

native of Illinois, by whom two daughters were born, one of whom is now living. His second wife died in 1881, and he subsequently married Mrs. Mattie Cleareland, *nee* Keller. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Thomas Wiseman, the father, was a native of Virginia, and in his youth came to Missouri, locating with his parents near St. Louis. Jonathan, the grandfather of our subject, afterwards died in Marion County, Mo. Thomas died at the old homestead near St. Louis in 1846. The mother, Amanda (Phelps) Wiseman, was a native of Kentucky, but was reared in Missouri. Her death occurred in 1884 at the old homestead. The Doctor was one of a family of ten children, four sons and four daughters reaching the age of maturity.

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## PUTNAM COUNTY.

Michael Baughman was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., November 22, 1853, and is a son of Christian and Sarah (Dale) Baughman, natives of Westmoreland County, Penn., also. The father moved to Van Buren County, Iowa in 1854, and in 1861 moved to Missouri where he lived three years, after which he became a resident of Appanoose County, Iowa, where he now lives. He is a Democrat in politics, and served twelve years in succession as township trustee. Michael reached maturity and received a good common-school education in Iowa. In 1861 he came with his father to Missouri, and February 4, 1879, was married to Miss Mary Carter, daughter of Thomas Carter (deceased), formerly of Ohio. Mrs. Baughman was born in Iowa, and reared by her stepfather, Benjamin Wagoner, in Iowa and Missouri. Her union with our subject has been blessed with four children: John H., Charles A., Maud May and William Nelson. Mr. Baughman settled upon his present farm three years previous to his marriage, and now owns 160 acres of prairie land in his home place, well improved, and 40 acres of timber land in another tract. In the spring of 1873 he made a trip to California over the Northern Pacific Road, and spent about three summers in California. He traveled quite extensively in Central Oregon, Central California, and spent some time in Sacramento, Maryville and other towns. He returned home in the fall of 1875. He is a successful farmer, and is interested in fine cattle, of which he has some graded stock.

Reuben Beary, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Lehigh County, Penn., October 19, 1810, is of German descent, and a son of Abraham and Sarah (Barkhalder) Beary, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively. The father was a carpenter by trade, and built and contracted quite extensively, erecting churches, school-houses and other public buildings. He engaged in this business until his death, which occurred in Lehigh County. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in his native county, and at the age of sixteen, having learned the carpentering business from his father, he engaged in that pursuit, which he followed for several years, sometimes employing from four to six men. In 1856 he came to Missouri, and pre-empted and entered land where he now lives. He at first entered but 160 acres, but afterward bought 160 acres more across the road, in Section 32, and forty acres in Section 34, and, although he presented his son with eighty acres, still owns at present 240 acres of improved meadow and pasture, upon which is a good house, barn, etc. He was married in New York, in 1837, to Miss Ann Shad, a native of that State. Mrs. Beary died in 1846, leaving a family of four children: Sophia (wife of Peter Bucher), Caroline (wife of David Lamme, of Idaho), J. D. S. (see sketch) and Polly (who died aged ten). Mr. Beary afterward was married in Indiana to Simiria Miller, by whom he had four children, all deceased. His second wife died in Indiana, and he was married April 8, 1864, in Putnam County, to Mary Miller, *nee* McNealy, daughter of John McNealy. This lady was born in Pennsylvania, and is the mother of five children by this marriage, four of whom are living: Isabell (wife of F. Reese), Armenia (wife of Grant Alexander), Rosell and Rosa, twins, living at home. In 1839 Mr. Beary moved from New York to Ohio, and in 1839 located in Summit County, and practiced his trade in Akron two years. He moved to Whitley County, Ind., in 1841, where he cleared and improved land, and followed his trade. In 1856 he sold out and moved to Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Beary and a daughter are members of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Beary is a liberal gentleman, and contributes largely to public enterprises.

Josiah D. S. Beary, farmer and stock raiser, St. John, Mo., was born in Whitley County, Ind., August 21, 1844, and is the only son of a family of five children, born to Reuben and Ann (Shad) Beary [see sketch], three of whom survive. One of his sisters is a resident of Idaho, and one, Mrs. S. S. Bucher, of Putnam County, at the present writing. Polly died when ten years old, and Ann, when an infant. J. D. S. accompanied his parents to Missouri in 1856, where he lived until sixteen years of age. On June 17, 1861, he enlisted in the war, and on the

following November 14, was mustered into Company B, Eighteenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry as private, for three years. He re-enlisted January 1, 1864, as did almost the entire regiment, and served until discharged in August, 1865, at St. Louis, Mo., after having spent four years in service. He was in the battles of Shiloh, Iuka, siege and capture of Corinth and second battle of Corinth; accompanied Sherman on his march to the sea, participating in all engagements, and was at all the fights incident to the capture of Atlanta. He was never severely wounded, although he received several shots through his clothing and a flesh wound in his hip. At the time of his discharge he had not attained his twenty-first year. After his return home he engaged in farming, and, October 8, 1865, was married in Putnam County, to Miss Isabelle W. Pollock, daughter of Thomas and Isabelle (Wilson) Pollock, pioneer settlers of the county. Mrs. Beary is a sister of D. W. Pollock, of St. John, and is the mother of four children: Thomas R., Laura Belle, William A. and Ira Pollock. She is also the mother of five children, all of whom died—four infants, and the eldest daughter, Barbara Jane, who died April 22, 1886, aged sixteen years four months and eight days. She was a dutiful and loving daughter, and a member of the United Brethren Church. Directly after his marriage Mr. Beary located upon the farm where he now resides, which contains 125 acres of land nearly all prairie, upon which is built a good and comfortable residence and good outbuildings. He also owns 175 acres of meadow and plow land in Iowa. Mr. Beary is a staunch Republican, and an earnest advocate of the temperance cause.

Rev. Hamilton W. Berry, farmer and stock raiser, was born in East Virginia in Montgomery County, January 9, 1885, and is a son of Rev. Joseph H. and Rebecca (Dierly) Berry, natives of Virginia also. The family moved to Missouri in the fall of 1840, and settled in what is now Putnam County, and near where H. W. now lives. Here the father entered and improved farm land, and lived until his death in August, 1867. He served as justice of the peace for about twelve years, and devoted a good deal of time to the ministry for about thirty-five years, being a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which faith he had united before becoming of age. Hamilton W. Berry accompanied his father to Missouri in 1840, and during his youth received a common-school education in Putnam County, which he afterward improved by study. When twenty-two years old he began to teach, devoting the winters of a number of years to that vocation. April 29, 1858, he married Rebecca Cassada, daughter of William and Sarah Ann (Surrey) Cassada, formerly

of New Jersey and Ohio, respectively. Mrs. Berry was born in Brown County, Ohio, and was brought to Missouri when fourteen years old, by her parents. Mr. Berry located near Graysville after his marriage, where he farmed until 1862, and then moved upon his present place. The improvements of this place are mostly due to his labor and management, and his farm consists of 180 acres, sixty of which are finely improved and cultivated. When twenty-two years of age Mr. Berry was licensed to preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, but in 1876 joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he was ordained a minister. For about five years while in the Methodist Episcopal Church he was a circuit preacher. Since that time he has had charge of two churches, his work being mostly of an evangelical character. He is an active and earnest Christian, and still continues to preach nearly every Sabbath in the different neighborhoods of the vicinity in which he lives. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Berry has been blessed with ten children: Elizabeth, Sarah E. (wife of W. S. Pixler), Joseph H., Regina, Ettie, Des-sie Belle and William C. Thomas J. died in 1881, aged twenty; Montana died in 1883, aged seventeen, and Genevra who died in infancy in 1865. Of a family of seven children born to Hamilton W. Berry, Sr., four are living: Hon. P. C. Berry, of Schuyler County, Mo.; W. M. R. Berry, of Southern Kansas, and Charles T. C. Berry, of Custer County, Neb., and our subject. There were six brothers, in all, who were well educated, partly by their own exertions, and four of whom were teachers.

A. C. Berry, M. D., is a native of Morgan County, Ohio, and was born June 27, 1852, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Cummings) Berry, who celebrated their golden wedding January 7, 1886, and are now residents of Macon. To them five sons and four daughters were born, one daughter dying in infancy. A. C. was the youngest child, and has three brothers and two sisters still living, and all residents of Missouri. One, William R., was a surgeon in an Ohio regiment during the late war, and Warren W. served in the Federal army, in the Sixty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The paternal grandfather lived in Ohio and died in Iowa. Our subject left Ohio with his parents, and located at Macon, Mo., where he began the study of medicine. He attended the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, from which institution he graduated in 1876, and in April of the same year located in Unionville, Mo., where he has since resided. He practiced three years and a half in partnership with Dr. Hart, then alone for a few years, then with Dr. Brumbaugh about two years, and then alone again until March, 1886, when a partnership with W. L. Downing was formed. In 1877 he was married to Katie

O'Reilly, a native of Ohio, by whom three sons and one daughter have been born, one son dying in infancy. He is now a prominent physician of Unionville, and is considered one of the enterprising citizens of the township.

John Bonebright, farmer and stock raiser of Section 34, Jackson Township, P. O. West Liberty, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., February 19, 1815. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania, the father, Jacob Bonebright, having been born in Somerset County, in 1787. His wife, Madeline (Smith) Bonebright, accompanied her husband to Ohio in 1824, locating in Stark County, where they lived about three years; they then lived three years each in Crawford County, and in St. Joseph County, Mich., where the father died in April, 1858. John Bonebright grew to manhood in Michigan, and when a young man came west, locating in Lee County, Iowa, in 1836, where he bought land, and improved a farm. While there he was united in marriage March 22, 1838, to Miss Sarah Roberts, daughter of Robert and Margaret Roberts, then residents of Lee County, Iowa, but formerly of Ohio. In 1856 Mr. Bonebright sold his farm in Lee County, and coming to Putnam County, Mo., proceeded to found a new home; he is a successful farmer, and is now the owner of 280 acres of land, having sold quite a number of acres some time ago. Two hundred and forty acres of this land are well fenced and under a good state of cultivation. He resides in a large farm-house surrounded by a nice orchard, and has reared a family of six children, and lost four: Joseph J. (married and living in Putnam County), Robert (deceased at the age of thirteen), Henry (who died in infancy), Andrew J. (married and in Dakota), Joseph (married and in Nebraska), Estella (who died in Kansas, leaving a husband and three children), Isadora (wife of John Skipper, of Kansas), Marietta (deceased wife of J. J. Jones). She died while at her father's in May, 1879, and her two children, John Leroy, aged eleven, and Sarah B., aged nine, are making their home with their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Bonebright are worthy and conscientious members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Previous to the war Mr. Bonebright was a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for James K. Polk, but is now identified with the Republican party. For the last forty years he has been an earnest advocate of the cause of temperance, and is in favor of absolute prohibition.

B. H. Bonfoey was born in Marshall, Harrison Co., Tex., November 23, 1854, and lived in his native county until thirteen years of age. After the death of his parents, in 1866, he went to live with relatives in Connecticut. He soon attended the Wor-

chester Polytechnic School one year, and afterward attended the Hopkins School, and, after his graduation from that institute, attended the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale, one year. In 1873 he came west, and engaged in several employments for a number of years, including civil engineering for the Edwards Bros.' Atlas Co. In 1879 he located in Unionville, and engaged in the loan, real estate and insurance business, in which he has met with well-deserved success. He also studied law, and in 1886 was admitted to the bar. In January, 1878, he was united in marriage to Anna A. Webb, daughter of Alexander R. Webb, the founder of the *Daily Star*, of Hudson, N. Y. This union of our subject and wife has been blessed with three sons: A. N. Webb, a brother of Mrs. Bonfoey is the present consul to the Philippine Islands; another brother holds a position of honor in the Sandwich Islands; one is in the United States postal service, and another was the editor of the Unionville (Mo.) *Republican*, a number of years. Mr. Bonfoey is the lieutenant-colonel of the Second Regiment Select Knights, A. O. U. W., and a member of the I. O. O. F., F. & A. M. and K. of H. He is the third of four sons, and has two brothers now residing in Connecticut, and one who is engaged in engineering work in Chicago. His father, Davis B. Bonfoey, was a native of Connecticut, and married in Alabama to Emma Powers. After his marriage he moved to Texas, and was one of the pioneer settlers of the Loan Star State. For many years he served as internal revenue collector of the Eastern Division of Texas.

James M. Brasfield, a well-known, influential and popular citizen of Putnam County, was born in Garrard County, Ky., July 7, 1814, and, when about six years old, moved with his parents to Madison County, Ky., where he lived upon a farm until about twenty years of age, and then accompanied his parents to Rockcastle County, Ky., where, November 20, 1834, he married Mary Ann Ballard, a native Kentuckian. He followed agricultural pursuits in that county until February, 1839, and then came to Missouri, and purchased property at Shelbyville, Shelby County, to which place he moved with his family in the fall, arriving there October 29. He came overland, and drove, bringing with him the first fine cattle ever introduced in that vicinity. He resided in Shelby County until March 1, 1841, and then located upon the farm which he soon after entered—Section 21, Township 65, Range 16, Putnam County. An idea of the privations, hardships, customs, and habits, of the early pioneers of Putnam County can be gained from the following extracts of an article prepared by our subject, and read at the old settlers' meeting at Unionville, Saturday, August 25, 1882: "I came to

Putnam (then Adair) County from Shelby County in the spring of 1841, with my wife and three children. Our wagon was our house for three days. By that time I had a log cabin up, with a chimney up to the arch, and moved on a hill where there had never been a survey. The wolves were plenty, and watched my hog-pen day and night, compelling me to build it adjoining my house. As hemp and flax were soon sown, my wife made linen and tow clothes, and I went on with my farming, using rope traces, corn-husk collars, etc. The night I landed a bee-tree was found, and from that time honey was plenty, as was also deer and turkeys. I had to go twelve miles to a blacksmith, with no roads to travel over, and it was fifteen miles to the post-office, where we had to pay 25 cents postage before receiving a letter. My first mill was a mortar, made by burning the top of a stump, and then scraping it out bowl-shaped. In this we would place soaked corn, and then pound it with an iron wedge, fastened to the end of a pole. We sifted the meal made in this unique manner, using the fine for bread and the coarse for hominy. The next was the hand-mill, similar to the coffee mill, soon followed by small buhrs, run by hand, and then came the horse-power. I went to Palmyra (seventy-five miles) to mill a few times—drove cattle to the Mississippi River, and sold them at \$7.50 per head.” Mr. Brasfield resided upon the old home place, mentioned above, until 1882, and then retired from active agricultural life, and moved to Unionville, where he still resides, a highly-honored and respected citizen, but he is still one of the largest land holders in the county. By his first wife he has five surviving children—two sons and three daughters. One son is deceased. The three sons all served in the State Militia. The mother of these children died in 1851, and Mr. Brasfield afterward married Narcissa C. Haynes, a native of Giles County, Tenn. To this union five sons and two daughters have been born. Anna P., a highly accomplished and estimable young lady, died in her eighteenth year, while attending school at the State Normal, at Kirksville, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Brasfield are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. James L., the father of James M., was born in Virginia, May 7, 1780, and married in Kentucky, to Mary Moberly, May 22, 1806. This lady was born March 3, 1787. They moved to Putnam County several years subsequent to the date of our subject’s locating in that county. Their deaths occurred in Putnam County, December 25, 1859, and April 11, 1869. Mr. Brasfield is the second child of a family of two sons and three daughters, all of whom lived to maturity. His sisters are all dead, and the brother, John J., resides at Hartford, Putnam Co., Mo. He has never

used tobacco in any form, nor any kind of intoxicants, and is a faithful advocate of temperance, and a living example of the benefit it affords in that now, in his seventy-fourth year, he is enjoying good health, with a well preserved constitution, and a vigor and activity equal to those of most young men.

Z. T. Brawford, real estate and loan agent of Unionville, is a native of Schuyler County, Mo., and was born November 18, 1846, and is a son of Spotswood D., a native of Augusta County, Virginia, and Martha (Brasfield) Brawford, a sister of James M. Brasfield. Spotswood D. was the son of a large slave holder, who lived and died in Augusta County, Va., and about 1842 located in Schuyler County, Mo., where our subject was born, and engaged in the mercantile trade at Tippecanoe, but, after the county seat was moved to Lancaster, he moved his store to that place. Z. T. was an only child, and at the age of eight months lost his mother, afterward making his home with his maternal grandparents, in Putnam County, where he lived upon a farm until January 2, 1862, when he enlisted in the Second Missouri Cavalry, serving until his discharge March 10, 1865. He then embarked in the mercantile business at Unionville, in December, 1865, and continued in that business for two years. He then filled a clerkship for two years, and then engaged in the stock trade. In 1872 he was appointed county clerk. In 1874 he was elected to the office of county clerk, and re-elected in 1878, serving until January, 1883. He now owns a farm in Wilson Township, to which he devoted his attention until January, 1887, when he engaged in the real estate and loan agency business. In 1874 he married Deborah Brasfield, *nee* Campbell, a native of Muskingum County, Ohio, by whom he had two sons and two daughters. He is a member of the F. & A. M. and A. O. U. W.

William M. Bruce, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Jefferson County, Mississippi, January 2, 1822, and is a son of Benjamin W. and Rachel (Puckett) Bruce, natives of Tennessee and Mississippi, respectively. The father was of Scotch descent, and moved from Tennessee to Shelby County, Ill., where he died. Mrs. Bruce died in Mississippi. William M. grew to maturity in Illinois, and was married in Shelby County, in 1842, to Maria E. Cain, who was born in West Virginia, and reared in Illinois. After their marriage they lived in Shelby and Peoria Counties several years. They afterward moved to Iowa, living in different counties for some time, and about 1857 came to Missouri, locating in Putnam County, in their present neighborhood, where he bought and improved land. His first purchase consisted of but eighty acres, but he now owns 120 acres, eighty being well



fenced and cultivated, and the balance in timber and brush land. He has been a resident of the county since first coming here with the exception of two years spent in Iowa. To himself and wife eight children have been born: James E., of Benton County, Mo.; Malinda J. (wife of J. A. Goddard), David L., Bruce, Benjamin R., Martha E. (wife of William C. Michael), Thomas J., Emiline (of Ozark, Mo., wife of Peter M. Ward) and Henry P. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce are members of the Christian Church, and very hospitable people.

Peter Bucher was born near Berne, in Switzerland, in 1833, and is the eldest of a family of six children born to Peter and Margaret (White) Bucher, natives of Switzerland, who came to the United States in 1845, and settled in Indiana. The mother died in 1872, but the father is still living, and a resident of Greene County, Ind. His father, also named Peter, went to Greene County from Switzerland, where he passed the remainder of his life. The maternal grandfather of our subject was also a native Swiss, and moved to Greene County, Ind., where he died. The subject of this sketch accompanied his parents upon their removal to Greene County, Ind., afterward moving to Monroe County, Iowa, in 1854, and then to Putnam County, Mo., in 1856. He was educated at an academy in his native land, but, after coming to America, first worked as a day laborer, and afterward firing and engineering for a saw and grist-mill until 1859. He then devoted his attention to farming and stock raising, and as the fruit of his industry and practical business ability is now the owner of a splendidly improved farm of 240 acres of good land, upon which he resides. This land is well stocked and equipped for farming and stock raising, and in addition to this tract he also owns others in the county. In 1859 he was married to Miss Sarah S., daughter of Reuben Beary, a native of Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Bucher five children have been born: Reuben T., Elmore (deceased), Carrie, Maggie and David. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Bucher are formally united with any church, but both are in sympathy with the United Brethren denomination. Mr. Bucher is a Republican in politics, and on about March 12, 1864, enlisted in Company B, Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, serving until the fall of 1865, when he was mustered out at Louisville, Ky. Mr. Bucher is one of the enterprising farmer citizens of the township, and enjoys the respect of the community.

Philip Burlingame was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., and is the eighth of nine children born to John and Phœbe (Tompkins) Burlingame, natives of the same county, where they passed their lives. They were of English and German descent, respectively. The mother was a daughter of Moses and Layner Tomp-

kins, also natives of Dutchess County, where they lived and died. Philip moved to Putnam County, Mo., in 1862 (while on the road stopping in Illinois two months), and has since been a resident of this county. He has received all his education since becoming of age, as his youth was spent upon a farm and his educational opportunities were few. He has always engaged in farm work, and when but eleven years old was obliged to begin the fight of life for himself. He worked at first as a day laborer, but by persistent efforts and patient economy has become the owner of a well improved farm upon which he resides of 630 acres. This farm is well stocked, and in every way fully equipped for farming and stock raising. In 1863 he married Mrs. Emily Maxwell, *nee* Clear, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Clear, natives of Ohio and New Jersey, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Burlingame six children have been born: Mary, Ella, Charles, Miles (deceased), Jacob Frederick and Frank Lawrence. Mr. Burlingame is a Republican in politics; he is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

J. E. Burnham, attorney, is a native of Mason County, Ill., and was born January 9, 1857. He attended the Illinois University one term, and in 1878 began the study of law at Union College of Law, Chicago, and was admitted to the bar in Mercer County, Missouri, in September, 1880, and in 1882 located at Unionville and began to practice his chosen profession. In 1878 he was united in marriage to Anna Young, a native of Mason County, Ill., by whom two sons and two daughters have been born, named, respectively, Guy, True, Daisy and Carrie, all living save Guy. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and himself and wife are united with the Christian Church. The Burnham family is descended from three brothers who came from England prior to the Revolutionary War, in which they engaged, and all three located in Connecticut. Festus, the grandfather of our subject, was born in that State, lived and died there. The father, Henry C., was born in Connecticut, married in Ohio to Angeline Carrier, with whom he afterward moved to Illinois, where they now reside, at Havana. J. E. was the fourth of seven children, four sons and three daughters, born to his parents. His two elder sisters are now deceased. Carrie, the youngest, resides with her parents. His three brothers are all living, Alonzo, the eldest, being a physician, with a large and lucrative practice near Jacksonville, Ill. George is an attorney in Kansas City, with a good business. Philo, the youngest, resides on the old homestead near Mason City, Ill., where he is engaged in the raising of fine horses.

Frank A. Burns, treasurer of Putnam County, was born in Schuyler County, Mo., December 25, 1854, where he was reared

and educated at the country schools. At the age of seventeen he accepted a position as clerk in a general store at Glenwood, Schuyler Co., and remained there eight years, being in business part of the time for himself. In March, 1879, he moved to Putnam County, and in September of the same year located in Unionville, where he clerked for a time, then being appointed deputy county clerk. In 1882 he was a candidate for county treasurer before the Republican county convention, and went into the convention with three delegates over a majority instructed for him, but was defeated under a two-thirds rule. In November, 1886, he was elected county treasurer by a majority of 400 votes. March 27, 1877, he was married to Mary Horne, a native of Ohio, by whom two children have been born, Emerson and Edgar. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. His paternal great-grandfather was a native of Scotland. His grandfather, George, was born near Harper's Ferry, and the paternal grandmother was born in Pennsylvania, in 1757, and was of German descent. John W., the father, was born in Clermont County, Ohio, June 20, 1820, and married in Indiana to Ethelinda Bradley, a native of Kentucky. In the spring of 1844 they immigrated to Missouri, locating in Howard County, and in the fall of the same year moved to Schuyler County, and from there to Unionville in 1879. Our subject is the youngest of four sons and three daughters born to them, all living save one. The maternal grandfather, Samuel Bradley, was born in Kentucky in 1790, and was in the War of 1812, and was taken prisoner and held by the British six or eight months. He married Elizabeth Nichols, a lady of Welsh descent, in 1813, and moved to Indiana in 1826, and to Missouri in 1844. Mrs. Frank A. Burns is a daughter of William and Lucy Horne, a native of Germany, and was born in Warren County, Ohio, August 28, 1854, and moved with her parents to Iowa in October, 1855.

E. L. Burrill, proprietor of the Barnum Hotel, is a native of Maine, and was born March 4, 1836, and in early childhood accompanied his parents to Massachusetts, locating in Lowell. At the age of nine he went to New Hampshire, and was there reared by his relatives upon a farm. In 1857 he immigrated west to Springfield, Ill., and served as fireman on the Great Western Railroad, between Naples and the Indiana State line. He worked on this road thirteen years, part of the time being passenger conductor, which position he afterward filled upon the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad nine years. He then worked on the Wabash & Grand Trunk Railroad in that capacity eight years, and then opened the Trenton House, at Trenton, Mo., August 16, 1886. He ran this until July 11, 1887, at

which date he took charge of the Barnum Hotel, which he is now conducting. In 1864 he was united in marriage to Helen Conant, a native of Michigan, by whom one son and two daughters have been born. He is a worthy member of the F. & A. M., A. O. U. W. and O. R. C. Our subject's great-grandfather, Patrick, immigrated to America from Scotland. The paternal grandfather died in Maine, and Stephen D., E. L.'s father, was a native of Maine, but lived in Lowell, Mass., where he died. Olivia (Hall) Burrill, the mother of our subject, was born in New Hampshire, and died at Lowell, Mass. His maternal grandfather, John Hall, was wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill, and died in Maine. Mr. Burrill is one of six children, four sons and two daughters, all living. Cyrus W. and also his brother, S. D., were in the United States naval service during the war of secession, and defended their country's honor during that time on board a man of war. John is the other brother.

J. H. Carroll, attorney at law, and member of the firm of Carroll & Brawford, real estate, loan and insurance agents, located in Unionville in February of 1881, and has since followed his profession here. He was born June 27, 1857, and when a child of six years went with his mother from Toledo, Ohio, to Cincinnati, to visit his father, who had been wounded on a Southern battlefield. At Cincinnati, Ohio, our subject was lost, and was compelled to earn his living blacking boots for several months, after which he was cared for at the children's home, and placed upon a farm near Cincinnati. At the age of seventeen he began to teach school and to study law, and continued his studies until 1880, when he was admitted to the Cincinnati bar, where he practiced until the date of his location in Unionville. He preceded W. H. Korn's in the management of the Unionville *Democrat*, and was the prosecuting attorney in 1883. He is now the prosecuting attorney for Missouri of the Chicago, Burlington & Kansas City Railroad. In 1880 he was united in marriage to Cill Woodrow, a native of Highland County, Ohio, by whom two daughters have been born: Vera E. and Frances M., the younger being born on President Cleveland's wedding day in 1886. Despite a great amount of advertising, far and wide, Mr. Carroll has never been able to find a clue to his parents, but in 1872, discovered a younger brother, W. J. Carroll, whom his mother had left in Toledo, and upon her failure to return was cared for by the Sisters of Charity until seven years of age. His history from that date is given below in the sketch of Carroll & Fahren, of which firm he is a member. Mr. Carroll is now one of the most prosperous and enterprising citizens of the county, and enjoys a lucrative practice.

William Carroll, member of the clothing firm of Carroll & Fahren, was born at Toledo, Ohio, December 14, 1860, and when about seven years old went to Morgan County, Ind., where he resided upon a farm until 1876, and then taught school in Iowa until the spring of 1881, when he engaged in the clothing trade at Keosauqua, Iowa, for two years. He was then interested in the same business for one year at Farmington, after which he located at Unionville, and in August, 1886, formed the firm of which he is the senior member. They are successors to G. W. Jordan, and carry a complete line of ready-made clothing, gents' hats, caps, boots, shoes, etc. They occupy a store opposite the court-house on the north side of the public square, 22x80 feet, and are recognized among the leading and enterprising merchants and citizens of Union Township.

Mrs. Sarah A. Casady, widow of William Casady, was born in 1824. Her parents, William and Ann (Ireton) Surry, were natives of New Jersey, and were married in Clermont County, Ohio, in 1823. The father was of Dutch descent and a volunteer in the War of 1812. His death occurred about 1843. The mother was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died about 1846. The subject of this sketch married William Casady in 1839, in Brown County, Ohio; he was born in New Jersey, in 1816, and was then living in Ohio. In 1856 he removed to Putnam County, Mo., and located in Elm Township, where he purchased a farm near the present site of Graysville. He afterward removed to Unionville where he died in 1880, being at that time one of the successful farmers of the township. Mrs. Casady is a faithful and consistent member of the United Brethren Church, and one who has the respect and esteem of the community in which she lives. She is the mother of a large family of ten children, nine of whom are living: James L., Rebecca Ann (wife of Hamilton W. Berry), George W. (of Schuyler County), Mary L. (wife of Elisha Beard of Appanoose County, Iowa), Samuel, Emma (wife of Newton Liverzey), Hannah E. (wife of Elijah McKinley), William Orin and Olive J. (wife of Thomas Benton Carter).

