

BIOGRAPHICAL.

SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP.

JOHN C. BAIRD

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Operator in Coal).

Mr. Baird was born in Clinton county, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1824. His father, Benjamin Baird, was a native of the same county, and lived there until his death, which took place in 1851. His mother, Ellen Summerson, was an English woman by birth, but was brought to this country when an infant. John C. grew up on the homestead and acquired a good common school education, supplemented by a year's instruction at Alleghany College, Meadville, Pa. When a young man he taught school several years. He was married October 18, 1848, to Miss Almind Frances Milligan, of the same county. After his marriage, and until 1866, Mr. Baird was actively engaged in farming and lumbering in Pennsylvania; he at that time moved to Missouri and established himself on his present property. He owns 320 acres of fine land, well adapted to general farming and stock-raising purposes, about two and one half miles from Moberly — all fenced. About 160 acres of this are in cultivation and meadow. The place includes a good bearing orchard and a splendid young orchard coming up. Mr. Baird is a substantial, prosperous citizen. He owns besides other property a good coal bank with a four foot vein. All of his land is underlaid with coal of superior quality, from which he is annually having mined a large quantity for the local market. Mr. and Mrs. Baird have been blessed with nine children: Mary V., wife of J. F. Tedford, of Moberly; Frank P., married and resides in Huntsville, Mo.; Fletcher C., married and makes his home in Moberly; J. Ella, wife of R. A. Curran, also lives in Moberly; William H., Maggie B., John W., Minnie F. and Benjamin D. still remain under the parental roof. Mr. and Mrs. Baird are devout members of Sugar Creek congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Baird has held several local offices, and is trusted and respected on every side.

WILLIAM BARROWMAN

(Freight Agent for the Missouri Pacific and the Wabash Railroads, Moberly).

Mr. Barrowman, who has held the position he now occupies for the last thirteen years, and has been connected with the railway service

for nearly twenty-five years, is a native of Michigan, and a son of R. L. Barrowman, originally of Edinburgh, Scotland, and wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Virginia Warrell, formerly of Virginia. The parents were comparatively early settlers in Michigan, and Mr. William Barrowman, the subject of this sketch, was born in that State, and in the county of Monroe, on the 31st of October, 1841. Reared in his native State, he was educated in the common schools, and when a youth clerked for his father who carried on merchandising in Michigan. In 1857 the family moved to St. Louis, and three years afterwards young Barrowman began his career as a railroad man. He obtained the position as bill clerk in the freight office of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad at St. Louis. In 1865 he became bill clerk for the North Missouri, in which capacity he continued with that road until 1871, when he was transferred to Moberly and installed in his present office. Mr. Barrowman, having had a long experience in railroad life, is of course a capable and efficient officer, as the way in which he is retained in the service by the railroad officials conclusively shows. On the 24th of May, 1864, Mr. Barrowman was married to Miss Mary E. Noland, originally of New York. They have seven children: Alice, Robert, Addie, Jennie, Mary, George and Ralph. Mr. B. is a member of the A. O. U. W.

LEONARD F. BARTON

(Roadmaster of Section between Moberly and Kansas City and the Glasgow Branch, headquarters, Moberly).

No melodrama in modern times has had a more successful and popular run, both among the people and on the stage, than that of "Pinafore." The reasons for this are by no means occult. Beneath its well attuned air and well constructed measures there is a philosophy which at once attracts the attention and consideration of the truthful. It is the philosophy expressed in the celebrated distich of Pope, in his "Essay on Man:"—

"Honor and shame from no condition rise;
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

It is the philosophy which teaches that merit will win and that if one but do his duty faithfully in whatever position he may be placed, he will steadily rise in life. In "Pinafore" this philosophy is expressed in language, if not as staid and dignified as that with which Pope has clothed it, at least more forcible and pointed:—

"He polished up the handles so carefuller,
That now he is the ruler of the Queen's navee."

So in every walk in life we see men coming up from the humblest stations to the highest. Lincoln was a rail-splitter and Andrew Johnson was a tailor. But it is unnecessary to refer to outside examples. The subject of the present sketch may be pointed to as an instance of this kind. Of course he has not become President, nor anything of that kind, and perhaps may never rise to a position of more than ordinary

distinction, for circumstances have much to do with elevating men ; and the way of promotion to high honor may not open up for him.

“All but a scattered few, live out their time
Husbanding that which they possess within,
And go to the grave unthought of. Strongest minds
Are those of whom the noisy world
Hears least.”

But so far as his opportunities have permitted, he has risen by steady strides. Mr. Barton commenced railroading as a section boss, and is now roadmaster for a large portion of the lines of one of the leading railroads of the United States. Still comparatively a young man, this is a record that reflects not a little credit on his character for industry, capacity and fidelity. He was born in Wilson, N. Y., September 24, 1847, and in youth had excellent educational advantages, taking, besides courses in the common and academic schools, a course at Ann Arbor College, quitting that institution, however, at the close of the sophomore year. He then began railroading, and has continued it from that time to the present, working on various railroads in the United States. In 1875 he was appointed supply agent of the Wabash, and in the spring of 1883 entered upon the duties of his present position. In December, 1876, Mr. Barton was married to Miss Harriet Fairbanks, of Kendleville, Indiana. They have three children : Nellie, Sidney and Pansey.

NATHANIEL M. BASKETT, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Moberly).

Looking around us we see men here and there and everywhere who have risen to prominence in their respective walks in life. Eminence in any calling is the result, generally, of long experience, accompanied, of course, with the proper qualifications and application for success ; and hence it is that we see most of those who have become prominent to be men at least of middle-age, but more often advanced in years. Seeing these leading men around us, the question naturally occurs, when they are gone, who are to occupy their places? The race of life is like all other contests, those who possess superior powers and apply them rightly will win. And it is not difficult to pick out such, even early in life. Prominence usually manifests itself from the beginning. The young man of to-day who stands higher in his calling than those around him of the same age and opportunities, will likely continue in advance of his fellows, only he will gain on them in an increasing ratio, — and thus as time comes and goes he will probably take a commanding position in the affairs with which his life is identified. These remarks are suggested by running over the notes from which this sketch is written. Here is a young man but little more than past his thirtieth year, at an age when young men ordinarily are hardly more than trained for the career they are to run, yet, already, he has reached a position in his profession second to that of but few physicians of advanced age and long expe-

rience, in this section of the State. Looking back over his past, the few brief years that have intervened since he was a youth, and perceiving that his advantages were no better than those of the average young men around him, and seeing what he has already accomplished, it requires no gift of prophecy to foretell that his future will be one of more than ordinary prominence and usefulness. He is recognized today as one of the ablest and most scientific physicians throughout the surrounding country. Thoroughly devoted to his profession, while not occupied with the duties of the active practice, he is engaged in study and investigation, and being a man of much originality of thought, he has written numerous articles on topics of interest to the profession. He is a contributor to several leading medical journals, and among his contributions may be mentioned "Fibroids of the Uterus," "Dermoid Cysts of the Ovary," "Bright's Disease," "Some Subjects for Sanitation," and an "Essay on the Influence of Maternal Impressions on the Growth of the Embryo." The Doctor is a distinguished member of the State and District Medical Societies, and has also been elected an honorary member of various county medical societies. Dr. Baskett, being a close student of current events, and a man of wide general information, as well as public spirited and zealous for the best interests of society, takes an intelligent and active interest in public affairs. A Missourian by nativity and continuous resident, he is, of course, as every good Missourian ought to be, an earnest and faithful Democrat. Appreciated for his worth, his party associates in this county have called him to the chairmanship of their county central committee, a position he now holds, and the duties of which he discharges with his characteristic ability and energy. Dr. Baskett was born in St. Louis, April 5, 1853. Reared there, he was educated in the schools of that city and afterwards attended school at Paris, Monroe county. Young Baskett read medicine under Dr. A. E. Gore, of Paris, and in due time entered the Missouri Medical College, of St. Louis, from which he graduated in the spring of 1876. He subsequently located at Granville, in Monroe county, in the practice of his profession, where he continued until 1878, when he came to Moberly. Since that time he has been engaged in the practice at this place and has built up a large and lucrative practice. He is one of the most popular, as he is one of the most skillful and capable physicians of this city. On the 18th of November, 1878, Dr. Baskett was married to Miss Kate E. Cooper, a daughter of D. L. Cooper, now deceased, but formerly a prominent citizen of Monroe county. Mrs. Baskett, a beautiful and accomplished young lady, esteemed by all who knew her, survived her marriage less than three years, dying July 23, 1881. Two children, the fruits of their happy but short union (Ione and Mary), are both deceased. The Doctor is a member of the Select Knights and Ladies of Honor and of the Christian Church. His parents were William B. and Mary A. (Austin) Baskett, the father originally of Kentucky, but the mother a native of Virginia. The father was a

man of fine business qualifications, a thorough book-keeper, and a merchant of St. Louis.

CHRIS. BERLET

(Retail dealer in Wines, Liquors, Beer, Cigars, Tobacco, etc., etc., Moberly).

Mr. Berlet, who has been engaged in his present business at Moberly since 1878, and has one of the best and most popular houses in his line in the city, is a native of Germany, born in the northern part of the Fatherland on the 9th of July, 1832. His parents were Chris. and Mary, and young Chris. had good school advantages in boyhood and youth. He attended an excellent school in his native vicinity, of the kind in this country we call academies, for eight years consecutively, and from the age of five to fourteen. In 1852 the family emigrated to America and settled at Scranton, Pa., where the father subsequently followed the hotel business. In 1862 Chris. the subject of this sketch, came to Missouri and located at Macon City, where he obtained a situation at railroad work. Six years afterwards he came to Moberly, and was baggagemaster on the Wabash for ten years. In 1877 he retired from his position on the Wabash and learned the saloon business, and the following year established his present saloon. Mr. Berlet is a man of sterling worth, a good citizen, and is respected by all. Some differ from the views he holds with regard to Scripture doctrine as applicable to his present business; but, like members of different denominations, he and those who differ from him have never allowed those differences of opinion to make them personal enemies. He believes in the great principles of religion as sincerely and earnestly as any man, and claims that his present occupation is not only not opposed by the Scriptures, but is sanctioned and authorized by the inspired Word of God, and in proof of this he cites the following, as he could innumerable other passages, from the written law: "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. [I. Tim. v: 23.] "Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts." [Prov. xxxi: 6.] "Let him drink and forget his poverty, and to remember his misery no more." [Ia. 7.] In pursuance of those commands, Mr. Berlet keeps constantly on hand a large supply of different brands of wines and liquors, not only of the quality called "strong drink," but of the weaker kinds called light wines, and all the pure grades. He also keeps a pool table for the harmless amusement of customers. Mr. Berlet is personally quite popular, and his house commands a large trade. In 1860 Mr. Berlet was married to Miss Mary Hoffsummers. They have two children, Lizzie and John. He is a member of the Brothers of Philanthropy.

JACOB S. BOWERS

(Of Bowers & Reis, Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Gents' and Ladies' Furnishing Goods, Hats and Caps, Carpets, etc., etc., No. 111 and 113 Reed street, Moberly).

Mr. Bowers, who has been engaged in his present business at Moberly since the fall of 1882, was reared to merchandising, and besides

having a business experience which extends back to boyhood, he has the advantage of a good general and commercial education. If, therefore, he does not become a more than ordinary and prominent merchant — and he is really well advanced toward that position — it will not be for want of qualifications and opportunities. Understanding his business thoroughly in every detail, and being a man of solid and sober character, as well as of popular and pleasant address, and a kind and accommodating disposition, his success in life seems assured. Mr. Bowers is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Philadelphia March 20, 1847, and educated in the excellent schools of that city. He also subsequently had the benefit of a course of commercial college. At the age of 14 he began his career in mercantile life, a career that has continued unbroken, and has been marked by steady advancement up to the present time. He then entered the large dry goods and clothing store at Union City, Ind., of A. J. S. Bowers & Bros., which employs a large force of clerks. He subsequently became a member of the firm, and continued in business there until January, 1882, when he came to Moberly, and the following fall became a member of the firm with which he is now connected. Mr. Bowers made a most favorable impression on coming to this city, an impression which has been fully justified by his subsequent career. The business of Messrs. Bowers & Reis has increased with wonderful rapidity. They first occupied only the lower floors of their present building, but the great increase of trade which they have had compelled them to lease also the upper floor, which they have had elaborately fitted up for the display of carpets and fancy goods in their respective departments. They deal for cash exclusively, and buy in large quantities, so that they get substantial discount from the wholesale houses, and they are thus enabled to sell goods at prices which are simply below competition. This fact soon became known, and hence the remarkable increase of their business. They now carry one of the largest and best stocks of goods in their lines to be found outside of a large city in North-east Missouri, and their salesrooms during business hours present almost as busy a scene as a bee hive, customers coming and going every minute in the day, and all pleased with their bargains. Mr. Bowers still retains an interest in the unsettled affairs of the firm of A. J. S. Bowers & Bro., at Union City. In so far as means are concerned, he is already practically independent, and his entire success has been achieved by his own industry, enterprise and merit. On the 3d day of August, 1880, Mr. Bowers was married to Miss Letitia Hall, of Ohio. They have one child, Willie.

L. SCOTT BOYD

(Farmer and Dealer in Small Fruits).

Mr. Boyd is the son of Thomas Boyd and Maria S. Steele, both of Ohio. The hero of this sketch was born in Seneca county of that State September 9, 1839. In 1849 his parents left Ohio and located

in Warren-county, Iowa, where Mr. Boyd, Sr., entered and improved 500 acres of land. They lived here until 1866, then sold out and removed to Randolph county, Mo., settling upon the farm upon which the son now resides. The father died here March 26, 1882. He was a most worthy man, a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and his memory is held in beloved veneration. L. Scott grew to man's estate in Iowa, receiving a good common school education. In January, 1862, he enlisted in Co. G, fifteenth Iowa volunteer infantry, and served until discharged in December, 1862. In 1864 he re-enlisted in the forty-eighth Iowa infantry, serving 100 days. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, the last fight at Corinth, and many smaller engagements. When "the cruel war was over" he went home and lived on the farm, moving to Missouri with his parents in 1866. In the course of time Mr. Boyd's mind was turned to softer lays than of wars and glory — the divine passion of love waked within him, and he laid his heart and hand at the feet of one of the most charming of women, Miss Harriet, daughter of William and Jane (Reed) Watson, of Ohio. This lovely lady did not say him nay, and they were married March 17, 1881. Fair, sweet and trim, Mrs. Boyd is as goodly a picture as ever gladdened an adoring husband's eyes. For the first year after his marriage Mr. Boyd lived on the old home place and carried on the farm. In 1882, however, he built a neat two-story frame residence on his own tract of 43 acres, where he has a good barn and all necessary out-buildings; he has, beside, 80 acres of land seeded in tame grass and 80 in timber. He continues to superintend the old home farm on which there is a coal shaft, both places being largely underlaid in coal, which yield abundantly every year. Mr. Boyd, wise in his generation, is making a specialty of small fruits — "there is millions in it." He has a fine vineyard of 600 bearing vines, and a large and select variety of small fruits. There is a splendid young orchard coming on. Mr. Boyd bids fair to outstrip many of those around in the race for wealth. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church at Moberly.

DUDLEY T. BRADLEY.

Mr. Bradley, one of the most prosperous of the farmers in Randolph county, was born in this county March 25, 1845, being one of two sons of William Bradley, of Kentucky, and Miss Sally Cockrill, a native of Missouri. Dudley's brother's name was Benjamin F., the date of his birth being March 3, 1843. Mr. Bradley went to California in 1840, and died there the same year. The mother of these brothers died in April, 1850, when the subject of this sketch was but five years old, and then they went to live with their maternal grandmother, with whom Dudley T. remained until her death in 1858, when he was bound out to his uncle, Samuel Cockrill. He lived here until his nineteenth year. When he was 13 years old Benjamin F. Bradley determined to leave the scene of his early childhood, and accordingly went to California with his uncle, Christopher Cockrill. After three years, or at the age

of 16, on account of ill treatment, he left this relative, and going to Grant's Pass, Oregon, he was first occupied in driving for a stage company, subsequently following different branches of work. He has become a man of extensive information and travel, having visited all of the Northern and Western States; two years he spent in Utah, Salt Lake City, and has also mined in British Columbia for the same length of time. Several years have been passed in Washington Territory, and he has been in several other Territories, but he now resides in Idaho, being interested in the Cordelains mines. Through energy, perseverance, etc., he has accumulated a good share of this world's goods. Though possessed of a good education it was obtained through his own efforts after being able to realize the necessity of literary knowledge. Commencing poor, he has risen to a position of wealth and influence which is a credit to himself, having had nothing when he began but an interest in 80 acres of land left himself and brother. After a separation of 28 years these brothers were reunited in March, 1884. Though Dudley T. Bradley had no parental hands to guide his steps in youth his early training was by no means neglected; but he was brought up a hard-working, upright man, and was given a fair common school education. When a boy of 19 he enlisted in Price's army, but in about six weeks he was captured at White river, Ark., and held until March, 1865. After his return he lived on the farm until his marriage, which rite was celebrated February 13, 1873, the chosen one being Miss Martha T., daughter of William T. and Elizabeth J. Jennings, of Missouri. With the exception of one year, in which he worked at Miller Bros.'s saw mill, Mr. Bradley has made farming the occupation of his life, purchasing in 1877 the farm he now owns. The place comprises 120 acres of bearing land and 79 in timber, 40 of good pasture, fenced, 13 acres bearing, and a fine, young bearing orchard containing about 200 select fruits. Mr. Bradley, by his own industry and good management, has obtained a goodly competence for his declining years. He owns another place of 145 acres, all in cultivation, and has one-half interest in still another of 120 acres, principally timber, and 60 acres in another tract. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have four children: Emma E., Dora L., Lucy M. and Gracie J. Two of their treasures are laid up "where thieves do not steal nor moth corrupt" — Sarah E., died March 11, 1875, and a son passed away in infancy. Mrs. Bradley is a member of the Christian Church at Renick, and Mr. Bradley belongs to the Masonic fraternity at Huntsville.

MATTHEW Y. BUCHANAN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Buchanan was born in Randolph county, Mo., April 5, 1838. His father, C. C. Buchanan, and mother, Elizabeth Jenkins, were natives of Tennessee, but moved to Missouri in the year of 1836. They settled in Randolph county near Moberly, and entered land where the north-west portion now stands. The father died here July

9, 1881, aged 68 years, two months and 21 days. Matthew Y. was next to the eldest of a family of seven children, of whom four, three sons and a daughter, are still living. Their names were Luty J., Matthew Y., Cicero G., Cyrus W., Alonzo M., James H. and John T. Cicero, Cyrus and James died prior to the death of their father, the first named dying when young, the other two reached maturity, and graduated from college with high honors. Cyrus had chosen the profession of physician, while James had become a lawyer. Alonzo is a minister, and John T., who graduated from Commercial College, is now proving the value of his business course by keeping books. During his youth Matthew Y. lived on the home farm, having all the advantages in education that the county afforded. In September, 1861, Mr. Buchanan enlisted under Gen. Sterling Price, first in cavalry but principally as a private in the tenth Missouri infantry. He took part in the second fight at Boonville, Corinth, Miss., Helena, Ark., and numerous smaller skirmishes. He fought with signal courage until 1863, when nearly all of his regiment was captured. For 20 months he was kept a prisoner at Fort Delaware and Alton; then being exchanged, he returned to the service only to be again captured near Natchez, Miss. He was taken to Alton and not released until the close of the war. Not long after, Mr. B. was married, in Randolph county, to Miss Mary Ficklin, daughter of Tyre and Louisa Baker. This estimable lady survived but one short year—leaving an infant daughter, Ida Mary, who died September 24, 1875. After his marriage Mr. Buchanan made a home for himself on the farm where he now resides. He has nearly 150 acres of very valuable land adjoining the town of Moberly, all in good state of cultivation. He has besides about 105 acres of timbered land in the same vicinity. His residence is a comfortable one, as are his other buildings. In February, 1871, Mr. Buchanan was married a second time, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah, daughter of Alexander and Martha T. Wisdom, of Macon county. There are five children: C. Earl, Katie M., Onie A., Walter C., and Claud. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and take an active part in church matters. They are highly respected members of the community.

JUDGE JOSEPH H. BURKHOLDER

(Railroad Contractor and Dealer in Railway Supplies, Moberly).

Judge Burkholder is one of the prominent and useful citizens of Randolph county, and a man who has been as long and favorably identified with the best interests of this city as any one in it. He has served several terms as mayor of the city and has added important additions to its limits, and built numerous houses, in fact has been one of the thorough-going, enterprising fathers of the place, always a sanguine believer in its future and a zealous friend to its progress. Judge Burkholder is a native of the Old Dominion, born in Rockingham county, July 31, 1833. His educational advantages were those of the common schools and he was reared to a farm life. On the 23d

of October, 1855, he was married to Miss Susan A. Davis, a daughter of that well-known and prominent citizen of Randolph county, Joseph Davis, who was one of the pioneer settlers of the county, having come here as early as 1818. In the meantime Judge Burkholder had also come to Missouri, and he was identified with agricultural interests mainly until 1857, when he commenced his career as a railroad contractor. A man of superior intelligence, energy and enterprise, as well as having some means, he was awarded the contract to build a portion of the North Missouri Railroad in Randolph county, a work of which he acquitted himself with great credit and not without substantial profit. After the road was built, there being no other railroads then in course of construction in his part of the State, he resumed farming, which he continued with success for about three years. In 1864 Judge Burkholder engaged in merchandising at Renick and two years before was elected a member of the county court, a position he filled with honor to himself and the county to the close of his term. In 1865 he returned to farming, and also ran a mill, and during the years 1864 and 1865 he traded quite extensively in hogs and tobacco. He also, while farming and milling, furnished railroad supplies for the North Missouri, and continued this up to 1869. On the 1st of November of that year he removed to Moberly, and here engaged largely in the real estate business, buying and selling land on his own account and trading in town property. Keeping up his business of furnishing railroad supplies during all the time that he was dealing in real estate, he has continued his railroad business up to the present time. His life has been entirely successful in a business point of view, and he is comfortably situated, having ample means, if he were disposed to retire, on which to rely, while he has always stood high in the esteem of the people. In 1871 and 1872 he was a member of the city council, and in connection with H. M. Porter, he framed the city charter and drew the ordinances under it. In 1874 Judge Burkholder was elected mayor, and also served two years on the school board. Again he was elected mayor in 1879, and whether in or out of office he has always taken an intelligent and active interest in public affairs. He has been elevated to position not through any seeking or desire of his, but by the people alone, who desired his services. No man in Moberly stands higher than Judge Burkholder. The Judge and his good wife have reared a family of twelve children: John T., Hettie A., Mary R., Mark H., James R., Helen H., Lena, Mattie R., Paul H., Claude D., Ruby and Belle A.

WILLIAM H. CHISHOLM

(Proprietor of the Williams Street Meat, Vegetable and Game Markets, Moberly).

Mr. Chisholm, who has one of the largest establishments in his line in this city, and represents the first ward in the city council, being a successful business man and influential citizen, is a native of Canada, born in Lugaria, May 18, 1853. When he was 12 years of age his parents, Archibald and Catherine (McCrae) Chisholm, the

father originally from Scotland, and the mother of Scotch descent, but a native of Canada, removed to St. Louis, where William A. grew to manhood. He received a good ordinary education in the schools of St. Louis, and in youth learned the butcher's business. He subsequently followed butchering in that city until 1880, when he came to Moberly, where he has since continued the business. He has been quite successful, and now employs, regularly, three men in his establishment. Recognized as a man of intelligence and sterling character, as well as public-spirited and enterprising, in April, 1880, he was elected a member of the city council, a position he now fills with honor to himself and credit to the city. On the 18th of May, 1882, Mr. Chisholm was married; but his wife survived her marriage, however, little more than a year, dying in June, 1883. He is a member of the order of Catholic Knights.

WILLIAM S. CHRISTIAN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. C., another farmer and stock raiser of this county, is a native of Scott county, Kentucky, born February 2, 1817. His parents, Paul Christian and Mary K. Sutton, were both from Virginia, but strangely enough, did not meet until both had moved to Kentucky, where the twain were made one. They came to Missouri in 1832, Paul Christian entering land and improving a farm in Randolph, where he remained until his death in the fall of 1851. William S. spent his early years on the farm, learning the blacksmith's trade with his father, who carried on a shop on the place. Mr. Christian was married October 8, 1850, to Miss Mary E., daughter of William Terrill, formerly of Kentucky. Mrs. Christian was herself born in Kentucky, but grew up and was educated in Missouri. Mr. Christian lived until 1877 in the southern part of the county; he then moved to the farm he now lives on, near Moberly. It includes 250 acres of land, of which 210 are fenced and in cultivation, a comfortable residence and out-buildings; there is, also, a fine young bearing orchard with some grape and small fruits. Mr. and Mrs. Christian have five children: John J., Ann M., wife of Augustus Miller; Susan C., wife of William Burton; Sarah E., wife of Thomas Yager, and Eva M., now a young lady at school at Winchester, Tenn. Mrs. Christian is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, while the children all belong to the Christian Church. Mr. Christian is a member of Morality Lodge No. 168, A. F. and A. M., at Renick.

EDWIN COOK

(Architect and Builder, Moberly).

Mr. Cook, who occupies a leading position in his line at this city, is a native of England, born in Sussex, May 1, 1836, and was reared in his native country. His education was limited to the common schools, and his parents, though respectable and worthy people, were not wealthy. So he has had his own way to make in the world,

and without means to begin on, from early manhood. Mr. Cook learned the business of building and architecture in England, and worked at it there with success until 1870, when he came to America, then located in Canada, but six months afterwards removed to Kansas City, where he followed building for about a year, and then settled permanently at Moberly. For four years he was contractor and superintendent of construction and repairs on the Wabash Railroad, having his headquarters at this place during that time. Aside from this, he has been engaged exclusively in his business as an architect and builder at Moberly for the past 13 years. A man of superior intelligence and full of energy and industry, as well as reliable and upright, his career has been an entirely successful one, and he is steadily accumulating the substantial evidences of prosperity. He has done a very large business in Moberly, but being a thoroughly honest man, he puts none but the best material in his building, according to the prices and terms agreed on, and charges only such sums for his work and skill as are but reasonable and fair, so that, while he may not accumulate wealth as fast as some, what he does obtain will be only the fruits of honest industry and enterprise, and may be enjoyed with an easy conscience. He has constructed some of the best buildings at this place, and there is but one testimony as to the character of the work — entire satisfaction. Mr. Cook is recognized as one of the best architects and builders at Moberly. In 1858 he was married to Miss Emma Pilbeam, a native of England. They have six children: Edwin, Alfred, Emma, John, William and Elizabeth. He is a member of the Brothers of Philanthropy.

WILLIAM MARK COYLE

(Of Coyle & Harris, Real Estate, Fire and Life Insurance Agents, Notaries Public, etc).

Mr. Coyle, who is now the senior member of one of the enterprising business agencies of the city, has made his own way up in life, and, considering that he is still comparatively a young man, the position he now occupies in the business community where he resides is of no ordinary credit to his worth and merits. He is by nativity of the Empire State, though he was reared in Ohio. Born on the 5th of July, 1852, when he was but two years of age his parents, John W. and Mary (Anderson) Coyle, removed from New York to Ohio, in which latter State they settled in Butler county, where they reared their family, the father being a thrifty, intelligent and successful farmer of that county. William M. grew up on the farm in the Buckeye State, and managed to scratch around and get a pretty good common English education in the schools of the neighborhood. Of an enterprising, ambitious turn of mind, when 18 years of age he decided to quit home and tap the great world farther west for a fortune. When his ancestors came over from Ireland, prior to the Revolution, they transported their worldly possessions in a long, sleek oil-cloth valise, that was equally adapted for carrying bed and bedding, the family wardrobe and the culinary implements of the household. This

ancient relic of the trans-Atlantic migration of the family was handed down from father to son through generations, until it finally became the heritage of the subject of this sketch. William M. now got the old valise down and loaded it with his singing-school boots, his home-made ruffled shirts and other go-to-meeting toggery, and he and the valise struck out towards the setting sun to see whether the sky really did come down to the ground where it seemed to. William M. was then 18 years of age, and pre-eminently "a youth to fortune and to fame unknown." The further West they came, William and valise, the bigger the world seemed to get, and finally they landed, "this side up with care," at St. Louis. The valise was all right when it got here, and as full as it was when they started out, but William, in the abdominal regions, was in much the condition that the average bank is whose stockholders too long and too implicitly trust a Sunday-school superintendent to carry the keys to the cash vault, while his pockets, so far as dingbats were concerned, were as flat as bursted bladders. Something had to be done, and William went to work to get work. He soon obtained employment on a street railroad, and although this was pretty hard work, he was sure it beat plowing. At any rate, he prospered physically, and mentally he did not retrograde. In 1872 he obtained a situation as brakeman on the North Missouri Railroad, working for two years on a freight train. He then became brakeman on a passenger train. In 1874 he was placed in charge of a baggage car, and after three years' service in that capacity, he was given charge of an express car. Here he also remained for three years. He now decided to engage in business on his own account, and he became a wholesale dealer in and an extensive shipper of butter and eggs. This was in 1880, and he followed it with success until he engaged in his present business, in February, 1882. His career, as outlined above, is, as any one may see at a glance, one of entire credit, and one that no worthy man need be ashamed of. In the 12 years from 1870, when he landed in St. Louis, up to 1882, when he engaged in his present business in this city, he has been in five different employments, and in all of them he acquitted himself faithfully and worthily, and retired from them voluntarily, either on account of promotion or to engage in some other business better than the employment which preceded it. In his present line of business his career has been one of gratifying success. There is no more popular firm in Moberly than that of Coyle & Harris in their line. Their business will be spoken of at greater length in the sketch of Mr. Harris, on a subsequent page of this volume. Mr. Coyle is a gentleman of fine business qualifications, a clear head and a good heart, and popular with all who know him. On the 1st of May, 1877, he was married to Miss Belle Dunlap, a native of Canada, but educated in England. They have one child: Archibald L. Edwin, the eldest, died in infancy. Mr. Coyle takes an active interest in the public affairs of the city, and at present represents the third ward in the city council.

JOHN T. COX, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Moberly).

Dr. Cox, the Nestor of the medical profession in this city, and a physician of high standing and large practice, is a native Missourian, born in Monroe county, near Florida, December 4, 1839. His school advantages were those of the common schools of his native vicinity, with a course at Prairie High School superadded. His father, Jacob Cox, was a substantial farmer of Monroe county, but was not a wealthy man; so that the son, in early manhood, had to make his own start in life. Ambitious to rise above an ordinary condition, he conceived a purpose to devote himself to the medical profession as the avenue to his advancement. To carry out that design, however, he had to provide himself with pecuniary means, and having a good general education and well qualified to instruct the young, he engaged temporarily in the profession of teaching, and at a satisfactory salary. Young Cox became quite successful as a teacher, and continued teaching for about four years. During this time he also read medicine, devoting the extra months of his school years to study, and also studying during the rest of the time while not actively engaged in the duties of the school-room. His medical preceptor was Dr. R. R. Hall, of Florida, Mo. In due time he entered the Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he graduated with distinction in 1870. Immediately after his graduation, Dr. Cox engaged in the practice of his profession at this city, and has since continued it. Thoroughly qualified for the practice, 14 years of active work in his profession, as well as of continuous study during this time — for he has always been a close student — have sufficed to place him in the front rank of physicians in this section of the State. His practice, already large and highly respectable in character, is steadily increasing in volume and profit, and he is rapidly accumulating the substantial evidences of prosperity. Personally, Dr. Cox stands very high, and is esteemed not less as a man and citizen than as a physician. On the 16th of December, 1874, he was married to Miss D. T. Hall, a daughter of Dr. R. R. Hall, his former preceptor. They have two children: Frederick E. and Helen. Dr. and Mrs. Cox are members of the Christian Church, and the Doctor is a member of the District and State Medical Societies. His parents were originally from Kentucky, and his mother, before her marriage, was a Miss Cassandra Talbot, of the old and respected Talbot family, originally of Virginia and afterwards also of Kentucky and Missouri, as well as of other States.

CHARLES W. DIGGES

(Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Wood and Willow-ware, Flour, Bacon, Fish, Cigars, Tobacco, etc., etc., Moberly).

Mr. Digges, one of the enterprising and popular grocers of this city, is by nativity and bringing up a son of the Old Dominion, and

has proved himself eminently worthy of the gallant old hero-land that gave him birth. When the war broke out in 1861, he was a young man in his twenty-second year, and was a clerk for McClellan, Scruggs & Co., of St. Louis, having come out West a couple of years before. But when Virginia called for volunteers to defend her against invasion, he returned to his mother State and became a plighted soldier of the Commonwealth and the South. He enlisted in what is known in history as the Black Horse of Virginia, a command that won a reputation for gallantry and fearlessness that will last as long as bravery on the field of battle is esteemed a virtue among men. We have not the space to follow the career of Mr. Digges through the war. Suffice it to say, that he did his whole duty as a member of that celebrated command, and was six times pierced with Federal bullets while gallantly fighting for the honor and independence of his country. But few of the young men who started out with him in 1861 lived to return to their homes, but those who did survive, or most of them, came back as he did, covered with honorable scars, the proudest decorations a soldier can wear. After Lee's surrender, Mr. Digges was taken prisoner and confined at Johnson's Island for three months, at the expiration of which time, the war being over, he was discharged. In the army he held the rank of lieutenant, and for a long time was on the staff of Gen. W. H. Payne. After the war he returned to St. Louis and engaged as traveling salesman for Hawkins, Albert & Co., and was on the road afterwards, being with other houses for seven years. A man full of life and animation, of good business qualifications, and a jovial, agreeable companion, he became one of the most popular and successful traveling salesmen on the road, and accumulated sufficient means to engage in business on his own account. He accordingly located at Moberly, and was engaged in merchandising at this place for a short time, when, being offered a highly advantageous position with the Taylor Manufacturing Company, of St. Louis, he disposed of his business here and returned to the road, continuing a traveling salesman for some five years. On the 9th of October, 1873, Mr. Digges was married to Miss Ida Rucker, of Huntsville, and he finally decided to settle down again in business on his own account. In the fall of 1879 he established his present store at Moberly, and has been engaged in the business ever since. Possessing the business qualifications and popular manners and disposition that Mr. Digges has, he could hardly fail of becoming a popular merchant. With a good word for every one, and accommodating in his store and wherever he may be, he has gathered around him a host of friends, and keeping as he does a large and well-selected stock of groceries and other goods of kindred lines, he has naturally built up an extensive custom. Mr. Digges has one of the best retail stores in his line in Moberly, and is doing a flourishing and steadily increasing business. Judging by every indication, he has the promise of becoming more than ordinarily successful. Mr. Digges, himself a man of high character and unimpeachable integrity, comes of a good old Virginia fam-

ily. He was born in Fauquier county, August 25, 1839, and received a more than average general education as he grew up, in the Male and Female Seminary of Warrenton, Va. His father was Charles W. Digges, a prominent citizen of Fauquier county. The Digges have long been settled in Virginia, and came from England prior to the Revolutionary War. Representatives of the family have from time to time held prominent positions in the public affairs of the Old Dominion. Mr. Digges' mother was a Miss Elizabeth McClenichan, and she was originally from New York. Mr. Digges, before coming to Missouri, prior to the war, and when a youth, followed clerking in a dry goods store, and was even then regarded as one of the most efficient and popular young men connected with mercantile business at Warrenton. Mr. and Mrs. Digges have two children: Anna E. and Charles W. Mrs. D. is a member of the Episcopal Church, and he is an active and popular member of the A. O. U. W.

W. L. DURBIN

(Train Master of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad, Moberly).

The duties of train dispatcher and master are exceeded in responsibility by those of no other position in the railway service. The interests of life and property to an extent beyond estimation are directly dependent upon the efficiency, close attention and fidelity of this officer. He orders the trains out, directs where and how they shall be run, and all must follow his mandate without question. Of course he must be systematic, clear-headed and always conversant with the minutiae of train work. One mistake of his may cost hundreds of lives and the destruction of property almost beyond valuation. None but the most trustworthy and capable men are allowed to fill this position — men whose qualifications and character and reliability are beyond question. And the fact that one holds this position is a compliment of no ordinary significance and value to the incumbent, — it is such a compliment as to attempt to express it in words would do the officer to whom it belongs an injustice, for as the finer code of morals and civility cannot be written, so there are acts indicative of confidence and esteem which cannot be properly expressed in words. Mr. Durbin is a native Missourian, born in Marion county, near Palmyra, April 4, 1849, his parents, Richard and Lucy (Logsdon) Durbin, being early settlers of that county from Kentucky, having removed to Marion county in 1832. Young Durbin spent his early years on the farm in Marion county and received a good ordinary common school education as he grew up. In 1864, being then fifteen years of age, he obtained a situation in a local office of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad to learn the telegraph business. He learned that business and followed it with success for four years, when he obtained a situation with the Missouri Pacific as train dispatcher, which he filled with satisfaction to the company for two years. Prior to this, however, and when but seventeen years of age, young Durbin had discharged the duties of train dispatcher at Brookfield and with such efficiency that he was

safely intrusted with a similar position later along. Mr. Durbin came to Moberly in 1869 and assumed the duties of his present office. He now has charge of over 600 miles of road and the hundreds of trains that he starts out daily all run with the regularity of clock-work. Under his management of this section of the road there have been fewer collisions and accidents resulting from irregular trains than during any former period of its existence, comparing the time year with year. Of a quick mind, and alert and active and possessed of superior business qualifications, Mr. Durbin has become one of the best train dispatchers in the railway service, and from long experience he has been able to build up a system of dispatching trains which is without a superior, if it has an equal. A number of young men have learned the business under him, and have become connected with other roads, doing credit by their success not less to their preceptor than to themselves. On the 7th of February, 1871, Mr. Durbin was married to Miss Missouri Pew, a daughter of Hon. A. D. Pew, of Montgomery county. Mr. and Mrs. Durbin have been blessed with seven children: Maud L., Laura L., Nellie W., William L., Richard, Lillie and Missouri. Lillie, the next to the youngest, died December 9, 1883. Mr. Durbin, in 1874, when but twenty-five years of age, was elected mayor of Moberly and has also been councilman-at-large for the city. It is but the plain truth to say that he is one of the most popular young men in the city. A gentleman in the highest and best sense of the word in character, manners and conversation, he is liked by every one. He will doubtless yet hold positions both in the railway and in the civil service of honor and importance compared to which his past positions would be but evanescent coruscations.

FINIS T. DYSART

(Dealer in Groceries, both fancy and staple, and in Wood and Willow-ware, Cigars, Tobacco, Etc., Moberly).

When the war broke out in 1861, Mr. Dysart was a young man 21 years of age, and being a Missourian of Southern antecedents and sympathies, as well as believing that the South was right on the questions then at issue, he proved the faith of his convictions by enlisting for the service under the three-barred banner of the Confederacy. He became a volunteer under Gen. Price, and served for one year in the Southern army under that old *Pater Patrae* of Missouri. His health failing, however, he was compelled to return home and was honorably discharged from the service on account of physical disability, his eyes having almost lost their power of sight. Some time afterwards, having recovered his health to a measurable degree, he worked under his father in the tobacco business in Macon county for a few years. Mr. Dysart then removed to Salisbury, in Chariton county, and engaged in the furniture business, which he followed with success for about three years. In 1871 he was appointed deputy sheriff of Chariton county, a position he filled during the years 1871-2. In 1874 Mr. Dysart was elected county clerk of Chariton county and

held that office for eight years. At the conclusion of his last term of office, on the 1st of January, 1883, he came to Moberly and engaged in his present business. Mr. Dysart, who, as every one in Chariton county knows, made one of the best county clerks that county ever had, is a thorough-going business man, perfectly reliable and of a more than ordinarily accommodating disposition and agreeable manners. These qualities are having the effect to make him one of the successful retail business men of Moberly. He has an excellent stock of goods and sells at prices which inevitably bring him a large trade. He has everything to be found in his line, and in great variety and of the best grades, so that a customer has the advantage of selecting just such goods as he wants and at prices at which he cannot fairly complain. In November, 1867, Mr. Dysart was married to Miss Lou Bastin, of Chariton county. She lived, however, only about seven years, dying in 1874, having borne him three children, only one of whom, Claude, is now living. The deceased are, an infant and Lou, the latter of whom survived her mother only about six months, dying in November, 1874. To his last wife, previously Mrs. Lou Sands, Mr. Dysart was married in 1878. She is also deceased, having died in October, 1881. There is one child by this marriage, Anna. Effie, the other, died in infancy. Mr. Dysart is a member of the Masonic order and of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His father, Rev. James Dysart, was a prominent minister in that denomination, and for many years a highly respected citizen of Macon county. Mr. Dysart was born in that county March 1, 1840. His higher education was received at McGee College. In 1880 he was a prominent candidate for the nomination for Secretary of State in the Democratic Convention, and came very near receiving the nomination.

GEORGE WILLIAM FAIRGRIEVE, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Treatment of the Eye and Diseases of Women and Children, Specialties, Moberly, Mo.).

Dr. Fairgrieve, justly regarded as one of the most scientific practitioners in the profession in his city, is a native of New York, and comes of an old and distinguished Scotch family in the line of the Stuarts, receiving his general education in America, his classical in Scotland, and his medical in both England and America. He was born in Troy, N. Y., May 23, 1848; is the eldest son of George Fairgrieve, who was born in Galashiels, Scotland, October 24, 1817, and Agnes Stalker Fairgrieve, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, January 21, 1820. Dr. Fairgrieve's father being engaged by Crosley & Co., of England, in placing the famous power carpet loom in the different manufacturing towns of the East, and in bringing families over to take charge of and operate the same, it necessitated numerous trips back and forth across the ocean, and as a rule the family went with him, until 1868, when he retired from active life. He died in October, 1873, after a short illness. His mother is still living, in Tillinghame, Scotland. The elder Fairgrieve being all of his active life in

the manufacturing business, was of the opinion that his son George should be a manufacturer, and with this end in view, insisted that he should work through the various departments, from the raw wool to the finished product, and accomplished his desire to quite an extent. But his mother, who thought it would be better to give the boy his own choice, succeeded in having his time divided between the factories and the schools. As early as 1860 we find the boy, when only 12 years of age, rolling pills in a doctor's office. In 1868, an assistant in practice with Dr. Russell, of Glasgow, Scotland, where he continued outside of lecture hours for several years. In 1875 we find him with Dr. Robertson, of London, England. But his mechanical turn of mind found the most satisfaction in the science of Surgery, and he placed himself under the charge of the eminent Surgeon of Westminster Hospital, Mr. Richard Davy, and for two years gave close attention to the rectification of deformities. Then he connected himself with the Eye and Ear hospital in London, known as the Westminster Royal Ophthalmic, Charing Cross, under the direct tutorage of the chief surgeon of European fame, Mr. Charles Macnamara, author of several works on the Eye and its Diseases. Mr. Macnamara is now in British India, the chief surgeon and founder of the large school and hospital in Calcutta. Dr. Fairgrieve remained in England most of the time until 1879, and passed from one division of his chosen profession to another, until he had given all of its branches close attention, and during this time he enjoyed privileges surpassed by few; was assistant house surgeon in Westminster School and Hospital, under Surgeon Cowell, Obstetrics under Surgeon Barnes, Dentistry under Surgeon Gregg, and filled the office of demonstrator of anatomy under Surgeon Thomas E. Cooke (author of Cooke's Tablets of Anatomy and Physiology) in his school for practitioners perfecting themselves for membership in the Royal College of Surgeons, of England. Young Fairgrieve was always busy, and took great pleasure in imparting any knowledge he had gained to others. But with a view of locating for life, and not caring to wait for dead men's shoes, he returned to his native land, America, after making several trips as surgeon on ocean steamers plying between this country and England. And we find him pushing his way Westward, and connecting himself with the Medical department of the State University of Iowa to acquire knowledge of any peculiarities that might exist that would enable him to practice his profession successfully in this Western country. He graduated from this school with honor, and was his class representative at the banquet upon the commencement day. All of Dr. Fairgrieve's studies have been in the regular rational school of medicine, improperly nicknamed allopathy by the founder of homeopathy. He then located in Moberly, Mo. A characteristic of his has ever been close, untiring studiousness. Dr. Fairgrieve has an excellent practice at Moberly; has had built for him one of the finest residences in the city, and has his office in one of the finest business blocks in the city. His rooms are specially adapted for his convenience, the plans of the same being

drawn by him. He has been very successful in his general practice, also in his special treatment of the Eye and Deformities, and is conceded to be one of the finest Oculists in this section of the State, and as he is at all times courteous, and very conscientious, being careful not to overstate expected results, he makes a friend of every one he meets. The Doctor is a man of fine literary attainments, and is the president of the Garrick Club; also director of the Railroad Literary Club — both flourishing societies of Moberly. In fact, the Doctor is the chosen leader in all literary matters in his city. January 19, 1870, Dr. Fairgrieve was married to Inez P. Ferguson, who was born in Montreal, Canada, September 12, 1850, and is the seventh daughter of Edward and Keziah Ferguson; her father being Scotch, and her mother English. They have had born to them three children: Emma Inez, born February 14, 1876; Agnes Seton, born March 26, 1880, died June 22, 1880; George Ernest, born April 30, 1881. George and Emma are both living, and are bright and promising children. Old members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will remember Dr. Fairgrieve's father, when they recall the time when Odd Fellowship was at a very low ebb in America; when, in fact, the names of George Fairgrieve, Thomas Barr, George Ashworth, and Robert J. Garrett were among the few who held on to their charters, and defended the order, which has since grown into such glorious magnitude. Dr. Fairgrieve joined the order May 23, 1869, upon the evening of his twenty-first birthday, and in due season passed through the various chairs of the subordinate lodge and into the Encampment. Dr. Fairgrieve never had any sisters, and only one brother, James Fairgrieve, who is now in the boot and shoe business in New York City. He is three years younger than the Doctor.

HON. DANIEL S. FORNEY

(Mayor of the City of Moberly).

There is something in the nature of an instinct in the public mind, involuntary and unerring as it always seems to be, which prompts the people, when their civil affairs become embarrassed and in a critical condition, to select some man in their midst unthought of before, but whose character and qualifications make him pre-eminently a man for the occasion, to take charge of their affairs and bring order out of chaos. Then it is that the noisy politicians are brushed aside and the individual in whom worth and becoming modesty are combined is selected. It was such an uprising of the people of Moberly in the spring of 1883 that made the plain, unpretentious, common-sense citizen whose name heads this sketch, mayor of the city. For years previous he had gone on, keeping the even tenor of his way and quietly attending to his business, and, by mingling with his fellow-citizens and transacting business with them from day to day, he impressed upon them, all unconscious of it himself, the strength and worth of his character, his solid, level-headed business qualifications, and that he was the man for an emergency in city

affairs. Little more than a year ago, through bad financiering and bad management, the bonds of the city and its other forms of indebtedness were being hawked about the streets and elsewhere at 20c on the dollar, and the city treasury was empty. Municipal affairs could hardly have been in a worse condition. The government of the city was in great embarrassment, and something had to be done. The politicians and professional pap-suckers came forward, each with his scheme and device to relieve the city, if he were only given some coveted place. They had been relieving it in the same way too many years, until they had about "relieved" it of all its funds and its ability to raise them. It was then that a general demand went up for a good, practical, level-headed business man to take charge of affairs and straighten things out. Out of the many citizens of Moberly of this class, Mr. Forney was selected as being the one best calculated for the work. He was elected by a handsome majority, and the bummers and "professionals" were relegated to the rear. How well he has fulfilled the expectations which were justly formed of his administration is well known to all. Order has been brought out of confusion, and the financial condition of the city has been restored to credit and health. No city in the State is better governed or in a better condition, so far as its public affairs are concerned, than is Moberly. But the most conclusive evidence of the wonderful change that has been wrought in this respect is afforded by the quotations of the city bonds in the markets. Capital is sensitive, and the way it regards a city is the surest index of the financial condition of the place. One year of Mr. Forney at the head of affairs has sufficed to run the bonds of the city up to 97c in the markets, and they are everywhere sought after as safe and reliable securities. Such a record in national affairs would justly make any man famous, and such a record in any large city of the country would make his name public by commendation throughout the land. But Mr. Forney, a quiet, unpretending man, takes no special credit to himself for what he has done, and when he speaks of it at all, says that he has done only his duty and to the best of his ability. With far-sighted enterprise and public spirit, he is now carrying forward a system of general sewerage, and is also improving the water supply, both of which movements when carried forward to completion will be of incalculable benefit to the city, not only directly but in attracting wealth and population and increased business and prosperity to the place. Mr. Forney is a native of West Virginia, born June 6, 1834, and was a son of Daniel and Rebecca (Buchanan) Forney, his father originally of Maryland, but his mother of West Virginia. In an early day the family removed West, and the father now lives in Burlington, Iowa, the mother having died in 1854. In 1856 Daniel S. Forney, having grown to manhood in the meantime, went to Texas and engaged in the stock business, but closed out in 1861 and returned to Virginia. The following year he came to Missouri, and for ten years succeeding was engaged in the tobacco business, trading in leaf tobacco and manufacturing cigars and tobacco for sale. How-

ever, in 1869, Mr. Forney came to Moberly, and has been a resident of this city ever since, a period now of fifteen years. He engaged in the dry goods business some nine years ago, and has since continued it with excellent success. He carries a fine stock of goods and commands a large trade. On the 9th of September, 1856, Mr. Forney was married to Miss Henrietta Beatty. She was formerly of Ohio. This excellent lady lived to brighten his home for nearly 20 years, dying, however, June 27, 1873. She had borne him four children, who are living: May, now Mrs. George Miller, of Virginia; Erwin, at home with his father; Etta, now Mrs. Robert Ditty, of Virginia, and Frank, who is also with his father. To his present wife, Mr. Forney was married July 22, 1874. She was a Miss Cyrene Gregory, of Grant county, Ky., and is a most estimable lady. Mr. F. is a member of the Blue Lodge of the Masonic order. Whether he is of any kin to the well-known John W. Forney on his father's side, or to ex-President James Buchanan on his mother's side, the writer does not know, for the question was not asked, but as the families all come from the same section of country, it is not improbable that they are related. Mr. Forney's success in public life is another evidence of this inference.

JUDGE JOHN F. HANNAH

(Breeder and Dealer in Thoroughbred Jersey Cattle).

Judge H. was born in Lincoln county, Tenn., March 25, 1822. His parents, Andrew Hannah and Margaret Patton, were natives of North Carolina. They moved from North Carolina to Tennessee, and after living there for twenty years, came in 1832 to Randolph county, Missouri, locating about two miles from the town of Moberly, where the senior Hannah remained until his death in May, 1853. Mr. Hannah, Sr., was a man of great piety, and nearly all his life a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church. He was instrumental in the organization of the first Cumberland Presbyterian Church in this county, the first meeting being held at his house. He afterwards gave the land for the Sugar Creek Church and cemetery. His son, the Judge, grew up in the neighborhood of his present home, and with some assistance from the common schools, educated himself. He was married the first time to Miss Emily E., a daughter of William Roberts, of Randolph. Mrs. H. died in 1859, leaving three sons, L. B., O. E. and H. O., all in business in Moberly, and the heads of families. Mr. Hannah's second wife, whom he espoused January 30, 1861, was Miss Sarah A., daughter of David S. and Angeline (Hill) Bouton, of Delaware county, New York. This lady was raised and educated in that State, and reflects much credit upon it. She is one of instinctive and cultured refinement, and her mental gifts are rare; her educational training was very thorough, and she was successful in imparting to others her store of knowledge. She first came to Missouri to accept a position as teacher in the Macon High School. Mr. and Mrs. H. have four children: Minnie, Alma, Wilbur and Franklin. After his marriage, Mr. Hannah settled on the farm he now owns, which

was then only partially improved. He has 80 acres where he lives, and 80 acres of timber. He has recently sold off a part of the farm, and built a handsome residence one mile north of town. He has a good new barn, etc., and has for the last five years made a business of breeding and dealing in thoroughbred Jersey cattle. Judge Hannah is a Democrat, and in 1880 was nominated and served for two years with honorable distinction as county judge. He was also magistrate for about ten years, and is one of the stockholders of the Exchange Bank at Moberly. Mr. H. is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, while his wife belongs to the M. E. Church; the latter is president of the Woman's Temperance Union. Both of the daughters are graduates of Chaddock College, Ill. This is one of the very first families in the township, and would be sought after in any society.

BEN. T. HARDIN

(Of Martin & Hardin, Attorneys at Law, Moberly.)

Mr. Hardin, a young lawyer of marked ability and of recognized prominence in his profession, is a descendant of Hon. Ben. Hardin, of Bardstown, Ky., for over 20 years a member of Congress from that State, and one of the ablest and most distinguished criminal lawyers who ever addressed a jury in the Blue Grass Commonwealth. He was also for many years a member of the Legislature of that State, and was a member of the State Constitutional Convention in 1849, and Secretary of State of Kentucky for a number of years prior to that time. Mr. Hardin's father, Ben. Hardin, Jr., was also a man of marked ability and strong character. He married a Miss Susan G. Hubbard, of this State, and made his permanent home in Randolph county. Ben. T. Hardin was born in this county, October 8, 1852. His education was received at Mt. Pleasant College, Huntsville, Mo., and at the State Normal School at Kirksville, in the latter of which he took a four years' course, and graduated with distinction in the class of 1875. Having decided to devote himself to the legal profession, he began a regular course of study for the bar immediately after his graduation at Kirksville, and entered the law office of Martin & Priest, of Moberly, Mo., under whose instruction he read until the summer of 1877, when he was admitted to practice. Two years afterwards Mr. Hardin was elected city attorney of Moberly, a position he held during the years of 1879 and 1880. Although he has been in the practice less than seven years, such are his qualifications and ability, his application to business and thorough reliability of his character, that he has won the full confidence of the public as a member of the bar, and has built up a good practice. He attends to civil and criminal cases, and has been very successful. In December, 1881, he and Mr. Martin, his former preceptor, formed their present partnership in the practice of law — a partnership that has proved highly satisfactory and advantageous to both. On the 8th day of October, 1879, Mr. Hardin was married to Miss Clara Phillips, a daughter of Judge R. Phillips, of Audrain

county. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. H. is also a prominent member of the Masonic order and of the A. O. U. W.

JUDGE BENJAMIN F. HARVEY

(President of the Randolph Bank, Presiding Justice of the County Court, and Farmer and fine Stock-raiser, residence near Moberly).

Judge Harvey, himself one of the leading citizens of Randolph county, comes of one of the oldest and best families in this section of the State. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Walkup) Harvey, came from Kentucky in an early day, while Missouri was still a territory, and settled in Howard county, where Judge Harvey was born, June 26, 1883, and reared to manhood. The father became one of the leading citizens of Howard county, highly respected, influential and wealthy. He represented that county in the Legislature, and died in 1864, at a ripe old age, and deeply mourned by all who were familiar with the events of his long and useful life. The mother, a good and true woman, a loving wife and devoted mother, and kind friend and sincere Christian lady, died in 1844. The father, a man of broad and superior intelligence, appreciated at their worth the advantages of advanced education, and sought to avail his children of these as well as of other opportunities for their promotion in life. Benjamin F. Harvey, after availing himself of the instruction afforded by the schools of this State, was sent to Virginia and took a thorough course in the celebrated Bethany College of that State, famous not less in many respects than that it is the institution over which the great divine, Alexander Campbell, presided for many years. Young Harvey graduated from Bethany with high honor, in 1857. Returning home to Missouri, he remained on the farm until the outbreak of the war, when he at once entered upon the study of law and soon afterwards went to Philadelphia, where he prosecuted his studies with assiduity for some time. The outbreak of the war found him in his native State, and a Southern man by kindred, sympathies, interests and principle, he joined the Missouri State Guard under Gov. Jackson's call and was made first lieutenant of a company. Mr. Harvey served for six months under Gen. Price, and after the battle of Lexington resigned his commission on account of ill-health, and did no further active service in field or camp during the war. As is well known, a formidable organization existed in Canada during our civil struggle for the advancement of the interests of the South, and Mr. Harvey being unacceptable as a soldier on account of physical disability, made himself very useful to our side by his activity and services on the north side of the St. Lawrence. After the war he returned to Missouri and engaged in the stock business and farming, becoming one of the prominent men in these lines in Randolph county. For five years following 1871 he was extensively engaged in handling stock in Montana, and was quite successful. Some years ago he became president of the Randolph Bank, at Moberly, in which he is a large stockholder, and in 1882 he was elected presiding judge of the county

court. Although a substantial property holder of the county and a man of fine intelligence and business qualifications, he is one of the most unassuming and unpretentious of men. Plain in his manners and conversation, he is yet appreciated for his true worth, and while he is popular with all classes, he is especially esteemed by the better citizens of the county. Industrious and enterprising, attentive to business and intelligently frugal, but entirely free from parsimony, his life has been an entirely successful one thus far, and although only fairly advanced to middle age, he is comfortably situated so far as this world's goods are concerned, and possesses the confidence and respect of all who know him. Judge Harvey was married to Miss Mary E. Wilcox, daughter of Granville Wilcox, of Randolph county, in 1864. She died about 18 months thereafter. No issue of this marriage is now living. On the 6th day of March, 1877, he was married to Miss Ellen M. Blakey, a daughter of Hon. M. D. Blakey, of Monroe county, an amiable and excellent lady, and three children are the fruits of their happy married life, namely: Mary E., Julia B. and Frank B. Harvey. Mrs. Harvey is a member of the Christian Church, and Judge Harvey is a member of the Masonic order. His residence is four miles from town.

JOHN C. HICKERSON, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Moberly).

Dr. Hickerson is a native of the Old Dominion, born in Fauquier, April 4, 1834. In an early day his parents removed to Missouri and located in Cooper county. Subsequently his father became a merchant at Boonville, Mo. Young Hickerson received his higher education at the St. Paul's College, which he attended for three years. Following this he began the study of medicine under Dr. N. F. Bowles, of Marion county, from whose instruction in due time he passed to the St. Louis Medical College, graduating with distinction in the class of 1860. In 1861 Dr. Hickerson began the practice of his profession in Ralls county, where he continued in the practice with success for ten years. Although doing exceedingly well in Ralls county he desired a larger and more lucrative field for the exercise of his professional skill, and accordingly, in the fall of 1871, came to Moberly, where he has since resided. Dr. Hickerson's experience here has been entirely satisfactory, both to himself and to the public. He has built up a large practice and has become not only popular and influential as a physician but as a man and citizen. He is very highly respected, and his family moves in the best society of this city. The Doctor was married on the 8th of January, 1861, to Miss Darthula Rodes, a daughter of Dr. Tyre Rodes, of Ralls county. They have five children: Edwin R., Ab. S., John H., Charles B. and William T. Two children are deceased, both dying in infancy. The Dr. and Mrs. Hickerson are members of the M. E. Church, and the Doctor is a Knight Templar in the Masonic order and a member of the A. O. U. W. The Doctor's parents are both deceased, the father, Absalom

Hickerson, dying in 1848, and the mother, whose maiden name was Margaret E. Shacklett, dying in 1875. The Doctor is a member of the District and State Medical Societies.

DAVID HULTZ, M.D.

(Homeopathic Physician and Surgeon, Moberly).

Dr. Hultz, a physician of long and successful experience, who for many years has made a specialty of the treatment of diseases of women and children, having established a wide and enviable reputation in that department of the practice, is a native of New Jersey, born in Burlington county, May 16, 1815. His parents were David and Mary Hultz, both of old and respected New England families. The father was a carriage maker and millwright by trade, and followed that occupation for many years. Young Hultz remained with his father until he was 18 years of age, receiving a good common school education in the meantime. He then went to Philadelphia and completed his novitiate at the carpenter's trade, at which he had previously worked for a short time. After acquiring his trade in 1835 he came West to Illinois, and remained in that State for about nine years, engaged in farming at first and afterwards mainly in trading in stock. In 1844 Mr. Hultz went to Cincinnati and took the contract for building the engine houses and turn-tables of the Little Miami Railroad. After completing his contract, and having in the meantime accumulated some means, he decided to study for the medical profession, and accordingly began a regular preparatory course of study. In 1849 he entered the Homeopathic Medical College of Cleveland, from which he graduated in 1850. Immediately following his graduation Dr. Hultz located at Milford, Ohio, and engaged in the practice of his profession. Subsequently he removed to Mount Pisgah, in the same State, and anxious to advance himself in the knowledge of his profession as far as instruction afforded by the schools goes, he took a thorough course in the American Eclectic Medical College, from which he graduated in 1853. Dr. Hultz then located at Morrow, Ohio, where he practiced three years. He then removed to Louisville, where he was engaged in the practice for 15 years. Dr. Hultz has always been a close student as well as a faithful practitioner, and for many years has taken a special interest in diseases affecting women and children, and particularly in those of a chronic nature. He became very prominent in Louisville in this branch of the practice, and, in fact, was regarded as the leading physician in that department in that city. In 1871 he came further West, locating at Cairo, Ill., and five years afterwards removed to Keokuk, Iowa, but in 1877 came to Macon, and thence to Moberly four years afterwards, where he has since resided and been engaged in the practice of his profession. Although he has been here but three years he has already become prominent as a physician, and in the treatment of women and children he is without a superior, if he has an equal, in this city, or indeed in this section of the State. No man has been more successful in this branch of the practice, and he is justly entitled

to all the popularity he has won. On the 11th day of March, 1835, Dr. Hultz was married to Miss Rebecca Martyer, of New Jersey. She lived for 16 years after they married, dying in 1851. She had borne him eight children: John, Albert, James, Mary A., Anna Eliza, Martha, now Mrs. Thomas Beeley, David and Mahlon. The eldest is deceased. The Doctor was married to his present wife in 1858. He and wife are members of the Methodist Church. The Doctor joined the church in the year 1844, and soon after he was elected class leader. One year later he was licensed to exhort, which he did for five years, and at this time he was tendered a license to preach. Choosing rather to attend to his adopted profession, he did not accept it. An important chapter in the life of Dr. Hultz is contained in his travels through the Old World. Becoming desirous of visiting these distant countries he left home on March 3, 1869, and took his departure from New York on the 5th of that month, arriving in Liverpool the 29th. Leaving there, he visited Constantinople, went thence to Alexandria, where he remained until September 1st, and going down the canal landed on the river Nile, at a city called Atfe. Passing up the river he visited many towns and villages; went across the deserts, and then down the Delta, proceeding through several plains, on to the River Jordan and to the Dead Sea. After exploring rocks, hills, etc., and the "pillar of salt," he moved up the river to the Sea of Galilee, seeing also Mount Carmel, which stands majestically at a height of nearly 2,000 feet. Upon leaving the hills of Samaria he again moved up the river to a point where it is said our Lord was baptized. Crossing the country he reached Jerusalem, of which city many interesting reminiscences might be enumerated, but space forbids. After spending 13 months in this vicinity the Doctor embarked for New York, and arrived there on the 14th of June, 1871, having had an experience such as but few are permitted to enjoy.

WILLIAM JAMES

(Retired Business Man, Moberly).

