted over the county and justly popular wherever he was known, he was subsequently elected judge of the county court. Serving for four years with ability and satisfaction to the people, he was re-elected to that office, and during the responsible period of the erection of the county court-house he was president of the court, and had the principal burden of the responsibilities and duties incident to that important enterprise. Prior to this he had removed to Paris, and he held various positions of local consideration at this place, including the office of justice of the peace, which he held at the time of his death, and had filled for 15 years before. He was also mayor of the city for some time. Judge Speed died in January, 1874, at the age of 65 years. Matthias W., the subject of this sketch, remained at home with his parents until he was 20 years of age, assisting on the farm and attending the neighborhood schools. He then came to Paris and worked at grading the streets for some time, after which he drove a hack between Paris and the St. Joe Railroad, and finally between Paris and Shelbina. In 1859 he bought an

interest in a livery stable at Paris, and selling out later along, in 1860 he was made deputy sheriff, an office he filled for two years. He then followed farming for two years, but after that returned to Paris and re-engaged in the livery business. Three years later he bought a half interest in a drug store, and was identified with it for about eight years. He then went into the fancy grocery business, but had the misfortune to be burned out soon afterwards; yet he continued the grocery business until he became a partner with Mr. Spalding in 1879. His present business has been spoken of at length in the sketch of Mr. Spalding. It is thus seen that Mr. Speed is a self-made man and has come up in life by his own industry and business ability. March 6, 1860, he was married to Miss Eliza F. Gartin. They have five children: Uriah G., James F., Anna M. and Maude. One besides, Hattie Belle, is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Speed are members of the Presbyterian Church. He has been an elder in the church for about 12 years.

### URIAH G. SPEED

(Of Cooper & Speed's Saddlery and Harness House, Paris).

Mr. Speed was born and reared in the place in which he is now engaged in business, and is therefore well known to the people of Paris and surrounding country. It is only due truth that he is as favorably as he is well known by the people of this community. A business young man of irreproachable character and popular manners, he is highly esteemed by all who know him. Mr. Speed was born in Paris, June 21, 1863, a son of Matthew W. Speed. He acquired his education in the public schools of this place, and took a thorough course in book-keeping under a private instructor. While still young he learned the saddler's trade, working at it at Paris for about three years. Subsequently he was book-keeper for Henry Roemer, a leading grocer of Moberly. In 1882 he and John S. West engaged in his present line of business at Paris, and in the fall of the following year he sold out to Mr. West and formed a partnership with D. L. Cooper. Messrs. Cooper & Speed have one of the best saddlery and harness houses, manufacturing and mercantile, in the county. They have a fair trade and are doing a flourishing business.

### JOSEPH E. SPROUL,

(Post-office, Paris).

Mr. S., one of the most substantial farmers in Jackson township, and one of its highly respected citizens, is a native of Kentucky, born in Lincoln county, January 25, 1813. In 1829 his parents removed to Missouri, and settled in Monroe county, which was then a part of Ralls county, where they made their permanent home. In 1836 Joseph E. Sproul was married to Miss Elizabeth A. McGee, a sister to Josiah J. McGee, whose sketch appears in this volume. Young Sproul was quite poor when he was married, and worked by the month for some time afterwards until he saved up enough to get a piece of land. His



true-hearted and brave young wife did her full share towards getting a start. She carded, and wove and spun, attended to the household affairs, managed their home with economy, and assisted wherever she could to help along. Finally they accumulated enough to make a payment on an entry of '80 acres of land. Here Mr. Sproul made a neat little farm. After a while he sold this to good advantage, and bought a part of his present place. For a time, also, he was in partnership with his brother-in-law, in the milling business, but sold out after a year or two, preferring to follow farm life exclusively. However, he helped to build the first water-mill ever erected in the county. Mr. Sproul has lived on his present farm for nearly half a century, and has added to his original tract of 80 acres from time to time until he now has a fine place of nearly 500 acres. His little log-house, erected years ago, has given place to a handsome, commodious dwelling, one of the best in the township. Although they have left their little house of former years, they have not forgotten it, for many memorable recollections cluster about it, as dear as the memory of buried love, and as sweet as the prayer which childhood wafts above:—

“ Yes, a deal has happened to make this old house dear.  
 Christenin's, funeral's, weddin's — what haven't we had here?  
 Not a log in this buildin' but its memories has got,  
 And not a nail in the old floor but touches a'tender spot.”

They have five children: Thompson B., William E., John J., Belle, and Samuel D.

### FRENCH STROTHER

(Principal of Strother Institute, Strother, Monroe County, Mo.)

Very many of the professional men of Kentucky and Missouri are Virginians, either by nativity or by descent. This is true of Mr. French Strother, who was born on his father's farm near the county seat of Rappahannock county, Va., January 14, 1825. His great-great grandparents were Frank Strother and Susan Dabney. From them have sprung some of the noted men of the nation. Gen. Zachary Taylor, who, with less than 5,000 men, defeated the flower of the Mexican army, 20,000 strong and commanded by their military hero; Gen. Gaines, the hero of Fort Erie; John S. Pendleton, at one time called “the lone star of Virginia;” and Judge A. H. Buckner, the distinguished chairman of the banking committee of Congress, with the subject of this sketch, these are some of the most prominent. To the same family belong D. H. Strother, widely known as Porte Crayon, and Judge J. P. Strother, of Marshall, one of the leading lawyers of Central Missouri. The descendants of Frank and Susan D. Strother are thought to be the true heirs on the mother's side of the immense estate of the English capitalist, William Jennings, who left \$5,000,000, still held undistributed by the British government. Mr. Strother's great grandparents were John Strother and Mary Wade, and

his grandparents, John Strother and Helen Piper. Helen Piper was noted for her beauty and talent, and her husband was a man of wealth.

His parents were French Strother and Mary Ann P. Browning. His father, the child of wealthy parents and his wife an heiress, was ever the poor man's friend and noted for his honesty. He died the death of a Christian in his eighty-seventh year, having enjoyed remarkable vigor of body and mind up to the time of his fatal sickness. Mr. S.'s maternal grandfather, Charles Browning, was, at the time of his death, the sheriff of Culpeper county, Va., a popular and good man, loved and respected of all. His mother still lives, though she has passed her fourscore years and is fast approaching the ten. She has been a child of God from her infancy, not knowing when she became a Christian. For 80 years she has lived and served the Saviour, and there are many who will gratefully point to her as having led their feet to Christ. Her home is in Callaway county.

Mrs. Susan A. Strother, the wife of the subject of this sketch, is the daughter and only child of Thornton F. Petty and Mary Abbott, late of Culpeper county, Va. They gave her the benefits of an accomplished education, and with her were regular visitors at the fashionable watering places of Virginia. Their hospitality and neighborly kindness were unbounded, and they were equally noted for the humane manner in which they treated their servants. They both lived to a good old age. Mrs. Susan Strother has not only been a true wife to her husband and a faithful mother to her children, but she has gained a laudable reputation as a teacher and composer of music. She is an intelligent, cultivated Christian woman. They were married August 24, 1850, and have been blessed with seven children, two dying in infancy: Minnie T., who married John S. Goss, of Fort Smith, lived a beautiful life and died a Christian death; Berta, the widow of Zach Baker; Oscar Dabney, now living in Fayetteville, Ark.; Lillibel, who died two years ago at the age of 12, of whom her pastor said she was one of the brightest examples of a young Christian he had ever known; and Allie, the youngest child.