Lewis A. Clapper was born in Richland County, Ohio, December 28, 1835, and is a son of Judge Jacob and Hannah (Pierce) Clapper. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1812, and when a lad went with his parents to Ohio, where he was reared and married. He was a carpenter by trade, and followed that business and wool carding. He located in Scotland County, Mo., in 1839, of which he was elected county judge. In 1884 he removed to Schuyler County, where he is living, aged seventy-five. L. A. Clapper grew to manhood in Scotland County, and

received a good common-school education. In 1858 he went to Minnesota, and engaged in the cattle business for two years. He came to Putnam County when a young man, and engaged in the mercantile business with his brother (now deceased) for one year. He then located upon the farm where he now resides. In March, 1862, he was married to Miss Mary E., daughter of Edward Crumpacker, formerly of Virginia, and a substantial man of Putnam County. Mr. Clapper owns 260 acres of well fenced land, 140 in meadow and plow land, and the remainder in timbered pasture. He has a good house, with accompanying out-buildings, and about 250 select apple trees. He is a Democrat, and has served as township collector one term. Mr. and Mrs. Clapper have had six children: Iza L. (wife of Lee Robins), Florence V., Jacob Edward, William Lewis, Pearl Rivers and Henry Odin. Both husband and wife are members of the Christian Church, and genial, hospitable people.

James J. Clapper, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Scotland County, Mo., January 12, 1840, and is a son of Judge Jacob and Hannah (Pierce) Clapper [see sketch of L. A. Clapper]. James J. passed his boyhood and youth upon the farm in his native county, and January 14, 1864, was married to Martha A. Carder, daughter of Henry Carder, of Scotland County, but formerly from Kentucky. Mrs. Clapper was also born and reared in Scotland County, where she continued to live after marriage, her husband engaging in farming. In October, 1868, having sold their farm, they moved to Putnam County, and located in Jackson Township. Mr. Clapper located upon his present farm in 1869, which was then partly improved. He now owns 140 acres of well fenced meadow, pasture and plow land. He is very comfortably situated in a good house, and has a fine orchard of about 200 apple trees of select varieties. He is a Democrat in politics, and is now discharging the duties of his fourth successive term as justice of the peace, and has been on the school board several years, and is now serving as clerk. He has a family of six children: Thomas E., Mary E., John J., Jacob H., William C. and Lillie L. One child was lost while very young, named Freddie C. Mr. and Mrs. Clapper are both members of the Christian Church.

Levi Clark, farmer and stock raiser, was born in the central part of New York State, October 14, 1814, and is a son of Silas and Phoebe (Sherman) Clark, natives of Massachusetts and New York, respectively. The family moved to Indiana during the early childhood of our subject, and settled in the eastern part of that State. About 1824 they settled in Decatur County, where the father died near Indianapolis. Levi arrived at manhood

while in Decatur County, and then removed to Clinton County, where he married, November 3, 1842, Levinia Dunn. He then farmed in Clinton County until he came to Missouri in 1852. He entered 160 acres of unimproved land where he now resides, which he proceeded to make into a home. He now has a nice place in meadow pasture and plow land, all fenced, and has an orchard of about 125 choice apple trees and a good house and outbuildings. His wife died in Putnam County, in 1871, leaving five children: Nancy J. (wife of M. V. Loomis), Docia Ann (widow of Jackson Cook), W. L. (of Nebraska), George E. (of Nebraska), and T. F. (who lives with his father). The last three are married. September 15, 1877, Mr. Clark married Lucinda, former wife of Franklin Carter, and daughter of William Shirley, of Indiana. Mrs. Clark was born in Kentucky, but reared in Indiana, where she was married. To this union one child, Thomas F., was born in Putnam County, July 25, 1856. March 27, 1887, he was married in Putnam County to Eutoka Williams, daughter of Daniel C. Williams, of Mercer County. Mrs. Clark, Jr., was born in Warsaw, Iowa, and is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Levi Clark joined the Christian Church while in Indiana, and his wife is also a member of the same denomination.

Edmund Clifton, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of York Township, was born in Owen County, Ky., in 1827, and in 1855 moved to Putnam County, Mo., where he has since resided. When twenty-three years of age he started to battle with the world alone, and although he began life with nothing, has, by his own unassisted toil, industry and economy become the owner of 140 acres of good land, well equipped for farming. In 1850 he married Miss Julia A. Wilson, a native of Kentucky, by whom ten children have been born: Elizabeth, Mary E., Isaac, Charles H., Sarah, Edmund, Martha, William H., Annie (dead) and Louisa. Mrs. Clifton is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Clifton is a member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Democrat and as such has served his township in several official capacities. In 1861 he enlisted in Company B, Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, and was mustered out of service at Louisville, Ky., after serving three years and six months. He is the third child born to Charles and Polly (Smith) Clifton, natives of Delaware and Virginia, respectively. Mrs. Clifton was a widow of Mr. Osborn at the time of her marriage with Mr. Clifton, who was a son of David and Esther Clifton, early settlers of Delaware and Virginia.

Samuel Coker was born in Morgan County, Ill., in 1825, and in 1865 moved to Mercer County, Mo., where he remained until 1869, then locating permanently in Putnam County, Mo. He

was reared upon the farm in Morgan County, Ill., and has always been engaged in farming and stock raising. During his early life he received a good common-school education, and when but a young man began life for himself with no capital. He has, however, by industry and good management become the owner of 160 acres of good land upon which he lives, and which is under a fine state of cultivation. In 1849 he was united in marriage to Miss Julia Ann, daughter of John J. and Hester (Blair) Miller, who were born in Tennessee near Nashville, where Mrs. Coker was born. Mrs. Coker, when but a year old, was taken to Morgan County, Ill., and then to Sangamon County, where her mother died, Mr. Miller living until after he had moved to Putnam County. He was of Irish descent and a son of Peter and Mary Miller, natives of Tennessee. Mrs. Miller was of German origin and a daughter of Andrew and Sarah Blair, her father being a native of North Carolina. To Mr. and Mrs. Coker thirteen children have been born: Alexander (deceased), Sarah H., Isadore A., Samuel C. and William S. (twins), John D., Charles C., Lizzie D., Irene H., Absalom G., Effie L., Rosa L. and Andrew L. The family are attendants of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Coker is a Democrat in politics as was also his father. To his parents, Dennis and Sarah (Jones) Coker, natives of North Carolina, nine children were born, of whom he was the third. His parents were of Dutch and English descent; the father was a successful farmer and soldier in the War of 1812.

Jasper N. Comstock, member of the firm of Comstock Bros., dealers and manufacturers of harness, saddlery, etc., was born in Unionville, June 1, 1860, and has always resided in the town of his nativity. He worked upon the farm and in a carding mill until nineteen years old, and then learned the harness trade with A. M. Sweet of Unionville, with whom he remained until April, 1883, and soon after that time purchased the stock of H. F. Hughes, and has since been located at his present place of business. In November, 1881, he was united in marriage to Ida Robbins, a native of the county, by whom two sons and one daughter have been born. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. His brother, James M., who resides upon the farm, is his partner in the business above mentioned, in which they employ two men and carry a fine stock, ranking among the enterprising merchants of Unionville. John C., the paternal grandfather of our subject, died in Howard County, Kas. Frank French, the father, came from Iowa to Putnam County, in 1860, and operated a carding mill about fifteen years, since which time he has followed agricultural pursuits. The mother, Mary (Underwood) Comstock, is still living. Jasper N. is one of twelve children—five sons



and seven daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Comstock, of whom three sons and five daughters still live.

Thomas Cossel, farmer and stock raiser, Section 16, Grant Township, settled upon his present place, which was then slightly improved, in December, 1872. He first purchased eighty acres of land, and after he had improved same, bought thirty acres more. Eighty-two acres are well fenced and cultivated into meadow and plow land. He is comfortably situated in a nice house one-and-a-half-story high, and has a good new barn, etc. He was born June 29, 1847, and moved to Davis County, Iowa, with his father, in 1854, where he grew to manhood. He was united in marriage, in Putnam County, on January 14, 1872, to Demuries, daughter of James and Celina Richardson, who reside near Unionville, and came from Indiana. Mrs. Cossel was born in Indiana, September 24, 1854, and is the mother of two children: Sylva and Ida. Mr. Cossel is a son of Michael Cossel, a native of Virginia, who went to Illinois with his father, John Cossel, also a native of Virginia. Michael Cossel grew to manhood and was married in Coles County, Ill., to Martha McCord, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of Asa McCord, a native of that State. Thomas Cossel is the oldest of a family of four sons and three daughters; four brothers and two sisters still living. One of his brothers lives in Lewis County, one in Kansas, and one at home with his father. All are married. The two sisters who survive are married, one living in Davis County, Iowa, and one in Texas.

A. J. Crist, a successful farmer and stock raiser of Lincoln Township, was born July 28, 1836, in Marion County, Ind., and is the third child of James M. and Amanda (McIlvain) Crist, who had in all ten children. James Christ was born March 10, 1807, in Indiana Territory, now Dearborn County, Ind. He went to Marion County, Ind., and about 1853 to Putnam County, Mo.; in 1857 to Kansas, and in 1859 returned to Putnam County, where he resided until his death. He began life for himself when hardly of age, with no money, so that his property was the result of his own unassisted toil and good management. At the time of his death he owned 240 acres of good land, well-improved and cultivated, besides property in Unionville. During the Rebellion he served his country in the Missouri State Militia. He was an active, zealous and faithful member of the Missionary Baptist Church for nearly fifty years, and was a deacon of same over forty years. He helped to organize the Baptist Church, which he attended, and furnished the greater part of the money and material required for the building. He was a highly respected citizen and always ready to aid educational and philanthropic enterprises. He was married in 1831 to Amanda

McIlvain, by whom he had ten children, five of whom are still living. Mrs. Crist died August 10, 1873, and Mr. Crist was married a second time on April 30, 1874, to Miss Mary E. Rogers, a native of Kentucky, and daughter of Isaac and Lucy M. (Baird) Rogers, natives of Albemarle County, Va., and Barren County, Ky., respectively. The father was of Welsh-English and the mother of German descent. Isaac Rogers was a son of Achilles and Mary (George) Rogers, natives of England and Wales, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Crist two children were born: Lillie May and James M. James M. Crist, Sr., was a son of George and Elizabeth (Lord) Crist, natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Indiana. A. J. Crist, the immediate subject of this sketch, moved from his native county to Howard County, Ind., from there to Miami County, and from there to Putnam County, Mo., in October, 1854. In 1857 he went to Kansas, but in 1865 returned to Putnam County, where he has since resided. Although when a young man he began life poor, he is now worth 120 acres of good land, the result of industry and good management. In 1863 he enlisted in Company I, Fourteenth Kansas Cavalry, and upon the close of the war was mustered out of service at Port Gibson, Cherokee Nation. On December 10, 1857, he married Miss Louisa Rennels, daughter of Adolphus Rennels, and to this union two children have been born: Melissa and Emily O. Mr. and Mrs. Crist are both active members of the Missionary Baptist Church. In politics the former is a Republican, and he is a member of the G. A. R.

Richard A. Cullor was born in Stokes County, North Carolina, June 1, 1836, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Mosier) Cullor, natives of the same county. The father was a man of considerable means, and engaged in farming, milling, distilling, and kept a store. He owned no slaves, hiring all his help. He died in North Carolina in 1838. Richard A. grew to manhood in his native county, and received a good education in Guilford County, N. C., at the Gordon College (Quaker institution), which he attended two years, but was obliged to leave on account of ill health. He afterward taught some in North Carolina and Putnam County, Mo. July 27, 1858, he was married in Stokes County to Miss Susan Laura Tilley, daughter of Aaron B. Tilley, who was a slaveholder and large farmer. There Mrs. Cullor was born and reared. In January, 1860, they went to Sangamon County, Ill., and, after living there a few months, came to Missouri, settling first in Shelby County. In the fall of 1863 they came to Putnam County, locating about half a mile from his present residence. He now owns 510 acres of land in the home place, all fenced, and the greater part fine bottom land on Locust

Creek. His land is well improved, and he lives in a good two-story brick and basement residence, with accompanying outbuildings, orchard, etc. In 1864 Mr. Cullor enlisted in the Twelfth Missouri Cavalry, and served until discharged, April 13, 1866. A stranger in the community, without friends or relatives, and destitute of the necessities of life, he was forced into the service though religiously opposed to war—forced to espouse that which he most disliked, or lose his life. At that time one of the most active men in this vicinity was an influential Freemason, who, among other cruelties, ordered to be shot Rev. John L. Wood, of Sullivan County, for no reason save that he was a Democrat in principles. He participated in the Nashville fight and several skirmishes, but his duty called him on the plains, hunting Indians, from the 1st of July, 1865, to April 13, 1866. During this time his command missed their supply train, and for twenty days they were without rations, surrounded by Indians, and obliged to subsist on wild-rose berries, buds, etc., and the flesh of horses and mules. Although suffering such hardships as these, they were not without their good effects, for it was during this period that Mr. Cullor was cured of a serious disease contracted while in the South. Politically he was a Democrat, but has never sought or held office, except as president for two years of Putnam County Association—an organization opposed to secret societies—which called forth such opposition and hatred that his life was twice endangered. His son, Luther, was wrongfully imprisoned for over three years. In other ways Mr. Cullor has been greatly persecuted, and has been literally deprived of property aggregating the sum of nearly \$7,000. For all this, however, he holds no revenge, and, as he expresses it, is thankful to God for His mercy and grace. He has eleven children: Jephtha T. (married in Colorado), Jasper E. (who died when ten months old), Martin L., Joseph R., Eliza Frances (wife of David Haup, of Kansas), Minnie L., Lee Lora, Richard A., Mary Ida, Willie Mettie and Neal Fred.

John Daly was born in Sullivan County, Mo., in 1839, and is a son of William and Permelia (Holland) Daly. The father was born in Kentucky, in 1802, and about 1834 went to Sullivan County, Mo., locating near Scottsville. In 1851 he located in York Township, Putnam County, and in 1853 went to Oregon. He was one of the earliest settlers of both Putnam and Sullivan Counties. His wife, Permelia, was born in East Tennessee, in 1811, and died in 1866. Her father, Jacob Holland, was the first white man that ever settled in Sullivan County. Mrs. Daly was twice married, her first husband having been Peter Taylor. She was the mother of twelve children, our subject being the

first of a family of eight born to her second marriage. He came to Putnam County, Ind., when twelve years old, and January 31, 1861, married Miss Sarah Young, *nee* Ellis. This lady was born in Putnam County, Ind., in 1832, and is the mother of six children: Nancy (wife of Charles Howry), Rebecca (wife of Ethan Griffin) Joseph T., John, Bertie and Eldora. To Mrs. Daly's first marriage four children were born: Hercules, Lewis, Mary (wife of E. G. Amack) and Henry. After his marriage Mr. Daly located in York Township, where he resided until three years ago, then moving to Wilson Township. He is the owner of 160 acres of beautifully located and well cultivated land, three-fourth miles south of Wyreka. In March, 1885, Mr. Daly was appointed superintendent of the county poor-farm by the county court, and since that time has been re-employed twice, now serving his third year. He receives a salary of \$750 per year and farms the place of 308 acres. Himself and wife are Protestant Methodists, and care for those under their charge faithfully and kindly. In politics Mr. Daly is a Republican.

L. P. Davis was born on October 16, 1845, in Clinton County, Ky., and moved to Knox County, Ill., in 1856. With his parents, two years later, he came to Putnam County, Mo., where he has since resided. When seventeen years old he started out in life upon his own responsibility, and as the fruit of labor and economy now owns 760 acres of finely improved and well stocked land. He enlisted in 1862 in the Missouri State Militia as a substitute, serving nearly a year. Then after remaining home a short time he enlisted August 12, 1864, in Company D, Forty-second Missouri Volunteer Infantry. He served about eleven months, being mustered out of service at Nashville, Tenn., having served from the organization of his company as second duty sergeant. His life occupation has been that of farming, and he is considered one of the best farmer citizens in the county. In March, 1867, he was married to Miss Mary A. Crist, daughter of J. M. and Amanda (McIlvain) Crist, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. Mrs. Davis was born May 3, 1852, in Miami County, Ind., but in 1854 was taken by her parents to Putnam County, Mo., going thence to Kansas in 1857; after a residence there of two years she returned to Putnam County, which has since been her home. To Mr. and Mrs. Davis four children have been born: Lincoln C., James M., Ora (deceased), and Alva Merritt. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Davis is a Republican in politics and has served his township five years as collector, in a highly satisfactory manner. He is a member of the G. A. R. To his parents, C. J. and Virginia Davis, eleven children were born, of whom he was the

eldest. His parents are at present living and residing in Putnam County, aged sixty-four and sixty-two years, respectively. The grandparents, Absalom and Allie (Guffey) Davis, were natives of Sevier County, Tenn., and the grandfather was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church many years. His parents, Robert and Anarilla (Wood) Davis, were born in Amherst County, Va., and Botetourt County, Va., respectively, and died in the year 1843. They moved from Virginia to North Carolina, then returned to Virginia, and then went to Sevier County, Tenn., and in 1804 moved to Clinton County, Ky. While in Kentucky they became converts to the Methodist faith, and became active and conscientious workers in that church. J. M. Crist, the father of Mrs. L. P. Davis, was born March 10, 1807, and died February 4, 1887. His wife was born January 1, 1814, and died August 10, 1873. Ten children were born to this union. Mrs. Crist was a daughter of James McIlvain, who was born January 1, 1767, and married Miss Margaret Gay, who was born September 8, 1772. Eight children were born of this union, Mrs. Davis' mother being the youngest.

Henry C. Dickson was born in Sullivan County, Mo., October 4, 1844, and is a son of Judge George W. Dickson, a native of Miami County, Ohio, born February 1, 1820. His father, William Dickson, was born in South Carolina, June 3, 1798, and his mother, Mary (Sinks) Dickson, was born in North Carolina, in September, 1800. George W. spent his youth in his native county, and is a self-made and self-educated man, having become the latter almost entirely after reaching manhood. He was married in Darke County, at Greenville, near Old Treaty, where Gens. Wayne and Harrison treated with the Indians. Elizabeth Delk became his wife February 14, 1839. She was the daughter of Ethelred Delk, a soldier in the War of 1812. Her birthplace was in Preble County, Ohio, where she was born May 4, 1821, and she was reared in that and Darke County, Ohio. Directly after their marriage they moved to Randolph County, Ind., and eighteen months later, in November, 1840, came to Missouri, crossing the Mississippi River on the day Harrison was elected president. They spent one year in Grundy County, and about the same length of time in Livingston County. In the fall of 1843 they moved to Linn County (now Sullivan), and in 1848 came from there to Putnam County (then Dodge), locating in Jackson Township. Previous to this time Mr. Dickson had served as treasurer of the county, and after coming to Putnam County, he served sixteen years in succession as justice of the peace. He was the second county judge of the county. During the war, in 1862, he was appointed probate judge, and served

two years in that capacity. He is now identified with the Greenback party, although formerly he was a Democrat, and during the war was identified with and worked for the Republicans. He located upon his present place in April, 1853, entering 120 acres of land. He now owns 100 acres, forty in timber land and the remainder in meadow and plow. He has raised a family of eight children, six of whom are living: William Dickson, married and in Wilson Township; Henry C., married and living in Jackson Township; Elizabeth E., widow of E. Hodson, of Smith County, Kas.; Ann V., wife of Joseph F. Coppock, of Kansas. Those deceased are Albina, wife of James L. Johnson, died April 12, 1863, leaving two children, and Charles, who died in September, 1862, at Helena, Ark. He was a soldier in the late war, and served in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry. Judge Dickson became a Mason in 1863, and belongs to the Unionville, Mo., lodge. He is engaged in the nursery business, in which he embarked about 1876, and now has about 15,000 trees of different kinds of fruit. His nursery is known as the "Star Nursery." Henry C. Dickson, the immediate subject of this sketch, came to Putnam County, Mo., with his parents, when a small boy, where he grew to manhood and received a common-school education. July 11, 1861, he enlisted with the First Missouri Cavalry, as a private. He participated in the fights at Blue Mound, Mo., Snye Hills, Lone Jack, Prairie Grove, Ark., Van Buren, Ark., Clarendon and Little Rock. Near Fayetteville he was taken prisoner. He also participated in several skirmishes, and was mustered out at Little Rock, September 13, 1865, at that time being corporal of Company I, First Missouri Cavalry. He returned home in 1865, and then spent a year in Indiana, where he learned the carpenter's trade. He then returned to Putnam County in 1867, and in April of that year married Susan C., daughter of Arthur McClure, of Putnam County. Mrs. Dickson was born in Greenbrier County, Va., and was reared and educated in her native State. In September, 1883, Mr. Dickson went with a team and his family to Eureka Springs, Ark., where he remained a year on account of his wife's health. He has been engaged in the carpentering business for many years, and has contracted for and built many county bridges, school-houses, etc. In connection with this he has worked a farm of 193 acres. He was a strong Republican until the organization of the Greenback party, when he joined its ranks. He has served as justice eight years in succession, having first been elected to that office in 1869. In his family are Frances E., Ethred D., Arthur W., Nancy E., Charles E. and Virgil L. Mr. Dickson is a member of the G. A. R. post at Xenia. He is this year engaged in the manufacture of a kiln of brick (100,000) for his own and market use.

Alexander Elson, postmaster of Unionville, Putnam Co., Mo., was born in Clark County, Mo., July 1, 1839, and is a son of Richard T., who was born in Kentucky, near Louisville, and in 1837 married there to Zenobia Dinwiddie, also a native of the same State. In 1837 they moved to Marion County, Ind., and two years later to Clark County, Mo., landing in Alexandria in March, 1839. They are now both residents of Putnam County, living near Unionville. The paternal great-grandfather of our subject came from England, and located in Kentucky, where Alexander's grandfather, Cornelius, was born. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and participated in Perry's victory. He died in Wayne County, Iowa. Mr. Elson is the eldest child of the six sons and four daughters born to his parents. Four sons were raised to maturity and are still living. Alexander Elson, when about twelve years old, was taken by his parents to Lee County, Iowa, and about six years later to Wayne County, Iowa, where he was married in 1861 to Martha Toliver, a native of McLean County, Ill. He engaged in farming in Wayne County until April 1, 1866, and then moved to Unionville, where he embarked in the dry goods trade, under the firm name of Elson & Elson, an uncle being the other member of the firm. He continued in the mercantile business for twelve years, and then engaged in the lumber business until June, 1886, when he sold out to the Baldwin Lumber Company, of Keokuk, Iowa. Since that time he has devoted his time to farming and fulfilling the duties of the post-office, to which position he was commissioned August 25, 1885. He now owns a farm of 160 acres in Union Township. He has had two sons and four daughters, but two of the daughters are now deceased. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

Birt Fahren, of the firm of Carroll & Fahren, merchants of Unionville, Mo., was born in Vandalia, Ill., where he was reared and educated. He spent five years as a traveling salesman, and in August, 1886, located in Unionville, and became a member of the above named firm. His father, Fred Fahren, was born in Germany, and immigrated to America, where he was married in St. Louis, Mo., to Amelia Wall, a native of Philadelphia, and also of German descent. Birt Fahren lost his father in early childhood. He had two brothers, one of whom died in infancy, and the other, Fred, is now in the banking business at Vandalia, Ill., and is captain of the Illinois National Guards. The father was engaged in the banking business during the active years of his life, and his death occurred in San Francisco. Mrs. Fahren died in Mason, Ill. Mr. Birt Fahren is an enterprising and prosperous business man of Unionville, and by integrity and fair

dealing the firm of which he is a member has established a good and constantly increasing business.

James H. Forbes was born in Lee County, Va., January 4, 1841, and is a son of the Rev. David and Martha (Richardson) Forbes, natives of North Carolina, and Carter County, Tenn., respectively. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Forbes lived in Carter County about eight years, and then lived six years in Lee County, Va., after which they returned to Carter County. In 1851 they removed to Davis County, Iowa, and in 1853 located in Putnam County, Mo., where the father died in September, 1878. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church until 1861, when he united with the United Brethren Church, and continued to preach until his death. James H. came to Missouri with his father, and received a good education during his youth. In July, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, as musician. After serving in that regiment three years and four months he was discharged in November, 1864, at Chattanooga, Tenn. He accompanied Sherman to Atlanta, and carried a musket about one year. He was present at the engagement at Shiloh, the second battle at Corinth, Resaca, Dallas, and in the rear of Atlanta, July 22, 1864, and several other fights and skirmishes. He received a shot across the top of his head, but did not leave the ranks. After his discharge he returned home, and was married in Schuyler County, in July, 1865, to Nancy E. Wright, daughter of Zachariah Wright. After his marriage Mr. Forbes located upon his present place, which now consists of 280 acres of land, 200 well improved, and upon which he has erected good buildings. He has three orchards of select fruit trees, and in connection with his farming has a blacksmith shop upon his farm, as he is a blacksmith by trade, and has worked at same ever since the war. He has a family of eight children: Martha J. (wife of Zeph. Eahart), Alice (wife of Samuel Neighbors), James E., Minnie, Isabelle, Ida, Nora and Robert. Mr. Forbes is a member of the G. A. R. Post at Glenwood, and in politics is a Republican. He is a public-spirited citizen, and has served two terms in succession as justice of the peace, and also as township clerk and assessor two terms.

John N. Franklin, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Highland County, Ohio, April 21, 1829. His father, Maj. Anthony Franklin, was born in Amherst County, Va., July 17, 1778, and settled in Highland County, Ohio, in 1795. He was married in Kentucky to Mary Nelson, also a native of Virginia. He was a prominent citizen of Highland County, owning a large tract of land, and during his residence in Highland County of over sixty years served as sheriff and deputy surveyor. During the war



he was major of the militia of the county. He died in Brush Creek Township, April 21, 1859. Of a family of ten children born to him, all grew to maturity, although but three are now living: Martha E. (wife of James P. Kreech, who lives upon the old homestead), Nelson A. Franklin, who represented his county in the Legislature several years, and was also a State senator, and our subject. One brother, Cyrus, was also a member of the Legislature. John N. Franklin passed his youth and reached maturity upon the home farm in Highland County, during which time he received a good common-school education. March 25, 1852, he married Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of James Lucas, of Highland County. Mrs. Franklin was born and reared in Brook County, Va., and is the mother of six children: Caius C. (married, and in Cheyenne, Neb.), Mark A. (also married and in Nebraska), Nelson A. (attorney at Kirksville), Benjamin and Thomas S., who are teachers, and one son who died in infancy. In 1855 Mr. Franklin left his native county, and located in Putnam County, Mo., buying 160 acres of Chariton River bottom land, where he has since resided. He has since added to his present purchase, and now owns over 800 acres of good land, half bottom land, most of his land being fenced, and a large portion devoted to meadows and pastures. He is a model farmer, a good business man, and a respected citizen. In politics he is Independent, and in creed a Methodist. Mrs. Franklin belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

John Fullen, farmer and stock raiser, is a native of England, and was born in Lancashire, February 25, 1837. His father, John Fullen, and his mother, Ann (Taylor) Fullen, were born in Ireland and England, respectively. The family emigrated to the United States in 1842, proceeding directly to Massachusetts, where the father followed his trade of block printer for several years, as he was a calico and delaine printer by trade. He moved to California from New York in 1853, where he still resides. Our subject was reared and educated in Massachusetts and New York. In 1855 he went to California, via the Isthmus and San Francisco, and remained at that place engaged in mining until 1859. He then returned via Aspinwall, the Isthmus and New York, and after traveling some time in Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and down the Mississippi River, located, in the fall of 1859, in Putnam County, Mo. In January, 1860, he moved upon his present place, first purchasing 280 acres of land, which he has improved, and to which he has added until he now owns 597 acres, 470 fenced and consisting of meadow, plow and pasture land, upon which are built comfortable outbuildings, etc. Mr. Fullen was married in Putnam County, Mo., in March, 1882,

to Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, a native of Virginia, who was reared in Ohio. Six children were born to her first union. Mr. Fullen served in the State Militia during the late war. He has been a resident of Putnam County since first locating here, with the exception of the time taken in a trip to California in the spring of 1881. He is a successful farmer, a popular citizen and honored gentlemen.