Mr. James was born in Howard county, May 20, 1822, and as he grew up received a good common school education. In the spring of 1863, being then 21 years of age, he removed to Randolph county and the following year went over into Audrain, where he lived for five years. He then returned to Randolph county and has made his home in this county from that time to this. In 1863, having accumulated a comfortable competency, he retired from the activities of business life, and since that time he has not been engaged in any active employment. Mr. James was for many years a prominent farmer of Randolph county, and has dealt in stock quite extensively, more or less, all his life up to the time of his retirement. Indeed, buying and shipping stock has been his principal occupation, and it is to this that he is mainly indebted for his success. Though he lost considerably in slaves and other property by the war, his estate was not seriously crippled. On the 9th of October, 1849, Mr. James

was married to Miss Mary Smith, a daughter of Joel Smith, of Randolph county. They have four children: Laura, now Mrs. W. A. White; Lizzie, now Mrs. Baker; Anna, at home; and William S. Mr. and Mrs. James are members of the Baptist Church, and Mr. James is a member of the Masonic Order. He is a man of irreproachable character and a kind and accommodating disposition, and is highly thought of among his neighbors and acquaintances.

GEORGE M. KEATING

(City Marshal, Moberly).

Mr. Keating, the present efficient and popular marshal of this city, is a native of the city of St. Louis, born on the 4th of August, 1856. His father, John C. Keating, and his mother, whose maiden name was Anna Connors, were both originally from Ireland. George H., as he grew up, learned the blacksmith trade and completed his apprenticeship in the Wabash Railroad shops of his native city. Subsequently he worked for 10 years in the Wabash shops. In the meantime he had come to Moberly, and in April, 1880, was appointed deputy marshal. At the April election, three years afterwards, he was elected city marshal, a position he still holds. Mr. Keating is a man of fair common-school education, of sterling character, and a faithful officer of the law. Under his administration of the office of marshal in the city, offenders have been made to feel that they could not escape detection and punishment, and the influence of his name has been a potent factor in preserving the peace and maintaining that unusual observance of the law which has characterized the conduct of the troublesome classes since he came into office. It is generally admitted that the city never had a better marshal than George Keating has been. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and of the Knights of Labor, and he and his mother are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Keating's father died in Canada when George M. was but two years of age, and the mother and son are residents of Moberly.

GEORGE B. KELLY

(Editor and Proprietor of the Daily and Weekly *Monitor*, Moberly).

It is a fact to be observed by every one of intelligence and general information that most of the successful men of this country, at least, are what are called self-made men, or those who have risen in life mainly, if not exclusively, by their own exertions and merits. For every one reared in luxury and affluence, who occupies a justly enviable and prominent position in the community in which he lives, there are scores equally or more prominent and esteemed who came up from exceedingly unfavorable and discouraging circumstances in early life. This is true in every occupation, profession and calling. Indeed, the qualifications for success seem to be acquired only in the school of adversity. There it is that strong points of character are required, and from that school no one ever graduates or passes beyond unless

he evinces them. The characteristics that enable one to overcome early disadvantages are the characteristics that in nearly every instance will carry him forward to ultimate success. If one young and inexperienced can rise superior to unfavorable surroundings, what may fairly be expected of him when he reaches years of maturity, ripe judgment and an intelligent knowledge of the conditions of life? The little waif of a boy that we see floating around in the world here or there, or to-day or to-morrow, an orphan, perhaps, and friendless, must not be despised. The possibility, if not the probability, is that in a few years he will occupy a position in life above the mediocore that now looks down upon him and pities him. This is the lesson taught by the lives of most of the successful men of the present and of the past; it is the lesson taught by the lives of the successful men of every community. Character, intelligence and energy will win, whether nurtured on a bed of down or a pallet of straw. These reflections are called out by glancing over the brief notes from which the present sketch is written. Mr. Kelly, though not a child of poverty and friendless, was a boy that was left fatherless, and soon afterwards penniless, by the vicissitudes of the war, and with his mother's family to care for. He had then not reached the age of youth, or his "teens," and he was, of course, without education. But the qualities that make successful men were with him — strength of character, sterling intelligence and energy. He entered the office of the *Border Star* at Independence, Mo., his native place, to learn the printer's trade, and he so recommended himself to his employer, by his industry and evident personal worth, that he was given liberal compensation for his work, besides the instruction he received. His small earnings were gladly contributed to the support of his mother and the loved ones of her family. Close application to the case and a desire to learn and rise in his calling soon made him a more than ordinarily rapid and competent printer. Later along he worked in the *Sentinel* office, and his services were always in request wherever he was known. In 1870, then 22 years of age, he concluded to try his fortune in the great State of Texas, and therefore went to the imperial Commonwealth, facing on the waters of the Rio Grande. He remained in the Lone Star State only a short time, returning in 1871, and the following year he began the publication of the *Daily Herald*. Because Mr. Kelly came up a poor boy it does not necessarily follow that he has not the natural qualities to make a successful and accomplished editor, in as large a measure as if he had been reared in affluence and spent his youth in the classic walls of a university. True, he may not understand the different readings of Sophocles as well, and a great many other things so dear to the heart to a spectacled, dyspeptic professor. But after all, what have these things to do with the practical brain-work of editing a paper. They are well enough, perhaps, for mental training, and so is the 15 puzzle. But so far as ever realizing any dividend from them it is very doubtful whether anybody but a professional teacher ever declared a cash balance on such things equal to an uncanceled postage

stamp. Every occupation, business and professional, must be learned in the regular course of training that leads up to that calling, and the editorial tyro must become an editor by becoming a man of general and varied information and by learning to write—to express his thoughts in clear, terse and pointed English and briefly. This is the schooling that Mr. Kelly has had for his work. While in newspaper offices as a typographer he improved all his leisure by reading and the study of such books, scholastic and other kinds, as afforded information in the line of editorial work; and he also wrote for the different papers, his production being accepted and published if satisfactory to the editor, and rejected if not approved. Thus through years of training of this kind he was well qualified to begin the publication of a paper when, in 1872, he had saved up a sufficient nucleus of means for that purpose. The *Herald* enterprise proved a successful venture, and the following year the *Enterprise* was consolidated with it. In 1873 Mr. Kelly moved his office to Moberly, and a year later the *Enterprise* was consolidated with the *Monitor* of this city, under the name of the *Enterprise-Monitor*. In the fall of 1875 the word “Enterprise” was dropped from the title of the paper as unnecessary, and since then the journal has flourished under the title of *Monitor* alone. Mr. Freeman was the partner of Mr. Kelly for some time, but the latter bought out the former’s interest in 1873. Mr. Kelly built in 1872, and added a steam-power press and complete job office to the establishment. He also set up a book and stationery house in connection with the paper, and, in a word, has shown himself to be the man to make every edge cut that could be utilized in getting along in the world. The career of the *Monitor* has been one of unusual prosperity. He unquestionably has one of the best newspaper and job offices in the interior of the State and outside of a large city. It would seem supererogation to speak of the reputation, influence and circulation of the *Monitor*, daily and weekly. Every Missourian knows the Moberly *Monitor*. A man of strong character, enterprise and ability, Mr. Kelly has made the *Monitor* partake of the same qualities he possesses himself. Personally, more than ordinarily successful, considering his time of life and opportunities, the *Monitor* has been made a more than ordinarily successful country newspaper. It has the largest circulation of all the papers throughout the surrounding country, and few well regulated families in the limit of its domain feel entirely at home without it. Its news columns are filled with the quintessence of the latest and best news, and its editorial discussions are always characterized with dignity and fairness. The paper, in a word, is an able, influential and popular journal, and is respected for its high character and perfect reliability wherever it is known. As an advertising medium, its value, as its columns show, is placed above that of any other journal published throughout the territory where it circulates. Mr. Kelly has just cause to be satisfied with his own career in life, but he has greater cause to be proud of the *Monitor*; and the pleasure with which he speaks of its progress shows that he is

not insensible to the credit which its career reflects upon himself. Personally, he is a man of irreproachable worth, and justly occupies an influential position in the affairs, political, material and social, of Moberly and surrounding country. On the 18th of November, 1875, Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Lillie Slidenstriker, of Saline county, a lady of great personal worth and rare charms of mind and person. They have one child, Heber B. Mr. Kelly is a member of the Knights of Honor and of the Brothers of Philanthropy. He was also lieutenant in the National Guard of this city by election of his company and the appointment of the Governor. Mr. Kelly's parents were John Kelly, originally of Virginia, and Polly A. Davis, of Kentucky, who were married in the latter State and came to Missouri in a comparatively early day, settling in Jackson county, where the father died in 1860. He was a man of fine business qualifications and possessed of considerable means, but his estate was swept away as a result of his death and the war. George B. was born at Independence, October 8, 1848. The *Monitor* is the official paper of the city of Moberly.

CHARLES KNIGHT

(Ticket Agent of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad, Moberly).

Mr. Knight, one of the most popular and efficient ticket agents on the line of the Wabash Railroad, comes of two of the earliest families of this country, the Knights and the Goulds, both of which were represented by brave soldiers in the Colonial army during the war of the Revolution. Mr. Knight's great-grandfather, on his father's side, served from Massachusetts in the Revolutionary War, as did also the latter's brother, who was promoted to the position of captain for conspicuous gallantry on the bloody field of Bennington. Of the ancestral line was Grace Gould, one of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth among the immortal band that came over in the Mayflower. Mr. Knight's father was Edwin P. Knight, and the maiden name of his mother was Elizabeth Vaughan, both of Hanover, Grafton county, N. H., where Charles, the subject of this sketch, was born, June 3, 1849. Charles Knight was educated in the excellent common schools of Hanover and when 18 years of age came West, and located at Bloomington, Ill., where he engaged in selling goods for the three succeeding years. He then engaged in the hotel business, becoming proprietor with his brother E. F. Knight, of the Normal Hotel of that city, which they conducted for about two years. At the expiration of this time Mr. Knight received an appointment to a desirable position on the Chicago and Alton Railroad, which he filled with efficiency, and to the satisfaction of the company and public up to 1873, when he was appointed to his present place as ticket agent of the Wabash at this city. His record here has been one of exceptional merit. Not only have his services been entirely satisfactory to the officials of the road, but he has become exceedingly popular with the public, on account of his accommodating disposition and his urbane, courteous politeness to all. The first year his sales at this

office amounted to \$35,000, last year they exceeded \$115,000. Mr. Knight has stock and a large sheep ranch in Kansas. Personally he is well liked, and is exceptionally popular with the ladies.

GEORGE W. LENT

(Foreman Blacksmith of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad, Moberly).

Mr. Lent, who now has charge of the blacksmith department of the Wabash shops at this place, and is working about 50 men, is one of those clear-headed, energetic men who rise to prominence in whatever calling with which they are identified, and who invariably become the directing minds in every enterprise in their line with which they are connected. He is a native of the Empire State, New York, and was born in Putman county, in June, 1827, and in boyhood had common school advantages. When 13 years of age he began to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he worked at until he had completed it, at the age of 21, being bound as an apprentice to the Mattewan Cotton Manufacturing Company. In 1848 he went to Newburg, N. Y., where he worked as blacksmith in the shops of the New York and Erie Railroad Company. Four years later he went to New Haven, Conn., and in 1853 returned to New York City, and for the following 14 years was foreman of the Hudson River Railroad shops, on Thirty-first street and Tenth avenue. In 1867 Mr. Lent came to Missouri and located at Hannibal, where he worked for about three years, and then went to Cheyenne, where he was foreman of the Union Pacific shops for about a year. He afterwards returned to St. Louis and became foreman of the Iron Mountain shops of that city, and in 1875 came to Moberly as foreman blacksmith of the Wabash shops, a position he has since held. In May, 1874, Mr. Lent was married to Miss Grace Langdon. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Lent are members of the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Lent is a member of the Masonic Order, being an initiate of the Blue Lodge No. 28, the Chapter No. 7, and the Commandery No. 5, at Hannibal.

ROBERT LITTLE

(Merchant Tailor; business house, on Clark Street between Coats and Reed Streets, Moberly).

Mr. Little, a successful and popular business man of this city in his line, is a native of Scotland, born March 16, 1832, and received a common school education and learned his trade in his native land. He afterwards came to America and located at New Castle, in Canada, and in 1869, 14 years after coming to this country, he came to Missouri and followed his trade in Monroe county. However, Mr. Little was engaged in farming for about two years on first settling in Missouri, but at the expiration of this time located in Paris and carried on a shop there until 1874, when he came to Moberly. Mr. Little has the reputation of being one of the best tailors, not only in Moberly, but throughout this section of the coun-

try. A man of more than ordinary intelligence, he has made a specialty of learning his business thoroughly and keeping up with the times in fashions and improved methods of making up goods. Having had a long experience in handling goods in the line of gent's wear, he is thoroughly conversant with the different "makes" and qualities kept in the markets, both of home manufacture and foreign production. His 10 years' experience at Moberly has been one of gratifying success. His patronage has steadily increased and he numbers among his patrons many of the best citizens of the city. He makes it a point to let no work leave his house that is not only satisfactory to the customer but to himself, for he properly claims that he is better able to judge whether work will be generally approved than a customer who knows but little about the business and less about public taste in this line. As he says, himself, his best advertisement is his work, and he relies on this mainly for his reputation. Let a patron request him to select a good piece of goods and make a good suit of clothes, and the customer may rest assured that he will have a suit of which he will have no just cause to complain. Mr. Little's prices are always reasonable, for desiring to avoid all appearance of making unreasonable charges, he often does his work at figures which are unfair to himself. Personally, he is an upright, worthy citizen, and is well respected. In 1857 Mr. Little was married to Miss Sophia Osborn of Canada. They have five children: William, John, Albert, Andrew and Gershom. Mr. and Mrs. Little are members of the M. E. Church South, and Mr. L. is a member of the Masonic Order and of the A. O. U. W.

JOHN LYNCH

(Deputy Marshal, Moberly).

Mr. Lynch, who was for several years marshal of this city and one of the best ministerial officers ever in its service, is a native of the county in which he now resides, and it may therefore be said, as was said of the gentlemen in the ancient feudal days of England, that "he is a free man and to the manor born." On the 11th of January, 1856, he first looked out upon the radiant light of day, and from that glad morning to the present his life has been a thread, woven, throughout, in the history of his native county. Mr. Lynch was educated in the common schools of his county and was reared to the occupation of a farmer. For years he assisted his father to cultivate the land which is now the site of the city of Moberly. After he grew up he engaged in work in the railroad machine shops, which he followed for over three years. He then followed firing on a locomotive engine for nearly four years, and in 1880 was elected city marshal of this city, and afterwards re-elected twice. Last year Mr. George Keating became his successor, and Mr. Lynch was appointed deputy marshal. Well qualified, so far as business is concerned, for the duties of his office, he at the same time combines in his character those qualities of fearlessness, vigilance, impartiality and immovable integrity which conspire to make him an officer whom the city could

not well afford to do without. In all justice he ought to be re-elected marshal and have his salary increased. He could then afford to marry, settle down and be happy, and thus to lead a life to which every good citizen is entitled. Mr. Lynch is a whole-souled, genial, good fellow, and in the language of the Roman Senate when decreeing a triumph to its great generals, "he deserves well of his country."

REV. FATHER FRANCIS McKENNA

(Pastor of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Ault Street, Moberly).

The strength and virtue of every religious faith consists in its purity and sincerity. If there is but one Christian religion, there can be but one Christian faith, and all variations and modifications must necessarily be but corruptions and schisms from the true doctrine and the true faith. Looking over the religions of the world as they present themselves and weighing their claims to verity and credence, no intelligent man can doubt that if there is a true religion, if indeed there is a genuine religious element in the constitution of man, that religion is, and that religious element has its true exponent in, the Christian religion. For fifteen hundred years the Catholic Church stood out in the affairs of the world as the exclusive representative of this religion, and ever since the beginning of the fourteenth century she has been the principal representative of Christianity throughout the world, and she has ever been the true and only genuine representative. From St. Peter, to whom Christ, himself, spoke: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the key of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven;" — from St. Peter to whom Christ thus spoke, to the present time, the Catholic Church has had an unbroken line of apostolic successors, each representing in his person and by his office all that St. Peter represented — the true and only Church of Christ and the sum and summit of Christianity. It was the Catholicism of early times that established itself in Rome, and it was the same Catholicism which, spreading out from Rome, dispersed itself throughout the known world, and planted the Cross in every land known to the geography of man. If the Christianity of the Catholic Church was good enough for mankind for fifteen hundred years prior to the time of Martin Luther, what reason can be advanced why it should not be good enough since that time? If those who looked to this church for fifteen centuries as their hope and guide were saved, can any one believe that those who have looked to it since have been lost? If Catholics since Luther's time have been in error and have been lost, then they were in error and were lost prior to that time, and Christianity, as a means of salvation, is a scheme of modern times alone. The truth is, that as men rebel against the laws of God, so also they rebel against the laws and ordinances of His church; and the doctrine of rebellion, or Protestantism, once admitted, who can answer for its

final ending? In the last few centuries we have abundant evidences of the depravity and ruin of this doctrine. First we have Martin Luther, the founder of religious rebellion, or Protestantism; then comes Calvin, rebelling, or protesting against the doctrines of Luther; then against Calvinism there are rebellions, or protestations, without number, each modifying, diminishing and corrupting the original true Christianity of the Catholic Church — and so we have Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, so called “Christians,” or Campbellites, Universalists, Unitarians; and, finally, the Protestants, throwing off all disguise, blossom out into pure Infidelity, as represented by Col. Ingersoll. From Luther to Ingersoll there are but a few steps and, the first taken, the last is sure to follow — both are protestants, and both are equally bitter against the Catholic Church. The intermediate denominations from Luther to Ingersoll, are but the steps that lead from one to the other. Against these and all such as these the Catholic Church stands out, the veritable Rock of St. Peter which hell cannot prevail against, and holds up the Cross to all the world, the symbol of the pure, true Christian religion, making no terms with religious rebellion in any form and character whether it be called Protestantism or what not, and asking none. She has stood for nearly nineteen centuries the supreme representative of Christianity on the earth, and she will stand through the unnumbered centuries yet to come, and until all mankind shall be brought through her instrumentality as the vicegerent of God to the knowledge of, and the true faith in the true, living God. Here in Missouri the Church of St. Peter first planted the Cross, and all over the State the spires of his temples of worship may be seen piercing the sky. In Moberly, as elsewhere, she has a pastor for her flock, and here, as elsewhere, he is a man worthy by character, faith, good works, and learning to represent Christianity among his fellow-men. For fifteen years Father McKenna has had charge of the church at this place, and his work has been blessed by the most abundant encouragement. When he came here but 12 families were represented in his congregation; now it includes 200 families. In 1878 he was instrumental in establishing the Catholic school at this place, which now has an enrollment of 200 pupils. Such a record any good servant of the Lord may well contemplate with satisfaction. Father McKenna was born in county Monaghan, Ireland, and came to America when quite young. Intended for the priesthood, he took a thorough course of preparatory school and college study, both in literature and the languages, as well as in the sciences and philosophy. He subsequently took a thorough theological course and became a man of wide and profound learning, as well as of sincere piety. Father McKenna was duly ordained and his first charge was at New Madrid, Missouri, where he remained for three years. He then came to Moberly, where he has superintended the building of three churches. He also has charge of the church at Sturgeon. Father McKenna is a man thoroughly devoted to the service of God and humanity, an able and eloquent divine and more

than ordinarily zealous and successful in his great life work. He is greatly beloved by his parishioners and is esteemed by all for his earnestness as a Christian priest and his worth as a man.

WILLIAM MAYNARD

(Editor and Proprietor of the Daily and Weekly *Headlight*, Moberly).

Mr. Maynard, the Nestor of journalism at Moberly, and for nearly 20 years an editor and newspaper proprietor in this section of the State, is a native of England, born in London, March 9, 1839. When he was 10 years of age, in 1849, his parents, Thomas and Sophia (Cordell) Maynard, immigrated to America with their family of children, landing at New York some time in July, about the time of President Zachary Taylor's death. The father was a paper-box manufacturer, and followed that with success on a large scale for a number of years in the city of London. William Maynard was educated in the common schools of Brooklyn, N. Y., and in printing offices, but mainly in the latter, supplemented with study at home and general self-culture. He began his apprenticeship at the printer's trade in New York City, where he worked for some time, and afterwards continued it in the printing house of John A. Gray, of New York. Having mastered his trade, he obtained a situation in the office of the Brooklyn *Eagle*, where he worked a year, being in that office at the time of the assassination of President Lincoln. Leaving Brooklyn, Mr. Maynard now came West and stopped in St. Louis for a time. While there he worked in both the offices of the *Democrat* and the *Republican*, the *Democrat* then not being consolidated with the *Globe*. In 1866 Mr. Maynard came up to Keytesville and started the Chariton County *Union*, which he published with success until 1870, when he established the *Headlight*, at Moberly. Mr. Maynard has had such a training as could hardly have failed to make any one of his intelligence and energy a capable and successful newspaper man. Not brought up in affluence or luxury, but made to know from youth the importance of personal exertions and merit to success in life; on the one hand he was removed from those temptations to idleness and extravagance which beset the favorites of fortune, and on the other those habits of industry and frugality were formed, without which success in any calling is impossible. With a marked taste for journalism, as well as a natural aptitude for the mechanical work of the typographer, he soon became not only a skillful printer, but also well qualified by mental culture for editorial work. He has always been an indefatigable reader, and the field of his inquiry has been as varied in character as it has been extensive. If he has shown a partiality for any particular department of investigation, it has been for that of public affairs, including the whole range of civil government, political economy and history. An ardent Republican, in the original, generic sense of that word, he believes supremely in government by the people through popular representatives, such as we have in America, or such, rather, as we would have if our practices were as pure as our

system is wise and just. Recognizing the fact that our institutions are right and that all that is needed to make our civil administrations the best under the sun is purity in politics, he has ever striven in his sphere as an editor to bring about that purity in political affairs, at least within the domain of the influence of his paper. While he is an intelligent partisan, he is the farthest removed from an extremist or dogmatist, and is ever for the commonweal before the interests of party, conceding to others the same sincerity of motives and freedom of expression that he claims for himself. Carrying these principles into the management and tone of his paper, he has naturally won for it the respect and consideration of all classes among whom it circulates, and its influence is justly great. The interests of home, or Moberly and the county and surrounding country, he regards first and above all the world, and strives for their advancement with special zeal. No man has worked more earnestly for the material interests of Moberly and its tributary section of the State than Mr. Maynard, both in the columns of his journal and as a private citizen. Nor have his efforts been unrecognized by the public. The career of his paper has been one of uninterrupted success. Since its establishment it has grown from a small weekly to one of the sprightliest and best dailies in the interior of the State. Its news columns are filled with the latest telegraphic news, political, business and otherwise, to be had, and all selected, digested and presented so as to give the facts clear and plain without worrying the reader or consuming time and space with superverbage. In the editorial columns the different questions of interest and importance to the public are discussed from day to day with fairness, clearness, and in a respectful tone. In every department of the paper the laws of decency and the amenities of good breeding are ever regarded, and nothing is permitted to appear in print that may not with propriety be read in the most refined and polite household. The publication of the weekly is also kept up, and the effort is made to make it a general family newspaper, and with excellent success, as its appearance conclusively shows. It is a large and well arranged paper, and neatly and well printed, and filled with reading matter, entertaining and instructive, of almost every variety proper to enter the household. The circulation of both the daily and weekly is very large, ranking in that respect among the leading papers of this part of the State; and as an advertising medium the *Headlight* is without a superior in this section, where it chiefly circulates. Mr. Maynard, being a thoroughly practical printer himself, and an editorial writer of long experience, is able to superintend and direct every department of the paper; and being an excellent and enterprising business man, he has succeeded in bringing it to its present enviable position of prosperity and influence. He has just purchased a fine new power press, and also has first-class job presses, so that his office, both for newspaper and job work, is one of the best outside of the large cities in the State. He makes a specialty of fine job and book work, and having in his employ job printers of rare skill and taste, artists in

fact in their line, he is enabled to do this class of work in the best of style and with dispatch. Mr. Maynard was married on the 18th of March, 1868, to Miss Adeline Y. Carmon, originally of Pennsylvania. She left him one son, William Carmon. To his present wife, formerly Miss Nellie Stanley Tidswell, Mr. Maynard was married November 30, 1876. She was originally from England, born at Manchester, August 16, 1848. They have three children: Stanley Tidswell, Stella Thane and Elizabeth Rothwell. Mrs. Maynard is a member of the Christian Church, and Mr. M. is a member of the Masonic order, the A. O. U. W. and the Triple Alliance.

GEORGE S. MERRITT

(Proprietor of Smith's Grand Central Hotel, Moberly, Mo.).

Mr. Merritt, one of the most popular and enterprising hotel men in this section of the State, and now at the head of the leading hotel of Moberly, is a native of New York, born at Norwich, November 27, 1852. His parents were Sherwood S. and Mary A. (Wilcox) Merritt, both representatives of old and prominent New York families. His father was a leading lawyer of that State, and was for many years the attorney of the Midland Railroad. George S. had superior educational advantages as he grew up, and graduated at Fairfield College in the spring of 1870 with high honor. After his graduation he engaged quite extensively in the lumber business in his native State, and was entirely successful while in business. Anxious to see the country on this side of the Alleghanies, he came West in 1878 and located at Junction City, in Kansas, where he began his career as a hotel man. He had charge of the leading hotel of that place for three years, and then received an appointment to a lucrative position in the freight department of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, in Texas. From the Lone Star State Mr. Merritt came to Missouri and took charge of the principal hotel at Kirksville, which he conducted until the fall of 1882. He then came to Moberly and became proprietor of Smith's Grand Central, which he has since run. The Grand Central has greatly improved under his management. One of the best hotel buildings in the country, he has renovated it throughout and fixed it up not only in the latest and best style, but with an eye especially to cleanliness and comfort. It is not too much to say that in these respects the Grand Central is without a superior in North-east Missouri. Mr. Merritt, having had an extensive experience in hotel life, and being a man of fine education and wide general information, knows not only how to conduct a hotel with regard to bed and board, but how to treat guests so that they will feel welcome and at home under his roof. Looking at the table he sets on any day, one would suppose that he had made the art culinary a study through life. His table is a perfect triumph in the art of preparing the best of edibles in the best manner, and so as to present the most inviting appearance.

An epicure would luxuriate at his table, while a *gourmand* would repeat in his heart of hearts the language of Tam O'Shanter:—

“Kings may be blest, but I am glorious,
O'er all the ills of life victorious.”

The Grand Central contains 50 rooms for the accommodation of guests, all neatly and well furnished; and to run it as Mr. Merritt is determined it shall be run—in first-class style—requires no less than 28 regular employes. Mr. Merritt has built up a large custom for the Grand Central, and his patronage is steadily on the increase. He gets most, or all, the better class of the traveling public, and he also has a large patronage from the people of Moberly, a number of whom make his house their permanent home. On the 22d of June, 1876, Mr. Merritt was married to Miss Alta E. Bonney, formerly of Watertown, N. Y. She is a lady of culture and refinement, and Mr. and Mrs. Merritt are very popular in the best society in Moberly. Mr. Merritt is a whole-souled, genial man, justly liked by every one. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

JULIUS MILLER & BRO.

(Wholesalers of Keg and Bottled Beer, Moberly).

Messrs. Miller, who stand at the head of the leading firm in their line of business in this section of the State, are large property holders and wealthy, influential citizens of Moberly. They are of German nativity, and come of an ancient and highly respectable family of the Regierungsbezirk of Magdeburg, in their native country. Their grandfather Miller was an officer under Napoleon, and distinguished himself in several large battles in Spain and Germany. Their father, F. H. L. Miller, was born at the comopolis of Neu Hallesleben, in Prussia, near the fortress of Magdeburg, and was educated at the Seminary of Magdeburg for a teacher, in which profession he engaged, and he continued teaching for a number of years. Messrs. Miller's mother, whose maiden name was Frederike Rose, was a daughter of Karl Rose, a master mechanic over the Government Iron and Steel Works at Magdesprung am Harz, and at that place, one of the most beautiful and romantic looking villages to be found in northern Prussia, the daughter, who subsequently became the mother of the subjects of this sketch, was born and reared. She and F. H. L. Miller were married in 1840. After their marriage they resided at Quedlinburg until 1853, when the father came to America, locating at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the following year the mother, with her four small children, Julius and Robert, and Matilde and Anna, joined him at that place. F. H. L. Miller, the father, was a teacher at Friederichsbrunnen am Harz, when the Revolution of 1848 broke out, but was forced to resign his position on account of his liberal views and the active aid he gave the Revolutionists in their attempt to overthrow the Government. He subsequently engaged in business at Quedlinburg, and continued it until his emigration to America in 1853.

He was induced to take this step because he was bitterly opposed to the despotism which had set itself up in Prussia, and he desired to live in a land of liberty and freedom regulated by equal and just laws. He engaged in business at Milwaukee and continued there with satisfactory success until 1858. From Milwaukee he removed to New Frankfort, in Saline county, Missouri, near which place he engaged in farming. He continued a citizen of Saline county for nearly 20 years, and until his death, which occurred in 1882. He became quite comfortably situated and was highly respected. A man of superior intelligence and a fine education, as well as public spirited, and honorable and upright in every relation of life, he naturally rose to a position of prominence and influence in his county, and during his long residence there, filled various local offices, always acquitting himself with credit and ability. The mother, his wife, died in Saline county in 1873. She was a lady of many estimable qualities of head and heart, well educated and refined, and much esteemed by her neighbors and acquaintances. While she was one of the most gentle of women, she was at the same time a woman of great resolution and courage, and could face any dangers or hardships, however great, whenever and wherever duty required. An instance of this is afforded in the trip she made across the Atlantic. In those days the journey was one of great peril, but notwithstanding this she had the brave-heartedness to cast herself and four little children on the mercies of the stormy ocean in a sailing vessel bound for the distant shore where her husband was watching and waiting, and doubtless sending up many silent prayers for her safe arrival. Julius Miller was born at Friederichsbrunnen, Prussia, in March, 1843, and was therefore ten years of age when he crossed the Atlantic with his mother. He came to Saline county with the family in 1858. He remained on the farm in that county until he was about 17 years of age, and as his father took great pains with his education, he received an excellent knowledge of books as he grew up. But Saline county was almost wholly peopled with a Southern sympathizing population, and they therefore had great prejudices against the Germans, who generally sympathized with the Union side. In 1862, on account of this antagonism, times became so critical in Saline county that it was not safe for young Miller to remain at home, and he therefore joined the Union forces, becoming a non-commissioned officer. He participated in all the campaigns against Price during the latter's raid in this State, and was in several battles, but came through the war without injury. Returning to Saline county in 1865, he was married to Miss Caroline Lichtenberg, and engaged in business in that county, but without much success. In 1872, however, he removed to Moberly and opened a small retail beer and liquor house, which proved a successful enterprise. He was soon joined by his brother, Robert, as his partner, and they conducted the business with continued success until they were burned out in 1873. They were making money at the time and felt that they were on the high road to at least a comfortable competency, but they carried no

insurance and all they possessed in the world was swept away by the fire. As if to fill his cup of misfortune, the same year that he burned out in business, he lost his loved and devoted wife. But he was young and resolute, and was determined not to give up. He started in business in a small way again, his brother continuing with him, and the smiles of fortune returned to brighten his life. Industry, enterprise and close attention to business prospered them abundantly. Finally he and his brother engaged in the wholesale and retail keg and bottle beer business, and they now have one of the largest houses in that line outside of St. Louis, in North-east Missouri. They also deal extensively in ice. In 1876 he was married to Miss Carmilla Mathien, and she has borne him several children. He also has a son by his first wife. Mr. Robert Miller had the singular misfortune of losing his wife and both his children within the last few years. His wife was a Miss Pauline Lehman. She was born in Hannibal, Mo.

R. S. MINER

(Division Superintendent of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad, Moberly, Mo.).

Mr. Miner, though by no means an old man, is one of the oldest men in the railway service in point of continuous employment in Missouri, and one among the oldest in the country. He began his career as a railroad man over 30 years ago, away back in 1853, before most of the men connected with the railroads in this State were born. He is a native of Massachusetts, and was born at Windsor, in Berkshire county, April 11, 1831. Reared on a farm, he was engaged in farming until he was 21 years of age when he accepted a position in the service of the Boston and Albany Railroad, having to do with the track, its repairs, etc., as a master workman. He remained with that road for eight years and then went to New York and took charge of the track of the New Haven & Northampton Railroad, which he had for two years. In 1863 Mr. Miner came West and took charge of tracks of the Wabash in Indiana and Illinois, superintending tracks on that division of the road for nearly 20 years. In 1882, however, he was transferred to the Western Division of the Wabash. He now has charge of nearly 800 miles of road. Having been with the Wabash road for over 20 years, this long record of faithfulness and success in the discharge of his duty is itself the highest compliment that could be paid him as an officer of the road and as a man. Industry, close attention to business and intelligent appreciation of what is required to keep a road in first-class condition are his characteristics in the discharge of his official duties; and unswerving integrity, courtesy and public spirit mark his career as a man and citizen. The Wabash tract, east of the Mississippi, is known to be one of the finest and best in the West, and for this the road and the public are indebted to Mr. Miner's intelligence and management more than to any other cause. It was in recognition of this fact that the company transferred him to the Western Division in order that he might make it compare favorably with his work east of the Mississippi. The expectations of the

road in this particular he is rapidly fulfilling, for the Wabash track west of the Mississippi is fast becoming one of the best on this side of the great Father of Waters. On the 9th day of September, 1858, he was married to Miss Jackson, who lived to brighten his home for 14 years, but died in 1872. To his present wife, formerly Miss Howe, he was married January 20, 1880. Mr. Miner has no children.

RICHARD C. MURRAY

(General Yard Master of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific and of the Missouri Pacific Railroads, Moberly).

It is a fact well known by all who have given the subject any thought or investigation, that most of the men connected with the railway service were brought up in the country and to a farm life. The qualities required to make a good railroad man, industry and close attention to business as well as the strength of character and physical vigor necessary in the discharge of duties relating to the railway service, seem to find more favorable conditions for development on a farm than elsewhere. There youths grow up inured to hard work and accustomed to that frugal, temperate manner of living required for success in almost any calling. Used to the open air and exercise of farm life, they develop robust constitutions, and as they approach early manhood, they are the best material out of which to form reliable, efficient and useful railroad men. Mr. Murray, the subject of this sketch, is another example of this fact. He was born at Carlyle, Ill., April 1, 1849, and was reared on a farm up to the age of 20. He received a fair, practical education in the public schools, and at the age of 20 came to St. Louis and accepted a position in the freight department of the North Missouri Road. A year later he was appointed assistant yard master at St. Louis, and in 1872 he was sent up to Moberly and took charge of the night yards at this place. The following year Mr. Murray was made general yard master at Moberly, and when the Missouri Pacific and Wabash both became the property of Mr. Gould, he was given charge of the yards of both roads. On November 21, 1877, Mr. Murray was married to Miss Duffy, of Dallas, Texas. His wife survived her marriage, however, only about three years, dying August 7, 1880. She left one child, Julia May. Mr. Murray is a member of the Catholic Church, and of the Moberly Board of Education. In his yard he has under his direction about 30 men who keep the business of the yard up in first-class order.

PATRICK G. MURPHY

(Baggage Master of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad and of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, Moberly).

Mr. Murphy, who is a native of the Emerald Isle, came to America when a young man about 23 years of age, and located first in Boston, where he was employed by the Government on fortifications. Mr. Murphy worked at Boston in the service of the Government for about seven years. In 1848 he went to Virginia and worked on the Alexandria

railroad, grading the track, where he continued for some years. In 1854 he went to Terre Haute, Ind., and worked on the Alton Road for about a year. From there he came to Missouri and was employed in grading the track between Centralia and Sturgeon. Mr. Murphy worked on several roads in this State until 1861, when he retired from the railroad business and engaged in farming. In 1866 he returned to the railroad, becoming foreman of a section on the North Missouri, a position he filled for two years. Following this, Mr. Murphy came to Moberly and built the yards for the North Missouri, and also ran a construction train. In 1870 he was appointed to his present position. He has therefore been baggage master for the past 14 years, and since the consolidation of, or rather the combination between, the Missouri Pacific and Wabash he has been baggage master for both roads. Mr. Murphy's long experience as baggage master, together with his habits of attending closely and faithfully to business, combine to make him one of the most efficient and expeditious baggage masters in the service of the road. On the 14th of February, 1883, he lost a son, John Murphy, a young man whom all that knew him liked, and a young man of industry and many estimable qualities of head and heart. He was killed while in the service of the railroad. Mr. Murphy's wife died in 1866. To her he was married in 1859. She was a Miss Margaret Dana, and came of the same family from which Charles A. Dana, the editor of the *New York Sun*, is a descendant. The family is of Irish origin, and Mrs. Murphy herself was a native of the Green Isle beyond the sea. She was an estimable, good woman, an affectionate and dutiful wife, a loving, devoted mother, and a kind and hospitable neighbor. She was a faithful member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Murphy is also a member of that church. A native of Ireland, though he has been away from there for 40 years, he loves the old isle yet with all the ardor of a true patriot, and is always ready to lend a helping hand, both of his means and of his personal services, to free that fairest of all the isles of the sea from the blighting curse of British rule.

THEODORE F. PRIEST

(Of Priest & Jones, Proprietors of the Moberly Livery and Feed and Sales Stables).

Mr. Priest engaged in his present business in 1878, and his experience thus far has more than justified his expectations at the time he began. The firm of which he is a member have one of the best stables in Moberly, a place noted for the superior quality and fine appearance of the rigs turned out by its stables. They have accommodation for 65 head of horses, their brick building being 45x75 feet and their frame, 25x75. They also have a buggy house 25x85 feet. Their riding and driving horses are not surpassed in the city, while their buggies, carriages, coupes, etc., are of the latest and best styles, and gotten up in the very height of art and good taste. They have a large and increasing custom, and while their stables are popular with the transient public, they are even more so in the city itself; for besides

the fact that they have as good rigs as can be had in the city, they are personally very popular, being young men of good business qualifications, perfect reliability, accommodating, and very genial and sociable in the company of others. Mr. Priest is a native Missourian, born in Ralls county on his father's homestead, four miles from Hannibal, April 15, 1849. His early educational advantages were good, and accordingly, so far as the knowledge of books are concerned, his business qualifications are ample. Mr. Priest was brought up to the occupation of a farmer, and followed that calling with success until he came to Moberly in 1878 and engaged in his present line of business. On the 9th of November, 1871, he was married to Miss Rosie Muldrow, of Ralls county. She survived her marriage, however, less than six years, dying August 12, 1877. She left two children, Malena and Theodore F., Jr. On the 9th of October, 1879, Mr. Priest was married to his present wife, formerly Miss Emma Lapsley, born and reared in this county. Two children are the fruits of this marriage, Samuel R. and an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Priest are members of the Presbyterian Church. His parents, Thomas J. and Amelia (Brown) Priest, were originally from Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The father died in the fall of 1873, but the mother is still living and is a resident of Ralls county.

HON. WILLIAM QUAYLE

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Dairyman).

Mr. Q., a native of the Isle of Man, was born October 18, 1825. A man of much individuality, and having seen life in all its phases, he has now settled down on a farm where he tills the soil in peace and plenty. He devotes much of his attention to stock-raising, and has a model dairy. Mr. Quayle is the son of Charles Quayle and Jane Cannels, both of the Isle of Man. In 1827 the family emigrated to this "home of the free," and pitched their tents in Ontario county, in the western part of New York. Here the subject of this memoir spent his boyhood, during which time he attended the Canandagua Academy, and though his opportunities were limited, he obtained a fair English education. At the age of 16 he went to sea, and for 12 years was "rocked in the cradle of the deep." He rapidly rose to the rank of captain, and his life was one of great interest, visiting all parts of the world. He found a fascination in the sea which did not lose its flavor until its treacherous waters betrayed him. In 1852 his vessel was wrecked off the west coast of Greenland. As one finding an ugly worm at the heart of his luscious peach, casts it from him in disgust, so the Captain turned his back on his beloved ocean forever. He first engaged in merchandising and farming in Tarrant county, Tex., of which section he served four years as district clerk. He was also three years on the bench as probate judge. In 1861 the judicial ermine was doffed, and donned in its stead were the helmet and spear of the warrior. Though originally a Whig and opposed to secession, yet his true heart warmed in defense of the home of his adoption; and

after the Lone Star seceded, Mr. Q. boldly took his stand in the front ranks of the Confederate service, to fight, to die, if need be, with those whom he loved. Mr. Quayle is a man who rises as naturally as a cork to the surface, and having enlisted in Co. A, Texas cavalry, he was at once elected lieutenant-colonel of the regiment. He was engaged in several fights with the Indians, and was in the battles of Elkhorn, Corinth, etc. Falling a victim to that most insidious enemy, camp fever, he was compelled to return to his home; but as soon as he recovered he organized another company, and after being elected to the State Senate, was appointed Commander of the First Frontier District of Texas. At the end of the war, Mr. Quayle was restless and went to Mexico. He remained, however, only three years, then lived two years on the western coast of Texas, and in 1869 came to Randolph county, Missouri. He has served a term in the Legislature, and in 1882 was a Congressional candidate on the Greenback ticket. The Judge claims that his principles are the same they have ever been, but the Democratic party has changed. He was married in Tarrant county, Tex., in 1857, to Sarah J., daughter of the Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Mississippi. There are two children by this marriage: William H., now living at Hope, Ark., and Sidney, a station agent on the Missouri Pacific. His first wife dying in Texas in 1860, Judge Quayle was married again, in 1861, to Miss Mary E., daughter of the Rev. Benjamin Terrill, of Texas. Mrs. Quayle, however, was born and raised on the farm upon which she is now living. There are five children: Katie, now the wife of John Setliff, of the Waters and Wolley College, in Tennessee, formerly a graduate of Columbia; Papie, Charles, Jack and James. One child, Benjamin, died October 20, 1870, aged six years. The Judge has 72 acres of land, situated about a mile from Moberly, all in a good state of cultivation. His dwelling is a comfortable structure, and his other out-buildings attest his enterprise. He also has a fine bearing young orchard. Judge Quayle is making a specialty of his butter and milk dairy. As, mayhap, his own noble ship, after stormy seas, anchored in some sheltered nook, so tempest tossed and weary, he finds a peace and repose in his rustic retreat.

CHARLES RATTRAY

(Local Manager of the Pacific Express Company, Moberly).

Mr. Rattray, born in Glasgow, Scotland, August 12, 1841, was in his tenth year when his parents, Charles and Jane (Williams) Rattray, both of ancient and respected Scotch families, came to America for the purpose of casting their fortunes with the future of the New World. On landing on our shores, they proceeded West and located at Dubuque, Iowa, where the father engaged in the book and stationery business. In Scotland the family belonged to the more respectable class of untitled people, and the father was a man of good education and excellent business qualifications. In early life he was a civil engineer, and after he came over to this country, aside from

his book and stationery business, followed his profession for about three years. Young Rattray was principally educated in Iowa, and when 17 years of age obtained a position with the American Express Company at Dubuque, Iowa, and was in the service of that company until called back to take charge of the book store on account of his father's death. Winding up the book business in Dubuque, in 1862, he was engaged in the Chicago office of the American Express Company, and has been in the express business ever since. From Chicago, later along, he came to St. Louis, and then to St. Charles, and from the latter city to Moberly. Mr. Rattray's administration of the office here has been very efficient, satisfactory and popular. He makes it a point to be courteous and accommodating to all who show themselves worthy of consideration, while he permits no part of his business to fall into neglect. When he first came here there were two men employed in the office. Now there are fifteen men and nine messengers. Mr. Rattray is a Knight Templar in the Masonic order and a member of the A. O. U. W. He was married April 19, 1868, to Miss Alice A. Leavenworth, originally of Connecticut, and a descendant of the same family of which Colonel Leavenworth, for whom Leavenworth, Kan., is named, was a representative. Mr. and Mrs. Rattray have three children: Charles A., Bertha and Jesse O. The fourth child died in infancy.

IRA S. REIS

(Of Bowers & Reis, Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Gent's and Ladies' Furnishing Goods, Carpets, Hats and Caps, etc., etc., No. 111 and 113 Reed Street, Moberly, Missouri).

No adequate idea could be formed of the mercantile affairs of Moberly from a review of this city which fails to make mention of the firm whose name heads this sketch. These gentlemen have been engaged in business in this city less than two years, yet they have built up one of the leading houses in their line in the interior of North-east Missouri. The volume of their business has grown with a rapidity that has no equal in this city and throughout the surrounding country. Each of them had had a successful experience in business before coming here, and had accumulated a substantial nucleus of means. They came here for the purpose of building up a large business, believing Moberly to be one of the best points in the country for that purpose. Neither have they been disappointed in their opinion of the place, nor in the results of their enterprise. The remarkable progress of this house has been spoken of in the sketch of Mr. Bowers, the senior member of the firm, so that it would but be repetition to dwell at length on it here. Suffice it to say that they have become almost at a bound leading merchants of Moberly, and it can not be doubted that they are destined to be, sooner than most people supposed, by all odds the principal men in their line of business in this section of the State. Mr. Reis is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Philadelphia, June 1, 1855, and educated in the Philadelphia High

School. He began business at Uniontown, Pennsylvania, in the dry goods and clothing and gent's furnishing goods line, with a tailoring establishment in connection. He was entirely successful at Uniontown, and only came to Moberly because he believed this city offered better opportunities to build up a large business in a few years. In this, as has been said, he has not been disappointed. The following gentlemen, well and favorably known to the citizens of Moberly, are salesmen in their establishment: John E. Lawrie, William Tolle, Joseph C. Brand, J. Q. Coats, Robert Barrowman and Mark H. Burkholder. Mr. Reis is a member of the Masonic order and of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. R. is a self-made man, a gentleman who has risen to his present enviable position in business life by his own industry and worth. He is a man of strict integrity, high sense of honor and gentlemanly and courteous to all. He is justly very popular, both as a business man and personally, with all who know him.

SAMUEL S. RICH

(Depot Policeman, Moberly).

Mr. Rich was born in Kenton county, Kentucky, August 24, 1842, and was reared on a farm in his native county. He had common school advantages in his youth, and followed farming in Kentucky until 1861, when he enlisted in the Fourth Kentucky volunteer infantry, Co. K, being mustered out of the service in 1865 as first lieutenant of Co. K, Fourth Kentucky veteran volunteer mounted infantry, U. S. A. Returning to his native State, he remained there occupied in farming until 1876, when he removed to Missouri and located in Chariton county, where he continued farming for about two years. In 1879 Mr. Rich obtained a position in the fuel department of the Wabash Railroad service, which he held for three years. He then was appointed check clerk in the freight department, the position he held until he accepted his present office. The office of depot policeman is authorized by city ordinance, and the incumbent is appointed by the railroad authorities, with the consent and approval of the mayor. Mr. Rich makes a capable and efficient officer, and sees to it that nothing illegitimate is allowed to be carried on around the depot. He is a worthy man in a worthy position, and fills it to the satisfaction of all concerned. On the 23d of December, 1868, he was married to Miss N. A. Williams, originally of Kentucky. They have two children: Lidia W. and Alfred B. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South, and Mr. Rich is a Select Knight in the United Workman order. Mr. Rich's parents are Samuel and Mary (Stowers) Rich, both natives of Kentucky.

JAMES SANDISON

(Brick Manufacturer, and Lumber and Contractor: Yards, western suburbs of Moberly).

Mr. Sandison is one of those intelligent, enterprising men that reveal in their methods of carrying on business and in their success

the nationality which they represent — the sturdy, intelligent Scotch race. The Germans are noted for their frugality and solid thrift; though it must be confessed that they are by no means the most enterprising people under the sun. The Scotch are equally frugal and thrifty as the Germans, and in addition to these qualities they are enterprising to a marked degree. Hence it is that among the Scotch in this country we find fewer mendicants or even shiftless people than among any other race to be met with. They have the industry, intelligence and enterprise to get along in the world, and they generally succeed. These remarks are called out by scanning the facts of Mr. Sandison's life, a worthy representative of the land of Bruce and Wallace and of Burns and Scott. He was born in Keith, December 27, 1846, and was reared in his native country. His father was William Sandison, and his mother's maiden name was Jane Lawson. His father was a contractor and builder, and died in 1855. In 1868 the family, including James, who had then grown to manhood, emigrated to America, and on landing came on out West, locating at Huntsville, in Randolph county, where the mother still resides. James Sandison, who had learned the brickmaking business and contracting and building, went to work there at his trade, and continued with success until 1879, then coming to Moberly. Here he resumed business, and has been successfully engaged in the manufacture of brick and in contracting and building. He has a good yard, and works a large number of hands. His brick have an enviable reputation, being generally preferred to those of any other local manufacturer in the market. On the 27th of July, 1873, Mr. Sandison was married to Miss Mary Morrison, of Scotland originally. They had five children: James G., William S., John, and George. Margaret, the third child, is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Sandison are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Sandison is a Knight Templar in the Masonic order, and a member of the Knights of Labor and the A. O. U. W. He is superintendent of the Collins Coal Company, of this county.

WILLIAM H. SELBY

(Master Mechanic of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad, Moberly).

Mr. Selby who, like many of the leading men of this country in the department of practical mechanics, is a native of England, has been at the head of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad as master mechanic since 1873, and has long had charge of about 1,200 miles of road in his department of the service. A man of collegiate education, and of a high order of natural intelligence, he has made of mechanics a science no less than an art, at least in so far as his connection with its principles and practice is concerned, for he has studied the philosophy of mechanics, including the laws of motion, inertia, weight, etc., which it involves, not less than the practical work of his occupation. It is questioned by no one who knows him and is capable of judging that he is one of the most capable and skillful mechanics in the State, while his executive ability is such — his strength of char-

acter and his faculty for controlling and directing men and executing important undertakings — that he is pre-eminently the man for the position he holds — that of master mechanic of one of the leading railroads of the United States. A man of high character and excellent social qualities, he is popular with the men under him and is appreciated for his superior personal worth by the controlling officials of the road. Mr. Selby was born in England June 4, 1832, where he grew up and was educated; and when a young man he came to America on a visit to his brother who resided in Canada, and after spending a short time there, concluded to remain in the New World permanently. From Canada he came to St. Louis where he became connected with the mechanical department of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad and was foreman of the East St. Louis shops for over five years. He was then at Cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1865 came to St. Charles, where he was foreman of the North Missouri shops for about eight years. From there Mr. Selby came to Moberly in 1873, since which he has been master-mechanic of the Wabash Railroad. On the 11th of April, 1863, Mr. Selby was married at St. Charles to Miss Nancy P. Pillardy of St. Charles county. They have four children: James E., William H., Charles and Frederick. Mr. Selby is a Knight Templar in the Masonic order, and his wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

CHARLES B. SHAEFER

(Cashier of the Randolph Bank, Moberly).

John C. Shaefer, the father of Charles B., was a native of Germany, and came over to this country and settled in Randolph county in an early day. He came of one of the better untitled classes into which society is divided in Germany, and was a man of strong character, marked intelligence and good education. Like Schurz, and thousands of other Germans of that class, he came to this country more out of his love for republican institutions than from other considerations, although he, of course, did not fail to appreciate the incomparable natural resources and other advantages to be met with in the United States. He was married in Charlottesville, Va., to Miss Ellen Day, formerly of Virginia, a lady of many estimable qualities of mind and heart. The father was for many years an enterprising and successful farmer, and being a man of influence in the county and fine business qualifications, he was elected county clerk. This was in 1868, and young Shaefer worked in the office under his father. In 1871 young Shaefer obtained a position in Wisdom's Bank, at Huntsville, as factotum and collector, a position he held with satisfaction and efficiency for two years. He then engaged in business for himself and continued it for four years. In 1878 Mr. Shaefer settled up his business in which he had previously been engaged and became connected with the Mechanics' Bank, with which he was identified for over a year. Following this he was appointed to his present position in the Randolph Bank. Coming of the family he did, and having had the opportunities he has, it is only as was to have been expected, that he

has become one of the most capable and efficient bank cashiers in this section of the State. Having been reared in the county, and been identified with business, either public or private, all his life, he has thus obtained that knowledge of the people, their reputations, characters, financial responsibilities, etc., so necessary to the successful discharge of the duties of a bank cashier. His opportunities, while in the county clerk's office, were exceptionally favorable for obtaining this information. Indeed, as is proper that he should, he has taken special pains to obtain a thorough knowledge of these facts. And it is now recognized in financial and business circles at Moberly, as we understand from leading men, that he is one of the best posted men as to the character of commercial paper made in Randolph county in the entire county. A man of high character and popular manners, and understanding the principles of banking thoroughly, he is an officer of inestimable value to the banking institution with which he is connected. Mr. Shaefer is a public-spirited gentleman, and takes a commendable interest in all matters of advantage to Moberly and Randolph county, and is ever anxious to do anything in his power for the common weal of the people among whom his whole life thus far has been spent. On the 21st of October, 1875, Mr. Shaefer was married to Miss Nannie L. Hawkins, of Keytesville, a young lady then regarded as the belle of that place. She is a lady of singular refinement and of many charms, both of mind and person, and is a very agreeable and gifted conversationalist. She is much esteemed in the social circle which she favors with her presence, and, indeed, by all who know her. Mr. and Mrs. Shaefer are members of the Baptist Church, and Mr. S. is a member of the I. O. O. F.

WILLIAM SMITH

(Proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel, Moberly; also, Farmer, Stock-raiser and General Business Man).

Mr. Smith, a man of large means and larger heart, and of a mind not less than either, has come up in the world to the enviable position which he at present occupies by his own worth and merits, and possesses all of the characteristics to a marked degree which characterize the successful and popular man. Able to make money anywhere, at everything, and at all times, he makes friends wherever he goes, and even more rapidly than he accumulates the solid wherewithal of prosperity. Mr. Smith is a native Missourian, born in Randolph county, April 2, 1837, and was a son of Joel Smith, an enterprising trader and speculator of that county, but originally of Kentucky. The father was a man of superior intelligence and great energy of character, and was highly esteemed for his social and business qualities. He died June 28, 1882. The mother is still living and resides near Moberly. Her maiden name was Doreas Tureman, and she was also formerly of Kentucky. Mr. Smith, the subject of this sketch, was educated at Bethany College, in Virginia, and being a young man full of life and animation and with a big heart, he, of course, soon married. Miss

Florence Head, a daughter of Dr. Head, of Huntsville, became his wife on the 21st of April, 1858. He was then just 19 days past 21 years of age. He at once engaged in the tobacco business at Huntsville, which he followed for about a year. After that he became proprietor of the stage line between Allen and Glasgow and Allen and Brunswick, and thus continued up to the time of the building of the West Branch Railroad. In 1865 he engaged in farming and the livery business and has continued in that occupation up to the present time, meeting with his usual success. In May, 1880, he opened the Grand Central, one of the finest and best interior hotels, if it has an equal outside the large cities, in the State. It is by all odds the leading hotel in Moberly. This colossal building has no less than sixty rooms, and is furnished throughout in almost oriental luxury. It is a home in which time flies with a dove's wing, so soft and pleasant is everything around, and the hours of the night are filled with the sweetest dreams which Morpheus can provide, whilst guests recline on downy pillows and on beds whose springs as gently quiver as aspen leaves in the shimmering hours of summer. A year ago last summer Mr. Smith, with an enterprise that stops at nothing where success is to be won, opened a large ranch for horses and mules in Colorado, where he has hundreds of head now gamboling on the green in the horizon-bounded prairies of the Centennial State. It was through his public spirit mainly that the Moberly Fair Association was organized, now one of the permanent institutions of the county, and one of the most successful agricultural associations in the State. Mr. Smith, while a man with an eye to his own interests, which he is abundantly able to take care of, is also a man not a little concerned for the welfare of the county and the community in which he lives, and has been of great service as a citizen in inaugurating and promoting movements for the general good. Personally he is whole-souled and genial, and is popular with everybody. Of an open, generous disposition and a kind word for every one, he knows how to enjoy health and wealth, both of which he possesses, and his presence wherever he goes is welcome and is received like a ray of sunshine, gladly and with a smile. No man is more highly thought of by those who know him. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have a family of one child, namely: Mary, born March 3d, 1873.

JOHN C. TEDFORD, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Moberly).

Dr. Tedford has been occupied in the active practice of his profession for 25 years, and though a plain and unassuming man, is conceded to be one of the most capable and successful physicians in the treatment of cases in this city. He is a native of Alabama, born in Madison county, October 28, 1825, and in youth received a good private school education. In 1836 his parents, Andrew and Copeland (Boggs) Tedford, removed to Missouri, and located on the land in Randolph county now the site of the city of Moberly. The father entered this

land and improved a farm here, on which he lived for many years. Young Tedford grew to manhood in this county, and after attaining his majority, began the study of medicine under Dr. Oliver. Subsequently he entered the St. Louis Medical College and graduated from that institution with distinction in 1859. Dr. Tedford at once engaged in the practice of his profession, and for that purpose located at Milton. Since then he has practiced two years, or thereabout, in Kansas, at Mound City. In 1880, however, he came back to the place where his boyhood days were spent, and found it one of the most populous and flourishing cities in this section of the State. Since that time Dr. Tedford has been engaged in the practice at Moberly, and his thorough qualifications and long experience as a physician have had the effect to bring him an excellent practice. A man of high character and kindly disposition, he is personally as much liked as he is esteemed as a practitioner in his profession. Free of all pretense and show, he is one of those sober, substantial men, candid and sincere in everything they do, who inspire the confidence of all with whom they are thrown in contact. For solidity of character and personal worth no man in Moberly is entitled to greater consideration, while as a physician he is equally faithful and reliable. In 1855 Dr. Tedford was married to Miss Mary Dameron, a daughter of Judge Dameron, of this county. They have reared a large and worthy family of children. The Doctor is a member of the District and State Medical Societies and of the Odd Fellow's order and the local temperance organization.

JAMES TERRILL

(Deceased).

The subject of this sketch was born in Albemarle county, Virginia, and moved to Kentucky when quite young. Thence he went to Randolph county, Missouri, near where Moberly now is situated, where he resided for about forty years. He was the oldest of six brothers, all of whom were well known and highly respected and honored, enjoying the confidence of all who knew them. Their names in order of their ages are James, Jesse, William, Benjamin, John, and Robert. Jesse and Benjamin Terrill were Baptist preachers, and were known far and wide in this part of the State. John Terrill moved to Texas and settled in Tarrant county, where he is, and has been for some time, county commissioner (county judge). Robert is still a resident of Randolph county, and is a physician of high standing. John and Robert are the only ones now living. James Terrill was born December 29, 1801. The greater part of his early life was spent in Boone county, Kentucky. On December 29, 1825, he was married to Henrietta Conner, of Boone county, Kentucky, by which marriage two children were born, one son and one daughter. John R. Terrill, the son, is a Baptist minister widely known in North Missouri. His first wife died August 15, 1830. On May 16, 1833, he was married to Eliza A. Crisler, of Boone county, Kentucky, and from this union there were born twelve children, five boys and seven

girls, all of whom are still living, except one boy and one girl, both of whom died while quite young. James Terrill was a man of sterling qualities of head and heart, — a Christian man, honored and respected by all who knew him, and loved by all who enjoyed his personal acquaintance. Firm in his conviction of right, he had the courage to defend his position, and he allowed no pressure to swerve him from the performance of a known duty. The confidence of the people is shown by the fact that, although he preferred the quiet of the home circle to the busy realities of public affairs, he was several times re-elected to fill the office of county judge, serving in all about twenty years in succession, except a few years during the war, when he resigned, refusing to take the test oath. The following is from an obituary notice written by Rev. W. L. T. Evans: "Brother James Terrill professed faith in Christ at an early age and became a member of the Bullittsburg Baptist Church. He had been a member of the Baptist Church for 60 years: a deacon in the church, and his membership was with the church at Moberly. Bro. Terrill was an every-day Christian, and no man delighted to talk of the grace of God more than he. He was a man in whom the people of Randolph county placed implicit confidence, having been for a number of years judge of the county court. His life was a living comment on the Bible." James Terrill died September 14, 1876. His death was very sudden and entirely unlooked for by his family and friends. He leaves a record of which all may be proud. His motto seemed to be that "a good name was rather to be chosen than great riches."

JOHN R. TERRILL, JR.,

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. T. was born in Greenup county, Ky., November 1, 1829. His father, William Terrill, was originally from Virginia, but moved to Kentucky when a young man, and married Ann Calvin, a native of that State. He came to Missouri in the spring of 1846, and locating in Randolph county, bought and entered land and improved a farm, where he lived until his death in August, 1869. In this family there were seven children, all of whom grew to maturity and have homes in Randolph. John R. was the eldest of them all; he lived until a man on his father's farm, and was given such education as could be had at the common schools of the county. When he was grown he went, in company with Capt. William Roberts and others, to California by the overland route, and including the time spent in the mines was two years making this trip. He returned in the summer of 1852 by way of the Isthmus and New York. After spending two years with his father he made another trip to California overland, taking some cattle, and returned the next year by the same route as before. On the 15th of March, 1856, Mr. Terrill was married to Miss Ann E., daughter of William Roberts, formerly of Kentucky. After his marriage he established himself on a farm which had been previously settled by Jehu Pyle, and here he still lives.

Mr. Terrill has about 400 acres of land, of which 330 are fenced and in cultivation. He owns a good two-story residence and outbuildings. His old orchard is on the decline but he has a splendid young one, which contains 200 apple and 100 peach trees, with some grape and other small fruits. Mr. Terrill was so unfortunate as to lose his wife on the 9th of November, 1873; she was a true and devoted wife and mother, and a faithful member of the Missionary Baptist Church, to which denomination Mr. Terrill and his mother also belong. Mr. Terrill has nine children to be the stay and comfort of his declining years: William E., one of the county teachers; Lola and Emma H., both teachers; Lizzie E., now at school at Winchester, Tenn.; James M., Robert G., Henry R., Vincent C. and Anna C. Mr. Terrill is a man of winning address and much ability; he takes a warm interest in all educational matters and has carried his views into practice in the training of his children. He is a member of Morality Lodge, No. 186, A. F. and A. M.

JAMES H. TRAVIS

(Master of Bridges, Buildings and Water Supplies for the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad, Moberly).

Mr. Travis, who has charge of the entire line of the Wabash System west of the Mississippi river in his department, and is one of the leading railroad bridge builders in this part of the country, is a native of New York, born in Putnam county, April 7, 1850. When he was ten years of age his parents removed to Illinois, where young Travis grew up to the age of 17, his youth prior to that time being spent on a farm in the Prairie State. His advantages for an education were those afforded by the common schools, and he thus succeeded in acquiring a sufficient knowledge of books for all the practical purposes of ordinary business life. In 1867 he came to Missouri and located at Kansas City, where he was clerk under Mr. Chase for about a year. He then began to work for the Keystone Bridge Company of Pittsburg, Pa., in the employ of which he served a regular and thorough apprenticeship at bridge building; and while still with that company he rose to the position of foreman of construction, taking charge of all its business west of Pittsburg. He continued with the Keystone Company until 1877, when he was offered and he accepted the position of inspector of improvements for the city of St. Louis under Gen. Turner, commissioner of streets at that time. Mr. Travis held the position of inspector of improvements until 1878, when he assumed the duties of his present position. He has under his control an average of nearly 500 men, and he directs his force with such system and regularity that his work is carried on with efficiency and success. A man of superior executive ability, as well as a first-class mechanic, he has given entire satisfaction to the company and is valued as one of its best master workmen. On the 29th of March, 1877, he was married to Miss Minnie V. Foster, formerly of Illinois. They have two children: James H. and Durward O. Mr. Travis is a

Knight Templar in the Masonic order and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mr. Travis is a man of superior general intelligence, of pleasant manners and agreeable address, and is hardly less popular in social circles than in his position of master bridge builder of the Wabash Railroad.