Mr. French Strother, when a lad of 12 years, was sent to the celebrated academy at Charlottesville, Va., under the management of Alexander Duke and M. P. Powers, both graduates of the University of Virginia, that he might be fitted to enter the great university of the South. His collegiate course was pursued at that grand university. He then went while still young to Alabama, teaching there six years. Returning to his native State, he had charge of the Salem Female Academy for several years. He then came to Missouri, where he has lived ever since. He was first Principal of the Glasgow Female Seminary eight years; then President of the Lindenwood Female College at St. Charles; then President of the Independence Female College; then Principal of the Carrollton public schools; and now the Principal and proprietor of Strother Institute near Paris, Mo., which he is conducting with marked success. The prosperity of his school is sufficiently attested by the fact that he is compelled to build a substantial two-story addition to accommodate his growing patronage.

So much for the main facts of his lineage and his life; and now a brief estimate of his character. These lines are written by one who has known him intimately for nearly 25 years, and who believes, with Cicero, that "flattery, the handmaid of the vices, should be far removed from friendship." Mr. Strother will always be reckoned at less than his real worth by strangers. He is, however, what Pope says is the noblest work of God — an honest man. He is the true metal, through and through, without alloy. Take him when, and where, and how you will, and you will find that you can rely implicitly upon what he says, upon what he promises, upon what he ought to do. If he owes you a dollar, you are as sure to get it as the day comes when it is due. If he tells you a thing is so, you may rely upon it as surely as upon your own eyes. If he undertakes to educate your child, you may be confident that he will never deceive you with claptrap or humbuggery.

He is the most generous and faithful of friends. Not only does he never turn his back when his neighbor is in trouble, but his purse, his time, his labor, his influence are all at the free disposal of the unfortunate and the needy. The writer has seen him fully and fairly tested, and there was less flinching and more whole souled generosity than he has ever seen in any other man. He is a typical Good Samaritan.

He is a superior teacher. There is no one to whom we would more confidently commit the education of a child. He has always had the confidence in his profession of the best and most intelligent men where he has lived. Education is his life work, to which he has already devoted 40 busy years. Now that Prof. Kemper has gone, he is the Nestor of Missouri teachers. Mr. Strother is a sincere and active Christian. His parentage was Presbyterian, and so is he; but he finds room in his heart for all who love the Saviour. Monroe county is rich in having such a man, with such a wife, and such a school; and it speaks well for her that she appreciates him.

### REUBEN L. TILLITT

(Farmer, Section 23, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Tillitt, a thrifty and industrious farmer, owns 100 acres of land upon which he has placed every desirable improvement. He is one of the hard working, honest and valuable citizens of the township, and possesses the hearty regard of all who know him. Mr. T. was born March 9, 1838, in Monroe county, Mo. His father, Henry Tillitt, born in Kentucky, in 1807, came to Missouri before it was a State, but went back to Kentucky, where, in 1836, he was united in marriage to Miss Lurena J. Lewis. The following year he again came to Missouri and settling in Monroe county, worked at his trade of stonemason until his death, February 11, 1868. Mrs. Tillitt, after rearing a family of six children, her earthly toils ended, went to receive a heavenly reward, December 27, 1882. They were both members of the Christian Church. Reuben was the eldest of the family and lived at home until the beginning of the war. He fought for a time on the Southern side, then, thinking discretion the better part of valor, he



went to Canada and remained until peace was restored. He then returned to Missouri and took up his present occupation. Mr. Tillitt was married June 13, 1867, to Miss Sallie F. Henderson, daughter of William J. and Clarissa Henderson. Mr. T. was born April 16, 1843, in Monroe county, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Tillitt have not reared any children of their own, but have adopted a little niece, Cordelia Tillitt, by name, who was born August 10, 1871. Mrs. T. is a member of the Old School Baptist Church.

### LARKIN S. TOWLES

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Young's Creek).

Mr. Towles' father, Henry Towles, was at one time one of the leading stock men and wealthy farmers of Bourbon county, Ky. He owned 2,000 acres of fine land in that county and handled stock on an extensive scale. He was broken up, however, by the vicissitudes in the stock trade and other reverses; but later along he recovered somewhat from his losses, yet only to the extent of acquiring a comfortable competency. He died in that county in 1854. He was a native of Culpeper county, Va., and came out to Kentucky when a young man, where he married Miss Sallie Bedford, whose parents were also from Virginia, and lived in Bourbon county until his death. During the War of 1812, he was a gallant soldier in the American army, and was twice wounded at the battle of Ft. Meigs, once in the hip and once in the left arm. He lost his arm from the effects of his second wound, and ever afterwards carried an empty sleeve as the evidence of the brave part he bore in the war. There were eight children in his family, five sons and three daughters, that grew to majority. Of these, Larkin S., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest. He was born in Bourbon county, January 28, 1833, and was married there after he grew up, September 3, 1861, to Miss Mildred A. Gass, a daughter of Mr. M. M. Gass, of that county. He continued to follow farming in Bourbon county after his marriage, and also stock-raising, for he had been brought up to both of these, until 1877, when he removed to Missouri, and resided one year at Mexico. Previously he had bought the farm where he now resides, and in the spring of 1878 he came to his present place. He has a farm of 364 acres, 300 acres of which are in cultivation or meadow. Mr. Towles has his farm fairly improved, and is doing something in the way of stock-raising in addition to farming in a general way. He is a regular Kentucky farmer and a Kentucky judge of stock, which is saying a great deal. Personally, he is highly thought of by all in his vicinity and wherever he is known. Mr. and Mrs. T. have five children: Henry M., John G., Mary, Walter B. and Frank C.

## GEORGE W. VANLANDINGHAM

(Post-office, Paris).

This estimable farmer and stock-raiser resides on section 27, of Jackson township. He is a native of Kentucky, born in Bourbon county, three miles from Paris, February 2, 1824. His father, Merritt Vanlandingham, was a veteran of the War of 1812, and came to Missouri in 1826, living on a farm near Columbia until his death, which occurred in 1840. Thus in Boone county George grew up to manhood. He married Lucy Anna Carter, September 11, 1856. She was the daughter of Peter Carter, of Monroe county, born in Kentucky, and personated that best of all boons, a loving and industrious wife. Mr. Vanlandingham removed after his marriage to Monroe county, and purchased a tract of raw land and began a course of improvement which has made it one of the most valuable farms in this section of the State. It consists of 240 acres, well fenced and cultivated. From the start he was successful, as he understood his business and allowed no opportunity to pass for increase of his resources. His wife has borne him six children: Thomas J., William H., George W., Jr., Mary E., all happily married; James M. and Almeda A. He was captain of the militia under Gov. Edwards for four years during the war.