Dr. E. J. Geisinger, of Unionville, vice-president of the Marshall National Bank, is one of the most popular and successful practicing physicians in Northeast Missouri, and was born in Medina County, Ohio, October 19, 1849. He is a son of John and Lydia (Overholt) Geisinger, residents of Putnam County, and born in Canada and Pennsylvania, respectively. They were married in Ohio, and our subject is the eighth child of the four sons and five daughters born to this union. Four of the daughters are living, but all the sons save E. J. are deceased. The latter, at the age of five, accompanied his parents to Louisa County, Iowa, where he resided until 1868, and then came with his parents to Putnam County, Mo. He is a graduate of the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, and a post-graduate of the St. Louis (Mo.) Medical College. He began the practice of his profession at Newtown, Putnam County, in 1874, and remained there five years, then locating at Unionville, where he has since enjoyed a successful and lucrative practice. He also embarked in the drug business the year he located in Unionville, but abandoned it in April, 1887, being succeeded by W. C. Knight & Co. He was at one time a prominent member of the Grand River Medical Society, and is at present examining surgeon for pensions and numerous insurance companies, and has held the position of city health officer, a position he resigned. He owns a farm near Unionville, and takes great pride in fine stock, especially blooded horses, and the county is indebted to him for the introduction of some of the best stock in North Missouri. Among the horses owned by the Doctor, that are widely known, are the following: Ovid, foaled May 15, 1883 (No. 4015); sire—Caporel, by Sentinel, by Hambletonian; dam—Mary, by Woodford, Mambrino, etc. This horse shows more standard ancestors than any horse of his age. Sea Foam, with a 2:25 $\frac{3}{4}$  pacing record, has also a fine pedigree, as has also Black Diamond, a Kentucky saddle stallion of the Denmark family. December 29, 1883, he married Annie Stanley, a native of Mercer County, Mo., by whom Virgil N. and Joe Stanley have been born. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Encampment.

William T. Greene is a son of P. B. Greene who has been a resident of Putnam County since 1865. P. B. Greene is the son

of William Greene, who was born in 1802. William Greene married Miss Sophia Denton, and lived in Clark County, Ind., afterward, for twenty-nine years, during which time he became the father of eighteen children, fifteen by Miss Sophia Denton, one by his second wife, Miss Ellen Hoover, and two by his third wife, Mrs. Priscilla Lamasters, to whom he was married in 1843. The fifteen children by his first wife were as follows: Edward T., Lawrien, Philip B., Clement, William, Alexander, Mary, Jessie C. and Sarah (twins), Daniel and Indiana (twins), Harriet, Martha, Thomas and Christian; the one by his second wife was named Ellen, and the two by his third wife were Lucretia and Jeremiah H. William Greene was killed by a rail falling on his head while he was asleep. P. B. Greene was born in Clark County, Ind., October 20, 1825. At the age of eighteen he went to Jeffersonville, Ind., where he served six months as an apprentice with Joshua Fipps, an ax and hatchet maker, after which he served six months with a country blacksmith named John Connor. At the age of twenty-one he was married to Miss Nancy J. Arnold, December 4, 1847. She was born in Ohio County, Ky., January 26, 1827. To them were born eleven children: Priscilla, William T., John, Nancy A., George W., Martha, Indiana, James, Mary, Hannah and Lucinda. Mr. Greene followed blacksmithing as a trade from the age of eighteen to the age of fifty, since which time he has followed farming. The Greene family had a reunion on the fortieth anniversary of P. B. Greene and wife. The number present was thirty-six married sons and daughters with their wives, husbands and children. William T. Greene, the subject of this sketch, made the presentation speech on this occasion, the presents from children to parents consisting of an elegant silver service worth about \$60. He had also collected considerable material for a history of Putnam County, but finally came to the conclusion that to complete the enterprise would be unprofitable, and so abandoned the undertaking. Mr. Greene was married July 20, 1879, to Miss Sarah Jane Davis, daughter of Ceburn J. Davis, who has resided in Putnam County since 1858. Mrs. Greene was born June 18, 1858. To them have been born two children, Stanley Greene, born June 14, 1880, and Ovid Greene, born July 31, 1885, and died August 25, 1886.

John W. Haigler, farmer and stock raiser of Section 12, Jackson Township, was born in Randolph County, W. Va., February 27, 1821, and is a son of Jacob and Christina (Harper) Haigler, natives of Pendleton County, W. Va. Mr. Jacob Haigler served as a teamster in the War of 1812, and farming and stock raising were his occupations until his death, April 1, 1842. J. W. grew to maturity upon the farm in his native county, and

was there married, in the spring of 1848, to Judith Wamsley, a native of Randolph County, W. Va. To this marriage two children were born, one, who died in infancy, and Cletus, now in Kansas. Mrs. Haigler died in 1851, and after her death Mr. Haigler farmed in Randolph County until the spring of 1855, when he went to Iowa and located in Henry County, where he had previously entered land. Here he married his present wife, October 1, 1857, Miss Sarah Johnston, of Harrison County, Ohio, daughter of Hugh Johnston. The ceremony was performed by Hon. Henry Clay Dean. Mrs. Haigler was born in Steubenville, Ohio, and reared in Harrison County. In 1859 he moved to Randolph County, Mo., two miles from the present site of Moberly, where he farmed until 1863. He then purchased some land where he now resides, which he proceeded to cultivate, and to which he has since added. He now has 680 acres of land in the home place in one tract, 500 devoted to meadow and plow land, and 200 acres of pasture land in Medicine Township. Six children have been born to his last marriage: Elihu (married), Stewart, Alice (wife of William J. Halley) and Henry. Two children have died, viz: Elizabeth C., who died during childhood, in Randolph County, Mo.; Virginia, who died when a child. Mr. Haigler is a Democrat, and has served his township as treasurer and trustee. He is a self-made man, and highly respected in the community.

Dinwiddie Halley (deceased) was a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Lincoln Township, Putnam County, and was born in Clark County, Ky., in 1824. His parents, Henry and Polly (Patton) Halley, were pioneer settlers of Clark County, Ky. The father was a native of England, and, upon coming to the United States, first located in Kentucky. The subject of this sketch left his native county, and moved to Macon County, Mo., but, about 1842, removed to Sullivan County, and in 1865 came to Putnam County, where he lived until his death, which occurred March 22, 1875. He began life for himself in but ordinary circumstances, but by energy, industry, good business management and economy, amassed a comfortable competency, and owned, at the time of his death, about 2,100 acres of land, the home place containing over 700 acres, upon which he lived, and was also the possessor of other tracts elsewhere in the county, and a valuable tract near Kirksville, Adair County. He was a liberal father, and started his children in life with generous gifts of land, etc. September 19, 1844, he married Miss Elizabeth Triplett, a native of Pike County, Mo., and daughter of James C. and Nancy (Lydick) Triplett, natives of Fauquier County, Va., and Kentucky, respectively. Both, however, were reared in Bourbon

County, Ky., near Paris, but subsequently lived near Bowling Green, Ky. Mr. Triplett was a prominent citizen of Putnam County, and represented the same in the Legislature, besides filling various other political offices of honor and trust in different localities where he resided. To Mr. and Mrs. Halley eleven children were born: Nancy J. (deceased), Mary (deceased), James D., John A., George W. (deceased), Sarah E., William, J., Alonzo, Thomas, Adolphus (deceased) and Laura. Mr. Halley was a Democrat in politics, and, during the late war, served in the Missouri State Militia. He was a highly respected man and popular citizen in the community in which he lived and efficiently filled several official positions. In the year 1850 Mr. Halley went overland to California to dig for gold, and was successful to some extent. In the year 1863 he took another overland trip to Oregon, with a drove of horses and mules. Each trip occupied two years, his family remaining at home. His returns were from San Francisco to the Isthmus of Panama, thence to New York, and then home.

John Hamlin, farmer and stock raiser, was born July 26, 1834, in Stark County, Ohio. He was the third of thirteen children born to Benjamin and Susanna (Snyder) Hamlin, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was a successful farmer, which vocation he followed until his death, in the spring of 1858. His widow is living in Marshall County, Ind., aged eighty. John Hamlin moved to Marshall County, Ind., in the fall of 1855, and in the spring of 1857 came to Putnam County, where he has since resided. His youth was spent upon a farm, and at the age of twenty-two he began life for himself, and although he was poor at that time, has by energy and industry become a successful farmer and citizen. He owns a finely improved farm of 486 acres, which is well-stocked and equipped for farming. October 12, 1856 he married Miss Drusilla Ann, daughter of David and Nancy (Wood) Jordan, natives of Virginia. To this union were born fourteen children, viz.: one who died in infancy, David Benjamin (deceased), Nancy Susan (now Mrs. Elijah Porter), Elma Henrietta (now Mrs. James Harbert), Florence Cordelia (wife of George D. Smith), Jessie Lillian (deceased), Emerson Ellsworth, Weenty Almeda (deceased), Lloyd Upton, John DeLeon (deceased), Willard Clark, Mildred Ardella, Leola Althea and Annis Estelle Pearl. Mrs. Hamlin is a worthy and consistent member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Hamlin is a Republican in politics. March 4, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, Third Missouri Cavalry, but was transferred in a year to the Seventh Missouri Cavalry, being made corporal of his company. He was mustered out in St,

Louis the day of President Lincoln's assassination. He is a well-to-do citizen, respected and esteemed by those who know him.

Hon. James B. Harper was born in Champaign County, Ohio, August 16, 1833, and is a son of Samuel Harper, a native of Virginia. The father came to Champaign County, Ohio, with his parents, when an infant, and there grew to manhood, and married Charlotte Sargent, also a native of Virginia, and reared in that State. Samuel Harper was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he officiated as deacon several years. Both he and his wife died in 1876. The subject of this sketch lived upon his father's farm until twenty-two years of age, receiving a good education at the common schools of the neighborhood, which was supplemented at the Urbana High School. While living in Ohio he taught school about fifteen months, and, after coming to Missouri, taught from 1856 to 1864, nine terms in St. John. In the winter of 1879 he again taught in St. John, and also in 1876-78 taught in his own district. After coming to Missouri from Ohio, in 1856, he resided in St. John, Putnam County, until 1868. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the Thirty-third Missouri Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Clinton B. Fiske, serving until his discharge for disability in 1863, when he returned home. He was commissioned major of the Forty-fifth Regiment Enrolled Militia, and afterward colonel of the Thirty-ninth Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia in 1864, and did some effective service for his State in the Enrolled Militia. While a resident of St. John, in connection with teaching he also engaged in carpentering. He moved upon his present home place in 1868, which consists of 400 acres of valuable prairie land, all fenced and mostly meadow land. He has a good house and outbuildings and thirty-five acres of timber land in another tract. He is an active Republican, and, ever since he cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, has canvassed during every campaign for his party. He was nominated and elected representative of his county in 1864, and re-elected in 1866 and 1868. In 1872 he was nominated again and elected, his opponent being Hon. H. D. Marshall, of Unionville, the representative of 1870, the contest being very close and exciting. In 1880 he was again nominated and elected, and in all has served his county in the Legislature five terms with honor and distinction. In 1886 he was nominated judge at large, and elected by a nice majority. In May, 1859, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. J. Caul, daughter of Thomas Caul, an old pioneer of Putnam County. Mrs. Harper is a native of Virginia, but spent most of her youth in Putnam County, Mo. She is the mother of four daughters: Charlotte S. (wife of J. H. Gunn), Mary E. (young lady at home),

Sarah E. (deceased September 17, 1885, aged twenty years and three months) and Effie A. (twelve years old). The Judge, his wife and one daughter are members of the Presbyterian Church. Judge Harper is a member of the G. A. R., Mansfield Post, No. 181, at Wyreka, Putnam County, Mo.

John S. Hart was born in Armstrong County, Penn., October 8, 1824, and is a son of Jacob and Dorothea (Dice) Hart, natives of Pennsylvania, where the father was born January 8, 1796. He was a farmer, and resided in Armstrong County until the latter part of his life, when he removed to Westmoreland County, where he died February 13, 1872. Of four sons and five daughters who were reared to maturity but four outlived the parents. J. S. was the eldest child, and grew to manhood in Armstrong County. He is a self educated man, most of his knowledge being acquired after he became of age. He taught school thirteen months in Armstrong and Allegheny Counties, and in October, 1849, went to Davis County, Iowa, where he entered and improved some land. He also taught school there several terms, and was married, August 14, 1853, to Miss Martha Jane Williams, daughter of T. S. and Rebecca (Hale) Williams, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. Mr. Hart moved to Missouri in April, 1856, and bought some land, slightly improved, in Putnam County upon his present place. He engaged in teaching for about nine terms during the fall and winter seasons, and carried on farming the remainder of the year. He now owns a nice farm of 289 acres, 140 being fenced and cultivated, and lives in a large two-story house. The stabling is good, and he has a nice orchard of about 400 select varieties of fruit trees. He enlisted February 3, 1862, in Company D, First Cavalry, Missouri State Militia, and served until discharged March 17, 1865. He was present at the fight in Marshall, Saline County, and at Castle Rock, and was in numerous skirmishes with Price on the Blue River. He was raised from the position of second sergeant to that of first sergeant, and is now adjutant of the G. A. R. post at Hartford. He is a Republican in politics, and has been connected with the school board for twenty-five years, and was elected public administrator in November, 1882, which office he is now filling. Mr. and Mrs. Hart have reared a family of five sons and four daughters, all of whom are living: Orlando O. (married and in Lawrence County, Dak.), Millard B. (married and a county teacher in Putnam County), Clara R. (wife of Frederick A. Pooles, of Los Angeles, Cal.), Julia, Sarah M. (wife of Levi Johnson of Rollins County, Kas.), Ulysses S., Emma E. (county teacher), Horace L., and Erastus W., who lives in Nebraska.

Judge B. Frank Hart, a farmer and stock raiser of Section 36,

Liberty Township, was born in Greene County, Penn., October 25, 1846, and is a son of John N. and Frances (Vance) Hart, natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky, respectively, who were married in Pennsylvania. The father moved to Iowa in the spring of 1855, where he bought land, and improved a farm in Henry County, where he died in 1859. The mother died in August, 1856. The Judge is the only son of a family of three children that grew to maturity, and is a self-educated man, who attained his information after becoming of age. In the spring of 1864 he enlisted in the Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry, and served with his regiment near Memphis, Tenn., almost all the time until the latter part of 1864 when he was discharged. He then attended school at Howe's Academy, Mount Pleasant, and in the spring of 1866 went to Council Bluffs, where he engaged in farming and stock raising two years. His education was obtained principally through his own efforts between the ages of sixteen and twenty. In the spring of 1868 he returned to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and in October of the following year came to Putnam County, Mo., where he bought a half interest in a saw-mill on Coon Creek and for one winter engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He sold out in March, 1870, and broke prairie land in Fremont County, Iowa, for one season. He returned to Putnam County in the fall of that year, and December 27, 1870, was married to Miss Arthelia, daughter of David Frederick, a native of Germany. The Judge then located where he now resides. In the spring of 1871 he again went to Fremont County, and broke prairie until June, when he returned home. He bought the farm in 1872, and has since added more land until he now owns 180 acres, about 100 being well cultivated and improved. He has a family of four children: David N., Charles H., Pearl Vance and Rollin F. Mr. Hart is identified with the Republican party and was elected assessor of his township in 1873, serving two terms, and then served as township collector one term. In the spring of 1876 he was again elected assessor, and made one more assessment, after which he was appointed deputy county assessor and assessed two years. He was afterward elected county assessor. He took the census of Grant and Liberty Townships in 1880. He was then still again elected township clerk and assessor, and filled that position with fidelity until 1884, at which time he resigned, and was elected county judge, serving two years in that capacity. He is an honored citizen of his township, and one of its well-to-do citizens. Both himself and wife are identified with the United Brethren Church.

David M. Hatfield was born in Elm Township, Putnam Co., Mo., in 1842, and is the youngest son of five children of Andrew and Mary (Miller) Hatfield, natives of Kentucky and



North Carolina, respectively. The father was born about 1800, and died in 1877. After his marriage he settled in Wayne County, Ky., from where he moved, in 1837, to Randolph County, Mo., and the same year to Adair County, where he located six miles south of Kirksville. In about 1840 he came to Putnam County, being one of the first settlers in that county, locating on Blackbird Creek, in the southeast part of the county, where he entered a tract of land, and engaged in farming. During early life, while in Kentucky, he was for some time engaged in distilling. He is of Scotch-Irish descent, and well liked in the community. Mrs. Hatfield died about 1872. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject was reared at home, and was obliged to walk three miles to the common school, where he received his education. In 1863 he crossed the plains with an ox and mule team, to the mountains of Nevada, where he remained six years, principally engaged in freighting. In 1869 he returned to his native county, and purchased the old home farm, where he has since lived. He is now the owner of 257 acres in Section 17, about twenty-five miles southeast of Unionville. Upon his arrival in Nevada he had but 75 cents in money, but upon leaving that State had \$1,861, and he is, consequently, a good example of a self-made man. Farming and stock raising have been his principal occupations. In 1871 he married Miss Cordelia, daughter of Oliver Houghton, and also a native of Elm Township. To this union ten children were born, eight now living: Joseph W., Wesley M., Mary Ann, Bertha A., David C., Clara A., James D. H. and an infant. In politics he is a conservative Democrat, and his first presidential vote was cast for McClellan in 1864.

James F. Hill, farmer and stock raiser of Section 28, Jackson Township, was born in Pocahontas County, W. Va., November 28, 1833, and is a son of George and Martha (Edmondson) Hill [see sketch of T. C. Hill]. J. F. grew to manhood upon the home farm, receiving a good education at the common schools, and at the Hillsboro Academy. Upon reaching man's estate he learned the wheelwright's trade, and also was engaged in manufacturing furniture. He was married in his native county January 18, 1859, to Harriet Jane Morrison, daughter of Elisha Morrison, also a native of Pocahontas County, and born in 1810. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have passed their entire lives together, having attended the same schools, and having been playmates and associates during their childhood and youth. To them eight children have been born: Luther H., Henry A., W. Mead, E. Thomas, Martha, Rena, James and Charles B. Mr. Hill worked at cabinet-making about ten years, and in the spring of

1870 came to Missouri, buying land, and locating in Putnam upon the place he now occupies. He owns 500 acres of land—400 fenced, and 350 in meadow and pasture land. His house is one and a half stories, and the barns, etc., are in good condition. He has an orchard of over 200 trees, about 100 bearing fruit. He is interested in stock raising, and keeps on an average of 100 head of cattle per annum.

Thomas C. Hill, farmer and stock raiser, Section 19, Jackson Township, was born in Pocahontas County, W. Va., October 1, 1835, and is a son of George and Martha (Edmondson) Hill, natives of the same county. His paternal grandfather, Richard Hill, was a soldier in the War of 1812. The father was born in 1807, and is still a resident of his native county. He was twice married, having lost his first wife in 1847. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in his native county, where he received a good education at the common and higher schools. After reaching his majority he learned the tanner's trade, at which he worked three years. October 24, 1861, he married Miss Mary, daughter of John Staats, of Roane County, W. Va. Mrs. Hill was born in Indiana, and raised in Virginia, where she was educated. To her marriage with Mr. Hill eight children have been born: Margaret L. (wife of H. P. Bruce), George A. (teacher in Putnam County), Joseph S. (a young man), Henrietta T., John F., Fred F., Minnie V. and Theodore P., three years old. Mr. Hill farmed for three years upon a farm in Mason County, W. Va., and in the fall of 1864 came to Missouri, where he lived one year in Sullivan County. In February, 1865, he moved to Putnam County, purchased and settled upon the land he now owns. In 1865 he taught school for one term, but his main occupation is that of farming. He owns 112 acres of land, 100 fenced and finely improved. He lives in a comfortable house, surrounded by good outbuildings, and a fair orchard. In politics he is a Republican, and has held several township offices, such as justice of the peace, which office he filled four years, and township clerk.

Judge W. H. Holman was born in 1838, in Macon County, Mo. He moved to Adair County, Mo., about 1858, and to Putnam County in 1862. He afterward went to Idaho City, and traveled quite extensively through Utah, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana and Colorado. He afterward located in Appanoose County, Iowa, in 1866, but in 1872 moved to Putnam County, where he has since made his home. He was reared upon a farm, receiving a good education during his youth, which he completed at the Kirksville Normal School. At the age of nineteen he engaged in teaching, and when twenty-two years old clerked in a dry goods

and clothing store at Kirksville. He was then interested in merchandising from 1872 to 1883, since which time he has farmed upon his present location. He is the owner of a one-half interest in a store at Hartford, bearing the firm name of S. P. Holman & Co. He is a self-made man, the farm upon which he resides giving good evidence of his energetic nature and good management. The home place contains 346 acres of good land, splendidly improved and cultivated. In 1863 he married Miss Mary E. Cook, daughter of William J. and Frances (Watson) Cook, natives of Barren County, Ky., and Virginia, respectively. Mrs. Cook was reared in Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky, and is now living, aged seventy-two. Mr. Cook was an early settler of Putnam County, Mo., where he lived from 1839 until his death in 1865. To Mr. and Mrs. Holman four children have been born: Fannie (deceased), Homer L., Journey H. and Aubrey W. Mrs. Holman is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Holman is a genial and hospitable gentleman, and is identified with the Republican party. He was elected judge of the county court in November, 1886, has served as postmaster at Hartford about seven years, and is also a notary public. He was the second child of a family of six, born to John and Jerusha (Titus) Holman, natives of Kentucky, who accompanied their parents to Missouri. The father lived in several different counties in Missouri, and died in Appanoose, Iowa, in 1884, aged seventy-six. The mother died in Macon County, Mo., about 1849. After her death Mr. Holman married Mrs. Kirby, *nee* Ownby, by whom five children were born. The mother of our subject was a daughter of William and Mary (Payton) Titus. The grandparents of Mrs. Mary Holman were named George and Nancy (Howell) Cook. Mrs. Frances Cook was a daughter of William and Catherine (Rogers) Watson, natives of Virginia.

Squire P. Holman, general merchant and postmaster of Hartford, was born in Macon County, Mo., in 1842, and is a son of John and Jerusha (Titus) Holman, natives of Kentucky, who, when young, came to Randolph County, Mo., where they were married. They then moved to Macon County, where the mother died about 1848. The father was twice married, and in 1864 removed to Iowa, where the mother died in 1884. Farming was his life-long occupation. The subject of this sketch was reared under the parental roof, during which time he received but a limited education as the nearest school-house was distant over three miles. In 1864 he crossed the plains to Idaho and Oregon, where he engaged in mining. In October, 1866, he went to Iowa, and engaged in farming eight years, when he came to Putnam County, Mo. In August, 1871, he married Miss Catherine,

daughter of William and Frances Cook, a native of Putnam County, Mo., by whom he has had five children, three of whom are living: Dora Belle, Casper and Maggie. In 1874 Mr. Holman came to Putnam County, and located and farmed in Lincoln Township until 1878, when he removed to Graysville, and farmed a year, after which he entered the mercantile business at that place. In 1883 he came to Hartford, where he has been engaged in general mercantile pursuits for a number of years with his brother, Judge W. H. Holman, under the firm name of S. P. Holman & Co. In 1881 Mr. Holman was made postmaster of Graysville, which office he held until he resigned, and in 1887 he was appointed postmaster of Hartford, which position he is now filling with efficiency. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Horace Greeley in 1872. He is a member of the A. H. T. A.

George W. Houston, farmer and stock raiser, Section 22, Jackson Township, was born in Pike County, Mo., August 10, 1847, and is a son of Thomas G. and Melissa (Seely) Houston, natives of Kentucky. The family moved to Pike County, Mo., in an early day, and then moved to Jackson Township, Putnam Co., Mo., where the father died in October, 1872. He served in one of the Indian wars, and during the Rebellion was in service a short time, but, his health failing on account of age, his place was taken by George W. Houston. G. W. came to Putnam County with his parents, then being fifteen years old. Here he received a good common-school education and grew to manhood. He attended the university at Ashley, Pike Co., Mo., for about nine months, there completing his early education. In October, 1864, he enlisted in Company E, Forty-second Missouri Volunteer Infantry, in lieu of his father, serving until discharged July 28, 1865. He entered as a private, but the last three months of his service were spent on detached duty as provost clerk. He was in the fight at Fort Donelson in the fall of 1864, and, although his regiment was in no general engagements, it was held in reserve at Nashville. After his discharge he returned to Putnam County, and for a year assisted his father as much as his health permitted. In 1867 he began to teach, and continued engaged in that occupation for six years in Putnam and Sullivan Counties, most of the time being spent in Jackson Township, Putnam County. He was married here April 8, 1869, to Miss Josephine Williamson, daughter of Jefferson Williamson, of Putnam County, but formerly from Illinois, where Mrs. Houston was born, reared and educated. After his marriage he located on a farm in Putnam County, and in 1878 spent a year in Smith County, Kas. In 1880 he returned home, and located upon the farm where

he now resides, which consist of eighty acres of well improved land. He is a Republican, and was nominated and elected township clerk in 1869. He has since been made assessor four times, and is now serving in that capacity. He has also served as justice of the peace. He has a family of six children: Laura, Thomas J., George F., Fannie, William A. and Peter. He has passed all the chairs in the I. O. O. F. lodge, at Unionville, and himself and wife are members of the Christian Church.

John Howry was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1839, and was the second of a family of thirteen children, born to David and Elizabeth (Kennedy) Howry, natives of the same State and county. The father served as postmaster of Ayersville, Mo., many years, being the first postmaster appointed for the west end of the county. He was a son of John and Catharine Howry, natives of Germany, who were brought by their parents to the United States at the ages of four and eight, respectively, about 1790. Mrs. Elizabeth Howry, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of Robert Kennedy, a native of Ireland. He came to Putnam County, Mo., in 1849, and afterward became a resident of Sullivan County, where he died. During his lifetime he served for many years as justice of the peace. John Howry, the subject of this sketch, has received almost all of his education by his own efforts, being an acute observer and fond of reading. He began life for himself at the age of nineteen with no capital, but by energy and perseverance is now a successful man, and the owner of 400 acres in Putnam County, Mo. (whither he came in September, 1850), well equipped and stocked for agricultural pursuits. He also owns other tracts of land in the county. In 1857 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Louderbaugh, daughter of Milton and Ann (Clark) Louderbaugh, natives of Switzerland County, Ind. Nine years ago Mr. and Mrs. Louderbaugh moved to Kansas, where they are now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Howry twelve children have been born: Rolley, Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Charles, Lillie Belle, David, Alexander, William, Milton, Louisa, Mattie (deceased) and one child, who died in infancy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Howry are worthy members of the Protestant Methodist Church. Mr. Howry is Republican in his political views, and in 1861 enlisted in Company G, Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, serving nine months as first lieutenant of his company. He then resigned his office and returned home, but in January, 1864, re-enlisted, serving until August, 1865, when he was mustered out at Atlanta, Ga. He is a member of the Blue Lodge in Masonry, and also belongs to the G. A. R.

George W. Hudson was born in Monroe County, Mo., November 16, 1834, and is a son of Obediah and Agnes (Kirby) Hud-

son, natives of Alabama and Kentucky, respectively. When a young man, the father went to Macon County, Mo., and from Macon he moved to Monroe County. In 1846 he bought a claim, and moved to Putnam County, where his son now resides. The land was in its raw condition when he came to the county, having not even been surveyed, but he made a nice home out of it, upon which he resided until his death, May 18, 1867. He is said to have been the first school commissioner of the county, and during his younger days followed the tailor's trade. George W. was the third child born to his parents, and was reared upon the farm he now owns. He was married in Putnam County, November 24, 1857, to Miss Ann Hurley, daughter of William Hurley. Mrs. Hudson was born in Adair County, Mo., and is the mother of the following children: Lucinda (wife of Frank Wheatley, of Jefferson County, Neb.), Elizabeth J. (wife of Albert CORMENY, of Putnam County), Emeline (wife of Lafayette Kirby, of Nebraska), David (young man at home) and Melissa Magdaline, (aged seven, also at home). Mary Martha died aged five years, and Agnes, aged three years. After his marriage Mr. Hudson farmed for several years, although he is a brick mason by trade and engaged some in that business. In the fall of 1861 he moved to Otoe County, Neb., where he farmed and worked at his trade for five years. The severe climate being unsuited to Mrs. Hudson's health, he returned in 1866, and in 1868 located upon his present farm, which consists of 160 acres—120 fenced and well improved, and forty acres of timber. He has a nice orchard of about 150 trees, and lives in a comfortable one-and-one-half-story house. Both himself and wife are identified with the Missionary Baptist Church.