FRANK J. TUTTLE

(Plasterer and Contractor; Fancy and Ornamental Work a Specialty).

Mr. Tuttle, a young man, still less than thirty years of age, is rapidly coming to the front in his line of industry, and unless all signs are misleading, he will doubtless take a leading position among the successful and popular plasterers and contractors of this city. He learned his trade under his brother, Norris Tuttle, whose sketch follows this, and in his work he carries out those ideas of doing everything thoroughly and honestly, which have characterized the career of his brother. He was born in Indianapolis, September 22, 1854, and was educated in the schools of Noblesville. He subsequently learned fancy tombstone work under Lucas & Yeaman, of Noblesville. Later along he began work under his brother, Norris Tuttle, at the plasterer's business, and remained with the latter until he had become a thorough master of the trade. He worked at Kirksville, in this State, for three years after 1874, and then came to Moberly, where he has since resided. Here he has made good progress in his calling, and has an excellent business. On the 7th of January, 1879, he was married to Miss Missouri Livesay, of Warren county, this State. Mr. Tuttle is a member of Gothic Square No. 108, and of the Triple Alliance. His parents are both deceased, the father, Benjamin W., dying in 1870, and his mother in 1874. Both were natives of New York. Mr. Tuttle is a young man of superior intelligence and fine personal appearance, and would be pointed out in almost any assemblage as a leading man. With proper application, there can be little doubt that he would make a successful lawyer and able advocate.

NORRIS TUTTLE

(Contractor and Plain and Ornamental Plasterer, Moberly).

Mr. Tuttle has been a resident of Missouri since 1867, at which time he came from Indianapolis to Kirksville, in which latter city he remained for about 12 years, and came to Moberly in 1879. The work of a plasterer, as is well known, is one of the most difficult lines of industry to follow successfully in the whole catalogue of occupations, for one or two bad jobs will ruin a reputation for skill and thoroughness that it has taken years to build up. The plasterer, therefore, cannot be too particular in the execution of his work, for he must give universal satisfaction to succeed. Mr. Tuttle had the intelligence to recognize this fact at the beginning, and he has made it a rule throughout his whole career to inspect closely the material used in filling his contracts, and to see that it is properly prepared and put

up. Hence it is that, turning off none but work of a superior class, he has built up a high reputation in his business, and has been very successful. He is now one of the prominent contractors in his line in Moberly, and does a large business — a business which is increasing year by year. Mr. Tuttle is a native of Indiana, born in Marion county, July 6, 1842, and received a good common school education. Up to the age of 17 he assisted his father in the trade of painting, and after that learned the plasterer's trade, which he has since followed and in which he has achieved such signal success. On the 22d of December, 1863, he was married to Miss Josephine Kernodle, a native of Indiana. She died, however, in 1874, and nearly four years afterwards he was married to his present wife, who was formerly Miss Angie Dye, originally of Ohio. He has no children living. Mr. Tuttle's parents, Benjamin F. and Mary (Leach) Tuttle, are both deceased, the father having died in 1870 and the mother in 1872. Mr. Tuttle works from 12 to 20 hands in his business as contractor for plastering work.

CLARENCE A. WILLIAMS

(Coach Builder for the Wabash Railway, Moberly).

Mr. Williams has been working in the Wabash shops of this city in the capacity of coach builder for the past twelve years, and prior to this had had considerable experience in his present occupation. He is a native of the Empire State of the Union, New York, and was born in Augusta, Oneida county, December 20, 1847. In 1856 the family came west and located at Morris, Ill. After the outbreak of the war young Williams enlisted in Co. G, Fifty-fifth Illinois infantry, and served with that regiment for three years and 11 months, participating during that time in many of the hardest fought battles of the war. On the 22d of July, 1864, he was severely wounded in front of Atlanta, during the siege of that city, being shot in the right leg, which disabled him from active service for some time. After his discharge Mr. Williams returned to Morris, Ill., where he remained two years, and in 1867 went to Council Bluffs, and from thence, the following year, pushed on out to San Francisco. Mr. Williams returned from the Pacific coast to Omaha, and worked in the Union Pacific Railroad shops of that city from 1869 to January, 1871. From Omaha he came to St. Louis, where he became connected with the North Missouri Railroad, and in the summer of 1873 came to Moberly, where he has since worked in the shops at this city. On the 15th of August, 1873, Mr. Williams was married to Mrs. Fannie Sherwood, born and reared on the present site of where the Union Market now stands in St. Louis, Mo., where she was born April 15, 1847. They have one child, Lulu Sherwood. Mr. Williams takes quite an interest in the different society orders of which he is a member, and in each of which he is quite prominent. He is Past Vice Grand Chancellor of the order of Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of Gothic Square 108, of Moberly, being Secretary of the Square, A. F. and A. M., and is

high priest in the Chapter in the Masonic order, and is Sir Knight Commander of Moberly division No. 5, uniform rank of the Knights of Pythias; and is also a Knight Templar. Mr. Williams' father now resides at Kerwin, Kansas, and is a contractor and builder of that place. His name is Samuel R. Williams. His mother, whose maiden name was Lucia A. Cottrell, died September 6, 1866, at Morris, Ill., in the forty-seventh year of her age.

CHARLES WRIGHT

(Foreman in the Machine Shops of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad, Moberly).

Mr. Wright, an Englishman by birth and bringing up, has been identified with the business with which he is now connected from boyhood, and it is not too much to say that both by natural aptitude for his calling and by long experience, he has become one of the most capable and efficient men in his line in the country. This fact is conceded by all who are capable of judging, and who know his qualifications, and is recognized in a marked manner by the position he now occupies, that of foreman of the machine shops of one of the leading railroads of the United States. He has held his present position continuously for 10 years, so that he has conclusively proven that he is entirely worthy of the duties and responsibilities which he then undertook. Mr. Wright was born in Derby, England, March 19, 1840, and was reared in his native shire, receiving as he grew up a fair, common English education. At an early age he became apprenticed to the machinist's trade in the railroad service in Derby, at which he worked continuously for seven years. He then went to Lancashire, where he worked at several machine works, and also constructed locomotives. Remaining there for two years, he went to Newton moor, in Cheshire, where he worked for a time, thence to South Wales, where he was foreman of the machine shops of the Penarth Harbor Docks and Railroad Company for about two years. After this he worked as journeyman at the London and North-western shops. In the spring of 1866 Mr. Wright sailed for America, and on landing in this country came on out to St. Louis and there met Mr. Sturgeon, through whose influence he obtained a position in the North Missouri shops at St. Charles, in which he worked as journeyman. From that city he came up to Moberly in 1873, and put the machinery in the North Missouri shops at this place. From here he went to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he was working for the Iron Mountain for about a year, and afterwards worked at Laramie City, Wyoming, for the Union Pacific, but in 1874 was called to his present position by the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern. On the 3d of July, 1862, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Eliza Delicate, formerly of England. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are members of the Episcopal Church, and Mr. W. is a member of the I. O. O. F., also the A. F. and A. M. and Knights of Honor.

SALT SPRING TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM H. H. ALEXANDER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. A. was born in Monroe county, Mo., March 1, 1841. His parents, Gabriel and Lucinda J. (Miller) Alexander, were originally from Kentucky, but moved to Monroe in 1836, where Mr. Alexander entered land, improved a farm and remained until his death, in 1870. William H. H. spent his boyhood roaming the parental acres and attending the common schools of the county. He came to Randolph in the fall of 1871, a widower with one child, having married May 3, 1866, Miss Cassie, daughter of James Belsher, of Randolph county, formerly of Kentucky. This good lady laid down the burden of life on the 10th of September, 1871, leaving to her almost heart-broken husband a precious legacy—a little girl, Effie Lee, now a young lady of unusual attractions. Mr. Alexander settled on his present farm in 1873, taking with him a second Mrs. A., to whom he was married at the beginning of the year. She was Miss Sarah, daughter of Robert Belsher, and a cousin of his first wife. Mr. A. is in comfortable circumstances, and enjoys the esteem of all who know him. He owns 100 acres of land, all of which is fenced, and about 75 acres cleared and in cultivation. He occupies a very neat one-story residence, and has a good stable, smoke-house, cribs, etc. His orchard contains 100 apple trees, besides a number of peach and cherry, all young and in fine bearing condition.

G. LACKEY ALEXANDER

(Of Belsher & Alexander, proprietors of the Huntsville Livery, Feed and Sale Stables).

Mr. Alexander's father, Hon. Gabriel Alexander, was an early settler of Monroe county, and became a successful farmer and stock-raiser of the county. He was quite prominent in early days, and represented the county several terms in the Legislature. His wife, before her marriage, was a Miss Jane Miller, and both were originally from Kentucky. Gabriel L., the sixth in their family of children, was born on his father's farm in that county, June 4, 1853, and was brought up to an agricultural life. At the age of 21 he came to Randolph, having married November 12, 1872, and located on a farm about a mile north of Huntsville. His wife was a Miss Rettie Belsher, a sister to his present partner in business. She died, however, in 1877, leaving him one child, Forest LeRoy, now a bright boy some six and a half years old. Mr. Alexander continued on the farm near Huntsville until the spring of 1880, when he formed his present partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. Belsher, and engaged in the livery business. They have an excellent stable, a first-class stock of horses and vehicles, and are doing a flourishing business. Their stable is quite popular,

not only locally, but with the traveling public, especially among commercial salesmen, who give them a large patronage. They have fixed and fair prices for their rigs, which are as good and desirable as any in the county, and by treating everybody honestly and with accommodation, they have built up a large custom, which is steadily increasing. On the 9th of March, 1880, Mr. Alexander was married to his present wife, formerly Miss Eugenia Brooking, a daughter of Robert Brooking of this county. It has been stated that Mr. Alexander was on the farm continuously from 1873 to 1880. This requires one correction: in 1878 he went to Montana and was absent for two years. He is a worthy member of the Knights of Honor.

JAMES M. ANDERSON

(Of Anderson & Co., Coal Miners and Dealers, P. O., Huntsville).

The mining company of Anderson & Co. was organized June 1, 1880, and is composed of J. M. Anderson, G. W. Jones, and G. W. Evens, and they own the mines which they are exploiting, including the tract of land the coal underlies. They work their mines by horse power, and have a daily capacity of 900 bushels, but are now raising 700 bushels daily, and are working ten men. Mr. Anderson is a native of Scotland, of Scotch-Irish parents, and has a life-long experience in his present business, or rather since he was 18 years of age. He was born April 22, 1852, and was a son of John and Letitia Anderson. While he was still in childhood his parents came to America and located at Cumberland, where his father was superintendent of mines for a long time. James M. began working in the mines at 18 years of age, and came to Missouri in 1875, having by this time learned thoroughly all the branches and details of the business. He worked in the mines of Belleville, Ill., for a short time, when he came to Russell, Missouri, and where he worked for two years. Mr. Anderson came to Huntsville in the fall of 1877, and formed a partnership with Mr. James Bailey in mine No. 2¹/₂, in which he continued for three years. The present company was then organized. Mr. Anderson is one of the most capable and enterprising coal men in Randolph county, and is rapidly coming to the front as a substantial citizen in his line of business. On the 5th of July, 1879, he was married to Miss Susana Bailey, a daughter of James Bailey, of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have lost two children: Letitia, who died at the age of 13 months, and George, died at the age of 17 months. Mr. Anderson is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., being Past Noble Grand in that order, and is also a member of the Masonic order. Mr. Anderson is a stockholder and member of the board of directors in the Building and Loan Association of Huntsville.

BENJAMIN H. ASHCOM

(Sheriff of Randolph County, Huntsville).

To any one who has led a successful and honorable life, it should be a matter of pardonable pride; and this, especially, with one who has

come up without those advantages in early years, inestimable in value, which kind parents and family influence can bestow. Mr. Ashcom was left an orphan when a small boy by the death of both his parents; and he was left without means, and with his own way to make in the world. His father, Samuel P. Ashcom, was a man of sterling intelligence and great personal worth, but he was a poor man and died poor — that is, he left no estate worth speaking of to be divided among his children. Benjamin H. at the age of 10 went to live with William Terrill, of Randolph county, where he made his home, assisting on the farm, until he was 17 years of age. While there he showed a taste for books and improved his leisure to good advantage with study. In about 1857 the North Missouri Railroad was being surveyed and opened from Sturgeon to Macon City, and he joined the corps of civil engineers engaged in locating the route. He was with the North Missouri corps for some time and made it a point to learn surveying and civil engineering both in practice and theory, for while working with the corps of engineers he learned the practical details of the profession and, providing himself with books, also learned the theory and principles involved thoroughly. His record while in this service showed conclusively that he possessed the qualities which make successful men. Already he had decided to fit himself for a useful and honorable life. Nor did he give up that purpose for a moment. On the contrary, feeling the want of a college education, while improving his time with study he saved up means to carry him through college. He entered Mt. Pleasant College in 1859 and took the junior course in that institution, including the scientific branches. His means being now exhausted, he began teaching school, and he continued his studies while teaching. Later along he commenced the study of law and was rapidly fitting himself for the bar when the war cloud, in 1861, burst upon the country. Of Southern ancestry and sympathies and interests, he promptly went to the defense of the South and enlisted under Col. Congrave Jackson of the State Guard and was made first lieutenant of a company of volunteers. After the expiration of his term in the State Guard, he enlisted in the regular Confederate service under Col. Perkins and was also first lieutenant under that officer. His command joined Gen. VanDorn in Arkansas, and he was afterwards with Col. Dorsey. In 1863 he became first lieutenant of a company in Col. Elliott's regiment under Shelby, and served under that fiery cavalier until the close of the war. Mr. Ashcom was taken prisoner in December, 1861, and was paroled, after which he taught school for a short time, but soon returned to service under the Stars and Bars. At the battle of Fayetteville, Ark., he was wounded in three different places and was confined in the hospital for some six weeks. He was in the battles of Boonville, Dry Wood, Lexington, and all the others during the latter part of the war in which the different commands, with which he was connected, participated. After the restoration of peace, he returned to Randolph county and engaged in teaching, continuing it up to 1869, principally at Renick where he taught his first school before the war.

He had now saved up a nucleus of means to engage in business, and accordingly he established a store at Renick which he carried on with increasing success until he was elected sheriff of the county. A man of upright character, good business qualifications and an open, genial disposition and popular manners, the circle of his acquaintance steadily enlarged and he became as favorably as widely known. His nomination for the office of sheriff in 1882 was the furthest from an accident. As soon as his name was mentioned for the office he became generally recognized as the right man for the place, for the people had already learned to know his qualifications and integrity and he was universally liked. He beat his opponent, W. S. Christian, an excellent and worthy man, by a majority of some 2,500 votes. The people expected him to make a capable and popular officer and he has not disappointed their expectations. Without disparaging others, it may with truth be said of him that the county never had a more efficient and popular public official. If he lives he will of course be re-elected, if he consents to run again, and already his name is being favorably mentioned for positions of still higher trust. Personally, he is a thorough gentleman, and officially, he is a credit to his office and the county. On the 25th of April, 1867, Mr. Ashcom was married to Miss Susan E. Goin, a daughter of Archibald Goin. They have two children: Effie Maude and Roy Princeton. Mr. Ashcom, while a resident of Renick, was chairman of the board of trustees and he is a member of the Building and Loan Associations of both that place and Huntsville. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and has been a member of the Masonic order since 1874. Mr. Ashcom's parents were from Kentucky, and his mother was a Miss Polly Knox before her marriage. She died in Randolph county in 1849, and her husband followed her to the grave a year afterwards. He was originally from Pennsylvania. They had five children: Benjamin H., Susan E., *femme libre*; Rebecca, now Mrs. U. J. Williams; William T., of the St. Louis Transfer Company, and James R. Benjamin H. was born at Nicholasville, Ky., January 6, 1840.

FRANK P. BAIRD

(Superintendent of the Woodard Coal and Mining Company Store).

Mr. Baird, a thorough-going, enterprising young business man of Randolph county, is a Pennsylvanian by nativity and was partly reared in the old Keystone State. Born in Clinton county, of Penn's Woods, on the 13th of December, 1852, he was brought out by his parents, J. C. and A. F. Baird, while still young, to Missouri, and grew to manhood in Randolph county where the family located. He was educated at Mt. Pleasant College, and in 1879 began work for W. R. Woodard as superintendent of mine No. 2, with whom he worked for over a year. Afterwards he engaged in the grocery business at Huntsville and in the summer of 1882 sold his grocery store to the Woodard Coal and Mining Company, and has since conducted it as their superintendent. He has carried on the store with efficiency and great sat-

isfaction to the company, and has made it a successful enterprise and a profitable investment to them. On the 7th of March, 1877, Mr. Baird was married to Miss Sue Dunn. She was a daughter of William G. Dunn of this county who was a son of James G. and America P. (McCall) Dunn, who settled near Milton from Kentucky in 1839. William G. Dunn was born in Fayette county, Ky., January 23, 1829, and after he grew up in Randolph county, was married to Miss Sarah P. Day, a daughter of Thomas Day, originally of Tennessee, on the 27th of September 1853. Mr. Dunn had previously been to California and had followed mining there for two years. Excepting this and a short time, a few years ago, while engaged in the grocery business, farming and stock raising have been his constant pursuits in life. However, he was also for some time superintendent of the Randolph Coal and Mining Company and he opened the first coal mine on the railroad in the county. During the war he was in the militia and after the war he was county superintendent of registration for two years and until the law was repealed. He has also served as justice of the peace and held other positions of less importance. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn have three children: Susie, now Mrs. Frank P. Baird; Mary M., now Mrs. Joseph Dameron; and Sallie W., the wife of Robert Beaucamp, of French descent, who traces his ancestry directly to Le De Plon Beaucamp, the greatest orator, statesman, philosopher, metaphysician, economist and diplomat France ever produced. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are both members of the Christian Church. Mr. Baird is a descendant of Gen. Sir David Baird of England, who distinguished himself by his services in the East Indies and in the expedition by which the Cape of Good Hope was taken, and subsequently at Corunna where the command of Sir John Moore devolved upon him.

JAMES GRANVILLE BAKER

(Farmer, Post Office Huntsville).

Mr. B. owns one of the handsomest farms in Salt Spring township, and is one of the respected, influential citizens of the township. He was a son of William and Rhoda (Summers) Baker (the latter a daughter of Abraham Summers), who came from Kentucky to Missouri in 1826, and settled near Fort Henry, in Randolph county. They lived in this county until 1862, when they removed to Carroll county, locating near Shootswman, where the father died December 20, 1881, at the age of about 80. The mother had died three years before, aged 72. They were both members of the Christian Church. James G. Baker was born in Wayne county, Ky., December 25, 1825, and was reared on Dark's Prairie, in Randolph county, where his parents settled while he was in infancy. On the 15th of June, 1857, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Lay, a daughter of Frank Lay, of Huntsville, but originally of Virginia, where Mrs. Baker was born March 15, 1834. Mr. Baker had followed farming prior to his marriage, and then located at Callao, and was engaged in running a saw and grist mill at that place for about three years. He was then

farming up to 1864, when he resumed milling in his own neighborhood. He located on his present farm in 1859, and has continued here for the past 25 years. This was originally the Gov. Hancock Jackson farm, and it also includes parts of the old Sconce and Dale farms. His farm contains 740 acres of fine land, and he is largely engaged in stock-raising. He has a fine blue-grass pasture of nearly 500 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have a family of six children: Binda F., now Mrs. Benjamin H. Hammett; Jasper, Miller, Jimmy, Mollie and Euler. The first three were educated at Mt. Pleasant College. Mrs. Baker is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Baker's farm is exceptionally well improved, and he has one of the finest residences in the township, if not in the county. His house was built just after the financial panic in 1873 when everything was cheap, and was erected at a cost of over \$3,000.

JAMES MADISON BAKER

(Merchant, Huntsville).

It was away back in 1817 that Charles and Mary Baker, the grandparents of the subject of this sketch, and both of whom were originally from Virginia, came from Kentucky, where their parents, respectively, were early settlers, and settled three miles south-west of Huntsville, where the grandfather improved a farm. Four years later he removed to a tract of land one mile north-west of this city where he improved another farm on which he lived until his death, which occurred in 1835. All of his family of children, Joseph, Charles, Noah C., Isaac, Elizabeth, and William, each of whom became the head of a family, are now deceased, dying in this county near Huntsville, except Isaac, who now resides near Cairo. William Baker, the sixth in the above family, who was born and reared in Kentucky, married Miss Sarah Montgomery in this county in 1822. Her father, John William Montgomery, came from Wayne county, Ky., from whence William Baker's parents also came in about 1818, and located in the north-western part of Howard county, where he lived until his death. William Baker lived on the old Baker homestead after his marriage until 1833, when he removed to Macon county, where he died during the fall of that year. His wife survived him until 1851, dying in this county. They had a family of four sons: Joseph, who died in tender years; Charles Jackson, James Madison and Thomas Marion, the last three all residents of the county, the family having returned to this county immediately after the father's death, and settled three and a half miles west of Huntsville. James Madison Baker was born near Huntsville, February 14, 1828, and was reared in the county, being brought up, as most youths were in those early days, to a sturdy farm life. On the 22d of November, 1848, he was married to Miss Celia Baker, a cousin of his, and a daughter of Noah C. Baker, an old resident of the county. James Madison Baker continued to follow farming pursuits until 1857, when he opened a blacksmith shop at Thomasville, though not a blacksmith himself, which he carried on as

proprietor until 1865. In the meantime, however, on the outbreak of the war, in 1861, he enlisted in the State Southern service under Capt. Lowery, being made first lieutenant of the company which was organized at Ft. Henry. He subsequently participated in the battle at Lexington, but later along was discharged for disability resulting from rheumatism. In 1865 he took charge of the Randolph House at Huntsville, which he ran for a short time, and then engaged in merchandising at this place, which he followed with success up to a short time ago. Capt. Baker will soon re-engage in merchandising, being now waiting for the completion of a business house in which to open up a stock of goods. As a merchant and citizen he is well known to every one in Huntsville for miles round about the country tributary to this place, and he is as highly esteemed and respected as he is generally well known. He has had four children: William Noah, who died July 10, 1883, and was a prominent physician of the county prior to his death, a regular graduate of medicine, and also engaged in the drug store business; Joseph L., a sketch of whom follows this; Martha A. and James J. Martha A. is a graduate from the Fulton Deaf and Dumb College and is now at home. Capt. Baker has served as captain of the militia since the war, and has occupied the mayor's chair of Huntsville for some five years. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South, and he is a Royal Arch Mason.

JOSEPH L. BAKER

(Proprietor of Baker's General Feed Store, Huntsville).

The Baker family is one of the old and respected families of Randolph county. Mr. Baker's grandfather came here among the early settlers of the county, and his father, James M. Baker, was born and reared in Huntsville town, which has continued to be his permanent home. The mother, whose maiden name was Celia Baker, a cousin to her husband, was also born and reared in the county. James M. Baker was long recognized as one of the progressive, enterprising merchants of Huntsville, and is one of its highly esteemed and well-to-do citizens. He reared a worthy family of children, and gave them good opportunities for an education. His success in life and the enviable position he occupies as a citizen are the results almost alone of his own industry and merit, for he had little with which to start out in life. He came up at a time when school advantages were by no means of a high order, and when the opportunities to accumulate means rapidly were far from being favorable. Yet, by the strength of his own character, his untiring industry and his studious habits, he has come to be not only a man fairly well situated in life, but one of fine intelligence and wide general information. Joseph L. is the second in his family of children, having been born in 1855. Having always had a taste for business pursuits, he decided to come to Huntsville and devote his energies to business life. Accordingly, he came here and engaged in the feed store business, which he has since followed. Mr. Baker has had satisfactory success in the feed store business, and

has built up a good trade. On the 11th of October, 1876, he was married to Miss Sarah Sutliff, a daughter of John Sutliff, of this county. She was born February 26, 1859. They have one child, William Oscar, born May 14, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the M. E. Church, South.

CAPT. WILLIAM^cH. BALTHIS

(Editor of the *Huntsville Herald*, Huntsville).

Capt. Balthis, a newspaper man of long experience, and a gentleman who is esteemed wherever known for his high character as a man and his worth as a citizen, has been identified with the *Herald* at Huntsville for nearly five years, and during that time the paper has made steady and substantial progress, not only in value as a business investment, but in influence and reputation as a journal. Capt. Balthis is a native of the Old Dominion, and by his services as a soldier has proved himself to be a worthy son of the old Commonwealth that gave him birth. He was born in Front Royal, May 24, 1843, and was a son of William and Margaret A. Balthis, one of the respected families of that place. Capt. Balthis' early education was rather limited, he having quit the local academy of his town, whilst still in boyhood, of his own accord and in order to learn the printing business. He served an apprenticeship of three years at the case in the office of the *Virginia Valley Gazette*, a paper published at Front Royal. Subsequently he worked a short time in the same office as journeyman. Later along he quit the printing business to accept a situation in a tin and stove establishment of that place, in which he continued until the outbreak of the war. On the first call of the Governor of Virginia to defend the State against invasion, young Balthis promptly offered himself as a volunteer and was accepted, entering the service as a drummer boy. This was on the 18th of April, 1861, and for four years and eight days following he followed the three-barred banner of the South with unflinching devotion and bravery, and until it went down in defeat to rise no more perhaps for generations. By his merits as a soldier and his gallantry, he rose from grade to grade until he became the captain of one of the most dashing and intrepid cavalry companies in the army of Northern Virginia. He commanded Co. A, of the Twenty-first Virginia cavalry for over two years, and until after Lee's surrender. His company was noted in the army for its superior drill and bravery. Capt. Balthis commanded the last skirmish line in front of his brigade at Appomattox, but withdrew with his division before the articles of surrender were signed by Gen. Lee. Afterwards he reported at Gen. Hancock's headquarters at Winchester and was paroled April 26, 1865. After the surrender Capt. Balthis returned to Front Royal and engaged in the tin and stove business. However, he soon determined to come to Missouri, and accordingly, in March, 1866, sold out in Virginia and moved to this State, locating at Brunswick, where he obtained a situation in the office of the *Brunswick*. In the fall of the following

year he purchased Judge Winslow's interest in the *Brunswick*, and became an equal partner with J. B. Naylor in the ownership and publication of that paper. Capt. Balthis continued identified with the *Brunswick* for some eight years, but in 1875 sold his interest to his partner and engaged in the grocery store business at Brunswick. The year following, however, he retired from the grocery business and went to Joplin, where he was speculating in mines for a short time. It was in February, 1878, that he came to Huntsville, and here, in partnership with Mr. H. O. Collins, he established the *Randolph Vindicator*, becoming also associate editor of that paper. They conducted the *Vindicator* for about a year, at the expiration of which time they suspended its publication, and soon afterwards Capt. Balthis purchased a half interest in the *Herald* from Mr. T. M. Elmore, and became associate editor of the paper with Dr. John T. Fort, who previously had editorial charge of it. The September following Dr. Fort retired from the paper and Capt. Balthis became sole editor. Since then he and Mr. Elmore have conducted the paper together, the former having charge of the editorial and mechanical departments, and the latter the business management. The *Herald*, as every one knows, is one of the leading papers of Randolph county, and, indeed, one of the prominent and influential cosmopolitan journals of this section of the State. It has a large circulation, and as an advertising medium has few equals among the country papers of North-east Missouri. Capt. Balthis is an excellent writer and a man of independence of mind and expressions, and though an earnest Democrat, he never permits party interests to come between him and his care for the best interests of Randolph county and the people at large. On the 8th of June, 1869, Capt. Balthis was married to Miss Laura T. Spencer, eldest daughter of Thomas H. Spencer, a well-to-do and respected farmer residing near Brunswick. This union has been blessed with five children, three of whom are living, a son and two daughters

JACOB M. BERGSTRESSER

(Proprietor of the Huntsville City Mills).

Mr. Bergstresser, though a young man, less than 30 years of age, has charge of one of the important mills of the county, and is conducting it with marked energy and success. The mill has a capacity of 30 barrels a day, and carries a large stock of grain regularly. Mr. Bergstresser is a thoroughly capable and skillful miller, and under his management the flour bearing the brand of the "City Mills" has obtained great popularity, and he has a constant demand for all and more than he can manufacture. He is a native of the old Keystone State, and was born at Carlisle, in Cumberland county, October 10, 1855. His parents were John and Catherine (Gaymon) Bergstresser, and Jacob M. was reared in his native State. In 1872 he and two of his brothers came to Missouri — John and Henry. He remained until 1876 engaged in milling in South-east Missouri. He then returned to Pennsylvania, and was engaged in milling at Chambersburg from

1876 to 1879, coming thence back to Missouri and locating in Randolph county. Here he was engaged in the sewing machine business, with headquarters at Moberly, until 1881, when he took charge of the City Mills at Huntsville. His brother, John, is with him in the milling business, although the latter now resides at Moberly. Their mill is valued at \$5,000, and is fitted up with an excellent class of machinery, and is in excellent shape and condition. Their business is steadily increasing, and in time they expect to greatly enlarge its capacity for the manufacture of flour, meal, etc.

HENRY H. BERGSTRESSER

(Dealer in Groceries, Queen's-ware, Tin-ware, etc., Huntsville).

Mr. Bergstresser, who is a brother of Jacob M., whose sketch precedes this, was born in Cumberland county, Pa., March 16, 1842, and was reared in that county. His father was a miller by occupation, and Henry H., like Jacob M., was brought up to that calling. On the 10th of January, 1868, he was married to Miss Jennie E. Hurley, and he continued to reside in that county, engaged in the milling business, until 1879, when he came to Missouri and embarked, as clerk for his brother John, in the grocery business at Moberly. Two years later he came to Huntsville and took charge of the City Mills at this place, which he conducted with success until 1881. He then engaged in the grocery trade at Huntsville, and has since followed it. He has a good stock of groceries and other goods in the lines mentioned above, and an excellent trade. He is attentive to business, deals fairly, and is enterprising, and is getting along exceedingly well. Mr. and Mrs. Bergstresser have four children: Jennie, Mary Maud, Ulysses Grant and Harry E.

JAMES G. BIBB

(Dealer in Harness, Huntsville).

The subject of this sketch was born in Russellville, Logan county, Ky., and is a brother of Gov. Henry G. Bibb, a distinguished lawyer of that State and eminent in its political affairs, having held various official positions of distinction, including the office of lieutenant-governor. Their parents were Henry G. and Elizabeth (Poe) Bibb, originally of Virginia, but who moved to Russellville, Logan county, Ky., in the year 1818. James G. Bibb lived upon a farm until he was 17 years old; he then began to learn the saddlery and harness maker's trade, and has worked at it from that time to this with but little interruption. In 1853 he came to Missouri and located at Glasgow, where he carried on business for four years. Then coming to Huntsville he has since resided here, and he has been engaged in his present line of business except about four years, between 1862 and 1867, when he conducted a grocery store. In 1865 he was elected justice of the peace of Salt Spring township, and has held the office through all the vicissitudes of politics by consecutive

re-elections from that day to this, and has tried during his official career about 2,000 civil and criminal causes; and such has been the confidence in his ability and integrity as a justice that but few appeals have been taken from his decisions to the higher courts. No more worthy certificate could be required of his standing and character as a man than is afforded by the fact of his long continuance in office, running through a period of 19 years continuously. It was through his efforts that the official records of Randolph county were saved to the people. When the court-house, in which they were deposited, was on fire, and when dismay was depicted on every countenance and no one knew what to do, he, amid the fire and smoke and falling brick and burning timbers, rushed into the building and saved the deed books and court records from destruction. For this act alone the people of Randolph county will ever hold him in grateful remembrance. He is one of the fine old gentlemen of Randolph county, a man of broad intelligence, large heart, and always courteous and obliging, one of that class of men whom the communities in which they live are glad to claim as citizens and who always command the respect and confidence of those around them. His life has been one of strict integrity, worthy industry, and always solicitous for the best interests of society. Though not a rich man, he is more content with his worldly possessions than many whose estates are far greater, for he has never considered the possession of wealth the greatest reward of life, but on the contrary has striven to live correctly and without reproach, so that when old age should come he would fall under the shadow of no man's ill will.

WILLIAM BLAIR, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Huntsville, Mo.).

Dr. Blair, who has been engaged in the practice of his profession for nearly half a century, and has been located at Huntsville for the past 25 years, is a native of Pennsylvania and of Scotch-Irish ancestry, being a representative of the same family from which Gen. Frank P. Blair, of this State, descended. Prior to the Revolution, five of the Blair brothers came to America from the North of Ireland, and from these, most, if not all of the Blairs of the United States sprang, including Gen. Frank P. Blair, who was a second cousin to the subject of this sketch, their ancestor of the fourth generation being the same. The brothers who came over were: James, Archibald, John, Brice and Thomas. Brice Blair was the grandfather of Dr. William Blair. John Blair, a son of Brice Blair, married Miss Mary Purdeau, a daughter of William Purdeau, who came over from France and settled in Pennsylvania. John Blair had a family of 11 children, and Dr. Blair was the second of these. James and Mary are in Iowa, Charity lives at Bedford, Pa., and John S. is at Frankfort, Va. All the rest are deceased. The parents both died in Pennsylvania—the father in 1853 and the mother in 1878, in the eighty-fifth year of her age. Dr. Blair was born

at Flint Stone creek, in Bedford county, Pa., May 20, 1811, and was reared on his father's farm, in his native county, until he was 18 years of age, when, having been of studious habits and having a quick, active mind, he had acquired a good English education, and he began school-teaching. He became quite successful and popular as a school-teacher, and continued it for four years. In the meantime, he had decided to devote himself to the medical profession, and having saved up some means with which to prosecute his studies, he began the study of medicine under Dr. Scott, of Bedford county, applying himself with unflagging diligence and energy for about two years. He was now qualified to engage in the practice, and he began practice in his native county and continued it with success until 1853, when he took a course of lectures in medicine and surgery in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. He resumed practice and has continued it from that time to this without interruption, except while attending medical college a second term, at the conclusion of which he was duly graduated. Dr. Blair came to Missouri in 1859 and located at Huntsville, where he has since resided. His house, then in the outskirts of town, was in the woods, and the county was but little more than a wilderness. In 1861, Dr. Blair, like nearly all of his name in this country, took sides unequivocally for the Union, and didn't go behind the bush to express his convictions or act upon them. He identified himself promptly and actively with the Union element in the State, and, the value of his services as a physician and surgeon being appreciated, he was made post surgeon of the Third Iowa, two companies stationed at Huntsville in February and March, 1862, and two companies of Merrill's Horse. In March, 1863, Gen. Gamble commissioned him surgeon of the Fiftieth regiment, and he was also detailed surgeon of the First Provincial regiment, E. M. M., with headquarters at Mexico. Later along he was made regimental surgeon of the Forty-sixth E. M. M., and was commissioned under Col. A. F. Denny, Col. J. D. Douglass being colonel of the First Provisional regiment, where he was retained as examining physician for seven months, when he resigned. He was then commissioned surgeon, by Gov. Willard P. Hall, of the Forty-sixth E. M. M., and was stationed at Huntsville until the close of the war. In November, 1863, Dr. Blair was appointed one of the examining physicians for the pension office (serving under Baker and Van Arnum, commissioners of pensions), and he has held that position ever since. Dr. Blair was quite active and useful in organizing the militia of Randolph county during the war for the Union service, and continued in the service until 1866. In the general practice of his profession he has been quite successful, and has long been recognized as one of the leading physicians of the county. Personally, he is a man of high character and is of a kind, generous disposition, and much esteemed by the people wherever he is known. He is a man of strong character, great mental vigor, and as determined and resolute, almost, as the laws of nature; for whatever he conceives to be right and proper to do, he will do it, or make the

attempt, though the heavens fall. This is a characteristic of the Blair family, and it is this unconquerable resolution that makes them men of consequence and influence wherever their fortunes are cast. On the 19th of March, 1833, Dr. Blair was married to Miss Rachel Hendrickson, of Alleghany county, Maryland. She lived to brighten his home for nearly half a century, but at last went the way of all flesh, and her spirit passed through glory's morning gate on the 17th of August, 1881. They had a family of ten children: Jonathan, the eldest, died in infancy; Martha died while the wife of J. T. Devore; Sarah is the widow of Rev. William Hanley, formerly a Methodist minister of Breckinridge; Eliza died in infancy, as did also John; Norval W. is at home; Albert died in the Union army at the age of 17; Lydia J. P., the wife of W. G. True, of Moberly; Clara, the wife of Thomas A. Craig, of Macon; and Arabella is the wife of Charles C. Ford, of Ottumwa, Iowa. Dr. Blair is a member of the Methodist Church, as was his wife for many years prior to her death.

C. BOYD, A. B., A. M. AND M. D.

(Proprietor of the Rutherford House, Huntsville).

Dr. Boyd, an old Marylander, and one of the best educated men in this section of the State, as well as a physician of nearly 20 years' experience in the active practice, has been engaged in the hotel business at Huntsville for more than eleven years past, and has become widely and favorably known by the traveling public throughout this State, and, indeed, generally in this section of the country, as one of the most popular landlords and capable and successful hotel men connected with the business. He is from Baltimore to Huntsville and was born in Frederick county, Maryland, May 16, 1826. Dr. Boyd received his general education at Dickinson College, one of the leading institutions of learning of Pennsylvania, in which he took complete literary, scientific and classical courses, graduating in 1846 among the first in a class, several of whose members have since become distinguished in life. He was honored by his *Alma Mater* with both the degrees of A. B. and A. M., to which his attainments fully entitled him. He had pursued his general educational course with the view of becoming a physician, and immediately following his graduation he began the study of medicine. He continued the study without interruption and with assiduity, and in due time entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, second to no institution of medical learning in the United States. He graduated in medicine with high honor in 1850, and at once returned to Maryland and entered upon his career in the practice at the city of Baltimore. He was successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in that city for many years, but at last decided to come West and make his home in Missouri. Accordingly, in 1869, he came to this State and located at Huntsville where he has since resided. Here he secured the Rutherford House, which he has conducted since its opening. Dr. Boyd has made this house one of the most popular cosmopolitan

hotels in Missouri. A man of culture and refinement, and a perfect gentleman in every sense of the word, he not only knows how to treat guests properly, but has the heart and manhood to do his full duty to them. He strives to conduct his house so that the traveler will feel as nearly contented, comfortable and at ease under the roof of the Rutherford as one away from his own home and family could possibly be situated. His house is the delight of the commercial men, and on their long journeys they look forward to the time when they will stop with him, as the caravanist on the desert looks forward to the time when he will rest under the shade of the green trees, and on the velvety lawn of an oasis and be lulled to sleep by the music of singing birds and the murmuring flow of the cool waters of perennial springs. Dr. Boyd keeps his beds as clean as the snow as it descends from heaven, and his rooms as comfortable and cozy as the chamber that was prepared at eventide for the lovely Lalla Rookh as she journeyed on to her waiting and fondly expectant lover; and the table that the Rutherford presents is such as to make the epicure think that the millenium has come, while the gourmand seems to loose self-consciousness as he dines, or at least, to know only that there is a perfect sea of good things before him and all that he has to do is to eat until, like Tam O'Shanter, he shall be "o'er all the ills of life victorious." In a word, there are few such hotels in the interior of the State for neatness, comfort and menu as Dr. Boyd keeps; and personally he is one of the most popular landlords, as all the traveling public know. On the 5th of June, 1872, Dr. Boyd was married to Miss Virginia Boulware, of Renick, this county. They have no children.

JUDGE GEORGE H. BURCKHARTT

(Huntsville).

For nearly a quarter of a century Judge Burekhartt has occupied with honor and ability the bench of the judicial circuit of North-east Missouri, which includes the county of his residence—Randolph. During this long service his life has of course become intimately interwoven with the judicial history of the State. For years he has been regarded as one of the ablest judges and most upright men on the circuit bench, and his opinions command the highest consideration and respect, both from the profession and the public at large.

Judge Burekhartt descends from one of the pioneer families of Missouri. His grandfather, Christopher F. Burekhartt, was a native of Maryland, and a gallant soldier under Washington during the War of the Revolution. He immigrated to this State with his family in 1811 and settled first in St. Louis county, and in two years moved to Howard county, where he lived until his death, one of the worthy and respected old pioneers of that county. He was well advanced in years when he came to Missouri, and most of his family of children had grown up and become themselves the heads of families. Among these was George Burekhartt, who became the father of Judge George H., the subject of the present sketch.

George Burckhartt, pere, was reared in Frederick county, Maryland, and was married in Jefferson county, Kentucky, to Miss Ruth Dorsey, a representative of another old and respected Maryland family. George Burckhartt and family came to Missouri five years after his father, and also settled in Howard county. But in 1820 he removed over into Randolph county, where he resided for many years. He died in Howard county, to which he had returned 10 years previously, in 1864, when 83 years of age. He was a man of fine intelligence and high character, and was one of the prominent citizens of Randolph county. Before coming to Missouri he had served under Harrison in the War of 1812, and it was on account of his absence in the army that he did not follow his father sooner, as he had intended to do, to this State. In Randolph county he served for a number of years on the county court bench, and held other positions of local importance. He was a member of the first Legislature of Missouri from Howard county, and was a member from Randolph after it was organized. He was a farmer by occupation, as was also his father, and, considering the times in which he lived and his opportunities, he was quite successful. In politics he was a life-long Whig, and was one of the staunchest supporters of that party in Randolph county.

Judge George H. Burckhartt, the ninth and youngest in his father's family of children, was born in Randolph county on his father's homestead, six miles south-east of Huntsville, September 11, 1823. He was brought up to agricultural pursuits and, of course, in this section of the country at that early day, had only limited school advantages. From an early age, however, he showed a marked taste for study, and besides the instruction he received in the occasional common schools kept in the neighborhood, he improved his leisure to good advantage by study at home. John Stuart Mill says that the distinctions between men arise not so much from the superior natural ability of one over another, as from the inspiration of ambition which stimulates the one to higher exertions than the other. This ambition to rise to prominence and usefulness in life young Burckhartt had, and it is perhaps due quite as much to this as to his sterling natural ability, which all recognize, that he rose to the enviable position he has so long occupied and adorned. Pursuing his studies with unabated zeal and assiduity when young, he soon became qualified to teach school, and capable school-teachers were in much request in this section of the country at that time. In September, 1839, he began teaching in Monroe county, and he continued to teach for two years.

In the meantime he had determined to devote himself to the legal profession, and during his leisure, while teaching, he pursued a regular course of study preparatory to his admission to the bar. In 1843 he was duly admitted to practice law by Judge P. McBride, of Monroe, sitting at Paris, Monroe county, Mo., and he immediately afterwards entered upon the practice of his profession at Huntsville,

Mo. His sound, sober, good sense and his close attention to business, united with his high character and habits of study, and his close investigation of the law and facts of every case entrusted to him, soon made a favorable impression on the community as to his ability and worth as a lawyer, and he was not long in securing an excellent and lucrative practice. His rise in his profession as a practitioner was steady and substantial, and he had not been at the bar many years before he became recognized as one of the soundest lawyers and most successful practitioners in the Huntsville circuit. He was always a man of steady, even habits, and went about performing the duties of his practice in a methodical, clear-headed, business-like way; and the opening of court rarely, if ever, found him unprepared to take the proper steps in his cases, when they were called.

Judge Burckhartt is possessed of a mind broad and logical in its operations, considerably of the philosophic cast, and he views questions which come up for consideration not only as to their immediate causes and effects, but as to the general principles which they involve and their relations with other questions of a kindred nature, and the influence, directly and ultimately, a given decision would have. Thus in the practice, whilst he was an untiring student of his cases, consulting all the law and precedents bearing upon them and, at the same time, more than ordinarily careful and exact in preparing his pleadings, and arranging and presenting his testimony, he depended more for success in the trial of causes upon some one or more principles of law involved, upon which he asked a favorable decision, than upon anything else — either technical advantages, influence as a speaker, or otherwise. He was therefore, principally, what is termed a court lawyer, as contradistinguished from a jury lawyer. Before the court his career was one of distinguished success for, being a fine lawyer himself, he was seldom found presenting a case for consideration in which there was not solid merit on his side, and never one in which he did not believe that he was in the right. Being thus an able and honorable practitioner, he was almost invariably successful with his cases before the court. And when he went to the jury he was usually so well prepared with instructions that it was not a difficult task for him to make their way clear to a verdict for his client.

While Judge Burckhartt never claimed to be a great orator, he was always a clear, forcible and convincing speaker, and generally carried the convictions of his hearers with him in his train of argument. Often, indeed, when fully imbued with the justice and gravity of a cause, he rose to a high point of eloquence in his addresses before judge and jury, and whenever he essayed to touch the cords of sentiment, he never failed to carry the hearts of those who heard him with their convictions, which he had already secured. Long before he went on the bench, he was regarded on all hands as one of the leading lawyers of North-east Missouri, and he commanded a large practice, both in the circuit courts and in the State Supreme Court.

Recognizing his eminent fitness and qualifications for the position, in 1862 he was elected circuit judge of the Second Judicial Circuit,

and in 1864 he was re-elected. Subsequently he was appointed judge of that circuit by Gov. Fletcher, when the convention of 1865 ousted all the judges in the State, and was again re-elected in 1868. Since then he has been consecutively re-elected and has held that office continuously up to the present time. As a judge, he has more than fulfilled the high expectations of those who honored him with their confidence and esteem in placing him in that grave and responsible office. A man of sound judgment and wide and thorough legal learning, clear-headed and penetrating in investigating the merits of a cause, and anxious to do justice for the love of justice and that the dignity and majesty of the law may be upheld, his administration of his office has been such as to reflect lasting honor upon a position, which of itself would be an honor to any man to hold.

Such are the weight and influence of his opinions on the bench, that fewer cases are appealed to the Supreme Court from his circuit, considering the number and importance of cases tried, than from any other circuit in the State, as the writer is informed by a prominent practitioner in the Supreme Court who has had every opportunity to know. An able lawyer and a learned judge, his ability and learning are only equaled by his high character and incorruptibility.

“ With an equal scale
 He weighs the offenses betwixt man and man;
 He is not so soothed with adulation,
 Nor moved with tears to wrest the course of justice
 Into an unjust current, to oppress the innocent;
 Nor does he make the laws
 Punish the man, but in the man the cause.”

Though taking only the interest of a public-spirited citizen in politics, since the demise of the Whig party Judge Burckhardt has voted the Democratic ticket, or rather he cast his first Democratic vote for George B. McClellan, having voted for Bell and Everett in 1860. During the war he was a steadfast Union man, but as bitterly deprecated the excesses committed in the name of the Union as he denounced the outrages perpetrated on the other side. As a patriotic citizen he was for the Union above and beyond everything else, and he felt that after that was restored other things would soon right themselves. In this, time has already vindicated the wisdom and correctness of his position.

On the 16th of October, 1849, Judge Burckhardt was married to Miss Amanda McCampbell, a daughter of Wallace McCampbell, an extensive farmer and respected citizen of Randolph county, who settled in that county from Jessamine county, Ky., in an early day. This union has proved a long and happy one, and was blessed with seven children: John, who died at the age of 24; George Dorsey, who resides in this county some 10 miles south-west of Huntsville; Maria, who is now the wife of J. A. Heether, a sketch of whom appears in this volume; Wallace, Odon, Guitar, the last two of whom are at home, Miss Ella being in school at Stephens' College, at Co-

lumbia. The Judge has been a prominent member of the Masonic order for 30 years.

“Throughout his entire career,” says a biographer of his life, “Judge Burckhartt has been characterized by prompt and energetic action and careful attention to business. Independent in thought, social and genial in manner, and inflexible in integrity, he has attained to that success and lives in the enjoyment of that reward which are the natural outgrowth of a true life.”

JUDGE MAY M. BURTON

(Retired Farmer and Merchant).

To give the history of the Burton family in Randolph county in all its details would be to write much of the history of the county itself, for representatives of this family were among the early settlers of the county, and its members have been more or less prominently identified with agricultural, business and public affairs here from the pioneer days of the country. It cannot be fairly expected that, in the space to which a sketch must be confined in this volume, anything like a complete review of the history of an old and prominent family can be given, but it is proposed to furnish such a frame-work of facts that at some future time a more perfect review may be written, if circumstances call for its production. Judge Burton's father was originally from Virginia, though his parents became pioneer settlers of Kentucky, where the son, whose name was also May (the father of the Judge), was reared. After he grew up he lived in Kentucky until the outbreak of the War of 1812, when he went bravely to the front in the defence of his country. He served with gallantry throughout that entire struggle, and was in the battle of the Thames, in which the celebrated Indian chief, Tecumseh, was killed, young May being present at the time he was slain in the progress of the battle. He remained in Kentucky after the war, until 1819, and was married in that State to Miss Nancy Woolfolk. He then removed to Missouri and settled near Higbee. He commenced in this county with practically no means, having little more than his team and rifle, with a family to care for besides. He was a man of great courage and resolution, and even greater industry and intelligence. He went to work with a brave heart and willing hands, and opened a large farm. In time he became one of the wealthy and prominent farmers of the county and one of its leading citizens. He lived here until his death, respected and esteemed by all, and to the advanced age of 80 years. Two of his brothers also came to Randolph county, Elijah and James, both of whom are also now deceased. May Burton had a family of five children who grew to maturity, namely, Burrilla, who became the wife of Thomas J. Gordon, a leading citizen of the county, and a State Senator from this district, but now deceased; Irene, the wife of J. W. Waller, of Kentucky; Ambrose W., who was county and government surveyor prior to the war, but is now deceased; Joseph W., who resides near Higbee, and Judge May M., the subject of this

sketch. Three others died young, William, Edna, and John C. Judge May M. Burton was born in this county, December 14, 1822, and was reared on his father's farm. His father being a man in good circumstances, the son was given an excellent general education. In early life he started as a school teacher, which he followed for several years, and became quite popular and successful in his chosen calling. On the 5th of December, 1845, he was married to Miss Minerva Brooks, a daughter of William H. and Susan (Pyle) Brooks, of this county. After his marriage Judge Burton settled down and engaged in farming. He secured quite an extensive tract of land near his father's old homestead, on which he resided and continued farming and stock raising until 1870. Inheriting to a marked degree the stronger and better qualities of his father's character, he, too, became successful in agricultural life, and quite prominent as a citizen. In 1856 he was elected to the Legislature over George Settle, a prominent man of the county, by a large majority. In 1870 he was elected a member of the county court, and has since been re-elected from time to time, having served in all nearly eight years. The year that he was first elected a member of the county court he retired from the farm and engaged in mercantile business in Higbee, Mo., and in 1878 he moved to Sweet Springs, in Saline county, where he continued for about three years. Returning to the farm in 1881, he has since lived a retired life, having an ample competency on which to rely as old age comes on apace, and something to leave each of his children. Judge Burton's first wife died in April, 1881. She had borne him two sons who survive: Ambrose C. and William H., both of whom are carrying on the farm at the old homestead. Judge Burton was married to his present wife July 5, 1883. Her maiden name was Sarah A. Lassiter, a daughter of Henry Lassiter, an early settler of the county from Kentucky. Her first husband, Robert G. Gilman, was for many years treasurer of the county and one of its most highly respected citizens. He died November 9, 1872. The Judge is a man still hale and well preserved. His eye is as bright and his step as elastic as would be expected of one 10 or 15 years his junior. Only 62 years of age as yet, to all appearances he still has a future of much activity and usefulness. No man in the county is more highly esteemed.

JUDGE SAMUEL AND JAMES M. BURTON

(Post-office, Huntsville).

The Burton family is one of the oldest in the section of country where they reside. Judge Burton's parents, Francis H. and Zilpha (Love) Burton, came to Randolph county in 1831, settling near Roanoke. Four years later they removed to Salt Springs where they lived until their death. The father died in the spring of 1857, in the sixty-eighth year of his age, from being thrown from a horse. He was justice of the peace of Salt Spring township for many years. His wife died in 1862. They were from North Carolina and the family was

originally from the North of England whence they came to America in the colonial days of the country and settled in Virginia. From there branches of the family established themselves in North Carolina and a number of other States. Judge Burton was the oldest in their family of 11 children, the others being: Able F., who died at the age of 35; Frances, who died while the wife of Samuel Blankership in 1858; David, who died in Chariton county in 1881; Elizabeth, who died in 1864, the wife of Thomas Mathis; Hutchins, of this county; Barbara, now Mrs. William Scritchfield, near Macon City; James D., of this county; Jane, now Mrs. Richard Belmeare, of Huntsville; and William, who died at the age of 35 and was a twin with David. Judge Samuel Burton, the subject of this sketch, was born in Caswell county, North Carolina, March 27, 1812, and was therefore reared in the old North State. He came out to Randolph county with his parents, and on the 26th of May, 1834, was married to Miss Frances L., a sister to George Dameron. He had already begun farming for himself and has continued it up to the present time. In 1846 he settled on his present place. From his marriage up to the time of coming to the farm where he now lives, although interested in farming, he had lived in Huntsville and was identified with business at that place. Since locating on his farm, however, he has followed farming exclusively, united with stock raising. Judge Burton's farm contains 250 acres and he is comfortably situated. He has long been engaged in tobacco raising and has found it a very profitable branch of industry. In 1866 he was elected judge of the county court and served four years on the bench with efficiency and with satisfaction to the public. He is a man of considerable prominence in the county and represented the county, in part, in the convention which nominated that time-honored old statesman for governor, John S. Phelps. He has also been a delegate to district conventions and to various other meetings of the Democratic party. The Judge's wife died in 1859. She left him seven children: James M., Able F., Sarah A., married William Cooley, and died in 1857; William W., who was killed in the Confederate army under Pemberton at the siege of Vicksburg in 1863; Elizabeth H., now Mrs. B. S. Darr; George B., died in 1876, leaving a family; Martha M., now Mrs. Thomas Mayo; Thomas S., and Eva now Mrs. N. Thomas Mathis. The Judge has been a member of the M. E. Church South for over 40 years.

JAMES M. BURTON, present assessor of Randolph county and the eldest in his father's family of children, was born February 26, 1836. At the age of 19, having received a good common school education, he began teaching school, and continued it during the winter months for about 11 years. He became very prominent and popular as a school teacher, and his services were in request wherever he was known. It was the many acquaintances that he formed by teaching school and the favorable impression he made that contributed very largely to his election to office afterwards. In 1875 Mr. Burton was appointed deputy sheriff and deputy collector of the county, a position

he held for three years. He was then deputy assessor for four years, and in 1882 he was elected assessor. Mr. Burton was quite popular in the positions he held, and is now regarded as one of the most capable and efficient assessors the county ever had. During the war he served one year in the militia and was lieutenant under Capt. Hicks. On the 17th of October, 1856, Mr. Burton was married to Miss Anna E. Cockrill, a daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Duncan) Cockrill, who settled in this county from Kentucky in 1840. Mr. and Mrs. Burton have eight children: Thomas J., Frances L., Quantrell Lawrence, Ella D., Olive B., John A., Anna M. and Mary L. Frances L. is now the wife of John Jennings of Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Burton are members of the M. E. Church South, and Mr. B. is a Royal Arch in the Masonic order.

MARY CARLSTED

(Residence, Section 7, Township 53, Range 15, near Huntsville).

Mrs. Carlsted is the widow of Christian Carlsted, who died on the farm where she now resides November 18, 1877. She was born in Bavaria, June 26, 1839, and was a daughter of Gottleib P. Klink, of the Kingdom of Bavaria. Mrs. Carlsted was reared in her native country, and when 20 years of age came to America with her brother, Philip Klink, their parents having previously died in the old country. Two years after her arrival in the United States, on the 9th of November, 1861, she was married to Mr. Carlsted. He was born in Prussia in 1836, and was therefore three years her senior. When he was 13 years of age, in 1849, he came to the New World, locating at first in Ohio. Later along he came to Missouri, and finally located in Randolph county. Here he met and married Miss Klink, the subject of this sketch, as stated above. After their marriage they settled on the farm where she now resides. Mrs. Carlsted has a good farm of over 200 acres, and she and her sons are engaged in stock-raising. Her husband left her five children: Sallie, now Mrs. John A. Burton; William W., Florence S., Cassie D. and Mary C. Mrs. Carlsted and her children are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

MARK A. COOLEY

(Assistant Superintendent of the Woodard Coal and Mining Company, Huntsville).

Mr. Cooley, a prominent member of the above company, is a self-made young man, having accumulated all he has by his own industry and intelligence. He was born in Batavia, Kane county, Ill., January 12, 1854. His parents were Allison and Alice M. (Peck) Cooley, and Mark A. was reared at Batavia. When a young man, or rather while still a youth, he worked two years on the Rock Island Railroad, and in 1875 came to Hannibal, Mo., and worked at the cabinet maker's trade, which he had previously learned, for two years. The summer of 1880 he spent in Colorado, and in the spring of the following year he came to Huntsville. Here he has since been identified with the coal business. He and Mr. Chipman have

been the leading owners of mine No. 3 for some time, and in June, 1882, that shaft and mine No. 2 were consolidated, and Mr. Cooley has since been assistant superintendent of the consolidated mine, having charge of the outside work of the bank, attending to the purchase of supplies, to the sales of coal, shipments, etc., etc. Mr. Cooley is a live, energetic man, and with the start he already has and his business qualifications and enterprise, he will doubtless become a more than ordinarily well-to-do citizen, no Providential hinderance intervening. On the 18th of April, 1882, Mr. Cooley was married to Miss Mollie L. Wilber, of Hannibal.

ANDREW COX

(Contractor and Builder, Huntsville).

Mr. Cox, a thorough practical carpenter himself, is one of the leading and most practical men in his line in this part of the county. His father before him was a carpenter and contractor, and to this occupation young Cox was brought up. Being a man of more than ordinary, natural intelligence, and having worked at his trade faithfully from boyhood with but little interruption, it is not surprising that he has risen to a prominent position in his calling. He now has charge of the construction of the opera house at this city, and has been the leading contractor and builder of Huntsville for a number of years. Mr. Cox is a native of New York, born in Orange county, near West Point, November 20, 1840. He was reared in New York, and received a good common English education in the local schools. At an early age he began the carpenter's trade under his father, and continued it up to the outbreak of the war. During the war he worked in the United States arsenal, and afterwards resumed general work at his trade. Later along he was superintendent of a small arms and ammunition manufactory at Springfield, Mass. In 1869 Mr. Cox came to Huntsville, having previously move West, and has since followed his business at this place. He is a man of character and business enterprise, and has the confidence of the entire community. His business and reputation are steadily increasing. Mr. Cox's parents were Andrew and Rosanna (McRane) Cox, both natives of New York.

WARREN T. DAMERON, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Huntsville).

Dr. Dameron commenced the practice of medicine in Randolph county in 1849 and has been continuously engaged in the practice at Huntsville since 1851, a period of 33 years. In 1850 he was attracted to California by the gold excitement, but was absent only a year. As a physician it is not less than the truth requires to be said that his life has been one of excellent success. Possessed to a marked degree of the natural aptitudes and mental qualities, without which one can not hope for success in the practice of medicine, he has pursued his chosen calling with that fixedness of purpose and industry both as a

student and practitioner, which would have made him successful even with less ability than he possesses and with less adaptability to the profession. In a short biographical sketch it is of course not expected, nor would it be proper to go into the details of the career of the subject in his business, industrial or professional activities. Nor can any exception be made to this rule in the present case, although the subject is fairly worthy of a more than ordinary notice in the present volume. Let it be sufficient to say, however, that both as a physician and a man his life has been one of marked usefulness and without reproach. Personally, he is highly thought of by all who know him and highest by those who have known him longest and know him best. He is possessed of many qualities that draw around him warm and true friends and make him esteemed by those among whom he lives. Dr. Dameron commenced life for himself without means or other advantages except the education, a good practical one, which his worthy and venerated father greatly assisted him to obtain. His father wisely believed that the best heritage he could leave his children was an honored name, an upright character and a good education, and these he transmitted to them all. Warren T. Dameron was born in North Carolina August 15, 1822, and was one in a family of 13 children. His parents were George B. and Mary W. Moore Dameron, who were reared and married in Virginia. The father was of French descent and the mother of English origin. They removed to North Carolina and later along, in 1834, to Missouri, locating in Randolph county, where they lived until their death. The father was a farmer by occupation and was in comfortable circumstances. Both he and his wife were earnest and active members of the Methodist Church. He was especially active and zealous in church work as a lay member. He was a man of decided convictions and clear, sober intelligence, much given to thought, and therefore an instructive conversationalist to those with whom he conversed. In politics he was a sterling Jackson Democrat, and all of his sons who grew up to be men followed in his footsteps, and those still living are unfaltering in their party fealty. He died December 18, 1848, widely and profoundly regretted, for he was one of the most esteemed citizens of the pioneer days of the county. Dr. Dameron was reared on the farm and educated in the local schools of the county. He subsequently studied medicine and afterwards attended Medical College from which he was duly graduated in 1849. Dr. Dameron has been twice married. First, in 1849 to Miss Frances A. Horner, a daughter of M. and Keturah Horner, of this county. She died in 1859. September, 1863, he was married to his last wife, Mrs. Laura McLean, a daughter of Noah and Nancy Kingsbury, of Howard county, one of the best families of that county. She was educated at Columbia, Mo. Her first husband, Dr. John McLean, died in 1858. Dr. Dameron has three children, one a son, George M., aged 34, by his first wife, and two by his last wife, Lulie W., 18 years old, and Clifford Lee, seven years old. His first wife was a member of the M. E. Church, as was also his last wife, and

the Doctor himself has been a member of that church from boyhood. He has long been an official member of the church and all his brothers and sisters followed the same faith, except a sister who married a Presbyterian minister, and very naturally identified herself with her husband's denomination. But four of Dr. Dameron's father's family of children are now living.

ANDREW MONROE ELLINGTON

(Attorney at Law and Postmaster, Huntsville).