## JESSE VANCE.

(Farmer, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Vance is a native of West Virginia, born in Pendleton county, May 25, 1846, though the original stock of the Vance family was of old Virginia. Branches of the family have radiated from the Old Dominion into North Carolina, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, and a number of other States. Several of the family have risen to great eminence in life. Jesse Vance was a son of Jesse Vance, Sr., and wife, Hannah Conrad, both natives of West Virginia. In 1854 the family removed to Illinois, where the father bought a farm and lived until his death, in 1861. He had over 400 acres of fine land and left considerable other property. He was twice married, Jesse being the eldest of six children, five sons and a daughter, by his first marriage. Jesse Vance, Jr., was married in DeWitt county, Ill., September 10, 1876, to Miss Adda E. Tull, a daughter of Lewis Tull, formerly of Ross county, Ohio. Shortly after his marriage Mr. Vance removed to Missouri and the following spring bought the land on which he now resides. This he improved and now has one of the valuable farms of the township. His place contains nearly 200 acres and is all fenced. Mr. Vance is a man of energy and a good farmer and is well respected in the community as a neighbor and citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Vance have three children: Hattie L., Jesse L. and James W. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South, and he is a member of the A. F. and A. M. at Paris.

## WILLIAM A. WALLER

(Collector of Monroe County, Paris).

Mr. Waller came to Missouri in 1838, and located in Monroe county. He was from Scott county, Ky., and was then just past his twenty-first year. He came out to this State in company with his parents and he has continued to reside in Monroe county almost continuously from that time to this, a period now of 46 years. He has followed farming all his life, or from boyhood, and he has long held the position in this county of one of its most thorough-going and energetic farmers. On the 11th of February, 1841, Mr. Waller was married to Miss Susan Mallory, a daughter of Samuel Mallory, originally of Culpeper county, Va., but later of Fayette county, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Waller have reared nine children: Permelia A., the wife of D. Phillips; Sarah F., the wife of James T. Ball; Lucy, John S., James H., Ursula E., the wife of John Davis; Joseph A., George W. and Ambrose B., the latter of whom, Ambrose B., died at the age of 27. In 1880 Mr. Waller was solicited to become a candidate for county collector and finally consented to make the race. In this canvass, however, he was defeated by a few votes, and four years afterwards, when the office was again to become vacant, he made a second trial for it and was successful, being first nominated and then elected, defeating his opponents at the polls by a handsome majority. After his election he moved his family to Paris where he has since resided. He is now serving the term for which he was elected, and judging by the expressions of the people heard on every hand, he is making a most capable and efficient officer. The public have the utmost confidence in his integrity as a man and his fidelity as an official, while his business qualifications, as he has shown in his present office, and, indeed, for years past, are beyond question. Mr. Waller's ancestors have been settled in Virginia for generations and his father, John Waller, was born in Stafford county, of that State, in 1780. He lived in Virginia for a number of years after he grew up, and was a carpenter and millwright by trade. He followed these occupations in Virginia and also carried on a farm and was tobacco inspector for a number of years. Later along, however, he removed to Scott county, Ky., where he lived until his removal to this State in 1838. William A. was born while the family lived in Scott county, Ky., May 9, 1817. Mrs. Waller's father, Samuel Mallory, was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, in 1773, and came to Missouri in 1834, coming from Fayette county, Ky., to which State he had previously moved. He lived in Monroe county until his death, which occurred in 1863.

## LEWIS S. WATTS

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Physician, Section 3).

Dr. Watts is one of the prominent men of the county. He is a native of Kentucky, born in Mason county May 7, 1835. His father,



George Watts, of Ireland, emigrated to the United States in 1801, at the age of 18 years. Here he served in the American army during the campaign of 1812, and was in the battle of New Orleans. After a long and honored career, he passed away April 11, 1867. Lewis S. Watts spent his youth in Hendricks county, Ind., occupied with study. At 19 years of age he entered upon a diligent career as school teacher, after which he devoted his attention to medicine, until, with too many arduous duties in the way, he discontinued it. He learned the cooper's and plasterer's trades, proving himself a capable and successful artisan. In 1859 he entered a wholesale establishment in Indianapolis, continuing until 1861, when he enlisted (August 10) in Co. B, Seventh Indiana Volunteer Corps, Col. Dumont, and served until October 21, 1864. He was present at the battles of Winchester and Greenbrier, receiving three wounds; and, later on, at the battles of South Mountain, second Bull Run, Antietam, Chantilla, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville and Wilderness, where he received a dangerous flesh wound. Faithfully during that terrible time did he serve his country, participating in 29 engagements, and well honored did he return home, knowing that he had not fought in vain. He was married November 6, 1864, to Miss Rassilla, the lovely daughter of Philip Waters, of Indianapolis. With his wife he located at Pittsboro, Hendricks county, following his trades until 1874, when he removed to Danville. Here he filled with credit the office of county treasurer. Then he engaged in the harness trade for a time, until he removed to his present farm, about six miles south of Paris. He was deprived by death, April 14, 1869, of his first wife, and was married June 28, 1878, to Lizzie, daughter of Henry Keith, of Danville. He has five children: John E., Ulysses S., Nora E., Robert E., Lulu E. His wife attends the Christian Church, while the Doctor is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders. No man can be met who has more self-contained dignity or personal magnetism than Dr. Watts. He has learned by mingling with the world to temper affability and kindness with the virtues of an honorable man.

### ROBERT H. WEST

(Of West & Conyers, Dealers in Staple and Fancy Dry Goods and Notions, Paris).

No just and adequate survey of the business interests of Paris could be given without including in it at least a brief sketch of the establishment and trade of the above named firm. Both members are experienced business men and men who have achieved success by their own energy, enterprise and good management. They became partners in business in March, 1884, though Mr. West had previously owned and conducted the house. They carry a stock of from \$12,000 to \$15,000 and occupy both stories of the large building over 22 feet wide by nearly 100 long. Their trade is extensive and profitable and they are doing a flourishing and steadily increasing business. Mr. West, the senior partner, comes of an old Virginia family, but he, himself, was born in Kentucky. His father, James W., came out to Kentucky in

an early day with the latter's parents, and located in Bowling Green. He subsequently married Miss Johanna Pitts, of Georgetown. His father died in Kentucky, and James W. came to Missouri with his family, bringing his mother out also with him. They settled in Lewis county and he engaged in merchandising at Monticello. His first wife dying he was married a second time, and afterwards removed to St. Louis, where he became interested in steamboating and died there in 1849. Robert H. was born in Kentucky December 10, 1832, and was one of two children by his father's first marriage. He was principally reared at St. Louis, and when young, followed clerking there. At the age of nineteen he came to the interior of the State and clerked at Canton and Lexington, and attended school two years. He then spent a year in Nashville, Tenn., with his uncle, Rev. Fountain Pitts, his sister's home, where he had previously visited and where she died. Returning to Missouri, he clerked at Monticello until the outbreak of the war. He was then in a wholesale house in Quincy, until 1866. While there, October 30, 1864, he was married to Miss Anna R. Crutcher, a daughter of Thomas Crutcher. Returning to Canton from Quincy the following year, in 1867 he came to Paris, and was with his father-in-law at this place in the hotel business for some time and subsequently alone in the hotel. In 1880 he quit the hotel and the following spring engaged in his present line of business with J. A. Robinson. He had previously been in the mill with Mr. Crutcher, and in the tobacco trade. In 1882 he succeeded Robinson's interest in the same, and was in business alone until Mr. Conyers became his partner. Mr. and Mrs. West have two children, Robert H. (Harry), a young man of nineteen years of age, and Esther J., now 14 years of age.