Judge Lester Husted was born in Holmes County, Ohio, October 24, 1835, and is the third of thirteen children, born to Oliver and Laura (Smith) Husted. The father was of German and English ancestry, and born in Pennsylvania, in 1808. When a young man he accompanied his father, Allen Husted, to Holmes County, Ohio, where he was married about 1830. In 1845 he removed to McDonough County, Ill., and in 1866 located in Elm Township, Putnam County, where he died in 1884, at which time he was engaged in farming, which was his life occupation. The mother was born in Connecticut in 1813, and died in 1867, and was a member of the Baptist Church as was also her husband. Judge Lester Husted was reared under parental influence, and during his youth received a good common-school and business education, and espoused the cause of religion. He is now a member of the United Brethren Church. In 1859 he married Miss Hannah, daughter of Stephen and

Elizabeth Merrill, natives of Maine and Ohio, respectively. Mrs. Husted was born in Fulton County, Ill., and has borne her husband seven children, six of whom are living: Stephen O., Lester P., William S., Ida J., Emma F., Laura Elizabeth (deceased) and Cora Ellen. Upon the demand of his country for troops, in 1861, Mr. Husted enlisted in Company L, Seventh Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, for three years, and served in the Sixteenth Army Corps, Army of Tennessee, and in Grierson's cavalry. In June, 1863, he was captured near Jackson, La., and taken to Richmond, Va., where he was paroled after about a month's captivity. He then went west to St. Louis, where he was soon after exchanged, and rejoined his company. While in an engagement with Gen. Forrest, near Espianolia, Tenn., and in the fall of 1863, he was severely wounded in the right hand, which rendered him unfit for further service, and at the expiration of his enlistment he returned home. In 1866 he removed to Putnam County, Mo., and located in Elm Township, on Blackbird Creek, twenty miles southeast of Unionville, where he has a fine farm of 283 acres. His farm is one of the best in the township, and is the accumulation of his own industry and good management. He is a Republican in politics, and in 1882 was elected county judge for the Eastern District, which position he filled with credit two years. He has also held various township offices, and is a man of fine business ability and good information. Five years of his life were spent in school teaching, and he is still interested in educational projects, as he is anxious that his children should receive a good education. His first presidential vote was cast for John C. Fremont in 1856.

Fred Hyde, late prosecuting attorney, was born in Hartford County, Conn., July 25, 1832, and in infancy was taken to the State of New York by his parents, where he was reared. He took a three years' course at Oberlin College, Ohio, and in 1860 began the study of law at Cleveland. He moved to Minnesota in 1862, and was admitted to the supreme court the same year. He enlisted in the Minnesota Mounted Rangers as sergeant, and afterward enlisted in Brackett's battalion, serving until April, 1866, being in the Indian War in the west, throughout the entire war. In 1867 he was married to Ella R. Lane, a native of Centreville, Iowa, and then located at Unionville, Mo., and practiced his profession. In 1869 he was elected circuit attorney for a term of four years, and in 1872 was elected county attorney for a term of two years, and in the fall of 1886 was elected prosecuting attorney, which office he held at the time of his death, September 25, 1887. He owned a farm in Elm Township, but resided in Unionville. Four sons and two daughters

were born to his union with Miss Lane, all of whom are living. Jasper Hyde, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in England, settled in Connecticut, and married a Scotch lady. John, his son, and the grandfather of Fred, lived and died in Connecticut. Fred Hyde, our subject's father, was born in Norwich, Conn., in 1800, and married Emily Lewis, a native of the same State, and born in 1797. The father died in Chenango County, N. Y., in 1852, and the mother in Cuyahoga County in 1867. Fred, the subject of this sketch, was the fifth of seven children born to them—four sons and three daughters—all of whom lived to maturity. One son, Ira, served in the same regiment as our subject. One brother and one sister have died. Ira B. has been a member of Congress one term.

Michael James was born near Newark, Ohio, in 1835, and moved with his parents to Moultrie County, Ill., in 1839. From there he moved to Clark County, Ill., in 1846, and in the spring of 1866 sought a new home in Putnam County, Mo., which has since been his residence. He began life upon his own responsibility when twenty-two years of age, with no capital, but by energy, industry and economy now owns a splendidly improved farm of 310 acres, well cultivated and improved, and upon which he resides. In 1858 he married Miss Mary E. McAdams, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Ellet) McAdams, natives of Indiana and Kentucky, respectively. Mrs. Jane McAdams was a daughter of Charles and Betsey Ellet, natives of Kentucky. To Mr. and Mrs. James nine children have been born: William Harrison, Levi Siegel, Margaret (deceased), Ellen, Frank, John (deceased), Henderson (deceased), Charles, George and Fannie. Mr. and Mrs. James are worthy members of the Christian Church, in which they take an active part. In politics Mr. James was independent before the war, but since that period he has been identified with the Republican party. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Seventy-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. At the battle of Stone River he was shot in the head, losing one eye, and since has lost the use of the other from the effects of the wound. He was discharged from Hospital No. 8, at Nashville, Tenn., in February, 1863. He is the second son of a family of seven children born to John and Jane (Hazlett) James, pioneer settlers if not natives of Ohio. The father was a son of John and Barbara James, early settlers of Northern Ohio. Mrs. Jane James was a daughter of Samuel Hazlett, a native of Scotland, who located in Ohio at an early day, and there passed his life.

Dade Johnson, circuit clerk of Putnam County, was born in Elm Township August 27, 1848, where he was reared upon a



farm. At the age of sixteen he began to teach in the public schools of Putnam and Schuyler Counties, and continued to devote his time principally to that calling, especially during the winter months, until 1875. In 1865 he enlisted in the Federal army, serving in the Thirteenth Missouri Cavalry until the close of the war. In 1875 he embarked in the mercantile business at Hartford, Putnam County, in which he remained about eight months. In 1879 he was elected county treasurer by the Greenback party, and in the fall of 1886 was elected to his present office. At the time of his last election he was in the employ of the Mendota Coal Company. October 3, 1869, he married Margaret M. Hedrick, a native of this county, born October 24, 1850, by whom the following children have been born: Minnie Viola, born September 9, 1871; Ira D., born September 26, 1874; Edwin E., born June 6, 1877, and Daisy E., born November 22, 1882. Mr. Johnson now owns the old homestead of ninety-five acres in Elm Township, and forty additional acres. He is the tenth child of a family of eight sons and four daughters born to Jefferson and Nancy (Clemens) Johnson, natives of Clinton County, Ky., and Virginia, and born December 3, 1809, and November 21, 1810, respectively. The father died May 20, 1886, the mother in 1883. Jefferson Johnson and wife came to Missouri in 1842, locating in Putnam County, where they soon entered land, and reared their family, all living to maturity, and but one now deceased. Seven of the sons served in the Federal service, five of them being in the regular army. Nine of the eleven surviving members of the family reside in Putnam County. Their names are as follows: Henry, Calvin, Elizabeth J., J. M., Daniel, Sarah A., Isaac N., Thomas B., Preston, Dade, Elijah A. and Susan Jane.

James Dunn (deceased) was one of the few early settlers of Putnam County, to which he came in 1843. He was born in Kentucky in 1811, where he grew to manhood. When a young man he went to Clinton County, Ind., where he became acquainted with and married Miss Jane Smith, who was born in Ohio, May 11, 1813. Mr. Dunn moved from Indiana to Missouri about 1837, and the following year located in Putnam County, where he entered land, and improved a farm. Here he resided until 1850, at which time the gold excitement in California was at its height, and he, with hundreds of others, left their peaceful homes in search of wealth. Mr. Dunn, with a company of others, fitted up a train of teams, and started overland for California. There he remained for several years, upon his return home finding many changes, which the hand of time had wrought; he then lived a retired life with his family, until his death, which

occurred April 29, 1887. Mr. Dunn had a family of six children, all of whom grew to maturity. Mrs. Jones, the daughter, now residing upon the old homestead, was born in Putnam County, where she passed her childhood and youth, receiving a good education at the common schools of the neighborhood. November 18, 1867, she married Mr. M. Smith, an enterprising young man of Putnam County, formerly of Illinois. After their marriage Mr. Smith farmed in Putnam County for several years. In 1875 he moved to Iowa, and in September of 1879, while at work on a railroad, was accidentally killed. To this union three children were born, two of whom died in infancy; the other, Mary Edna, born January 23, 1871, is now living with her mother. In June, 1880, Mrs. Smith moved to Burlington, Iowa, where she met William G. Jones, to whom she was united in marriage, April 18, 1882. Mr. Jones was born in 1845, in Wales, where he reached man's estate, and became an expert mechanic. He has been in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and at present has charge of that company's shops at Creston, Iowa, which position he has efficiently filled for the past two years. Mrs. Jones, however, has returned to the farm, where she is caring for her parents during their declining years. She is a lady of good business ability, and, with the assistance of laborers manages the farm very successfully.

William B. Jones, farmer, stock raiser and carpenter, was born in Christian County, Ky., in 1821, and moved to Cooper County, Mo., with his parents, Henry and Nancy (Flint) Jones, in 1835, where the latter died. He was the eldest of a family of five children born to them, and they were natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively, and of English-Irish descent. The father was a son of Samuel and Wilmotte (Lewis) Jones, natives of Virginia, who afterward moved to Kentucky, where they died. Mrs. Nancy Jones was a daughter of William Flint, a native of Virginia. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. William B. Jones, our immediate subject, moved to Putnam County, Mo., in 1854, and until that time was exclusively engaged at the carpenter's trade, which he had learned when sixteen years of age. He began life for himself a poor boy at the age of eighteen, owning nothing but a slave, who received his freedom after the late war. He, however, possessed energy, and was a good manager, and so has become a well-to-do farmer and stock raiser, in which business he has been engaged since 1854, and is the owner of 600 acres of land, nicely improved and cultivated. In 1841 he married Miss Dimaretta Ogle, a native of Kentucky, and daughter of David and Nancy (Smith) Ogle, also of that State. This union has been

blessed with the following children: Thomas H., Nancy A. (deceased), James N., George H., Samantha (deceased), and Samira W. (twins). Mr. Jones was formerly an Old-line Whig, but since the extinction of that party has voted the Democratic ticket.

G. W. Jordan, sheriff of Putnam County, Mo., was born in Davis County, Iowa, February 19, 1854, and reared in Appanoose County, Iowa, and graduated from the Moulton Normal School. He taught school a few years, and then moved to Putnam County in the spring of 1881, and engaged in the clothing trade at Unionville four years with Jordan Pullian, afterward conducting the business alone two years. He was elected to his present office in November, 1886. He is now engaged in dealing in fine stock, and makes Clydesdale stock a specialty. He bought the first imported horse ever brought to Putnam County in the spring of 1884. In 1882 he was married to Mamie Lockman, a native of Drakeville, Iowa, and a granddaughter of Col. Drake, of Centerville. The grandfather of our subject, Aquilla Jordan, was of English parentage, born in Bedford County, Va., where he was married, and finally died in Indiana. The father of G. W. —Samuel—was born in Bedford County, Va., in 1818, and married in Indiana, to Juretta Bunten, a native of Hendricks County, Ind. They moved to Iowa in an early day, and the father is now living at Moulton, the mother having died in Iowa, in 1860. Samuel Jordan represented Appanoose County two terms in the Legislature; he is a minister in the Christian Church. Of the three sons and four daughters, all of whom are living, born to this union of Samuel Jordan and Juretta, our subject is the fourth child and the only resident of Missouri. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

William Kelley was born in Barren County, Ky., May 20, 1828, and is a son of Daniel and Rachel (Harris) Kelley, natives of Virginia. The father moved with his father, Giles Kelley, to Kentucky in an early day, and was there married. He afterward moved to Indiana, living a short time in Lawrence County, and then removing to Orange County, where he farmed until about 1850, then going to Clark County, Ind., where he died in July, 1858. His wife's death occurred August 8, 1857. Of a family of ten, six sons and three daughters were living at last accounts. William Kelley is the eldest child, and he and his brother, John, are the only two children living in Putnam County. William Kelley arrived at his majority in Orange County, and in 1858 went to Clark County, where he engaged in coopering, having learned the trade during his youth. February 10, 1848, he was married in Orange County to Eliza Jane, daughter

of Thaddeus Newgent, and a native of Orange County, Ind. In 1856 he moved west to Iowa, and located in Van Buren County in November of that year. In the spring of 1857 he went to Scotland County, Mo., where his time until 1865 was spent in the manufacture of wagons, milling and farming. In March, 1865, he located upon his present place which was but slightly improved, and for three years followed his trade. He now owns 100 acres of land, eighty-five being well improved, and upon which are comfortable buildings and a good orchard. During the war Mr. Kelley enlisted in the Home Guards, in 1861, and afterward served in the Missouri State Militia, Twenty-ninth Mounted Infantry, under Col. Purmott. He is a Republican, and was elected county clerk in 1874, and filled that position efficiently for three terms. In 1885 he was elected township clerk and assessor, and in the spring of 1887 re-elected to the same position, the duties of which he is now discharging. Mr. Kelley lost his first wife in the winter of 1871. She was the mother of the following children: Daniel, married and in Putnam County; Thaddeus, married and in Clark County, Iowa; Rachel, wife of Benjamin Bennett, of same county; Martha, wife of N. B. Abbott, of Putnam County, Mo.; John, a resident of this county, and Watson, who died in June, 1887, having just passed his twenty-seventh birthday. In the latter part of 1871 Mr. Kelley was united in marriage to Anna Keeley, a native of Ireland, and a widow. Two daughters were born to her former marriage, both of whom are deceased. Her first husband, Joseph Keeley, was an early settler of Liberty Township, where he first entered eighty acres of land upon a land warrant received from the Government by his father for his services in the Revolutionary War. He afterward exchanged the property for a place in Appanoose County, Iowa, where he died. Mr. William Kelley has always been interested in educational and religious projects, and organized the first Sunday-school of Putnam County, after the war, in what is known as Petty's school-house. He received a premium from the Sunday-school Union, a \$24.00 library and six Bibles.

William B. Kerby, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Adair County, Mo., September 11, 1839, and is a son of A. C. Kerby, who was born in Warren County, Ky., in 1801, and Elvira (Blew) Kerby, also a native of that county and State. The family moved to Missouri about 1827, locating first in Randolph County, where they resided a few years and then moved to Macon County. In 1842 they moved to Liberty Township, Putnam County, where the father entered and improved land. In 1872 he sold out and moved to Carroll County, but six

months later removed to Lawrence County, where he died in 1875. His family of four sons and six daughters all grew to maturity, the sons and two daughters still living. Mr. William Kerby is the only one who resides in Putnam County. He grew to manhood upon the farm in Liberty Township, Mo., and was married in Grant Township, upon the farm where he now lives, on April 3, 1862, to Miss Mary M. Rhoades, daughter of Jacob and Jane (Terrel) Rhoades, who came to Putnam County from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Kerby was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, and reared in Putnam County. After his marriage Mr. Kerby managed the Rhoades farm until 1873, when he moved to Carroll County. In 1875 he returned to the old place, in Putnam County. He now owns 160 acres of land, 135 fenced and well cultivated. After twenty-five years of wedded life Mr. Kerby lost his faithful and devoted wife, September 2, 1887. To them eight children were born: Elmas (a county teacher), Florence and Joanna; five died in infancy. Mrs. Kerby was a member of the Baptist Church, to which Mr. Kerby is united. He is a Republican in politics.

W. Ketcham, president of the Mendota Coal and Mining Company, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1846, and is the eighth of a family of eleven children born to Jesse and Eliza (Churchill) Ketcham, natives of New York, and of English descent. His grandfather, Timothy Ketcham, was a man of iron constitution, born in New York, and lived until ninety-nine years of age, his death resulting purely from age, as he was never ill a day during his long life. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. W. Ketcham, the subject of this sketch, started out to fight his own way in the world when a boy. Although he possessed no money, he was endowed with good business ability, and by good management has become a successful and prominent business man in Putnam County. He moved to Mount Pleasant Iowa, in 1856, and, until of age, engaged in the lumber business. He then located in Mendota, and since 1882 has been the president of the above mentioned company. The present stock company was organized in 1880, with W. Beckwith as president, and Mr. J. A. Kebler as superintendent. In 1880 the capacity was five cars per day, but the business now requires sixty cars a day, and finds employment for 600 men. The company owns its own tenant houses, 200 in number, besides land in and near Mendota, and two general stores in Mendota, the stock of goods in these being valued at \$10,000. They also own a store one mile east of Mendota, of which Mr. J. A. Barton is the manager. The Mendota store is conducted by Mr. Brenholtz. The capital stock of the coal company is \$100,000.

W. C. Knight, the druggist engaged in business on the west side of the square of Unionville, is a native of Callaway County, Mo., and was born in 1857. He was reared on a farm near Fulton, Mo., and was educated at Westminster College. When about twenty-one years of age he, with his father, opened a large hotel in Fulton, which was successfully conducted for one year, after which he embarked in the drug business at Guthrie, Mo., remaining there about two years. He then moved to Springfield, Mo., where he was engaged in business until the fall of 1883, then moved to Sedalia, where he spent one year, and, in December, 1884, came to Unionville and accepted a clerkship with Dr. E. J. Geisinger, in the drug business, which position he held until June, 1887, and whom he succeeded at that time. In February, 1880, he was married to Miss Susie Snell, also a native of Callaway County, by whom one child—Merle—has been born. The Knight family originally came from England, and settled in America during the early history of this country. James F. Knight, the father of our subject, was born in Fleming County, Ky., in 1818, and in early childhood immigrated to Missouri, locating in Callaway County, where he married Miss Trinvilla Crooks in 1842, also a native of Kentucky. He resided in Callaway County for fifty-nine years, and then moved to Pettis County, Mo., where he died May 12, 1886. \* The mother was born in 1825, and died in Callaway County March 10, 1879. Three of a family of nine children were reared to maturity—a son and daughter now residing in Pettis County, and the subject of this sketch. The maternal great-great-grandfather came from Ireland, and the great-grandfather was a native of Kentucky. The grandfather, John Crooks, immigrated to Missouri from Kentucky in an early day, and located in Callaway County, where he died. Mr. Knight, our subject, is one of the prominent merchants of Unionville, carrying a large stock of drugs, patent medicines, books, stationery, paints, oils, etc., and employs one clerk. His business, already good, is steadily on the increase, as his honest business principles commend him to all.

W. H. Korns, editor of the *Unionville Democrat*, is a native of Illinois, and was born near Raritan April 7, 1862, and at the age of two years was taken by his parents to Tama County, Iowa, and two years later to Putnam County, Mo., his parents locating in Jackson Township. Two years later they moved to West Liberty, Putnam County, and there resided a few years, removing then to Richland Township. The father was a miller, at which occupation he was engaged at the above-named places. After living a few months in Macon County they returned to Putnam County, and located in Unionville, where they have

ever since resided, with the exception of three years spent in Adair County. In the winter of 1873-74 our subject began to work in the *Republican* office, where he remained about two years. He then attended school one year, and afterward accepted a position in a mercantile store of Unionville for two years. He went to Holt County in 1878, and accepted a position in a drug store, where he remained six months, and then returned and engaged in the railroad tie trade, with his father, in Adair County, for three years. He then returned to Unionville, and worked in the *Republican* office for nine months. June 26, 1884, he was married to Roberta Stalcup, and soon after went to Iowa, to accept the foremanship in a printing office at Rockwell City. After three years he returned to Unionville, and, April 1, 1887, took charge of the Unionville *Democrat*. His father, Solomon, was born in Pennsylvania, and was there married to the mother of our subject—Mary Fink. To them eleven children—three sons and eight daughters—were born, two sons and six daughters still living. During the winter of 1880-81 Mr. Korn was engaged in the grocery and drug business in Boynton, Sullivan County. He is a member of the firm of Crawford & Korn.

L. C. Lane, farmer, merchant and postmaster at Graysville, was born in Randolph County, Mo., in 1850, and is a son of Dr. A. W. and Frances Lane, natives of Albemarle County, Va., where they were reared and married. They went to Randolph County, Mo., during the early history of that county, and were residents of the same until 1856, when they moved to Putnam County, and located in Martinstown, where they passed the remainder of their lives. After coming to Missouri Mr. Lane began the study of medicine, which he afterward practiced with good success. He had previously been a farmer and merchant. His death occurred in 1878. Mrs. Lane died about the commencement of the late war, and was a worthy member of the Christian Church. L. C. Lane passed his boyhood and youth at home, during which time he received a common-school education. He was married in 1868 to Miss Mary, daughter of Ail and Rebecca Hatfield, and a native of Elm Township. To this union eight children have been born, of whom five are living: Ail W., Winfred Z., Martin Henry, Neal Martin and Narcissa J. He at first made his home in Martinstown, and engaged in merchandising until 1881, when he removed to Graysville, where he has a farm of 130 acres, under a good state of cultivation, and all the result of industry and good management. In 1887 he erected a store building upon his farm, in which he conducts a general store. He was appointed postmaster in March, 1887, and has been township treasurer about six years. He is

a public-spirited man, and always interested in the general welfare of the county and its educational projects. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Grant in 1872. Himself and wife are members of the United Brethren Church.

Robert F. Little, an attorney and prominent citizen of Unionville, was born March 27, 1845, at Farmington, Ill., and is of the eighth generation, descended from one George Little, who came from Unicorn Street, near London Bridge, England, to America, locating at Newbury, Mass., about 1640. This ancestor became a large land owner, and, although a tailor by trade, like most pioneers devoted the principal part of his life to agriculture. His death occurred at Newbury about 1673, and a great many of his descendants can be found in the vicinity of Newbury. The ancestral chain from our subject to the pioneer is traced through the father, George Washington, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Samuel, Tristram, Moses and George. The father of our subject was born August 12, 1818, and married, October 2, 1834, to Louisa L. Lord, of Lyman, Me., Robert F. being the sixth of a family of seven children resulting from this union, viz.: Louisa Jane, Frances Helen, Belinda Tarleton, Alfred Herman, Carrie Alice, Robert Franklin and Nathaniel. Robert F. was reared at Farmington, Ill., and in 1862 was mustered in Company C, One Hundred and Third Illinois Infantry, serving until the close of the war, after which he attended the Eastern National Business College, Chicago, and then for several months taught penmanship in Iowa and Missouri. He located in Unionville in 1866, and then served as deputy county and circuit clerk until 1874, when he was elected circuit clerk, which position he filled with great efficiency for four years. He was also journal clerk in the House of Representatives in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly of 1869 and 1870, and minute clerk of the Senate in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly. He also served as mayor of Unionville in 1871 and 1872. From 1879 until 1885 he was assistant postmaster, and had charge of the post-office. While filling the office of deputy clerk he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1869, but did not begin to practice until 1886. October 14, 1868, he married Mary C. Browning, a native of Oakland, Md., by whom the following children have been born: Louisa B., Fannie R., Maria E., Laura H. (deceased), James T., John G. and Edna E. Mrs. Little's parents, John W. and Catherine (Root) Browning, are natives of Maryland, and have resided in Unionville since 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Little are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Little belongs to the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W., and the Masonic fraternity.

Joseph Loughhead was born in Front Royal, Warren Co.,



Va., March 2, 1831. His father, Thomas Loughead, was born in Newcastle County, Del., April 8, 1799, and accompanied his parents to Maryland when fourteen years old, where he grew to manhood, and was married, at Front Royal, Va., to Rebecca Ann Conrad, a native of Virginia. The family moved from Virginia to Vigo County, Ind., in 1835, where the father entered and improved land and raised his family. He was a physician, and practiced his profession to some extent, but his chief occupation was that of farming. He died July 23, 1875. Joseph Loughead lived in Indiana until twenty-two years of age, receiving a good common-school education, which he afterward improved by study, becoming especially proficient in mathematics. He came to Missouri in 1853 from his home, alone and afoot, as far as St. Louis. He then took a boat to Brunswick, from which place he walked to Putnam County, arriving in same on May 5. After looking through the county, and Southeastern Iowa, he returned home afoot, and in the fall of 1853 himself and father entered 1,300 acres of land located in Sherman and Union Townships, Putnam Co., Mo., but did not settle here until 1857. He made yearly trips from Indiana to Missouri, generally on foot, and in the winter of 1854 taught school in Wayne County, Iowa, drawing the first money ever drawn from the county treasury for educational purposes. He was married, near Kiddville, Sullivan Co., Mo., April 19, 1857, to Susan Hunsaker, daughter of Matthew Hunsaker, formerly from Kentucky. Mrs. Loughead was born in Edgar County, Ill., June 17, 1837, and died February 3, 1878; she was the mother of seven children: Lemuel, Elizabeth C. (wife of John L. Seifers), Isaac N., Rebecca A. (wife of Elbert W. Thompson), Matthew H., Jennie and Mary L. After his marriage Mr. Loughead settled upon the land where he now resides, his being the first deed for land ever entered on the record of deeds in a bound book in the county, being about 1855; he began life in a primitive manner, and when he left Indiana, in 1853, had a capital of \$23.40 of his own, and walked 1,100 miles that spring in looking at the west. He settled, in 1857, in a log cabin, making his own furniture, etc., and having no dishes or cooking utensils, excepting a pot and skillet, and they were borrowed. He has improved 1,400 acres of land, of which he owns 643 acres, the remainder for brothers and sisters, consisting mostly of pasture and meadow. He lives in a comfortable house surrounded with good outbuildings. He taught the second school taught in his district in 1860-61, having seventy-six pupils, and he cut the logs for the first school-house in the district in the fall of 1854. In politics he is a Republican, and in 1857, served as township assessor. He takes great interest in educational

matters, and has been a member of the school board a number of years. In 1878 he was appointed notary public, and has served ever since. His married daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Alexander C. Lowe, a farmer and stock raiser, is a native of Ohio, born in 1820, and is a son of Alexander and Magdalena (Courtwright) Lowe. The father was born in Maryland, where he was reared and married to Nancy Brewington. He afterward moved to Kentucky and then to Ohio, where he was married a second time. In about 1822 he removed to Dearborn County, Ind. He died at Springtown, Ky., while on a visit, at the age of eighty-four. He was a carpenter by trade. The mother of our subject was born in Canada, and died about 1832. Alexander C. remained at home until fifteen years of age, receiving no educational advantages, and has never attended school in his life. He began life for himself as a boatman on the river, and remained thus engaged for several years. In 1840 he married Miss Mary, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Evans, of Indiana. This union has been blessed with eleven children, four of whom are living: Thomas (of Texas), Alonzo, Rispie B. (wife of William Abbott, of Terre Haute) and Henry C. In 1865 Mr. Lowe came to Putnam County, Mo., and located in Elm Township at Graysville, where he has a nice farm of 194 acres of land well improved and cultivated, which is the result of his unassisted toil and good management. His principal occupation has been that of farming, although he has worked a little at the carpenter's trade. He was once elected township trustee, but declined to serve. He was formerly a Democrat in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Polk, but since the war has been a Republican, and for many years he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity. Himself and wife are prominent members of the Baptist Church.