Mr. Ellington, a young attorney of some seven years' experience in the practice, and a lawyer of thorough preparatory training, both literary and professional, as well as a young gentleman of good ability and excellent business habits, is a native Missourian, born at Fayette, Howard county, February 2, 1852. He comes of two old and respected families of this State — the Ellingtons and Monroes — names not unfamiliar to Missourians, especially to those who know anything of the church history of the State. For 30 years his father, W. T. Ellington, has been an active minister of the gospel in the M. E. Church South. Although now well advanced in age, he is still engaged in his great life-work with as much zeal and apparently with as much energy as characterized the labors of his earlier years. On his mother's side, Mr. Ellington was a grandson of the late Rev. Andrew Monroe, a distinguished member of the Missouri Conference, and for over half a century one of the able and esteemed ministers of the Southern Methodist Church. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Central Missouri, and repeatedly held the office of presiding elder in his church. He died at Mexico, in Audrain county, where his remains are interred, and a suitable monument has been erected at his grave by the church, to commemorate his long and useful life, the memory of which is even more sacredly enshrined in the hearts of Methodists and good people all over the State. Young Ellington grew up at Columbia, Mo., and has had the best educational advantages the State affords. He graduated from the State University in the class of 1872, and he is still an honored member of the Phi Kappa Psi Society of that institution. After his graduation, Mr. Ellington, who had decided to devote himself to the profession of the law, engaged in teaching school in Boone county in order to defray his current expenses while prosecuting his legal studies. He taught school with success for several years and read law while not occupied with the duties of the school-room. In 1877 he was admitted to the bar at Columbia by Judge Burekhartt, judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, and was gracefully complimented by the court for his attainments as a licentiate. Mr. Ellington has always been of close, studious habits, and since his admission to the bar he has greatly advanced himself in the knowledge of the law by continued study. After his admission he went to Colorado and located at the county seat of Saguache county, where he practiced his profession for about four years. During his last two years in Colorado he served as school superintendent of Saguache

county. Returning to Missouri in the winter of 1880-81, Mr. Ellington located at Huntsville for the practice of his profession, and has since been engaged in the practice at this place. The following July he was appointed postmaster at Huntsville, and still holds that position. His younger brother (Harry) is his deputy, and attends to the duties of the office, Mr. Ellington giving his entire time to the practice. He is thoroughly wedded to his profession, and possesses the qualities and qualifications to rise to distinction at the bar, being ambitious to succeed, studious, attentive to business and well-trained, both generally and in his profession. In politics, Mr. Ellington is a Republican, but is a man of broad views, and quite as ready to concede to others the right to express their opinions freely as he resolutely claims the same right to himself. On the 27th of July, 1872, he was married to Miss Josie, a daughter of Frank Hammett, Esq., of Huntsville. Their first born and only child died in infancy, July 4, 1883. Personally, Mr. Ellington is courteous and gentlemanly, and is much esteemed at Huntsville.

THOMAS M. ELMORE

(Formerly of the *Huntsville Herald*).

Mr. Elmore, who has been identified with the newspaper business from early manhood, and is prominently connected with the business affairs of Huntsville, is a native of Illinois, born in Schuyler county. His father is William C. Elmore, now of Adair county, Mo., and his mother's maiden name was Eliza Clark. He was born in White county, Tenn., and she near Wheeling, West Va. Both came West when young, and they were married in Monroe county, Ill., in 1848. Nine years afterwards they removed to Missouri and settled in Adair county. They had a family of 10 children, namely: George L., William H., Emily, Caroline, McLealen, Terry C., Jessie, Clarence and Thomas M. The father's life pursuit has been farming. He is a man of sober, clear intelligence, and is well informed in the affairs of the world, having always been an intelligent and discriminating reader, devoting much of his time to the study of history. He is also quite fond of newspaper reading, and is well posted in the current events of the times. Thomas M., the subject of the present sketch, was reared on the farm in Adair county, and received a good general common school education. After quitting the farm he came to Randolph county in 1869, and engaged in business pursuits and conducted a drug store at Huntsville for some time. At Huntsville he also became identified with the newspaper business, with which he continued until a short time ago, when he retired from the *Herald* office. Mr. Elmore is well known among newspaper men as a good business manager, and a clear-headed, pointed writer. While he was connected with the *Herald*, that paper steadily grew in value and influence, and improved in every feature. He retired from the paper, leaving it one of the prominent and substantial cosmopolitan journals of the State. Mr. Elmore has always taken a public-spirited and

intelligent interest in the general affairs of the community, and especially in its public and business enterprises. He is a prominent stockholder of the Huntsville Gas Company and of the Building and Loan Association. He is also a stockholder in and the president of the Huntsville Rake and Stacker Company, and is a director in all three of the companies above named. In 1878 he was married to Miss Ella Fort, a refined and accomplished young lady of this city, a daughter of Dr. Fort. They have two children: Susie E. and Helen. Mr. Elmore is recognized as one of the influential citizens of Huntsville, and is highly respected. Personally he is quite popular, and socially he and his excellent wife are much esteemed in the best society of Huntsville and wherever they are known.

ANDREW JACKSON FERGUSON

(County Treasurer, Huntsville).

That intelligence and energy will ultimately succeed in life, whatever may be the early circumstances in which they are placed, is illustrated in every community by the lives of its successful men. Early advantages are, of course, not to be despised, and every father should strive to afford his children all the opportunities for their advancement in his power to give them. But opportunities alone will not make a successful man. The qualities necessary to bring success must be inherent in the individual. If these are present, and his constitution is reasonably vigorous, he will succeed anyhow, and early advantages only tend to accelerate his success and make the road to its achievement shorter and less rugged. Among the prominent citizens of Randolph county who have risen in life by their own merits and exertions alone, the subject of the present sketch justly occupies an enviable position. Mr. Ferguson is a native of the Old Dominion, born at Danville, September 10, 1828. His parents were John and Sarah (Hopwood) Ferguson. When Andrew J. was still in childhood, his father was taken away by death, and the mother afterwards removed to Christian county, Ky., where the son principally grew up. He was apprenticed to the saddler's trade at New Providence, Tenn., and after learning the trade, he worked at it in Kentucky and Tennessee until 1850, when he came to Missouri and located at Cape Girardeau. Mr. Ferguson followed his trade in Cape Girardeau for several years, and in about 1853 removed to Glasgow, Mo., remaining, however, only a short time, and coming thence to Huntsville where he has since resided. Mr. Ferguson engaged in business here in the saddlery and harness line, and continued it with success until 1878. He was quite successful as a business man, and has accumulated a neat competency. Having lived an upright and blameless life for so many years among the people of Randolph county, he has naturally won the confidence and esteem of the public. Recognizing his high character and excellent business qualifications, in 1864 he was advanced to the position of treasurer of the county, the duties of which he discharged with singular efficiency and general satis-

faction. In 1872 he was re-elected to the same office, and since that time he has been repeatedly re-elected, and still has charge of the financial affairs, or rather the public funds, of the county. His long continuance in this important and responsible office shows in what high esteem he is held by the people of the county. His record has certainly been one upon which he can afford to look back with satisfaction and not without pardonable pride. How many young men starting out in the world with every advantage which means and parental affection can confer, fail to reach a station in life to be compared with that which the subject of this sketch has attained in the face of all obstacles and by his own character and industry? Mr. Ferguson has been twice married. His first wife was previously Miss Sarah A. Young, of Montgomery county, Tenn., but originally of Hopkins county, Ky. She died at Cape Girardeau, Mo., in 1851. To his present wife, formerly Miss Mary A. Boyd, originally of Kentucky, Mr. Ferguson was married November 3, 1853. Mr. Ferguson has four children: Ada, now the wife of H. G. Bourne, of Pueblo, Col.; William B., of Montana; Claude and Beulah, the last two at home. Mr. Ferguson was a member of the militia during the war, and has long been a member of the Masonic order, being an initiate of the Commandery at Moberly and of the Blue lodge at Cape Girardeau.

JOHN THOMAS FORT, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Huntsville).

No biographical conspectus of Huntsville would be at all just or accurate which should not give a prominent and worthy place to a sketch of the life of the subject of this sketch, for the careers of few, if of any, have been more intimately and creditably interwoven with its history than that of Dr. Fort. And an outline of his life and family antecedents will be found interesting, even outside of his own identification with this place. Dr. Fort has not become a distinguished man in the broader acceptation of that term, but his life has been a more than ordinarily active one, and one of much practical value to those among whom he has lived. Nor can the writer forbear the expression of the opinion that if, instead of being a representative of, he had been an exception to, the class whom Wordsworth describes —

“Nor having e’er, as life advanced, been led
By circumstances to take unto the height
The measure of themselves.” —

if he had been led by circumstances to fill an exalted position in the world, he would have acquitted himself with high honor and with credit to the station he occupied, for his qualities of mind and character are such that they would not prove unequal to the responsibilities of any place in life open to his advancement. Dr. Fort is a native of Randolph county, born four miles west of Huntsville, and on the 31st of August, 1826. His parents were pioneer settlers of Randolph

county, and his father's parents were among the first settlers of Davidson county, Tenn., locating on the site of the present city of Nashville in 1793, when there was only a block-house standing where there now is a city of 75,000 inhabitants. Josiah and Piety Fort, the grandparents of Dr. Fort, located at Nashville from North Carolina, and William Fort, his father, was born in the block-house at that place October 19, 1793, his parents not then having made any improvements of their own. William Fort grew up in Tennessee, and, considering the newness of the country in which he lived and his opportunities, obtained a more than ordinarily good education. He subsequently read medicine and, as the old citizens of Randolph county know, he was for many years a successful and prominent physician. In 1815 he was married in Robertson county, Tenn., to Miss Patsey Gorham, and five years afterwards he came to Randolph county and located four miles west of Huntsville, where he lived to old age and until his death. Randolph county was then a wilderness, and his name justly occupies a place among those of its pioneer settlers. The place of his location here was, and is still known as Medical Springs, and there he opened salt works in 1823 and worked them for about 20 years, supplying salt for Randolph and Macon counties. He and his good wife reared a family of six children: Henry T., now of Moberly; Martha E., the wife of A. W. Burton, both of whom, however, are now deceased; Amanda C., the widow of Joseph M. Hammett; Frances C., the wife of Giles F. Cook, but both are now deceased; Andrew J., a prominent stock man in Montana Territory; and John T. Dr. Fort was reared on the farm near Huntsville and received a thorough education, taking, besides a general course, a complete classical course. His preceptor was Hugh McEwing, a Scotch scholar and a man of fine education. Mr. McEwing taught at Dr. Fort's father's residence, and was reputed to be the best teacher in this section of the State at that time. His attainments were substantial and thorough, rather than flashy and superficial, and he brought up his pupils in the same way. At the age of 18 young Fort began the study of medicine under his father, and under the latter's instruction continued study until 1846, when he entered the Medical Department of the State University, which was located at St. Louis. He took two regular courses of lectures in medicine and graduated with distinction in 1848. Immediately following his graduation Dr. Fort began the practice of his profession at his old home, with the view of relieving his father of much of the burden of a large practice and of establishing himself in life, but he was young and full of enterprise and the spirit of adventure. About this time the California gold excitement broke out and, like many of the young men of Missouri and all over the civilized world, he was attracted to the Midas land beyond the Cordilleras by the genii stories of Pactolian sands that glistened in the sunlight in the far off garden of the new found Hesperides. He spent two years in California, but found it more congenial, if not more profitable, to relieve suffering for gold than to dig

for it. While there he was engaged in the practice, with excellent success, at Red Bluff. Returning to old Missouri in 1852, and desiring to make himself thorough in his profession, so far as the instructions of the schools go, the following winter he took a special course of lectures in the Medical Department of the St. Louis University, and in the spring of 1854 located at McGee College, in Macon county. Dr. Fort continued the practice there for two years and then returned to the vicinity of his old home in Randolph county. In 1860 he went to Robertson county, Tenn., locating at the place where his mother was born and reared, and continued the practice at that place for 15 years. He became very successful as a physician in Tennessee, and accumulated no inconsiderable evidences of prosperity. Returning to Randolph county in 1875, he has since been engaged in the practice at Huntsville. For nearly 10 years he has held the place here of one of the leading physicians of the county. No physician stands higher in the practice in this community than Dr. Fort does at Huntsville. His success has been uninterrupted, both in relieving the suffering and in material affairs. Dr. Fort has been thrice married. To his first wife, formerly Miss Susan F. Cummins, he was married March 1, 1848, immediately after receiving his diploma at the medical college. She survived her marriage nine years, leaving him two children at her death: Susan F., who died in girlhood, and Martha, the wife of Thomas M. Elmore, editor of the *Huntsville Herald*. Three other children, sons, preceded their mother to the grave. In 1860 he was married to Miss Emily Fort, a cousin-germane, of Tennessee. She died in 1870, and to his present wife, formerly Miss Ellen C. Fort, a sister to his second wife, he was married some 12 years ago. Dr. Fort has not confined his activities to the medical profession alone. He has for years been quite prominently identified with business affairs, public life and the benevolent societies. For four years he was a partner with his brother, Henry Fort, in merchandising at Ft. Henry. For several years he carried on the drug business at Huntsville, and during 1879 and 1880 he was a partner with his son-in-law, T. M. Elmore, in the proprietorship and publication of the *Herald* at this place. He was the editor of the *Herald* during that time, and he has long been known as a valuable newspaper correspondent from this point. He contributed very materially to the maintenance of the county seat at Huntsville by the vigorous, unanswerable arguments he published on that question. He has long been recognized as one of the most public-spirited citizens of the place and has done much to promote its prosperity. He has served in the city council, and was for several years mayor of the city. Dr. Fort is a Royal Arch Mason, and has been a member of the Masonic order for nearly 30 years, being now treasurer of the lodge at Huntsville. He is also a member of the Select Knights and of the Knights of Honor. In recognition of his prominence in his profession he has been given, and now holds, the position of examining surgeon of the Masonic Mutual Aid Society, and is also exam-

ining surgeon of the South-west Aid Society, of the New York Life Insurance Company, and of the Mutual Life Insurance Company.

A. F. GILL

(Farmer, Section 34, Township 54, Range 15, near Huntsville).

Mr. Gill was a son of John and Mary (Watts) Gill, from Boyle county, Ky., who came to Missouri in 1811. The father was a carpenter by trade, and followed that occupation in St. Louis for three years after coming to this then territory. From St. Louis he removed to St. Charles county, where he continued his trade and later along became somewhat identified with farming. He was born in 1789, and died in 1872. A. F. was born in St. Charles county January 20, 1834, and was reared in his native county. April 26, 1866, he was married to Miss Mary Fairchild, formerly of Warsaw, Ill. She was a daughter of Capt. O. H. Fairchild, and her mother's maiden name was Ada W. Brown. Her father was for many years a well known steamboat captain on the Mississippi, and lost his life on the steamer Fashion between Memphis and New Orleans, his body never being recovered from the river. He was made the hero of one of John Hays' poems entitled "James Bledsoe," the poet having been a friend of Capt. Fairchild, and was afterwards private secretary to President Lincoln. Mrs. Fairchild still survives and finds a welcome and pleasant home with her daughter, Mrs. Gill. About the time of his marriage, Mr. Gill removed to Randolph county, and has since been engaged in farming in this county. He has a comfortable homestead and his life has been one of satisfactory success. Mr. and Mrs. Gill have three children: Ada, Everett and Emma. Mr. G. is a member of the C. P. Church, and his wife is a member of the Baptist denomination. Mr. Gill was clerk of township 53, range 15, for five years, and has also served as county coroner. Mrs. Gill has but one sister surviving, Emma, who is now the wife of Judge James H. Vail, of Milner, Dak. He was for a number of years judge of the Iron-ton (Mo.) judicial circuit.

ALONZO GROVER

(Of Lay Bros. & Grover, Proprietors of the Valley Mills, Huntsville).

Mr. Grover, a leading miller and thorough machinist of the county, is a native of Ohio, born in Ashtabula county, May 19, 1834. When he was six years of age his parents, John and Jennie (Merritt) Grover, came West and located first in Knox county, Mo., but soon afterwards removed to Fulton county, Ill. The father was a merchant by occupation, and followed that in Fulton county for many years. In 1850, however, he started to California, and was killed *en route*, 16 miles from Salt Lake City, from being overwhelmed by a mountain snow-slide. Alonzo was reared in Fulton county and from an early age displayed a decided natural taste for the use of tools. He was encouraged in this and later along began to accustom

himself to handling and managing machinery, for which he always had a great admiration. He was not less apt in familiarizing himself with the principles and uses of machinery than he was zealous to learn and anxious to become a skillful machinist. He obtained a situation at Farmington, Ill., in a large mill, and afterwards went to Galesburg, that State, where he was engaged in milling for 11 years. Prior to this, he had become a thorough miller and skillful machinist, and his services were in request wherever he was known. He was offered a position on flattering terms at Ottumwa, Iowa, where he went and worked a year. He then came to Moberly, Mo., where he worked for about six years, being recognized as the best miller of that place. In 1879 he came to Huntsville and ran the City Mill until the fall of 1881, when he became a partner in the present firm. He has supervision of the milling machinery, and has just put in improved works of the latest and best make; and the Valley Mills, under his management, have taken a leading place among the best mills of the county. These mills were built in 1868 by Elias and John P. Lay and father, F. W. Lay, and were the first mills propelled by steam built at Huntsville. Elias Lay came to Missouri with his father when a lad eight years of age, away back in 1836. He followed farming here after he grew up until 1868, when he came to Huntsville. His wife was a Miss Nancy E. Henderson before her marriage, and they have two children: Jane F., the wife of W. A. Rutherford, and Robert E. The mill has three runs of buhrs, and does a general merchant and exchange business. It has a capacity of 25 barrels a day, and its flour is made by the "new process." Mr. Grover bought out the interest of F. W. Lay, the father of Elias and John P., which interest he now owns. In December, 1868, Mr. Grover was married at Fairfield, Iowa, to Miss Margaret J. Russell, formerly of Ohio. They have two children: John E. and a girl, Jessie M. Mrs. G. is a member of the Old School Presbyterian Church. Mr. G. is a man of more than ordinary energy and enterprise, and has made all he has by his own industry and intelligence.

HENRY C. HALEY

(Blacksmith and Farmer).

Mr. H. was born in Macon City, January 28, 1843, and was a son of James T. and Cynthia F. (Goggins) Haley, his mother's father being Wm. Goggins the original settler of Huntsville, one of the pioneers of Macon and Randolph counties. Henry C., the subject of this sketch, learned the blacksmith trade as he grew up before the war, and in 1862 he entered the Confederate service under Capt. Waldon, and continued in the ranks of the South for about 18 months. He then came home and affairs were in such a shape that he couldn't stay unless he became identified with the Union militia, for they then had possession of the country. He therefore became enrolled in the E. M. M., and was attached to them until the close of the war. After peace was restored he resumed his trade and has since worked at it.

March 30, 1863, he was married to Miss Sarah B. Rutherford, who was born in Chariton county, July 6, 1848, and was a daughter of Shelton Rutherford of that county. Mr. Haley continued his blacksmithing, and he has been on his present place for a number of years. His shop and farm are on the Roanoke Road, about four miles from Huntsville. He has a neat place of 60 acres and is doing very well. Mr. and Mrs. Haley have six children: Shelton L., William T., Beulah, Taylor Clay, Obie Dodson and Jim Morgan. Cynthia Frances was burned to death in a fire-place. Misfortunes never come alone. In July, 1878, a piece of iron struck Mr. Haley in the right eye and put it out. Both Mr. and Mrs. Haley are members of the Christian Church.

JOSEPH MILLER HAMMETT

(Deceased).

Joseph M. Hammett died at his residence in Huntsville on the 9th day of June, 1883. The death of no citizen of Randolph county ever caused more general and sincere regret throughout the county than that of Joseph M. Hammett. He had been a resident of the county for 56 years, and for a generation was prominent in its agricultural and business affairs and in the social life of its people. From a youth without means and with very limited educational advantages, he came up in the world to a position of comparative affluence, and made for himself a name for useful citizenship that will survive where his life was spent long after the marble that now marks his last resting-place shall have crumbled into dust. His life was an abundant success, not only in material affairs, but in making himself useful to those among whom he lived, and above all in winning and retaining the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens, of which he was eminently worthy, and which when once won were never for a moment withdrawn. In every biographical history of Randolph county worthy of such a title, the name that heads this sketch must ever occupy a prominent place on its pages. As an agriculturist he was enterprising, progressive and successful—the leader by all odds of those around him; in business affairs he was energetic, clear-headed and honorable, and he founded one of the best and most reputable banking houses in the county, an institution of which he was the able head for years, and until his death; and as a citizen he was public-spirited, always to the front in every movement designed for the public good, and only less generous of his personal services and advice than of his private means. To speak of this man's life as a neighbor and friend and in his family, would be to characterize one who was possessed of as few faults and as many estimable qualities in these particulars, as in most others, as are seldom united in one individual. The most eloquent tribute that could be paid to the character of a good and useful man was the profound and universal sorrow with which the news of Joseph Hammett's death was received by his neighbors and friends on the day that he yielded his body to the earth and his spirit to the God who gave it.

As a husband, his memory is cherished by his widow, a good and true woman, worthy to have been the wife of such a man, as that of the kindest and best of men, ever faithful and devoted to his wife and children; and as a father, his life is looked to as worthy of all imitation. No man was ever more loved and venerated in his own family; and well he might be, for few, if any, in this world of human weaknesses was ever a kinder and more exemplary husband and father. All in all, Joseph Hammett was such a man as fathers might wish their sons to be, and such a citizen as any community might well be proud to claim. Let us, therefore, give a brief sketch of this man's life — a sketch that we are not vain enough to believe can add anything to the name he has left behind, but one given only that we may show that we esteem his life and character as having been of the first importance as a representative citizen of Randolph county. Joseph Miller Hammett was born in Warren county, Ky., December 25, 1809. His father, Elijah Hammett, was a native of South Carolina, in which State the ancestry of the family have been settled since long prior to the Revolution. The mother, before her marriage, was a Miss Mary Snodgrass, a native of Kentucky, in which State they were married, Elijah Hammett having come out to Kentucky with his parents when quite young. The mother was a daughter of David Snodgrass, a prominent citizen of Warren county, Ky., and a leading man in the official and military affairs in that section of the State. Joseph M. Hammett was reared on his father's farm, in Warren county, up to the age of 16, when, in 1826, the family removed to Missouri and located, first, in Howard county, but two years later came to Randolph county, where the parents made their home. Here the father entered land, and with the assistance of his son, Joseph M., improved a farm on which the former lived for many years. He died, however, at Waco, Tex., in 1857, having gone to that State on a visit. The mother died in this county in 1843. Joseph M. was the only son in their family of five children, the daughters being Mary, Rebecca, Martha and Louisa, two of whom only are living — Martha and Louisa, who are married and are residents of Texas. Joseph M. Hammett remained on the farm, some three miles north-west of Huntsville, until after he had completed his majority. His education, so far as school instruction is concerned, was limited to that afforded in the log school houses of the period. But inheriting a vigorous physical constitution, which the manner of his rearing tended greatly to strengthen (for he was brought up to the labors of pioneer life), he at the same time was possessed from youth of a marked taste for mental culture, and as years advanced, by study at home and general reading, he acquired even a wider range of useful knowledge than is to be had from the ordinary college course. Favored with good natural ability, his habit of learning all that could be acquired by his opportunities resulted in making him not only a thoroughly capable business man, so far as business rules and principles are concerned, but also a citizen of superior general intelligence and information. Reared on a

farm, that very naturally became his calling in early manhood, and although in after years he became quite successful in other pursuits, it was in agriculture, farming and handling stock that he achieved his greatest success. On the 20th of February, 1830, he was married to Miss Mary Millsapp, of Randolph county, a lady of singular excellence of character and amiability. Before his marriage Mr. Hammett had begun life for himself, and he now went to work with redoubled energy and perseverance to establish himself comfortably as a farmer and citizen. Industry and good management steadily prospered him, and in time he took a leading position among the agriculturists of this part of the county. Before the war he dealt quite extensively in stock, mainly mules and horses, and even after the war he continued the stock business, but handled cattle principally. He was also largely interested in real estate, and dealt extensively in land. At the time of his death he owned over 6,000 acres in Randolph, Macon and Chariton counties. When it was proposed to construct the North Missouri Railroad he was one of the most earnest and active friends of the enterprise in the county, and contributed very materially to the location of the road through the center of Randolph county, or rather so that it became tributary to Huntsville. Always zealous in the cause of education, he took a leading part in the establishment of Mount Pleasant College, and up to the day of his death viewed its welfare and prosperity with earnest solicitude. In short, as has been said, no man in this part of the county went before him in aid of movements for the best interests of the community in which he lived. A large stockholder in the Huntsville Savings Bank, he was for a number of years the president of that institution, and it was his well-known character and business ability that contributed in an important measure to give that institution the high reputation it enjoys in financial and business circles and with the public at large. Indeed, it seems that in every movement and enterprise with which he identified himself, he infused new life and energy, and that he made its success doubly sure. Looking back over his past and considering what he accomplished, and in view of his advantages and opportunities, it must strike the most casual observer that he was a man of talents and energies of a high order. Who can question that with such qualities of head and heart as he possessed, and with such energy and resolution, in more favorable circumstances he would have risen to more than ordinary distinction among his fellow-men? But he was not a man ambitious of fame. He sought rather to lead a life useful and just, and to accumulate by honest methods a competency for himself and something for those who were to bear his name and come after him, while making his life valuable to the community in which he lived at the same time. And if a respectable measure of wealth came to him, it came to him as a result alone of his untiring industry, his intelligence, and his sober, frugal manner of living, and not by unjustly depriving any man of a feather's value. For public office he had no ambition, preferring to lead a quiet, active life as a private citizen; and aside

from a short period in the Black Hawk War and a number of years in the city council of Huntsville, to the latter of which he consented only as a matter of kindness to his neighbors and friends, he was never identified with the public service. Yet he always took an intelligent interest in public affairs, and ever threw his ballot and influence for what he conceived to be the best interests of the community, the county and the whole country. Joseph M. Hammett was a typical private citizen, a valued neighbor and an inestimable friend, and as such his name and life are worthy of all remembrance. His first wife died in 1864. To the good woman who now survives him as his widow he was married February 20, 1866. She, at the time of her marriage to him, was a Mrs. Amanda LaFon, the widow of a Mr. LaFon, of this county. Of his first family of children there are five living: Francis Marion, president of the banking house of J. M. Hammett & Co.; James W., a prominent stock-dealer of the county; Benjamin F., a prominent real estate dealer of St. Louis; Charles H., cashier of the banking house of J. M. Hammett & Co.; and Jefferson D., still at home on the old Hammett homestead near Huntsville. The father was for many years a member of the M. E. Church South, and was regarded as one of the pillars of his church at this place. His life from its morning until its sun was forever set was unclouded by a just reproach, and his name goes down in the "History of Randolph County" as one of the worthiest and best citizens of the county.

FRANCIS M. HAMMETT

(President of the Banking House of J. M. Hammett & Co., Huntsville).

Mr. Hammett, as shown by the sketch of his father, which precedes this, was the eldest in his father's family of children, and was born on the old Hammett homestead near Huntsville on the 19th of August, 1831. He was brought up on the farm and to know all about hard work by experience; but, naturally of industrious habits, this was not as distasteful to him as it otherwise might have been, while at the same time it had the effect to develop physical strength and insure him a good constitution well fitted for the activities of life. Colleges had not been founded here when he came up, and he therefore had to rely on the neighborhood schools for instruction and on study at home. Inheriting his father's taste, however, for books, notwithstanding the limited extent of his school advantages, he early succeeded in acquiring a more than average common English education for that time, principally by self-culture or study at home. He commenced in the world for-himself as a school teacher, and being a young man of industry and practical ideas, as well as of good education, he became quite successful and popular as a teacher. He spent a great deal of his time as purchasing agent for buyers of stock and tobacco outside of the county, and thus became generally acquainted with the people of the adjoining counties, as well as making some money. He was soon able to buy stock on his own account, and he was generally successful in his stock transactions. In 1850 he, like thousands of others

in Missouri and everywhere else, was taken with the California fever and made a trip to the golden shores of the Pacific. He was in California for about a year, engaged principally in mining, and, as in everything else, he was satisfactorily successful out there. Returning home, however, he resumed the stock business and engaged in farming. From that time to this he has been interested in these industries, and, as the mantle of the father falls to the son, so he, like his father, has come to the front as a farmer and stock-raiser, and in everything else to which he has turned his attention. He is now one of the largest land holders in the county, and his homestead of 750 acres is without a superior as a grain and stock farm in the county. It is a handsomely improved place, well arranged with regard to fields and pastures, and the buildings are commodious and tastily constructed. Everything about the place, in short, shows that its proprietor is a modern, progressive agriculturist. On his farms Mr. Hammett keeps usually about 500 head of cattle. He is also a partner in the firm of Hammett & Hall, who have large stock interests—ranches and cattle—in Colorado and New Mexico, interests representing a value of nearly \$300,000. To these interests Charles H. Hammett gives his personal attention, going out to look after their affairs in the West every few months. Mr. Hammett is also engaged in the banking business, and is president of the banking house mentioned above. This is one of the leading banking institutions in the county, and its reputation for stability is without a superior in this section of the State. He gives the affairs of this institution his personal attention. He succeeded his father in the presidency of the bank, and is carrying it forward in that career of prosperity and popularity in business circles and with the public, in which it has been conducted from the beginning. His personal reputation as a man of high character and superior business qualifications goes far to give this institution the enviable standing it has. Mr. Hammett has made a special study of the banking business, and, being a man of sober judgment and clear intelligence, he could not fail of success in this branch of business. Personally, the same respect and esteem in which his father was held is descending to him, and already he has the confidence and respectful consideration of all who know him. He is a sociable, plain, unassuming man, and a man of great solidity of character and personal worth. On the 23d of November, 1854, Mr. Hammett was married to Miss Mary S. Robertson, a daughter of Hiram Robertson, a prominent citizen of this county. They have had a family of ten children: Joella, the wife of A. M. Ellington; Benjamin H., William F., assistant cashier of the bank; Sidney A., the wife of Thomas Roberts; Stonie, James L., now in Colorado on the stock ranch; John H., Clarence J., Susan A. and Edwin De Young, the last three still children at home. Mr. Hammett and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Hammett is one of the public spirited citizens of this part of the county, and is ever ready to assist every enterprise, material or otherwise, that promises well for the commonwealth.

CHARLES H. HAMMETT

(Cashier of the Banking House of J. M. Hammett & Co., Huntsville).

Mr. Hammett has been cashier of this well known banking institution since 1876, and being a thoroughly qualified business man, both generally and in the banking business, and exceptionally well posted as to the resources and reputation of the people among whom principally his bank does business (having been born and reared near Huntsville), he is peculiarly fitted for the successful discharge of the duties of his position. He was a son of Joseph M. Hammett, whose sketch precedes this, and when this fact is stated, a great deal is said for his character as a citizen and his success as a business man. Born on the old family homestead, near Huntsville, on the 30th of May, 1845, he was reared on the farm, and when he came up, not only had good common school advantages, but the benefit of a general and scientific course at Mt. Pleasant College. Nothing serves as well to fix the elementary principles of a common English education in one's mind as teaching, and with this object in view as much as anything else, young Hammett taught school for nearly a year after leaving college. He then, in keeping with habits and traditions with his family, engaged in farming and stock-raising, with which he is still prominently identified. He has a fine farm of 1,000 acres of land, and deals in cattle, hogs and mules quite exclusively. He is also a member of the firm of Hall & Hammet Bros., which owns a large ranch and cattle interests in New Mexico and Colorado, representing a value of nearly \$300,000. Mr. Hammett has charge of these interests, and makes a trip every few months to the West to look after them. He is also a member of the firm of Samuel & Hammett, leading real estate dealers of Huntsville. He is likewise treasurer of the Building and Loan Association. Mr. Hammett has been entirely successful in all his business enterprises, and while in general affairs he is regarded as a man of superior judgment and business qualifications, it is as a financier that he has won his chief reputation. He has been cashier of the banking house with which he is now connected for a period of about 10 years, and while he has never been regarded as unjustly exacting in the matter of securities or illiberal in making loans, it stands out as a distinguishing fact in his record as a banker that he has never made a bad loan nor failed to collect a debt which was contracted by him or through his advice. There is probably not another cashier in the State of Missouri of whom this can be said with truth. He is a man of more than ordinary penetration of mind, clear in judgment almost as a cloudless day, and never acts in business matters of importance, or in any other affair of moment, without first considering all the circumstances connected with it—what is necessary to be done, what effect his own course will have, and what the result is likely to be. In business affairs, and especially in financial matters, his opinion is sought and his judgment deferred to by many of the

most intelligent business men of this section of the county, and indeed wherever he is known. In the discharge of his business he is quick and accurate, and always urbane and polite, and he is liked hardly less for his pleasant, agreeable manners than he is esteemed for his ability as a business man. Personally he is quite sociable and, in common with his brothers, he is plain and unassuming. While there is nothing light or frivolous in his character, he is at the same time quite companionable, not to say jovial, when free from business cares, and is always welcomed in every circle where he is known. Among the bankers of the State he has an enviable reputation, for it is recognized by all that he has had not a little to do with making the house with which he is now connected the substantial, able financial institution which it is conceded to be. On the 25th of December, 1869, Mr. Hammett was married to Miss Fannie Jackson, a daughter of Able Jackson, a prominent citizen of Howard county. They have three children: Laddie Bell, Anna and Able M. Mrs. Hammett is a member of the M. E. Church South.

JAMES W. HAMMETT

(Stock Dealer, Farmer, Merchant, Real Estate Dealer, Etc., Huntsville).

The life of Joseph M. Hammett, deceased, father of J. W. Hammett, was one of more than ordinary value to Randolph county in many particulars, in material affairs, as a public-spirited citizen and otherwise; but in no respect was it of as great value as in the worthy citizens he has left to the county, who bear his name. That one is a representative of this family is sufficient assurance to those who know the family that he is a worthy and valuable citizen. And this is said not in any spirit of flattery, for no people are plainer and more unassuming than the Hammetts, but simply as a fact to which, so far as the writer knows, there is not a single exception. Certainly the subject of the present sketch forms no exception to the well known character and reputation of the family whose name he bears. His career has been confined to the sphere of private life, but has been one of great activity, singular good judgment and abundant success, and, like his father, he is one of the substantial men of the county. James W. Hammett, the second son of his father's family of children, was born on the old Hammett homestead, near Huntsville, January 1, 1834, and his youth was characterized by very much the same experiences through which his father passed. In 1855, at the age of 21, he started out in life for himself, and went over into Macon county and engaged in farming. He was never troubled with any distasteful work, and entering upon the duties of farming with energy and resolution, and being a man of good habits and an excellent manager, he of course prospered. Feeling the need of a wife to preside over his home, which his own industry had provided, and having offered his heart and hand to a young lady eminently worthy of both, on the 15th of May, 1856, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Haines, a daughter of Jonathan Haines, a respected citizen of Randolph county.

Mr. Hammett continued farming in Macon county for about 14 years and made a large farm there, a place of about 400 acres, which he still owns. His place is near Callao, and in 1867 he engaged in merchandising in Callao and also dealing quite extensively in tobacco, and buying and selling real estate and handling stock; in fact, since 1867, and indeed since prior to that time he has given his whole attention to various lines of business, and has been successful in all of them. Returning to Randolph county later along, he located on a farm near Huntsville, which he owns, a farm of nearly 400 acres, where he has continued farming, not only carrying on this place, but also superintending another farm of nearly 500 acres in the north-western part of the county which he owns. He is still handling stock quite extensively, including cattle, hogs and mules, and is engaged in the real estate business at Huntsville, buying, selling, trading, renting, etc., farms, raw land, town property, and other real estate, and he himself owns some \$10,000 worth of town property in this city, including residences, business houses, etc. He is also a member of the banking firm of J. M. Hammett & Sons. Mr. Hammett, as these facts show, is one of the live, pushing, enterprising men of Randolph county, and is eminently worthy to bear the honored name he has inherited from his father. In every relation of life he is without reproach. Mr. and Mrs. Hammett have had a family of seven children: Mary E., now Mrs. H. P. Hunter; Betzie B., now Mrs. F. P. Willey, of Moberly, Randolph county; Joseph P., who has charge of the 500-acre farm in the north-western part of the county; James H., Rebecca, Evan H. and Allie J. Hammett. Mr. and Mrs. Hammett are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

BENJAMIN H. HAMMETT

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Section 16, Township 54, Range 15, near Huntsville).

The subject of the present sketch, as is shown by the sketch of his father, Francis M. Hammett, which is the one preceding this, is the second in his father's family of children. He was born on his father's homestead, three miles north-west of Huntsville, December 2, 1856, the old family residence being a half mile from where Benjamin H. now resides. He was reared on the farm and received his higher education at Mt. Pleasant College, but did not continue until his graduation, having quit the year before that would have occurred. On leaving college Mr. Hammett engaged in farming on his own account, becoming a partner with his uncle, Benjamin F. Hammett, with whom he continued until 1878. He then went to Colorado and took charge of the ranch in which he had an interest with his father. He continued in charge of the ranch out there for three years. In 1881 Mr. Hammett returned to Randolph county, or rather in the winter of 1880-81, and the following January, it being the 20th day of the month, his marriage was solemnized with Miss Bindie F. Baker, a daughter of Granville Baker, of this county. She was born

October 11, 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Hammett have one child, Christine. During the March following his marriage Mr. Hammett settled on his present farm. Here he has a place of 260 acres, which is handsomely improved. Mr. Hammett makes a specialty of stock-raising, and also has some fine thoroughbred cattle. He is a stockholder in the Rake and Stacker Manufacturing Company. Mr. Hammett is a young man of energy and enterprise and has already a neat start in life. His future will doubtless prove as worthy and successful as that of the others in the county who bear his name and whose careers are already well advanced.

JAMES D. HEAD

(Deputy County Clerk, Huntsville).

Mr. Head, a lawyer by profession and who has been officially connected with the public affairs of Randolph county more or less desultorily for 30 years, having held various positions in the county, including those of county clerk and county school commissioner among the rest, was born in Huntsville April 30, 1832, and was a son of Dr. Waller Head, a pioneer settler of Huntsville and for many years one of the leading physicians of the place and a highly respected and influential citizen of the county. Mr. Head's mother, before her marriage, was a Miss Hardenia P. Garth, a sister to Dabney C. Garth, an old and prominent merchant of Huntsville. Both parents were originally from Albemarle county, Va. Dr. Head represented this county in the Legislature and was a member elect of the State Constitutional Convention of 1845 at the time of his death. He was still comparatively a young man and if he had lived would doubtless have risen to the first prominence in the affairs of the State, for he was a man of a high order of ability and of great personal magnetism. His widow is still living and finds a welcome and pleasant home with her son James D., the subject of this sketch. She subsequently became the wife of W. L. Boulware, of Cooper county, who is also now deceased. She and her first husband had a family of eight children, James D. being the fifth. James D. Head was reared in Huntsville and was educated at the State University, graduating in the class of 1850. He subsequently taught school for several years and was principal of the school at Glasgow and afterwards at Lafayette, and also later along of the school at Huntsville. While teaching he studied law under Hon. H. M. Porter and was admitted to the bar in 1855. Mr. Head began the practice here after his admission and continued it except when employed with official duties outside of the practice until 1879. He was county school commissioner for six years following 1854 and for five years after 1862 he was county clerk. He has also held the position of deputy in the county and circuit clerk's offices and is now holding that position in the county clerk's office. For a short time during the war he was a member of the State Militia, Union service, but was never called away permanently from Huntsville. Mr. Head has been a member of the

Masonic lodge for nearly 30 years. Personally, he is a man of irreproachable character and justly popular in the county. He is one of the most capable and efficient clerks the county ever had, and his services have come to be regarded as almost indispensable to the public service.

BENJAMIN F. HEATON

(Principal of the Public Schools, Huntsville).

Prof. Heaton, a gentleman of advanced and thorough education and an educator of some 13 years' experience, is a native of the Old Dominion, born in Rappahannock county, May 12, 1850. The Heaton family are representatives of the better class of people in Rappahannock county, and Prof. Heaton's parents were no exceptions to the others of their name in the county. His father was a well-to-do and intelligent farmer and occupied a high place in the esteem of those among whom he lived. He is deceased now, but his wife still survives, and is on her old family homestead in Rappahannock county. Benjamin F. was reared in that county to the age of 17, his youth up to that time being spent on the farm and in the schools of the county. At an early age he showed an ambition for the acquisition of an education and in boyhood and early youth was more than ordinarily attentive to his studies. Though his advantages were those of the average youth of the vicinity, he made much more rapid progress at school than most of his associates and was soon fitted for college, for it had long been the dream of his life to acquire a collegiate education. His father being a man of generous impulses, warm paternal affection, and of liberal ideas with regard to education, and having the intelligence to perceive that his son might accomplish something more in the world than the common lot of boys, if he should have proper advantages, resolved to give him the benefit of a course at college, and accordingly young Heaton was sent to Indiana where he matriculated at the Oxford Academy of Sciences in Oxford, of that State, where relatives of the family were residing. Young Heaton took a thorough course at Oxford, continuing a student in that institution for four years. He graduated in 1872 with marked distinction, and in the same class in which Hon. Arnett Owen graduated, who subsequently became a U. S. district judge in New Mexico, but is now deceased. Immediately after his graduation, such was the high esteem in which Prof. Heaton was held, both personally and as a scholar, by the faculty of his *Alma Mater*, that he was tendered the chair of mathematics and philosophy in that institution, which he accepted and occupied with distinguished ability and success for two terms. He was then offered the position of principal of the public schools at Boswell, Ind., at a flattering salary, and accordingly, taking charge of those schools, he remained at their head five years, and brought them to a high state of efficiency. In 1877 he took charge of the public schools of Fowler, in Benton county, and was soon elected superintendent of the schools of the county, a position he filled for four years and until 1879, when he

came to Missouri, having decided to cast his fortune with this State. Here he first located at Moberly, and was given charge of the High School at that place, which he conducted for two terms, and in 1882 was elected principal of the public schools at this place — Huntsville. Prof. Heaton's career as an educator has been characterized by success from the beginning. A teacher by profession, he adopted this as his calling in life from choice, and in preference to all others, believing it to be the field of the greatest usefulness and the one eminently worthy the ambition and activities of any man who has a proper appreciation of the conditions and responsibilities of life. It is to education that the world must look for the conservation of the best interests of society and the future of humanity. It is by the mind that we see our way through life, the path that not only leads us through this transitory world, but that marks the journey on to Heaven. If then, education tends to improve and brighten the mind, what higher interest can mankind have at stake than the cause of general education? And he, who contributes to the promotion of the cause by devoting his whole life to the work of instructing the young, renders a service to his fellow-men of the highest value. Thus Prof. Heaton looks at it, and viewing it in this light he has entered upon and pursued his great life-work with that earnestness, perseverance and zeal which could not fail of carrying him forward to a high place in his profession. It is not too much to say that he is one of the most thorough and successful educators connected with the public schools in this section of the State. He is a man of clear, practical ideas, wide general information, an industrious student and an indefatigable teacher; and he is singularly fortunate in the ability he possesses to impress upon the minds of his pupils with ease and great pleasure to them the information he desires to impart. This is one of the most important secrets of his success. His services have been of great value to the people of Huntsville, not only in the practical instruction of the young, but in bringing their public schools to that plane of efficiency and success to which he has advanced them. On the 31st of July, 1873, Prof. Heaton was married to Miss Olive A. Stingle, an accomplished daughter of Edward Stingle, of Randolph county, Mo. They have one child, Laura Belle. Mrs. H. is a member of the Christian Church, and the Professor professed faith in the Baptist Church, but was never baptized on account of the congregation being broken up by the excitement incident to the war, the church-house having been completely wrecked. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and Knights of Honor.

JOHN A. HEETHER

(Of J. S. Robertson & Co., Grocers, Huntsville).

Among the prominent and enterprising young business men of this city the subject of the present sketch justly occupies an enviable position. He comes of an old and excellent family of Randolph county, and has had good advantages to fit himself for a successful business

life. Mr. Heether was born in Huntsville, May 1, 1851, and is a son of Lewis (originally of Germany) and Catherine (Artman) Heether, the latter formerly from Kentucky. He was reared in this place, and his early years from boyhood were spent in the local schools and in assisting in his father's grocery store. Later along he took a course at Mt. Pleasant College, and in 1871 obtained a situation on the Wabash Railroad as U. S. express messenger between Kansas City and St. Louis, in which he continued for over two years, being also during a part of that time on the Missouri Pacific in the same capacity. In 1873 he left the road and began clerking for W. T. Jackson at Huntsville, and afterwards for J. B. Carney. He continued clerking until 1875, when, being in a situation to engage in business for himself, he established a store on his own account. Mr. Heether carried on his store until 1880, when he sold out and engaged in the mule trade, buying and shipping quite extensively to St. Louis. He also in a little while became a partner in the firm of J. S. Robertson & Co., in the grocery and queen's-ware trade, in which he has since continued. They have one of the leading houses in their line at Huntsville, and carry an exceptionally large and well selected stock of goods. Both men are of good means and excellent business qualifications, and are very popular wherever they are known for their recognized integrity of character, accommodating disposition and agreeable manners. They will occupy a leading position in the business affairs of Huntsville as long as they desire to continue identified with its trade. Mr. Heether was married January 31, 1874, to Miss Maria, a daughter of Judge George H. Burckhardt. Mrs. Heether, coming of one of the best families in the county, is herself a lady of rare personal worth and superior charms of manners and conversation. Mr. and Mrs. Heether are esteemed members of the best society at Huntsville. They have three children: Franklin Hobbs, Paul Oliver and Adam Smith. Mrs. H. is a member of the Baptist Church, and Mr. H. is Grand Foreman of the United Workmen order, and is a member of the Knights of Honor and of the Masonic order. He is a young man of fine intelligence, good education, and the best of business qualifications. Active, upright and enterprising, with the excellent start he already has in life, his future seems one of more than ordinary promise.

HENRY AND THOMAS B. HERNDON,

(Business Men, Huntsville).

Every one who knows anything about the people of Randolph county is familiar with the life of the father of these gentlemen, Dr. Bertley P. Herndon, deceased, late of this place. He practiced medicine at Huntsville for 45 years, without interruption and until his death in 1880, at an advanced old age, thus illustrating the distich in Cymbeline:—

“By medicine life may be prolonged, yet death
Will seize the doctors too.”

He was a skillful and successful physician, a man of fine intelligence and wide information, an upright citizen and an esteemed neighbor and friend. No citizen of Huntsville was ever more generally and sincerely respected, and the news of his death was received by all who knew him with universal sorrow. He was from Albemarle county, Va., born in 1806, and came to this county in about 1830. His wife, before her marriage, was Miss Margaret Belsher, of Huntsville, who died in 1883, at the age of 51. She was originally of Kentucky. They had five children: Adelia W., now the wife of W. C. Davis, of St. Louis; Henry, Bertley P., of Schuyler county; Thomas B. and Mattie, *femme libre* of St. Louis, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Davis. Henry and Thomas B. Herndon were born at Huntsville, respectively, February 7, 1851, and July 10, 1854. Both were reared here and educated at Mt. Pleasant College. Henry has been in business at Huntsville, and is now retail liquor dealer at this place, having a good trade and is doing quite well. He is an intelligent, worthy citizen and is well respected. About the worst thing that can be said of him is that he is not married, for every good man owes his affections and a comfortable support to some worthy, good woman. Thomas B. was engaged in the grocery business here up to 1882, when he went to Sumner and embarked in the drug business. On the 22d of September, 1881, he was married to Miss Cynthia Amerman of Lewis county.

MOSES HEYMAN

(Dealer in General Merchandise, Huntsville).

Mr. Heymann is a worthy representative of that large class of foreign-born citizens who have come to this country and done much to augment its prosperity in trade, commerce, manufactures, agriculture, and, indeed, in every department of human energy and thrift. Native-born Americans, reared amid the multiplied advantages which this country affords for successful careers and for the accumulation of wealth, often fail to appreciate the abundant opportunities everywhere about them, and in not a few instances fail to benefit by them. But let the intelligent foreigner come here from a country less favored than ours, more thickly populated, and where competition is much greater, and in a little while he will be well advanced on the high road to success. This fact is illustrated by the careers of our foreign-born citizens in almost every community, and by the careers of few more forcibly than by that of this sketch. Mr. Heymann was born in Kirchburg, July 24, 1839, and was reared in his native country up to the age of 18, during which time he served a regular apprenticeship as required there, receiving a diploma for skill and proficiency. In 1857 he came to America and was at Pittsburg, Pa., for a year. From Pittsburg he came to Randolph county, Mo., and began here as a peddler. From that time to this, with the exception of a short absence, he has been a resident of Randolph county. In 1865 he opened a store at Huntsville and has since been engaged in merchandising at

this place. Mr. Heymann has built up one of the largest mercantile establishments at Huntsville, and keeps employed in his store continually four or five men. He does an annual cash business of over \$30,000, and his trade is increasing from year to year. Such a record as this speaks its own eulogy, and nothing could be said to the credit of him who has made it greater than it implies. Fair dealing, and treating everybody respectfully and with accommodation have made him not only a successful merchant, but esteemed and popular as a man and citizen. On the 7th of May, 1863, Mr. Heymann was married in St. Louis to Miss Emily Schweich, of Trier on the Moselle, in France. Mrs. Heymann was born December 3, 1839, and came to America in 1858. They have eight children: Carrie, Dora, Gustave, Otelia, Bertha, Gertrude, Charlotte and Julius. Mr. Heymann has been a member of the Masonic order since 1861, and he is also a member of the A. O. U. W. For 13 years he has been secretary to the school board and he is also a member of the board of directors of the Huntsville Gas Light Company, and a member of the Building and Loan Association.

NEAL HOLMAN

(Of Holman & Payne, Dealers in Hardware, etc., etc., Huntsville).

Mr. Holman's father, John Holman (who was a brave soldier in the Black Hawk War), was one of the early settlers of Randolph county and gave the name to Silver creek which it still bears. He was married here to Miss Eliza Murphy, a daughter of Neal Murphy, another pioneer settler of the county. Both the father and maternal grandfather were originally from Kentucky. Neal Holman was the fourth in the family of his parent's children and was born on Silver creek, October 7, 1841, and reared on his father's farm. In 1861 he enlisted in the State Guard and followed the flag of the South for 12 months, during which he participated in the battles of Boonville, Lexington, Pea Ridge, and numerous other engagements of less importance. He then became separated from the army and being unable to rejoin it, on account of intervening federal forces, crossed over into Illinois, and remained there as a refugee until the close of the war. While in Illinois he took up the carpenter's trade and learned it and continued to work at it until eight or nine years ago. In 1872 he went to California and was absent on the Pacific coast a year. Except during that time he has been in this county ever since the war. During most of the time he has been engaged in farming in connection with carpentering. In January, 1882, he became a partner with Mr. F. T. Payne in the hardware business, and they have since conducted the business together. They have one of the best hardware stores at Huntsville, having an unusually well selected stock in their line and they are doing a large and steadily increasing business. They are both men of character and deal fairly with their customers, having uniform prices, and they sell at figures as low as the state of the market will allow, and hence while it has become known that they

keep the best class of goods, it is equally well known that their prices are reasonable and fair. On the 24th of December, 1868, Mr. Holman was married to Miss Augusta Belsher a daughter of Milton Belsher of this county. They have five children: Ada M., Willie, Russell, Jackson and Ethel. Mr. Holman is a stockholder in the Rake and Stacker Company. He also has a good farm of about a quarter section of land a couple of miles from town. He and wife are members of the Christian Church.

JOHN R. HULL

(Attorney at Law and Judge of the Probate Court, Huntsville).

In preparing a biographical conspectus of Randolph county to accompany the general history of the county, it would be an omission to be regretted, both by the publishers and by the public, not to include a sketch of the life of the worthy citizen whose name stands at the head of this brief statement of facts. Judge Hull is a plain, unassuming gentleman, of much worth and greater modesty, who has long and usefully been identified with the county; a good lawyer, a faithful and capable official, and an upright and valuable citizen. This much is said of him in frankness and candor, for if his name is to be mentioned in the history of the county at all, not less could be said with truth. He has no desire to see his name in print, for he is the last man that would consent to be paraded before the public or to cut a figure, and the greatest difficulty we have in preparing this sketch is to so word it that it will not be objectionable to his sense of the fitness of things. Judge Hull is a native of Virginia, born August 31, 1831, and his family, a highly respectable one, had been settled in that State or colony for 100 years prior to the Revolution. His father, John Hull, was born and reared in Northumberland county, and his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah E. Ball, was of the same county. Judge Hull's parents died while he was still in childhood, and but one other of the family is now living, Sarah E., the wife of James W. Ball, of Carroll county. The Judge was reared by his uncle, R. H. Ball, a successful school teacher of Northumberland county, by whom the nephew was given a well grounded and thorough common English and classical education. At the age of 18 young Hull began the study of law at Baltimore, Md., under an able lawyer of that city, Hon. St. George W. Teackle. Continuing study at Baltimore until 1852, or for a period of three years, by which time he had reached his majority, he was then admitted to the bar. He remained in Baltimore until 1854, when he located at Huntsville, Mo., where he has since resided and been engaged in the practice. He married here on the 14th of October, 1858. Miss Josephine Ball, a daughter of Frederick and Martha K. Ball, became his wife. She survived, however, less than a year, dying August 18, 1859. December 7, 1873, he was married to Mrs. Lou. J. Horner, widow of James S. Horner, and a daughter of Noah Kingsbury, of the well known Kingsbury family, of Howard county, one of the oldest and best families in that county. She has two children by her former marriage: Laura S. and Lena P. Horner.

The Judge has no children of his own. Judge Hull has always been recognized as a safe, reliable lawyer and upright man. A man of solid, substantial, instead of brilliant, flashy talents, he depends for success in his profession more on industry in making himself thoroughly familiar with the law and the facts of a case, and presenting them to judge or jury in a clear, practical, common sense light, and appealing to their judgment and intelligence for a favorable decision, than on sharp turns in the practice and brilliant triumphs as an orator. He is a forcible, convincing speaker, and his high character gives his words more than ordinary weight with judge and jury. His career as a lawyer has been one of satisfactory success, and without a blemish. Judge Hull was for two years county attorney of Randolph county, and afterwards prosecuting attorney from 1872 to 1875. In 1882 he was elected probate judge, and is still serving in that office. The fact that he was advanced to a position in which he has, to a large extent, the care of the estates of widows and orphans, shows in what confidence he is held by the people of the county. The duties and responsibilities of this office he has discharged thus far with singular efficiency and good judgment, and commendation is the opinion everywhere expressed of his career as a judicial officer. The Judge and his wife are both members of the M. E. Church South, and he has been a member of the Masonic order for 28 years, having filled every station in the local lodge.

JOHN THOMAS HUNT

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. H., an energetic farmer and worthy citizen of Salt Spring township, was a grandson of Daniel Hunt, from whom the city of Huntsville took its name, he having settled on the site of that place away back when the inhabitants of the territory now included in Randolph county could be numbered on one's fingers. He and his brother, Nathan, came out from Kentucky among the first settlers of this part of the county, and both lived here until their deaths. In Daniel Hunt's family were two sons, William and Andrew, the first of whom married Miss Matilda Turner, also originally from Kentucky. Of this union came John Thomas Hunt, the subject of the present sketch, who was born on the present site of Huntsville, September 15, 1845. His father was a farmer by occupation, as was also his grandfather, but his father went to California during the gold excitement and died there in 1849. He left one other child besides John Thomas, Sarah M., who is still unmarried. John Thomas was reared by his uncle Andrew and remained with him until of majority. He was brought up to a farm life and received a good practical education in the common schools. In 1864 he enlisted in the Southern service, and was under Capt. Jack Baker most of the time, the latter's company being a part of Elliott's brigade. Remaining out until the surrender at Shreveport, he then returned to Randolph county, and engaged in farming, which he has since followed. March 4, 1869, he was married to Miss Eliza J. Chapman, a daughter of Robert and Eliza J. (Barnes)

Chapman, of this county, but originally of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have four children: Ella, Arthur, Wilmer and Lillie. One is deceased, John Forrest Jackson. Mr. Hunt's farm contains 200 acres, and he has resided on his present place for the past seven years. He is quite extensively engaged in the stock business, raising and shipping cattle, hogs and mules. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt are members of the M. E. Church South.

CLIFTON T. KERBY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Section 3, Township 53, Range 15, near Huntsville).

Mr. Kerby has one of the handsomest farms in Salt Spring township. His place contains over 300 acres and is a plat of land of more than ordinary natural beauty. It is gently undulating, sufficiently rolling for good natural drainage, but not broken enough to cause washes by cultivation and heavy rains. His improvements are of a character to correspond with the natural beauty of his land. His fences are substantial and in excellent repair and his buildings are neat and comfortable, and constructed with an eye to appearance only less than utility and durability. Mr. Kerby, as his place shows, is a progressive, enterprising and successful farmer. He is a native of Kentucky, born in Madison county, August 10, 1849. His parents were E. P. and Elizabeth E. (Baker) Kerby. When Clifton T. was a lad 10 years of age, they came to Missouri and settled in Howard county, where they lived for 14 years, and then came to Randolph, locating a mile and a half from Huntsville. The father always followed farming and stock-raising, and Clifton T. followed his example. He remained with his father until his marriage, which was the 22d of February, 1872. Miss Cassie Rutherford then became his wife. She was a daughter of Jesse and Sallie (Adams) Rutherford, and was born in Randolph county, May 26, 1851. Both her parents are deceased. When she was only five years of age her mother died, and she was reared by her grandmother in Howard county. Her father died in 1865. Mr. Kerby settled on a farm, where he now resides, in 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Kerby have five children: Joseph, William, George, James, and a girl, Lucy. Both parents are members of the Christian Church.

THOMAS B. KIMBROUGH

(Attorney at Law, Huntsville).

Mr. Kimbrough has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession for nearly 20 years, or since 1866, and his life as a lawyer is better written in the judicial records of the county than it could possibly be sketched here. A man of untiring energy, a close student and a careful practitioner, it is but the truth to say that he has long been recognized as one of the safe and successful lawyers of this circuit, and that he commands the confidence of the public not only in his profession but as a man and citizen. As a counselor he is cautious, discerning and safe; in shaping the case of his client on the

record — in stating the facts on which he relies for the assertion or the defeat of a claim — he is accurate, painstaking and vigilant; and in the trial of a cause his resources are almost inexhaustible; he lays before the triers, whether court or jury, every relevant fact ascertainable by legal evidence. His comments on the evidence are always forcible and often masterly; and in the discussion of the legal principles applicable to these facts he has few if any superiors in the circuit. Mr. Kimbrough was born and reared in Randolph county, and was a son of John S. and Lucinda C. (Hamilton) Kimbrough, his father of North Carolina, but his mother of Kentucky. They met and were married, however, in Randolph county, where they reared their family and lived until his father's death, which occurred in 1874. His mother is still living. John S. Kimbrough came to Missouri when a mere boy with his uncle, Thomas Kimbrough. The latter first came to Tennessee in about 1816 from Surry county, N. C., when the nephew was only seven years of age. The following year he removed to Todd county, Ky., and in 1818 came to Howard county, Mo., but the next year settled permanently in Randolph county. Here the nephew grew up and was married, as stated above, to Miss Lucinda Hamilton. Thomas B. Kimbrough, the subject of this sketch, spent his youth at home on the farm of his father. However, when 15 years of age he went to Glasgow and attended school for a short time and then began teaching near Renick. He subsequently taught at other points and later along entered Mt. Pleasant College in which he continued as a student until his graduation in 1860. Mr. Kimbrough resumed teaching after his graduation and kept it up for about five years, during which time he had charge of a number of the best schools of the county, including the select school at Roanoke in connection with Prof. James Roan. In the meantime, he had occupied his leisure to good advantage with the study of the law, and at the March term of the circuit court of Randolph county, in 1866, he was admitted to the bar and duly licensed to practice by Judge Burekhartt. He at once entered upon the practice of his profession and has continued it from that time forward without interruption. In 1876 he became a member of the legal firm of Kimbrough & Terrill, in which he has continued up to the present time. This firm has a large practice and is one of the leading firms at the bar in the circuit. Mr. Kimbrough has from the beginning been thoroughly wedded to his profession, and aside from the general interest he takes in political affairs he gives the law his whole time and attention. A man of superior order of ability, he has risen to his present prominence as a lawyer by using his talents as the successful farmer uses his plow — industriously and patiently, from early morn until dewy eve. Mr. Kimbrough, though an active participant in the political affairs of his county, has a brief record as a candidate for personal preferment. When a young man, away back in 1866, he ran for county treasurer and was defeated by his opponent, Robert Gillman, by a small majority, since which he has had no desire to engage again in a canvass

for office, and he has steadily refused to become a candidate in any circumstances. An earnest Democrat, however, he is always anxious to see the principles of his party prevail at the polls. Being a good speaker he has been called to take the stump for his party in Randolph and neighboring counties in every canvass which has occurred for the last ten years, a call that he has never declined; and no man has contributed more materially to the success of his party in this section than he. Mr. Kimbrough is a singularly entertaining and popular speaker, and he never fails to draw a large gathering to hear him whenever he is announced to speak. While his arguments are convincing, he intersperses his remarks with well-toned and apt anecdotes, so that he amuses while he instructs, and having much enthusiasm himself, he inspires his audience with the same spirit and zeal; and thus his speakings prove of much practical value to the party in stimulating the people to come out to the polls and vote as all good men should vote—the straight Democratic ticket. Mr. Kimbrough has been twice married. His first wife, before her marriage, was a Miss Julia A. Roan, of Roanoke. To her he was married August 14, 1862. She died about eight years afterwards, June 13, 1870. To his present wife, previously Miss Carrie L. Vroom, he was married March 4, 1874. She was previously a successful school teacher and had been connected with the public school at Jefferson City. She is a lady of superior intelligence and excellent education. They have one child, Roscoe H. They lost a little daughter in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Kimbrough are members of the Baptist Church, and he has been a member of the Masonic order for nearly 20 years. In 1868 Mr. Kimbrough was chosen a member of the board of trustees of Mt. Pleasant College, and he has been secretary of the board ever since that time. He has also held the office of city attorney, but without any desire or solicitation on his part. Mr. Kimbrough is a relative to John S. Kimbrough, a prominent citizen of Clinton, Mo., one of whose daughters is the wife of Hon. Harvey W. Salmon, ex-State treasurer and probably the next governor of Missouri.

JOHN P. KLINK

(Post-office, Huntsville).

Mr. Klink is a Bavarian, and the son of Gottlieb F. Klink and Jacob Wena Wooldridge, both natives of Bavaria. He was born April 14, 1828, and lived in his own country until 1849. He received a good education in his native language and when 15 years of age began to learn the baker's trade, and after serving as apprentice at it for three years he traveled through Germany, plying his vocation in the different cities. As at the age of 21 every young man is required to enter the army and as no minor is permitted to leave the State, John P. being on the border line, slipped away and emigrated to the States. After a stormy and adventurous trip across the ocean, he landed at New Orleans, May 8, 1849. He first chose St. Louis as his field of future greatness, but after working at his trade there for 18

months, and at Boonville nine months, he went to Glasgow in 1852 and started a bakery for himself. He carried this on a year, then came to Randolph county and went into business at Huntsville. Fortune frowned upon his venture, and after two months he was burned out, losing everything in the world he possessed, even his clothing. He had positively not a hat for his head. Left thus, lord of himself and naught beside, many men would have given up in despair, but Mr. Klink rising like a Phoenix from the flames and with the timely aid of a friend, started again and after 14 years of hard work and close attention to business, accumulated a nice property. His was the first bakery in Huntsville and indeed in the whole section of the country. Mr. K. still owns this as well as residence property in the town. In the spring of 1866 he bought a farm already partially improved and moved out to it. He now has 440 acres of land all fenced and about 240 acres cleared and improved, a nice one-story residence, ice-house, stables and other out-buildings, also a thrifty young orchard of 100 trees, beside grapes and other small fruits in quantity sufficient to supply himself and his neighbors. Mr. Klink was married February 14, 1855, to Miss Elizabeth S., daughter of Robert Belsher, formerly from Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. K. have a family of eight children: Mattie, Jonathan, Sylvester, Louisa, Emma, George W., James F. and Mary Sue. Mrs. R. belongs to the Baptist Church while her husband is inclined to the Lutheran faith. He is an ancient Odd Fellow, and has filled many of the chairs of the order. As gold tried by fire, Mr. Klink has emerged from the furnace of life's vicissitudes. He now occupies a position which few men mid the "changes and chances of this mortal life" attain.