#### COL. PHILIP WILLIAMS (DECEASED)

(Paris).

On the 19th of September, 1881, died at his homestead in this county Col. Philip Williams, for more than a generation one of the prominent, highly respected and influential citizens of Monroe county. He was a man who achieved success in life solely by his own exertions and personal worth, by his sterling natural ability, his unremitting and untiring industry, his frugality and his intelligent appreciation of the conditions and opportunities of life around him. From early circumstances but little or no better than the average of those of the youths among whom he was reared, he rose to more than an ordinary degree of success in life, both in standing and influence and in the accumulation of property. It is but the statement of a plain and actual fact in his career that he was fully and exceptionally successful in everything that he undertook. Early qualifying himself for the profession of the law, in an unusually short time after he was admitted to practice he rose to a position of marked distinction at the bar. As a lawyer he soon became one of the leaders of his profession in the circuit and higher courts of the jurisdictions in which he practiced.

Outside of his profession he also became eminently successful in affairs. At the time of his death, and for many years before, he was by all odds the largest tax-payer and wealthiest man in his county. But successful as he was at the bar and in material affairs, it is not alone or chiefly for the enviable record he made in these particulars that he was esteemed one of the first citizens of the county, or that now, being dead, his memory is cherished as that of a man in whose life and career all with whom he was associated, either as a citizen or neighbor, or in any of the relations of life, may feel a just pride. A man of great mental force and of sterling moral character, his qualities of heart—his generous, manly disposition, his just, fair and liberal regard for the feelings and opinions of others, his considerate, tolerant nature, his sympathy and interested concern for the distressed and unfortunate—for these and for his public spirit as a citizen and his exemplary life as a neighbor and friend, he was admired and esteemed far more than for all that wealth and ability and distinction could confer. Col. Williams came of one of the better families of Virginia, though on his father's side not of an old family in that State. His father, Thomas Williams, was an intelligent and well-educated Scotchman, who came over to this country shortly prior to the Revolutionary War and settled on the coast of Virginia, near the James river. From the "Official Register of Volunteers in the American Army during the War of the Revolution," it is learned that he enlisted from Virginia and before the close of the war rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel through several promotions awarded for gallantry and the successful performance of difficult and perilous service. After the war he settled in South-western Virginia, where he was married and made his permanent home. He became a well-to-do and prominent citizen of Franklin county, that State. He was a farmer, or planter, by occupation, being a leading tobacco grower of his county. From time to time he held different county offices and was esteemed one of the popular and influential men of the county. He was an earnest and exemplary member of the Presbyterian Church, as was also his wife. He died at his homestead in Franklin county in 1831. His wife survived him less than a year. They reared a family of seven children, all of whom grew to mature years and themselves became heads of families. But all are now deceased, viz.: Susan, the wife of James Roberts; Isaac, William, Thomas, Jesse, Philip and Robert. Col. Philip Williams, the sixth of his father's family of children, was born in Franklin county, Va., in 1801. His early youth was spent on the farm assisting at farm work and attending the neighborhood schools. He also attended the local academy of his county, and thence matriculated at Fincastle College in Botetourt county, where he took a thorough course in the higher branches, including the classics, thus receiving an advanced general education. He was educated with a view to the profession of the law, and accordingly, on quitting college at once entered upon a course of legal studies. In due time he was admitted to the bar and then entered actively into the practice of his profession. In a few years, however, he carried



out a purpose he had formed some time before, of coming West, believing as he did, that better opportunities were available in a new and fertile country for young men of character and ability to succeed in life than were to be found in the older States. Col. Williams at first located in Bloomfield, the then county seat of Callaway county, but the following year came to Monroe county, where he located and made his permanent home. His success in the legal profession has already been referred to. In the meridian of his activity and usefulness he occupied a commanding position at the bar in North Missouri. He had an extensive and lucrative practice in the courts of this and neighboring circuits, and in the Supreme Court of the State. He was a lawyer, strictly speaking, and in the true and best sense of that word, thoroughly devoted to his profession, a constant and hard student and a constant and hard worker, faithful to his clients, fair and honorable in the management of his causes, and always frank and manly with the court, his brother attorneys and the jury and officers of the court. He was not only thoroughly grounded in the rules and precedents of the law, but comprehended throughout the fullest scope the science and philosophy of civil jurisprudence, and had that admiration for his profession which every great lawyer, appreciating the law as the bulwark of justice and human rights, feels for a calling which, when not abused, must be admitted to be one of the most honorable and exalting in the affairs of men. He accumulated a large fortune by his practice and by his business ability, outside of his profession. Before he disposed of any of his property, he is said to have been worth over \$150,000 in lands and public and private securities. Col. Williams was in his eightieth year at the time of his death, and up to within a short time prior to his demise had enjoyed excellent health and retained his mental vigor and bodily activity to a degree much out of proportion to his years. He was a man of fine physical constitution and was rather of a sanguine temperament. He was very erect of form, and about six feet in height, having an average weight of 200 pounds. His complexion was fair, his eyes blue and his hair a dark auburn. For a man of his age he was of prepossessing appearance, and earlier in life was a man of fine presence. From youth he was particularly fond of reading and was highly cultivated in literature and in point of general information. Like most men of culture and bright minds he was especially fond of Shakespeare, and regarded the Bard of Avon as the greatest man who ever touched the planet. Milton was also one of his favorite authors in the department of verse. He was a man of fine social qualities, a pleasant and cultured conversationalist, and, what is rare in a good talker, a patient and respectful listener. In the society of Paris and vicinity, and wherever he was known, he was greatly prized, for both his character and social qualities were such as to render him an esteemed member of the best social circles. Though taking no interest in politics as an aspirant for office, for he cared nothing for a political life or official prominence, he nevertheless manifested at all times a grave and intelligent concern for the proper