A. H. Lowry was born January 22, 1844, in Jennings County, Ind., and is the third of a family of seven children born to John and Mary Emily (Bruning) Lowry, natives of Jennings County, Ind., and Germany, respectively. The mother was brought to Jennings County, Ind., when but seventeen years old, with her cousin. The father was a son of Robert and Mary (Robertson) Lowry, natives of Ireland and Indiana, respectively. Robert came to the United States from Northern Ireland, when a boy, in company with his parents, James and Catherine Lowry, and was a soldier in the early Indian wars and the War of 1812. Mrs. Mary Lowry was a daughter of Nathaniel and Anna (Leach) Robertson, natives, it is thought, of Pennsylvania. The subject of this sketch, A. H. Lowry, moved to Iowa in the fall of 1855,

and in March of 1857 came to Putnam County, Mo., where he has since resided. He received almost his entire education at the common schools of this county, and since boyhood has followed agricultural pursuits. He was poor at the age of twenty, when he began life upon his own account, but now owns a splendidly improved farm of 480 acres in Putnam County, and also land in Sullivan County. December 31, 1863, he married Miss Mary J. Hickman, who was born in Hancock County, Ind., and when a year old was taken by her parents to Cole County, Ill., where she was reared. Her parents, David and Elizabeth (Lane) Hickman, were natives of Sullivan County, Tenn., and after their marriage moved to Indiana. The father died July 17, 1877, at the age of seventy-three, but the mother is living with Mrs. Lowry at the advanced age of eighty-three. To Mr. and Mrs. Lowry twelve children have been born: John, David, Albert E., Francis S., Mary E., Nora E., James E., Lottie A., William I., Harriet B., Alexander H. and Charles A. Mr. Lowry is a Democrat in politics, and as such has served his township very efficiently in different official capacities. He is a well-to-do farmer and respected citizen.

John E. McCoy was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, in 1847, and is a son of James R. and Hannah (West) McCoy, also natives of Ohio, and born in 1819 and 1826, respectively. They were married in 1845, and settled in Coshocton County, where they remained until 1859, then removing to Scotland County, Mo. In 1865 they located near Omaha, Mo., and afterward came to Richland Township, where the father died in 1874, and where the mother still lives. Mr. McCoy was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and a son of John McCoy. He was a soldier in Company K, Second Regiment Missouri State Militia, and served until discharged on account of disability in the winter of 1862-63. Both parents were members of the United Brethren Church. John E. was reared under the parental roof, and received but a meager education on account of the few opportunities afforded in that line during the pioneer days of Missouri. In February, 1869, he married Miss Frances, daughter of John and Elizabeth Henry, formerly of Tennessee. Mrs. McCoy was born in Richland Township, and is the mother of eleven children, nine of whom are living: Cora D., Jessie E., Viva E., Verre Otto, Lorlain, Alva, Flora, Chloe and Hattie Louisa. After his marriage Mr. McCoy lived a year with his mother-in-law, and then with his parents, his principal occupation, in the meantime, being that of farming. He started out in life for himself with no property, but by patient and unassisted toil, united with energy and good business management, has become a successful and well-to-do farmer, owning

388 acres of productive land, under a good state of cultivation. He lives in a good house, and his outbuildings are of a substantial and comfortable character, all built upon the home place, which is situated eight miles east of Unionville. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy are members of the Free United Brethren Church. Mr. McCoy is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Grant in 1868.

J. C. McKinley, member of the firm of Christy & McKinley, attorneys at law, was born November 20, 1859, in Lincoln Township, Putnam Co., Mo., and graduated in the college of law at the State University, at Columbia, Mo., March 25, 1886. He opened an office in Unionville the following April, and began the practice of his profession alone, but in June, of the same year, formed a partnership with Mr. Christy, of which firm he has since been a member. He is the second of ten children, of whom six sons and two daughters are still living. The parents still reside upon the old homestead in Putnam County. The paternal grandfather, James, was born in America, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Our subject is a prominent lawyer, and one of the public-spirited and energetic business men of the town.

Pliny M. Mannon, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Mercer County, Ill., May 10, 1849. His father, John H. Mannon, was born in Wayne County, Ind., November 5, 1811, where he grew to manhood. He was married in Hancock County to Ahinoam Hill in 1830, and in 1836 moved from Indiana and settled near New Boston, Mercer County, and engaged in farming, although he was a mechanic and carpenter by trade. In 1855 he moved to Missouri, and settled in Putnam County, near the north and east line of the county. Here he resided twelve years, engaged to some extent in carpentering, and then removed to Louisa County, Iowa. Thirteen years later he returned to Putnam County (in 1879), where he died shortly after. Pliny M. Mannon accompanied his father to Louisa County when seventeen years of age, where he reached man's estate. In 1872 he went to California, and for one summer ran a threshing machine; the journey was made both ways over the Central Pacific Road. The next season was spent in Louisa County, and the summer of 1874 in Saline County, Kas. In the fall of that year he returned to Putnam County. September 3, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Petty, daughter of J. J. Petty [see sketch]. Mrs. Mannon was born in Putnam County, and is the mother of two children: Guy E. and Hugh D. After his marriage Mr. Mannon moved in the neighborhood where he now resides. In the spring of 1876 he began to cultivate raw land,

and now has 207 acres of land, nearly all fenced, and about 100 of which are in meadow and plow land. His house is one and one-half stories high, and he has three good barns besides sheds and cribs. He has five wells upon the place, which is well equipped in every way for farming. Mr. Mannon is clerk of the school board.

Judge Neal Martin, senior member of the firm of Neal Martin & Co., general merchants at Martinstown, is a native of Randolph County, Mo., and was born in 1826. He is the sixth of nine children born to Henry and Mary (Murphy) Martin, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively. The father, when about eighteen, went to Kentucky, where he was first married, and about 1820 moved to Randolph County, Mo., where he died in 1853. He was a farmer by occupation, and served many years as justice of the peace. His first wife died in 1837, and he afterward married Mary Thompson. Neal Martin was reared at home and educated at the rustic log school-house of the forest. He was united in marriage in 1855 to Miss Pamela, daughter of Dr. A. W. and Frances Lane, formerly of Virginia. Mrs. Martin was born in Randolph County in 1838, and died in 1874, leaving a family of four sons and one daughter: Noah, John Wesley and Thomas Presley (twins), Hugh Marshall, and Mary F. (the eldest child, and the wife of C. C. Brown). In 1874 Mr. Martin married Mrs. Narcissa J. Sorell, who was born in 1836, and is a sister of his first wife. In 1855 he went to Milan, and the next year located in Elm Township, Putnam County, seventeen miles southeast of Unionville, where he purchased several acres of land, and established the town of Martinstown. Here he has since engaged in the mercantile business with the exception of six months, in the year 1862, when he was appointed county treasurer, and discharged the duties of that office. In 1868 he was elected county judge of the Eastern District, and served as such four years with credit. He was township clerk three years, notary public eight years, and was the first postmaster of Martinstown, to which position he was appointed in 1857, and served until 1862. In 1876 he was again appointed to the office, and has held same ever since. He is one of the enterprising and active business men of the county, and is a director of the Marshall National Bank at Unionville. He is a man of undoubted integrity, who has a host of admiring friends, and a hearty promoter of all laudable public enterprises. In politics he was reared a Whig, and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Taylor, but since the war has been a conservative Republican. He is a member of the United Brethren Church as was his wife, and also a life member of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Joseph U. Martin was born in Seneca County, Ohio, April 27, 1835, and is the son of Daniel and Mary (Snyder) Martin, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania, and born May 28, 1804, and August 8, 1803, respectively. The family moved to Ohio when Indians inhabited the country, and in 1826 settled in the Seneca reserve, where the father entered and improved land, and resided until 1837. He then moved to Cass County, Ind., and in 1845 to Howard County, Ind., settling in the midst of Miami Indians. Here he improved a farm and resided until 1853, when he sold his property, and moved to Missouri, where he made his home with his son until his death. At that time he had been postmaster of Livonia for seven years. Joseph U. moved to Indiana with his father in 1853, settling in Putnam County, Mo., where he bought and improved land. He is now the owner of 307 acres of meadow and plow land, and is one of the successful and leading farmers of his part of the county. While in Howard County, Ind., he was married, in May, 1853, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Garringer, formerly of Ohio. Mrs. Martin was a native of Indiana, and Mr. Martin is the father of eleven children: Francis M. (married, and on the home place), Melinda E. (wife of W. H. Huston, of Illinois), William A. (of Nebraska), Idella (wife of William Minks), Ulysses S., Elmer E., Nelson E., Clara B. (who died at the age of four years), Charles W., Dora M. and Bertie. Four of these children were by his first wife, who died in February, 1864. The other wife of Mr. Martin was Hannah R. Forbes, daughter of David Forbes, formerly of Tennessee. During war time Mr. Martin enlisted in the Home Guards in 1861; in 1862 he was in the provisional service, and in 1863 and 1864 in the State Militia. He was in the State's service during the entire time, and was mustered out at home. He is a Republican in politics, and has served two years as collector and constable of his township, and, about six years ago, began a service of two terms as postmaster of Livonia, Mo.

Samuel J. Martz was born in Sullivan County, Mo., November 14, 1841, and is a son of Reuben and Sarah (Forsyth) Martz, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. The father was an early settler of Iowa, and died in that State, after which his widow married Edward Dwyer, and, in 1856, moved to Putnam County, Mo. Here Mr. Dwyer died, and his widow is now living with her youngest son. S. J. was reared in this county, and, in July, 1861, enlisted for three years in Company D, Eighteenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and served until the expiration of his time. He was in the fight at Shiloh, and disabled by a gun shot in the thigh, on account of which he received

a furlough and returned home. After returning to his regiment he was with the mounted infantry some time, and was with Sherman at Marietta and Resaca. He was detailed, and served about half a month with the Second United States Volunteer Battery before Kenesaw Mountain, was in the engagement at Snake Creek Gap, and was present at all the engagements and skirmishes in which his regiment participated. After his discharge, November 14, 1864, he returned home, and in 1865 engaged in farming, since which time he has made one trip to the Black Hills, and two to the Alleghany Mountains. In about 1871 he built a mill, and located upon his present residence, and in connection with his saw and grist-mill is engaged in farming upon ninety-three acres of land on Shoal Creek. November 12, 1865, he married Clarissa A. Garroll, daughter of Henry and Mary (Teter) Garroll, of Ohio. Mr. Garroll was in the Twenty-seventh Missouri Infantry, in which he served until his death, in St. Louis, in December, 1863. To Mr. and Mrs. Martz six children were born: Fannie, Cory, John, Seth, Pearl and Birdell.

Daniel Matheson, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Ross-shire, Northern Scotland, November 24, 1824, and is a son of Daniel and Ann (McLennan) Matheson, both natives of the same place, and both of whom died in Scotland. Daniel Matheson, Jr., remained upon the Scottish farm until twenty-four years old, and March 10, 1848, was married to Margaret, daughter of John Jordine, of Ayershire, South Scotland. In the spring of 1849 he immigrated to the States, and the first settlement was made in Putnam County in 1851. In the fall of 1856 he moved upon his present place, now consisting of 145 acres, 100 being well improved and cultivated. He lives in a nice one-and-a-half story house, and has an orchard of 100 select apple trees. In November, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, Thirty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served until discharged in May, 1865. He was on guard duty some time at Rock Island, Ill., Alton, St. Louis, and Memphis, Tenn., and was also at Camp Chase about six months. He also guarded trains, and was in some skirmishes in Tennessee, and had his breast and both arms injured by cars. He is a Republican in politics, and as such was nominated and elected justice of the township in 1870, serving for nine years. In 1885 he was re-elected, and is now efficiently serving in that capacity. He has been a member of the school board a number of years, and is a member of the G. A. R. post at Omaha, Mo. Mrs. Matheson belongs to the United Brethren Church, and is the mother of the following named children: Daniel (married and in Putnam County), Ann (wife of

John Pickering, merchant at Howland), John (married and in Kansas), Thomas (married and in Putnam County), James (married and on the home place), William A. (of Kansas) and Ellen (an infant who died in 1850).

George Maxwell is a native of Ireland, and was born in County Donegal. He immigrated to the United States in 1853, but did not locate permanently until 1858, when he settled in Putnam County, Mo., where he has since resided. He received a common-school education in his native country, and lived upon a farm. He began life for himself when twenty-three years old with but little property, but now owns a finely improved farm of 700 acres, which he has purchased through hard work and industry. In 1859 he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Van Buskirk, daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca (Bailey) Van Buskirk, natives of West Virginia and Ohio, respectively. To this union the following children were born: Rebecca E., Thomas B., John H., Edward A., Isaiah M. and Andrew E. Mrs. Maxwell died in 1873, and two years later Mr. Maxwell was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Tinkham, daughter of William and Sarah (Campbell) Tinkham, natives of Union County, Ohio. To this union two children have been born: Myrtle and Jessie. Mr. Maxwell was reared in the Episcopalian faith, but since 1859 has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Master Mason, and in politics is a Republican, and as such has served his township as trustee for many years. He is the fifth of a family of six children born to George and Nellie (Crawford) Maxwell, natives of County Donegal, Ireland, where they passed their lives, and died in 1865, aged seventy-five and seventy years, respectively. They were both actively interested in the Episcopalian Church. Mrs. Maxwell had two sisters and two brothers, her parents being Robert and — (McKee) Crawford, natives of County Donegal, where they lived and died.

Sterlin K. Mills, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Hancock County, Tenn., in 1845, and is a son of William and Rhoda Delida (Lawson) Mills, natives of East Tennessee, where they were reared and married. In about 1849 the parents removed to Iowa, but soon returned to Tennessee. After a time they went to South Missouri, and from there to North Missouri, after which they went to Arkansas. In 1860 they moved to Adair County, Mo., and after several removals came to Putnam County. The next move was to Iowa, and then they permanently settled in Adair County, where they still live. Mr. Mills is a farmer, and both himself and wife belong to the Baptist Church. Sterlin K. remained at home until nineteen years old, during his youth enjoying but very meager educational advantages. He was



united in marriage to Miss Ann Eliza, daughter of Middleton and Mary Boyd, a native of Adair County, and by whom he had six children, five of whom are living: William S., Neill Martin, Ernest Monroe, Mary Bells and Laura E. Mrs. Mills died in 1878, and in 1887 Mr. Mills married Miss Mary F., daughter of John and Delilah Abernathy. To this union four children were born, of whom two are living: Nellie Madeline and an infant. Mr. Mills came to Putnam County with his family in 1862, and has since been a resident of his present farm. He began life as a tenant, renting a farm in 1864 of Judge Martin. He continued to rent land for nineteen years, during which time by prudence and economy he accumulated the money to purchase his present farm, which contains 440 acres of good land, situated twenty miles southeast of Unionville. He is one of the well-to-do citizens of the township, in politics is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Seymour in 1868. During 1864 he served six months in Company I, Forty-ninth Missouri State Militia. He is a member of the Anti-Horse-Thief Association. Mrs. Mills belongs to the Christian Church.

Rev. Alpheus Minear, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Randolph County, Va., April 1, 1822, and is a son of Mannassah and Lydia (Halbert) Minear, natives of Virginia. The mother died in Randolph County, Va., in 1830. Mr. Minear moved to Elkhart County, where he married and lived until his death. After the death of his mother our subject was sent to Dayton, Ohio, where he began to learn the tailor's trade. Two years later he accompanied his teacher to Nashville, Tenn., and after learning the trade he worked at the business at different periods. For a few years he was employed as a pilot upon the river. He was subsequently licensed to preach in 1853; joined the annual conference at Newburn, Iowa, in 1858; was ordained in 1861, after which he traveled as presiding elder of the United Brethren Church for six years, meeting with strong opposition during the war. In 1867 he was engaged in circuit work, and then for two years engaged in district work in connection with his calling. He was married, April 6, 1842, in Sullivan County, Ind., to Miss Margaret Jane Brown, daughter of George and Catherine (Corn) Brown. Mrs. Minear was born in Kentucky and reared in Indiana, and is the mother of seven living children: David (married and living near Unionville), C. Perry (married and at home), Mary M. (wife of William McCollum), Eliza E. (wife of A. J. Williams), Amanda Jane, Alney Neal (deputy county clerk) and Laura F. She is also the mother of six children who died in infancy, and one daughter, Elizabeth Ann, who died at the age of eight. Mr. Minear moved to Missouri in September, 1856,

and first bought land and located in Schuyler County, upon the Chariton River. Eight years later he came to Putnam County, and in 1864 located upon his present place. He has 160 acres of land—ninety acres well fenced and cultivated—and has a good house and outbuildings. Mr. and Mrs. Minear and six children are members of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Minear is quite popular among the young people, being of a social and genial disposition, and has united in marriage a great many young couples.

E. N. Monroe, dealer in drugs and stationery, and one of Unionville's most enterprising business men, was born at Chillicothe, Ross Co., Ohio, in 1855, and is an only child of Edwin and Mary (Hard) Monroe. The father was born at Charleston, Mass., in 1786, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. He died in Putnam County, Mo., in 1868. The mother was the second wife of Edwin Monroe, and was a native of Vermont. She died in 1885. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, who lived and died in Massachusetts. E. N. Monroe moved to Putnam County with his parents when about ten years old, and was reared in Elm Township upon a farm until 1870, and there accepted a clerkship in a drug store at Unionville, which he filled about five years. He then clerked in a drug store at Council Bluffs, Iowa, until September, 1876, and then embarked in that occupation on his own account at his present place of business on the northeast corner of the public square. He is the owner of a two-story 24x70 foot building, in which he conducts his business, keeping two clerks actively employed. In 1878 he married Elizabeth Waggoner, a native of Pennsylvania, by whom one son, John, and a daughter, who died in infancy, were born. The mother of these children died in 1881, and Mr. Monroe afterward married Flora, a sister of his first wife, by whom one child, Octavia, has been born.

Dr. Thomas H. Moss, practicing physician and surgeon at Hartford, was born in Putnam County, Ind., in 1831, and is a son of Israel and Margaret (Butler) Moss, natives of Kentucky, where they were reared and married. About 1828 they went to Putnam County, Ind., where the father died in 1873, aged seventy-four. He was a carpenter and millwright by trade, and a son of William Moss, who was also a native of Kentucky. The mother was a member of the Christian Church, and died about 1845. Thomas H. was reared at home, and during his youth received a good English education. In 1853 he was united in marriage to Miss Zipporah, daughter of Turner and Miranda Woodard, formerly of Kentucky, where Mrs. Moss was born, but then living in Indiana, and now residents of Putnam County, Mo.

To this union two children were born, of whom one daughter is living: Mary L. (wife of George Pickinpaugh). In 1854 the Doctor began the study of medicine under Dr. Washington Benton, of Mount Meridan, Ind., with whom he studied two years, and spent one year with Dr. Cross Gregory, at Carpentersville. In 1857 he entered Rush Medical College at Chicago, but soon abandoned the course there on account of the prevalence of small-pox in the city. In 1858 he began to practice his profession, and the same year went to St. Claire, Mo., where he continued to practice until 1862. He then came to Hartford, where he soon established a lucrative practice, and is now considered one of the leading physicians of the place. In 1884 he took a post-graduate course at Rush Medical College, thus completing his medical education. He owns a nice farm of 300 acres in Liberty Township, on Shoal Creek, and is one of the well-to-do and enterprising citizens of the county. During the rebellion he was captain of a company of Missouri State Militia, but was not called to service. In politics he is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Fillmore, in 1856. He is a prominent and long-standing member of the Masonic fraternity and of the A. H. T. A. His wife belongs to the Christian Church.

William Munn, farmer and stock raiser, Section 30, Jackson Township, P. O. Terre Haute, was born in Scioto County, Ohio, November 9, 1848. His father, Ira H. Munn, was a native of the same county and State, as was also his mother, Eliza Jane Rice. Their deaths occurred in August, 1866, and February, 1867, respectively, and the lifelong occupation of the father was that of farming. Our subject grew to manhood in his native county upon the farm, and received a common-school education. February 29, 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth, daughter of J. Brant, now deceased. Mrs. Munn was born in Scioto County, Ohio, and is the mother of two children: Nora and Floyd Clifton. She is also the mother of two children who died in infancy. After his marriage Mr. Munn farmed three years in his native county, and then moved west to Missouri, settling in September, 1879, near his present residence. He purchased his present farm in the spring of 1887, which consists of 160 acres of prairie land, all fenced and devoted to meadow, pasture and plow land. He has two good houses, each one and a half stories high, besides good outbuildings, and has a nice orchard of about 100 apple trees and other fruits. He is a Master Mason of the Unionville Lodge, and in politics a Republican, but has never sought nor held office.

George F. Myers, president of the Terre Haute Creamery Company, at Terre Haute, and farmer and stock raiser in Medi-

cine Township, was born July 29, 1841, in Pendleton County, Ky., and is the eldest of a family of five children of John and Mary (Finley) Myers, who were born, lived and died in Kentucky. Mrs. Myers' death occurred April 7, 1862. Mr. Myers was of German descent, born September 8, 1801, and died September 22, 1864. He was twice married, his first wife having been a Miss Asbury. George F. Myers was reared upon a farm, and has always been interested in farming and stock raising. He received a good common-school education in his early days, and in 1869 moved to Memphis County, Mo. In 1877 he came to Putnam County, which he has since made his home. The Terre Haute Creamery Company was organized in March, 1884, with a capital stock of \$4,550. Mr. Myers was made president of the organization, and is one of the principal stockholders. He began life a poor man, and is one of the self-made men of the county worthy of emulation. He is the owner of 554 acres of finely improved and cultivated land, and is one of the substantial farmers and stock raisers of the county. October 13, 1868, he married Miss Nannie E. Brann, a native of Pendleton County, Ky., and daughter of William A. and Martha A. (Callen) Brann. This union has been blessed with nine children: Walter E., Anna M., Mollie E., Hattie M., Myrtle Brann, George S., Emmet C., James F., and one unnamed. Mrs. Myers is a member of the Christian Church, and Mr. Myers is identified with the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat.

Judge Thomas B. Neff, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Hardy County, Va., September 7, 1826, and is a son of Adam and Harriet (Bramell) Neff, also natives of that State. In 1837 the family moved from Virginia to Ohio, locating in Pickaway County, but after a residence there of three years they returned to Virginia, settling in Wood County. In the spring of 1844 they went to Des Moines County, Iowa, where the father died about 1880, aged seventy-five. Thomas B. grew to manhood in Des Moines County, but his education was mostly obtained after reaching years of maturity. In 1850 he left Des Moines County and in company with twenty-eight men and seven teams went overland to California, the journey taking from March until September 5, 1850. He engaged in mining about three months, but becoming sick in San Francisco he returned home, passing through Central America, Lake Nicaragua, across to Graytown, Cuba, New Orleans and St. Louis. He arrived home in April, 1851, and then engaged in farming in Iowa for five years. He was united in marriage, while in Des Moines County, in 1848, to Mary J. Wood, a native of that county, who died in June, 1849. In 1853 he wedded Eleanor Holland, a native of Iowa, who died in Put-

nam County, Mo., in 1863. To his second union four children were born: Fanny (wife of Ephraim Norman, of Kansas), Elizabeth A. (wife of E. S. Idleman, of Kansas), Mary J. (wife of George B. Johnson, of Nebraska), and Ines L. (wife of Albert Noel, of Kansas). The Judge was married, in Putnam County, Mo., in November, 1863, to Mahala Timmons, who was born and reared in Ohio. To this union three children have been born: Lola A., who died in 1874, aged seven, and two who died in infancy. Judge Neff came to Putnam County in 1856, locating in the section where he now resides. Although he began life with nothing, he has by good management, industry and economy amassed a comfortable competency. He at first entered a tract of 160 acres in Sherman Township, but now owns 440 acres all in one tract, all fenced, and about 300 in meadow, pasture and plow land. He lives in a commodious one-and-one-half story residence, and has a good barn, sheds, cribs, etc. The Judge is a Republican in politics, and served as township trustee from 1874 to 1876. In 1880 he was again elected to that office, and served a couple of terms in succession. He was nominated judge at large in the fall of 1882, and elected presiding judge of the county court, and presided over the sittings of that court for a term of four years. The judge is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, and always takes great interest in the welfare of his county and party. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge, at Unionville. During the rebellion he served as second lieutenant in Company A, Forty-fifth Missouri Cavalry, Missouri State Militia, going out in the fall of 1862, and again in September, 1864, hunting "bushwhackers."

David B. Parsons, farmer and, stock raiser, post-office address, Terre Haute, was born in Jackson County, W. Va., on May 16, 1848. His father, Charles Parsons, was born in the same county and State, and his mother, Rebecca (Wolf), was born in Lewis County, W. Va. The father died December 7, 1875, but the mother is still living in Virginia. David B. grew to manhood upon the farm in Jackson County, and in November, 1870, was married in Roane County to Miss Rebecca Staats, daughter of John and Margaret Staats, both natives of Virginia. Mrs. Parsons was born, reared and educated in Roane County, Va., and is the mother of four children: Lievvirnia D. (born in 1872), Wilson C. (born in 1876), and Emma R. (born in 1885). One son, Everett Monroe, died December 26, 1886, three years and nine months old. After his marriage Mr. Parsons located upon a farm in Jackson County, where he resided until his removal to Missouri. In March, 1883, he located in Jackson Township, buying the farm upon which he now resides. He owns 129½ acres of

land in his home place, well cultivated, and forty acres of timber land in another tract. He lives in a comfortable house, surrounded with good barns, etc., and a nice orchard. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons while in Virginia were members of the Methodist Church. They are genial and hospitable people, and welcome both friends and strangers to their home.

George A. Patrick, farmer and stock raiser, Section 4, Wilson Township, was born in Decatur County, Ind., March 22, 1836. His father, John Patrick, was born in Shelby County, Ky., in 1804, where he grew to manhood and married Nancy Osborn, who was born in Fairfax County, Va. The family moved to Indiana in the spring of 1838, and entered Government land and improved a farm in Decatur County, where Mrs. Patrick died in 1852. Mr. Patrick was thrice married, and in the fall of 1856 moved to Missouri, settling in Putnam County, in 1857, where he bought land and improved a farm upon which he lived until his death in August, 1884. George A. Patrick passed his youth in Decatur County, Ind., and came to Missouri with his father in 1856. After an eighteen months' residence in Missouri he returned to Decatur County, Ind., where he was married April 15, 1862, to Martha A. Moore, daughter of Turner Moore, formerly of Hamilton County, Ohio, where Mrs. Patrick was born. She was brought to Decatur County, Ind., by her parents when a child, and during her youth was a playmate and school friend of Mr. Patrick. After his marriage he continued to farm in Decatur County until 1867, when he moved to Missouri. In March, 1868, he bought land, where he now resides. He now owns 143 acres of land in the home place, which is well cultivated and improved. He lives in a comfortable one-and-a-half story house, and has an eighty-acre tract of finely improved land adjoining his home place. He is interested in educational matters in an humble way in his immediate neighborhood. To Mr. and Mrs. Patrick four children have been born: Millard M. (who is married to Miss Annie Stucky, of Putnam County), Frank G., Clinton L. and Perry E. Mr. Patrick is a worthy and conscientious member of the Presbyterian Church.

Jerome J. Petty, farmer and proprietor of Petty's saw and grist-mill, was born in Pike County, Mo., November 14, 1824. His father, Fisher Petty, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, and after reaching his majority learned the tanner's trade. In 1822 he came to Missouri, and located at Frankford, Pike County, where he married Sarah Jackson, a native of Kentucky. For six years Mr. Petty engaged in the tanning business at that place, and in 1830 moved across the river, and continued at the same business until 1850. He then engaged in farming until his

death, in 1866. Jerome J. grew to manhood in Pike County, and in the spring of 1846 went to Monroe County, Iowa, and in the fall of that year married Miss Mary Jane, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Piper. After his marriage he continued to live in Monroe County for four years, and in the fall of 1852 removed to Putnam County, Mo., where he now resides. He at first located on 160 acres of raw land, and afterward entered to the amount of 640 acres. The following year Mr. Petty built a water saw-mill, which he ran in connection with his farming. In 1860 he built a steam grist and saw-mill, putting in the engine and machinery in 1867. Since that time he has engaged in grinding corn and manufacturing lumber only. He was one of the principal organizers of the Fair Association of the county, of which he occupied the position of president fifteen years in succession, and is now one of the board of directors. Mrs. Petty died March 1, 1862, leaving three children of five borne by her: Sarah E. (wife of R. W. Mannon, of Putnam County), Mary E. (wife of W. R. Berry, of Garden City, Kas.), Emily V. (wife of Pliny M. Mannon, of Putnam County), Laura (who died in early childhood, September 21, 1857) and George L. (who also died in early childhood, on April 19, 1864). June 5, 1864, Mr. Petty married Martha J., widow of Caleb Wells, and daughter of J. H. Mannon, of Putnam County. Four children have been born to this marriage: Jennie E. and Edith L., and two who died in infancy. Mr. Petty is identified with the Democratic party, but has never sought nor held office. He is an enterprising and thrifty farmer, with good social gifts, and is the owner of 320 acres of well cultivated land on Shoal Creek, and lives in a good house, which is surrounded by comfortable outbuildings.