JUDGE ASHLEY G. LEA

(Huntsville).

An old pioneer citizen of Randolph county, and for many years one of its most successful farmers, now four years past the allotted age of three-score and ten. Judge L. is spending the Indian summer of his life comfortably situated on an excellent homestead, and in comparative retirement, favored with a competency of this world's goods, blessed with the respect and esteem of his neighbors and acquaintances, and happy in the love and veneration of his own family. Having lived a useful and successful life and a life upon which no breath of reproach has ever fallen, and having passed his days in the consciousness of his duties and responsibilities here, and in the full faith of a life beyond the grave—having lived in accordance with the principles and doctrines of the Christian religion, as nearly as the weakness of flesh has rendered possible, and having fixed his hope on the Redeemer whom he has ever tried to serve, and in whom he has ever trusted; now, as the shadows of the evening of life begin to fall, he can look back upon the day of his earthly career with but few regrets, and forward to the dawning of the glorious morning of immortality with hope and faith, and without fear. To have so lived is to have fulfilled as nearly as

commonly falls to the lot of men the true mission of mankind upon the earth. Ashley G. Lea was born in Caswell county, N. C., February 3, 1810. He was reared in his native State, and was there married on the 5th of September, 1832, to Miss Mary Matlock, a sister to Capt. Matlock, of this county. Six years afterwards he and his wife came to Missouri with the Matlock family, and he located three miles west of Huntsville where he bought land and improved the farm which William Smith now owns, building the brick residence still on the place. The place contained 340 acres of land. Judge Lea removed to his present place in 1865. This is situated a mile and a half south of Huntsville and contains 230 acres. He has sold it, however, to his son-in-law, John T. Dameron. Judge Lea was a member of the county court for eight years, his colleagues having been Judges Charles B. Stewart and Joseph Goodding and others. In 1849, during the gold excitement, he went to California, where he was engaged in mining and in the grocery trade for about two years. The Judge and Mrs. Lea have had a family of five children: James M., Anavia, now Mrs. John Henderson, of Salisbury, Mo.; Mary, now Mrs. George T. Malone; Josephine, now Mrs. John T. Dameron; and William G., who is a farmer and stock-raiser, residing six miles north-west of Huntsville. Judge Lea has been a member of the Masonic order 40 years. He was road and bridge commissioner for six years following 1866, and was four years justice of the peace. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church.

John T. Dameron was born October 20, 1845, and was a son of William L. and Priscilla (Cravens) Dameron, his mother being now deceased, but his father is still living, and, at the age of 65, finds a pleasant home with his son. John T. was reared on the farm, and was married to Miss Josephine Lea, June 10, 1856. He subsequently followed farming in this county, and in 1880 bought his father-in-law's farm where he now resides. He makes a specialty of raising cattle and hogs. In 1861 he enlisted in the State Guard under Capt. Sanders and was in the battles of Lexington, Dry Wood and less engagements, under Capt. Sanders. He was subsequently under Capt. Matlock, and while with him was in the battle at Pea Ridge. He was honorably discharged at the end of his service, but on his way home was made a prisoner at Springfield, Mo., by the Federals and confined at Springfield for three months. After this he staid at home until 1864, when, his life being threatened by the militia, he started South to join Price, but on the way fell in with Quantrell's men with whom he served for three months. He then made his way to Illinois, and took no further part in the war. Mr. and Mrs. Dameron have five children: Ashley, Lutie, Frank, John E., Pencie, and an infant. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South.

RICHARD EARICKSON LEWIS

(Proprietor of the Randolph Creamery, and Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Lewis is a worthy representative of that old and respected family of Central Missouri whose name he bears. His father, Col. Ben-

jamin Lewis, was for many years one of the leading and wealthy men of Howard county, and, indeed, was one of the prominent men of the State. He accumulated a large fortune in the tobacco business, and was as highly esteemed for his many estimable qualities of head and heart as he was eminently successful in the business affairs of life. He was a man of sterling integrity and great business ability, and was one of the most public-spirited citizens in his section of the State. His brother, Maj. J. W. Lewis, was also a prominent man of the State, and the descendants of each occupy leading positions in business or agricultural life wherever they reside. Col. Ben Lewis was for a number of years vice-president of the North Missouri Railroad, and later of the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern. He is one of the leading railroad and business men of St. Louis. Richard E. Lewis, the subject of this sketch, was born at Glasgow, Mo., December 30, 1857, and was principally reared in Howard county. He had the benefit of a thorough course of training in the common and intermediate schools, and afterwards entered Princeton College, of New Jersey, from which he graduated with marked credit. Upon returning from college in 1877, he located at St. Louis and engaged in the coal and iron mining business in which he continued with success for about for years. In 1881 Mr. Lewis decided to engage in agricultural pursuits, for which he always had great preference, and he came to Randolph county and located on a farm in the vicinity of Huntsville. Here he has a place of 1,000 acres and is extensively engaged in stock-raising. In the fall of 1882, in association with others he organized the Randolph Creamery Company, and established a creamery at Huntsville which now has a capacity for 2,400 pounds of butter per day. In connection with this, he has his farm stocked with milch cows, which afford a large percentage of the cream used by his creamery. Both in stock-raising and the creamery business, Mr. Lewis has been quite successful, considering the time he has been thus engaged. October 20, 1880, Mr. Lewis was married to Miss Libbie N. Hutchinson, a daughter of John Hutchinson, a prominent citizen of Chariton county. Mrs. Lewis is a lady of culture and refinement and presides over her elegant home with rare grace and dignity. She is much esteemed in the best society of Huntsville and vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. L. have two children: Sarah Eleanor and Christine. Both parents are members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Lewis is a prominent member of the Masonic order.

ALONZO M. AND JOHN C. McCRARY

(Of McCrary Bros., Grocers, Huntsville).

These young gentlemen, both energetic and thoroughly qualified business men, are representatives of one of the pioneer and highly respected families of Howard county. Their grandfather, Benjamin McCrary, came to that county from Tennessee among its first settlers, and died there in 1881 at the advanced age of 93, and on the farm which he opened when the Indian and bear were still in the county.

The father, John McCrary, was reared in Howard county, and when a young man was married there to Miss Mariam Witt, of another old and prominent family of that county. He and wife are still living on their farm near Fayette and are in well-to-do circumstances. The sons, Alonzo M. and John C., were born, respectively, March 15, 1853, and February 2, 1858, and were reared on the farm. Alonzo M. McCrary remained on the farm near Fayette until the fall of 1880, when he came to Salisbury and engaged in the grocery business with B. F. Davis under the firm name of McCrary & Davis, where he remained until 1882, when he established his present business at Huntsville with his brother, John C. On the 16th of October, 1878, he was married to Miss Ada Graves, a daughter of Terry Graves, of Huntsville. They have one child, an infant. Floy, a daughter, died in infancy. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

JOHN C. MCCRARY received his general education at Central College in Fayette, and in 1882 took a course in commercial college, graduating from Bryant's Commercial College at St. Joseph in the spring of 1883. He then came to Huntsville and became a partner with his brother in their present business the same year. They carry an excellent stock of groceries and are rapidly building up a large trade. Both are young men of character and popular manners, and have already won the confidence and esteem of the community.

BASLEY W. MALONE

(Superintendent of the County Eleemosynary Farm, near Huntsville).

Mr. Malone has had charge of the county farm for nearly six years, and in that time, by his industry, intelligence and good management, has made it one of the handsomest and best conducted places of its kind, and, withal, one of the least expensive, the number of inmates considered, in the State. It is not a common thing that a man of his character and ability, capable of succeeding anywhere, is found in charge of an eleemosynary establishment of this kind; not that they are not worthy of the attention of the best of men, for the duties attaching to them should command the best qualities of head and heart, but that men of enterprise and capacity generally direct their energies in other lines, and in business and industries partaking more directly of individual interest. When, therefore, one can be found to take charge of a place of this kind and manage it as Mr. Malone has managed this place, he is entitled only to the more credit for his services, and this has not been refused him by those who know him and are familiar with his manner of carrying on the county farm. He stands high in public esteem, as does also his excellent wife and family. Mr. Malone is a native Randolphian, born on Sweet Spring creek, March 27, 1831. His parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (Dameron) Malone, came to Randolph county from North Carolina in 1829. The father died here in 1843, and the mother four years afterwards. They had a family of 11 children, most of whom are living, and are themselves the heads of families, but Basley W. is a resi-

dent of Randolph, as is all of the family, except one, who lives in Sacramento City, Cal. He was reared to habits of industry, and on the 29th of June, 1854, was married to Miss Susan F. Collins, a daughter of Lemuel and Courtney (Robertson) Collins. Her father died and her mother afterwards married Thomas Jackson, who is also now deceased, but the mother is still living at the advanced age of 70. Mr. Malone lived from the age of 14 with his uncle, George A. Mathis, and was engaged in putting up tobacco until his marriage. He then engaged in coopering at Mt. Airy, and also ran a blacksmith shop for about nine years. In 1864 he enlisted in Capt. Matlock's company of the Southern service, but was soon afterwards captured in October, and kept in prison at St. Louis and Alton until February, 1865. Returning to Randolph county, he engaged in farming near Clifton, where he continued for eight years. Coming to Huntsville in 1873, he was engaged in putting up tobacco and the butcher business here until he took charge of the county farm. Mr. and Mrs. Malone have one daughter, Katie M., now a young lady. Mr. Malone has been an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for 20 years, and has been a member since he was 15 years of age. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and is treasurer of the lodge at Huntsville. For one term he was deputy sheriff of the county under Capt. W. F. Elliott.

JOHN W. AND WILLIAM Y. MASON

(Farmers and Stock-raisers).

These brothers, independent farmers and stock-raisers of Randolph county, first saw the light on the same day, June 2, 1849. Their father, William Mason, was a native of Kentucky, where he lived until after his marriage. His wife was Elena J. Payton, also a native of the State. Mr. Mason moved to Missouri in 1844, and located on the farm where his sons now live. John W. and William Y. were raised on the farm and educated at the neighboring schools. Since the death of their father, April 17, 1872, they have taken charge of, and carried on the farm, which is a large and flourishing one. It comprises 480 acres with about 300 improved and in cultivation. William Y. Mason married October 14, 1874, Miss Ithena Owen, daughter of James Owen, a Kentuckian, but one of the pioneers of the county. They have only one child, Ivola. Two years after his brother succumbed to the almost inevitable fate of man, J. W. Mason followed suit, wedding January 5, 1876, Miss Theresa J., daughter of Josiah Terry, a resident of Randolph. To them were born three children: Mittie White, Owen and Asa. Though these brothers, with that peculiar affection which always seems to animate the hearts of twins, have clung together, yet they do not make one household; J. W. continues to live in the old homestead, which is a handsome two-story building; he has a good barn, ice-house and other things necessary to the comfort of a prosperous farmer, including a nice young bearing orchard of seventy trees. William Y. has a pretty,

new, one-story residence, ice-house, two good barns and fine orchard. In the sight of these two men bound by the closest tie that unites one man to another, dwelling in this haunt of peace, where "Nature's heart beats strong," surrounded on every side by associations and reminders of a past generation, there is something almost Arcadian: —

Noiseless falls the foot of time
That only treads on flowers,

and though these respected gentlemen are in the firm vigor of manhood, one can imagine them living thus serene and happy for at least a hundred years to come.

JAMES HORACE MILLER

(Deputy Circuit Clerk, Huntsville, and Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Miller, a self-made man, and one of the popular citizens of Randolph county, is a native of the Blue Grass State, born in Nicholasville, Ky., April 16, 1832. His parents were Thomas and Nellie (Branham) Miller, both of old and respected Kentucky families. The father died, however, when James Horace was but two years of age, and after becoming old enough to be of any service he was given a position in a store, and he continued identified with merchandising in the capacity of a clerk until he was 20 years of age. His education was acquired mainly by self-culture or study during leisure hours without an instructor. The nature of his duties as a clerk were such that to be efficient and capable he needed a good practical education, and this he had the industry and force of character to acquire. He became a very successful and popular clerk, and his services were in request wherever he was known. In 1852, however, he decided to cast his fortune with the future of Missouri, and he accordingly came out to this State and selected Macon county as the place of his residence. There he engaged in clerking and afterwards obtained a situation in the county clerk's office. When the war broke out he promptly enlisted in the State Guard under Gov. Jackson's call, and for three years afterwards he followed the Southern banner and participated in many of the hardest fought battles of the war. He was honorably discharged at the expiration of his service, but while on his return to Missouri he was made a prisoner by the Vermont troops and confined at Camp Morton, in Indiana, until about the close of the war. During most of his service in the Confederate army Mr. Miller held the rank of orderly sergeant, and he was noted in his regiment for the efficiency and energy with which he discharged the duties of his office. He returned to Missouri after his release from prison and engaged in farming near Darksville, in this county. On the 12th of November, 1868, he was married to Miss Mattie, a daughter of Watson and Hannah (Marvin) Carter, of Randolph

county, but originally of Virginia. Mr. Miller continued farming with success until 1878, when he was elected assessor of the county and served for four years. In 1882 he was a candidate before the Democratic convention for the nomination to the office of county clerk, but was defeated by Mr. Wight. Since that time he has been deputy circuit clerk, the position he now holds. Mr. Miller was a capable and energetic farmer, and has made a very efficient and popular county officer. He is one of those whole-souled, open-hearted, generous men, who cannot help being kind and accommodating, and whom the people cannot help liking if they would, and would not if they could. He is an outspoken, frank-minded man, a good talker, because he always has something worth listening to to say, and he makes friends wherever he goes as fast as a hungry barn-fowl swallows dough. As honest as daylight, and the soul of cleverness in every way, he is just the man to be popular in any well regulated community, and although he ran on the outside track and came out a neck behind in 1880, only because he thought he could win anyhow,—it is not always the boy who knocks the first apple who gets over the fence with the most fruit. Several bad harvests hardly ever follow each other in succession, and it is not improbable that the next reaping will fill his granary,—at any rate, that seems to be the opinion of the public now, for the people recognize the fact that official advancement could not be more worthily bestowed than on him, a man who has ever stood up for their interests when others were silent, if doing nothing worse, and one whom they know to be capable and honest. The people have a native and incorruptible sense of fairness, and they will not always submit to see a man pushed aside to make place for others no more worthy and capable than he. Mr. Miller is a prominent member of the Odd Fellow's order, having taken the highest degree in the lodge, and he is also a member of the Knights of Honor and of the Masonic order. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have five children: Anna, Maggie, Thomas, Nellie and Mary. Mrs. M. is a member of the Baptist Church.

THOMAS BENTON MINOR

(Huntsville).

Mr. Minor descends from an old and respected Virginia family. His ancestor of the fourth generation, Joseph Minor, was a well-to-do farmer and worthy citizen of Culpeper county, where he lived until his death. He left a family of several children, including George H. Minor, who, after he grew up, married Mary Gatewood, of the adjoining county of Spottsylvania. She was a daughter of Joseph Gatewood, Sr., of that county, and was one of two sisters in a family of seven. One of her brothers, Joseph Gatewood, Jr., subsequently removed to Kentucky and then to Pike county, Mo., and Dr. R. H. T. Gatewood, of Audrain county, near Wellsville, is his son. George H. Minor and wife, *nee* Mary Gatewood, also removed to Kentucky and located in Scott county where he lived

for many years, but in 1831 he, too, came to Missouri and settled permanently in Randolph county, where he and wife died at advanced ages. They had a family of 18 children, namely: Samuel, born August 8, 1811, married Luvena Stewart, and died in Randolph county; Joseph L., born September 18, 1812, married Sallie A. Cavins, and resides at Huntsville; John, born October 25, 1815, married Mary R. Cook; they became the parents of the subject of this sketch, and will again be referred to further along; Larkin, born May 1, 1816, now deceased; Mary A., born December 19, 1817, became the wife of Henry Thomas, and resides in Chariton county, in Salisbury; Merritt, born February 17, 1819, married Elizabeth Stewart, and died in Randolph county; Eliza, born March 19, 1821, is now deceased; Virginia, born November 6, 1822, is also deceased; Lydia, born March 10, 1824, married Walter Bohn, now of this county; Henry, born October 18, 1825, married Rachel Sears, and lives in Polk county; Harriet, born October 21, 1827, died in this county; Haskins, born April 22, 1829, also died in Randolph county; Elizabeth, born October 27, 1830, is also deceased; Cinsey, born July 1, 1832, married George W. McDonald, and deceased in this county; Josephine, born July 3, 1834, married W. A. Thomas, and died in this county in 1882; Willis, born April 24, 1837, married Martha Epperly and resides in Chariton county, in Salisbury; Sallie, born August 6, 1840, married Andrew Agee and resides in this county; and Lewis, born December 9, 1841, married Barbara Epperly and resides in Salisbury. The father of these, George H. Minor, was a man of sterling character and solid intelligence, and led a life without reproach and was fairly successful as a farmer, also a school teacher. His wife was an estimable lady and greatly loved in her own family, as well as prized by others who knew her as a neighbor and friend.

John Minor, their third son, who afterwards became the father of the subject of this sketch, was still a youth when the family came to Missouri. In early manhood he became a cabinet maker and worked at his trade at Huntsville for many years. He was regarded as a mechanical genius by those who knew him, for there was hardly anything possible to skill and judgment in the use of tools that he could not do. This was especially the case in wood work, and he was considered the best cabinet maker in all this section of country. Later along in life, however, he located on a farm in the county and became comfortably situated. He was for many years an earnest and faithful member of the Missionary Baptist Church and was a zealous worker in the church. He was one of the charter members of the Mt. Salem Church and built the present house of worship at that place. He was an intelligent and close reader of the Bible, and became a licensed preacher, and did much valuable work for his church and the cause of religion, though he never preached a great deal. He was a man of kindly disposition and sober thought, and wielded a marked and beneficial influence on those around him.

Self-educated himself, he appreciated the importance of education, and gave his own children the best school advantages his circumstances would allow. He died July 14, 1879, sincerely and deeply regretted by all who knew him. His wife had preceded him to the grave about eight years, dying June 8, 1871. They had a family of twelve children, as follows: John S., born May 7, 1840, married Miss Mary E. Brockman; Samuel C., born March 8, 1842, married Mary E. Buffington; Thomas Benton, the subject of this sketch; Josephus, born February 19, 1846, married Minerva F. Bradley; Melchisedec, born January 9, 1848, married Florence Ford; Monroe, born November 30, 1849, married Laura F. Patrick; Cecelia J., born March 1, 1851, married George T. Burton; Julia A., born July 15, 1853, not married; Isadora, born July 25, 1855, married John H. Cash; Mary Ellen, born February 25, 1857, died in tender years; Stephen W., born July 25, 1858, died in infancy; and Larkin, born March 8, 1862, single. Melchisedec and Isadora reside across in Chariton county, but the others living are residents of this county.

Thomas Benton Minor was born on the family homestead in Randolph county, August 25, 1843. Reared on the farm, he was brought up to habits of industry, and received a good common-school education. But after he grew up he decided to engage in business life, and in 1866, going to Boonville, he embarked in merchandising as salesman in the employ of J. S. McFadden (the husband of Mr. M.'s mother's only living sister, her maiden name being Cecilia Cook). In 1868 he returned to Randolph county and resumed the mercantile business at Huntsville, handling a stock of general merchandise with his father under the firm name of T. B. Minor & Co. In 1873 Mr. M., disposing of his interest to his father, went to Moberly and commenced the clothing and merchant-tailoring business, which he continued until 1875, when he returned to Huntsville and became identified with the insurance business. He has followed this ever since, and with more than ordinary success considering the population of the place and adjacent territory. He has built up the leading insurance agency of Huntsville and one of the prominent agencies of the county. He represents the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, the largest insurance company in the world, its cash assets aggregating over \$100,000,000, and is the oldest company in the United States. He also represents the following companies which insure against losses by fire, lightning, wind, storm, tornado, etc.: Ætna, of Hartford, Conn.; American, of Philadelphia, Pa.; American Central, of St. Louis, Mo.; Continental, of New York, N. Y.; Fire Association of Pennsylvania; Fireman's Fund, of California; German American, of New York, N. Y.; Underwriter's Agency, New York, N. Y.; Insurance Company of North America; Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Insurance Company, Massachusetts; Phoenix, of New York, N. Y.; Springfield Insurance Company, of Mass.; North British and Mercantile, of England; and the Queen Insurance Company, also of England.

Mr. Minor attributes his success to the fact that he has devoted himself, so far as business activities are concerned, exclusively to the in-

urance business. He says that he has found by experience that "a man had better do one thing well than to try to do many things and do none well." His success in business certainly shows that his ideas and methods are worthy of imitation, whilst it reflects no ordinary credit on his character, energy and intelligence. On the 20th of February, 1879, he was married to Miss Lucy A. Jones, of this county, a daughter of Evan Jones, originally of Lanchire, Wales, and wife, formerly of Covington, Ky. Mrs. Jones' maiden name was Mary A. Harper. She and husband lived in Schuyler county, and their daughter, now Mrs. Minor, was reared in Schuyler and this county, and principally educated at Moberly. Mr. and Mrs. Minor have three children: Mary Dundee, born March 18, 1880; Lucelia, born March 23, 1882, and Byron Benton, born February 25, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. M. are members of the Missionary Baptist Church at Huntsville, and Mr. M. has been a member of the Masonic order since 1869.

HON. HENRY A. NEWMAN

(State Commissioner of Labor Statistics; Residence, Huntsville).

To any one who knows anything of the politics of Missouri for the past 10 or 15 years, the name that heads this sketch is not an unfamiliar one. Col. Newman has many of the stronger and better qualities for a public man and leader of men. He is public spirited, generous almost to a fault, a man of strong convictions and zealous in the maintenance of them, a fine organizer, a fearless, bold leader, yet a discreet and safe tactician. In the war he was a gallant soldier of the South, and greatly distinguished himself by his intrepidity on more than one bloody field. He started out in 1861 and did not return until the broad bars and bright stars of the Confederate banner went down in defeat to rise no more for ever. He surrendered at Greensboro', N. C., being at the time on the staff of Gen. D. H. Hill. After the war he returned home and went to work as a worthy citizen to establish himself in life, for he had lost practically all his property during the struggle. Of course such a man as he is could not sit quietly down and fail to take part in public affairs when issues of so much importance were constantly before the people. A man of broad intelligence, superior general education, a speaker of great ability and eloquence, as well as a citizen of potent influence among the people where he lived, by the process of "natural selection," as Col. Farr of Jefferson City would say, in the language of Darwin, his favorite naturalist and scientist, Col. Newman was called from the shades of private life, like John the Baptist was called to preach to the natives of the wilderness, to take the rostrum, or rather the stumps, and to point out to his fellow-citizens in that burning eloquence for which he is noted, their duties in the great crisis in which the people were involved, and to lead them up to a higher and purer plane of civil administration, or in other words, to show them how the country might be saved, and to lead the way for its salvation. Appreciated for his ability as a statesman and orator, in 1872 the people of Ran-

dolph county rose up with one glad acclaim and elected him to the Legislature. Seated in the law-making assembly of the State government, where wise enactments were to be placed upon the statute books for the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people, there the wide and profound sweep of his intellect became manifest to every intelligent citizen, and he seemed to grasp, as by intuition and at the moment, the condition of the situation and to understand with marvelous wisdom the great reforms that were necessary to be brought about for the welfare and best interests of the Commonwealth. In the Legislature, Col. Newman took a high position, and held it with distinguished ability to the end of his representative career. He originated and carried forward to final enactment many of the most wholesome laws in our civil and criminal code. We have not time nor space to specify these numerous enactments — details are tedious, and only those of entomological minds can stop to consider them. Col. Newman returned home after his service in the Legislature and received the congratulations of all his constituents, not only on the high value of his services, but on the position of prominence and influence to which he had elevated their county in the representative hall of the State. He was not again in the public service as an official for some six years, though he was warmly urged by the people for various positions; but whether in or out of office, he was ever found standing up fearlessly and boldly for the rights and best interests of his county, the State, and the whole country. In every campaign since the war Col. Newman has taken an active part as a public-spirited citizen and orator, and there is not a hall in this section of the State that has not echoed his voice as he spoke for honest government and purity and wisdom of civil administration; while in Randolph county the native stumps are as familiar with the tread of his feet, and the atmosphere as used to the sound of his voice, as they are to those of the scarlet-crowned woodcock. Col. Newman has of course always been a Democrat, and he belongs to the unterrified of his party, the boys that fear no noise. Wherever a few Democrats are gathered together in Missouri in the name of Thomas Jefferson there will he be found also, and no face is more familiar in conventions and committees, district, county and State, to representative Democrats, than that of Henry Newman. He is at present a member of the State Democratic Central Committee, and is always a prominent figure in State and county conventions. In 1878 he was secretary of the State Senate, and in 1883 he was appointed State Labor Statistician by Gov. Crittenden. While the Governor recognized the fact that Col. Newman was a representative Democrat of the Confederate element in the State which, according to all rules of politics, was entitled to representation in the Governor's administration, Col. Newman's superior qualifications for the office and his well known sympathy for the laboring classes are the controlling considerations which brought about his appointment. Col. Newman was brought up on a farm himself and to hard work, and he therefore knows from personal experience what the hardships and deprivations

of the men of toil are; and having given the question of the relations between labor and capital profound study for years, and having traversed in his investigations the whole field of political economy, from Serra, the Italian economist, indeed from Plato, to Henry George, of our own time and country, he is conversant with all the principles involved in the subject with which he has to deal, and understands thoroughly the true theory upon which the affairs of his office should be administered. In late years he has made it a special study to discover the practical operations of the industries in this country in all their bearings, and no man in the West understands better the reforms needed to place labor and capital in just and satisfactory positions with regard to each other. These reforms he will outline in recommendation to the legislative branch of the State government which will be laid before that body by the Governor, and which, if enacted into laws, will produce, as those best capable of judging believe, the most salutary and satisfactory results. Col. Newman's whole heart and energies are enlisted in the great work of effecting a wise solution of the difficulties resulting from the conflicts between capital and labor, and the troubles arising from the varying interests of these economic factors. His services in his present office will doubtless prove of the highest value to the State, and reflect honor upon himself and the State administration of which he is a worthy representative. Col. Newman is a man still in the prime of life, not only in age but physical and mental vigor. He was born in Staunton, Va., March 29, 1835, and was a son of Jacob and Caroline (Austin) Newman, both representatives of old and influential Virginian families. He was reared in Virginia and received an excellent and general education, and in 1856 he came to Missouri and located near Knoxville. Col. Newman has been a resident of this State for a period now of nearly 30 years, and has proved himself not only a useful citizen, but one more than ordinarily zealous for the welfare and prosperity of his adopted State. On the 28th of August, 1856, he was married to Miss Sarah F. Austin, a distant relative of his. They have been blessed with a worthy family of children, and their married life has been one of singular happiness. Col. Newman, as stated above, makes his home here at Huntsville where he has long resided, and is one of the most prominent citizens of that place.

JOHN CHRISTIAN OLIVER, M.D. (DECEASED)

(Huntsville).

On the 18th of November, 1881, was suddenly stricken down of apoplexy in this vicinity, Dr. John C. Oliver, in the meridian of his usefulness, who died at 11 o'clock, A. M., shortly after having received the fatal stroke. To those of the present generation in Randolph county, and particularly in the vicinity of Huntsville, no written record of this good and useful man's life is necessary to inform them whom and what he was, for the worth of his character and services is engraved on the hearts of all who knew him. But soon these

of the present will pass away, and it is but the performance of a duty to transmit to posterity some knowledge of this man's life, that the influence of his example may, like the wave of a sea, go vibrating on toward the further shore of time. Not only are such lives as he lived valuable in themselves and to those among whom they live, but the history of their careers are valuable for the lessons they teach to those of the future, and wherever Christian character and successful efforts for the good of humanity are appreciated among men. While his was not a life to attract the attention and admiration of the idle, unthinking world, it was such a life that the more it is studied and the better understood—plain and unobtrusive, but sincere and useful—the more and the better it is appreciated. A man of large humanity and warm sympathies, and one whose highest ambition seemed to be to make himself useful to the utmost of his capacity and opportunities while yet in youth, he determined to devote himself to the medical profession as affording to him, as he believed, a field of the greatest usefulness. Continuing steadfast to this purpose, under the instruction of his father and afterwards by the knowledge acquired at a medical college he became a physician, and he pursued the practice of his chosen calling without interruption and with unabated zeal until he was finally stricken down in death while absent from home attending a patient, — dying, as we have every reason to believe he preferred to die, whilst in the performance of his duty to suffering humanity, for which he had already done so much, and for which it was his greatest pleasure to labor. Possessed of a mind of more than ordinary strength and clearness, and a hardly less devoted student than he was a zealous and faithful practitioner, he inevitably rose to a position of marked honor and distinction in his profession, and his skill and learning were recognized wherever his name was known. No one of his qualities of mind and heart could fail to make a good and useful citizen; so, it is but stating a sequence to say, that as a member of the community in which he lived none were more forward in measures for the common weal than he. Public spirited, and a man of broad and enlightened views, he was equally generous of his time and means when they were required for the general good. In his family he was loved and esteemed with singular tenderness and admiration. As husband and father he seemed to be all to his loved ones they would have him be, and by them his memory is cherished with a sacredness that speaks a noble eulogy of his life around his own hearthstone. In a word, in the character and career of Dr. John C. Oliver were combined as many virtues and as few faults as seldom fall to the lot of a single life. Commenting on his death the Moberly *Daily Monitor* thus spoke of him: “Dr. Oliver was an old and estimable citizen of Huntsville, a man of clear head and large information, of warm heart and generous impulses, widely known and universally respected. * * * Huntsville has lost one of her best citizens, the Medical Society an able and influential member, Randolph county a prominent and useful resident, and his family a devoted husband and indulgent

father. * * * “Dr. Oliver will be greatly missed, and his place in the community will be hard to fill. In every relation of life he was a true and just man, one whose obligations to his family and to society were faithfully and scrupulously fulfilled. * * * The sudden death of Dr. John C. Oliver on Friday was succeeded by the funeral and burial of the remains yesterday. The funeral oration was pronounced by Elder S. Y. Pitts in the chapel of Mt. Pleasant College. The chapel was crowded to its utmost capacity, and a large number were unable to gain admittance. Not only did Huntsville pour out her population to pay the last sad rites to the eminent physician and justly popular citizen, but many persons were in attendance from Moberly and various other parts of the county and State. Such was the high esteem in which the deceased was held that, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, Huntsville witnessed yesterday the largest funeral procession in her history. The burial rites were observed in the Masonic fraternity, the deceased having been a Mason for many years. Mr. Colmass, of Kentucky, an eminent Mason and distinguished traveler and lecturer, conducted the ceremony. Here, as in the chapel, the deep solemnity and awe that pervaded the assembly attested the sincere regard and affection in which Dr. Oliver was held. Sorrow was marked on every countenance, and the body was laid to rest amid the tears and sobs of an affectionate people.”

John Christian Oliver was born in Fayette county, Ky., May 1, 1825. His father was Dr. Presley T. Oliver, subsequently a leading physician and prominent citizen of Randolph county, who is remembered by all who knew him as a man eminently worthy to have been the father of such a son as him, a sketch of whose life is given on these pages. The mother's maiden name was Jane Christian, and both parents were born and reared in Kentucky, where they were married in 1817. In 1850 the father came to Missouri with his family and located in Washington county, but two years later removed to Cooper county, and in 1836 crossed the river and settled in Randolph county, near Renick, where both he and his wife lived until their deaths. He was entirely successful as a physician, both in the practice and in the accumulation of property, and left a comfortable estate at his death. He died on his farm near Renick, June 12, 1863. He was a man of great public spirit, and took an active and intelligent interest in the general affairs of the community and the county. He represented the county in the Legislature in about 1848, and was always regarded as one of its most intelligent and worthy citizens. He was long a member of the church and was quite prominent in church affairs. Though fond of books, he was more a man of original thought than a follower after others. A man of pleasing and popular address, nothing delighted him more than to be among his friends and acquaintances for social converse, and he was always prized among them as an agreeable companion. He preceded his good wife to the grave some two years, a most estimable lady. They had a family of six children: Frederick G. and Robert C., both now deceased; Simeon T., who is now a

farmer near Renick ; Judith, who is now residing near Renick and is the widow of Noah Martin, deceased ; Martha A., who is now the widow of George W. True and resides at Moberly ; Mary J. who is now the wife of James R. Neale, and resides in Prairie township ; and John C., the subject of this sketch, who, in common with his brothers, Frederick G. and Robert C., became a physician. Dr. John C. Oliver was reared in the county and studied medicine under his father. Later along he attended medical college at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was honorably graduated. Immediately after his graduation he returned to Randolph county and engaged in the practice of his profession. On the 23d of January, 1850, he was married to Miss Sarah A. Eddins, an orphan girl, who was reared by her uncle, Robert Mitchell, who resided near Huntsville. For seven years following Dr. John C. Oliver resided on a farm near Renick, where he devoted his whole time and energies to the practice of his profession with his father. In 1857 he removed to a farm four miles north-west of Huntsville where he resided 12 years, coming thence to Huntsville in 1869, the place of his residence from that time until his death. As has been intimated above, his career as a physician was one of eminent success. For years prior to his taking off he had enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice, and was regarded as one of the most capable physicians throughout the whole section of country in which he lived. He accumulated a handsome estate as the material reward of his long and useful services in the medical profession. He was a student by natural inclination from boyhood, and his studies were not confined to his profession, but extended over a wide field of investigation. Thus it was, that he became a man of more than ordinarily large and thorough information. Though taking a lively interest in the various societies of which he was a member, he was pre-eminently fond of home, and when not occupied with his duties as a physician or citizen, he was invariably found in the bosom of his family. Dr. Oliver had no taste for public life, yet he always did his full duty as a citizen, striving at all times to promote the best interests of the public. All in all, he was one of the truest and worthiest men in genuineness of character with whose citizenship Randolph was ever honored. He left two children : Lelah M., who is now the wife of L. B. Keebaugh, now a prominent druggist of Huntsville, and John E., who is now taking a course of lectures at the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. Mrs. Oliver, the mother of these, is also living, a woman of many estimable qualities, and who is greatly prized as a neighbor and acquaintance by all who know her.

EDWARD C. PEW AND DAVID S. BENTON

(Of Pew & Benton, Dealers in Groceries, Queen's-ware, etc., etc., Huntsville).

These gentlemen, who have one of the leading grocery stores in Huntsville, engaged in business here together in the fall of 1880, and Mr. Pew had been in the same business for a short time before. They carry an excellent stock of goods in their lines, large and well selected,

and buying entirely for cash, they are able to sell at prices which place them beyond the fear of competition. Their trade has steadily increased from the beginning, and they number among their customers a large percentage of the best citizens of Huntsville and surrounding country. Considering their prominence as merchants of this place, it would be an omission inexcusable not to include in this volume, which purposes to give a biographical conspectus of the county as well as its general history, short sketches of the lives of these gentlemen. Mr. Pew is a native of Kentucky, born at Lexington, September 4, 1844, and was a son of John and Mary (Longmore) Pew, both originally of Virginia. When Edward C. was still in tender years, the parents removed to Trumbull county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He was educated at Meadville, Pa., but did not graduate, having to quit college on account of failing health. Returning home, he remained there until 1860, when he came to St. Louis. He subsequently took a course at Bartlett's Commercial College, of Cincinnati, and following this was engaged as a book-keeper for a large mercantile house for some time. Desiring outdoor work, however, he went on the road as a commercial traveler and continued in that employment, being on the road about half the time and in the store the other half, until the spring of 1880, when he came to Huntsville and engaged in his present business. He has therefore had a thorough business training, not only theoretically at commercial college, but practically in a business house and on the road selling goods. In the latter part of the business he learned thoroughly the art, which so few have, of making friends readily and retaining them permanently, a quality of the first importance to the successful merchant. This has been one of the many secrets of the success of his firm at Huntsville. On the 7th of August, 1873, he was married to Miss Laura Elkin, formerly of Springfield, Ill. They have one child: Edward W. Mrs. P. is a member of the Christian Church.

DAVID S. BENTON, the junior member of the firm, native is a Missourian, born at Platte City, September 2, 1842. His father, Dr. Delford Benton, is well known to most old Missourians, for in his younger days he was a man of prominence and great activity. He was in business at St. Joseph after being a resident of Platte City, and went to California in 1850, returning two years later. Florissant, in St. Louis county, became his permanent home, and he is well and favorably known in that county. Mr. Benton's mother, before her marriage, was a Miss Susan Musick, of the old and prominent Musick family in this State, several of whose representatives have become distinguished in the ministry, at the bar and other callings. David S. was reared at Florissant, and his youth was divided between attending school, assisting in his father's store and at work on his father's farm. On reaching his majority, he went to Helena, Mon., and built the second house in that place. He remained there engaged in mining until 1866, and was interested in the celebrated Grizley Gulch and Last Chance Mines, meeting with good success. He had

many thrilling experiences in the far North-west as a member of vigilance committees and in other affairs, which we have not the space to relate. Returning to Missouri, he was engaged in farming in St. Louis county until the spring of 1880, when he came to Randolph county and engaged in farming in this county. He followed farming here until the fall of that year, when he came to Huntsville and became a partner in the present firm. He is a man full of energy and industry, of good business qualifications, a whole-souled, genial companion, and very popular with all with whom he becomes acquainted. He contributes his full share to the popularity and success of the firm of which he is a member, and is a valuable acquisition to the business interests of Huntsville.

SANFORD G. RICHESON

(Of T. G. Dulany & Co., Lumber Merchants and Dealers in Builders' Hardware Paints, Oils, etc., etc., and House Furnishing Materials, Huntsville).

Mr. Richeson became a member of the above-named firm in the fall of 1878, and has since been continually identified with the business, giving it his whole time and attention. Messrs. Dulany & Richeson have built up a large trade as lumber merchants, and now carry one of the leading stocks, if not the principal one, in their lines in this part of the country. Their motto has ever been to deal fairly with their custom, and to sell them the best goods for the prices charged that the state of the trade will allow. Hence they have won the confidence of the public, and customers have no hesitation in sending to them for supplies, for they know they will get as good, if not better, bargains than can be had elsewhere. Mr. Richeson was born in Taylor county, Ky., March 5, 1848, and was a son of Joseph E. and Margaret A. (Turner) Richeson, later along well known and highly respected citizens of Randolph county. The father, Capt. Richeson, came to this county in about 1832, and resided here some four years, at the expiration of which he returned to Kentucky. He was a young man when he came to Randolph county, and here met and married Miss Turner. She was a daughter of Judge Joseph Turner, one of the pioneer and prominent citizens of the county, and for many years a member of the county court. He is still living in the county at a venerable and well-preserved old age. Capt. Richeson returned to Kentucky with his young wife, as stated above, remained there engaged in merchandising until 1856, when he came back to Randolph county, and settled permanently on a farm nine miles south-west of Huntsville. A Southern man in sympathies and principles, and having the courage of his convictions, when the war broke out in 1861, he joined the Southern army, becoming forage master for Thompson's regiment in Shelby's brigade, in which he served until 1863. He then came home and organized a company of Southern volunteers, of which he was made captain, and which he started to lead back to Price's command in the South. He was intercepted on the way near Cole Camp by a superior force of so-called Home Guards, or in other words, horse thieves, house burners and murderers, and was taken prisoner.

Although a regular Confederate soldier and an officer in the army, whose record bore no mark but that of bravery and honorable manhood, he was taken out by the cowardly assassins who captured him and brutally murdered. It was the fashion in those days with the Home Guards and militia to call everybody who failed to join them in their lawless depredations, and whom they ran off from home for that reason, by the general name of "bushwackers," and to shoot them when they captured them because they ran away to keep from being shot at home. Many of the purest and best men in almost every county in the State were thus murdered by lawless scoundrels who, before the war, were social outcasts, and too trifling to keep themselves clean. Sanford G. Richeson, the subject of this sketch, joined the Southern army in 1864, serving in Perkin's regiment, under Shelby. He was subsequently transferred to the 8th Missouri infantry, in which he served until the close of the war. During the last year of the war, his mess of nine men, while on detail duty, were captured, and all but himself were shot—another example of the humanity and bravery characteristic of the other side in the trans-Mississippi department. After the war, Mr. Richeson returned to Randolph county and followed farming for about five years, and the next four years he was at Salisbury, in Chariton county, where he served as constable and was deputy sheriff of that county. He engaged in his present business, as stated above, in 1878. On the 11th of January, 1870, he was married to Miss Mary E. Minor, a daughter of Joseph L. Minor, of Springfield, Mo. They have six children: James W., Vallie A., Joseph G., Edgar T., Birtie and William T. Mrs. R. is a member of the M. E. Church South, and Mr. R. is a member of the I. O. O. F., having held all the lodge offices in that order. He is treasurer of the board of school directors, and is a stockholder in the Building and Loan Association and in the Gas Light Company.

THOMAS W. ROBERTS

(Deputy Collector, Huntsville).

Mr. Roberts, though quite a young man, occupies one of the most important and responsible official positions of the county, having full charge of the collector's office, and what is more to his credit, discharges his duties with that soberness and close attention to business to be expected of men only much further advanced in years than he, and with that efficiency and vigor characteristic of youth and zeal and possible to those only of thorough business qualifications and untiring industry. He is doubtless the youngest county collector in the State, for as has been said, he has complete charge of the office; and it is not too much to say that the duties of the office are as well and faithfully attended to as those of any official position in the county. Mr. Roberts, notwithstanding he is quite a young man, has had no small amount of business experience, and his experience as a business man has been entirely successful. He was born in this county July 13, 1857, and is a son of Henry H. Roberts, the present collector of the

county. His mother's maiden name was Sallie C. Coates, of the old and well known Coates family, of Randolph county. His father has principally followed farming heretofore and Thomas W. was reared on the farm. After attending the preparatory schools, at the age of 16, he entered the State Normal School at Kirksville, where he took a two years' course of instruction. He then taught a term of school and following this began clerking for Duncan & Vince. He clerked for two years in that establishment and learned the business thoroughly. He then bought Mr. Duncan's interest and the firm became Vince & Roberts, in which he continued in the dry goods business until December, 1882, when he sold out and the following year took charge of the collector's office, his father having been elected to this position the November before. He has now had charge of the office for two years and, as has been said, has managed its affairs with singular efficiency and success to the satisfaction of the public. His record thus far in the activities of life has been one of more than ordinary credit and his future seems especially bright with promise. Mr. Roberts, at the age of 24, or rather in his twenty-fourth year, was married January 9, 1881, to Miss Sidney A. Hammett, a daughter of F. M. Hammett, of Randolph county. They have one child, Victor E. Mrs. R. is a member of the M. E. Church.

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JUDGE WILLIAM SAMUEL (DECEASED), AND REUBEN SAMUEL (DECEASED)

(Former County Clerk and Recorder).

To give a biographical sketch of the Samuel family would require more space than any delineator of character or writer of State or county history would be willing to devote to a family, however distinguished they may be, or may have been in past ages. The Samuels were pioneers to Kentucky from Virginia, and the grandfather and fathers of the names that are deemed worthy of mention in history, are of Welsh descent. From Judge William Samuel, a native of Caroline county, Virginia, has sprung numerous Samuels, who have for more than half a century back been prominent citizens of several States of this Union. Judge Samuel's sons were well trained to business; educated in the best schools accessible in the county where they were born. Listening to the glowing accounts given by tourists visiting the newer country west, William Samuel with four sons and five daughters left a comfortable homestead, and friends dear, for a wider scope of country, where energy and industry promised surer reward for labor in tilling the soil; the avocation followed by the father of a large family of sons and daughters. His circle of young children to provide for as planter, farmer and trader, consisted of William Jr., Reuben, John and Robert. Daughters: Nancy, Elizabeth, Agnes, Fannie and Phebe. William Samuel, Jr., the oldest son of William Samuel, had two sons and two daughters, Washington and William; daughters: Nancy and Eliza. Washington when quite young located near George-

town, Kentucky, and was a wealthy farmer ; has many sons and daughters now living in Kentucky and other States. Nancy married Samuel Pryor, the father of Judge William Pryor of New Castle, Kentucky, and Eliza married Judge James Pryor of Covington, Kentucky. John Samuel, of New Castle, had no heirs ; possessed great wealth ; was honored at any time during his manhood with any position he desired within the gift of his countrymen, having often served the county in the Legislature ; he was an eloquent and forcible speaker ; he was tall graceful and dignified, and considered one of the finest men in Kentucky, a friend and associate of Clay and Rowan. Robert Samuel, third son of William Samuel, was born in Caroline county, Virginia, settled in New Castle, Kentucky, studied law, but soon gave it up for more lucrative and pleasing pursuits, embracing all the enjoyments of chasing the fox and wild deer on the hills and valleys of his farm. Robert Samuel had only one son, John White Samuel, who before the age of eighteen was high sheriff of Henry county, Kentucky. After serving his term faithfully without default, he entered into business as clerk with his cousins E. M. and George W. Samuel, at the time one of the largest commercial houses in North-west Missouri ; from their employment he commenced the mercantile business in Andrew county, before the Platte country was ceded to the State, erected a log store-house on Hackberry Ridge amidst the pea-vines and rushes then luxuriant over the verdant soil of the Platte river up and low lands. In the little log store-house which was removed to Savannah and occupied by Mr. Samuel till his death in 1846-47, his industry, honesty and business qualities gained the good will of every citizen of the county ; he died in the prime of life and was buried by the side of James Winston, grandson of Patrick Henry, the Cato of America ; over his grave the hardy pioneers wept for the loss of a just man. Agnes, the eldest daughter of Judge Samuel, became the wife of Daniel Brannum, of Shelby county Ky., and their many sons and daughters have a history in the State of Kentucky. Elizabeth Samuel married Henry Pemberton ; Fanny became the wife of Edward Vaughn. Phebe Samuel was twice married, first to William Mont-joyce and after to Thomas Craig, a celebrated Baptist minister. From the several families that have intermarried with the Samuels, history has pointed out many occupying high positions in several States who take active part in the politics of the present day, as their forefathers have done in the past. But after rounding up the history of a family, thus tracing to ancestors, it paves the way to get fully the genealogy of the family that may be claimed as pioneer settlers of Randolph and Howard counties. Reuben Samuel and four of his sons may be justly claimed as among the earliest settlers of Randolph, and one that of Howard county. Reuben Samuel was born in Bowling Green, Caroline county, Va. ; was a carpenter, builder and contractor, and learned his slaves the trade, and for many years superintended and employed many hands in this business ; there being no shoddyism in the family they did not adopt the fashionable calling for such a trade. —

that of architect. His education and business qualifications were appreciated and he was prevailed upon to ask of the elective magistrates, he being one, the office of recording clerk of the circuit and county court. He ran for the office and tied his worthy opponent whose father had held the office for 40 years, holding the casting vote himself, and rather than withhold it he cast it for his opponent, Edmund P. Thomas, who, if alive, holds it yet. The trickery of the present day in elections was not then known, but self-respect forbid the buying or selling of votes for money. Mr. Samuel with his large family soon left Kentucky to seek home and fortune in Missouri; on account of limited means sojourned temporarily in Lebanon, Ill. Recruiting in funds, he pursues his course but sees the prospective greatness of St. Louis, invests his limited means in lots, the value increases, he sells them and buys a cargo of flour, charters a boat, the second or third that ever ascended the Missouri river destined as high up as Council Bluffs; the boat sinks a few miles below Old Franklin, no insurance, and his fortune ere this has been food for sharks in the Gulf of Mexico. His capital left to build a fortune on was his life, saved by swimming ashore with pocket-book and coat in his teeth. Mr. Samuel, after all these reverses, returned to Kentucky, then straight back to Randolph county where he was placed in the best office in the gift of the good people of Randolph county, which he held to his death, and then to his son, W. R. Samuels, and now held by a grandson, Joseph Chilton Samuel. Thomas J. Samuel, the oldest son of Reuben Samuel, was born in New Castle, Ky., died in Huntsville, where he has resided the greater part of his long and useful life. One of the purest, best and noblest of mankind, he sought never to amass gold. His own pure heart was a rich mine of jewels. Money with him was but baskets of bread ready to scatter to friend or foe that needed his charity. Randolph county had him with her people as far back as 1826; his aged, helpless parents had him with them always; his care and his hands were their support and solace till the venerable parents rested in peace in the cemetery, a few miles south of Huntsville, where the noble son followed to rest by their side. Thomas J. Samuel has one son, Joseph C. Samuel, clerk of the circuit court and recorder of Randolph county. His father's example is his polar star, no other would be safer to watch.

Sarah Samuel, the only sister of five brothers, died in Huntsville with that dreadful malady, consumption, contracted by exposure; she was noted for her energy and perseverance, charitable to a degree that robbed herself of the comforts of life.

Edward Madison Samuel, second son of Reuben Samuel, was a native of Henry county, Ky., born in 1807; his history can never be fully written, for but few men now living know how closely identified he has been with public interests, by which the great State of Missouri shaped its policy when in its infancy. His tongue, his pen, and his purse always free to serve his adopted State, no man in Missouri has labored harder to advance and push on enterprises of

internal State improvements than Mr. Samuel. He was an able writer, a good speaker; a writer of more than ordinary ability; articles from his pen have contributed largely to the news journals as far back as the *Intelligencer*, published in Franklin, by Nathaniel Patten and John T. Cleeland, when the brilliant intellects of Gamble, Bates, Guyer, Leonard, Carroll and others contributed to the only newspaper in the Boone's Lick country. Edward M. Samuel was then the youth whose intellect was bright, and by men of great ability considered a youth of great promise. Mr. Samuel became a partner or Lamme Brothers in 1826, the most wealthy and extensive merchants above St. Louis; remained with that firm until his own fortune was ample to establish himself in the same business in Liberty, Clay county, Mo., when he became one of the leading merchants of North-West Missouri, retiring from business with ample fortune; was considered the most popular and available Whig; was nominated by a Whig convention and made the race for Congress, when two members were to be chosen by the State at large; was only defeated by a small majority by the invincible Democracy, when they had such odds against the Whig party in the State. After his defeat he was appointed receiver of the land office at Plattsburg by Gen. Harrison, and discharged the duties with fidelity and honesty, which speaks well for an agent handling public money. The noble deeds of E. M. Samuel have been recorded elsewhere in history; from the pulpit his piety, his Christian virtues and his usefulness have been graphically commented upon by able divines, who knew him more than a half-century ago; as a worker in the wilderness, when only the good could pass through the privations incident to a new country and remain spotless, unsullied and guiltless of crimes or a dishonest act or deed that sullied his good name. Mr. Samuel sold his splendid homestead near Liberty, removed to St. Louis, established the Commercial Bank, placed it upon a firm basis, gave it a national reputation, and it has maintained its firmness since the death of Mr. Samuel, who died president of the institution. Mr. Samuel was senior in the commercial house of E. M. Samuel & Sons, and the firm still exists under the same name by his three sons, Webb M. Samuel, Edward E. and W. P. Samuel. Mr. Samuel has two daughters living: Martha, Mrs. Ray; Jennie, Mrs. E. C. Ringo; the first of Marshall, Mo., the latter of St. Louis.

George Warren Samuel was born in New Castle, Henry county, Ky., June 4, 1810; came to Fayette, Howard county, Mo., in the year 1828; obtained a clerkship with Harrison, Glasgow & Ross, who were then the wealthy merchants of Missouri. Inexperienced as he then was, much labor was required of him as book-keeper and salesman in a commercial house doing the largest business of any merchant above St. Louis, the house selling the greater portion of merchandise that went across the plains to New Mexico; a trade so profitable that the junior partner, James Harrison, was indebted for a great portion of his immense estate left at his death. Mr. Samuel,

after leaving the house, set up business for himself and obtained large credit in Philadelphia, which enabled him to do an extensive business in many counties as a merchant, which business he followed up to the year 1852, when he became president of the Southern Bank of St. Louis, Branch at Savannah, Mo., which institution he managed with great success to the commencement of the war, when the institution had to close; and by his exertion, at all times surrounded by great danger, he managed to convey the bank's large deposit to the parent bank at St. Louis in safety. His standing as a citizen, his business qualifications, his success as banker, merchant, farmer, and in his varied avocations; his eventful life, his delicate health whilst pursuing arduous and hazardous lines of trade, is more fully set forth in the historical work, the United States Biographical Dictionary, published in 1878, at Kansas City. Mr. Samuel had only one son and three daughters, Eliza Barr, the wife of Henry W. Yates, banker, Omaha, Neb.; Florence Tilton, the wife of Maj. John T. Johnson, of the Merchants' Bank, St. Joseph; and Anna Imby, the wife of John S. Lemon, banker. George W. Samuel and W. R. Samuel are the only living sons of Reuben Samuel — G. W. Samuel over 70 and W. R. over 60 years old. Four of the brothers have borne arms and served the State in war, obeyed their country's call, whether in a conflict for liberty or invasion. Thomas and Edward served in the Mormon and Black Hawk War, Chilton and Robert in the Mexican War under Gen. A. W. Doniphan and Gen. Price; one as non-commissioned and the other as first lieutenant. In the battles fought their many comrades fell whilst they escaped shot or shell, but the poisonous climate fastened a deadly disease upon Chilton, and the brave, noble boy, died after reaching home.

Col. David Todd Samuel was the only son of George Warren Samuel, of St. Joseph, Mo., son-in-law of the late Judge David Todd, deceased, of Columbia. The brilliant, brave, and chivalrous Colonel was killed at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, on the 30th of August, 1864; afterwards interred with the honors of war in the city cemetery of Atlanta, Ga., where his father after his interment found his remains and brought them for final sepulcher by the side of his little brother and sister. The young Colonel was but a youth, only 24, when captured at Camp Jackson, and was a lieutenant under Col. Bowen. Returning to his home in Andrew county, with no intention of entering the rebel service, his situation became so perilous that amid the excitement of the hour he left friends and home, and his last words spoken to his father were: "Father, I had rather fall in battle than forsake my comrades with whom I have enlisted." As major, assisted by Col. Jefferson Patten, he raised a small regiment of volunteers, with which he fought at Blue Mills, Lexington, Pea Ridge, Corinth, Vicksburg, Kenesaw, Iuka, Atlanta, and Jonesburgh. At the time of his death he was colonel of the Third C. S. A., and was the youngest officer of rank west of the line of Southern States. His brightness was a shining light for the deadly missiles that hides

the noble youth from bereaved parents, who had watched over and guided him when his infant smiles were their joy and pride.

The five Samuel brothers were tall, slender, had dark hair even in old age, blue eyes; all merchants and bankers except one, the youngest; in height not an inch, differing in weight not more than ten pounds; all taking after their ancestors, the Bartletts, on the mother's side and Samuels on their father's side.

HON. WILLIAM R. SAMUEL

(Of Samuel & Hammett, Real Estate Agents, Huntsville).

Mr. Samuel, the fifth son of Reuben Samuel, a sketch of whom precedes this, is a worthy representative in every way of the honored family whose name he bears. Now in his sixty-second year, his life has been one of great activity and usefulness, and one untarnished by a wrong act. Coming out to Missouri with the rest of the family, when a young man he commenced mercantile life as a clerk for his brother, E. M. Samuel, at Liberty, Missouri. Later along, he engaged in merchandising on his own account, having removed to Huntsville. This was nearly forty years ago, and he has been a resident of Randolph county from that time to this. In point of character and ability he is no exception to the others of his family, and though a man the least self-seeking and ambitious of political advancement, as far back as 1852 he was elected by the Whigs, and not a few votes from the Democratic party, to represent Randolph county in the State Legislature. As a law-maker, his course was marked by strict fidelity to the interests of his constituents and the State, and by earnest and effectual efforts throughout his term to promote the general welfare by wise and judicious legislation. As a man of sound judgment and sober intelligence, he was not only appreciated in the Legislature for his character and sterling common sense, but he was abundantly able to make his influence felt on the floor of the House as an advocate of sound enactments and an opponent of injudicious legislation. In 1856, Mr. Samuel was elected as circuit and county clerk and recorder, a position he filled with such efficiency and satisfaction that he was continued in it by repeated re-elections for a period of ten years. He then retired from office to engage in the tobacco business, which he has since carried on. He has so lived that the truest and best wealth this life can afford has come to him to enjoy—the confidence and esteem of all who have known him long and well. For the last five years Mr. Samuel has been engaged in the real estate business with Charles H. Hammett. They do the leading business in this line at Huntsville, and both are implicitly trusted and are more than ordinarily popular. Mr. Hammett has most of the leading characteristics, mental and physical, of his father, who was a man of great generosity, singular unpretentiousness, marked kindness of disposition, unusual agreeableness of manners, and, withal, one of the good and true men of Randolph county—a man of whom, when he is gone, no expressions of his life will be heard except those of appreciation for his many estimable qualities,

and regret that he could no longer be spared to those among whom he has led so useful and blameless a life. In March, 1849, Mr. Samuel was married to Miss Mary W. Lewis, a daughter of Tucker and Mary (Gilbert) Lewis, of this county, but originally of Virginia. They have two children, Edward E. and Mollie, now the wife of Andrew T. Bissell, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel are members of the church, Mr. S. of the Baptist, and Mrs. S. of the Methodist (South) congregation.

GEORGE WARREN SAMUEL

(St. Joseph, Mo.).

Mr. Samuel was one of the pioneer merchants of Randolph county, having located at Huntsville among the first business men of that place. He is also a representative of that prominent and influential family of this State whose name he bears, and a number of whose members have been long and usefully identified with the growth and development and the public affairs of Randolph county. For these reasons the present "History of Randolph County" could hardly claim to be complete without including on its pages an outline of the life of the subject of the present sketch. A short biography of his life has already been published in the "U. S. Biographical Dictionary" (Missouri Vol.), which, well written, though brief, we cannot do better than to present:—

George Warren Samuel was born June 4, 1810, at New Castle, Henry county, Ky. He was the son of Reuben Samuel, of Caroline county, Va., and grandson of Col. Edmond Bartlett, of Spottsylvania county, Va., and Judge William Samuel, of Virginia, the former being in the war of 1812. Among his father's connections are the Vaughans, Pembertons, Baldwins, Toombs, Brannins and Craigs, all emigrants from Virginia to Kentucky.

At the age of 17 George left school without a liberal education, not being able for want of means to master the languages and obtain a thorough collegiate course, his father having met with reverses and lost his once ample fortune. In feeble and delicate health he started out to seek his fortune in the West, and reached Fayette, Howard county, Mo., in November, 1828, with only 50 cents, a mother's parting blessing and a clear conscience, and with these he was wealthy.

He entered the mercantile house of Harrison, Glasgow & Ross, then the largest dealers in merchandise and trade in the West above St. Louis. After remaining with them two years, his employers' implicit confidence was gained, and with their aid and commendation he embarked in the mercantile business in Chariton, Mo., but on account of the unhealthiness of the locality he removed to Huntsville, Randolph county. The few settlers of this county not affording sufficient trade for his energy, he formed a partnership with the Lammes, of Columbia, which being entered into by correspondence, caused the unfrequent incident of an introduction to his own partners upon his removal to Columbia, in 1834. In 1835 they erected the first paper mill west of the State of Ohio, at Rockbridge, Boone county, which

was profitably managed by the late John Keiser, who was a part owner. The depreciation of State banks at this time produced a panic, which, added to the burning of the paper mill, brought the firm into depressed circumstances.

Mr. Samuel's declining health required a change of climate, and a sea voyage was recommended. The vessel was wrecked near the Bemici island, on Moselle rock. He managed to get back to Missouri, although a mere skeleton and penniless. A friend, the wealthy Thomas Smith, of Kentucky, with his means assisted Mr. Samuel to embark in the packing business, but the experiment was unfavorable, and the investment proved a bad one to himself and the friend who furnished the money, as in those days pork was mostly fattened by the mast of the woods, and when shipped to foreign markets usually lost by shrinkage or became spoiled. Another venture seeming necessary, and steamboating promising to be remunerative, his next venture was on the river. A steamboat was built, but the speculation proved disastrous and his fortune was again diminished.

In 1838 Mr. Samuel was married to Miss Rebecca T. Todd, daughter of the late Judge Todd, early in life a captain under Gen. Harrison in the War of 1812. In the passing resolutions of condolence and regard in reference to the death of Hon. David Todd, his constituents presented the following preamble with resolutions: —

“Whereas, in the order of an all-wise Providence, death has removed from our midst, and from the places long familiar to us as the scenes of his usefulness, our professional brother and highly esteemed citizen, the Hon. David Todd, the pioneer of our profession in Central Missouri, himself the immediate descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of Kentucky; the oldest lawyer, with a single exception, in the State; judge of the circuit court of Howard county from the year 1819 to 1836; subsequently, and until a few years preceding his death, a leading member of our bar; we, his associates, some of us of 40 years standing, assemble here in order to give a public and lasting manifestation of the high esteem in which we held the deceased in his lifetime, and of our great respect for his memory now that he is removed from us forever.”

He was the son of Gen. Levi Todd, of Fayette county, Ky., who settled in that State as early as 1776, and was the first clerk of the county, which position he held until his death in 1807. In that year Judge Todd was one of the guard that conducted Blennerhassett, who was supposed to be implicated in the treasonable objects of Aaron Burr, to Richmond, Va. After this time he was a student at law under the instructions of the late Chief Justice H. G. M. Bibb and Henry Clay. While in the office of the former, the Hon. John J. Crittenden was his fellow-student, with whom he formed a lasting friendship. Mrs. Samuel was a niece of James Barr, of Boston, whose large fortune, had justice been done him by the United States Government, would have fallen partly to her. She was also related to the Warfields, Bullocks, Stewarts, Rhodes, Carrs, Burks,

Clays, Hunts and Todds. Mrs. Samuel and Mrs. Lincoln were cousins.

Mr. Samuel's many reverses emboldened him to try other fields with new hope, and when the Platte country was ceded to the States, in 1838, he removed to Platte City. In Martinsville he erected a neat, plain cottage — the first house upon which a saw, hammer and plane were used in Platte county — which afterwards fell into the possession of Hon. David R. Atchison, for one day President of the United States. Prior to his moving to Platte City, he saw the great future of the site upon which the city of St. Joseph now stands. He was eager to possess it, and a company was formed to buy it; a bargain for the pre-emption right for \$1,600 was made between them and the proprietor, and but for a trivial offense given by one of the company to the owner of the land, it would have been the property of Moss, Samuel, Hughes and Thompson.

Notwithstanding continued disappointments his courage and hope did not succumb. He again embarked in mercantile business, in Savannah, Mo., where he remained until 1860, at which time he found his fortune again restored. Being driven out by the war and again crippled financially, he removed to St. Joseph in 1868, and organized "The St. Joseph Fire and Marine Insurance Company," of which he was for a length of time president, and is now a director. It is considered the largest and strongest institution of the kind in the West. He was interested in stores in the counties of Howard, Boone, Clay, Shelby, Randolph, Ray, Lafayette, Clayton, Caldwell and Andrew, and is well known and respected for his indomitable energy and integrity, passing through all the panics from 1830 to 1877, making no compromise with his creditors, but paying always 100 cents on the dollar; and it is a well known fact that he owes no man a just debt, and that to his knowledge, he never wronged a fellow being.