administration of the law and the faithful and honest discharge of public duties by officials. As a citizen he voted and used his influence for the best men offered for the different positions to be filled, and was identified and acted with the Democratic party. He was a close student of civil government and was thoroughly read in history and conversant with the principles of political economy. He was a prominent member of the Masonic order, and for years held the rank of Royal Arch Mason, being also master of the lodge at Paris. During the Black Hawk War he was a gallant officer of volunteers in the campaign of the North-west. He left an estate at the time of his death valued at \$100,000. He had previously given to his niece, Mrs. Annie E. Margreiter, \$50,000 in U. S. four per cent bonds. The bulk of his estate at his death was also left to Mrs. Margreiter. She was a daughter of his brother, Robert Williams, her mother having been a Miss Harriet Menefee prior to marriage. Mrs. Margreiter was reared in Virginia, and her father being a man of ample means, he saw to it that she received the best of educational and social advantages. She was principally educated by a refined and accomplished governess specially employed for that purpose. Her father died in Virginia some 30 years ago, but her mother is still living on the old family homestead in that State. Miss Williams was early married to John Margreiter. There are no children, however, by this union, and she is now a widow lady, as she has been for some years. She is a lady of most estimable qualities of head and heart. Left with the large estate of her uncle, she has shown the force of character and business ability to manage it with marked success. She is unquestionably a lady of extraordinary business tact and discernment. Possessed of a large fortune, her charity and benevolence are not out of proportion to her ability to help those who are in distress and are worthy of assistance. Not to descend to minor acts of generosity, one of more than ordinary consideration may be mentioned. Having a mortgage lien on the Masonic building at Paris, which the lodge felt unable to pay when the debt fell due, she generously canceled the lien without receiving a dollar and made the lodge a present of the \$5,000 and accrued interest. She is a devout member of the Baptist Church.

### WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS

(Farmer and Stock-trader, Section 7, Post-office, Paris).

John W. Williams, father of William A., was born and raised in Green county, Ky. He was one of the substantial farmers of the county, and married Miss Elizabeth S. Gibbons, also a native Kentuckian. In 1828 they moved to Marion county, Mo., and there were born to them nine children, of whom but three survive: Maria L., Mary E. and William A. The latter, born February 20, 1832, lived for many long years in Marion county, farming and raising stock. His wife, to whom he was united September 1, 1853, was Miss Parthesa Pemberton, a native of the same county. Their little family of

three children, like April flowers, bloomed but to fade. Mr. Williams is a farmer of wealth and weight, and owes his position chiefly to his own efforts. His farm of 200 acres is as fair a picture of comfort and prosperity as the eye could wish to rest upon. His standing in the community is of the very best.

### LEMUEL P. WILLIS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Willis, one of the most intelligent and successful farmers of North Jackson township, is a native of Kentucky, born in Shelbyville, February 6, 1845. His parents, John and Julia P. (Hunter) Willis, were both from the same county, Mr. Willis having come to Missouri in 1856. He bought 160 acres of land and improved the farm which is now the home of Lemuel P., and upon which he himself lived until his death in August, 1879. Lemuel P. spent his youth on the farm in his native county. He was educated partly at the common schools and partly at Shelby College. After leaving school Mr. Willis clerked at Shelbyville up to the time of his coming to Missouri, in 1856. When he began farming it was with his father, whom he assisted in improving the place. February 7, 1860, he married Miss Sarah S., daughter of Walter and Elizabeth B. Withers, of Monroe. Mrs. Willis is a lady of a very high order of intellect, and taught school both before and after her marriage. Mr. Willis has always lived on the home place. He has 160 acres of land, all fenced, with 125 in meadow and plow land. He has his place comfortably improved with good buildings, orchards, etc. He is of most pleasant disposition and of many sterling qualities. He is universally respected and liked in the township. Mr. and Mrs. Willis have two children: Lena, now a young lady, and Lura. The former, with her parents, is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

### ABNER WILSON

(Superintendent of the County Farm, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Wilson's father, Benjamin R. Wilson, came to Randolph county with his family in 1855. He was from Fayette county, Ky. He was a farmer by occupation, and lived in Randolph county until his wife's death. His wife was a Miss Agnes W. Haley before her marriage. She was a daughter of William Haley, of Kentucky. Abner Wilson was 14 years of age when his father's family came to this State, having been born in Fayette county, Ky., October 13, 1841. His first employment for himself was carrying the United States mail, which he followed for about four years. In 1873 he began railroading on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, and was engaged in that until four years ago. He then commenced selling sewing-machines, and although his experience in that business among the ladies was not unpleasant, it failed to yield the profits which he had hoped to realize. Still he did satisfactory business, but in 1882 he concluded to locate



at Paris and open a restaurant. He conducted a restaurant at Paris for about two years. While in this business he became well acquainted with the people of the county generally, and being a man of intelligence and agreeable manners, he won the respect and good opinions of the public. In 1884, when a competent and reliable superintendent of the county farm was needed, he was recommended for the position, and was duly awarded the contract for conducting the farm by the county court. Since then he has had charge of this place and is meeting with good success in carrying it on, and his administration thus far has proved satisfactory to the court and the public. On the 2d of November, 1861, Mr. Wilson was married in this county to Miss Mary E. Boyd, a daughter of Andrew Boyd. They have three children: Agnes J., Otto and Ernest. They have lost one, William H. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and one daughter are members of the Christian Church at Paris.

### WILLIAM C. WILSON

(Farmer, Section 9, Post-office, Paris).

Mr. Wilson is a native son of Monroe county, where he first saw the light January 27, 1850. His parents were Sanford E. and Amanda (Abernathy) Wilson, the former a Kentuckian by birth, but both raised in Monroe. Mr. Wilson, Sr., was a successful farmer, and he and his wife were faithful members of the Christian Church. They raised a family of eight children: Ellen N., George, Wesley, Nannie, Alfred, Edward, Eva and William C. The last named, with whom we have now to do, was brought up principally in California, and there December 21, 1860, he espoused in San Francisco a fair bride, one of the most beautiful daughters of Tennessee. The marriage is a childless one. Mr. Wilson is a farmer by occupation, and is one of the most highly honored citizens of the township. His place contains 200 acres, delightfully situated and improved. He and his wife belong to the Christian Church.

### WALTER WITHERS

(Farmer, Post-office, Paris).

If this respected old citizen of Monroe county lives to see the 9th day of next December, he will then have rounded out the advanced age of four score years, ten more than the allotted period of man's earthly career. Notwithstanding his venerable age, Mr. Withers is still in comparatively good health, and is quite active. Like most of the older citizens of Monroe county he is a Virginian by nativity. He was born in Culpeper county December 9, 1804. When he was about six years of age his parents removed to Kentucky and settled in the vicinity of Louisville, where his father followed farming until his death. After growing up to the age of majority, Mr. Withers, the subject of this sketch, was married near Louisville, and he continued to reside in Kentucky until 1837, when he decided to cast his fortune

in the then new State of Missouri. He accordingly removed to this State and settled in Monroe county, about five miles from Paris, on Otter creek, where he improved a farm. Later along he sold this place and improved another farm on Middle fork of Salt river. He was residing on that place when the California gold excitement broke out in 1849. He, in common with thousands of others in Missouri, became a gold seeker, and in company with Dr. Bowers, a relative to the famous "Joe Bowers, all the way from Pike," and several others, made up a train to cross the plains. They were on the way four months, and on the Humboldt river while they were at breakfast, their horses were stolen by the Indians. They pursued the savages, but on overtaking them found that they were too much like a hot potato to fool with — too well armed to tackle. They therefore gave up their horses and hitched their cattle on to their wagons, by which they were enabled to complete their journey. Mr. Withers spent 18 years on the Pacific coast engaged principally in mining and with varying success. Upon returning by the way of the Isthmus and New York to Missouri, he settled down again to farming near his first settlement on Otter creek, where he has ever since resided. Here he has a good homestead, the fruit of a lifetime of industry, and is living in retirement and in ease and comfort through the declining years of life. His good wife is still spared to accompany him down the hill side of their earthly journey. They have been the parents of 11 children, eight of whom are living: John, Gustavus, Adolphus, Perry, Susan, Sarah and Margaret.