Capt. Jacob Wayne Pickinpaugh, farmer and stock raiser, was born in what is now Noble County, Ohio, April 22, 1829. His father, Peter Pickinpaugh, was born in Greene County, Penn., December 9, 1801, and grew to manhood in his native State. He went to Ohio when a young man, and began life working for \$6 per month. After he had accumulated a small sum, he bought land in Morgan (now Noble) County, in about 1823. In 1828 he was married to Jane Philips, a native of Guernsey County, Ohio. He died November 25, 1884, upon the place he first settled. Of the family of three sons and three daughters all grew to maturity, and all but one daughter are now living. J. W. passed his boyhood and youth in Noble County, Ohio, and was there married June 22, 1851, to Elizabeth Jane Walters, daughter of Jonah Walters. Mrs. Pickinpaugh was born and reared in Noble County, where she lived until March, 1860. They then moved to Putnam County, Mo.,

where Mr. Pickinpaugh now lives. He at first bought and entered land, and now owns 258 acres, all fenced, and about eighty acres well improved and cultivated. He has a good orchard of 200 select apple trees, and other varieties of small fruits, and lives in a commodious two-story building, surrounded with good outbuildings. Mr. Pickinpaugh enlisted in Capt. Bogle's company of Home Guards in 1861, of which he was made second lieutenant. After two months' service he raised a company of six-months men, and on October 15, 1861, went to Canton, on the Mississippi River. He served three months under Col. Woodard, in the Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, and was mustered out in February, 1862. In the summer of the same year he enlisted in the enrolled militia, going to Macon City, and from there to Glasgow. Late in the same year he was mustered out at Macon City. Capt. Pickinpaugh and his company were in the first fight which occurred in Schuyler County. The battle occurred at Lancaster. While he and a detachment of his men were out of the city, getting hay and corn for their horses, they were surprised and vigorously attacked by a company of Confederates, who were routed with the loss of their captain and four men, while the Federal loss was only two men. Capt. Pickinpaugh is a Republican in politics, and as such has served in several local official positions. His first wife died in December, 1885, by whom five children were born: Napoleon, Dr. George J. (of Mendota), Wallace H. (of Kansas), Mary Ann J. (wife of Charles Quigley, of Iowa), and William S. T. (a county teacher). The first four named are married. January 9, 1887, Mr. Pickinpaugh was united in marriage, in Putnam County, to Miss Angeline Johnson, a native of Wood County, W. Va., and daughter of John E. Johnson, formerly of Canada.

Harvey S. Pittman, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Davis County, Iowa, October 12, 1845, and is a son of William and Jaley Pittman, the former born in Kentucky, January 1, 1807, and the latter, also of Kentucky nativity, born December 14, 1825. William Pittman, when a young man, came from Kentucky to Missouri, where he married Miss Jaley, daughter of Joseph Henderson, in 1841, and resided in Randolph and Howard Counties till 1843, when he moved to Davis County, Iowa. He lived there till the fall of 1855, then returned to Missouri and entered land, and improved a farm in Sherman Township, Putnam County, where he lived until his death, August 31, 1886. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk War. His wife died July 25, 1887. H. S. Pittman is one of a family of four children, two of whom died in infancy, and two are living—our subject and Martha A. King. Mr. Pittman came to this county with his parents when ten years



old, and grew to manhood in Sherman Township, and in the fall of 1864 served as a private soldier in the Missouri State Militia. He was married, January 28, 1864, to Miss Harriet A., daughter of Mary and Harrison Dorsett, of Putnam County, Mo., formerly of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Pittman was born in Schuyler County, Ill., May 12, 1849, and was reared in Putnam County, Mo. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Pittman lived on rented farms in the neighborhood of his present location for some time, but in the fall of 1866 he bought forty acres of land where he now resides, which he improved, and to which he has added until he now owns  $197\frac{3}{4}$  acres in one tract, nearly all fenced, and consisting of meadow, plow land and pasture. He has a neat and new one-and-a-half story house, and good outbuildings, neat gates and good fencing. Mr. and Mrs. Pittman have one child, Amanda A. Pittman, who was born in Putnam County, Mo., May 30, 1865. She married J. B. Warren, January 1, 1885, in Putnam County. Mr. Pittman is a self-made man, and a successful and respected citizen. In politics he is a Republican, but never sought nor held office. He is a temperance man and a religious man, himself and wife belonging to the Christian Church, which they joined September 16, 1876, and were baptized on the 17th inst.

D. W. Pollock, president of the National Bank of Unionville, was born in Adams County, Penn., October 10, 1841. Part of his childhood days were spent in Westmoreland County, Penn., and in 1851 he accompanied his parents to Missouri, locating in Putnam County June 20. He remained at home until June 17, 1861, when he enlisted in Company B, Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, of which he was made second lieutenant, and afterward promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, and in 1865 was mustered out in South Carolina, holding a captain's commission at the time. He then returned to Putnam County, and on October 5 of the same year was united in marriage to Anna E. Daniels, a native of Ohio, and soon after embarked in the general mercantile and fine stock trade, which he has since continued with phenomenal success at St. John. Upon the organization of the National Bank at Unionville, he took the second largest share of the stock, and has since officiated as president. Besides giving his attention to his mercantile and banking interests in Putnam County he buys and ships grain from several points in Iowa. His marriage has been blessed by the birth of five sons and two daughters: Mary L., Ira O., Orin O., William H., David W., Anna O., Thomas H.—one of each now deceased. Mr. Pollock is a member of the I. O. O. F. Thomas L., the father of our subject, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, June 20, 1805, and there married Isabella Wilson, June 20, 1833, and in 1839 immigrated to Amer-

ica, his wife and two eldest sons, James and Thomas, who were born in Glasgow, Scotland, joining him two years later. He was a sailor for nine years after coming to America, but in 1851 located in Putnam County, Mo., near St. John, with his family, and there resided until his death, which occurred May 31, 1879. During the late war he was a Union man, and served as wagon-master three years in the Eighteenth Missouri Volunteers. Politically he was a Republican, and served for several years as judge of Putnam County Court. His wife still resides upon the old homestead near St. John, and of the five sons and four daughters born to her and her husband all grew to maturity, although two of the sons and one daughter are now deceased.

W. L. Pollock was born March 2, 1843, in Clinton County, Penn., and moved with his parents to Putnam County, Mo., July 22, 1851, where he has since resided. He attended the subscription schools of this county, but acquired most of his education after he was of age. Although beginning life a poor man he now owns 900 acres of finely improved land, upon which he is extensively engaged in farming and stock raising. April 15, 1866, he married Miss Sarah E., daughter of Levi and Alice (Harris) Simmons, natives of Kentucky and Indiana, respectively. When a boy Mr. Simmons moved to Hancock County, Ill., with his mother and stepfather. He was born March 21, 1818, and died January 10, 1875. Mrs. Simmons moved with her parents to the same county, when about six years old. There they were united in marriage March 31, 1841, and to them ten children were born, of whom Mrs. Pollock was the third. Mrs. Simmons was born February 3, 1826, and died in October, 1875. To Mr. and Mrs. Pollock eleven children were born: Cora Alice (wife of Joseph P. Herrold), Levi Thomas, Stella Ann, Mary Susan, David Llewellyn (deceased), James Riley, Harriet Isabelle, Barbara Ellen, William Allen, Charles Herold and Harley Martin. Mr. Pollock is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his wife is a member of the United Brethren Church. He is a Greenbacker in politics, and a strong advocate of the temperance cause. During the late war he served in the State Militia. He was the sixth of a family of nine children born to Thomas and Isabelle (Wilson) Pollock, who was born near Greenoch, Scotland. They immigrated to the United States with two children about the year 1835, and settled first at Queens Run, Penn. Mr. Pollock sailed upon the ocean for a number of years, after which he engaged in the business of brick making, but later in life devoted his time to farming and stock raising. During the late war he enlisted in Company B, Eighteenth Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Infantry. After three years and

four months service as regimental wagon master he was discharged on account of disability. After the war he served as judge of the county court eight years. He was born June 20, 1805, and died May 31, 1879. His wife is still living and resides with her children, and is seventy years of age.

John Probasco was born in Greene County, N. Y., in 1827, and moved to Steuben County of that State in 1839; then to Edwards County, Ill.; then to Lee County, Iowa; then to Clark County, Mo., and finally to Putnam County, Mo., in 1855, where he has since resided. He received a common-school education in Edward County, Ill., and Lee County, Iowa, and since boyhood has been engaged in farming and stock raising. When twenty-two years old he started in life upon his own responsibility, and such has been his success that he now owns 310 acres of finely-stocked and well-improved land. In 1851 he married Miss Virginia Butts, a native of Bath County, Ky., and who, when a little girl, came with her parents, Jeremiah and Nancy (Newton) Butts, to Clark County, Mo. Her parents were natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively, and the father was of German descent. To Mr. and Mrs. Probasco nine children have been born: Edward S., James W., Peter, Andrew J., Sarah, John W., Noah, Olive May and Henry Sherman. Mr. and Mrs. Probasco are both members of the Missionary Baptist Church. He is a Republican in politics, although earlier in life he was a Democrat. In Masonry he is a member of the Blue Lodge. To his parents, Peter and Sarah (Stroud) Probasco, nine children were born, of whom he is the second. Both parents of his mother were natives of Holland, and the father, Samuel Stroud, died during the Rebellion at the age of one hundred and four years.

Jerome E. Putnam was born in Oxford, Worcester Co., Mass., January 26, 1844. Dexter Putnam and Ruby T. (Torrey) Putnam, his parents, were also natives of Massachusetts, they having been born in the same county as their son. The family moved from Massachusetts to Missouri in 1864, and settled in Putnam County, Mr. Putnam buying land in York Township, where he now resides. He has a family of six sons and six daughters, all grown, and all married save one daughter. The mother died in July, 1887. J. E. Putnam, the subject of this sketch, accompanied his parents to Missouri in 1864; he had formerly received a good common-school education in Massachusetts, which was completed at the Kirksville State Normal. After teaching school fourteen terms he entered Mr. Pollock's store, of which he is now the bookkeeper and manager, having efficiently filled this position since April, 1870. In February, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha H., daughter of

William Bible, formerly of West Virginia. Mrs. Putnam was born in Virginia, but spent the greater part of her youth in Putnam County. She died February 18, 1883, leaving five children: Ira A., Estelle L., Sumner J., Orie A. and Martha Edith. Mr. Putnam is a highly respected and popular citizen of Putnam County, being of a genial and hospitable disposition, and is an active worker in the Baptist Church, of which he has been a prominent member twenty-six years. He is an earnest advocate of the temperance cause, and belongs to the Red Ribbon Club.

George Roth, a native of Burlington, Iowa, is one of the leading business men of Northern Missouri. He has a large and complete line of hardware at Unionville, Mo., and also deals in lumber, furniture and agricultural implements. He was born in 1840, and reared upon a farm near Burlington, Iowa, until fifteen years old, and then clerked for a hardware firm until 1875, eight years of this time being spent in traveling for the firm. He then located at Unionville as a member of the firm of Williams & Roth, which existed for five years, and then Mr. Roth began to conduct the business alone. He employs four clerks, and occupies his own rooms, having in 1882 built three rooms, 20x110 feet, the building being two stories high. He also owns several other business stores in Unionville, and a residence. His parents, John and Magdaline, were natives of Paris, France, and reside at Burlington, Iowa. Our subject is one of the eight children born to them, six of whom are living. The father served in the three-months service from Iowa, during the late war, and was seven years in the French army.

John Ryals was born in Monroe County, Mo., April 26, 1834, and is a son of John Ryals, Sr., and Mary (Sears) Ryals, natives of North Carolina. The father was born May 13, 1803, and when a small boy came to Kentucky with his father, where he grew to manhood and was married. Shortly afterward he moved to Illinois and settled in Sangamon County, where he bought and improved land and lived until 1831. He then moved to Randolph County, Mo., from there to Monroe County, and from there, in October, 1841, to Putnam County, locating upon a farm near his son's present residence. In January, 1843, he moved to Appanoose County, Iowa, but two years later returned to Putnam County, where he remained until his return to Appanoose County in 1864. In 1874 he came back to Putnam County, and lived there until his death, October 10, 1884. John Ryals, Jr., the subject of this sketch, grew to manhood in Putnam County, and in the spring of 1853 went to Illinois, living upon a farm in Henderson County about four years. He is a self-educated man, and in 1858 began to teach in Putnam and Appanoose Counties,

continuing thus engaged about four years. March 13, 1862, he was married in Liberty Township, Putnam County, to Miss Miriam Mannon, daughter of John H. Mannon, and a native of Mercer County, Ill. He then located upon the farm where he now resides, which contains 206 acres of well fenced and cultivated land, and upon which he has built a good house and substantial outbuildings. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served one year each in the offices of township collector and township assessor. He belongs to the Hartford Lodge in Masonry. To himself and wife seven children have been born: Sylvia (wife of Robert Musgrove), Nora (wife of Samuel Musgrove), Elmer A. (county teacher), Leila, Ledrew E., Vietta and Clyde E.

J. P. Schuster, general merchant of Unionville, was born in Meigs County, Ohio, June 14, 1850, and when three years of age accompanied his parents to Tipton, Cedar Co., Iowa, and from there, in 1856, to Putnam County, Mo., locating at Martinstown, Elm Township, where our subject was reared upon a farm. When about eighteen years old he attended the State Normal School, at Kirksville, one term, and then began teaching school, in which occupation he engaged in Adair, Schuyler and Putnam Counties until 1875. In the fall of 1875 he embarked in the mercantile trade at Martinstown, where he remained until March 1, 1881, and then located at his present place of business near the northwest corner of the square in Unionville, being a member of the firm of Schuster Bros. In 1882 he began to conduct the business alone. He owns the building he occupies, which consists of two rooms on the ground floor, one  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 70$  feet, used for the grocery department, and the other,  $20 \times 60$  feet, used for the dry goods and clothing department. The building has two stories. In January, 1873, he married Elizabeth A. Wade, a native of Putnam County, by whom five children have been born, four sons and one daughter. Mr. Schuster is a Select Knight of the A. O. U. W. John Schuster, the father, was born in Bavaria, August 16, 1826. He was in the Revolution and, with Kossuth, emigrated to America, locating near Pittsburgh, Penn., where he married Elizabeth Isenhoot, a native of Germany. He served an apprenticeship at the cabinet maker's trade, in Germany, and is now residing upon a farm in Elm Township, Putnam Co., Mo. The mother is also living. Of the four sons and two daughters reared to maturity our subject is the first child. All the children, with the exception of one daughter, are now living. The maternal grandparents resided near Pittsburgh, where the grandmother still lives and is now over eighty years of age. The paternal grandparents lived and died in Germany.

James T. Scott was born in October, 1833, in Chester County,

Penn. The spring of 1854 he moved to Scott County, Iowa, and the fall of the following year came to Putnam County, Mo., locating about four miles northwest of his present residence. He began life for himself when hardly of age, and when he crossed the Mississippi River had but \$2.50. He was of an energetic nature, and endowed with business ability, however, and so became the owner of a nicely improved farm of 319½ acres of good land, upon which he is engaged in farming and stock raising, and here he has a nice nursery, supplying the surrounding country with hedge plants, ornamental trees, etc. In the spring of 1856 he was married to Miss Isabell, daughter of John and Isabell Long. Eleven children have blessed this union, viz.: Mary E., William C., John L., Susan I., Ann E., James O., George H., Malinda J., David G., Merilla P. and Leonidas. Mrs. Scott died August 17, 1877, and February 14, 1878, Miss Mary E. Masterson became the wife of our subject, by whom he had one child—Mary Ida. This lady died June 19, 1879, and the first day of the following year Mr. Scott was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Jane, daughter of George W. and Lucy (Duree) Fields. To this last union four children have been born: Rosa E. W., Thomas F., Emma E. and Harley F. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are members of the Baptist and Christian Churches, respectively. Mr. Scott is a Democrat in politics, and as such has served his township as justice of the peace ten years; only two cases tried before him were appealed, and in only one of those was his decision reversed. During the late war he served in the State Militia. He is the oldest child born to W. H. and Mary E. (Short) Scott, natives of New Castle, Del., and Cecil County, Md., respectively, and the latter having been of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. Scott was a son of William Scott, who was a captain in the War of 1812, and Mrs. Scott, a daughter of David Short, a lieutenant in the same war, and a native of Maryland, where he died.

Judge William A. Shelton, one of the pioneers of Putnam County, was born in Clinton County, Ky., April 15, 1831, and October 25, 1845, accompanied his parents to Putnam County, Mo., locating within the present limits of Lincoln Township for two years, and then moving to Liberty Township, where they remained until about 1854, when they returned to Lincoln Township. Our subject made his home with his parents until 1855, and then came to Unionville, and in 1856 received the appointment of deputy clerk of the circuit and county courts, serving until January, 1860. He then began the discharge of his duties as circuit clerk, which position he held till January, 1867. In February, 1862, he enlisted in the State Militia, serving as cap-

tain of the First Cavalry, in Company D. In September, 1862, it being necessary for him to retire from active service in the field, to his office as clerk, he resigned, and was then appointed colonel of the Forty-fifth Enrolled Militia, which was organized in Putnam County. In the fall of 1866 he was elected to the State Senate, and served four years. He studied law with S. A. John from 1856 until the commencement of the war, and was admitted to the bar in 1866, and practiced from 1870 until he was elected to the office of probate judge, to fill an unexpired term of two years, and was then re-elected to the same office in 1884 and 1886, filling the office in a highly efficient and faithful manner. In 1859 he was united in marriage to Nancy F. Brasfield, a native of Madison County, Ky., by whom five sons have been born: Alonzo, died in August, 1861; Hugh Adolphus, died in October, 1864; Ora A., William A. and Claude A. The Judge is a member of the order of F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. His paternal grandfather, Ezekiel, was a native of North Carolina, and of English parentage. His parents were large slave holders, and Ezekiel became attached to a slave named Tom, and begged his father not to sell Tom to a Georgia slave trader, to whom he was making sale, and in his plea said if Tom was sold he would leave home; but his request was not granted, and when Tom was sold, he ran away from home at the age of sixteen, coming to Clinton County, Ky., where he was married to Margaret Davis, a lady of Scotch-Irish descent, his relatives whom he left not hearing from him in forty years. Both died in Clinton County. The father of William A., Ezekiel, was born in Clinton County, Ky., April 8, 1808, and was reared and married there to Elizabeth Mason, a native of Kentucky. Their deaths occurred in Lincoln Township, Putnam County, in 1866 and 1864. Mr. Shelton was the second of thirteen children—ten sons and three daughters—all of whom lived to maturity. Seven of his brothers served in the Union cause during the late war, five dying while in the service. The three daughters are living, and four of the sons, including William.

Frank C. Sickles, attorney at law, was born at Waterloo, Clark Co., Mo., in 1852, and was reared in Schuyler and Clark Counties, living in the former county from his birth until 1886. He was admitted to the bar in Schuyler County, in 1876, served one term as prosecuting attorney of Schuyler, and is now a practitioner of his profession at Unionville. January 1, 1879, he was united in marriage to Mary E. Fisher, a native of Iowa, but reared in Schuyler County, Mo., and to them one son, Fred C., has been born. Mr. Sickles is a member of the Christian Church, and a man highly respected in the community, and

regarded as one of its most important citizens. The grandfather of Frank, Daniel C., was born in the State of New York, where he passed his youth. He went to Virginia, and from there immigrated to Missouri, during the early history of that State. He was a Methodist Episcopal minister, and died in Clark County, Mo. His son, William A., the father of our subject, was a native of New York City, and was married to Caroline T. Shellenbarger, in Clark County, Mo. This lady was a native of Pennsylvania, and to her union with Mr. Sickles, Sr., three sons and four daughters were born, of whom Frank C. was the eldest; three daughters are now deceased. The father died in Schuyler County, Mo., in 1884, but the mother is a resident of Green Top, Schuyler Co., Mo.

William T. Smith was born in Urbana County, Ohio, September 14, 1851, and is a son of Henry and Rebecca J. (Harbert) Smith, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. The father settled in Ohio when a young man, and was there married. About 1854 he purchased raw land in Putnam County, Mo., in the southern part of Sherman Township, which he improved, and upon which he lived a number of years. He is a tanner by trade and erected a tanyard and buildings at West Liberty, and engaged in business there for several years, after which he returned to farm life. In the early part of 1864 he enlisted in Capt. Thompson's Company, Forty-second Missouri Infantry, for one year, and went to the front with his regiment. He was mustered out in the summer of 1864. He moved to Unionville in 1886. He has been twice married, his first wife having died in February, 1885. He raised a family of three sons: William T., James H. and John H., all of whom are living, and the two eldest married. William T., our immediate subject, grew to manhood upon the Putnam County farm, and received a good common-school education; having a taste for literature he continued to apply himself to the acquirement of knowledge, and at the age of twenty commenced to teach in the Putnam County schools, which he continued during the winter months for some six years, spending the summer months in farming. He married, in Putnam County, December 24, 1873, Miss Izorah H. Skinner, daughter of S. E. Skinner, of Illinois. Mrs. Smith was born in Lee County, Iowa, October 7, 1853, near Sandusky City, but was raised mostly by an uncle (John Bonebright), of Putnam County, where she was a schoolmate and pupil of her husband. This marriage has been blessed by three children: Leslie Harbert, born August 29, 1875; Altha M., born June 9, 1880, and Goldie E., born July 30, 1884. Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, and was nominated and elected township collector in the spring of



1887, for a term of two years. He is a well-to-do farmer, and owns 160 acres of meadow and plow land, upon which is a comfortable house, good outbuildings, etc. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Otho Staggs, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1835, and is a son of Christopher and Anna Staggs, formerly of Hampshire County, Va. When about twenty-six years old the father went to Belmont County, Ohio, where he was married, and spent the remainder of his life in farming. He died in 1858, when about sixty-six years old, and his first wife died in 1842. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father was a member of the Baptist Church. He was twice married. Otho Staggs remained at home until seventeen years of age, receiving a limited education. In 1858 he married Amy Mercer, of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Mercer. Mrs. Staggs was born in Belmont County, Ohio, at which place they lived four years, then moving to Coshocton County, Ohio. In 1866 they moved to Putnam County, Mo., locating twelve miles northeast of Unionville, where he purchased eighty acres of land; to his original purchase he has since added until he now owns 500 acres, 125 situated in Appanoose County, Iowa. His farm is very nicely improved and cultivated, and his barn and dwelling are among the best in the county. He is one of the self-made men of the county, and the property is the result of his own unassisted toil and good management, as he was obliged to go in debt for his first purchase. In the fall of 1875 Mrs. Staggs visited her former home and parents in Ohio; and in the fall of 1882 Mr. and Mrs. Staggs were both back and visited relatives and friends. He is a Republican, and cast his first vote for Lincoln in 1860. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; have had ten children, eight of whom are now living: Henry B. (of Kansas), Mary C., William M. (of Kansas), Ella E. (wife of Theophilus Phillips, of Appanoose County, Iowa), John W., Anna E., Jesse R. and Addison E.

David E. Statton, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Hampshire County, Va., December 18, 1834, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret (High) Statton, who were of English descent. The father was born in Virginia. Jacob Statton grew to manhood in his native State, and was there united in marriage to Miss Margaret High, a native of that State. Mr. Statton remained in Hampshire County until his death in 1856. He served during the War of 1812 as teamster. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in Hampshire County on the farm. In 1857 he came to Missouri, and settled in Putnam County, in the section where

he now resides. He was accompanied by his mother who kept house for him several years, and who died in the spring of 1878. Mr. Statton was married, in Putnam County, in June, 1858, to Miss Celemma Thompson, a daughter of Jackson Thompson, of St. John, who came to the county from West Virginia during its early history. Mrs. Statton was born in Indiana, and reared in that State and Virginia. She is the mother of nine children: Minta (wife of Lafayette McKee, of Iowa), David E., George, Tessie, Maggie, Frank, Katie, Orie and Burlie. Mr. Statton is a well-to-do farmer and stock raiser, having 960 acres of meadow, plow and blue-grass pasture land, all fenced, and is living in a good house surrounded by comfortable outbuildings and a nice orchard. He had about 200 acres of land in grain this season, and keeps about 200 head of stock. Mr. and Mrs. Statton are both united with the United Brethren Church, of which the former is a minister. He was ordained in 1858, although he began to preach in 1855. During 1858-59 he traveled as a circuit preacher. In 1866 and 1867 he traveled as elder of the United Brethren Church, but since that has acted only in a local capacity. He is a highly honored and conscientious gentleman, and one of the most popular men in the vicinity in which he lives.

George N. Stille, editor of the *Unionville Republican*, is a native of Clermont County, Ohio, and was born on April 26, 1857, three years later being brought by his parents to Putnam County, Mo., where they located in Unionville, in 1860. Here our subject has since resided save two years, from 1884 to 1886, spent in Milan. At the age of twelve he began working in the *Republican* office, where he remained until 1881, when he served two terms as sheriff, being elected in 1880, and again in 1882. In May, 1884, he purchased the *Milan Republican*, taking charge of that paper, and conducting it until December 13, 1886, when he sold it, and returned to Unionville, and February 12, 1887, purchased the *Unionville Republican*, which he has since edited. June 15, 1881, he was united in marriage to Hattie E. Loring, a native of Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Mr. Stille is an Odd Fellow, which order he joined in October, 1879, and has also been a member of the Encampment. He is one of the enterprising and public-spirited men of the town, and a journalist of extraordinary ability. His father, Joseph R. Stille, was born in Brown County, Ohio, and reared in that and Clermont County, Ohio, by Dr. McLain, his parents having died in his infancy. He graduated in medicine in Cincinnati, and was married, at Bethel, Ohio, to Amanda M. Bradwell, a native of Clermont County, Ohio. He practiced his profession until the war, and then enlisted in Com-

pany E, Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, serving as surgeon part of the time, and afterward was made first lieutenant. He died from the effects of a wound received at the battle of Shiloh, October 2, 1868. The mother still resides in Unionville, and our subject is one of a family of six sons and two daughters, two sons and two daughters living.

E. M. Strauser was born in Northumberland County, Penn. (then Armstrong County), and is a son of David and Ellen (Soldady) Strauser, natives of Eastern Pennsylvania. His father was married four times. After the death of his first wife, in 1847, he married Miss Elizabeth Troutman, by whom three children were born. This lady died in 1866, and he then married Mrs. Lankard, who bore him three children. After her death, in 1860, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Motter (Fanny Bailey). Mr. and Mrs. Strauser are now living in Jefferson County, Penn., he being seventy years of age. His father, Jacob Strauser, was born near Philadelphia, Penn. E. M. Strauser moved to Louisa County, Iowa, in 1857, and in the spring of 1865 came to Putnam County, where he has since lived. He was educated in the common schools of Pennsylvania, and when sixteen years old began life upon his own responsibility, and is now a well-to-do and prosperous citizen, owning 622 acres of land besides town property, which he possesses elsewhere. During his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed to some extent until the fall of 1866. He also conducted a dry goods' store in Newtown for five months, and then engaged in the hardware and the harness business for fifteen and seven years, respectively. He is now interested in the lumber business in Newtown, in connection with his farming. April 7, 1861, he married Miss Lucy Williams, daughter of G. B. Williams and Mary (Hall) Williams, natives of Indiana. To this union nine children have been born: Gamalia W., Mary J., Alice, David Z., Augusta, Lizzie, Jalia, Elijah and Clinia. Mr. and Mrs. Strauser are both identified with the Christian Church. Mr. Strauser is a Republican, and has served his township as notary public four years, and in the spring of 1887 was elected justice of the peace. He is a member of the Blue Lodge, No. 190, A. F. & A. M., in Masonry.