On the 26th of July, 1865, Mr. Samuel was bereft of his wife, a lady who had brought from her home of refinement to her then wild Missouri home, those qualities of mind and heart which eminently fitted her to the position to which she was introduced by the social and official standing of her husband. A month later, on the 26th of August, 1865, his only son, Col. David Todd Samuel, was killed at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain and was interred with the honors of war in the city cemetery of Atlanta. His father brought his remains to Columbia, Mo., for sepulcher.

Mr. Samuel has three daughters: the eldest, Eliza Barr, is the wife of Henry W. Yates, cashier of the First National Bank, Omaha, Neb.; Anna Imley is the wife of John S. Lemon, a retired and wealthy merchant of St. Joseph; and Florence Tilton is the wife of J. T. Johnson, of St. Joseph.

Notwithstanding his varied and eventful life, his many disappointments and bereavements, he is still cheerful and bears well his age, spending no idle days nor even letting the sun set on one unfinished duty. He has never desired nor held public office, but has

always taken an active part in politics, being from his earliest recollection of parties a firm Whig, and has almost worshiped Henry Clay as a statesman. The unbounded and lasting friendship of that honored statesman was bestowed upon any of the family of his former law student, Judge Todd; he sent a lock of his own hair to the Judge's youngest daughter just before his death, which tribute of affection is still in possession of a member of the family.

Since the extinction of the Whig party he has been a Democrat, for whom and for public enterprises in general he has always given a helping hand.

Moral principles being instilled into his mind by a pious and loving mother, he has always been religiously inclined, although somewhat skeptical as to some of the doctrines held by the church. He has no well-defined belief upon religious subjects, adopting the principles so beautifully expressed in Don Carlos: —

“ In my creed is blended
 All creeds that seem to come from God,
 Or end in God and Heaven;
 All creeds which do inculcate
 Love of man unto his fellow,
 And creature to Creator,
 All that tends to purer life on earth,
 Or holier life in Heaven.”

Although he has always held himself in readiness to serve his country in defending his State or section, yet he has never desired military fame, and has no military record.

Mr. Samuel is greatly respected by all who know him as one of Nature's noblemen — a friend in need, a counselor in trouble and a sympathizer in sorrow's dark hour. That part of his native characteristics which are necessarily exposed to the public — his business tact and commercial integrity — are too well known to need mention.

JOSEPH C. SAMUEL

(Circuit Clerk and Recorder, Huntsville).

Mr. Samuel is the only son of Thomas J. Samuel, referred to in the sketch of Judge William and Reuben Samuel given above. His father, who is remembered as one of the best men who ever lived in Randolph county, died here in 1875 at the age of 72. He had served three terms as sheriff of the county, and being an early settler, took part in the Indian troubles of the pioneer days of the country. His wife died in 1882 in her fifty-seventh year. She was a Miss Susan A. Murphy before her marriage. Joseph C. Samuel was born near Renick, July 3, 1850, and was reared in the county. His education was received at Mt. Pleasant College, which he completed in 1869. He then engaged in the mercantile business as clerk in Huntsville, and subsequently clerked for different firms. In 1875 Mr. Samuel engaged in the boot and shoe business which he followed with success for two years. He then became a partner in the lumber trade with Dr. J. D.

Hammett. In 1879 he established a real estate and insurance office at Huntsville, the business in which he continued until he was elected to his present position. He was elected to this office in 1882, defeating for the nomination several prominent and popular men in the county. He was chosen at the polls by a majority of over 1,400. His opponent at the final election was Dr. J. C. Tedford, a man of extensive acquaintance and great personal popularity. These facts speak a higher eulogy upon his character, personal worth and business qualifications than anything could express which might be said here. On the 5th of January, 1876, he was married to Miss Tillie Owen, a amiable and accomplished daughter of Thomas J. Owen. She was taken from him by death August 1, 1882. She left him two children, Ella T. and Louisa. Mr. S. is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Knights of Honor. He is a man of many estimable qualities both of head and heart, and is one of the most popular officers in the county. With his character and integrity, and his close business habits, united with his pleasant manners and kind and accommodating disposition, there can be no doubt that he will remain in his present office as long as he desires the position. None who bear his name are more highly esteemed or more worthy of the estimation in which they are held.

EDWARD E. SAMUEL

(Manufacturer of, and Dealer in Tobacco, Huntsville).

Taine, in his English Literature says, that ideas like fishes go in shoals, and that through all history they are found in greater abundance and excellence first in one country and then in another, on down through the ages. However it may be with regard to ideas, the great principle of heredity certainly proves that success in life unquestionably runs in families, and no one who has given family biography any considerable thought or investigation will for a moment question this. Here is an evidence of the fact in the career and the antecedents of the young man whose name heads this sketch. Still two years less than 30 years of age, he is already recognized as one of the prominent and successful men in business affairs in the section of the State where he resides, and his ancestors on back through Kentucky and Virginia for generations have been not less successful than he is, and still has every promise of becoming. Mr. Samuel is a son of Hon. William R. Samuel, whose sketch is one which precedes this. He was born in Huntsville, April 3, 1856, and was brought up to business life, receiving in addition an advanced education. He first passed through Mt. Pleasant College and then entered Michigan University, where he took a literary course, continuing a student in that eminent institution for two years. Returning from Ann Arbor in 1877, then 21 years of age, he engaged in handling leaf tobacco, and soon afterwards became a member of the firm of Thomson, Lewis & Co., in which he continued with advantage to himself and the firm for two years. He then engaged in the same business on his individual account, and he became recognized as such an authority

in the tobacco business, as well as being a man of education and high character, that in 1880 he was appointed State Tobacco Inspector by Gov. Crittenden. Filling that office with credit and ability for a year, he then resigned in favor of the appointment of his friend, J. M. Staple. While State Tobacco Inspector he was successfully engaged in the commission business in St. Louis as a member of the firm of Cumiskey & Samuel. After his official resignation, he engaged in the tobacco business again at Huntsville on his individual account, which he has since continued. He puts up now from 400 to 1,000,000 pounds annually, employing some 100 hands. Mr. Samuel has two factories, and is having abundant success in his line of business. On the 16th of October, 1877, he was married to Miss Miller McLean, a daughter of F. M. and Jennie (Stewart) McLean, of Randolph county. Mrs. and Mrs. S. have two children, Mary and Jennie. Mr. S. is a stock holder in the Raker & Stacker Manufacturing Company, and the Building and Loan Association. He is a member of the Knights of Honor.

ABBOTT W. SCOTT

(Doctor of Dental Surgery, Huntsville, Mo.).

How completely circumstances direct and control the careers of men is illustrated by the life of Dr. Scott. The great differences we observe in the stations which men occupy in the world, result not so much from original differences of talents, as from differences of circumstances tending to the development of the talents of each, and of the manner in which individuals improve such circumstances. This is the view held by Adam Smith and John Stéwart Mill, Sir Isaac Newton, Sir William Jones, Dr. Johnson, Raynolds, the great English artist, and most of the great minds of all countries. Dr. Scott has become one of the leading dentists of North-east Missouri, and his name is recognized as authority in his profession, wherever he is known. Yet, but for slight circumstances, he would have been a farmer to-day, and doubtless a successful one. He was reared a farmer, and married and settled down with the view of making that his permanent calling. He was following farming and getting on satisfactorily well when his health failed and he had to turn his attention to something else for the support of his family. He was then living near Warrenton, and there was a dentist at Wentzville, by the name of Dr. J. C. Goodrich, who suggested the idea to him of studying dentistry. He accordingly went to work to become a dentist with that industry, application, and perseverance that never fails to bring success in any calling. The result of his embarking in this profession is known to every citizen of Huntsville and throughout the surrounding country. He has a large practice, and has made an enviable reputation in his chosen calling in life. Dr. Scott was born in Howard county, August 22, 1825, and was a son of Davis and Catherine (Woods) Scott, originally of Kentucky. The father came to Howard county as early as 1817, and was for a time in Fort Cooper. In 1830 the parents removed to Monroe county, or rather the father

did, his wife having died four years before. He has since lived in that county engaged in farming. His second wife was a Miss Nancy Embree, also of Howard county. She is still living. Abbott W. was reared in Monroe county, and was married there May 14, 1846, to Miss Sarah H. Wright, originally of Bourbon county, Kentucky. In 1852 he went to Warren county and followed farming for some seven years, but his health failing, he took up the study of dentistry, as stated above, and since that time has devoted all his time and energy to the profession of dental surgery. He located at Huntsville in 1865, and has been here ever since. Dr. and Mrs. Scott have five children: Mary C., the wife of David Morrill, of Ralls county; Emma F., the wife of John Skinner; Ella L., James E. and Beverly P.; the last three are at home. Andrew D. is deceased, dying in 1880, at the age of 27. Dr. and Mrs. S. are members of the Christian Church, and the Doctor is a member of the Masonic order.

REV. MILTON J. SEARS

(Pastor of the Silver Creek Baptist Church, and Evangelist).

Maine, discussing the origin of civilization in his "Ancient Lay," says, that in the family is to be found the germ of civil society and of all systems of government known to history. In the Mosaic period it was not an uncommon thing for a single family to found a community which in time developed into a state, or local government, with all the attributes and powers of an independent people. Instances of this kind then, and indeed afterwards, are too numerous and too well known to the reader of ordinary information to require mention. But later along still, population became so considerable that emigrations occurred in large numbers and instead of a new community being founded by a single family, a number of families would go out into a new land and establish a colony. And this system of colonization, or the settlement of a new country by a part of the people from an older one, has been and still is history repeating itself from the beginning. Thus Southern Europe was settled and Northern and Western Europe and all other countries under the sun; and in common with the history of the settlement of other countries, this is the history of the settlement of our own—of every State and county and township in the Union. As heredity is a great fixed natural law, the unending manifestations of which are observable in everything around us, so every community partakes to a marked degree of the characteristics of its founders and early settlers. For instance, the early Protestant settlers of Missouri were Baptists, and hence to this day we see that the oldest communities of the State, aside from the large cities, or in other words, those which have had principally a steady, natural growth, are still essentially Baptist communities. So, Missouri was settled originally by Kentuckians and Virginians and other Southern people. Hence to this day it is essentially a Southern State. Likewise one may go into any county, and by discovering the leading characteristics of the earlier settlers, he will

be able to form an accurate opinion of the character of the people at the present time. Hence it is that in writing a history of the county it is of the first importance to study the history of its early families. This, like a torch, throws a bright light on conditions and events which would otherwise be undiscoverable. It is for this reason that so much space is given in the present volume to family histories. These contain the facts which go to make up the history of the county, and the history itself is but a summarization of these facts or a short and generally imperfect statement of them. Viewing the history of a county thus, no pages in this volume can be considered better occupied than those which give a history (and, unfortunately, too short a one) of the old and representative family of Randolph county, the name of a member of which stands at the head of this sketch. Here is a family that has been identified with the county from its pioneer days, — prominently and worthily identified, — a family, the members of which, by reason of their numbers, character and influence, have done not a little to give character and direction to the community in which they have lived for so many years. It is such a family as any worthy and intelligent citizen of the county would be glad to refer to as a representative of the character, intelligence and worth of the people. An old Baptist family, to its influence is due not a little the fact that the people of Randolph county, and especially the community where it has been so long settled, are largely Baptists in religious feeling and faith. The Sears family was originally of Virginia and came to that State, then a colony, from England nearly a century before the Revolution. John Sears came out to Kentucky in an early day and settled near Bowling Green, where he reared a family of children. He was a man of strong character, great industry and superior intelligence, and was possessed of great reverence for religion, being an earnest church member himself. In his family were four sons: Hardy, Iverson, Henry and William. Henry moved from Kentucky and settled in Montgomery county, Illinois, in 1820, and became a prominent Baptist minister in Central and Southern Illinois, where he labored continuously for about the space of 40 years. He died in the year 1860, leaving a widow (who has since died) but no children. The other three came to Missouri, all settling in Randolph county, where they lived until their deaths, but William subsequently settled in Macon county and became the founder of the well known and influential Sears family of that county. He was a Baptist minister and died there at a ripe old age greatly loved and venerated for his nobility of character, his Christian piety and his long and useful life. Hardy Sears, the oldest of the three brothers, was a good and true man and worthy citizen, and died in this county leaving a family of children. Iverson Sears, the next oldest of the three brothers, was married near Bowling Green, Ky., in 1817, and came to Missouri in the spring of the second year afterwards. His wife's maiden name was Sarah Ryals, of an old North Carolina family, which was of Irish descent. John Sears, the father of the four sons, came to Missouri in 1820 and

died in Randolph county. Ivison Sears settled near Huntsville and improved a large farm. He became comfortably situated in life and lived here a prosperous, highly esteemed citizen until his death, or for a period of 35 years. He died in 1854. All old settlers remember him as a generous and hospitable neighbor, a worthy and useful citizen, and a kind-hearted and Christian man. His wife survived him but three years. They had a family of 13 children, namely: Matilda, who died whilst the wife of Rev. John Roan, an early Baptist preacher of the county; Martha, who died the wife of Caswell Courtney; Mary, who died whilst the wife of Valentine McCully; Theophilus became a prominent citizen of the county, and died in 1874 whilst public administrator. His son, Hon. Walker S. Sears, now represents Macon county in the Legislature; Elizabeth is the wife of John T. Cavens; Sallie A. is the wife of Henry Shepperd, of Chariton county; Malinda J. is the wife of Calvin Smith, of this county; Lewis, a Baptist minister in Texas county, this State; Albert F., a resident of Huntsville; Woodson D., died in Gratiot Street Prison during the war. He was one of the prisoners who drew for his life at the Palmyra massacre but drew a "life-slip" and was accordingly not shot; William B., for a number of years a merchant at Renick, who died at his home in October, 1867; Milton J., the subject of this sketch, and Oliver P., of Texas county, the last two being the sixth and seventh, respectively, in the family of children, but the others being stated in the order of their birth. Rev. Milton J. Sears was born on the farm near Huntsville, January 13, 1830, and was educated at a private school, receiving an excellent general English education. Subsequently he taught school and studied for the ministry while teaching, having decided to devote himself to the service of his Maker and humanity in that sacred calling. Rev. Mr. Sears began preaching when in his nineteenth year and has continued his labors in the pulpit from that time to this. In 1850 he was ordained by Elder William Sears, his uncle, of Macon county, and by Rev. James Ratcliff. The same year of his ordination he was installed as pastor of the Silver Creek Baptist Church, and has continued in this pastorate from that time to this. For the past two years he has been engaged in evangelical work, a portion of the time in the Eastern part of the State, and the balance of the time in the Southern part, though he has continued in the pastorate of the Silver Creek Church, preaching there regularly every month. The Silver Creek Church is the oldest Baptist organization in the county and his continued pastorate, now for over 30 years, shows how much he is esteemed both as a minister and a man by those who have known him longest and best. A man of sincere piety and great zeal in the cause of religion, he is at the same time an eloquent and successful preacher, and has contributed as much to the prosperity of the Baptist Church in Randolph county as any minister of his denomination within its borders. No man in the county stands higher in general confidence and esteem. Since his brother's death he has discharged the duties of public administrator, receiving the office first

by appointment and subsequently being elected to it. Mr. Sears was a member of the board of trustees of Mt. Pleasant College for many years and until the college building was destroyed by fire. On the 24th of July, 1851, he was married to Miss Cynthia A. Oliver, a native of Clark county, Ky., born August 13, 1833, and the daughter of John and Cynthia Oliver who came to Randolph county in about 1837, where the father died in April, 1877, in the ninetyeth year of his age. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Sears have reared a family of seven children: Madison L., who has just retired from the real estate business at Denver, Col., and has recently located in St. Louis as special and adjusting agent for the Manufacturers Insurance Company of Boston, representing Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming; Victoria A., now the wife of Felix Aubuehen, of Grenola, Kansas; Henry L., a prominent lawyer of San Francisco, Cal.; Emeline C., now Mrs. Benjamin McCrary, of Chariton county; Anna M., a graduate of Mt. Pleasant College, and at present a teacher at Huntsville; Minnie and Stella both young ladies at home. Mr. Sears is the author of the "Primitive Baptist Hymnal," a book of sacred songs used extensively in Baptist churches. It contains a number of selections of music composed by his daughter, Victoria, for some time a teacher of music at Mt. Pleasant and Hardin Colleges.

JOHN C. SHAEFER

(Huntsville).

A resident of Randolph county for 47 years, Mr. Shaefer has from time to time been prominently identified with its business and public affairs. His name has stood out for nearly half a century as a synonym of integrity of character, personal worth and useful citizenship. He was born in Carlshafen, Hesse, now a part of Prussia, Germany, on the 11th of October, 1814, and was a son of John H. and Mary Hoffman Scheafer (as the name was originally spelled), both of old and respected German families. John C. received an ordinary education in his native language and was brought up to the tailor's trade, which he learned thoroughly, as has ever been required of apprentices in that country. In 1833 he came to America, landing at Baltimore, but soon proceeded to Washington City, where he worked for Christopher Echloff at his trade for about 15 months. He then went to Charlottesville, Va., where he pursued his trade for about three years. While there he met and married Miss Ellen Day, of that place. She was born January 19, 1815, and they were married January 26, 1836. The following year he moved to Missouri and located at Huntsville, where he has lived continuously up to the present time. He followed tailoring here for nearly 30 years. Having a good ordinary education in his native language, he applied himself to study in the English language, and obtained, also, an excellent general English education. A man of superior intelligence and excellent address, he soon attained to considerable prominence at Huntsville and became highly esteemed for his high character and business qualifications.

In 1866 he was elected county clerk, and filled the office with efficiency and entire satisfaction to the public. In 1870, his term of official service having expired, he and his sons, C. B. and J. M., engaged in merchandising, and he continued the business a number of years. He then sold out, and has since been identified with no regular business pursuit. He is, however, secretary to the Building and Loan Association, and also secretary for the Independent Coal and Mining Company, in both of which he is a stockholder. Mr. Shaefer has been a member of the Masonic order for over 42 years, and has held the office of secretary during nearly all that time. Mr. and Mrs. Shaefer have had nine children: Sophia M., who died in 1876, the wife of Dr. Waldo Lewis, or rather his widow, for he preceded her to the grave some 10 years; Dabney G., who died at the age of 17; August G., who died in 1876, aged 33; Jennie, now Mrs. V. B. Calhoun; Mary E., *femme libre*; Kate, now Mrs. John D. Gregory, of Norborne, Mo.; Dora, a popular teacher of the county; Charles B., cashier in the Randolph Bank of Moberly, and James M., of Taylor's dry goods store.. Mr. and Mrs. Shaefer have been members of the Baptist Church for nearly 50 years.

J. H. SIMMS

(Retail dealer in Wines, Liquors, Cigars, Tobacco, etc., etc., Huntsville).

The early settlement of Randolph county was effected principally between 1825 and 1835. Of course, before that time there were a large number of pioneers who settled in the county, and after 1835 there was a steady stream of new comers from Kentucky, Virginia, and several of the other Southern States. But between the dates we have named there was, perhaps, a larger bulk of immigrants to the county than at any equal period prior to the Civil War. It was during that time that Mr. Simms' parents came to this county. Rufus and Mildred (Austin) Simms were from Virginia, and came here in 1830. They settled three miles west of Huntsville where they became comfortably situated on a good farm, and lived there until their death. James H. was born on the farm March 25, 1847, and was brought up to a farm life, getting a good common school education. Although a youth of only about 15 years of age when the war broke out, he enlisted in the State service under Gen. Price, and subsequently participated in the battles of Pea Ridge, Lexington, and other less engagements. After his term of service was out in the State Guard he returned home, and was on the farm the balance of the time until the close of the war. During the year 1864 he took a course at school at Callao. In 1865 he engaged in the saloon business which he has since continued, except for one year. He now has two saloons in Huntsville and keeps the best Kentucky whiskies to be had in the market, while the fragrance of his cigars and tobacco is such as to make infants smile and maidens long for quaffs of its deliciousness. Mr. Simms has had saloons at Moberly and Nevada City, which, however, were only branches of his business at Hunts-

ville. On the 23d of April, 1879, Mr. Simms was married to Miss Sallie Hall, a daughter of Daniel Hall, of this county. Mrs. S. is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. S., though not a church member, is a man of religious instincts, and fully appreciates the importance of churches, when properly conducted, to the well being of society. He is himself a temperate, substantial citizen, and reliable, upright man. He is much respected in the community by saints as well as sinners.

JOHN SUTLIFF

(Owner and Proprietor of the Huntsville Woolen Mills).

Mr. Sutliff's whole life has been identified with the woolen milling business. His father before him, Phineas Sutliff, was connected with the same business, and was a native of Massachusetts, coming originally of an old and worthy English family. Mr. Sutliff's mother was a Miss Susanna Teasdale, a native of New Jersey. Phineas Sutliff went to the latter State and located at Bloomfield, in Essex county, where he ran a large woolen mill for a number of years. The son, John, was born at Bloomfield, July 12, 1824. In 1837 the family removed to Cumberland county, Pa., and located at Newville, where the father ran a woolen mill for about 10 years. He then located in Butler county of the same State, where he was engaged in the same business until his death. He died in 1865. John Sutliff remained with his father at work in the woolen business until he was 18 years of age, when he started out for himself. Before he was 21 years of age he had put up a large woolen mill in Pennsylvania, and ran it with success for about two years. He then came West, locating at Glasgow, Mo., where he was employed in putting up the machinery of a woolen mill at that place. There he erected the first woolen mill ever established west of St. Charles. In 1855 he came to Mount Airy, in Randolph county, and has been a resident of the county from that time to this, for a period now of nearly 30 years. He built a woolen mill on Silver creek, now known as the Silver Creek Woolen Mills. Mr. Sutliff carried on the mills there for a period of 16 years and came to Huntsville in 1872, having previously erected the Huntsville Woolen Mill, of which he took full charge. This mill was erected by a joint stock company in which Mr. S. is a leading stockholder, and has a capacity of 340 spindles, being a one-set mill. The company represents a capital of \$16,000. The mill consumes about 40,000 pounds annually. Mr. Sutliff is without question one of the most capable and skillful woolen-milling men in this section of the State, and has contributed no inconsiderable part to the energy and success which has characterized his line of industry in this county and throughout the surrounding country. He has led the way in this important branch of manufactures, and by his example others have been encouraged to engage in the same business. His removal to Huntsville was a valuable acquisition to the best interests of the place. On the 19th of August, 1846, Mr. Sutliff was married to Miss Amanda C. Varnum, whose father was one of the pioneer settlers of Butler county, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutliff have six children: Enoch Phineas, Susan Sophia, Sarah Jane, William Henry, Amanda Catherine and Hattie Harriet. Mrs. S. is a member of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE T. SWETNAM

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

It was away back in 1828, when the subject of this sketch was a lad only about seven years of age, that his parents, John and Sarah (Goff) Swetnam, came to Missouri. They were from Clark county, Ky., where George T. was born July 9, 1821, and they settled in Howard county, near Burton, where they lived long and respected lives and died greatly regretted by those who knew them. George T. was brought up on the farm near Burton and was reared to know all about hard work, not from observation, but by actual experience; for those were not the days of shaded riding breaking plows and sulky plows and all that sort of thing, but the prairie was broken with three yokes of cattle, and corn covered with a hoe and planted one way and weeded in between by hand or with a hoe. There was work to do in those days and no foolishness, as now, riding around on a sulky plow reading "Daring Dick of Denver," or "The Monstrous Monk of the Mountains." George T. Swetnam, after he grew up was married, on the 24th of December, 1848, to Miss Nancy E. Barter, a daughter of Rev. Asa J. Barter, an early settler of Howard county. In 1850 Mr. Swetnam came over into Randolph county and settled seven miles north of Huntsville. Four years later he removed to his present farm where he has resided ever since, for a period now of 30 years. He has a good farm here of 250 acres. For a number of years he grew tobacco mainly, but for some time past has given his attention mainly to stock-raising. Mr. and Mrs. Swetnam have 11 children: John A., the present county surveyor, whose sketch follows this; Josephus, who died at the age of 30, November 19, 1881; William L., now a resident of California; Susie, educated at Mount Pleasant College, and now a popular teacher in the county; Elmer, Lura, Nancy C., Lizzie N., and George—the last four still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Swetnam are members of the Baptist Church. They are highly respected residents of the county.

JOHN A. SWETNAM

(County Surveyor, Huntsville).

Mr. Swetnam, who was for a number of years a prominent and popular educator of the county, and is a man of superior culture and excellent business qualifications, was born and reared in the county, which has continued his permanent home. Mr. Swetnam's parents are George T. and Nancy E. (Barter) Swetnam, old and respected residents of the county. His father is a successful and influential farmer, and is in comfortable circumstances. John A., born on his father's farm, near Darksville, April 22, 1850, remained at home, as-

sisting on the place after he became old enough to be of service, and attending the neighborhood schools until he was 19 years of age, when he came to Huntsville and entered Mount Pleasant College. He took a regular course at this institution and graduated in the class of 1874 with David Gentry, of Audrain county, John S. Gashville, now deceased, and a number of others, occupying a creditable position in his class. Mr. Swetnam, immediately following his graduation, engaged in teaching school in Randolph county, and spent nine years in that profession. During this time he was assistant in the school at Roanoke, and had charge of several other leading schools of the county. For three years he was professor of mathematics at Mount Pleasant College, his *alma mater*, and was engaged in teaching at Clifton at the time of his election to the office of county surveyor. While at school, as a student and afterwards as a teacher, Mr. Swetnam always showed a marked preference for mathematics, and became more than ordinarily advanced and proficient in that science. He takes the same view of mathematics in which Washington always regarded it. Every one is familiar with the fact of the latter's partiality for that science. In his letter to Nicholas Pike, the author of the first American arithmetic ever published, he thus expresses his admiration for the science of figures: "The science of figures, to a certain degree, is not only indispensably requisite in every walk of civilized life, but the investigation of mathematical truths accustoms the mind to method and correctness in reasoning, and is an employment peculiarly worthy of rational beings. In a cloudy state of existence, where so many things appear precarious to the bewildered research, it is here that the rational faculties find a firm foundation to rest upon. From the high ground of mathematical and philosophical demonstration we are insensibly led to far nobler speculations and sublime meditations." It was Washington's partiality for mathematics that led him to the study of that science which fitted him at an early age for the work of surveying, and it was in that profession that he started out in life. As an exercise of the mind there is unquestionably no study equal to the science of mathematics, and it was the study of this science which contributed largely to prepare the Father of His Country for the great duties and responsibilities which were destined to rest upon him. Mr. Swetnam, in his study of mathematics, of course became thoroughly conversant with the science of surveying, and it was in recognition of his qualifications in this direction, not less than on account of his high character and personal popularity, that he was elected to the office of surveyor in 1880. He has given general satisfaction in his present position and is regarded as one of the most able and efficient surveyors the county ever had. He is also *ex-officio* road and bridge commissioner, and has been appointed by the county court to the office of county inspector of mines. Mr. Swetnam is a stockholder in the Huntsville Fleming Raker & Stacker Manufacturing Company, and is secretary of the company. This company has a capital stock of \$10,000, fully paid, and was organized in 1883. On the 12th of Sep-

tember, 1875, Mr. Swetnam was married to Miss Margaret E. Baker, daughter of Nathan and Irene T. (Mathis) Baker, of this county. She was a woman of singular gentleness of mind and rare culture, and industrious and enterprising, a devoted wife and kind mother, but soon fell a victim to that dread malady, consumption. She died June 4, 1880. Two of her children are with her in her home beyond the grave. One survives her, Prince W., aged seven. Mr. Swetnam is a member of the M. E. Church South, and is superintendent of the Sabbath-school of his church. He is an active worker in the church and is regarded as one of its most valuable and worthy members. Still quite a young man, the future undoubtedly has much usefulness in store for him, both in public affairs and in private life.

JOSEPH W. TAYLOR, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Huntsville).

The positions of prominence in the various walks of life we now see occupied by men well advanced in years will soon be taken by younger men, as their seniors gradually pass off the stage of human activity by superannuation and death. Whom these successors are to be depends almost alone upon the exertions and ambition of each individual. Two youths may start out in life side by side, and with equal intelligence and advantages. One will achieve marked success and rise to prominence and influence. The other will fail and remain in obscurity. The true secret of their varying fortunes lies in the difference of spirit which animates them and the difference of application and perseverance with which they pursue their respective careers in life. It was a frequent remark of John Stuart Mill, one of the greatest economists and philosophers of modern times, that "What I could do, could assuredly be done by any boy or girl of average capacity and healthy physical constitution." His position, as is well known, was, that there is not so much difference in the capacities of individuals as is generally imagined; and that it is by industry and perseverance almost alone, occupations being the same, that distinctions ultimately obtain. While it may be going too far to follow him to the end in this view, he is certainly right to a very great extent; and no more conclusive evidence of a young man's ultimate prominence in his calling can be given than that he possesses these qualities. In the medical profession at this place we have more than one physician whose career illustrates this doctrine of Mill; men who have risen in the absence of early advantages to success and local prominence in their profession, and solely by their own industry and perseverance as students and practitioners; and taking the secret of their success as a criterion to judge the future of the younger members of the profession, it is not difficult to point out those who are to occupy the places of these old and prominent physicians when they have passed off the stage of action. Prominent among this class of young men in Randolph county is without question the subject of the present sketch. A young man of sterling natural intelligence and good constitution,

and having devoted himself to the medical profession, he has pursued his studies and attended to his practice with that industry and resolution that, if continued, cannot fail to place him in the front rank of his profession in Randolph county. So as time rolls on, he will probably become one of the foremost physicians of the county and a leading, influential citizen, while others, school-mates of his, perhaps, without the qualities he possesses, in the years to come, will still find themselves as little distinguished among their fellow-men as when he and they started out youths together. It is such representative citizens as are here spoken of, both present and prospective, whose sketches it is desired to give in this volume, and therefore the sketch of Dr. Taylor, Jr., properly finds a place on these pages. Dr. Joseph W. Taylor is a son of Dr. William H. Taylor whose sketch follows this, and was born at Huntsville October 21, 1854. He was educated at Mt. Pleasant College, and intended when in youth to devote himself to the profession of pharmacy. In pursuance of this purpose he studied pharmacy, and in 1874 took a course of pharmaceutical lectures at Louisville, Kentucky. Returning home after this, he was engaged in clerking at Huntsville, but soon decided to follow the example of his father and become a physician. He read medicine under his father for two years, and applied himself to study with great assiduity and perseverance. In 1876 he entered the Medical Department of the University at Louisville, Kentucky, where he took a course in medicine and surgery, and continuing his studies, in 1877, he then attended the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which he graduated with marked credit in 1878. Coming home now to Huntsville, he engaged in the practice with his father and has made gratifying progress in his profession as a practitioner. He is studious and progressive in his idea and faithful and attentive to his practice, and is rapidly winning the confidence of the community in his skill and ability as a physician, as he has always had it personally and in the ordinary affairs of life. On the 24th of September, 1878, Dr. Taylor was married to Miss Jennie B. Rutherford, a daughter of W. T. Rutherford. They have two children, Reba and Willie. Mrs. T. is a member of the Christian Church, and the Doctor is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Knights of Honor. They have a beautiful residence in the suburbs of the town with a handsome farm tributary.

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Huntsville).

Dr. Taylor, who has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Huntsville, with but little intermission but for two years less than 40 years, is well known as one of the most prominent and successful physicians in the county, and whose character as a man, without a blemish, stands high for the many estimable qualities of head and heart he possesses. His parents were John and Mary (Bartlett) Taylor, who were the first settlers of what is now Schuyler county, their nearest neighbors at that time being at Kirksville, 50 miles

away. The father died in Schuyler county on his farm, and the physician who attended him in his last illness had to come from Huntsville, a distance of nearly 100 miles. His death occurred July 21, 1835. Prior to going to Schuyler county he had lived at Huntsville, locating here as early as 1827. He kept the first hotel, called the Taylor House, ever opened in the county, and built the first brick house, long known as the Austin House, ever erected in the limits of the county. It was in 1833 that he left Huntsville for Schuyler county, where he lived until his death. He and wife were both from Kentucky, and his father's family was originally from Virginia. His wife survived him about five years, dying on a farm four miles north of Huntsville, August 14, 1840, at the age of 40 years, the family having come to this county after the father's death. There were seven children: Hardin M. W., who died in 1857; Edmund T., who was under Gen. Price in the Mexican War and died near Santa Fe during that struggle; William H., the subject of this sketch; John B., a stock-raiser near Helena, Montana; George W., at Huntsville; Sarah E., who died while the wife of Benjamin Brooks, and Martha P., now Mrs. Paul C. Murphy. William H. Taylor remained on the farm with his mother near Huntsville and attended school at this place until 1843, when he went to Louisville, Kentucky, and clerked in a drug store at that place for about four years. He had decided to make the practice of medicine his calling for life, and while in the drug store he pursued a regular preparatory course of study for that purpose, occupying all his leisure time, and especially the evenings after business hours, often until 12 o'clock, with his books. He took three courses of lectures in the Medical Department of the Louisville University then under the presidency of Dr. Caldwell, graduating in 1848. In the meantime, however, he had returned to Missouri after his first course of lectures and engaged in the practice at Huntsville. He resumed his practice here immediately after his graduation and started the first drug store ever established in the place. This was in May, 1848, and he has since been identified with the drug business more or less desultorily and with the practice of medicine continuously, except from 1858 to 1861, when he was in the drug business. He was also at one time interested with his brother, George, in the mercantile business. In the practice of medicine his son, Joseph W., is now his partner and has been since 1868, when the latter graduated from the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. Dr. Taylor was first married January 29, 1850, to Miss Margaret Murphy, daughter of Neil and Hannah (Davis) Murphy, of this county. She was his companion for over twenty years, but on the 6th of October, 1870, was taken from him by death, leaving him two children, Joseph W. and Ernest. On the 21st of May, 1872, Dr. Taylor was married to Mrs. Mary Wisdom, the widow of Caswell Wisdom, deceased, and the daughter of John and Mary Reed, of this county. She is a sister to Capt. Reed, well and favorably known by most old residents of the county. The Doctor and wife are members of the Christian Church,

and the Doctor is a charter member of the Odd Fellow's lodge, organized in Huntsville in 1847, and has held every station in the lodge, as well as being also a member of the Encampment. He is also identified with the Masonic order, being a member of the lodge at this place. The Doctor, although he has seen nearly forty years of hard and active practice in his profession, and is now over sixty years of age, is remarkably well preserved, being still erect in form and quick and elastic in step, and looks to be still a middle-aged man, or as young as men usually are ten or fifteen years his junior. He has always stood high as a physician and has ever had a leading practice in this part of the county. Personally, no man is more highly esteemed. He has held the office of mayor and councilman, but has never had any desire for official advancement.

E. W. TAYLOR

(Of Taylor & Keebaugh, Druggists, Huntsville).

Mr. Taylor, an energetic and successful young business man of Huntsville, is a son of Dr. W. H. Taylor, whose sketch precedes this, and was born at this place October 8, 1858, being the youngest in his father's family of children. He was reared at Huntsville and educated at Mt. Pleasant College, taking a regular course in that institution and graduating with credit in the class of 1878 under the presidency of Rev. Dr. Baker. Having made up his mind to devote himself to a business life, immediately after his graduation he entered the drug store of Woodbury & Baker to learn the practical details of merchandising. Later along he became a partner with Dr. Fort in the drug business, under the firm name of Fort & Taylor, and made a regular study of pharmacy. He is now, and has been for some time past, a registered druggist of the county. Some two years ago Mr. L. B. Keebaugh bought Dr. Fort's interest in the store and the firm has since been Taylor & Keebaugh. This is one of the leading drug firms of Huntsville, and is one of the oldest and best known houses in the drug line in the county. Messrs. Taylor & Keebaugh have greatly improved the stock of drugs and have considerably increased it since they became proprietors of the house, and its trade has had a marked increase. Both being men of first-class business qualifications, they carry on their business with that intelligence and enterprise which cannot fail of success. Courteous and polite to all, and perfectly fair in their dealings with customers, they have the full confidence of the community, and are popular not only as druggists, but personally as neighbors and citizens. Mr. Taylor is thoroughly conversant with all the details of his business, and is a capable and skillful druggist. The fact that this store is largely patronized by physicians, who are always exacting in the compounding of their prescriptions, shows how he is regarded as a druggist by those most capable of judging. Mr. Taylor is a stockholder of the gas company of this city and in the Building and Loan Association, and in the Raker and Stacker Manufacturing Company.

JOHN N. TAYLOR

(Merchant, Dealer in Furniture and Carpets, Wagons and Buggies, etc., etc.,
Huntsville).

Mr. Taylor, although still comparatively a young man, and having started out in life for himself on reaching his sixteenth year, with no means, is now one of the prominent and substantial business men of Randolph county. He has just cause to be satisfied with his past, and to look with hope for a more than ordinarily prosperous future. Possessing many of the stronger and better qualities and qualifications for a successful life in business, he is at the same time favored with that integrity of character and pleasant and accommodating disposition which challenge the respect and esteem of all with whom he is thrown in contact. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born July 21, 1850, and a son of John M. and Isabella (Silverwood) Taylor, both of old and respected Pennsylvania families, and both of English descent. John N. was reared in Pennsylvania up to the age of 16, occupying his time to good advantage either at school or assisting in his father's store. But of an enterprising disposition and desiring to accomplish something in life without waiting until he attained manhood, he struck out for the great West, and finally called a halt at Sigourney, Iowa, where he worked at the cabinet-maker's trade. After working there three years he went over to Richland, in the same State, where he was married to Miss Eliza J. Stroup, a daughter of John Stroup, formerly of Pennsylvania, but an early settler of Keokuk county, Iowa, and one of the prominent and influential men of that county. This was the 25th of August, 1870, and the following week after his marriage Mr. Taylor, instead of settling in Iowa, came promptly to Missouri to seek a location for the purpose of carrying on his trade. Selecting Huntsville, he went to work here with the little means he had to establish himself in life. His career since has been one of unusual success. He soon had a large furniture store, and in eight years he added a carpet department. Later along he established a vehicle warehouse, opening a fine stock of wagons and buggies. He now does the largest business in his line of any man in the county, and has one of the largest establishments in North-east Missouri. With characteristic enterprise, when the contract was to be let for the erection of the court-house at this place, he, with five other gentlemen, put in their bid, which was accepted, and they are now carrying on the work of building that structure. He also has a branch house at Salisbury in charge of his brother, William H. Taylor, where he carries a stock representing over \$5,000. Such a record of business success is rarely equaled, and reflects the highest credit on his character and business qualifications. He says the secret of his success is that he pushes everything for all it is worth and deals fairly at all times and in all circumstances. He has thus not only succeeded, but has won the confidence and esteem of the public. No

man in Huntsville stands higher than he. Mr. and Mrs. T. have four children: Mary H., Maud S., Lucile G. and Lida. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

WILLIAM TERRY

(Farmer, Section 11, Township 54, Range 15, near Huntsville).

Mr. Terry is well known in this section of the county as one of its most worthy citizens. His life has been one of more than ordinary activity and without reproach. He was born in Wayne county, Ky., October 30, 1808, and was a son of Josiah and Nancy (Thomas) Terry, early settlers of the Blue Grass State from Tennessee. Capt. Terry was reared in Madison county, to which his parents removed when he was quite young, and in December, 1830, was married to Miss Ithema Payton, a daughter of Yelverton and Mildred (White) Payton, and born in Madison county, November 30, 1813. Mr. Terry and wife came to Missouri in 1837, settling on section 2, township 54, range 15, where he bought 160 acres of land and improved a farm on which he lived for many years. In Kentucky he had learned the tanner's trade, and in this county he set up a tannery on Dark's creek, which he conducted for about eight years. Excepting this he has been engaged in farming and raising stock ever since he came to the county. He came to his present farm in 1869 and has resided here ever since. His tract of land contains nearly 500 acres, and he is comfortably situated. Since the war he has grown a great deal of tobacco, and has found this a very profitable branch of industry, and has also raised considerable cattle and mules. In 1850 Mr. Terry went to California, and was engaged in mining out there for a year with pretty good success. He and wife have reared a family of four children: Josiah, William, Nancy J. and Mildred A. Nancy J. is now the wife of William Elliott, and Mildred A. is now the wife of Thomas Jackson, of Salisbury, Mo. Mr. Terry has traded quite extensively in land and owned at one time about 1,100 acres. He still has 675 acres. His farm is largely run in grass.

Capt. JOSIAH TERRY, the eldest in his father's family of children, was born in Madison county, Ky., December 17, 1832, and was reared in Randolph county. In 1850, at the age of 17, he went to California with his father, but remained out there three years and four months, engaged in mining and fighting Indians, but principally the latter. He was in the militia that carried on a war against the Piutes and Diggers, and was in several hot fights, experiencing more than one narrow escape from the scalping knife of "Lo, the poor Indian, who sees God in everything." He returned to Missouri in the spring of 1853 and had not a little of the yellow dust that makes happy the hearts of both saints and sinners. He now proceeded to get a wife, and accordingly on the 12th of January of the following winter, was married to Miss Martha J. Turner, a daughter of David Turner of this county. He and his young wife then settled on a farm, where he went to work as an industrious farmer and stock-raiser. In

1861 he raised a company of volunteers for the Southern service, being elected captain, and served until 1862, when his time being out, he enlisted in the regular Confederate army, or rather, raised another company, of which he was also made captain. He was with Gen. Heinman after this, and at the reorganization of the army he resigned his commission, and joined Gen. Parsons, and was afterwards captured at Helena, Ark., and confined in military prison at Alton until May, 1864. He was then released on parol and went to Iowa, where he remained until the close of the war. Coming back to Missouri, he has since been engaged in farming and trading in and shipping stock. He has served as justice of the peace several terms and is one of the respected, influential citizens of his vicinity. Captain and Mrs. Terry have seven children: Theresa J., now Mrs. Jennie Mason; Emily F., Joella, Jennie, Alfred, Talton and Arthur. Theresa and Joella have been popular teachers in the county.

BENNETT E. TRELOAR

(Railroad and Express Agent and Telegraph Operator, Huntsville).

Mr. Treloar, one of the most popular and efficient young officials in the service of the Wabash, is a native of Wisconsin, born at Dodgeville, Iowa county, April 4, 1857. He was a son of Rev. James T. Treloar, an able minister of Dodgeville, a man of fine talents and profound learning, an erudite theologian and a distinguished pulpit orator. He was originally from England, but came to this country when a youth, and was married in Canada to Miss Jane Dale, a lady of great strength of mind and character and many accomplishments, as well as of the most amiable disposition. They had a family of several children, and, illustrating the truth of the position which many learned people hold, that refined and cultured parents are generally favored with children capable of distinguishing themselves in letters, the fine arts, and all the higher spheres of human skill and genius, it is a fact that all of Rev. Mr. Treloar's children are musicians of rare excellence and culture. One of their sons is now a teacher of music in Synodical College, and one of their daughters a teacher of oil painting and drawing in the Female college at Richmond, and Bennett E., himself, is an accomplished musician. He came to Missouri in 1873 and attended Mt. Pleasant College for two years. He was then in the music business at Red Oak Junction, in Iowa, for two years. Returning to Missouri, he was in the boot and shoe business at Mexico for two years, and in 1880 came to Huntsville and learned the telegrapher's business under E. S. Bedford. In 1882 he was in the train dispatcher's office at Kansas City, and afterwards in the freight office there up to July, 1883, when he returned to Huntsville, and has since been chief railroad and express agent and telegraph operator at this place. He has two assistants. Mr. Treloar's father is deceased, and his mother and two sisters, Jennie and Ada, are with him at Huntsville. He is a member of the Knights of Honor.

ISADOR VAN DERBECK

(Proprietor Depot Hotel, Huntsville).

The Van Derbeck family, as its name indicates, came originally from Holland, but during the Napoleonic wars Mr. Van Derbeck's ancestor of the third generation, who was impressed into the French service, finally settled in the North of France, or in the department Le Nord, where his descendants have since resided. Isador, the subject of this sketch, was born there on the 13th of June, 1848, and was reared in his native department. After he became old enough he began work in the coal mines of Northern France, and continued there until 1872. He passed through all the branches of coal mining and came to America during the year stated above, and worked in the Collinsville mines, near Belleville, Ill., for about seven years, and was foreman under Pitts Bros. for about two years in the Canton mine. In 1879 he returned to France on a visit, but, coming back to America the following year, he subsequently followed coal mining at Murphysboro, Ill., for about a year. In 1881 he came to Missouri, and in August of that year to Huntsville, and after mining here a short time he began keeping boarding-house, the business finally developing into his present Depot Hotel. A man who likes good things to eat himself, and wants clean beds and comfortable rooms, he knows how to run a hotel, and when guests leave they generally express a regret that they can not stay longer, for it is a luxury to eat at his table, sleep in his beds and while away leisure hours in his cosy, comfortable rooms. His prices, too, are so reasonable that one becomes richer the longer he boards with him, while of course he becomes fatter and happier. And for guests who enjoy an occasional "dhrop o' th' crayture," or a fragrant chew of tobacco or a delicious smoke, he keeps a neat bar with the best refreshments to be found in town. On the 30th of April, 1878, Mr. Van Derbeck was married to Miss Adele Duguenay, originally of the land of vines, France. They have three children: Victor, Martile and Arthur.

JOHN B. WHITE

(Farmer, Section 5, Township 53, Range 15, near Huntsville).

Daniel B. and Susan (Stere) White, the parents of John B., came to Missouri from Virginia in 1836 and settled in the north-western part of Howard county, where they still reside. John B. White was born on a farm near Glasgow, July 30, 1845. When 15 years of age he met with an accident by which he lost his right leg. A gun went off, inflicting a wound, on account of which his leg had to be cut off a few inches below the knee. After that his parents designed him for an indoor, commercial life, and he was educated with that object in view. After attending school at Glasgow for several years, he took a course in Bryant & Stratton's Commercial School at St. Louis. After his commercial course he returned here, and finally decided to follow an

agricultural life, for which he had a decided preference. He remained at home engaged in farming with his father until his marriage, which took place on the 27th of March, 1872, when Miss Denie B. Garth became his wife. Her parents were Garland and Mary (Burnley) Garth. Miss Garth came to Missouri in the year 1866 and lived with her uncle, Mr. D. C. Garth, her father having died during the war. The Garths were originally of Albemarle county, Virginia. Mr. White and his wife after their marriage set up for themselves, and he engaged in farming in Howard county, or rather continued it. In 1875 he removed to Randolph county, where he bought the Minor Rucker farm, situated four miles west of Huntsville, where he still resides. This farm contains nearly 300 acres of fine land, and is one of the choice places of the township; is within one mile of the celebrated Randolph medical spring. Mr. White makes somewhat a specialty of stock-raising, and is quite successful. Mr. and Mrs. White have three children: Sue Mary, Daniel Boone and Fannie D. Burnley died at the age of four. Mrs. W. is a member of the M. E. Church South.

JAMES WILLIAM WIGHT

(County Clerk of Randolph County, Huntsville, and Farmer and fine Stock-raiser).

Mr. Wight was elected to his present position in November, 1878, and has held the office ever since that time, having been re-elected in 1882, and he still has two years to serve of his second term. Mr. Wight's contest for the office, or rather for the nomination for the office, the first time he ran, was one of more than ordinary spirit, there being four prominent and popular men beside himself before the convention for the nomination, at the time he was chosen to bear that honor. He had never figured in public life before, except as a private citizen, but he was well and favorably known to the people of the county, and he was chosen, not through any sharp management of his canvass, but because he was regarded as the best man for the place. Having been thoroughly educated as he grew up, and being a man of high character and excellent business qualifications, these considerations added to his urbane manners and genial disposition so recommended him to the people and the convention that his defeat was hardly less than impossible, even with the worthy opponents he had to meet in the convention. His nomination was effected, however, without bitterness, and his election at the succeeding poll was one of more than ordinary enthusiasm and by a majority highly complimentary to him personally. The expectations of the public have not been disappointed by his subsequent career. He discharged the duties of his office for the first four years with so much efficiency, fairness and general satisfaction that he was again triumphantly nominated and elected, and unless all signs are to be interpreted the reverse of what they indicate, the end is not yet. While Mr. Wight is as capable and efficient an officer as there is in the county, the principal cause of his success is his great personal popularity. Though dignified and not too free and easy, he is of such a gentlemanly, generous disposition, respectful

and obliging, and courteous and kind to all, that those with whom he is thrown in contact seem to invariably and naturally come to regard him as worthy of implicit trust, and to look on him as a friend and one who would help them if in need. He is not called "Jim Wight" by everybody who knows him, but all respect and esteem Mr. Wight and feel that they are doing the proper thing to favor him, for they know very well that there is no kindness in his power which he would not gladly do them. Thus, while he is popular, he is respected and looked on with that consideration to which his character and personal worth entitle him. Mr. Wight was born and reared in this county and is a son of James F. and Frances A. (Burton) Wight, of this county, who came here from Kentucky in 1840. His father has long been one of the successful and influential farmers and stock-raisers of the county. James W. is the only son, and was born June 13, 1842. Brought up to the age of 16 on the farm, he then advanced from the preparatory school to Mount Pleasant College, then under the presidency of Dr. William R. Rothwell, now at the head of William Jewell College, and one of the most scholarly and accomplished educators in the State. Young Wight remained at Mount Pleasant until his graduation in the class of 1863, having received the highest honors of the same at the hands of the president of the college whose duty it was, according to a time-honored custom of the institution, to bestow it upon the most deserving. Several of the representatives of the class have become distinguished in life. Mr. Wight's tastes have always inclined him to an agricultural life, and after his graduation he returned to the farm and identified himself with farming and stock-raising. In these lines of industry he continued without interruption until his election to the office of county clerk, and became very successful. He is still prominently identified with the agricultural interests of the county, and is justly regarded as one of the most intelligent, progressive and enterprising farmers and stock men in the county, and is quite comfortably situated. On the 12th of May, 1868, Mr. Wight was married to Miss Aurelia T. Fullinwider, a daughter of Henry W. and Jane A. (Shipman) Fullinwider, now of Bourbon county, Kentucky. Mr. Fullinwider is prominently identified with the Female College at Millersburg, Ky. Mrs. Wight is a lady of rare accomplishments and many graces of personal manners. Mr. and Mrs. Wight have two children: James Winter and Fannie Amanda. Both parents are members of the M. E. Church South.

GIDEON V. WRIGHT

(Proprietor of the City Bakery and Grocery Store, Huntsville).

Of the thousands of brave-hearted men who crossed the plains and scaled the summits of the cloud-capped Cordilleras to the Pacific coast, between 1848 and '52, to seek their fortunes on the golden coast, not a few went out from home and friends never to return. Among these was the father of the subject of this sketch, Amos Wright. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Belsher, were from Kentucky, and came to Randolph county in an early day,

settling on a farm near Huntsville. Here Gideon V. Wright was born on the 17th of April, 1843. Six years afterwards, in 1849, the father went to California, where he died the following year. The mother still resides in this county and lives in Huntsville. Gideon learned the baker's trade under John P. Clink, and worked at it for four or five years. Later along he engaged in the bakery business at Macon City, and during the latter part of the war, served in the militia. After the war Mr. Wright continued to follow the baker's business, and was for a time engaged in the saloon business. In 1874, however, he resumed the bakery business at Huntsville, and has since continued it. A baker of long experience, he understands his business thoroughly, and his breads, cakes, pastries, etc., have a high reputation, not only for excellence of ingredients and architectural design, but for cleanliness and general desirability. He also has a stock of groceries in connection with his other business, and has a good custom in this line. On the 17th of April, 1866, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Eliza J. Skinner, a daughter of Everett Skinner of this county. They have one child, Walter W., now a youth 15 years of age. Mr. Wright is a member of the I. O. O. F. and has been since 1866. He is also connected with the Knights of Honor.

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP.

J. R. ADAMS

(Farmer, Post-office, Renick).

Mr. A. is a son of J. Q. Adams and Elizabeth Foster, of Kentucky, and was born in the neighborhood of his present home December 30, 1852. He had one brother and one sister, both of whom are dead. His father died when he was only a child, four years of age, and left him to the care of a very delicate mother. She lived until he had turned his fifteenth year, when she, too, was taken when she was most needed, just as he was budding into manhood. But her counsel had made such impressions upon his character that they have never been erased. He grew up in the country and was given a good education, and when his studies were completed he settled on a farm and was married, October 22, 1874, to Miss Emma Halloway, daughter of Edwin Halloway, who removed with his parents from Kentucky to this State when a boy. They have had three children, one of whom now survives: Carrie E., born December 11, 1880. Mr. Adams and wife are members of the Christian Church, both having joined before their marriage. Mrs. Adams' grandfather Halloway has grown old in the services of the Christian ministry.

ELDER WILLIAM B. ANDERSON

(Post-office, Renick).

Nearly 60 springs have put forth their tender buds, and as many summers blushed and smiled and passed since this reverend and venerable man of God first opened his eyes on the sin and misery of the world. It was in Green county, Ky., on a bleak February morn, that angels rejoiced over the birth of one more worker in the vineyard of their beloved Master. Rev. Robert T. Anderson and Martha Lowry, his wife, parents of the good man whose pen portion is here given, were both from Virginia, but moved to Kentucky at an early day and there passed the remainder of their lives. Rev. Robert T. was a man of vast erudition, and was occupied during the larger portion of his life in sowing the seeds of knowledge in the fertile mind of youth. He was of marked prominence in his profession, and was at the head of the Baptist Association. His son, William B., was principally educated under his scholarly eye. Though growing up on a farm in Christian county, part of the time he attended the common schools, and for one year was at Bethany College. He early showed a disposition to be a servant of Christ, at the age of 16 joining the Baptist Church. When he was 22 he attached himself to the Christian Church, and the following year (1847) came to Missouri. Two years later he began speaking in public, and in 1850 was ordained in the ministry, appointed for the salvation of mankind, since which time he has labored without ceasing to bring the lost sheep into the fold. He has been a faithful watchman and steward of his Lord and a wholesome example and pattern to his flock. He won his charge of the Christian Churches at Renick and Salem. On the 18th of November, 1850, Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Eupha, daughter of F. K. Collins, one of the most respected residents of Randolph county. After his marriage Mr. Anderson was engaged in teaching in different places for some time. Indeed, altogether, he has taught not less than 25 years. He has lived, since 1856, on a farm, and has devoted his leisure moments to its improvement. It contains 160 acres of land, 60 of which are under the plow and in meadow land. He has a double log house, a good barn and nice bearing orchard, including some grape and other small fruits. Mrs. Anderson is also a member of the Christian Church. There are two children: Frank P. and Sallie C.

WILLIAM N. ARMSTRONG

(Merchant, Renick).

Mr. A. is a native of Illinois, born in Hancock county, February 15, 1850. His father, W. N. Armstrong, and mother, a Miss Haymaker, were from Pennsylvania, the latter dying when the subject of this sketch was but two years of age. William lived on a farm in Illinois until he was a grown man, and was the recipient of a good common school education. He came to Missouri in the winter of

1880, and farmed for two years in Caldwell county; then he moved to Randolph county, and in October, 1882, started in business at Renick. He has a complete stock of hardware, tinware, and queen's-ware, and has a large and well established trade. Mr. Armstrong is an unusually popular man, and of such good commercial mind as stamps him at once a prosperous one. He is young, with all the world before him. His fate is in his own hands, and there is no doubt, from the beginning he has made, of what it will be. Mr. A. is a single man and a prominent member of the A. O. U. W.

ALBERT H. AUSTIN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Austin, a native of Randolph county, Mo., was born at Huntsville March 16, 1842, his parents, Henry Austin and Henrietta Rhodes, being originally from Virginia. Henry Austin moved to Missouri at an early day, and located at Huntsville. He was a contractor and builder, and built both the first and second court-houses of the place, besides a great many business houses and residences. Mr. Austin was for a number of years a merchant, but in 1852 retired from business, and taking a company of 50 men went to California overland. He spent two years in the mines there. After his return in 1854 he was for one or more terms sheriff of the county. Mr. A. was a strong Union man during the war, and was appointed provost marshal, a position which he held until, his health failing, he was forced to resign it. He died February 22, 1864. In this family there were four sons and two daughters: J. H., now in Texas; Mrs. S. N. Robertson; W. T., attorney at Huntsville; F. H., of Texas; Sallie A. and A. H., the subject of this sketch. The last named grew up in Huntsville. He was well educated at Mt. Pleasant College. Having instilled into him from his earliest childhood an enthusiastic veneration for the "Stars and Stripes," when in 1861 his country called, he "hesitated not upon the order of his going," but enlisted at once under his beloved flag. He went in as a private in Co. G, Missouri cavalry, and served until the end of the war; the summer of 1865 released him. He fought bravely through many fierce engagements, among them the battle of Boonville. When peace once more spread her white wings over the land, Mr. A. returned to Huntsville, lived there until 1870, and then settled finally on the farm which has since been his home. Part of the time he has had his place rented out, but he has just moved with his sister, Miss Sallie, to see after his creature comforts, into his new and elegant house, recently completed and furnished in the latest and handsomest style. Mr. Austin owns 200 acres of land, all fenced and set in tame grass. Miss Austin is a lady of exceeding grace and refinement and possessed withal of a mind of unusual strength; this has been cultivated to the highest degree, her education having been conducted at the Christian College at Columbia, and at the M. E. college at Quincy, Ill. She is a consistent member of the Christian Church,

and she and her brother are among the most charming people in the township.

THOMAS D. BAILEY

(Farmer and Stock Dealer).

The subject of this sketch was born in Boyle county, Ky., March 22, 1831; his parents, Alfred Bailey and Cyrena Baker, were also natives of Kentucky. When the family removed to Missouri in 1839, they first wintered in Boone county, and it was in the spring of 1840 that they came to Randolph. Until 1847 their movements were somewhat uncertain; they lived two years in Randolph, one year in Macon and one year in Boone counties, returned to Kentucky for a year, finally came back to Missouri and settled down on a place which Mr. Bailey entered and improved at Round Grove, and where his son now resides. At this time the country was almost a wilderness; wolves were numerous and their howls broke the stillness of many a winter's night. On the other hand they afforded royal sport for these sturdy pioneers; the horns of the hunters, the deep mouthed baying of the hounds and the excited neighing of the eager horses, often enlivened a chase which had not been unworthy of a king's pasture. After the death of his father in the fall of 1849, Thomas D., being the eldest of the family, took charge of the farm, its onerous duties leaving him but little leisure for pursuing his studies. Mr. Bailey's first wife was Miss Sarah E., daughter of Enoch and Elsie Ridgeway of Boone county, but originally from Kentucky. Mrs. Bailey died in 1863, leaving no children. Mr. Bailey was married a second time in Boone county, in January, 1866, to Miss Mary E., daughter of Tandy and Elizabeth Robinson, formerly from Virginia, but among the early settlers of Boone, where Mrs. Bailey was born and raised. After his marriage Mr. Bailey purchased the old homestead where he continued to live until October 1862, when he enlisted as a private in the Ninth Missouri infantry, Co. C. During the war he took part in a number of engagements, among them Prairie Grove, Cyprus Bend, Ganes Landing, etc. While on a scouting expedition in the southern part of the State he was taken prisoner and held about 21 months, being incarcerated first at St. Louis and afterwards at Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Ind. His war record is one of which he may justly feel proud; he served with distinction and was rewarded by promotion. After his discharge from prison on the 22d of March, 1865, he returned to his farm and commenced life once more with no capital in hand except his two good arms and a stout heart, and withal, a debt of \$1600 hanging over him. Naturally he had a hard struggle for a number of years, but by dint of indefatigable industry and close management, he has accumulated a nice property. He owns 415 acres of fine land all fenced and in cultivation and pasturage, also 60 acres of timber land; his house is a very neat structure and he has besides substantial barns, etc. Mr. Bailey makes a specialty of buying young mules and raising them for the market. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have five children, Bettie B., Mary Minnie, Nettie C. and

Esty D. ; four children died in infancy. Mr. Bailey has been a second Nimrod in his day and many a deer and other wild game have fallen before his unerring rifle. Upon one occasion he caught a large buck by the horns (which now ornament his walls), the dogs having hold of him all around; the animal was not wounded, but Mr. Bailey held him firmly until another hunter rode up and dispatched him. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are members of the Christian Church at Fairview, and Mr. Bailey is a prominent member of Morality Lodge No. 186, A. F. and A. M., at Renick, Mo.

WILLIAM R. BARRY

(Farmer and Merchant of Prairie Township).

Mr. B. is a Virginian by birth, his parents, William Barry and Mary Ann Rankin, being also natives of that State. When the family first came to Missouri in 1838, they located in Boone county, but in 1846 moved to Randolph, and wandered no more; the elder Barry closing his eyes for his last sleep in August of the year 1878. William R., who was born October 25, 1832, spent the first years of his life in Boone county, but his maturer interests have been identified with Randolph. His education was conducted partly at the common schools, partly at McGee College, though he owes much to his own course of self instruction. After leaving school, he taught at intervals for five years, employing his winters thus, and farming during the summer. In 1859 Mr. Barry began farming in Boone county, continuing for six years. He then took charge of the flouring and saw-mill for Seymore & Co., bought one-fourth interest and after remaining in the business four years, sold out and bought his present farm. He has 40 acres in a good state of cultivation, and on it a comfortable house, etc. In December, 1882, Mr. Barry took charge of the mercantile house of Mr. Ford, and now owns a considerable interest in the store. The firm carry a full line of general merchandise including hardware, queen's-ware, groceries, dry-goods, etc. On the 20th of January, 1859, in Boone county, Mr. Barry led to the altar Miss Elizabeth A., daughter of Capt. Joseph Seymore, formerly of Tennessee, though Mrs. Barry herself has been a life-long resident of Missouri. There are four children: Mary A., Orpha D., Susan Iva and Nancy E. One, Georgella, died in the fall of 1867, before the baby tongue had learned to lisp its mother's name. Mr. and Mrs. Barry and their daughters are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Boone county. Mr. Barry is a man of great weight in this township.

MRS. ETHETA D. J. BROCKMAN

(Post-office, Renick).