### GEORGE R. WITHERS

(Of Grimes & Withers, Proprietors of the Paris Roller Mills).

This, one of the finest and best flour mills in Monroe county, and, indeed, throughout the surrounding counties, was erected in 1882 by G. R. Withers & Co. at a cost of \$20,000. Afterwards Mr. Grimes bought out the interests of the other members of the company except Mr. Withers', and Grimes & Withers thus became sole owners and proprietors. The mill was started to running early in 1883 and has since been doing a heavy business. The character of the mill and the extent of its business has already been spoken of in the sketch of Mr. Grimes, which appears on a former page of this volume. Mr. Withers was born in this county December 19, 1841, and was a son of Walter and Elizabeth Withers, who now reside at Holliday. His father went to California in 1849 and was absent on the Pacific coast for 18 years, returning in 1867. George R.'s early youth was spent on a farm and he succeeded in obtaining a good ordinary education in the common schools. For a long time he was engaged in farming in the county and handling stock. He and his brother, Hiram B., now deceased, then commenced the drug business at Granville, which they followed for three years. February 3, 1870, Mr. Withers was married to Miss Susan O. Kipper, a daughter of John Kipper, deceased. Her mother, who was a Miss Jane Nickel, is still living, at the advanced age of 84,

and finds a pleasant and welcome home with her daughter, Mrs. Withers. Mr. Withers has a good farm of 215 acres, four miles north of Paris. Before engaging in the milling business Mr. Withers was a prominent stock shipper of the county, but since then has given his entire time and attention to his present business. Mr. and Mrs. Withers have but one child, a son, George K., aged 13.

### JUDGE STEPHEN M. WOODSON

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Paris).

In the veins of Judge Woodson is mingled the blood of three old and well known Virginia families—the Woodsons, Lesueurs and Bacons. Each of these families have had and have to-day conspicuous representatives in the various walks of life in different States of the Union. The Woodsons have long been prominent in Virginia, and two of the family in Kentucky have represented their State in Congress, whilst all in this State are aware of the eminent public services of Gov. Woodson. The Lesueurs are of French origin, the founder of the family in this country having come over with Lafayette to assist the colonies in their struggle for independence. For 300 years they have been one of the most eminent families in France. Eustace Lesueur, born in 1617, was the greatest of French painters, called the French Raphael. J. Lesueur, born in 1624, was the eminent French historian. Peter Lesueur was the great wood engraver, born in 1636, and his son, grandson and great-grandson named, respectively, Peter, Vincent and Nicholas, all became men of distinction. J. F. Lesueur, born in 1763, was the distinguished French composer, and all the world is familiar with the name of Thomas Lesueur, the famous mathematician. Hon. Mr. Lesueur, at present a candidate for Secretary of State, is a lineal descendant of this French family. The Bacons are of English origin. Judge Stephen M. Woodson's grandparents on his father's side were John S. and Anna S. Woodson, and his grandparents on his mother's side were Martelle and Elizabeth (Bacon) Lesueur. His parents were Benjamin and Martha (Lesueur) Woodson, of Franklin county, Va. Judge Woodson was born in that county February 3, 1814, and was reared on a farm, receiving a good education under his father, who was a prominent teacher of the south-western part of Virginia. Judge Woodson came to Missouri in 1840 in company with his father's family, who settled in Monroe county. Here Judge Woodson followed farming until 1849, when he engaged in the manufacture of wheat fan-mills, which he carried on with success up to the third year of the war. After the war he engaged in farming here and raising and handling stock, in which he has been quite successful. He is comfortably situated in life. In 1869 he was elected judge of the county court and served for six years on the bench. He has been justice of the peace, an office he still holds, for many years, and is one of the leading and influential men of Jackson township. Judge Woodson has been twice married. November 24, 1850, he was married to Miss Marinda



Fawkes, a daughter of Jerard Fawkes and wife, *nee* Nancy Rodgers, formerly of Kentucky. Judge Woodson's first wife died April 2, 1855. She left him two children: Richard W. (deceased) and Benjamin, now 29 years of age. To his present wife the Judge was married February 9, 1863. She was a Miss Martha E. Spillman, a daughter of John S. and Elizabeth (Waymen) Spillman, formerly of Virginia. They have had three children: Martha E., deceased; George H. and Mary E., the last two now attending high school at Strother. The Judge and wife are members of the Regular Baptist Church.

### JAMES WOODS (DECEASED)

(Paris).

The subject of this memoir, who was one of the early settlers of Monroe county, died at his residence in Jackson township on the 25th of June, 1867. He reached the age of 70 years and 9 months, and had resided on the farm where at last the light of his life went out for a period of over 33 years. He was therefore a personal witness to, and a participant in the growth and development of the county from an uninhabited wilderness to one of the first counties in the State. To the great change thus brought about in the county he contributed his full share by his industry and intelligence as a pioneer, farmer and citizen. He was a native of Kentucky, born in Mercer county, on the 8th of September, 1797. In 1824 he was married to Miss Mary S. Starns, of that county, and after residing there for ten years he removed west to Missouri, coming to Monroe county, where he entered the land on which he made his farm and resided until his death. His first wife died January the 24th, 1842, having borne him nine children: Elizabeth, Malinda, Lucy, Katie, Jackson, James, David, Mary and Thomas. To his second wife, previously a Miss Elizabeth Moore, of Callaway county, he was married January 1, 1843. This union proved a long and happy one and five children are the fruits of their married life: Sallie, Robert, Martha, Fannie and Susan. Fannie, who became the wife of Peter Campbell died January 17, 1884, leaving two children, Bessie and Fannie Mat, whom their good-hearted grandmother is rearing. Mrs. Woods resides on the old family homestead, one of the estimable, neighborly and motherly-hearted ladies of the vicinity. The farm contains 280 acres and is an excellent place. She is a worthy member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as was also her husband prior to his death.

### JAMES M. WORREL

(Proprietor of the Glenn House, Paris).

Mr. Worrell, one of the popular hotel landlords on the line of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, and who keeps a first-class house in every particular, a house that bears an enviable reputation not only at Paris and throughout the county, but with the traveling public generally, is a native of Monroe county, but was reared in Virginia. His

father was Robert P. Worrell, Jr., a son of Robert P. Worrell, and was born and reared in Maryland. When a young man he went to Kentucky and was there married to Miss Elizabeth Woods, whose father originally owned the land, now the site of the city of Lexington, in that State. Mr. Worrell (James M.'s father) was a merchant tailor and after his marriage removed to Missouri, locating at Big Leg in Monroe county. He shortly went to Virginia, however, with his family and settled at Danville. He and wife reared a family of seven children: Robert H., Mary A., Richard B., James M., Wakefield C., Emma and Charles. James M. was born while his parents were residents of Monroe county, March 31, 1846. He was reared at Danville, Va., however, and in 1861 enlisted under Col. Withers, of Gen. Pickett's division of the Confederate service, and served until the close of the war. After the war he went to Illinois, where he was married in December, 1868, to Miss Mary A. Parker, a daughter of Capt. T. A. Parker. He followed the painter's trade at Lebanon, Ill., until his removal to Paris, Monroe county, in 1878. He continued at his trade at this place for about two years and then engaged in the book store business. Subsequently he was in the grocery business and in 1882 he took charge of the Glenn House, which he has since conducted and with excellent success. Mr. and Mrs. Worrell have one son, Henry B.