Jonathan D. Summers was born in Randolph County, Mo., September 20, 1832. His father, Isaac Summers, was born in Virginia, in 1801, and accompanied his father, Simeon Summers, to Kentucky, in 1802. Simeon was an early settler of Kentucky, who moved to Indiana in 1814, and there spent his last days. Isaac grew to manhood in Indiana, and was there married to Rachel Cozad, who was born near Dayton, Ohio. Isaac moved from Indiana to Illinois, and from the latter State to Randolph

County, Mo., about 1831. He moved from there to Macon County, and from there to Putnam County, in the fall of 1840, entering the land upon which J. D. now resides, which he improved and upon which he died in 1859. Of a family of four children, J. D. and his sister, Mary M., wife of Henry Johnson, of Putnam County, are the only survivors. Our subject came with his father to Putnam County when eight years old, at a time when Indians and wild animals inhabited the country. Here he arrived at maturity and was married three times, the first two ceremonies having been performed in Unionville. August 29, 1860, he was married to Catherine, daughter of Crawford Odam, and a native of Illinois, by whom he has had four sons and two daughters. One daughter was born to his second marriage. He is the father of the following named children: Martha (widow of Joseph Denslow), Maryetta (wife of James A. McKinley, of Putnam County), Simeon F., Ettie M., Jonathan D., Crawford O. and Benjamin C. Mr. Summers' first wife was Cavy M. Weatherford, to whom he was married February 14, 1856, and who only lived a short time; the second wife was Martha Smith, daughter of Dr. Smith, of Iowa, to whom he was married December 24, 1857, and who died December 11, 1858. Mr. Summers sold goods in his neighborhood for one year, about 1856, and then moved his stock to Unionville, where he kept a general store until 1865. He was reared a Whig, but is now a Democrat, although he voted for both Lincoln and Grant. While in Unionville he served as postmaster from 1859 until the fall of 1864. He is now the owner of 360 acres of land, 200 fenced and well-improved, and lives in a comfortable residence, near which is an orchard of 400 apple bearing trees. He has been a member of the Masonic lodge at Hartford for about fifteen years, and himself and wife are Adventists.

L. D. Thomas, dentist, was born in La Salle County, Ill., in 1857, and in 1869 accompanied his parents to Putnam County, locating on a farm in Medicine Township, and in 1877 began the study of dentistry under Mr. Fox, at Milan, with whom he remained two years, and then practiced in the western part of Putnam County until June, 1885, when he located at Unionville. His office was first in the Marshall Bank Building, but in the fall of 1887 he removed to his present office over Harkins Hart Company store. He can be found at his office in Unionville the latter half of each month, but the rest of his time is spent in the western part of the county and in Iowa. His father was born in New London County, Conn., March 19, 1822, and after the age of two until he reached maturity lived in Wayne County, Penn., where he learned the wagon trade with his father, and

also taught school during his early manhood, having been an attendant at the Bethany High School, Penn., for three years. In 1844 he located at Lowell, Ill., where he worked at his trade and taught school. In January, 1850, he married Sarah Cushing, who died two years later; this lady was a niece of Gen. Pratt, of Missouri. After her death Mr. Thomas studied medicine. In the fall of 1854 he married Nancy Reed, a native of Ohio, and to this union three sons and one daughter were born, our subject being the second child. The others are Charles C., F. F. and Lucy. Alfred, the paternal grandfather, lived the most of his life in Wayne County, Penn., and died in Linn County, Iowa.

Burrell B. Thompson, farmer and stock raiser of Sherman Township, was born in Barbour County, Va., September 13, 1833, and is a son of S. J. and Jane (Booth) Thompson, also natives of Virginia. In about 1839 the family moved to Ohio, and the following year to Indiana, where they located in Cass County and resided for seven years. They then returned to and lived in Barbour County, Va., for several years, and in the fall of 1849 went to Illinois. After remaining in Whiteside County, of that State, about three years, they immigrated to Missouri, and located in 1852 in St. John Township, Putnam County, where the father still resides. Our subject grew to manhood in Virginia and Indiana, and in 1852 located in Putnam County. Here he was married, in August, 1853, to Miss Catherine R. Daniels, daughter of William Daniels, formerly of Virginia. Mrs. Thompson was born in Marion County, Ohio, and reared in Virginia. After his marriage Mr. Thompson improved a farm in Sherman Township, which is in the northern part of Putnam County. Some three years later he moved to the west of St. John Township and improved a farm there, which he afterward sold, and then moved upon his present location. He now has a well-improved place, with 210 acres in the homestead, all fenced, and about 130 acres in meadow and plow land. Their union has been blessed with only one son—Marshall Thompson—who married Melissa Skipper, and has an eighty-acre farm adjoining that of his father's. He is a young man of good character and is well situated in a comfortable house, and has a fairly improved home place. Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Thompson are members of the Methodist Church of St. John.

Edward Titus was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1827, and is the eldest child of Obadiah and Mary (Townsend) Titus, natives of New York State. Mr. Titus was a prominent man in his county, serving as judge of the county court, and sheriff of Dutchess County, N. Y., and in 1836 was elected to Congress, serving one year. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 for

three months, and commanded a company of State militia. He was of Welsh-English, and his wife of English descent. His parents, Samuel and Ruth (Titus) Titus, were natives of Dutchess County and Long Island, N. Y., respectively. The mother was a daughter of George and Phoebe (Willett) Townsend, natives of New York. Her grandfather, George Townsend, was a staunch Whig, and during the Revolution served on a prison ship. Edward Titus, the subject of this sketch, moved to Putnam County, Mo., in January, 1872, where he has since resided. He received a good academical education, and passed his youth upon a farm. Farming has been his life occupation, with the exception of five years, during which he was employed in the New York Custom House, engaged in the manufacture of butter and cheese, and served in the war. He enlisted in the fall of 1861 in Company H, Sixth New York Cavalry, officiating as second lieutenant. He afterward served in Company A, in the same capacity, but after being transferred to Company I was made captain. He was wounded at the battle of Winchester on Opequah Creek, and January 16, 1865, was discharged at Annapolis, Md., on account of disability. In January, 1862, he married Rachel Spielman, a native of New York, by whom he has had six children: Catherine, Mary, Maud, Percy (deceased), Jessie and Floyd. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and a Knight Templar, and has served his township as justice of the peace four years.

Benjamin F. Todd, farmer and stock raiser, of Section 33, Jackson Township, Post-office, West Liberty, was born in Pulaski County, Ky., March 30, 1823, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Vanhook) Todd, also natives of Kentucky. The family moved to Sangamon County, Ill., about 1851, locating near Springfield, where the father died about 1866. Benjamin F. Todd spent his youth in Kentucky upon the farm. He was married in Lincoln County, in 1850, to Miss Julia Ann Bowman, a native of Rock Castle County, Ky., and after his marriage farmed there about three years. In 1853 he went to Christian County, Ill., and after a year's residence moved to Sangamon County, where he farmed about ten years. He sold out in 1864, and sought a home in Missouri, farming first two years in Scotland County. He then sold out and returned to Sangamon County, Ill., and two years later sold again, and went to Marshall County, Iowa. In 1871 he located in Putnam County, Mo., and bought 120 acres of raw land, which he proceeded to cultivate. He now owns 205 acres, 160 in the home place, forty in another tract and five in timber land. He has a nice one-and-a-half story house, etc., and a good bearing orchard of about 150 select apple trees.

Mr. Todd lost his first wife in 1864. Of this marriage there are three living children: Leander, married; Julia, wife of William Francisco, of Kansas, and Alice, wife of David Tompkins. Three children died—one at the age of two, Belle aged eight, and James aged twelve. June 4, 1864, Mr. Todd married Miss Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of William Martin McClain, of Scotland County, Mo. This lady was born in Galena, Ill., and reared in Scotland County. To her and our subject ten children have been born. The eldest, Benjamin F., died July 13, 1886, aged twenty; Sallie, wife of John Mowry; Hattie J., Charles W., William B., Rollie B., Harlie M., Lucy Blanche, Daisy E. and Fronie C. Mr. Todd is a Republican, but has never sought nor wished to obtain political prominence. Himself, wife and a daughter, Hattie, are members of the Christian Church.

J. C. Triplett was born in Monroe County, Mo., in 1839, moved to Sullivan County with his parents when a small boy, and from there came to Putnam County in the fall of 1853, where he has since resided. When of age he began life as a day laborer, soon accumulated a little money, and upon the death of his father inherited forty acres of land and \$600 in money; the balance of his property is mostly the result of his own labor and business ability. He has a finely improved farm of 440 acres, upon which he resides (forty acres of which belonged to his wife at their marriage), and is considered one of the respected and well-to-do farmers of the township. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, First Missouri State Militia Cavalry, and served in 1861 as a home guard. He was first appointed corporal, but for his efficient service was afterward made sergeant, which office he held until March 11, 1865, when he was mustered out at Warrensburg, Mo. He was wounded by Price's men at Castle Rock, in October, 1864. October 8, 1866, he married Miss Nancy Shelton, daughter of John and Frances (Mason) Shelton, the former of Tennessee, and the latter a native of Virginia. They were reared in Kentucky, moving to Putnam County, Mo., in the spring of 1850. To Mr. and Mrs. Triplett six children have been born: Julia F., Ulysses L., John W., Viola E., Daisy L. and James O. Mr. Triplett is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the G. A. R. He is the third child of five born to James and Frances (Crutcher) Triplett, natives of Virginia, who were reared in Kentucky. They were of Irish and Dutch descent, respectively, and the father served as assessor of Monroe County, Mo., and represented Putnam County in the Legislature one term. Mr. Triplett's first wife was Miss Nancy Lidick, by whom three children were born. Mrs. Frances Triplett was a daughter of Charles Crutcher, an early settler of Monroe County, Mo.

Leander Todd was born October 29, 1854, in Rock Castle County, Ky., and is the second child born to Benjamin F. and Julia A. (Bowman) Todd, natives of the same county and State. The former was of Irish and the latter of German descent. The father was a successful man, being considered one of the best farmers in his county. Mr. Todd died in February, 1866, and the fall of the following year Mr. Todd married Miss Sarah McLain, by whom he has had nine children. Both are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Todd is a stanch Republican in politics. His father, Thomas Todd, was a native of Kentucky. Leander Todd was taken by his parents to Sangamon County, Ill., when a year old, and eight years later moved to Scotland County, Mo. He afterward returned to Sangamon County, then went to Marshall County, Iowa, and in 1871 came to Putnam County, Mo., where he has since resided. He received a common-school education in Sangamon County, Ill., and in the State of Iowa, and when eighteen years old began life on his own account. As the result of economy and good management he now owns 444 acres of well improved and cultivated land, and is one of the successful farmer citizens of the township. In 1876 he wedded Miss Maggie Morehead, by whom he had one child—Isadora. Mrs. Todd died in 1880, and in March of the following year he married Miss Sallie Howe. To this union three children have been born: Nellie, Walter M. and Frank. Mr. Todd is a member of the Christian Church. He is a member of the Republican party, and belongs to the I. O. O. F.

James Turner, one of the largest and most enterprising merchants of Northeast Missouri, was born in Salisbury, Wiltshire County, England, in 1839, and at the age of sixteen immigrated to Canada, where he remained three years, then removing to McLean County, Ill., and, after a year's residence there, moved to Louisa County, Iowa. At the commencement of the war he went to Burlington and enlisted in the Sixth Iowa Infantry, with which he remained until the close of the war, being mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, as captain of Company I. After returning from the war he went to Wapello, Iowa, and engaged in the grocery business for four years, and then accepted a position in the mail service on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, but resigned in two years and opened supply stores at Unionville, Mo., and Moulton and Cincinnati, Iowa, all on the line of the Chicago, Burlington & Kansas City Railroad, then in the course of construction. After the completion of the railroad he only continued to conduct the store at Unionville, which he soon made one of the most popular stores in Northeast Missouri. In 1873 he built the main part of his present store, a handsome two-



story brick structure, 24x120 feet, which is a model in all departments. Ten men are constantly employed in his store to supply the demands of his continually increasing trade. Besides superintending his business in the store Mr. Turner buys and ships large quantities of grain. In 1866 he was united in marriage to Sarah E. Stewart, a native of Ohio, and is now the father of two children: Daisy and Nellie. Mr. Turner is a member of the orders of I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W. and G. A. R., and is a strong temperance advocate. Both the maternal and paternal grandfathers of our subject were Methodist ministers, and lived and died in England. The father, William Turner, was born in the same county as James, and there married Anna Willett, afterward immigrating to Canada in 1854, and is now residing at Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Turner is the second of twelve children—four sons and eight daughters—born to this union. Two sons and four daughters reached maturity, and are still living.

J. P. Vandevort was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1814, and is a son of James and Rachel (Peters) Vandevort, natives of Virginia. The father served in the War of 1812, as sergeant of his company, and was a son of Charles Vandevort, a native of New Jersey, and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The mother was a son of John Peters, a native of Pennsylvania, and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Mr. and Mrs. Vandevort were of English and Dutch descent, respectively. J. P. Vandevort remained in his native county until about 1839, when he went to Morgan County, Ill., a year later removing to Louisa County, Iowa. About 1855 he came to Putnam County, where he has since resided. He has devoted his attention to farming since his boyhood, and at the age of twenty began life for himself. By good management and industry he has amassed a comfortable competence, and is the owner of 180 acres of good land, under good cultivation. In 1837 he married Miss Sophia Beck, a native of Pike County, Ohio, by whom five children have been born—James Milton, William Asberry, John C., Elizabeth and Phoebe. Mr. Vandevort lost his first wife in 1849, and in 1853 was married to Mrs. Adaline Snyder, whose maiden name was Ritew. This lady was born in Lancaster County, Penn., and is the mother of the following children: Winfield Scott, George R., Albert, Addie and Jane. Mr. and Mrs. Vandevort belong to no church, but sympathize with the doctrines of the Universalist and Methodist Churches, respectively. Mr. Vandevort is always interested in the welfare of his county and country, and during the late war served in Company I, Third State Militia Cavalry, from 1862 until the fall of 1863, when he was wounded

in a severe skirmish at Newtonia, and returned home. He is a Republican, and, although he has served his township in various official capacities, is no aspirant for political honors.

S. B. Walton, jeweler and silversmith of Unionville, was born in Davis County, Iowa, in 1852, and is one of six sons and two daughters born to Ira D. and Cynthia (Alexander) Walton, natives of Ohio and Indiana, who now reside at Bloomfield, Iowa. All the children were reared to maturity, but one brother is now deceased. Our subject learned his trade at Bloomfield, Iowa, and in 1877 went to Hutchinson, Kas, where he opened a stock of jeweler's goods and remained three years. He then returned to Bloomfield and from there went to Unionville in 1880. He first located on the south side of the square, and afterward on the west side, where he was burned out in 1882. He was then, for a year and a half, on the northwest corner of the square, on the west side of the street, and in the fall of 1884 formed a partnership with E. N. Monroe, the druggist, in whose room he has since carried a fine stock of silver tableware, jewelry, gold and silver watches, clocks, diamonds, etc., his stock being valued at about \$4,000. His stock is well assorted and very complete, and would be of credit to a town five times larger than Unionville. In the fall of 1877 Mr. Walton was married to Neatie Goss, a native of Jackson County, Ind.

George W. Warren was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, October 11, 1828, and is a son of Levi and Mary (Dacon) Warren, natives of Ohio and New York, respectively. They moved to Illinois in 1835 and settled in McDonough County, where the father entered land and improved a farm near McComb. After a number of years the family moved to Mercer County, and from there, in 1879, to Keokuk, where the father died the same year. G. W. Warren arrived at maturity in McDonough County, Ill., upon the farm, and was married in that county September 9, 1856, to Mary Jane Yard, daughter of Job and Frances Yard, of McDonough County, formerly of England. Mrs. Warren was born on the Mississippi River while her parents were on the trip west. After his marriage Mr. Warren farmed in McDonough County until he came to Missouri, in May, 1886. He then bought 220 acres of land where he now resides, to which he has added, and he is now the owner of 280 acres, 200 well cultivated and improved. He lives in a good one-and-a-half story house, and has a nice orchard of 300 trees. There are eight children in his family: Ida A., Amy E., Byron, Effie, Job, Olive C., Mary Theodosia and Nora L. One child, Fannie E., died in early childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Warren and his family, with the exception of the youngest child, are members of the Christian

Church. In 1852 Mr. Warren made a trip to California. There were 200 men in the company, and sixty teams, of which Mr. Warren was made captain, and W. E. Packet, of St. Louis, first captain. The trip was made overland, the company starting in April, 1852, and landing in Portland, Ore., six months later. California was reached in the spring of 1853. The second night after they left Council Bluffs they were attacked by a tribe of Pawnee Indians and succeeded in killing the chief, his son and sixty others. But two of their men were wounded. They were afterward attacked twice by different bands, but escaped both times without the loss of a man. Mr. Warren remained in Rogue River Valley, Cal., engaged in mining, freighting and fighting the Indians until 1858, returning home via Aspinwall, Panama and New York. He reached home July 3, 1856.

H. S. Wells was born April 28, 1836, in Tioga County, N. Y., and is a son of George Wells and Lucy E. (Stark) Wells, natives of Albany, N. Y., and Colchester, Conn. The father was born April 25, 1810, and both himself and wife are of English descent. The Wells family have descended from three brothers, who settled in Massachusetts at an early day, George Wells having descended from Stephen Wells, who was born in Lenox, Berkshire Co., Mass., and was an early settler in Tioga County, N. Y. He later moved to Chautauqua County, of the same State, where he died. George Wells moved with his parents, Stephen and Lois (Hubbard) Wells, to Massachusetts, receiving his early education at the common schools of Massachusetts and New York. After living in various counties and States he came to Putnam County, Mo., in the spring of 1857, where he has since resided. He began life a poor man, but by industry and economy became the owner of a comfortable competency. In 1833 he married the mother of our immediate subject, who bore him six children: One who died in infancy; Henry S., Stephen L., George E. (deceased while in service during the war), Lucy M. and Charles H. Mrs. Wells died in 1881. Mr. Wells was an influential man in his county, and at one time was a Republican candidate for State senator, his opponent being Col. Pratt, also a Republican nominee, who was elected by a few votes. Mr. Wells, however, served his township in several official capacities, such as justice of the peace, for several years. He was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church at York Township, in 1860, and was one of the pioneer members of that church in the locality where he now lives. H. S. Wells, whose name heads this sketch, accompanied his parents to Chautauqua County, N. Y., in 1841; to Steuben County, N. Y., in 1850; to Jackson and Clinton Counties, Iowa, in 1854, and in 1857 to Putnam County, where

he settled within 100 rods of his present residence. His youth was spent upon the farm, and in a general store, his education being received at the public schools of Chautauqua County and at the Addison Academy, while in Steuben County, N. Y. When of age he started in life for himself a poor man, but now owns a nicely improved farm of 300 acres, well stocked and equipped for farming. In 1868 he married Miss Nancy Owens, daughter of James Owens, who settled in Putnam County in 1849. To Mr. and Mrs. Wells have been born James O., George E., Lucy M., Susan M., Henry H., Fannie I., Esther E. and Stephen C. Mrs. Wells is a faithful member of the Methodist Protestant Church. In politics Mr. Wells is a Republican. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, serving four years, at different times, being corporal, sergeant and quartermaster sergeant. He was mustered out of service July 18, 1865, at Louisville, Ky., but did not leave the ranks until he reached St. Louis, where he received his pay. Mr. and Mrs. Wells are both well respected citizens, and enjoy the good will of their neighbors and associates.

James W. Wells, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Macon County, Mo., December 10, 1836. His father, James Wells, was born near Wellsburg, Va., April 20, 1790, and moved with his father, Richard Wells, Jr., to Kentucky, when an infant, his father locating in Madison County. Richard Wells, Jr., was a son of Richard Wells, Sr., who was one of a family of twenty-four sons born to his parents. Richard Wells, Jr., was an early settler of Madison County, Ky., where he improved a farm and raised his family. Col. James Wells came to Missouri at the age of twenty in 1810, and settled in St. Charles County, where he married Miss Polly Welldon in 1817, a native of the county and daughter of John Welldon, who was of German descent. He then moved to Randolph County, Mo., where he entered land and improved a farm. In 1834 he went to Macon County and in March, 1839, moved to Appanoose County, Iowa, locating on the south line of the State adjoining Schuyler County, and on the east bank of the Chariton River. He then built a saw and grist-mill which he began to operate in 1844. He died at that place February 1, 1857. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk War and held a colonel's commission. For his services he received a land warrant and entered the land upon which his son James W. now lives. He was a prominent man in his county, holding several local offices, and served as probate judge of Appanoose County. He had a family of six sons and four daughters who grew to maturity, three sons and one daughter still living. J. W. was reared in Appanoose County in sight of his present residence, where he

moved in February, 1864. He owns 800 acres of land, one-half being Chariton River bottom land and 600 acres well improved and cultivated. He has a nice new barn and an orchard of 1,900 trees. Mr. Wells was married, in Schuyler County, November 27, 1860, to Miss Theresa Ann, daughter of Simeon and Margaret Davis, formerly of Jefferson County, Ohio, where Mrs. Wells was born and reared. To this union seven children were born: Xenia A., a young lady, county teacher, Luzetta A. and Charles S., living; and four who died in early childhood and infancy. Mrs. Wells died November 22, 1865. She was a member of the Christian Church, to which she united prior to her marriage. Mr. Wells has reared two nieces, Mary E. Anderson, a county teacher, and Phœbe Jane, who is at school qualifying herself for the position of a teacher. Mr. Wells is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics is a Republican.

Elijah Wells was born in 1839 in Clark County, Ohio, moved to Lee County, Iowa, in 1849, and to Putnam County, Mo., in 1857, where he has since resided. His youth was passed upon a farm, and he received a common-school education in Lee County, Iowa. In 1859 he learned the blacksmith's trade at St. Joe, which he followed twelve years, after which time he gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. He is extensively interested in fine horses, owning a fine Percheron horse imported from France, one of the finest of that breed in the United States. He also owns a fine Morgan and Norman horse and two Jacks. His property is the result of his own unassisted toil, as he started out in life for himself with no capital when but nineteen years of age. His farm consists of 370 acres of well-stocked and cultivated land, and he is considered one of the successful farmers of the vicinity in which he lives. In 1864 he married Miss Samantha F. Beaty, a native of Athens County, Ohio, and daughter of William and Elizabeth Beaty, also natives of that State. To Mr. and Mrs. Wells five children have been born: John, Nettie May, George, Alta and Vincent A. Mrs. Wells is a member of the Methodist Church. The former is a Democrat in politics, although he believes in voting for the man and not the party. He is a Master Mason, and a member of the A. O. U. W. During the late war he served in the Missouri State Militia. He is the third of nine children born to Absalom and Mary (Garland) Wells, natives of Ross County, Ohio, who moved to Lee County, Iowa, in 1849, and to Putnam County, Mo., in 1857. They afterward went to Idaho, where Mr. Wells is living, at the age of seventy-seven. Mrs. Wells died in 1881, aged sixty-one. Mr. Wells is a son of Levi Wells, a pioneer settler of Ross County, Ohio. The parents of Mrs. Wells, David and Phœbe Garland, were natives of Ohio, and

early settlers in Lee County, Iowa, where they died. Mr. Garland was a member of the convention which formed the constitution of the State, and a representative of Lee County, in which he also held various official positions.

A. J. and Joel Wells, farmers and stock raisers of Medicine Township, are sons of James H. and Victoria (Daniel) Wells, natives of Grayson County, Tenn., and Kentucky, respectively. Mr. A. J. Wells was born in Adams County, Ill., in 1851, and moved to Shelby County, Mo., in 1865, then back to Adams County in 1867, and in 1869 came to Putnam County, Mo., where he has since resided. He received a good common-school education during his youth, but has always engaged in agricultural pursuits. He began life a poor young man upon arriving at his majority, but by good management and industry has become a substantially fixed farmer. June 26, 1881, he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of Isaac and Harriet (Mills) Campbell, natives of Ohio. Three children have blessed this union, named as follows: Grace (deceased), James Thomas and Dandridge Mardonis. Mr. Wells is a Master Mason and a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat. He was the sixth child born to his parents, only one of whom—the mother—survives, and makes her home with her sons. The father died December 1, 1886, aged seventy-one. He was an active politician in his county, and was elected by the Democratic party to fill several offices of honor and trust in his township and the county. He was a blacksmith by trade, but late in life devoted his entire time to farming and stock raising. His father, Barney Wells, was a native of Tennessee, but in after years moved to Illinois, where he died at the age of eighty-three. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Grayson County, Tenn. Joel Wells, the second subject of this sketch, is the youngest child of a family of eleven, and was born September 15, 1864, in Adams County, Ill. He accompanied his parents to Putnam County in 1869, and was reared upon a farm and has chosen farming for his life occupation; he received a good common-school education at the schools of Putnam County, and although he began life for himself when but a young man has been very successful. His mother, Mrs. Victoria Wells, is a daughter of Vivian and Lucy (Hart) Daniel, natives of Virginia, who after their marriage moved to Kentucky with a family of four children, and later went to Adams County, Ill., where they died. Both Messrs. A. J. and Joel Wells are active and enterprising young farmer citizens, and enjoy the respect and esteem of the community. Their grandparents, Barney and Anna Wells, were natives of Grayson County, Tenn., but afterward moved to Adams County, Ill., where they passed

the remainder of their lives. They were of English and Welsh descent.

F. H. Wentworth, cashier of the National Bank of Unionville, was born in Maine in 1844, and brought to Iowa by his parents, who located at Centreville. Our subject was reared and educated there, and at the age of twenty accepted a clerkship in a drug store, and in 1870 came to Unionville and formed a partnership with Dr. J. G. Hart, and continued in the drug business with him several years, afterward purchasing the business which he still owns. March 4, 1862, he enlisted in the Seventeenth Iowa Infantry, serving in the same until the close of the war. He was in the battles of Corinth, Iuka, Mission Ridge, siege of Vicksburg, etc., and was wounded at Jackson, Miss., and captured at Tilton, Ga., in October, 1864, and taken to Andersonville, where he was kept until the close of the war. In 1872 he married Abia McGowen, a native of Indiana, by whom three children, Orris, Orra and Stella, were born. Orra died September 1, 1881. The Wentworths are of English origin, being descendants of William Wentworth, who came to America prior to the Revolutionary War, and from him are descended Thomas, our subject's grandfather, and Thomas, our subject's father, who was born in Maine and married in Illinois, where he taught school. He afterward moved to Iowa where he still lives at Centreville. The mother, Frances Eddington, was a native of Kentucky, and died in 1854. Mr. Wentworth is one of a family of two sons and three daughters, two sons and two daughters reaching maturity. One brother, George, served through the war in the Sixth Iowa Infantry. Mr. Wentworth is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Grant.

Noah S. West was born in Putnam County, December 13, 1842, and is a son of Samuel and Susan (Oldake) West, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The family moved to Missouri about 1839, where the father entered and improved land in Elm Township, Putnam County, where he has since resided, and where he ranks among the prominent citizens, and has held several offices of trust and honor. There was a family of three sons and four daughters who grew to maturity, and of these, three sons and two daughters are living. Noah S. is the fourth child, and spent his childhood and youth in Putnam County. July 27, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Eighteenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, as private, and was discharged a private July 18, 1865. He was one of the besiegers of Atlanta, and present at all of the engagements participated in by Sherman's men upon their march to the sea. He was in the grand review at Washington. After his discharge he returned to farm life

in Putnam County, and was here married in the spring of 1867, to Mary Frances, daughter of Joseph Worthington, a native of Putnam County, whose father came from Kentucky. After his marriage Mr. West farmed in Elm Township until 1879, and then sold goods in Graysville for one and one-half years, after which he farmed until March, 1886. He then rented his farm, and engaged in the mercantile business upon his present location, where he carries a general stock of merchandise, and is doing well. He is a member of the G. A. R., and, as a Republican, has served as justice of the peace of Elm Township, and postmaster of Graysville during his residence there. His farm is located in Elm Township, and contains 160 acres, 120 being fenced, and 110 in meadow and plow land. The house is a one-and-a-half story frame, and is surrounded by an orchard of 100 apple trees and good outbuildings. Mrs. West died in the fall of 1882, and Mr. West afterward married Temperance Durbin, who is a worthy member of the United Brethren Church. The following are the children of Mr. West: Alvira, a county teacher, Essie I., Edward B., Zephyr M., Artie S., who died in March, 1887, aged nineteen, and one infant who died in the fall of 1872.