Among the earlier settlers of Howard county, Mo., who came from the grand old Commonwealth of Virginia to this then wild and sparsely settled country, was George Rorer and his wife, whose maiden name was Miss Nancy Nowlin, both Virginians by birth. Prior to their settlement in Howard county, which was in 1829, and about five

years before leaving their native State, there had been born to this worthy couple a daughter, whom we now take as the subject of this memoir. Her natal day was the 30th of September, 1824. Young and still in a tender age when the family took up their location in Howard county, she grew up there amid the scenes which were in strong contrast to what it might have been had she been kept in Virginia, yet becoming possessed of good educational advantages for that day. After leaving the public schools she entered Central College, at Fayette, remaining there some time. She soon engaged in teaching, her time being occupied principally in teaching in the public schools, though one or two of a private character received some of her attention. Thus she continued until her marriage, and, indeed, she has taught more or less every year since that time. On the 26th of December, 1848, she was united in marriage with Mr. Burgis G. Harris, who was also a native of Virginia. He purchased a farm and settled in Howard county, but subsequently exchanged that place for the one now occupied by Mrs. Brockman, and here he continued to live until called away by death, September 20, 1855. To them had been born three children, viz: Kate, wife of Rice Marshall; Camelia, wife of George Marshall; Tucker Viola, wife of James W. Dougherty. One child died when eight years of age, Burgis. Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Harris resumed the occupation of teaching, for which she had previously become well qualified, and continued it until her second marriage, November 30, 1858, when she was made the wife of Thornton Mason, like herself, originally from Virginia. He came to this State early in his career, and while yet a young man served as assessor. His death occurred in January, 1866. There are two daughters by this last marriage: Fannie, wife of George A. Dougherty; and Nannie, wife of William Ragsdale. One son died at the early age of eight months. Once again did Mrs. Mason turn to teaching as a means of support after the departure of her second husband, and up to 1869 served as an educator. On the 9th of August of that year Mr. Stephen Brockman claimed her as the sharer of his joys and sorrows, and to him she proved a helpmate indeed, one ever ready to help where her counsel and cheering words would be of benefit. He, too, came to Randolph county when young. He departed this life July 5, 1883, mourned by all who knew him, and was followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowing friends. Mrs. Brockman has resided upon the farm where she now makes her home most of her life, though she passed some time during 1865 in Renick. She is a loved member of the family circle in the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Dougherty, and is still active in mind and body and of a most agreeable disposition and kindly nature.

WILLIAM C. BROOKS

(Saw-Mill and Lumber Business).

The subject of this sketch is one of the most substantial business men of Randolph county, and was born April 12th, 1838. He is a

son of Thomas N. Brooks, who was originally from Wayne county, Ky. The latter lived in his native State until he had reached the years of maturity, when he married Miss Nancy Gillispie of the same State. In the autumn of 1832 he removed with his family to Missouri and settled in Randolph county. He entered land and devoted his time to improving his place and farming. After having lived nearly half a century in the county, he passed away at the residence of his son, William C., on October 3, 1879. Mr. Brooks was brought up on the farm, and early in life showed signs of that energy and perseverance which were the causes of his success in later years. He may be called a self-made man in every sense of the word. His present prosperous condition is due to his own exertions, and not to any special advantages which he had in his youth. With an education limited to the common schools, he accomplished what men with twice his learning have failed to do. At the age of 20 Mr. Brooks began work in a saw-mill, receiving 50 cents a day for his labor. Being convinced that a "rolling stone gathers no moss," he stuck closely to business. A close and careful observer, he gradually learned the *minutiae* of the saw-mill and lumber business and has followed the same ever since. By his industry and economy he saved money enough to enable him to buy the mill, which he had entered years before on a nominal salary. As time passed on he had the honor of being the proprietor of the first steam-mill in Randolph county. He was not too busy, however, to woo and win a bride, and Miss Sarah F. Galbreath was his choice. She was the daughter of James A. Galbreath, of Kentucky, and the marriage took place on the 25th of February, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks have had nine children: Ardena, Hettie Ann, Henry, Fannie, Virginia, Benjamin, Cora, Obe and Nellie May. It would seem that Mr. Brooks would have his hands full in attending to his manifold duties at the mill, and that he had about as much as one man could do without attempting anything else. After his marriage he took up his residence on the farm where he yet lives. In partnership with his brother he undertook the arduous duties of farming. His farm consists of about 125 acres. He has about 80 acres in timber. Mr. Brooks makes a specialty of the saw-mill business, but does not neglect his farm, as the neat appearance and general air of thrift about his place can bear witness. By his excellent management and good business capacity he has, with the aid of his brother, come to be the owner of a number one steam-mill, and is doing an unusually heavy business. Among the many duties of life which Mr. Brooks fulfilled was the one which called him to be one of the defenders of his country. When the trumpet of war sounded, penetrating to the most peaceful and happy homes, he was one of the first to respond to its call. He enlisted first in the Fourth Missouri State militia, and after serving there with credit to himself was transferred to the First Missouri cavalry, Union service. He served in the latter company until, on account of physical disability, he was honorably discharged. Mr. Brooks took an

active part in a number of skirmishes in Missouri, and tells many interesting reminiscences of his life during the war.

JAMES M. BUTTS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Butts is a worthy scion of good old Virginia stock, and was himself born in that State, April 16, 1811. His father was Thomas Nugent Butts; his mother, Sarah C., daughter of Major James Broddus, who served for five years without compensation in the Revolutionary War. James M. grew up and was married in Virginia, in August, 1833, to Miss Elizabeth M., daughter of Alfred M. Yager. He lived for a year or more in Page county, after his marriage, and in 1836 came to Missouri, first stopping in Franklin county. He was engaged there in teaching for several years; next lived about 10 years in Howard, continuing to teach, and in 1851 moved to Randolph and bought land in the southern part of the county. This has since been his home. It was in the spring of the same year that Mr. Butts lost his wife. Mrs. Butts left eight children, one having preceeded her to that happy land where there is no sorrow nor any sighing. Those living are Martha A., wife of George Cross; Elizabeth C., wife of Thomas Brunnel; James W., Thomas Alfred, Margaret T., wife of George P. Hulett; Virginia C., wife of Robert Terrell; Mary E., wife of J. E. Hubbard, and Sarah F., wife of Thomas Hulett; the last two being twins. Mr. Butts joined Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, of Culpeper county, Va., in 1832, and commenced exercising his gift in the ministry in the third year, and has continued it during this time, also teaching without interruption. He owns a farm of 80 acres, well improved and with a good, substantial and comfortable dwelling, convenient barn, and other buildings, and fine bearing orchard. In December, 1851, Mr. Butts took to wife Mrs. Mary Ann, widow of Abel Burton and daughter of Bart. Dameron, formerly of North Carolina. Mrs. Butts has three children by her first marriage: Rebecca J., wife of Green Dameron; Laura Belle, wife of Scott Malone and Thomas F. Burton married Miss Sarah Barry, a sister of William P. Barry, whose sketch is one of the number in this history. To her second husband Mrs. Butts has borne five children, of whom two died in infancy. Now living, are George W., John S. and Lenora Ann, wife of Thomas Carr, of Boone county. This is one of the most prominent families in the neighborhood, and far and near is spread the influence of Mr. Butts' pious teachings. Mr. and Mrs. B. have 38 grandchildren.

WILLIAM J. E. CARR

(Renick).

Mr. Carr is of English parentage, his father, J. E. Carr, and mother, Jane Hayson, not coming to this country until after his birth, April 17, 1861. The family emigrated to the United States in 1863,

and first stopped in Streator, Ill. Here Mr. Carr opened up the great coal fields of that part of the State; he also built the third house erected in Streator. In 1869 the family moved to Missouri, and after living in Ray county for one year, where Mr. Carr sunk a mine, they went to Leavenworth, Kan., and have since remained there. Mr. Carr is general manager of the Star Coal Mining Company, and is also vice-president of the company. In addition to this he occupies the position of general manager and consulting engineer of the Leavenworth Coal Company. He is eminently qualified in every way to take a foremost place among men, and he bears himself right nobly in the high station to which he has attained. William J. E. grew up in Leavenworth, receiving a good English education, supplemented by a course in mining at the University at Rolla, Mo. In October, 1881, he came to Renick and obtained the position he now holds, of superintendent of the Star Coal Mining Company, Renick, Mo. Mr. Carr was married in Rolla, November 15, 1882, to Miss Sadie E., daughter of Judge J. G. Hutchinson, now of Phelps county, but formerly of Tennessee. Mrs. Carr was born in Phelps county and was educated at Rolla; she is a member of the Baptist Church. This young couple have one child, an unusually fine boy, called Willard Avery, born September 13, 1883. It is rarely the case that one so young is called upon to support the dignity of such an office as Mr. Carr holds, but the firm discretion, keen sagacity and faithful diligence with which he discharges its duties, leave no room to doubt that he was born to rule. Mr. Carr is comparatively upon the eastern horizon of his life. It is easy to foresee that the sparkling promise of its dawn will gather a more brilliant radiance with the noontide, but to be eclipsed by the golden glory of its latter end.

CHRISTOPHER J. CHILTON

(Post-office, Moberly).

Mr. C., one of the substantial farmers and esteemed citizens of Prairie township, is a representative of an old and honored anti-Revolutionary family, the Chiltons of Virginia. Mr. Chilton's great grandfather Chilton was a member of the Virginia Assembly at the time of the outbreak of the war between the Colonies and Great Britain, and he it was who introduced the resolutions in that body instructing the representatives of the Colony in Congress, then sitting at Philadelphia, to use their influence toward securing the adoption of a "Declaration of Independence" of the Colonies from the mother country. It was in pursuance of these resolutions that Richard Henry Lee, early in June, introduced into Congress a resolution declaring "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States." Following this, on the 4th of July, 1776, Thomas Jefferson's "Declaration of Independence" was adopted, and the great Republic of the Western Hemisphere was born. From Mr. Chilton, the author of the resolutions above referred to, descended Samuel Chilton of Warrenton, Va., a member of Congress from that State,

and a member of the State Constitutional Convention during the first half of the present century. A still younger descendant was Thomas Chilton of Elizabethtown, Ky., who represented his district in Congress with distinction for a number of years. Mr. Chilton's grandfather, James Chilton, became a pioneer settler in Kentucky when our subject's father, John Chilton, was in infancy. In that State James Chilton, the grandfather, became a wealthy farmer, and there John Chilton, his son, grew to early manhood. While still a young man John Chilton came to Missouri and located in Pike county. There he engaged in farming, and soon afterwards was married to Miss Rachel Jackson. Later along he removed to Randolph county and here bought and entered nearly 2,000 acres of land. Like his father, he too became quite well off in property affairs, and was one of the highly esteemed citizens of the county. He dealt quite extensively in stock, and drove mules South for a number of years, in which he was very successful. He died August 2, 1863. The third son in his family of children was Christopher J., the subject of this sketch. He was born March 23, 1843, and was reared on a farm in this county. The Chiltons have almost invariably been farmers and stock-raisers, and Christopher J. has proved himself no exception to this rule. He was married December 14, 1865, to Miss Martha, a daughter of James Owenby, formerly of Kentucky, and at once located on a farm and went to work to establish himself in life. He has a fine farm of over half a section of land, about two-thirds of which he has well improved. Mr. Chilton raises grain in a general way and gives considerable attention to stock. He is satisfactorily successful and stands well as a citizen and neighbor. Mr. and Mrs. Chilton have two children, James and Mary.

ROBERT T. CHRISTIAN, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon).

Dr. Christian, a fine physician and charming gentleman of Randolph, was born in that county, October 12, 1839. He was the son of N. B. Christian of Scott county, Ky., and Martha C. Sweatnam of the same State. His parents found their way to Missouri in 1830, and located within half a mile of the site of the town of Renick. Robert T. came to man's estate there, living on the farm. He received an excellent education at the schools of the neighborhood, supplemented by a three years' course at Mount Pleasant College at Huntsville, Mo. When Robert had finished his studies, he selected medicine for his profession in life, and began to prepare himself under the direction of Dr. T. L. Hamilton, near Renick. He took his first course of lectures at the St. Louis Medical College in the winter of 1859-60, and graduated there in the spring of 1861. Just as the Doctor was ready to launch out a full-fledged M.D., the commencement of hostilities between the North and South brought before him a new field of action. All his sympathies were with the gallant Southern braves, and he enlisted in that cause under Col. Congrave Jackson,

of the Jackson Missouri State Guards, re-enlisted in the summer of 1862 with Col. Poindexter, and after serving with him about four months, went South and joined the regular Confederate forces, Col. Dorsey's Battalion. In 1863 he was transferred to Perkins' Battalion, acting as surgeon in both. He first enlisted as a private, was promoted to the position of assistant surgeon under Poindexter and afterwards made first surgeon, in which capacity he served until the close of the war. After the surrender the Doctor returned to Renick and began anew to carry out his life's ambition. He has been engaged in the practice of medicine at this point ever since, and his faithful endeavors have been crowned with well merited success. Dr. Christian was one of those who built the Renick flouring mill in which he was a partner for the first year or so. He was married in Renick, December 27, 1870, to Miss Kate D. O'Keefe, daughter of William O'Keefe, formerly from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Christian was born in Pennsylvania but came to Missouri with her parents at the age of 12 years. Eight children have blessed this union, seven sons and one daughter: Napoleon J., Arthur T., Ida C., Robert E., William P., J. Charles, Ernest L. and Earl J. The brightest hope of this noble family of children may well be that they shall follow closely in the footsteps of their parents.

JUDGE JOHN T. COATES

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

The family of this country of which the subject of the present sketch is an honored representative was native originally to Virginia, where the founder of the family settled from England generations prior to the Revolution. Branches of the family are still resident of that State and are widely dispersed over it. At this day an old Virginian can scarcely be found who is not acquainted with some representative of the family in the Old Dominion. Branches of the family have also settled in various other States, including among the rest, Kentucky and Missouri. But wherever they are found they almost invariably occupy enviable positions in their respective communities. It is therefore only as should be expected that the subject of the present sketch, a citizen of Randolph county, is one of the leading men of the county in character, influence and standing. Judge Coates comes of a Kentucky branch of the Coates family, or rather his father, who was a native of Virginia, was for a time settled in Kentucky. Judge Coates' father, Judge Thomas P. Coates, was reared in his native county. His parents were one of the well-to-do and influential families of the county, and, considering the early times in which he was brought up, when college educations were extremely rare, he had more than ordinarily good advantages for the cultivation and improvement of his mind. He studied at a private school kept by the best class of teachers that could be had, and succeeded in acquiring an excellent practical English education. When a young man, desiring to avail himself of the advantages of the cheap and fertile lands of Kentucky for es-

tablishing himself in life, he removed to that State, and there, later along, was married to Miss Belinda Darrett, whose family was also from Virginia. Soon after this, the attention of emigration was generally drawn to Missouri, and, indeed, before this, for here were lands as cheap and fertile and a climate and natural transportation facilities as favorable as any under the sun. These facts were hardly more than brought to the notice of young Mr. Coates, the father of our subject, when he resolved to cast his fortunes with those of favored Missouri. Accordingly, in 1835, he turned the front of his mover's wagons westward and was soon entering the borders of this State. He came on directly to Randolph county, which he had made his objective point, and entered a fine body of land, on which he improved a good farm. The seasons and the years came and went, and he occupied all his time to good advantage in agricultural pursuits and looking after the best interests of the community and county with which his life had become linked. He prospered abundantly in agricultural affairs and steadily rose to prominence and influence among those around him. He became one of the substantial farmers of the county, comfortably situated, in easy circumstances and respected and esteemed by all. For several terms he was a member of the county court, and was regarded as one of the most capable and expeditious business men and one of the soundest and most upright judges who ever sat on the county bench. He was not only a prominent farmer and an esteemed official of the county, but a man of great public spirit and sagacity in originating and carrying forward movements and enterprises calculated to benefit the county. In short, he was a leader in all steps taken of that kind. In stock-raising he advocated and himself practiced what he urged, that the best breeds should be introduced, and as a farmer he believed in the most approved and progressive methods of agriculture. He also favored the encouragement of immigration and, in a word, was ever found in the forefront of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of the county. He was for many years a member of the Christian Church, and was one of the most prominent and valued communicants of that denomination throughout the section of the county in which he resided. After a residence of 35 years, which he had made replete with labors for the best interests of all, he was called from his earthly home "to his home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." His death was mourned by all who knew him as a severe loss, for he was more than ordinarily valued as a neighbor and citizen. In his own family he was loved and venerated with a depth and sincerity which bore eloquent testimony to his life around his own hearthstone. When Judge Thomas P. Coates died, one of the best citizens who ever honored Randolph county with their residence was taken away.

From such a father came Judge John T. Coates, the subject of this sketch, and the mantle of the father has fallen to a son not unworthy to wear it. Judge John T. Coates was born in Henry county, Ky., July

8, 1831, and was therefore a lad only four years of age when his father settled in Randolph county. Like his father, he was reared to a farm life and to habits of industry and principles of morality and integrity. His education was acquired in the common and high schools of the county, and inheriting his father's spirit of enterprise and ambition to succeed in life, he was naturally attracted to the Pacific coast during the California gold excitement. He was 19 years of age when he crossed the plains, going in the company of Capt. Owens, in which there was a large train of brave-hearted pioneers bound for the Golden Coast. Young Coates spent four years in the distant land of the Argonauts engaged in mining and speculating in mines, for his was not the character to come back like a homesick girl before the moon had grown old during his absence. He went there to make money and he was determined not to fail through any fault of his. Nor was he disappointed in his expectations. He had reasonable success, both in mining and speculating, and came back to his old home in Randolph county in 1854 by no means the worse off for his long absence. On reaching Randolph county — and he made the return trip by the Isthmus of Panama and New York — he at once resumed farming, and soon turned his attention also to raising stock and dealing in them. The year after coming back, on the 16th of March, 1855, he was married to Miss Amanda Smith, a daughter of Joel Smith, of Randolph county, but formerly of Kentucky. Before his marriage, however, he had already located on the farm where he still resides, and here he has continued, successfully occupied with agricultural pursuits. He has long since become one of the leading farmers and stock men of the county, and a citizen not less respected and influential than was his honored father. Judge Coates' farm contains 900 acres and is one of the handsomest farms in natural appearance, as well as by improvements, in the county. It is situated about two miles from Moberly, and from his residence an exceptionally fine view of the surrounding country may be had. His house, a commodious and tastily constructed two-story building, is situated on a handsome collado or rise about 300 yards back from the road, and the lawn in front is one of rare beauty. The other buildings, including a large barn, cribs, carriage house, ice house, etc., are constructed in keeping with the residence, and the general *ensemble* of the place is that of the abode of a progressive agriculturist and intelligent, prosperous citizen. Judge Coates raises and handles cattle quite extensively, having on his place at the present time nearly 200 head, and he makes a specialty of raising mules, buying them when young and feeding them through a few seasons until they are ready for the markets. Like his father, Judge Coates has always taken an intelligent and active interest in public affairs, though being himself the farthest from a self-seeking man. An earnest and sincere Democrat, he coöperates with his party because he believes that principles of Democracy, those which the teachings of Jefferson and Jackson reveal, are the true principles upon which the govern-

ment should be administered, and he hopes not only to see these principles carried out in affairs, but also to see none but worthy men selected for official positions. These motives have ever been the mainspring of his political action, and thus animated he always strives in local affairs to secure the selection of pure and worthy men for office. Appreciated for his high character and sound judgment, and known to be a man of superior business qualifications and a prominent, representative citizen of the county, in 1880 Judge Coates was appointed by Gov. Phelps to fill out an unexpired term on the county bench, a position he accepted, and the duties of which he discharged with that efficiency and general satisfaction characteristic of his father's administration of the same office many years before. Judge Coates' first wife died May 14, 1868. She was a lady of singular strength of mind and gentleness of manners, and was only less esteemed among her neighbors than she was loved in her own family. Her whole life seemed to be devoted to doing her duty as a devoted, loving wife, a gentle and affectionate mother, a kind neighbor and a worthy member of the church, as a Christian woman. She was one of the good and true women, the memory of whose lives is without a blemish, and who are thought of by those who knew them as angels are. She had borne her husband, who loved her with great tenderness, and to whom her death seemed a loss too hard to bear, six worthy, children namely: Charles N. D., William W., Minnie D., John Q., Lizzie S. and Henderson W. To his present wife, Judge Coates was married June 22, 1869. She was previously a Miss Lizzie S. Smith, a sister to his first wife. Like her sister, she is much esteemed by her neighbors and is a valued member of the church. There are also six children by this union: Rodger S., Joel S., Wade Hampton, Glenn T., Lucy H. and Thomas White. Judge Coates and wife are members of the Christian Church, and the Judge is one of the leading lay members of that denomination in his vicinity. He is also a member of the Masonic order, and has occupied all the positions in the Moberly lodge of that order. Judge Coates is president of the Moberly Coal Mining Company, one of the prominent coal companies of Moberly. One of the foremost agriculturists of the county, Judge Coates has always taken an important interest in agricultural affairs, and is recognized as one of the most progressive and liberal minded farmers and stock-raisers throughout the surrounding country. In stock-raising, he believes in handling the best blood that can be had, and carrying out this idea, he has some exceptionally fine graded cattle, and also other representative stock of a superior class. In public affairs, relating to the material prosperity of Moberly and Randolph county, Judge Coates shows great liberality and zeal and falls behind no one in steps taken to advance the best interests of the public. As has been said, he wears with true worth and becoming grace the mantle of his honored father which has fallen to him.

GEORGE H. COTTINGHAM

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. C. is one of the wealthy citizens of Randolph county and one of the most liberal and public spirited men in the township. He was born October 17, 1833, in Shelby county, Ill., while his parents, B. T. Cottingham and Lucy Hardman, both of Kentucky, were visiting friends in Illinois. The family moved to Missouri in 1838, and were among the earliest settlers of Callaway county. After leaving there, they abode in Boone county for two years and in Audrain seven, and at last settled in Monroe county, where the senior Cottingham died. It was here that George H. arrived at man's estate and finished his education at the common schools. He only lived here one year after his marriage, February 22, 1858, and then came to Randolph county, which had been his wife's home, and for eight years was engaged in the saw mill and lumber as well as the flouring mill business. He took possession of his present farm in March, 1875. He has 350 acres of land, 320 fenced and in cultivation, and has about 200 in timothy and blue grass. His residence is handsome, and he has a good barn and two splendid orchards, one in especial, containing 250 trees — apple, peach, cherry and other fruits. Mrs. Cottingham was Miss Sarah M. Brooks, daughter of Thomas B. Brooks, formerly of Kentucky. They have seven children: Florence, wife of J. J. Matthews; R. C., Lora May, wife of Logan Meals; James H., Ernest, Beulah and Thomas B. Three children died in infancy. R. C., the eldest son, is a young man of most brilliant promise. He was educated and graduated at Columbia, and is now a successful practicing physician at Leesburg, Monroe county. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Mr. and Mrs. Cottingham and the two eldest daughters are zealous and devoted members of the M. E. Church South, for whose worship there is a building situated on Mr. Cottingham's farm. It is a new and beautiful structure, costing \$1,200, and in which Mr. Cottingham has the right to feel great personal pride, having given the ground upon which it stands and more money towards its erection than any four others, besides boarding the carpenters free and contributing largely in other ways.

JAMES N. COX

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. C. was born in Fayette county, Ky., July 9, 1824. His father, Daniel Cox, who was a man of heroic mold, and fought in the War of 1812 in the naval service on Lake Erie, died before the family left Kentucky, in 1836. James N. and his mother, formerly Miss Lydia Hurst, of Kentucky, located first in Boone county, Mo., and it was not until he became his own master that Mr. Cox moved to Randolph county and began for himself. He has been successful in his efforts, and now owns 195 acres of land, all fenced, with 130 in cultivation

and meadow. He occupies a neat residence. On the 29th of December, 1849, Mr. Cox crowned his life with the love of Miss Susan Spurling, daughter of Alfred Spurling, formerly from Kentucky. Mrs. C., though born in Kentucky, was raised in Randolph county. She was to him a good and faithful spouse, and died February 28, 1880, leaving three children: Elizabeth F., wife of James T. Harris; Mary A., wife of Albert Byram; and Ida Lee. Mr. Cox was married again, March 30, 1881, to Mrs. Mary E., widow of George W. Campbell and daughter of Elijah Fowler, formerly of Kentucky. Mr. Cox belongs to the Missionary Baptist Church, and Mrs. C. is a member of the Christian Church.

JOSEPH B. AND CHARLES G. DAVIS

(Post-office, Renick).

Joseph B. Davis was born in Randolph county, Mo., January 8, 1829, and was a son of Joseph Davis, originally of Virginia, who removed to Kentucky when quite young, being brought out by his parents to the Blue Grass State, who were early settlers in Kentucky. Joseph grew to manhood in that State and was there married to Miss Polly Williams, also born and reared in Kentucky. Joseph Davis, *pere*, came out to Missouri in 1819, and prospected in this State for a location at which to settle. Returning to Kentucky, he removed his family to Randolph county, Mo., in 1822, where he had decided to make his future home. He settled near Renick, or rather where the town of Renick, then in a state of *non esse*, is now situated. He resided on the farm which he settled near the site of Renick, until his death, which occurred May 1, 1865. He was twice married, and his widow by his second marriage now resides on the old homestead.

Joseph B. Davis was reared on a farm in this county, and had good common school advantages. In 1850, then 21 years of age, he crossed the plains on his way to the golden coast of the Pacific seas. He went in the company of White and Burkhead, and about 10 others, and they were on the road some four months. After an experience of nearly a year in the mines he returned to Missouri by way of the Isthmus and New Orleans, reaching his old homestead in Randolph county in 1851. The following winter, on the 17th of February, 1852, he was married to Miss Sallie, a daughter of Saul and Jeanette Martin, formerly of Kentucky. Mrs. Davis was born and reared in this county. There are two children by this marriage: Jeanette, who is the wife of Charles C. McKinney; and Charles G., one of the subjects of this sketch. The mother of these died, and on the 7th of November, 1864, he was married to Mrs. Mary E. Grace, the widow of Samuel Grace, and a daughter of Owen McGruder, an early settler of Howard county, but now deceased. Mrs. Davis has one daughter by her former marriage, Annie E., the wife of J. B. Davis, Jr., of Moberly. By her last marriage there is also a daughter, Sallie M., now a young lady of 17. Two children died after they had reached years of maturity, —

both by Mr. Davis' first marriage: Florence G., who died in the fall of 1883, and James Rollins, who died November 4, 1881, at the age of 24. He was a young man of fine ability and superior attainments, a lawyer by profession, practicing at Moberly, and a graduate of the law department of the State University. It was a sad thing to see this young man die in the opening bloom of life, when all the bright days of usefulness and perhaps eminence at the bar and in public service were before him. He had fitted himself for his profession by a thorough course of study, and was one of those characters in whom the fire of genius was imbedded and the noble aspiration to make his life one of value to the world and of honor to his name and country. With his talents and attainments and the honorable ambition that prompted him to strive for a destiny above that of the average of men, he could scarcely have failed to make for himself a reputation and a name that would have gone vibrating down the ages, as that of one of the able men of his native State. Mr. Davis, the senior subject of this sketch, settled on the farm where he now resides before his marriage. This is an excellent place of 250 acres and is well improved, including good buildings and fences, meadows and pastures, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Davis is a member of Morality Lodge, No. 186, of the A. F. and A. M. at Renick.

CHARLES G. DAVIS, the junior subject of this sketch, was born June 23, 1861, and was reared on the farm. Being of studious habits and of an active and quick mind, he acquired an excellent education, and became well qualified to teach school. He taught school in the county for several terms, and also one term in Howard county, and meeting a charming lady, to whom he became ardently attached, Miss Alice Sorrell, daughter of John Sorrell, of this county, he was married to her on the 3d of August, 1882. After his marriage, Charles G. Davis bought back an interest in the mill which he had previously been running, and continued to run it for some time afterwards. He engaged in the milling business as early as the fall of 1880, but sold out in the spring of 1881, and did not return to it until after his marriage.

REESE D. DAVIES

(Merchant, Renick).

Born in South Wales, England, May 14, 1843, Mr. Davies was the son of David and Magdaline Davies. He clung to his native land until some years after reaching his majority, working as apprentice at the trade of blacksmithing; then, conceiving the far-off America to be an El Dorado, he finally set his steps toward it. He could not, however, valiant as his courage, face the uncertainties of a new life, a stranger in a strange land, without one loving heart to cheer his way; so in August, 1868, Miss Eliza Walters consented to link her fate with his, for better, for worse, and in 1869 the newly-married pair, with a tear in the eye and a smile on the lip, started for this glorious land of liberty. Mr. Davies settled in Macon county, where for five years

he was engaged in coal mining. He moved to Huntsville, Randolph county, in 1874, and continued to work in the mines for two years. During this time he found that his previous knowledge of blacksmithing was no disadvantage to him, and he made use of it in making and sharpening tools for the mines. He finally came to Renick in the fall of 1878 and worked in the mines here for three years, when he started a saloon. Though he has sold one-half his interest in this business, he still owns the building. From the fall of 1881 until January, 1883, he was engaged in the furniture business, and then forming a partnership with William Crosswhite, they laid in a stock of hardware and groceries under the firm style of Crosswhite & Co. A man of such good business habits and capacity and sterling, self-reliant worth could not fail to prosper, and Mr. Davies is now enjoying the fruits of his own industry in the shape of a flourishing trade. Not less has heaven smiled upon his home. He has six children, all of whom were born in Missouri: David W., Anna, Lizzie, William, Mary J. and Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. Davies are devout members of the Congregational Church, and Mr. D. belongs to Estridge Lodge, I. O. O. F.

GEORGE A. DOUGHERTY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser and Dealer).

Mr. D. is a native of Howard county, Mo., and was born July 28, 1849. His mother, Anna Walker, was also a native of the county, her father being one of its earliest settlers. Franklin Dougherty, his father, came from Kentucky in 1837 and entered land in Howard, only three miles from the place where he now lives. George A. spent his youth on the home farm, receiving a good common school education. At the age of 22 he went to Texas, and was for some time employed in driving and trading in cattle. In 1873 he located in Randolph, marrying, October 21, 1875, a young lady who was born and raised in the county, Miss Fannie A., daughter of Thornton Mason. After his marriage Mr. Dougherty bought a place near Elliott, in the same county, which, after living on it until in February, 1883, he sold it, coming to the farm upon which he now lives in February, 1883. Mr. Dougherty makes a business of trading in mules and cattle, buying young mules and raising them for the markets, besides trading in other stock. He is a man of much energy and enterprise and has the esteem of all his neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty have only one child: Nannie Pearl, a winsome little maid, born November 21, 1876.

SAMUEL M. FOREST, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon.)

Dr. F. was originally from Kentucky, having been born in Barren county, January 29, 1845. His father, John M., and mother, Martha Malone, were natives of Kentucky. They came to Missouri in the fall of 1857, and, having wintered in Columbia, settled in Audrain county the following spring. Samuel M. grew up on the farm and attended

the neighboring schools; his education, however, was finished at a high school in Barren county, Ky. On his return to Audrain he farmed two years; then, seized with the Texas fever, he determined to try his fortune there. He continued his occupation, farming, in Texas, from 1868 to 1873, when, feeling the medical profession to be the noblest on earth, he adopted it as his life work, a decision for which many have had reason to be thankful. In 1874 Dr. Forest commenced the study of medicine at San Marcus, Texas, under Dr. Wood, one of the leading physicians of that part of the State. He read with him one year, then returned to Missouri, read with a brother at Middle Grove, Monroe county, took his first course of lectures the winter of 1875-76, and in the spring of 1878 graduated with honor at the St. Louis Medical College. He first pitched upon Franklin, in Howard county, as the scene of his future labors and triumphs, but in the winter of 1879 removed to Renick, which he has since made his home. In 1880, unwearying in the pursuit of knowledge, Dr. Forest took another course of lectures at the St. Louis Medical College, and returned in the spring of 1881 to Renick and continued the practice of his profession. It is needless to say that he has become "to all the country dear." Being by nature endowed with qualities both of head and heart which render him peculiarly well adapted to the calling of his choice, he has reaped in a marked degree the fruit thereof. He is a man of brilliant mind, with an insatiable thirst for study, and deserves to the full the distinction he has won. In 1882 the Doctor went, in connection with his brother, John Forest (who, as was mentioned in a previous sketch, was succeeded by G. O. Powell), into the drug business, in which he has prospered. Dr. Forest is a member of the Moberly District Medical Society, and is secretary of that organization; he is a member of Middle Grove Lodge A. F. and A. M., and also a member, as well as examining physician, of the A. O. U. W. Thus far the Doctor, despite the universal decree that a physician shall marry young, has remained single, finding room only in his heart for suffering humanity, to which he has devoted himself with the ardor of a lover. It may be that, with rare wisdom, he recognizes the undoubted fact that, in spite of all said to the contrary, young physicians will share with young ministers, to the end of time, the worship of every female heart.

WILLIAM C. FOSTER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Foster is the son of Anthony Foster and Permelia Carey, of Clark county, Ky. His parents came to Randolph in January, 1848, and bought an improved farm in the neighborhood of Mr. Foster's present home. There were four sons and three daughters, of whom three sons and a daughter are still living. William C., who was born in Fayette county, Ky., January 18, 1835, lived until he was a man on the farm, receiving a fair common school edu-

cation. When the tocsin of war sounded through the air Mr. Foster cast in his lot with that noble and devoted band who gave their lives freely in defense of their sunny land of flowers, and whose hopes were doomed to blight and decay. He enlisted in 1861 in the Missouri State Guards, John B. Clark's Division. He held a commission as second lieutenant, and was in the battles of Boonville and Lexington. He then resigned, came home, joined Perkins and Poindexter, and in 1862 was taken prisoner and held at St. Louis and Alton, Ill., for several months; finally, his exchange being effected at Vicksburg, he went into the Ninth Missouri infantry, under Col. John B. Clark, Jr., and served until the close of the war, participating with distinguished valor in several important engagements and a number of skirmishes. The next event worthy of note in Mr. Foster's career was his marriage to Miss Mollie E., daughter of William H. and Deidamia Cooper, formerly of Kentucky, whom he wedded September 19, 1867. They have three living children: Sallie, Minnie Gertrude and Henry, losing in 1878, within a few months of each other, two promising boys; Thomas E., died April 16th, in his 10th year, and William died September 16th, aged two. Upon his marriage Mr. Foster settled quietly down on the farm he still owns. This comprises 243 acres of land — 200 in the home place, all fenced and nearly all in cultivation and meadow pasture, a new and neat residence, good stable and fine bearing orchard. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are exceedingly popular among their neighbors, and are desirable members of the community. They both belong to the Christian Church at Renick.

WILLIAM B. GARVEN

(Post-office, Renick).

Mr. G., a respected citizen and farmer of this county, was born on February 11, 1839. His father, Stephen H. Garven, was a native of Kentucky. He came to Missouri when quite a young man, and believing in the Bible doctrine that, "it is not good for man to be alone," he married Miss Janette Brooks, a native of Kentucky, and settled in Randolph county near Roanoke. He resided in the county until his death, which occurred in the year 1871. His son, William B., was brought up on his father's farm, and his youthful days were spent in acquiring that useful and practical knowledge of farm life, which was in after life of so much benefit to him. Brought up as a stock-raiser and farmer, he has pursued both occupations with great energy, and his efforts have been crowned with success.

Mr. Garven is well educated in the English branches, having completed a course in the public grammar schools and the Sturgeon High School. In the midst of the sterner duties of life, Mr. Garven found leisure to choose for himself a partner in life. He was accordingly married in this county on November 24, 1861, to Miss Lydia Ann Shirley, who was also born and brought up in Randolph county. Her father, Presley Shirley, was formerly from Kentucky. Their marriage

was blessed by seven children, namely: Eugene, Anna Orald, Cora, Charles, Don, Maud and William Ira. But death, who, in his relentless course, spares neither young nor old, did not forget this household. Five little ones were taken from their loving mother's arms in their infancy. Truly is it said,

There is a reaper, whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between.

The flowerets of the sorrowing parents had but "budded on earth to bloom in heaven."

Mr. Garven did not settle permanently immediately after his marriage, but rented a farm for a few years. In the year 1869 he bought a farm near Renick, and remained there for 12 years, meeting with success. In 1881 he sold the farm on which he lived and purchased the place where he now resides. His place is kept well repaired, and everything is in good order, showing that the master's eye is carefully attentive in the minutest particular. Mr. Garven is the owner of 200 acres of land, all fenced. He can also lay claim to 100 acres in cultivation, and about 75 acres in pasture.

THOMAS W. GENOLA

(Proprietor of City Livery, Feed and Sale Stable, Renick).

Mr. G. was born in Howard county, Mo., February 4, 1847. His father, Joseph Genola, was a Frenchman; his mother, Elizabeth Owen, a native of Kentucky. Joseph Genola emigrated to the United States when a young man, and settled first in Glasgow, Howard county, of this State, where he married. In 1849 he went to California, remained eight years, and returning in 1857, lived in Glasgow about one year, when he moved to Renick. There he was engaged in the grocery business until his death, September 9, 1860. Thomas W. Genola, the subject of this sketch, while growing up, divided his time between school and assisting his father in the store. After the death of the latter he enlisted, in 1864, in Price's army, and served until the close of the war. He participated in the battle of Lexington and fought all the way from that place to the Arkansas river. During this memorable journey he was under fire at least 20 or 24 days. After the war Mr. Genola returned to Renick and clerked until 1868, in the spring of which year he began merchandising on his own account, and did a good business for 10 years, notwithstanding the fact that in 1874 he was burned out, without insurance, and suffered a heavy loss of about \$3,000. In the fall of 1879 he bought a stable and embarked in the livery business; but one could almost imagine him pursued by the hungry jaws of a veritable fiend, for in the same year he was again burned out. Rising Phoenix-like from the flames, he built in 1881, the brick stable, where he is now established. Mr. G. has

been at times engaged to some extent in shipping native lumber, and is also now the owner and proprietor of a meat market. He was elected in the spring of 1881, mayor of the city, which honorable office he now continues to fill to the material advancement of the interests of the community. To say that fortune smiles upon him is but calling attention to the inevitable consequence of his own indomitable energy and steady industry, the only imperishable treasure that can be possessed by a man in this world of change and chance. Mr. Genola was married at Renick, June 6, 1870, to Miss Dulcie Boulware, a daughter of John Boulware, formerly from Kentucky. There are two children in their family: Ida Velera and Rita.

JAMES L. GEORGE

(Merchant at Renick, Mo.).

A native of Howard county, Mo., Mr. George was born July 25, 1853, the son of William George and Sarah Hardin, both from Kentucky. Mr. George was a man of distinction, having fought with honor in the Mexican War. After settling in Howard county, when a young man, he tilled the soil there for a number of years. When the late Civil War broke out, like the war-horse who sniffs the battle afar, he rushed to the fray; he served in the Confederate army, was taken prisoner, and died in 1864, that most terrible death, a captive in a military prison in St. Louis. J. L. spent his life until his majority on the farm, during which time his education was not neglected. He attended the schools of the neighborhood, finally taking a course of two years at the Normal school at Kirksville. Upon the completion of his studies Mr. George turned them to good account; he took charge of a school and taught "the young ideas how to shoot" for four years. In the spring of 1879 he embarked in the drug and grocery business at Renick, and was in the trade about three years. In October, 1882, Mr. George sold out his store and bought a third interest in the Renick Flouring Mills, in partnership with Williams & Grant. He continued in this line until July, 1883, when he disposed of his share in the concern. He has just completed a fine brick store house, 24x80, which he has fitted out with a full stock of drugs and groceries, and is now prepared to fill all orders with which the public may favor him. Mr. George and Mr. T. J. Grant own four fine brick buildings, just finished, beautifully ornamented with iron facings. Mr. G. is as yet unmarried, but if Dame Rumor speaks aright will not long continue so. He is a man of genial, popular manners, and his friends are a host; of steady, reliable business habits and a clear-headed manager, his success was a thing assured.

JAMES W. GIBBS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. G., a son of Stephen Gibbs, of Virginia, and Martha Miller, of Kentucky, breathed his first sigh in Howard county, Mo., March 23,

1848. The family came to Howard in 1843, where Mr. Gibbs entered land and improved a farm, on which he lived until his peaceful passing away, in 1870. James W. grew up on the farm in Howard county, receiving a good common school education. He first adopted the carpenter's trade and built most of his own building, as well as two or three others in the neighborhood. Upon his marriage, however, February 9, 1875, to Miss Martha E., daughter of Judge B. H. Tolson, of Howard county, whose sketch may be found in the Howard County History, Richmond township, his father-in-law presented him with the farm upon which he lives, in Randolph county. In March, 1876, Mr. Gibbs moved to his new home. He owns 262 acres of land, all fenced and nearly all in cultivation. His young orchard embraces a variety of small fruits. Mrs. Gibbs, a lady of refinement, intelligence and beauty, is a native of Howard county, and was educated at Christian College, Columbia. She and her husband are both members of the Christian Church. They have four children: Sallie F., Anna Belle, Katie S. and Benjamin Elliott. Mr. Gibbs is a young man, every day of whose life unfolds some bud of promise and hope, and of which the full flower cannot fail to be of gorgeous bloom.

THOMAS J. GRANT

(Renick).

Among the substantial business men of Renick is the subject of this sketch. Mr. Grant, a son of Thomas G. Grant and Lucy M. Allen, of Virginia, was born in Boone county, Ky., December 15, 1835. The family moved from Virginia to Kentucky, and from Kentucky to Missouri in 1841, locating in Monroe county. Mr. Grant, Sr., was a veteran and a pensioner of the War of 1812. T. J. lived in Monroe county until he was grown, passing his life on a farm, and being educated in the common schools of the neighborhood. While still in Monroe, January 2, 1857, he was married to Miss Ann Elizabeth, daughter of William H. Fields, originally from Kentucky. Mrs. G., though a Kentuckian by birth, came with her parents to Missouri at the age of 14 years. After Mr. Grant was married he continued to live in Macon until March 9, 1866, when he came to Randolph county and established himself on the farm where he now resides. He owns 520 acres of land, all in a body, adjoining the town of Renick, upon which he has a handsome two-story residence, two new barns, and other necessary out-buildings. Mr. Grant makes a business of handling thorough-bred cattle, and has a herd of 18 head of as fine as can be found anywhere, led by Leonard, a deep red roan, and magnificent animal, one year old. Mr. Grant takes great pride in his stock, and with reason. Besides this, he, under the firm name of Williams & Grant, is a half owner of the Renick flouring mill, and of a carriage and wagon factory, a handsome one-story brick structure, just completed; he is also interested in a harness shop. Grant & George, as mentioned in the sketch of the last named, own a block of four substantial brick buildings, all iron front, and the best store-rooms in the town of Renick.

Mr. Grant's principal occupation is handling, feeding and shipping stock to the wholesale markets; though a young man, he is well on his way to fortune; and what makes his success more agreeable, is the consciousness that he owes it alone to his own energy and enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. Grant have four children: Charles T., married and living in Vernon county; Anna Kate, wife of Charles Ragsdale; James and Luella. Mr. G. and wife belong to the Christian Church, and he is a Mason and member of the A. O. U. W.

J. LEONARD GRIMES

(Farmer and Fine Short-horn Cattle Breeder).

Mr. Grimes, who has an excellent farm of 240 acres, has been engaged in breeding and raising fine short-horn cattle and dealing in that class of stock for about 16 years. He has been quite successful in this branch of industry, and has done a great deal for Randolph county and the country round about, in improving the grade of stock raised. He has a herd of some 25 head of as fine thoroughbred short-horns as are to be seen in the country. He has made a specialty of the study of fine stock breeding, particularly in the branch of the business with which he is identified, and is regarded as one of the best posted fine stock men and one of the best judges of stock in the county. He, of course, raises his stock for sale, and he keeps a record of the descent of each head, showing from what sires and dams each one came through a generation past, so that when one buys from him the purchaser knows exactly what he is getting; and this record of stock is faithfully and honestly kept, thus rendering mistakes, or worse than mistakes, impossible. Any one who knows Mr. Grimes will not for a moment question any certificate of stock which bears his genuine signature. Mr. Grimes is a native of Randolph county, born on the farm where he now resides January 21, 1846. His father, George W. Grimes, was one of the early settlers of Randolph county, but died in St. Charles county, Mo., on his return from Virginia, July 17, 1847. He came out here in 1836, and settled on the place where the subject of this sketch now resides. He left a wife and six children at his death, and of his children four are now living, including J. Leonard. J. Leonard Grimes was reared in the county, and as he grew up received a good common school education. On the 21st of February, 1866, he was married to Miss Lucy S., a daughter of V. B. Bohannon, of Monroe county, but formerly of Kentucky. After his marriage Mr. Grimes located on the old Grimes homestead, where he has since resided. Mrs. Grimes is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Grimes' father was also a member of the church, a communicant of the M. E. Church, and was a man of earnest piety and many estimable qualities of head and heart. His death was sincerely and profoundly mourned by his old neighbors and acquaintances in Randolph county.

DR. THOMAS L. HAMILTON

(Physician and Surgeon, Renick, Mo.).

Dr. H. is a native of Tennessee, born in Williamson county, May 17, 1825. His father, J. B. Hamilton, M.D., and mother, Nancy Campbell, were from Kentucky. They moved from Tennessee to Kentucky when Thomas L. was a child and settled in Green, and after one year moved to Marion county, Dr. Hamilton, Sr., practicing medicine in Marion county and Green, where the mother of Thomas L. Hamilton died in 1830. Mr. Hamilton, Sr., then married Caroline Sanders. The family made another move in 1846, this time choosing the State of Missouri as their goal; they took up their abode in Gallatin in 1855. The subject of this memoir passed the first years of his life in Green and Marion counties, Kentucky. Here he received a good education, and employed his leisure hours in attending his father's office. It was under the paternal eye that he began the study of medicine at the unheard-of age of 14 years. He took his first course of lectures in the winter of 1849-50 at the McDowell Medical Institute, a branch of the State University. In the spring the Doctor commenced the practice of his profession near Renick, in Randolph county, and with the exception of one year in Daviess, one year in St. Louis county during the war, and about a year in Huntsville, he has continued in constant practice at that place ever since. Dr. Hamilton has united with his professional duties a mercantile enterprise, carrying on at the same time a drug and dry goods store. He was for two or three years mayor of the town, and was president of the school board when the school-house was built. The Doctor wooed and won one of the fairest daughters of Randolph county, Miss Cynthia A., child of N. B. and Martha C. Christian. On the 18th of December, 1850, the indissoluble knot was tied; and time has them but fonder made, this lovely lady being ever the "balm of his cares and sweet solace of all his toils." Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton have seven children: Colie, wife of Rev. J. W. Terrell, president of the Normal School at Winchester, Tenn.; John N., William T., Carrie E., wife of Ed. Pennington, of Tennessee; James P., Ollie, and Ida F. The Doctor and his wife and eldest daughter belong to the Christian Church, and Dr. Hamilton is a member of Morality Lodge No. 186, A. F. and A. M.

"The world's a theater, the earth a stage,
Which God and Nature do with actors fill;"

and of these not one has better played his part than Dr. Thomas L. Hamilton, of Renick, Mo.

JOHN H. HARDIN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Benjamin Hardin, father of John H., came from Kentucky with his parents when a little lad, five years of age. They settled in Howard

county, where the chubby child became a sturdy youth, and in time a handsome young man who, in 1838, moved to Randolph county and entered and bought a large body of land where he was engaged in farming and dealing in stock until the time of his death, August 31, 1879. Mr. Hardin was successful both in love and war, having fought manfully in the Black Hawk War, and twice winning a prize in the matrimonial market. By his first wife, Susan Hubbard, a young lady of Randolph county, he had nine children, all of whom are living, and of whom John H. is the second son. The latter has known no other home than the farm upon which he was born, on the 3d of April, 1850.

“Happy he whom neither wealth nor fashion,
Nor the march of the encroaching city,
Drives an exile
From the hearth of his ancestral homestead.”

Mr. Hardin was educated at the public school of the county, with the additional advantage of two years at the Kirksville Normal School. In 1875 he made a trip to California, pleasantly occupying two years in visiting Sacramento, San Francisco, and all the noted cities of the Pacific Slope. In the spring of 1877, the wanderer found his way home, and resumed the cares and toils incident to the life of any man of ordinary ambition. Mr. Hardin has a farm of 200 acres, all fenced, and principally in blue grass and meadow. He occupies an elegant residence, and his place is supplied with necessary buildings and a young orchard. On the 18th of December, 1878, Mr. Hardin was joined in the bonds of holy wedlock to Miss Nannie, daughter of J. W. Hubbard, of Renick, formerly from Kentucky. This fair lady is fitted by education as well as by her graces of character to be the companion, counselor and comfort of even a man like Mr. Hardin, whose intellectual vigor and moral force stamp him as one of the progressive men of the township. The young couple have two interesting children: Benjamin Forrest and Clara L. Mrs. Hardin is a member of the Baptist Church.

JOHN W. HENDRIX

(Blacksmith, Renick).

Mr. H. is one of the oldest settlers in this part of the country. His father, Allen Hendrix, was born at Hays' Station Fort, Ky., as far back as 1790; his mother, Levina Howard, was also a Kentuckian, and he himself was born in Madison county of the same State August 3, 1833. Mr. Hendrix, Sr., was a man of great worth, and held the office of sheriff of his county for several terms. The family came to Missouri in 1840, being among the pioneers of Randolph. J. W. grew to manhood in the vicinity of Renick, where he still lives. His early youth was spent on a farm, and his opportunities of obtaining an education were few. He availed himself of them, however, as far as possible. February 26, 1867, Mr. H. was married to Miss M. J. Williams, daughter of I. C. and Mary J. Williams, of Randolph county. By this marriage there is one son, Charles A. Mrs. Hendrix did not

long survive; with all of life before her, she slipped away from those who loved her but three short years from her wedding day. J. W., thinking that a good deed cannot be too often done, was married a second time October 17, 1875, to Miss A. E., daughter of James Miles, also of Randolph. They have three children: Sallie A., W. Carl, and J. Ruby. After his first marriage Mr. H. farmed for about five years, but in 1875 moved to Renick and established a blacksmith shop, which he continues to carry on in connection with a wagon and repair shop. He is one of the best blacksmiths in all the country round, and deservedly enjoys a flourishing business. Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix are members of the Christian Church and Mr. H. is a prominent Mason, having filled with credit to himself nearly all the stations in his order. This honest man, unconvulsed by the storms of this restless world, lives at peace with himself and those about him, a life of placid content, only possible to one whose conscience is at ease and whose heart is in the right place.

JAMES J. HUBBARD

(Superintendent of the Renick Coal Company).

Mr. H., a young man of remarkable capacity, is a native of Macon county, Mo., and first saw the light on the 17th of March, 1860. His father, J. W., and mother, Lucinda Goodding, were originally from Randolph county, Mo., and returned there in 1865, Mr. Hubbard, Sr., becoming owner and proprietor of the Renick Coal Mine. Here James J. arrived at man's estate, grew up on the farm and received a common school education. At the age of 19 he was made superintendent of the Renick Coal Company, and for two years discharged the duties of this responsible position. In the spring of 1881 this young man's fancy lightly turned to thoughts of love, and touched by

"A spark of that immortal fire
With angels shared, by Allah given,
To lift from earth our low desire,"

he laid siege to the heart of Miss Maggie, daughter of Dr. Crews, a native of Illinois, but life resident of this county. After his marriage, which happy event was solemnized on the 23d of June, Mr. Hubbard retired to a farm near Huntsville, where he lived for two years in sweet seclusion, the world forgetting, but not by the world forgot, for at the end of this time his dream of peace was disturbed and he was called upon once more to take an active share in the battle of life. He returned to Renick, and in October, 1883, again took charge of the mine. These are very extensive works, employing about 30 men, with a profit of \$25,000 per year. It is not necessary to comment on the strength and ability of Mr. Hubbard's mental build, the facts speak for themselves; for a man of his age to be placed in such a position proves him to be a man among men, and shows the very flattering estimate of him held by the community. Mr. Hubbard is a prominent member of the A. O. U. W.

ALEXANDER S. JONES

(Post-office, Moberly).

In his fourteenth year when Missouri was admitted into the Union March 7, 1821, Mr. Jones is therefore one of the venerable old men of Randolph county. Now past the age of 76, he is still on a fine farm which he owns in the county, on which he has resided for many years, and the running of which he personally superintends and directs. Although he is quite venerable looking in appearance, yet "age sits with decent grace upon his visage and well becomes his silver locks," and if one were to judge of his years by his conversation and movements, for he is remarkably bright in the one and active in the other, he would be taken to be many years junior to his real age. He is one of those well-preserved, intelligent old men who, though their lives have been industrious and not without satisfactory success, have not wrecked themselves either physically or mentally in the inconsiderate pursuit of wealth. He has so lived that, instead of the evening of his life being darkened and made burdensome by the clouds of bitter regrets and physical anguish, it is softened and mellowed by the shadows of a serene old age like unto the evening horizon of an Italian sky. Alexander S. Jones was born in Lincoln county, Tenn., January 8, 1808, seven years to a day before the battle of New Orleans. A native of the State from which the iron-willed hero of that crowning triumph of the War of 1812, came, he was reared in Tennessee, and, like Andrew Johnson, who was born in the same year and in the same State, he learned a trade in his early years, commencing at the hatter's trade about the same time that Johnson enlisted in the knighthood of the goose or tailor's trade. Young Jones continued at his trade for about nine years and Johnson for about the same period, and the former took to agriculture and the latter to politics. But —

"Fortune in men has some small difference made,
One flaunts in rags, one flutters in brocade;
The cobbler apron'd and the parson gown'd,
The friar hooded and the monarch crown'd."

Johnson went to the Presidency; but while Mr. Jones has not risen to eminence in the admiring vanity of the world, his life has been one of sober, solid success—such a one as he hoped to live. His has been, and is, the middle fortune which La Bruverc has said that, after all, is the best: "There is nothing that keeps longer than a middling fortune, and nothing melts away sooner than a great one." Mr. Jones was married in his native county in October, 1830, to Miss Matilda Jenkins and five years afterwards removed to Missouri and located on the farm where he now resides, a half mile from the present depot of what is now the city of Moberly. Here, in less than another year, he will have lived for a half a century. He has a fine

body of 210 acres of land and his farm is comfortably improved. He has lived a plain, industrious and upright life, and no breath of reproach has ever settled upon the burnished shield of his character. One of the old fathers of the county in point of early settlement and long residence, he is at the same time one of its worthy old patriarchs, having reared a large and respected family of children, a number of whom are now themselves the heads of families. Mr. Jones has been twice married. By his first marriage he was blessed with 12 children, namely: Mary, now the wife of David James; Margaret, who died in maidenhood at the age of 19; Eliza, who is now the widow of Michael Shipp, deceased; Robert A.; John J.; Sarah, who is now the wife of Thomas Chrystall; Catherine, who is now the wife of Samuel Sparks; Louisa, who is now the widow of Mr. Shadrick; Thomas B., who is now deceased; Duliena, yet in maidenhood and at home; Marietta, who is now the wife of Marion Crase; Julia ("Duck"), who is now the wife of William Barton. Thomas B. was a captain in the Confederate army and was wounded during a battle while gallantly leading his company, from the effects of which he soon after died. Mr. Jones' first wife died December 20, 1877, after a happy married life of one year less than half a century. Of her it may in truth be said, in the language of Proverbs, that "she stretched out her hand to the poor, yea, she reacheth out her hand to the needy; strength and honor are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed and her husband also, and he praiseth her." To his present wife, a most worthy and excellent woman, Mr. Jones was married on the 9th of September, 1881. She was the widow of Thomas S. Cox, deceased, and her maiden name was Elizabeth Miller. She was originally from New Jersey and was a daughter of George Miller, who came from England. By her former marriage she has four children: Esther, who is now the wife of John C. Campbell; Grace, who is now the wife of William Lyon; Emily, who is now the wife of Hollis Hoyt; and Rose C., who is still a *femme libre*.

JOHN J. JONES

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

When in his twentieth year, in 1859, Mr. Jones, who had been born and reared in this county, joined the live stock expedition of Charles Burton, bound for California, and assisted others to drive some 300 head of cattle and a large number of mules and horses to the Pacific coast. The expedition was on the road for about six months and endured many hardships which the young men of the present generation can hardly understand or appreciate, and which would be impossible now even if stock were still driven across the plains and through the mountains, for settlements along the route are too numerous to render the journey anything near as severe or perilous as it

was then. Mr. Jones remained in California for about six years, engaged in mining and sheep raising, and not without some success. In 1865 he returned to Missouri, making the trip by the Isthmus of Panama, in South America, and coming on to the interior from the Atlantic coast at New York by rail. Here he engaged in farming, and on the 28th of April, 1872, he was married to Mrs. Sallie H. Kimbrough, widow of Thompson C. Kimbrough, deceased, and a daughter of John Strother, of Randolph county, formerly of Kentucky. The year following his marriage Mr. Jones bought his present farm. He has a good place of 100 acres, which is better improved than the average of farms in the vicinity. Mr. Jones makes something of a specialty of breeding horses and mules, and has some fine representative stock for both branches of that industry. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two children: Lela and Thomas J.; one died in infancy. Mr. Jones was born on his father's farm in Moberly, October 18, 1839. His father, Alexander Jones, still resides there, and is a well respected citizen of that vicinity. His mother's maiden name was Matilda Jenkins. Both were originally from Tennessee, and came to Randolph county away back in 1835.

HENRY KIMBROUGH

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. K. was born in the county February 23, 1836, and is the son of John S. Kimbrough, of Surrey county, N. C. The father, John S., came to Missouri with his uncles at the age of nine, halted for a year in Howard county, and then came on to Randolph county, where he remained carrying on farming until his death, which occurred March 15, 1874. He was one of those who fought in the Black Hawk War. Henry K., like most of the farmers in the county, was raised to the life of an agriculturist. He was educated at Elm Ridge Academy, near Glasgow, and at Mount Pleasant College, at Huntsville. After he left college he taught school for four years in Boone and Randolph counties, and then taking up the business to which his early training inclined him, he bought raw land and improved the farm he still cultivates. He owns 175 acres of land with 140 fenced and under the plow. Upon this place are necessary buildings, orchards, etc. Mr. Kimbrough was elected justice of the peace for this township in November, 1868, which office he has held continuously since that time, having had the pleasure of tying the fatal knot for more than 50 couples. He is a Democrat from principle, and has been a delegate to numerous conventions as well as member, a number of times, of the central committee. He has had a taste also of martial glory, serving as lieutenant of Rice's company in the enrolled militia for a short time toward the close of the war. Mr. Kimbrough married, February 23, 1860, Miss Elizabeth J. Ferguson, daughter of George W. and Ann Ferguson, formerly of Tennessee. This estimable lady died January 16, 1881, leaving four children: Ann A., wife of Stephen G. Hamil-

ton; George T., Hattie L. and John S. July 21, 1881, Mr. K. was again wedded, in Milan, Sullivan county, to Mrs. Lucinda Vance, widow of John T. Vance and daughter of Joseph Lewis, a native of St. Louis county, Mo. Mrs. K. has two children by her first marriage: Hiatt E. and Joe Roy Vance. As will be gathered from the above facts, Mr. Kimbrough is one of the most influential men in the township, his character being one of strong individuality. Among many incidents which emphasize this is that he has never in his life been on a dancing floor, and, which may account for his robust physique, has never drank a cup of coffee. This, in coffee-loving America, is rather remarkable. Mr. and Mrs. K. are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

JAMES H. LITTRELL

‡(Lumber Dealer, Renick.)

Geo. Littrell, the father of James H., came originally from Kentucky; he moved to Missouri when quite a young man, and was one of the first settlers of Howard county, where he married Miss Eliza J. Hocker, also a native of Kentucky. Shortly after his marriage he entered land in Audrain county, where he still resides. He held the office of magistrate for a number of years. J. H. was born in Audrain county, Missouri, on the first of January, 1841. He was reared on a farm and educated at the common schools of Audrain county. After finishing his education in the high schools of Boone and Howard counties, he became a teacher himself, and taught for about five years with great satisfaction to his patrons. He was married December 24, 1867, to Miss Nettie J., daughter of Rev. J. W. Gashwiller, of Howard county. Mrs. L. was born in Randolph county, and was educated at the Fayette High School, of Howard county. After Mr. Littrell was married he farmed for one year in Howard county, for four years in Audrain, and moved to Renick in 1873, buying a farm adjoining the town of Renick, where he now resides. In April, 1883, Mr. Littrell opened a lumber yard at this point, and is building up a good trade which is constantly increasing. He is a Democrat in principle, and in the fall of 1882 was elected constable of the township. This office he still holds, but it is feared will resign, owing to the cares of his other business, which do not leave him time to attend to the duties of it. Mr. and Mrs. Littrell have three children: Lulie E., India L. and A. Gaston. This worthy couple are members of the Primitive Baptist Church, and Mr. L. is a member of the A. O. U. W., having been reelected of that order since its organization. He is highly esteemed by the community in which he lives.

SAMUEL D. LYON

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. L. is the son of Daniel Lyon and Didema Morrow, both of Kentucky. They moved to Missouri at a very early day, and were

among the pioneer settlers of Howard county. After living there two years Daniel C. removed to Boone and improved a farm, upon which he peacefully closed his eyes in February, 1860. Samuel D. was born in Boone, August 6, 1829, learning from childhood the management of a farm. June 3, 1852, he was married in his native county to Miss Elizabeth J., a daughter of Joseph Williamson, originally from Virginia. Mrs. Lyon was herself a native of Boone county. There are four children: William F., Martha, wife of Dudley Johnson; Effie D., and Daniel J. They have lost two. Thomas M. died at the age of four years, in 1861, and Jefferson P., a boy of 12 years and 10 days, died February 12, 1875. After his marriage Mr. Lyon lived in Boone county until the spring of 1865, then moved to Audrain for one season, and in the fall of the same year established himself on the farm whereon he now lives. He has 230 acres of land all fenced, with about 160 in cultivation and meadow pasture, a neat residence, substantial barn and fine bearing orchard. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon are members of the M. E. Church and Mr. Lyon belongs to the A. O. U. W. Lodge at Sturgeon.

JAMES D. MARSHALL

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. M. was born in Albemarle county, Va., September 4, 1835. His father, William Marshall, was a native of that State, his mother, Sarah Dorsey, being from North Carolina. The family left Virginia soon after the birth of J. D., in 1838, and, finding their way to Missouri, settled down in Randolph county; they being among the earliest white settlers. James D. grew up in the county, receiving a tolerable common school education. At the age of 18, in 1853, he determined to learn the blacksmith's trade. He worked one year at Milton, then six months at Buena Vista, then took a contract on railroad grading, at which he worked for one year. After this he started a blacksmith shop in connection with a wagon and repair shop, in which trade he continued in 1874, when he sold out and moved to the farm where he now resides. Mr. Marshall has a farm of 150 acres, all fenced and in fine cultivation, including splendid pasturage. There is a nice residence, good barn and other buildings. In connection with the farm there is a splendid young bearing orchard, in which some attention is paid to the raising of grapes. Mr. Marshall married in Randolph county April 29, 1859, Miss Susan A., daughter of James and Martha Ann (Hardin) Martin, formerly from Kentucky. Mrs. M. herself is a native of Randolph. To this union were born James W., John D., Milton M., Zenobia G. and Asbury Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are members of the Christian Church. Mr. M. is entirely a self-made man; "strong in will to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield," he has carved out his own fortunes with a resolute hand, and that "noblest work of God, an honest man," he has made a name which his children will be proud to claim.