### JAMES L. WRIGHT

(Druggist, Paris).

Mr. Wright has had over 16 years' experience in business life, and is a skillful and thorough druggist. He has a neat stock of fresh and well selected drugs, and is prepared to supply the trade in and around Paris with everything usually to be found in a first-class retail drug store, and at prices which can not be undersold by any responsible house. Mr. Wright was born on his father's farm, four miles northwest of Paris, August 22, 1847. His parents, Walker and Jane (Greer) Wright, were early residents of this county, his father coming here when quite young, as early as 1837. They were married in this county, and resided here for many years afterwards. In 1867, however, he removed to Randolph county, and he afterwards represented that county in the State Legislature. At the age of 19 James L. began teaching school, and taught for about two years. He then became a clerk in the store of T. G. Harley & Bros., for whom he clerked some four years. He subsequently clerked for other parties, and taught a term of school. In 1875 he and E. K. Stone began the grocery business at Paris, and they discontinued two years following. He afterwards followed clerking until 1880, and then engaged in the drug business at Madison; and in December, 1882, he removed to Walker, in Vernon county, where he continued the drug business until his return to Paris, in the spring of 1884. Here he has since carried on the drug trade and with excellent success. November 21, 1873, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Emma F. McNutt, a daughter of Dr. E. G. B. McNutt, deceased. She was born April 11, 1851. They have one child, Mattie L., born March 31, 1877.

## S. P. WRIGHT

(Farmer, Post-office, Long Branch).

Mr. Wright was left an orphan when in infancy by the death of his father, and he was reared by his grandparents, of Pike county. They resided on a farm, and he was therefore brought up to a farm life. He had the usual school advantages of that time, and when 21 years of age, anxious to see something of the world, as well as to look out for an opportunity to make something for himself, he went to Texas, that State then being regarded, as it still is, as a favorable place to get a start in life. He was not favorably impressed with Texas, however, and returned after a short sojourn there. He now engaged in farming in Audrain county, and was busily occupied with his crops and stock when the war broke out in 1861. It had not been in progress long before it became evident that he would have to join one army or the other, or leave the country. He accordingly did as his sympathies and principles directed, joined the Southern forces under Col. Porter. Subsequently he participated in the fights at Newark, Kirksville, Walnut Branch, and several skirmishes. The command was disbanded at Walnut Branch, for it was impossible to remain together longer without being captured, and Mr. Wright was captured after all. He was soon afterwards paroled, however, and it being impossible to get to the Southern army, he went to California in company with Hugh Glenn in his train of emigrants, stock, etc. He remained in California until the clouds of war rolled by, and was engaged in farming in the Sacramento Valley until the fall of 1866. He then returned to Missouri by way of Panama and New York, and located in Monroe county, where he has since been engaged in farming. On the 9th of December, 1867, he was married in this county to Miss Virginia T. Dowell, daughter of James Dowell. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have five children: Lucy C., James S., Mary A., Bettie E. and Peyton D. They have lost three: Charles F., an infant and Jason M, the first of whom died at the age of three, and the last at two years of age. Mr. Wright began in this county as a renter, but has succeeded so well that he was soon able to buy a farm, and has an excellent place of 180 acres, all improved. He is engaged in breeding horses and mules in addition to general farming, and has first-class fine blooded representative animals for that purpose, as good as there are in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Wright, as indicated above, is a native Missourian, born in Ralls county, January 2, 1838. He was a son of Peyton P. and Susan (Enlow) Wright, his father of Virginia and his mother formerly of Kentucky. His father came out to this State when a young man, and settled in Ralls county after his marriage. He died, however, soon afterwards, while Sanford P. was less than a year old.



## ROBERT L. YOWELL

(Farmer, Section 17, Post-office, Stoutsville).

The subject of this sketch was born August 30, 1835, in Madison county, Va., of Ephraim Yowell and Susan Eddings, his wife, both natives of the Old Dominion, where Mr. Yowell, Sr., was a successful farmer. With that desire for change which seems common to youth, and which, in many instances, proves fatal, not only to all hopes of success in life, but to that stability without which there can be no real strength of character, Mr. Yowell, Sr., a happy exception to the above possibility, moved in 1837 to Monroe county, Mo. Of a family of 10 children, called respectively, Clara, Albert, William P., Harriet, Francis, Joseph S., Mary V., Theophilus and Emma N. Robert L., was their youngest child. Left motherless at the age of three years, and when still a boy suffering the additional loss of a watchful and tender father, it was his hard fate to find himself, at a time when most he needed a parent's guiding hand, thrown upon the world to face alone and unaided, the cold indifference, or worse still, the cruel contempt which but too frequently falls to the lot of the friendless orphan. With a heart for every fate and a will indomitable and fixed as the decrees of death, he looked neither to the right nor left, but fixing his eyes steadily upon the distant but ever nearer goal, guided as the mariner by the North Star, by the brilliancy of its gleam, he has steered his course with a sure and unerring hand through shoals and quicksands, treacherous rocks and adverse gales to a harbor, the smiling beauty of which puts to the blush his fairest dream. Mr. Yowell selected for his vocation in life the elevating pursuit of agriculture. Reared in Monroe county, he has always made it his home and triumphing over all obstacles, he is now the proud owner of one of the finest farms in the county with every natural advantage that energy and determination, which have ever been his closest companions, have added to the comforts and conveniences of cultivation and improvements. On the 30th of May, 1861, Miss Lucy E. Marr, one of the most charming daughters of Monroe county, became his blushing bride. Of this heaven-made union were born six children, of whom four are living, viz.: Rickson L., Henry E., John H. and Ira S. In the bosom of his family Mr. Yowell enjoys a richly earned repose. He and his wife worship according to the faith of the Methodist Church.



## ADDENDA.

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Notwithstanding the efforts made to secure the history of the following churches that they might be inserted in their proper place, our endeavors proved unsuccessful. Hence we give them here. The reader is referred to the chapter on Ecclesiastical History, pp. 278-291, for other church history.