H. H. Widner was born in Sevier County, Tenn., in 1840, and is the fifth child of twelve born to Henry and Celia (Dodson) Widner, natives of South Carolina, and, it is thought, Sevier County, Tenn., respectively. The father has been a faithful and earnest worker in the Methodist Church for many years. The maternal grandparents, William and Sarah (Robeson) Dobson, were natives of South Carolina. The grandmother died in Sevier County, Tenn., and her husband in Missouri. Sarah E. Widner was a daughter of Philip and Margaret (Clay) Johnson, natives of Moniteau County, Mo. Her father was a son of John and Sarah (Moore) Johnson, of North Carolina. Mr. Johnson was a soldier of the War of 1812, and Mrs. Johnson a daughter of Jeremiah Clay, a distant relative of Henry Clay. H. H. Widner, the immediate subject of this sketch, when a child, was taken to Mercer County, Mo., and lived there until after his marriage, when he moved to Putnam County, of which he is still a resident. He was educated at the common schools of Mercer County, but farming has been his occupation since boyhood. When but a young man he began life as an independent farmer, and by unassisted labor has become the owner of 360 acres of good land. In 1866 he married Miss Eugenia Walker, who bore him one child, which died in infancy. Mrs. Widner died on April 25, 1867, and February 27, 1878, Mr. Widner married Mrs. Sarah E. Moore, *nee* Johnson. By her first marriage Mrs. Widner had one child, Virginia, wife of Robert Vincil. To her second mar-



riage the following children have been born: Alexander, Eugene (deceased), Linnura G., Henry O., Margaret E., Statia A. and Estelle. Mr. and Mrs. Widner are both worthy members of the Missionary Baptist Church, of which the former has been a deacon for many years. In politics he is a Democrat, and during the late war he served in the State militia.

Joseph Williams, a prominent farmer and stock raiser, was born August 20, 1819, near Knoxville, Tenn., and when only a child was brought by his parents to Cooper County, Mo., and to Dodge (now Putnam) County, in 1849, where he has since resided. He was the ninth of a family of ten children, and the only son of James and Susan (Webb) Williams, natives of East Tennessee, and of English descent. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812, in which he distinguished himself for physical strength, endurance and courage. Joseph Williams was reared upon the farm and has made farming and stock raising his sole occupation since the time he started to fight the battle of life for himself, at the age of twenty-one. He is a man of great energy, foresight and practical business ability, and has succeeded in accumulating a handsome competency, being the owner of 1,300 acres of exceedingly well improved land, well stocked and equipped for his business in every way. Although he attended school during his youth but very little, he has acquired enough education to aid him materially in his business ventures. March 4, 1847, he married Miss Susanna Nelson, daughter of Madison and Nancy (Simmons) Nelson, natives of North Carolina, who started for Moniteau County (then Cole) when Mrs. Williams was but a year old. They arrived at their destination in but sad spirits, however, as on the way the father and husband was killed by a runaway team of horses. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams eight children have been born: Ruth J., James W., Sarah H. (deceased), John R. (deceased), Nancy B., Mary L., Thomas Lee (deceased) and David A. Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams have been worthy conscientious members of the Baptist Church since early youth. In politics Mr. Williams is a Democrat, and as such was elected sheriff of Putnam County in 1856, serving a term of four years. In 1871 he scored a great success by being elected the tax collector by his party, in a county which had at that time 1,100 Republican majority. He was obliged, however, on account of ill-health, to resign the office before the expiration of his term. During the war he commanded a company in the State Militia. Mr. Williams is of a retiring disposition, and has never sought office himself, those he has filled being forced upon him by friends. He is a Master Mason, and has been one of the leading stockholders in the Put-

nam County Fair Association since its inception, being one of its directors, only becoming too aged. He is one of the most respected and honored citizens of the community in which he lives, and a good example of a self-made man.

Philip B. Williams, farmer and stock raiser, was born in what is now Carroll County, Va., January 15, 1831, and is the son of Garett and Charity (Beamer) Williams, also natives of Virginia. The grandfather, Samuel Williams, was born in Wales, and was one of the early settlers of Virginia, where he spent his last days. Garett Williams moved from Virginia to Putnam County, Ind., in 1852. He remained there until 1863, and then located in Pike County, Ill., dying there in 1864. Philip B., the subject of this sketch, is the only son and third child of a family of seven, who grew to maturity. He was reared upon the farm in Carroll County, Va., and September 9, 1851, was married in North Carolina to Melinda Neugent, daughter of Jacob and Rhoda (Harrold) Neugent, of Carroll County, Va. Mrs. Williams was born in North Carolina, and is the mother of five children: Asberry F., married and a resident of Putnam County; Virginia L., wife of John Williams, of Oregon; Laura E., wife of John Farnsworth, of Appanoose County, Iowa; Hulda M., and Philip Temple, a lad of fifteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are Methodists in religion. After his marriage Mr. Williams remained in Carroll County a few months and then went to Putnam County, Ind., in the winter of 1851-52, where, for the first year or two he engaged in farming and worked on public works. In 1859 he moved to Iowa, and February 14, 1860, located upon his present farm in Putnam County, Mo. He at first bought sixty acres of slightly improved land on Shoal Creek, but now owns 160 acres of well cultivated land. In July, 1861, he enlisted in the Home Guards, and in August, 1862, in Company D, Twenty-seventh Missouri Infantry, serving until discharged at Washington, June 13, 1865. He was present at the siege and surrender of Vicksburg, the battles at Jonesboro, Atlanta, Mission Ridge and Lookout Mountain, and accompanied Sherman on his march to the sea. The fight at Bentonville, N. C., was his last; he was present at the grand review at Washington. Since returning home he has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He is a Republican, and held the office of township treasurer five years, with fidelity and zeal, and served for many years on the school board. He is the chaplain of the G. A. R. post at Omaha.

S. R. Williams was born in 1840 in Madison County, Ind., and moved to Putnam County, Mo., in 1851, where he has since resided. He was educated and reared in Putnam County, and

since boyhood has been engaged in farming. He began life for himself when eighteen years old. He inherited a little property, which he has increased by industry and good management, and is now the owner of 248 acres of well-improved and cultivated land. In 1859 he married Mary Jane Green, a native of Crawford County, Ind., and a daughter of Henry B. and Amy (Adams) Green, early settlers of Crawford County, Ind. The grandfather of Mrs. Williams, Henry Green, was one of the first settlers in Crawford County, and a soldier in the War of 1812. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Williams has been blessed with nine children: Amy Susie (wife of James Green), Martha Ellen (wife of John Green), Octavia I. (wife of H. P. Hill), Henry F., Mary R., Arthur A., Saul Granville, Anna May, and one who died unnamed. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and rank among the respected citizens of the county. Mr. Williams is a Republican, and a member of the G. A. R. He was the elder of two children (both living) of Zachariah and Susan (Reger) Williams. During the Rebellion our subject enlisted, in March, 1865, in Company D, Fifty-first Missouri Infantry, and served until mustered out at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, in the fall of 1865.

Zachariah Williams was born in Madison County, Ind., in March, 1846, and has been a resident of Putnam County since 1851. He began life upon his own responsibility at the age of eighteen, with little or nothing, but being of an enterprising disposition, and possessing good business ability, he advanced step by step toward the goal of success, and is now the owner of 650 acres of good land, finely cultivated and well stocked. He was married, in April, 1868, to Miss Lydia Caroline Green, a native of Crawford County, Ind., who came to Putnam County, Mo., in 1858. She was a daughter of Henry Boland and Amy C. (Adams) Green, natives of Crawford County, Ind., and New York State, respectively, and of Irish and English descent, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams eight children have been born: John A., George E., Lorenzo Dow, Lura A., Wilber Grant, Susie A., Henry C. and Willard F. Mrs. Williams is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Williams is Republican in politics, and during the war of the Rebellion enlisted in Company C, Forty-second Missouri Infantry, serving until the close of the war, when he was mustered out at St. Louis. He is the youngest and second child of Zachariah and Susan (Reger) Williams, natives of Madison County, Ind. The father was a successful farmer in that locality all his life. His father, Ralph Williams, was born in Virginia, and one of the first farmer settlers of Madison County, Ind. The maternal

grandfather of our subject, Saul Reger, married Miss Dobson. He was a native of Virginia, and moved to Sullivan County, Mo., about 1858, where he passed the remainder of his days, although his death occurred while in St. Louis, under medical treatment. He was a minister of the gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also Mr. Ralph Williams.

A. J. Williams, county clerk, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, January 7, 1853, where he lived until about twenty-one years of age, when he came to Putnam County, Mo., locating in Grant Township, where he taught school for five years. He then interested himself exclusively in agricultural pursuits until the fall of 1882, at which time he was elected to his present office by the Republican party, and was afterward re-elected in the fall of 1886. April 9, 1876, he married Eliza E. Minear, daughter of Rev. Alpheus, a United Brethren minister, and pioneer of Putnam County, who still resides in Grant Township. To them one son and two daughters have been born: William Ernest, Bertha L. and Maggie L. Mr. Williams belongs to the F. & A. M. and A. O. U. W. William Williams, Sr., the paternal grandfather, was born in Fairfax County, Va., September 17, 1757, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving in the Continental Regulars eighteen months, enduring many hardships and receiving no pay. He was in the battles of Camden and Guilford, and the siege of "Ninety-Six." In 1832 Congress passed a law which gave him a pension, but his death occurring August 23, 1832, he never received it. He was married, in Greenbrier County, W. Va., to Mary Watts, May 21, 1795. This lady was born in Maryland in 1776, and was a descendant of a Scottish family of the name of Watts. She died in 1860. Her husband died in Gallia County, Ohio, where he immigrated during the early history of the State. The father of our subject, William, was born in Greenbrier County, Va., December 8, 1808, and married in Ohio; September 11, 1834, to Lucinda Allison, a native of Gallia County, and born January 25, 1816, and still a resident of that county, where William died July 4, 1887. Three of their children died in infancy, but six sons and one daughter were reared to maturity; one son has since died. One son, James K., served in the Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and two others, William H. and John H., were in the 100-days' service. The maternal grandfather, Allison, of A. J., was born in Virginia, served in the War of 1812, and died in 1872 at the age of eighty years. The grandmother (Carter) Allison, was a native of Virginia, and in early childhood located opposite Mount Pleasant.

Joseph Wood was born March 1, 1821, in Cocke County,

Tenn., and is the twelfth child of a family of fourteen born to David and Ruth (Fowler) Wood, natives of Pennsylvania and Cocke County, Tenn., respectively. Almost their entire lives were spent in Cocke County, Tenn. Mr. Wood was a son of Joseph Wood, a native of France, and his wife a native of Wales, and served some time in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Ruth Wood was a daughter of Thomas Fowler, a native of Ireland, and also a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was a member of Gen. Washington's staff, and heard him deliver his famous address to the army. Mr. Fowler lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight, and Mr. Joseph Wood to the age of ninety-six. The subject of this sketch when fourteen years old went to the Unaka Mountains, where he herded and handled stock until arriving at his majority. He then immigrated to Linn (now Putnam) County, Mo., riding upon a pony the entire distance from Cocke County, Tenn., to the farm upon which he now resides. He attended school during his boyhood one or two months every winter after he was old enough to do so, until he reached the age of fourteen. His education was then suspended until he became of age, when he again attended school a few months. About that time he began life for himself, with no capital save energy, perseverance and business ability, to which qualities he is greatly indebted for his success in life. He is now one of the most respected and successful farmer citizens of the county, in which he is greatly interested. In the fall of 1846 he married Miss Elizabeth Johnson, a native of Moniteau County, Mo., by whom he has had nine children: Thomas N., two died unnamed, Julia A. (wife of Robert Moore), William J., Julia F. (wife of Elijah Gregory), John L., David R. and Franklin P. Mrs. Wood is a faithful member of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Wood is a Democrat in politics, and has filled several township offices, although he has never sought political honors.

T. N. Wood was born in 1847 in Putnam County (then Dodge), Mo., where he was reared and received a common-school education, which he has since improved by reading and observation. He owns a splendidly improved farm upon which he resides of 600 acres, all well stocked and equipped in every way for farming and stock raising. He also owns land in other tracts in Putnam and Sullivan Counties. He inherited some of his property from his father, but the greater part is the result of his own energy and practical business ability. September 17, 1868, he married Miss Jerusha Harris, daughter of A. W. and Gabriella (Nelson) Harris, natives of Missouri and South Carolina, respectively. The mother's maiden name was Simmons. Mr.

Harris is a prominent and wealthy citizen, and although he began life poor, by steady perseverance united with business ability has become the owner of property amounting in the aggregate to about \$150,000. He served his county very efficiently many years as county judge, and is a respected and highly esteemed gentleman. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Wood two children have been born: Elizabeth Augusta (deceased) and Winnie Ollie. Mr. Wood is a Democrat in politics; he is the oldest of seven children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Johnson) Wood, and is one of the enterprising citizens of Putnam County.

W. J. Wood was born November 18, 1853, in Putnam County, Mo., where he was reared and educated, and still lives. His education was received at the common schools of the county, and since he has been old enough to make himself useful around his father's farm he has been engaged in the fulfillment of the duties of a farmer's life. He inherited a little property, to which he has added from time to time until he now owns 980 acres of nicely improved land, well stocked with cattle and horses. December 20, 1883, he was married to Miss Jennie E. Yoakem, a native of Mercer County, Mo., and daughter of Cread and Rebecca Ellen (Morris) Yoakem, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. Mr. Yoakem came with his parents to Mercer County, Mo., when about ten years old, and Mrs. Yoakem came to the same place with her parents when quite small. She died in 1872, and Mr. Yoakem afterward married Miss Mary L. Williams. Two children were born to the first marriage and one to the last. When seventeen years of age he enlisted in the war, and after serving three years was discharged from the hospital at Springfield, Mo., on account of sickness. He began life a poor man; but succeeded in accumulating some little property only, however, to lose it later. He was a son of James R. and Huldah (Kirkendall) Yoakem, natives of Virginia, who moved to Mercer County, Mo. Mr. Yoakem died at the age of fifty-five, but his widow is still living and is the wife of Elijah Holmes. Mrs. Rebecca E. Yoakem was a daughter of Joshua and Currant Happy (Arbuckle) Morris. To Mr. and Mrs. Wood two children have been born: Pearl and Bertha. Mr. Wood is a Democrat in politics, and is the third child of seven born to Joseph and Elizabeth (Johnson) Wood.

William Woodard, farmer and Short-horn dealer, was born in Bath County, Ky., July 29, 1837. His father, Turner Woodard, was a native of Old Virginia, and born in Fauquier County, in 1808. He accompanied his parents to Kentucky during his youth, and there grew to manhood, and was married in Bath County to Marinda Mitchell, a native of Kentucky. He farmed in Bath

County until 1852, and then moved to Putnam County, Ind., where he resided for six years. In 1858 he moved to St. Clair County, Mo., and in 1861 moved to Putnam County, arriving in December and settling in the neighborhood of where he now lives. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in Kentucky and Indiana, learning the carpenter's trade in the last named State, where he engaged in manufacturing and dealing in furniture for two years. He came to Missouri with his father in 1858, and for three years made his home in St. Clair County. He preceded his father to Putnam County, Mo., in 1861, where he bought land. He engaged in mercantile pursuits at Mendota in the fall of 1863, where he sold goods about three years. In 1865 he helped build the steam saw-mill, which has been kept busy every season since. During the years 1862-64, he served a great portion of the time in the Forty-second Missouri Mounted Infantry, organized for home protection. Mr. Woodard is a very successful farmer and stock raiser, being the owner of 300 acres of land, well-cultivated, upon which he has erected substantial buildings. He first became interested in fine stock in 1882, and now has a thoroughbred herd of twenty-five cattle, at the head of which is a bright red four-year-old animal, weighing 2,200 pounds, that took the sweep-stake premium at the Unionville Fair of 1887; and has also taken other premiums. Another valuable animal is an imported and noted cow of the Cruikshank family, from which he has raised some excellent stock. In April, 1873, Mr. Woodard married Miss Laura Dickerson, daughter of David Dickerson, of Putnam County, who formerly lived in Ohio. Mrs. Woodard was born in Morgan County, Ohio, and died in Putnam County, Mo., in 1876, leaving one son, Thomas J., fifteen years of age at present. Mr. Woodard is one of the enterprising business men of his township, and is a director and stockholder in the National Bank at Unionville. He is a Master Mason, belonging to the Hartford Lodge, and is a highly respected citizen.

Duty G. Woodruff, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Washington County, Ohio, May 27, 1825, and is a son of Isaac Woodruff, who was born in New Jersey in 1786. He was one of the early settlers in Washington County, to which he accompanied his father, Abner Woodruff, who spent his last days there. Isaac Woodruff was united in marriage to Margaret Green, a native of Connecticut, and after his marriage lived until his death upon a farm he had purchased previously. He was a prominent man in his county, served as county commissioner, and was justice of the peace for over twenty-five years. Duty G. grew to manhood in his native county upon his father's farm, receiving his education at the common schools of the county, and completing same at an academy. At the age of eighteen he began to teach in

Washington County, and in 1852 went west as far as Illinois, where he lived four years, teaching school during two winter seasons. In the spring of 1857 he went to Iowa, and spent some time in Keokuk, and Appanoose County, until the spring of 1861. August 9, of that year, he enlisted in the Seventh Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, Company A, and served until his discharge, October 11, 1864, at St. Louis, Mo. Among some of the important engagements in which he participated are Lone Jack, Mo., and Prairie Grove and Little Rock, Ark., where he was present at all the skirmishes in which his regiment took part. While at Little Rock he served on detached duty as hospital nurse for some time. After his discharge he lived in Appanoose County, Iowa, about four years, operating a saw and grist-mill in which he had bought a one-half interest before joining the army. March 12, 1867, he married Miss Nancy C. Cooley, who was born near Ottumwa, Iowa, and reared in Appanoose County. In 1869 Mr. Woodruff moved to Putnam County, Mo., where he engaged in the mill business until 1872, then going to Kansas. Upon arriving in that State he pre-empted land in Butler County, and engaged in farming until the fall of 1881, when he sold his property and returned to Putnam County. There he at first located near the mill he had once owned, and in March, 1886, moved upon his present farm, where he has since been devoted to farming and stock raising. He owns 260 acres of land, 140 being in the home place, ninety of which are well improved and cultivated. He lives in a comfortable house, which is accompanied by good outbuildings and a fine orchard. Mr. Woodruff has not enjoyed good health since the war, as the exposure at that time developed croup, from which he has lost the use of one eye. He is a man who is always interested in educational projects and has been a member of the school board for about seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff have been blessed with five children, named as follows: Initia, Charley E., John D., Harry and Daisy.

Woodford E. Worthington, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Schuyler County, Mo., in 1854, and is the third of four children born to Dr. Joseph W. and Elvira (Sears) Worthington. The father was of Irish descent and born in Kentucky in 1812. When eighteen years old he accompanied his father, Edward Worthington, to Clark County, where he married Elizabeth Mitchell. His second wife was the mother of our subject, to whom he was married in 1848. She was born in Missouri, about 1827, and died in 1857, and the following year Mr. Worthington married Martha Ryals. In 1853 he went to Schuyler County, and in 1855 located on the Chariton River, in Elm Township, Putnam County, where he died December 4, 1873. When about



forty years old he commenced the study of medicine, which he practiced with success, more or less, during the remainder of his life, in connection with his farming. When about forty-five years old he entered the ministry in the Missionary Baptist Church, and at the time of his death was interested in his ministerial duties. He was a pioneer settler of the county, and built the first bridge in same which crossed Shoal Creek, at Old Putnamville, the county seat at that time. He was widely known and beloved in the county, on account of his strict integrity and genial temperament, and assisted largely in surveying Putnam County, especially the eastern part. Woodford E. was reared at home, and during his early youth received a common-school education, but after his majority graduated from the Keokuk Business College in February, 1877. November 4, 1877, he married Mary Bell, daughter of Robert and Delila Holman, who bore him one child—Gurney Cecil. Mrs. Worthington died May 21, 1883, and November 4, 1883, Mr. Worthington married Miss Laura May, daughter of James G. and Nancy E. Thornburgh, of Unionville, who has also borne one child—Homer E. He has since resided upon the old home place, of which he is part owner. He possesses 380 acres of land, twenty miles east of Unionville, and eight miles west of Queen City, making one of the best located and most valuable farms in the county. He has been interested in the cattle trade for ten years, but for about three years has been making a specialty of fine sheep, of which he has about 700 head. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for R. B. Hayes in 1876. He belongs to the Missionary Baptist Church, and his wife to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Capt. John Wyckoff was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1813, and is a son of Nicholas and Margaret (Tweed) Wyckoff, natives of Maryland. When young they were both brought by their parents to Ross County, Ohio, where they were reared, and in 1806 united in marriage. The mother died in 1823, and in 1826 Mr. Wyckoff married Susan Cradel. In 1827 he removed to Warren County, Ind., now White County, and from there to Warren County, Ill., in 1836. In 1841 he went to Wapello County, Iowa, and from there, in 1855, he went to Pottawatomie County, Kas. He was a farmer by occupation, a soldier in the War of 1812, and died in 1869. John Wyckoff, our immediate subject, received a common-school education during his younger days, and began life for himself at the age of seventeen, working as a farm hand until twenty years old. He was then engaged as a boatman on the Mississippi River four years, and in 1836 was married, in Illinois, to Miss Maria, daughter of Samuel and Nancy Merrill, and a native of Ross County, Ohio. This union was blessed with

eleven children, all of whom are living: Capt. George (of Appanoose County, Ia.), Norman S., Dr. Norval, Nancy (wife of William Bouer), Perry, Aria Adna (wife of William Stewart), Margaret (wife of George Porter), Eliza (widow of Elbert Dillon), Rachel (wife of David McKay), Amelia (wife of James McKinley, of Macon County) and Barbara. In about 1840 Capt. Wyckoff removed to Johnson County, Iowa, living there until 1856, when he came to Putnam County, Mo., and located in Union Township, eight miles north of Unionville. Here he owns a nice farm of 226 acres, besides two other tracts, which make his possessions 311 acres in all, which is the result of a life of labor and good management. Upon the commencement of the Rebellion, being a strong Union sympathizer, Capt. Wyckoff, early in 1862, enlisted in Company D, First Missouri State Militia Cavalry, of which he was made first lieutenant. In September of the same year he was promoted to the captaincy, which office he held with credit and distinction until March, 1865. He was then transferred to Company A, consolidated battalion of the First Missouri Militia, and finally mustered out in July, 1865. He served in Southwest Missouri during the entire time. Four of his sons were also soldiers in the Union army. The eldest, George, was captain of Company D, Eighteenth Missouri, for three years; Norman S. served in the Thirteenth, Twenty-fifth and First Missouri Engineer Corps four years and two months; Norval was first lieutenant in the Forty-second Missouri Infantry ten months, and Perry joined the Eighty-fourth Illinois, and at the battle of Stone River was captured and taken to Andersonville, and from there to Libby prison, where he was afterward paroled and exchanged, and in June, 1863, rejoined his company. After being wounded at the battle of Chickamauga he was discharged and returned home, but in July, 1864, again enlisted in Company C, Forty-second Missouri Infantry, and served until 1865. Capt. John Wyckoff has served as county judge of Putnam County two years prior to the war, and the remainder of the time since. In 1882 he was elected to represent Putnam County in the State Legislature, and served one term. He was a faithful and earnest soldier, and the same qualities have distinguished his public career since. He was reared a Democrat and cast his first presidential vote for Cass in 1848, but since the war has been an uncompromising Republican. Himself and wife are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and have had seventy-nine grandchildren, sixty-six of whom are living at present.

N. S. Wyckoff was born April 25, 1840, in Iowa City, Iowa, and moved with his parents to Putnam County in 1856, where he has since resided. He received a common-school education in

Iowa, and was reared upon a farm. He began life for himself at the age of nineteen with no capital but now owns 260 acres of well-improved and cultivated land, which is the result of a life of industry and toil. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Thirteenth Missouri Infantry, four months later joining the Twenty-fifth Missouri Infantry, and two years later served in the First Missouri Engineer Corps, serving as first lieutenant. He was mustered out of service July 28, 1865, at St. Louis. September 20, 1861, he was taken captive at Lexington, Mo., but was paroled two days later. May 3, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Angelia Albee, a native of Boston, Mass., and daughter of Moses D. and Emily (Greenaugh) Albee, natives of Maine and Massachusetts, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Wyckoff ten children have been born: Edward Lincoln, Emily M., Frank A., William O., Jerome P., Alva M., Alta May, Annie L., Ora Leon and Lora Lee (twins). Mr. and Mrs. Wyckoff are active members of the Mount Zion Church, and he is also trustee and clerk. In politics he is a Republican, and has served his township as clerk and treasurer of the board of education, and has also been county assessor. He is a member of the G. A. R., and one of the well-to-do and respected citizens of the county. He was the second of a family of eleven children born to John and Maria (Merrill) Wyckoff, natives of Ross County, Ohio.

George W. Young, Sr., farmer of Elm Township, and a native of Washington County, Ky., was born in 1822. He is the eldest of eleven children of Jacob and Elizabeth (Stumph), Young, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively, who were married in Kentucky about 1818. In 1826 they went to Ralls County, and from there to Putnam County in 1840, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father was a volunteer in the Black Hawk and Mexican Wars, and died in 1851. The mother died in 1867 and was a member of the Christian Church. George W. lived at home with his parents during his youth, but on account of poor educational advantages offered by Ralls County, Mo., in that early day, received but a meager education. He accompanied his parents upon their removal to Putnam County, Mo., and in 1844 was married to Miss Eliza, daughter of Jesse and Nancy Trewhitt, and a native of Morgan County, Tenn. To this union thirteen children have been born, ten of whom are living: Richard J., Lucinda (wife of J. T. Walls), George W., Sarah (widow of Wesley Vermillion), Andrew C., John A., Rachel E. (wife of David Sinkingbeard), William Shennan, Sheridan and Abraham Lincoln. Since his marriage Mr. Young, has made his home in Elm Township, Putnam County, with the exception of two years spent in Texas and three years in Arkan-

sas. Since 1857 he has been the owner of his present farm which now consists of 207 acres, he having given his children about 700 acres. His property is the result of his own labor and business ability, and is situated twelve miles southeast of Unionville. At the commencement of the Rebellion Mr. Young enlisted in Company E, Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, and operated mostly in Northern Missouri. He served as corporal part of the time, and during the entire war did not receive a wound nor was he captured. He is an early settler of Putnam County, and was well acquainted with Black Hawk, with whom he often hunted. He was a Whig before the war but has since become a Republican. His first presidential vote was cast for Clay in 1844. He is a member of the G. A. R.

John Young was born August 24, 1834, in Wigtownshire, Scotland, and is the second child of William and Jeanette (McGau) Young, natives of the same place. The family emigrated to the United States in 1849, locating first in Beaver County, Penn. The mother died in Gallia, Ohio, and the father in Putnam County, Mo. He was a son of Thomas Young, a Scotchman who lived and died in his native land. The mother was a daughter of Nathan McGau, a Scotchman of great physical power, and considered the stoutest man in his county. John Young accompanied his parents to the United States in 1849. In 1854 he went to Ashtabula, Ohio, where he served an apprenticeship of three years at the carpenter's trade. About 1859 he came to Putnam County, Mo., where he has since resided, and where he now owns and lives upon a finely improved farm of 360 acres, besides owning other tracts of land in the county. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Second Missouri State Militia, serving as corporal during the entire war. In 1863 he married Miss Rachel Fry, a native of Ohio, and of Pennsylvania-Dutch descent. Twelve children were born to this union: one who died in infancy, Frances Jeanette, Wilford, one who died unnamed, Jacob, William Thomas, Arthur, Melissa, George, Margaret, Rachel and Anna. Mrs. Young is an active member of the Christian Church. In politics Mr. Young is a Republican, and has served his township in various local official capacities, although he does not seek public notice. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.