### CHURCHES.

*The Congregation of Disciples at Paris.*—This congregation was organized March 10, 1832, with seven members, only one of whom survives (Abernathy) to-day. They now occupy their third house of worship, which is a structure of modern design, built of brick with four rooms, viz.: class-room, dressing-room, pastor's study and experience-room. The latter has a seating capacity of 450. The class-room can be used in conjunction with the audience department, which enables the church to seat comfortably about 600. The baptistry is just to the left of the pulpit and under the platform, but entered from the study in a very convenient way. The building is gothic in design throughout, with windows of beautiful stained cathedral glass, and was built at a cost of about \$11,000. The congregation has had seven regular pastors, three of whom survive: Alexander Proctor, J. W. Mountjoy and H. B. Davis, the last named being the present incumbent. The present membership is about 250. The names of Alfred Wilson, Henry Thomas, A. H. Rice and Thos. Allen are revered by those who survive them, as ministers who labored faithfully and successfully among them. Also Peter Donan did noble service for the Master in their community. The following are the names of the charter members: J. C. Fox and wife, Jno. Forman and wife, J. R. Abernathy, John Shoot and wife. Marcus Wills is remembered as an efficient minister among this people.

*First Baptist Church of Monroe City.*—The organization of this church was effected January 23, 1869, the original members being as follows: J. M. Proctor and wife, Ellen; T. J. Canterbury and Jennie, his wife; Geo. W. Swan and wife, Eliza; Wm. B. White and his daughters, Callie M., Anna and Nellie White, and Mrs. J. H. Brown, Mrs. Mary Fuqua, Wm. Ashley and wife, Deborah I.; David Minor and Esther A., his wife; J. A. Peirsol and wife, Susan E.; and Mr. Eaton K. Clark. The erection of a frame church edifice was commenced in the fall of 1869, and was completed and dedicated in the summer of 1870. Its cost was about \$1,100. This building has become too small for the congregation and a new brick structure will be put up this year. The estimated cost of this new building is from

\$5,000 to \$6,000. Wm. C. Busby was the first pastor of the church, serving from February, 1869, to February, 1872; he was followed by Pierre R. Ridgely, from February, 1872, to June, 1875, the latter being succeeded by James S. Green, from September, 1875, to the present time. The church now has a membership of 78—35 male and 43 female members. A Sunday-school has been sustained since the organization of the church. The superintendent is Thomas Proctor. The church officers have been: Clerks, G. W. Swan (at organization), R. B. Bristow, J. W. Paul and J. A. Peirsol; Treasurers: P. A. Pendleton and J. M. Proctor. The present officers are: Clerk, J. A. Peirsol; treasurer, J. M. Proctor; deacons, J. M. Proctor, J. A. Peirsol, L. C. Burdil, George Lee and R. D. Woods. This church, while not having had such an extensive career, has been uniformly progressive and is now in a good spiritual condition. The only ordination which has occurred here was that of Pierre R. Ridgely, February 24, 1872.

*Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church*—Is located at Holliday, and was organized between 1830 and 1840. Rev. Jas. Sharp is pastor at this time. The church house is a frame structure about 32x40 feet in size. A Sabbath-school of from 50 to 75 scholars is maintained here.

*Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church*—Is situated about four miles west of Paris. It was organized about 1878 or 1879, and now has some 70 members. Rev. T. W. Baker has been pastor ever since its organization. A Sunday school is held regularly.

*Bluff Springs Cumberland Presbyterian Church*—Is situated about seven miles south-east of Paris. The congregation are removing and rebuilding a church at this date, August, 1884.

*The A. M. E. Church (Methodist)*—Was organized by I. N. Triplitt in the year 1870. Those who have served as pastors are as follows: J. W. Shropshire, six months; D. Bell and H. H. Triplitt, each one year; W. Martin, two years; F. M. Dale, J. Thomas and H. H. Triplitt, each one year; J. R. Loving, two years; J. P. Watson, three years, and R. H. Congdon, two years, and now the pastor. The membership at present is 75. Their house was built in the year 1880 by J. P. Watson, and in size is 34x48, and 14 feet high, costing about \$1,200.

*Colored Baptist Church.*—The Second Baptist Church of Paris (colored) was organized in 1867. The pastors here have been James Hawkins, Clay Vaughn, Wm. P. Brooks and James Hawkins, who is now the pastor. The brick church edifice which they occupy is 36x60 feet in dimensions and is valued at \$1,200. It was built in 1864 by the Old School Baptists (white) and purchased by the colored church in 1880.

#### LODGES.

*Granville Lodge No. 240, A. F. and A. M.*—Organized May 26, 1865, had as its charter members William S. Streeter, W. M.; J. A. Sparks, S. W.; T. Saunders, J. W. Other original members were



C. Hanger, J. C. Kipper, S. Houchens and T. Burton. There are at present 30 members, the officers being George W. Webb, W. M.; George S. Jones, S. W.; William G. Smiser, J. W.; T. O. Bailey, treasurer; N. M. Read, secretary; George M. Curry, S. D.; John W. Adams, J. D., and W. T. Delaney, tyler.

*Monroe Council No. 43, of Missouri, Order of Chosen Friends*—Was organized August 12, 1884. The officers and charter members were George L. Turner, past chief councilor; George A. Hawkins, chief councilor; William A. Bird, vice-councilor; George W. Tompkins, secretary; Noah A. Sidener, treasurer; Henry G. Johnson, prelate; John W. Streat, marshal; John R. Griffith, warden; Harry E. Schofield, guard; William S. Whitehead, sentry; George L. Turner, John Hanley and Nicholas Lasson, trustees. Charter members—Noah A. Sidener, Mrs. Zer. L. Lively, Henry G. Johnson, William S. Whitehead, Mrs. Teresa M. Simpson, John W. Streat, Harry E. Schofield, Samuel H. Ryan, George W. Tompkins, Albert R. Wheeler, Eugene L. Anderson, Samuel F. Henderson, George A. Hawkins, John Hanley, George L. Turner, John R. Griffith, Horace J. Kent, William A. Bird, Thomas E. Garrett, Mrs. Mary S. Torrell, Felix Wunsch, Andrew Grimm, Nicholas Lasson, Mrs. Roxanna Johnson and Mrs. Harriet E. Kent.

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## MONROE TOWNSHIP.

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### PROF. R. D. WOODS

(Principal of the Public School, Monroe City).

Prof. Woods is a native of Kentucky, born in Nelson county, February 11, 1832. His parents were John A. and Nancy G. (Davis) Woods, and his father was a son of Michael and Esther Woods, also of that county. His father was born April 9, 1800, and had four brothers: James, Michael, Samuel and William; and three sisters: Susan, who became the wife of Mr. Massey; Mary, who married a Mr. Barclay; and Jane, afterwards Mrs. Hardy. John A. Woods was reared a farmer, and received a good common school education. In March, 1827, he was married to Miss Nancy G. Davis, a daughter of Richard G. and Frances Davis, of Goochland county, Virginia. Subsequently he followed farming in Nelson county until 1839 when he removed to Ralls county, Missouri. In a short time he bought a farm in Pike county, where he resided until his death in 1849. He left his wife with nine children, of whom seven are living: Michael, the eldest, died en route to California in 1850; Mary, died at the family homestead in Pike county; Elizabeth became the wife of John H. Davis, and now resides at Waxahachie, Tex., her husband being dead; Jane is now the widow of Arthur Maupin; Julia is the wife of N. B. Langs-