JAMES B. MARTIN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

In both of these callings Mr. M. has displayed unusual energy and been very successful. He is a native of Randolph county, born September 17, 1838, and his youth and early manhood were passed on the farm where he was born and now resides. He is a son of Saul Martin, a native of Kentucky. The latter was united in marriage to Miss Janette Murphy, who was born in North Carolina and raised in Kentucky. Concluding to try his fortunes in what was then considered the "Far West," Mr. Martin removed with his family from his home in Kentucky to Missouri about the year 1825. He participated in the struggles of the first settlers, being one of the pioneers of Randolph county, and on his arrival located on the farm where his son now lives, which he entered. He departed this life May 9, 1839, in his forty-third year, leaving, besides his widow, seven daughters and one son. The mother of these died April 21, 1861, in her fifty-ninth year, at her daughter's residence (Mrs. H. Davis) in Canton, Lewis county, Mo. The boyhood of James B. Martin was spent on the old homestead, and he grew to manhood beneath its sheltering roof. He received a practical education at the public and high schools, besides being endowed by mother Nature with a liberal fund of common sense, which has dictated the course of his actions. On December 29, 1859, at the early age of 21, Mr. Martin took to wife Miss Sallie, daughter of Thomas N. Stephenson, of Monroe county, formerly a resident of Kentucky. Seven children were the result of this union: Mary J., Saul T., Katie P., James P., Charles T., Hubert M. and Sallie N. He devoted the year 1860 to farming on the old homestead, of which place he took charge after his marriage. In the year 1861 he moved with his young wife to the eastern part of the county, and there turned his attention to farming. On April 21st of the same year his mother died. Absence from the old place had not alienated his heart from it, but only served to increase the affection he had for the early memories of his boyhood's home, so, in the spring of 1862, Mr. Martin returned to the homestead, and shortly after bought out part of the heirs. By his industry and good management he is now the fortunate possessor of a farm consisting of 360 acres of land all in a body. There is very little of it that is not fenced and about 260 acres are in blue grass, timothy and plough land. Like many others, Mr. Martin felt the effects of war troubles. He rented his farm and, after making other arrangements, removed to Nebraska in April, 1865, located in Douglas county and remained there about six months, and returned in the fall to his home. Mr. Martin has displayed his characteristic good management by keeping his place in thorough repair, and has improved the old home well. About it is an air of comfort and thrift which is refreshing to the eye. Mr. Martin supplies the demand for stock in wholesale markets and makes a business of feeding cattle for

this purpose. He feeds, on an average, one carload of steers and about 50 hogs annually. Both Mr. and Mrs. Martin are exemplary members of the Renick Church. Mr. M. is a member of the A. O. U. W. at Renick. He is one of the charter members of that well-known order and took an active interest in its organization.

JAMES A. MITCHELL

(Merchant, Renick).

Mr. Mitchell was a born soldier and at the first call enlisted, July, 1861, in Col. McCowan's Fifth regiment of Missouri infantry of the State service and afterwards enlisted in the Confederate service. He fought through the battles of Pea Ridge, Wilson Creek, Dry Wood, Lexington, Iuka and the second Corinth. Severely wounded in this last, he suffered amputation of his leg upon the field of battle, but nowise discouraged strapped on an artificial limb, returned to the service and did service in hospitals at Blackwater and Vicksburg. At the close of the Civil War he returned to Missouri, and for a time herded cattle near Sedalia, then taught school in Cooper county, and in 1866 took up his permanent residence in Renick. Mr. Mitchell is a son of the Rev. Jesse Mitchell and of Providense Norwood, his wife, who about the year 1820 left Tennessee and settled in Polk county, Mo. Here James was born June 24, 1843, he being the fifteenth child, one of a family of 10 sons and 5 daughters, 12 of whom grew to maturity. His early years were passed on the home farm and in receiving the ordinary common school education. After the war and his coming to Renick, Mr. Mitchell became a clerk in a drygoods house, a few years later bought an interest in the business, and in 1877 became the owner of the well-established concern. He has since taken a partner and the firm of J. A. Mitchell & Co. are doing a business of \$20,000 a year in dry goods, hats, caps, clothing and boots and shoes. On the 28th of December, 1880, Mr. Mitchell married Mrs. Josie Johnson, daughter of William Percy, and by her has one son, Percy Norwood Mitchell, born January 5, 1883. Mrs. Mitchell is a member of the Missionary Baptist church while her husband belongs to the M. E. Church South. He has been superintendent of the Sunday School since its organization in 1871, is a prominent member of the A. O. U. W. and a business man of great energy and ability. His whole stock was burned in 1880 and with no insurance, yet he was soon again in a larger business than before, and he now bids fair to be one of our most successful citizens.

MATTHEW H. NEAL,

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Born in Fauquier county, Va., July 25, 1840, Mr. Neal was a son of Thomas and Mary (Rodgers) Neal, who removed to Missouri when Matthew H. was still in infancy, locating in Marion county. The father bought land in that county and engaged in farming on which

he lived until his death, which occurred in 1854. Matthew H. grew up on the farm in Marion county and when the war broke out in 1861, was in his twenty-first year. The same year he enlisted in the State Guard and served under Gen. Price for a term of six months, that being the period of his enlistment. During this time he was in a number of engagements, including the battle of Lexington and others. Returning to the county after the expiration of his term of service, he engaged in farming and has since followed it. On the 15th of April, 1871, Mr. Neal was married to Miss Mary A., daughter of Thomas Irons, of Randolph county. Her father was from Virginia to this State, but originally from Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Neal have six children: Nancy E. and Susan M., twins; John T., Wesley, Zula and Sarah. After his marriage Mr. Neal located on the farm where he now resides. He has 210 acres of good land, all but 40 acres of which are improved. His improvements are of an excellent class. Mr. Neal is a man of industry and takes a public-spirited interest in local affairs. He has served as clerk of the school board for five years. Mr. Neal is a member of the A. O. U. W. at Renick.

J. HYATT NOLIN

(Of the Firm of Nolin Brothers, Druggists, Clark's Switch).

Mr. H. was born in Pike county, Mo., June 12, 1855. His father, John L. Nolin, came originally from Virginia when a young man, and settling in Howard county married Miss Miranda Williams, a native of the county. He is a wheelwright by trade but is now living on a farm in Pike. J. H. grew up in that county on his father's farm and was educated at the common schools. In January, 1883, he came to Randolph, and in partnership with his brother established himself in the drug business at Clark's Switch. Their stock also includes a full line of groceries, and though a new house they are already doing well. They are young men of push and enterprise and with the aid of their personal popularity cannot fail to be soon in the midst of a rushing trade. J. Hyatt, thinking with Richter, that "no man can either live piously or die righteous without having a wife," espoused, June 5, 1883, Miss Belle, a native of the county, and charming daughter of Thomas Stockton, originally from Kentucky. Mrs. Nolin is a member of the M. E. Church South.

GEORGE O. POWELL

(Of the Firm of Powell & Forest, Merchants, Renick, Mo).

This reliable, trustworthy, and good man is a member of the firm of Powell & Forest, merchants, in Renick, Mo. Mr. Powell's parents, J. T. and Mandarin Powell, were natives of Virginia, and he himself was born in that grand old State on the 23d of February, 1833. The family emigrated in about 1843 to Illinois, and was one of the first to settle in Cass county, the senior Powell building the first house that was ever erected in the town of Virginia, and afterwards serving as

sheriff of the county. His son, George, grew to manhood in Cass county, on the farm, and received a good common school education. He came to Missouri in 1850, and, locating in Randolph county, he attended, for one year, the McGee College. After completing his studies, he taught in Randolph county for five years, then farmed for two years, and, at last, in 1862, came to Renick and was appointed agent at this place for the Wabash, then the North Missouri Railroad. This position he held for 21 years, fulfilling its duties with the highest credit to himself and to the unbounded satisfaction of the railroad company and the general public. Mr. Powell was commissioned notary in 1867, and still holds that office. In January, 1883, to the profound regret of all concerned, he resigned his position on the railroad, and in March following bought a half interest in the drug store of Forest & Bro., succeeding John Forest. This firm carry a complete stock of drugs, groceries and hardware, and now enjoy a flourishing trade. Mr. Powell was married in Randolph county, April 17, 1858, to Miss Permelia Ann, daughter of Grendison Brooks, formerly from Kentucky. Mrs. Powell herself was born in that State, but has lived all her life in Missouri. They have three children: Charles J., Anna Belle, and Josephine M. The latter was the pride of her parents' hearts and an ornament to her sex; she was a graduate of Hardin College, and was a girl of the brightest intellect, but, alas, "whom the gods love, die young," and November 5, 1881, at the age of 19, this fair flower drooped and died. Mr. and Mrs. Powell are much beloved and are prominent members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

JOHN B. REID

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

It was in 1839 that Mr. Reid's parents, Col. Garland Reid and wife, whose maiden name had been Miss Elizabeth Woods, removed from Garrard county, Ky., to Missouri and located in Randolph county. This county was at that time still very sparsely settled, and indeed was yet almost a wilderness. Col. Reid entered a large landed estate and improved an extensive stock farm. He became one of the influential farmers and leading stock men of his section of the county. He served for some time as colonel of militia under the old muster laws, and was judicial magistrate of his township for a number of years. He died here at an advanced age, widely and deeply regretted by the early settlers of the county and by all who knew him. His wife preceded him to the grave by some years. John B. Reid was 14 years of age or thereabout when his parents removed to this State, having been born in Garrard county October 1, 1825. He was reared on the farm in this county, and had only the limited advantages for an education afforded in his neighborhood in the early days when he grew up. He succeeded, however, in acquiring a sufficient knowledge of books for all the practical purposes of ordinary farm and business life. Following the example of his father, he too became a farmer and stock-raiser,

and has since followed these pursuits. On the 6th of March, 1851, he was married to Miss Nancy, a daughter of 'Squire James Hocker, a well respected citizen of Howard county, who came originally from Maryland. This union of Mr. Reid and Miss Hocker has proved one of singular congeniality and happiness, and has been blessed with a numerous family of children, namely: J. Clifton, Mary E., now the wife of L. C. Cheatham; John M., Sallie W., Arthur W., Lula and Luther E. Mr. Reid has resided on his farm since soon after his marriage, except for one year during the most troublous period of the war, when he lived in Moberly, and one year also which was spent in Iowa. He has 160 acres in his farm, which he has neatly and substantially improved, and runs his place in grain and grass including meadow, of which he has about 30 acres, and also raises some stock. He also owns another farm of 80 acres near by, which he has comfortably improved. Mr. and Mrs. Reid are members of the Christian Church, of which he has been a member for nearly 40 years.

JOHN H. ROBERTS

(Section 33, Post-office, Sturgeon).

Jesse Roberts, of Kentucky, the father of John H., came to Missouri with his parents when nine years of age and settled first in Boone county, afterwards moving to Audrain, where he arrived at the age of discretion and married Miss Barthena Smith, a young lady from North Carolina. After his marriage he lived for a time in Randolph and also in Howard county, but expects now to end his days in Boone. John spent his youth on the farm in Howard county and acquired, chiefly by his own efforts, a good education. Possessed from his cradle with a dauntless spirit of daring and genuine love of adventure, he was not destitute of those qualities of patient perseverance and endurance which also go to form the character of a true soldier. For these he found a glorious field in the recent "unpleasantness" between the North and South. Enlisting in the Union service in August, 1862, in the Twenty-seventh Missouri infantry, he fought with ardor until discharged June 22, 1865. On many a "tented field" his heart swelled 'neath the cold light of the stars with tender memories of home. In many a fierce and furious fray, with head erect and eyes aflame, he grappled with the foe. In one of these at Resaca, Ga., he received a grapeshot wound in the stomach and was deafened in one ear for life by the explosion of a shell. He was in the fights at Vicksburg and Chattanooga (from the time of the latter was for three months and ten days under fire all the time, day and night, and without once having off his uniform fought all the way to Atlanta), and the battles of Atlanta, Marietta, Altoona Mountain, Rome, Jonesboro, Savannah, Beaufort, Dismal Swamp, S. C. (at which he fought in water for three days and nights), and Bentonville. At the close of the war this conquering hero turned his steps homeward and began peacefully to follow the plough in Boone county. October 30, 1867, he united his fate to that of Mrs. Maria Smith, widow of John B. Smith

and daughter of James Horn, of Howard county. Mrs. Roberts has one son by her former husband, James F. Roberts, having now taken the name of his stepfather. After his marriage Mr. Roberts lived two years in Boone, and in March, 1869, moved to Randolph county to his present farm. He owns jointly with his son 135 acres of land, with 85 under fence, and on it a cosy dwelling, good stable and orchard. Mr. R.'s son, J. F., owns a coal bank of splendid coal, in which he has just opened a three and a half foot vein, and which he is now working in a small way. Mr. Roberts and his family are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, of which he has been a deacon since its organization.

JOHN G. SAUNDERS

(Merchant, Renick).

It was not until the subject of this sketch was beginning to feel himself a man that his family emigrated to this country. His parents, Charles Saunders and Elizabeth Stone, were English, but he was born in Wales March 5, 1856. When they arrived in the States in 1871, they selected Audrain as their home, and the *pater familias* still lives there. J. G. of course was educated in his native land. At the age of 18 he took his life in his own hands and commenced farming for himself. He farmed for two seasons in Audrain; in 1875 moved to Renick and engaged in mining. After following this occupation for two years, he went West to Colorado, and mined for a year at Erie. Upon his return to Renick the following spring, he worked in a coal mine for another year, and in January, 1881, established a grocery house. Mr. S. carries a general stock of groceries and notions, and has, beside, a meat store. He is a live, energetic business man, and an honor to any community. He has prospered in everything that he undertook, and bids fair to attain to great wealth. Mr. Saunders is an unmarried man, and a member of the I. O. O. F. at Wellsville, Mo.

JAMES G. SMITH

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. S., an old and respected citizen of Prairie township, and one of its well-to-do farmers and enterprising stock men, like many of the better people of Randolph county, is by nativity a son of the Old Dominion, that land of statesmen and heroes and mother of States and pioneers. Mr. Smith was born in Louisa county, Va., October 1, 1825. But when he was quite young his parents removed to Kentucky, the first and fairest daughter of Virginia, where they lived for a number of years. Later along, in 1848, they came to Missouri, James G. being then a youth some 17 years of age, and of course coming with them. They located in Audrain county, and were among the early settlers in that county. The father died there in March, 1857. However, in 1844, James G. Smith crossed over into Randolph county, near the line of the county, where he located and lived until the outbreak of the Mexican War. He then promptly enlisted in the ranks of the

American soldiery, and served with credit for over a year. Returning to Randolph county, in 1850 he joined the caravan headed by Dr. C. L. Lovell bound for the golden coast of California. He remained on the Pacific for about two years, and engaged principally in mining. Returning again to Randolph county, he turned his attention to farming, which he had previously followed when residing in the county, and the 5th of October, 1853, he was married to Miss Mary A., a daughter of William L. Wood, formerly of Virginia, but an early settler of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children: Marietta, wife of F. K. Venable; James W. and Rice W. Mr. Smith has been on his present farm for 18 years. His tract of land contains 300 acres, all but 40 acres of which he has fenced and in cultivation, meadow or pasturage. His improvements are of an excellent class, and he is comfortably situated on his farm. Although Mr. Smith has had his present place since 1866 and has always considered it his permanent homestead, yet he has been engaged in other pursuits which have necessitated him to reside for stated periods at other places. In 1864 he bought a store building and residence property at Sturgeon, to which place he removed, and was engaged there in merchandising for about two years. Indeed, some eight years before this he built the first business house ever erected at Sturgeon, and merchandised there for about a year. In 1867 he engaged quite extensively in buying and shipping tobacco, making his headquarters at Renick, where he was located for about 12 months. Mr. Smith is a man of industry, and good business qualifications, and has usually been quite successful in his industrial and business ventures. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church at Renick.

WILLIAM H. STILES

Section 9, Post-office, Renick.

Mr. Stiles is a farmer in good circumstances in Randolph county, Mo. He is the son of Simeon Stiles, of Massachusetts, and Rebecca Ann Hanna, of Virginia, who on coming to Missouri settled in Howard county. Here William H. was born December 16, 1841. Mr. Stiles, Sr., afterwards removed to Randolph and purchased the farm which has now descended to his son, and where he died November 14, 1880. William H. grew to manhood here, and received a good common school education. He enlisted March 5, 1862, in the Federal service, Co. G, Ninth Missouri cavalry, State militia. He was in numerous skirmishes, fighting bushwhackers, but in no regular engagement. He remained in the army until April 22, 1865, when he was discharged. Mr. Stiles has been twice married; his first wife, to whom he was married January 31, 1867, was Miss Matilda J., daughter of Squire Green, also of this county. He was left a widower on the 30th of November, 1870, with two children: Arthur L. and W. Luther. June 16, 1872, he married his second wife, Miss Sarah A., daughter of Thomas Pate, of Audrain. They have three children: M. Gertrude, M. Rachel and Ada R., having

lost two in infancy. Mr. Stiles resides on the old homestead with 80 acres of land, 70 of which are fenced and 60 in cultivation; he has a good orchard and other improvements. Mr. and Mrs. Stiles are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

JAMES M. WILLIAMS

(Senior Member of the Firm of Williams & Grant, Proprietors of the Renick Milling Company).

Mr. Williams is a native of Howard county, Mo., and was born June 20, 1842. His father, Wiloby Williams, a native of Kentucky, came to Missouri when a young man and was one of the pioneer settlers of Howard county, dying while the subject of this sketch was still a child. His mother, formerly Miss Nancy Hardin, was a Missourian. James M. spent his boyhood on the parental farm and was educated in the common schools of the neighborhood. In 1861, at the age of 20, he removed to Randolph county and resolved to become a follower in the footsteps of Tubal Cain; this worthy ambition, however, was nipped in the bud, for in the fall of the same year, hearing on all sides the call, To arms! his youthful spirit was fired by the sound and he rushed forth to taste the fierce joys of war. He enlisted in the Confederate service with Gen. Clark's regiment of infantry and served two years. He was a participant in the battles of Lexington, Mo., Pea Ridge, Ark., and a number of smaller engagements. In the fall of 1863 he left the army and worked at his trade for six months in St. Louis, then returned to Renick, where he now resides, and pursued his honest calling, blacksmithing, for 10 years. In the spring of 1876 he went into partnership with Mr. Grant in the flouring mill and harness-making business. They also have a new brick carriage and wagon factory, and besides are engaged in buying and shipping grain. They have been very successful, shipping some years as many as 30,000 bushels of grain. Mr. Williams is an enterprising, thorough business man, and owes his prosperity in life to his own industry, energy and tact. It was in March, 1864, the first year of his return to Renick, that Mr. Williams was married, in Randolph county (where he was both reared and educated), to Miss Sarah M., daughter of James Martin, of the same county. There was born of this union but one child, Ethlyn. Mr. W. is identified with the Democratic party, and in the fall of 1880 was elected collector of the county and served one term. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. W. is a member of the A. O. U. W.

THOMAS C. WIRT

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. W. was born in Washington county, Va., December 18, 1816. His parents, Adam Wirt and Mary L. Colly, were also natives of Virginia, coming to Missouri in 1818. Mr. Wirt bought land in Boone county and improved a farm where he lived until his death. Thomas C. was

raised there, and continued at his home until after his marriage, which occurred October 27, 1842. Miss Nancy Alexander, daughter of Joshua Alexander, formerly from Kentucky, was the lady he chose to grace his fireside; but not long was she spared to him; in 1856 her soul "drifted out on the shadowy river which flows forever to an unknown sea." Mrs. Wirt left one son, Joshua A., who is now married, with a family of his own. After Mr. Wirt was married he came to Randolph and established himself on a farm not far from where he now resides, then entering land and improving his present farm. When his wife died he went back to Boone county and lived with his father for three years. Having known the joy to be found in the companionship of a good helpmeet, in 1858 he persuaded Mrs. Mary J. Collins, the widow of Reuben Collins and daughter of Samuel Martin, formerly of Kentucky, to share his fate for weal or woe. Mrs. Wirt has one son by her previous marriage, F. K. Collins, and to her second husband she bore a daughter, Bettie. Mr. Wirt is one of the substantial farmers of the township. He has 213 acres of fine land, 160 of which are fenced for cultivation and pasturage. He lives in a handsome two-story residence, with one-story ell, and attached to the home place are good stables and other necessary buildings. His orchard deserves particular mention, being filled with a large and select variety of fruits. Mr. W. is a God-fearing man, worshipping according to the faith of the Christian Church. Mrs. W. belongs to the Baptist denomination.

WILLIAM WIRT

(Section 2, Post-office, Renick).

Mr. W., a brother of Thomas C., was born in Boone county, December 1, 1825. He spent his youth on the farm in that county, and came, in 1852, when a young man, to Randolph, of which he has ever since been a resident. In March, 1855, he was married to Miss Lucy Ellen, daughter of Rodger Robinson, of Kentucky. Mrs. Wirt was a native of Kentucky, and lived there until a woman. Mr. Wirt owns 253 acres of land, of which 213 are fenced and in cultivation. He also has fine pasturage. His residence is commodious and comfortable, two stories and well built. His farm is well stocked with everything necessary to the comfort and maintenance of his family, including two splendid barns and all other necessary out-buildings. He has a fine orchard. Mr. and Mrs. Wirt have six children living: Mildred, wife of Rufus Fullington; Adam, Lucy M., who is one of the best of the county teachers; Radford, Robinson and Maggie. Two pledges of their love died in infancy. Mrs. Wirt is a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and Mr. W. is an ancient Mason.

ZEPHANIAH WRIGHT

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

Mr. W. was born January 29, 1837, while his parents, Joshua Wright and Mary Swency, were on the road between Illinois and Missouri.

They came first from Kentucky in 1836, and lived in Illinois only one year. On arriving at their destination they settled in Boone county, but after a four years' stay moved to Randolph. Here Zephaniah Wright grew to manhood, and shared the advantages in schooling common to the neighborhood. In 1861, on account of the disturbed state of the country, consequent upon the eruption of Civil War, Mr. W., with that discretion which is the better part of valor,

"Folded his tents like the Arabs,
And as silently stole away."

Kansas received him into her bosom for the next five years, and in the spring of 1866 he returned to Randolph. He bought one place and lived upon it two years, then sold it and bought land not far distant, where he now resides. He has a farm of 347 acres, all fenced and in pasture and cultivation. Upon this there is a good comfortable house with out-buildings, etc.; also a thrifty young orchard. Mr. W. possesses besides, 160 acres of land, all fenced and in meadow pasture, and he owns still another tract of 120 acres, partially improved and containing a small house. He feeds on an average 150 head of cattle yearly, and about the same number of hogs, sometimes shipping, sometimes selling at home to other shippers, and to a limited extent, buying for shipping purposes. Mr. Wright is of shrewd and acute perceptive faculties, and with keen sagacity he guides his craft safely through the inevitable snags and shoals that but too often prove fatal to other voyagers. He showed the same wisdom in selecting a wife as in the conduct of his business affairs, when he married March 31, 1861, Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Henderson Sims, formerly of Virginia. Mrs. Wright herself was born and raised in Boone county. There are five children: Lincoln, Joshua H., Lizzie, William M. and Mary E. Two died at tender ages.

SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP.

JAMES H. BAGBY

(Saw and Grist Miller, and Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Bagby, one of the energetic and successful men of this township, and one of its highly respected citizens, was left an orphan when but nine years of age, his mother having died in 1838, and his father in 1847. His parents were William and Virginia (Harrison) Bagby, his father a carpenter by trade, and originally from Kentucky, and his mother of the well-known Harrison family, and formerly of Virginia, but by way of Kentucky to this State. Their home was near Roanoke, in Randolph county, where James H. was born, September 20,

1834. They had but one other child, William H., now a well-to-do farmer of this county. However, after the mother's death, the father married Miss Nancy H., a daughter of Samuel C. Davis, of Randolph county, by whom he had two other children, Robert J. and Virginia C., now Mrs. J. H. Mathis, of Callao. The mother of these two children, after their father's death, married James D. Burton, but she is now also deceased. After his father's death, James went to work for William R. Ferguson, of this county, with whom he remained until he was 19 years of age. But in early years he showed a marked preference for mechanical employment, and he evinced a high order of genius and skill in devising, inventing and working machinery. Indeed, he was noted throughout the country round about where he lived for his aptitude in this direction, and at the age of 19, although he had little or no opportunities to improve his natural genius and skill, he was called upon by Rev. Samuel C. Davis, one of the best men and ablest ministers Randolph county ever produced, to reconstruct and rebuild the latter's mill. Young Bagby undertook this difficult and responsible task without hesitation and performed it with such success and so satisfactorily to Mr. Davis that the latter gave him a third interest in the mill for his work. Mr. Bagby ran the mill for a number of years, and subsequently became full owner of it. Later along he erected a new mill on the site of the old, which he has since run. This has both steam and water power, and is one of the best mills in this part of the county. Mr. Bagby also bought a part of the old Davis homestead from Rev. Mr. Davis, the latter taking the former's note of word in payment. He paid that off, and afterwards bought the whole place, a fine farm of 276 acres, which he has owned for years. Mr. Bagby has been running his mill and farm continuously, and on the latter makes a specialty of stock-raising in which he is quite successful. Mr. Bagby married Miss Nancy H. Ferguson, a daughter of William I. Ferguson, who reared Mr. Bagby. Mr. and Mrs. Bagby have four children: Lou, Orpha, Thomas N. and Kate, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

JOHN H. BLAKE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. B. was born in Adams county, Ohio, January 4, 1827, and was a son of Ephraim and Lydia (Freeland) Blake, his father a native of Pennsylvania, but his mother originally from Kentucky. John H. grew to the age of 13 in his native county, when his parents removed to Randolph county, Mo., in 1840, settling in the neighborhood where the son now lives. John H. grew up in the vicinity of his father's farm, and in youth attended the neighboring schools. In 1850 he crossed the plains, driving an ox team, to California, and was engaged in mining gold out there for five years. He then returned to Missouri by the Isthmus, and soon after reaching here settled on the land where he now resides. Here he improved a good farm, which, at present, contains about 200 acres of choice land, and belongs to the

better class of places in the township. It is an excellent grain and stock farm, and Mr. H. has good success as a farmer and stock-raiser. During the war he served for about a year in the enrolled militia, and in January, 1865, enlisted in Capt. Denny's company, of the Union service, under whom he served until the return of peace. On the 16th of April, 1861, he was married to Miss Mary Fitzgerald, the adopted daughter of Maurice Fitzgerald, of Glasgow, Howard county, and the natural daughter of Andrew and Catherine Lundberry, originally of London, England, but who died while their daughter was quite young. Mrs. Blake was educated at the convent in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Blake have six children: Robert N., Thomas A., Willie L., Perry D., Norienne and John E. Mrs. Blake is a member of the Catholic Church.

JUDGE JOHN W. BRADLEY

(Deceased.)

Judge Bradley was but six years of age when his parents, Richard and Mary (Ratcliff) Bradley, came to Randolph county. That was away back in 1828 and they are therefore justly remembered as early settlers of the county. They were from Barren county, Ky., and after removing to Randolph county they spent the remainder of their lives in this county, respected and esteemed by all who knew them. Judge Bradley was born February 3, 1822, and was reared on his father's farm in Randolph county. Although his advantages for an education in those early days of the country were extremely limited, he succeeded in acquiring, mainly by study at home, a good general knowledge of books and became abundantly well qualified for all the ordinary farm and business affairs of life. Brought up to a farm life, that became his regular occupation in early manhood, and he followed it with only occasional interruptions throughout his whole life. On the 23d of December, 1847, he was married to Miss Eunice A. Bradsher, and after his marriage he settled on the farm where his family still resides. This was his home until his death, which occurred on the 13th of February, 1879. Besides becoming a successful farmer during his life, Judge Bradley was also a minister of the Gospel and he served the people of the county in the capacity of judge of the county court. He held the office of county judge for two terms, and acquitted himself of the duties of that position with ability and to the satisfaction of the whole people of the county. Having prepared himself for the ministry in the regular Baptist Church, he was duly ordained to preach, and preached at Silver Creek until 1877, two years before his death. Upon close study and mature consideration, as a man and Christian, he became convinced that it was his duty to identify himself with the Missionary Baptist Church, and he accordingly became a member of that denomination at Pleasant Grove Church, in which he continued as an earnest, faithful Christian minister until his spirit was called by the Master to his home on high. Judge Bradley was one of the good and true men of Randolph county, and no name stood higher than his among those who knew him well. As a farmer

he was industrious and enterprising, and accumulated an excellent estate; as a neighbor he was kind and obliging almost to a fault, for he often inconvenienced himself to accommodate others; as a citizen he was loyal to every duty and every trust; and in his family he was one of the best of men as husband and father. If the world were peopled with such as he was, it would be far better than it is or has ever been, for wrong and oppression would be unknown. His memory will long be cherished by those who knew him as that of one with as many estimable qualities and as few faults as seldom fall to the lot of a man. Mrs. Bradley still survives her husband and is much esteemed among her neighbors for her many motherly and neighborly qualities. The Judge and Mrs. Bradley had a family of three children: Mary E., Sarah E. and John J. Mary is the wife of James Stark; Sarah is the wife of Jacob V. Adams, at present school commissioner of the county; and John J. was married the day the writer took the notes for this sketch, December 20, 1883, Miss Mary E. Oliver, a most queenly and attractive young lady of the county, then becoming his wife. They will, doubtless, have a long and happy married life, for the writer, who believes in dreams, had a most propitious dream of their future the night following their happy marriage. John J. is a young gentleman of high character, good education and full of life and energy, and will doubtless become a prominent and successful citizen of the county. He has charge of the family homestead, which contains 320 acres and is a fine farm. He is quite extensively engaged in stock-raising, and is meeting with success.

JUDGE JOHN W. VILEY AND WILLIAM R. BURCH

(Farmers and Stock-raisers, Section 17, Township 52, Range 15, P. O., Yates).

The sketch of the lives of the present subjects forms a distinctive and justly important thread in the warp of the history of the agricultural affairs of Randolph county, a thread that reaches back to the early cords of their woof. Judge Viley came to Randolph county from Kentucky away back in 1824. His parents, George and Martha Viley, were originally from Virginia, but became early settlers in Kentucky, where Judge Viley was born on the 1st of January, 1796. His father was a representative of the better class of Virginians, and was a man of character and intelligence, and quite successful in life. He became a substantial property-holder in Kentucky, his property consisting principally of land and slaves, for he was a prominent farmer, and he lived to a ripe old age, respected by all who knew him. Judge Viley was reared in Kentucky and was married there in 1825 to Miss Mary E. Elley, of Scott county. He at once came to Missouri after his marriage and settled on the farm where he and his son-in-law, William R. Burch, now reside. He entered large bodies of land in this county, aggregating 1,000 acres, and improved a splendid farm. Judge Viley prospered abundantly at his new home and became one of the wealthiest and most prominent men of the county. He was elected county judge in 1840, and became the owner of some 20,000

acres of land and about 70 negroes. For many years he was a leading tobacco raiser, and had a tobacco press on his own farm, where he put up tobacco for shipment to distant markets. He was also for a long time engaged in merchandising at Glasgow, being a partner with George and Logan D. Dameron, their firm being one of the principal establishments in the interior of the State. But prior to this time he had also owned and conducted a large mill and distillery in this county, in which he was also abundantly successful. For 25 years prior to the war no name in Randolph county was more familiar to all its citizens, or stood higher than that of Judge Viley, and by all old settlers he is recognized as one of the most enterprising and useful men who ever made their homes within the borders of the county. Judge Viley is now in his eighty-ninth year, and having led a life of unceasing industry and activity, ever going forward in the discharge of his duties in private affairs and as a citizen regardless of season and weather and often when others would have hesitated, the labors and exposures he has endured have at last, in his advanced old age, borne heavily upon him, and he is now confined to his room, unable longer to participate in active affairs. Indeed, for a number of years he has been leading a retired and quiet life, favored with an abundance of this world's goods, and happy in the home where so many of his days have been spent, which has been brightened by his kind and loving daughter and his dutiful and respectful son-in-law, her husband. Old age must come to us all who live out the allotted period of life, and in looking forward to its shadows, our fondest hope should be that it may be brightened by filial affection. This has been the happy fortune of Judge Viley. Judge Viley's first wife died in 1827, leaving him one child, Martha E., now the wife of William R. Burch, and it is in their family that the Judge finds a welcome and happy home. To his second and last wife he was married in 1828. She died in 1858. They were sisters; the first, Miss Mary E., and the second, Miss Susan B. Elley. By his last wife he had six children: George H., a farmer and trader, who died in 1864; William E., who died in 1874; John W., who is now a resident of Roanoke; Wallace K., who resides on the farm with Mr. Burch; Junius W., who died in 1876; Sarah Logan, who is now the wife of Stephen B. Yancy, near Roanoke.

WILLIAM R. BURCH was born in Scott county, Ky., January 5, 1824, and was a son of Milton and Martha (Viley) Burch, his mother being a sister to Judge Viley. Joseph C. Burch, his grandfather, was one of the first settlers of Scott county, Ky., and came from Virginia. John C. Breckinridge, the Democratic candidate for President in 1860, married Miss Mary C. Burch, who was a double cousin to William R., the subject of this sketch, and she was reared by Mr. Burch's father and was married at his father's house. William R. Burch came to Missouri in 1847, and on the 7th of June, of the same year, was married to Miss Martha E. Viley, the eldest daughter of Judge Viley. After his marriage Mr. Burch returned to Kentucky with his wife and was engaged in farming there for two years, but at the solicitation of

his father-in-law, he came back to Missouri and settled on a tract of 500 acres of land near Roanoke, which Judge Viley gave him, and on which he lived for about 17 years, engaged in farming and stock trading. In 1866 he secured his present farm from his father-in-law, the old Viley homestead, to which he removed and on which he has since resided. His farm contains about 630 acres, and is one of the finest stock farms in Randolph county. Nearly all the land is set with blue grass and meadow, and the place is more than ordinarily well improved. The residence itself represents a value of \$6,000. Mr. and Mrs. Burch have no children, their only two having died in infancy. Mrs. Burch's aunt, Mrs. Cyrene Williams, the widow of Col. M. B. R. Williams, is now visiting her brother, Judge Viley, from Kentucky. Her husband was at one time the leading fine stock-raiser of Randolph county and owned a number of famous horses, including "Flying Cloud" and others well known to turf men throughout the West.

JOHN T. CAVINS

(Farmer).

Mr. C., an old and respected citizen of Silver Creek township, was born in Scott county, Ky., January 5, 1823, and was a son of William and Margaret (Gorham) Cavins, both also of the Blue Grass State by nativity. The Cavins were originally from Virginia. When John T. was a lad some 12 years of age his parents came to Missouri and settled in Randolph county, and on the same place where he now resides. The country was then a wilderness and the houses of settlers, for of course there were a few people here at that time, were miles apart, oftentimes a half day's journey from each other. There was but one road then in this section of the county—the old Glasgow road—which lead on south to the Southern border of civilization, or rather of the white settlements. Deer were in abundance, and almost daily ran by the log cabin that Mr. Cavins' father built on his place, in which they resided, and the wolves made the nights lonely and dreadful by their melancholy howls. Mr. Cavins was reared here in those early days of the country, and of course had no chance to get a collegiate blue-ribbon education, but on the slab benches of the puncheon-floored log school house of the period, poring over "Pike's Arithmetic," "The Life of Marion," and that sort of studies, he succeeded in acquiring a sufficient knowledge of books for all the practical purposes of farm life. At the age of 21 he started out for himself without a dollar, but lands were cheap, the seasons good, and he knew how to work and was not afraid of it. He soon had a good tract of land and a neat farm, and of course he had to marry, because people cannot keep house to do any good without marrying. Accordingly he looked around, and fell in love with a fair young lady of the vicinity—Miss Elizabeth Sears, a sister of the Rev. Milton J. Sears, of Huntsville, whose sketch is published in this volume. He made himself exceedingly agreeable to her, and on the homeopathic principle that like produces like, she also fell in love with him, and

they were married January 29, 1851. This union has proved a long and happy one, and has been blessed with a worthy family of children, namely: Maggie, now Mrs. R. F. Upton; Tolman S., Mary M. and John M. Three, besides, are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cavins are members of the Silver Creek Baptist Church.

GEORGE W. DAMERON

(Section 19, Post-office, Mt. Airy).

This prominent citizen and enterprising farmer of Silver Creek township, who has held various official positions of prominence in the county, including that of sheriff for four years, and for a generation has been regarded as one of the most worthy and popular men in the county, is a representative of that old and respected Dameron family, so many descendants of which reside in this county and in other communities, and are always classed among the best citizens wherever they live. The Damerons came to Randolph county over half a century ago. They were from North Carolina. George W. Dameron was born in Caswell county, of the old North State, February 10, 1815. He was one in a family of 11 children of Bartholomew and Rebecca (Malone) Dameron. Of these Alexander, John, Elizabeth and Sarah, the daughters, with their husbands, came to Randolph county in 1830, and the parents with the rest of the family came two years later; Alexander M. died here in 1854; Salinda died at Huntsville in 1846, whilst the wife of J. C. Dameron; Elizabeth died in 1847, whilst the wife of Thomas Malone; Sarah is the widow of Hugh C. Dobbins and is now aged 75; John died in 1851 in California; Phœbe died whilst the wife of Barzella Wisdom in 1854; George W. is the subject of this sketch; Frances died in 1859 whilst the wife of Judge Samuel Burton; Parthna died in 1883 whilst the wife of George A. Mathis; William L. resides in this county; Mary Ann is the wife of James M. Butts, and is still living. The father died February 25, 1847, and the mother October 11, 1851, each aged about 70. The father settled on the place in 1832 where George W. now lives. He was a successful farmer and tobacco raiser, and had a number of slaves. George W. was 17 years of age when his parents came to this county, and he was married here eight years afterwards, June 25, 1840, to Miss Susan J. Lebban. She died five years afterwards, November 15, 1845, leaving him one son, James B., who is now a resident of Chariton county. To his present wife Mr. Dameron was married May 24, 1847. She was a Miss Eliza J. Mayo, a daughter of Allen Mayo of this county, and was born December 27, 1827. Mr. Dameron has followed farming continuously from boyhood, except while identified with the official affairs of the county, and even then he continued to carry on his farm. In 1840 he was elected constable for Silver Creek township and was re-elected six times consecutively afterwards, holding the office for 12 years, when he resigned it to accept the office of sheriff of the county to which he was elected in 1852. He was re-elected sheriff in 1854, serving in that office for four years consecutively. At

that time the elections in Randolph county between the Democrats and Whigs were very close, with the chances generally in favor of the latter, and when Mr. Dameron made his last race for sheriff, his opponents, the Whigs, were in the majority in the county. Notwithstanding this, however, he was elected by a highly complimentary majority and was one of the only two men on the Democratic county ticket elected, Christopher Collins being the other, who ran for assessor. In 1857-8 Mr. Dameron was district assessor of one-fourth of the county, and four years from 1856 he was deputy sheriff, making eight years in all. Mr. Dameron has a good farm where he resides of 240 acres, and also another place of over 100 acres. He gives his attention mainly to stock-raising and has some good graded cattle. For four years he was interested in the saw-mill business. Mr. Dameron is regarded as a man of high character among his neighbors and throughout the county, and is quite influential in agricultural and political affairs. He has been a member of the M. E. Church South for 45 years, and is a trustee in his church. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church. By his last marriage Mr. Dameron has had 12 children, all living but the two eldest, Sebatin C. and Alba E., both of whom died in tender years. The others are: Cass A. of Helena, Arkansas; William T., Mattie H., now Mrs. Lewis Malone; Sudie A., now Mrs. Hebrew Johnson; George P., Thenie M., Charles H., Lutie R. and John M.

REV. SAMUEL C. DAVIS

(Deceased).

To no old citizen in the south-western part of Randolph county, and, indeed, throughout the surrounding country, is the name that heads this sketch an unfamiliar one, and the memory of him who bore it is as reverently cherished as he himself was widely and well known. Here he lived, and on the same farm, for over 40 years, and among the people of Randolph and Howard counties he resided for a period of nearly three-score years. For 55 years he was an earnest, faithful and more than ordinarily useful minister of the gospel in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and having reached the ripe and honored old age of 83 years and past, his spirit at last took its flight to heaven, of which he had so long and nobly preached, and his mortal remains now rest in honor and veneration among the people with whom, practically, his whole life was spent. The career of Samuel C. Davis was not one that attracted the curiosity of the unthinking, shallow world, and caused him to be pointed out as a conspicuous character by the class which line the way of a circus parade, but it was one of sober worth, always unpretentious and plain, and as valuable to those among whom he lived as he himself was honest, sincere and devoted to the best interests of his fellow-creatures. As a preacher he worked with untiring energy for his church and people, and for the honor and glory of God; and in the pulpit he was ever zealous, earnest and was more than ordinarily

eloquent and successful; and outside of the pulpit, in private work among the people and in counselling them, he ever strove to impress upon their minds the importance of an upright life here, and the hope of, and a way to a beatific immortality hereafter, — though he was always respectful, considerate and never offensive in anything he said or did. In a word, Rev. Samuel C. Davis was a true minister of the gospel, beloved as such by all who knew him and rewarded for his labors with more than ordinary success in bringing souls to Christ. He was the pioneer minister of his Presbytery in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in its history his name stands out as longest in its service. Rev. Mr. Davis was a man of fine intelligence, exceptionally well read, considering the early time of the country in which he lived, and was possessed of a heart whose generosity and charity knew no bounds. Sociable, genial and affable in the company of friends and acquaintances, he was prized as the best of companions, while as a citizen he was loyal to every duty, as he saw the right, and always wielded a potent influence in affairs, though without effort on his part, but simply by his own example. In his family he was loved with the tenderest devotion, for he was a singularly kind and affectionate husband and father, and took no thought of himself where the interests or happiness of his loved ones are at stake. Randolph county can, perhaps, boast names wider known to fame than that of Samuel C. Davis, but in its whole history there is not one whose life was purer and better and whose memory is more sacredly cherished by those who knew him well, than his. He was a Virginian by nativity and bringing up, and inherited most of the better qualities of the typical true-hearted, chivalrous minded Virginia gentleman. He was a son of Robert Davis, one of the best men of Rockingham county, and was born in that county April 3, 1795, being the seventh in a family of eight children. Reared in his native county, he early decided to cast his fortunes with the great country beyond the Mississippi, and away back in 1819, became a pioneer settler in Howard county, Mo. Mr. Davis had served in the War of 1812, under Gen. Porterfield, Capt. R. Erwin's company of Virginia militia volunteers, and for the last nine years of his life he received a compensation in the form of a pension from the government of \$96 per year. Prior to this, December 29, 1815, he was married in Virginia, to Miss Mary Herring, of Rockingham county. Mr. Davis settled near Roanoke in Howard county, where he lived some 17 years, after which he removed to the place in Randolph county, on which he spent the remainder of his life. Here he bought some 600 acres of land and improved a fine farm. Early in life he became a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and having decided to devote himself to the ministry, he took a course of study with that object in view and began preaching as early as 1823. Four years afterwards he was regularly ordained and continued in the service of his church until compelled to retire from the pulpit on account of loss of sight and the general decrepitude of old age. Mr. Davis' first wife died

December 16, 1855. For 40 years she had been all that a true and devoted wife could be to an affectionate and kind husband. Nine children were the fruits of their long and happy married life, namely: James H., who died in boyhood; Matilda H., who died in 1876, the wife of Samuel Burton; Mary, now Mrs. W. I. Ferguson; Nancy M., who died in 1873, the wife of J. D. Burton; Virginia, now the widow of Thomas Taylor; Rebecca F., who died in maidenhood; Sarah A., who died in 1866, the wife of William H. Johnston; Robert H., who died in boyhood, and Martha J., now the wife of A. Bradsher Clifton. Mr. Davis was married May 5, 1857, to Mrs. Harriet, the widow of David Little. She was born in Rockingham county, Va., and was a daughter of Paul Shreckhise. She has one child by her last marriage, Samuel C., and is still living on the old homestead. Mr. Davis, besides attending to his duties as a minister, was a successful farmer and was for many years largely engaged in growing, not only the usual crops of the time, but tobacco, flax, hemp, etc., in which he was quite successful. He owned some 16 slaves before the war, but these, of course, were taken away by the Emancipation Proclamation. He built one of the first mills ever erected in this part of the county, a large water mill, and conducted it successfully for many years. He was a man of remarkable energy and industry in industrial and business affairs, and though one of the most active and zealous of ministers, he followed that sacred calling, not as a means of, or help to material support, but out of his sense of duty alone, and from an abundant love of God and humanity.

HUMPHREY B. DENNY

(Farmer, Section 29, Township 53, Range 15, near Mt. Airy).

Mr. Denny is a brother of Capt. Alexander Denny, of Howard county, a sketch of whose life justly occupies a prominent place in the history of that county. Nor is the brother, of Randolph county, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, less worthy of honorable mention in the history of his own county than is his brother, Capt. Denny, of Howard. Their parents, James and Elizabeth (Best) Denny, were natives of Kentucky, but came to Howard county, Mo., among its pioneer settlers away back in 1818. The father was a typical, brave-hearted old pioneer, a courageous, generous man, and an industrious and successful farmer. He died in that county at a ripe old age, honored and respected in life and regretted and mourned in death by all who knew him. Humphrey B. Denny was one and one-half years Capt. Denny's junior, having been born November 27, 1827. He was reared on the farm in Howard county and to habits of industry, having to rely more on study at home for an education than on instruction in school. But he succeeded in acquiring a sufficient knowledge of books for all the practical purposes of farm life. On the 10th of December, 1857, he was married to Miss Margaret E. Snoddy, a daughter of Walter Snoddy, an early settler of Howard county. Mr. Denny, however, had previously removed to Randolph

county and had for a number of years been engaged in farming on his own account. His life from boyhood has been one of untiring industry and has been abundantly rewarded with the fruits of honest toil. Mr. Denny owes all he has to his own exertions and good management, and this is saying not a little. He has three excellent farms, aggregating over 900 acres. His home place contains over 400 acres and his other two farms 175 and 120 acres, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Denny have had a family of eight children: Narcissa F., now Mrs. David Bagby; James M., David R., Nannie, now a student at the State University; Elizabeth, John A., Humphrey, Jr., and Maggie. Mr. and Mrs. D. are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Sweet Spring.

MORGAN FINNELL

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

All early settlers of Randolph county knew William Finnell, the father of the subject of the present sketch, for he was one of the pioneer settlers of the county and was a great hunter in his day, being one of the best shots in all the country round about and at a time when marksmen successfully competed with the Indians in shooting matches. He came out to this county away back in 1817 and lived in the log house that he had built himself, where he kept bachelor's hall and followed hunting and fishing principally and all the sports of the field and forest. However, he improved a farm as time rolled away and was married to Miss Jane Goodman, a daughter of another pioneer of the county. Morgan Finnell was born of this union, and it was on the 22d of August, 1833, that his eyes first opened to receive the light of day. The son was reared in the county and attended the log school houses of the period, obtaining from the instruction there given an adequate knowledge of school books to get along conveniently in life, so far as education was concerned. His father was quite an old bachelor before he married and so the son also became a bachelor and kept bachelor's hall for several years. However, in 1875, he was married to Miss Maria Rice, a daughter of Ezekial and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Rice, early settlers of Missouri from Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Finnell have four children: Gertrude H., Mattie, Elizabeth B. and Eliza E. Mr. Finnell has a good farm of 160 acres which he bought and paid for by his own labor since the war. When hostilities broke out in 1861 he joined the Confederate service but was captured the second day after he enlisted and was paroled by Gen. Prentiss, after which he returned home; but times became so unsettled and affairs so critical that he either had to take to the bushes and try to get South or join the Federal militia, for if he had started off to the Southern army he would probably have been captured and shot, as thousands of others were, on the charge of being "bushwhackers." He therefore joined the militia and was more fatal to the hard and regular rations that he drew than to anybody on the other side. Mr. Finnell started out for himself at 18 years of age, without a dollar, and

went to farm work, but the war coming on soon, and he being an honest man, he was of course not able to save anything during that time. After the war he commenced again without a cent and is now comfortably situated and highly respected. This record speaks better for him than anything that could be said here.

JACOB FUHRMANN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. F. is a Prussian by nativity, and was born in the village of Elsoff-Pror-Arnsberg. His parents were Henry and Mary E. (Hester) Fuhrmann. Jacob was reared on the farm in his native country and received a good common school education in the German language. At the age of 15 he began to learn the wagon-maker's trade and worked at it for two years following. In the spring of 1859 he boarded a sail vessel bound for the United States and in due time landed at New Orleans. Mr. Fuhrmann came by steamboat up to Glasgow and worked there at his trade for a year. From Glasgow he came to Roanoke and worked at that point for two years and then established a shop of his own. He carried on the business of wagon-making at Roanoke until 1869, and his wagons obtained a wide reputation throughout Howard, Randolph and neighboring counties. He then moved on a farm and made a business of building for some time, besides farming. In 1871 he bought his present place largely on time, and by industry, good management and economy has long since paid for it. This place contains 350 acres and he has it well improved. The place alone is worth not less than \$10,000, yet when Mr. Fuhrmann came to Roanoke his worldly possessions consisted of his wearing apparel and a 25-franc piece. This is a record that would be a credit to any man. On the 26th of March, 1867, Mr. Fuhrmann was married to Miss Ellen Althouse, of this county, a daughter of George and Katrina (Hester) Althouse. Mr. and Mrs. Fuhrmann have five children: Anna M., Edward, Florence, Eliza A. and Mary. Mrs. F. is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Roanoke.

CAPT. J. C. HEAD

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Coal Dealer).

Capt. John Head, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch and the father-in-law to Gen. Sterling Price, the noble old *Pater Patrae* of Missouri, whose life forms the brightest chapter in the history of the State, was, like his illustrious son-in-law, originally from Virginia, and came to Missouri from the Old Dominion about the same time of the migration of the Prices to this State. Capt. Head settled in Randolph county and the Prices in Chariton, just across the line from each other. Capt. Head was a fine old Virginia gentleman in the best sense of the word, prosperous in the affairs of life, intelligent and public-spirited and as hospitable at his own hearthstone as Jupiter himself. Of his family of children, Martha married Gen. Sterling

Price and John, Jr., married Miss Adeline Stark. John Head, Jr., was born in Orange county, Va., in 1801, and died in this county in his eighty-second year in the spring of 1883. He was also a successful farmer and a highly respected citizen of the county. His son, J. C., the subject of this sketch, was born on the farm in Randolph county in September, 1839. His father being in easy circumstances, J. C. had good opportunities to obtain an education, which he did not fail to improve. Besides a general literary and scientific course, he had the benefit of a course in Geoponics, or the science of agriculture, at the State University. He graduated from the Agricultural Department of the State University in 1859. Intended for a farm life, for which he had always had a marked preference, he now returned to the farm in Randolph county with a view of beginning at once his career in his chosen calling and for himself, for he was closely approaching his majority. But soon afterwards the excitement growing out of the rapid approach of the war unhinged everything and all attention was drawn to the events of the impending crisis. When at last the war-cloud burst upon the country, young Head, in common with nearly all of the better class of young men of his section of the State, promptly shouldered his musket as a plighted soldier of his native State and Virginia and of the South and the Southern cause. He entered the Confederate service as an orderly sergeant and by his merits rose to the rank of captain. He participated in many a hard-fought battle. Of those in this State in which he took part are recalled the engagements at Boonville, Lexington, Dry Wood, Glasgow, Independence and Westport. At the close of the war Capt. Head located on a farm in Randolph county and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. For a time, however, he also owned and ran a portable saw-mill with which he had good success. His farm contains nearly a quarter of a section of excellent land which he has substantially and neatly improved. On the 25th of April, 1866, he was married to Miss Susan Wallace, a daughter of John S., from Kentucky, and Idress (Craig) Wallace, both of whom were representatives of prominent Virginia and Kentucky families. Mrs. Head was born and reared in Chariton county. Mr. and Mrs. H. have four children: Lotta, Wallace, Ida and Carrie. Mr. H. is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and his wife is a Southern Methodist. Capt. Head has a fine vein of coal on his place which he has worked to a considerable extent, though not with machinery and on a large scale. His coal has been proved to be of a superior quality and the quantity is so abundant that it cannot fail to be the source of a good income when mined with a sufficient force of hands and proper appliances.

CAPT. J. D. HICKS

(Section 34, Post-office, Roanoke).

Capt. Hicks served gallantly in the Confederate army from the time the first gun of the war was fired in Missouri until the surrender of his command at Shreveport, La., in May, 1865, and rose from the ranks to

the captaincy of Co. B, of the Tenth Missouri, by his bravery and merits. He is a native Missourian, born in Boone county, June 30, 1832, and is to-day one of the substantial farmers and highly respected citizens of Silver Creek township, in Randolph county. Capt. Hicks was a son of Willis Hicks, one of the pioneer settlers of Boone county. The Captain's mother before her marriage was a Miss Elizabeth Foster, and both parents were from Kentucky. Whilst Capt. Hicks was still in infancy the family removed to Scotland county, where the father became a well-to-do farmer and respected, influential citizen. Capt. Hicks was reared in Scotland county and received a good common school education. Having a natural inclination of mechanical pursuits and a marked aptitude for handling tools, even before reaching his majority he began work at the carpenter's trade, and afterwards also worked at the brickmason's trade and at plastering. He was engaged in these occupations, as work required, when the war broke out in 1861. Coming of a Southern family and having Southern principles and sympathies, he showed the courage of his convictions by promptly enlisting in the Confederate service. Gen. Martin Green enlisted one of the first commands in the Southern service in this State, and the fact that he so successfully secured arms for his volunteers and equipped them for action before the Federals came in to interfere with his movements, gave rise to a song which was applied to those who were not sagacious enough to enter the Southern service as early as his men did, and which had quite a popular local "run" during the first year or two of the war. The first lines ran thus: —

"If you had been smart,
You might have been seen
Going down the river with
Martin Green."

Capt. Hicks was one of those who were smart enough to be seen going down the river with Martin Green, for he was one of the first volunteers under the doughty chieftain, and for over four years he followed the broad-barred and bright-starred banner of the Confederacy. Step by step he rose from the position of a private soldier through nearly every intermediate grade to the office of captain. He participated in battles and engagements and skirmishes without number, from a hand to hand conflict of a few soldiers on either side to the massed bayonet charge of the greatest death duels of the war, where friend and foe were intermingled on the deadly field, some dead, some dying, and all courting death in the red glare of battle. In 1863 Capt. Hicks was captured at Helena, Ark., and was kept in prison for 19 months, but promptly returned to his command on being exchanged. After the war he came to Randolph county and located near Roanoke, where he engaged in farming, and later along quite extensively in stock trading. In 1873 he settled where he now resides. He has experienced some serious losses in property affairs, although through no fault of his, but being a man of untiring energy and industry he has, nevertheless, proved himself superior to misfortune and adversity and

has accumulated a comfortable property. His place contains over a quarter section of land and is well improved. He is still engaged in stock-raising and also in buying and shipping stock, and is having good success of late years. On the 23d of November, 1872, Capt. Hicks was married to Miss Elizabeth McDavitt, a daughter of Daniel and Virginia (West) McDavitt, early settlers and respected residents of Randolph county. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks have three children: Gertie, Lela and Frank D. Mr. Hicks is a prominent member of the Masonic order. He commenced industrial activities after the war without a dollar and has made all he has by his own energy and enterprise, and much more than he has, for, as has been said, he has sustained serious losses in his business affairs. Personally, he is a man of marked intelligence, pleasant, agreeable manners, public spirited and kind hearted, and is much esteemed by those who know him well, and respected by all.

JAMES J. KIRKPATRICK

(Justice of the Peace and Farmer, near Huntsville).

Mr. Kirkpatrick was born in Pennsylvania, in which State his ancestors have been settled for generations, and, as far back as they can be traced, have always ranked with the better class of people of the old Keystone State. His father, Rev. John H. Kirkpatrick, had the benefit of a fine education in youth, and subsequently studied theology, and became an able minister of the O. S. Presbyterian Church. He married Miss Jane S. McKee, and by her reared a worthy family of children, all of whom were given advanced educations. For 40 years he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Harmony, in Indiana county, Pa., and he died in the service of that church. He lived to a ripe old age, being spared to his congregation and to his family up to 1878, when, at last, his spirit took its flight to heaven and his body was laid to rest in the churchyard where he had invoked the blessings of the Father on so many of his friends and acquaintances who had preceded him across the silent river. James J. was born in Indiana county, Pa., March 7, 1839, and was reared on his father's farm in that county. After taking a preparatory course in the common and academic schools he entered Jefferson College, of Pennsylvania, in which he continued until his graduation, in 1859. He then came to Missouri and taught school in Randolph county, and in the neighborhood where he now resides, for a term, after which he went to Independence, in Jackson county, where he read law under his brother, William R. Kirkpatrick, now of Texas. In August, 1860, he went to Hinds county, Miss., where he engaged in school teaching, having young men for his pupils, and he was there when the war broke out. Though reared and educated in the North, he came of sterling old State's rights Democratic ancestry, and he believed that the Federal Government had no more right to invade a sovereign State of the Union with armed soldiery in defiance of State authority than had the Czar of Russia or any other executive of a tyranny. He therefore promptly enlisted in the service of Mississippi, becoming a member

of Co. C, Sixteenth Mississippi volunteers, in April, 1861. He served during the remainder of the war or until August 21, 1864, when he was captured and afterwards confined in prison at Pt. Lookout until February following. He was then sent to Richmond on parole, and continued a paroled prisoner of war until the general surrender, returning, however, and remaining in Mississippi. He was in many of the hardest fought battles of the war, and was in Stonewall Jackson's valley campaigns for two years, and was then under Gen. A. P. Hill for the remainder of the time. He was wounded three times, but only lost 21 days during his service, being confined in the hospital for three weeks. After the war he engaged in cotton raising in Mississippi until 1868, when he went home to Pennsylvania on a visit, and afterwards paid a brother of his a visit who resided in Iowa, and thence came on to Randolph county, where he has since resided. On the 8th of September, 1870, he was married to Miss Lealie Fray, a daughter of John Fray, of this county. They have one child: John W. After his return to Randolph county Mr. Kirkpatrick taught a few terms in school, but has made farming and stock-raising his regular business, and has been quite successful. He has a fine farm of 232 acres, on Silver creek, and is comfortably situated. 'Squire Kirkpatrick was elected justice of the peace in 1876, and has held the office ever since. He is a man of fine social qualities and is personally very popular. He has long been a member of and elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM C. LAMOTTE

(Farmer, Post-office, Roanoke).

Another one of those successful men and excellent citizens of whom this county contains so many, who commenced in life without means or advantages, and who have risen almost alone by their own exertions and intelligence, to competency and a worthy position in the esteem of their respective communities is Mr. LaMotte, a native of Maryland, who, as his name indicates, is of French descent. His mother, however, whose maiden name was Rachel Hoover, as her name also shows, was of Hollandish ancestry. The families of both parents, however, have long been settled in Maryland. The father, John LaMotte, was for many years a public official at Hempstead, in that State, and also owned farms in the vicinity, the conduct of which he superintended. William O. was born in Hempstead, August 25, 1838. He was reared in his native comopolis, and received a common school education. At the age of 15 he matriculated at the blacksmith's trade, in which he took a semester of several years, becoming thoroughly skilled in the Vulcanic art. After acquiring his trade Mr. LaMotte worked at it in Maryland until the fall of 1860, when he came to Missouri, and located at Roanoke. When he unpacked his leather apron at that place for the first time an invoice of his worldly possessions showed that he had the apron, a few other articles of

personal utility and \$50 in State money. But he began with willing hands and a brave heart to establish himself comfortably in life, and he has not failed. He formed a partnership with another brave spirit who was not afraid of soiling his hands, and established a shop. The years came and went and the firm prospered in business. After a while Mr. LaMotte bought out his partner in business and went it after that with a lone hand. He continued at Roanoke for some 15 years after the war, and then retired from the gymnasium of the anvil to his present farm, in a condition materially and otherwise, to spend the remainder of his days in comparative ease, though not in idleness, for to him that would be the reverse of ease. Here he has a fine farm of about 500 acres, or to speak more properly, he has about 500 acres of fine land, for it is not all in one body. His homestead is neatly and substantially improved, and, to make a long story short, he is fixed so as to live, in the language of Shakespeare, "as free and independent as the winds that blow." During the war Mr. LaMotte served about two years in the enrolled militia, but not continuously. In January, 1867, he was married to Miss Catherine Althouse, a daughter of George and Catherine (Hester) Althouse, early settlers of this county. Mrs. LaMotte was also a relative to Gov. Althouse, a whilom prominent citizen of Randolph county, and Mr. LaMotte now owns the old Gov. Althouse farm. Mr. and Mrs. L. have four children: William H., Harrison H., Gertrude and George A. Mr. LaMotte has been a member of the Masonic order for 25 years, and he and wife are also members of the Presbyterian Church at Roanoke, in which he holds the office of deacon.

ROBERT M. LAWRENCE

(Farmer and Fine Stock-raiser).

Mr. Lawrence came from the Blue Grass regions of Kentucky where farming and stock-raising are carried on according to the most advanced methods, and he has fully sustained the reputation of the land of his nativity in this respect, as in all others. He has one of the handsomest farms in Randolph county and by all odds the handsomest one between Sweet Spring and Silver creek. His place is beautifully located and exceptionally well improved. His fields and meadows and pastures are all being kept in good condition and are well arranged; his fences are neat and substantial, and his buildings — residence, barn and outhouses — all tastily constructed and commodious and comfortable. In a word, his farm presents a handsome picture of prosperous, progressive agriculture. Mr. Lawrence was born in Clark county, Ky., November 9, 1841, and came of one of the best families in that county. His parents were Robert and Lucy (Ecton) Lawrence, both natives of the Blue Grass State. The Lawrences, however, were originally from Virginia. The Ectons were among the pioneer settlers of Kentucky. Robert M. was reared on a farm in his native State and was 20 years of age when the war broke out in 1861. He promptly enlisted in the Confederate service and served under the

Southern banner in Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia, principally, for three years. He was under Gen. Morgan and was with that famous cavalry leader on his memorable raid through the North. After the battle at Buffington Island, in Ohio, he, with 17 others, was captured while trying to cross the Ohio river. He was held a prisoner at Camp Chase for a short time and then transferred to Camp Douglas at Chicago, where he was confined until March, 1865, when he was exchanged at Aikins Landing on the James river, but saw no further active service in the war. Returning to Kentucky, he remained there until the fall of 1865 when he came to Missouri and located four miles south-west of Huntsville in the neighborhood of his aunt's husband, John Oliver. He soon bought land and has since been engaged in farming. In March, 1879, he bought his present place, the Ivison Sears farm. This farm contains 260 acres and is one of rare beauty. Mr. Lawrence was married February 7, 1868, to Miss Sarah Barbour Bratcher. She died March 2, 1882. She left him five children: Johnnie, Ecton, Frenchie, Lulu B. and Marvin. Mr. Lawrence's wife was formerly Mrs. Sarah W., the widow of George Burton. She was a daughter of William H. and Matilda (Davis) Harrison. Her first husband died in 1874. By him she has three children: Ada, Georgie and Frankie. Mrs. L. is a member of the M. E. C. P. Church and he is a member of the Old School Baptist denomination.

“UNCLE ALLEN MAYO”

(Retired).

This oldest living resident of Randolph county, and now well started on the fifth score of life, stands out from among the third generation of settlers a conspicuous and honorable monument of the past, representing in his life and services and in his experiences as a pioneer and citizen the whole chain of the history of the county from its beginning to the present time. At the county fair at Jacksonville in the fall of 1883, he was formally presented with a cane by the Fair Association in the name of the people of the county, in honor of his being the father of the county, among the living, in duration of residence. But notwithstanding he is a venerable old octogenarian, he is still as active of body and as bright of mind as men usually are when 20 years his junior, and has a large farm of over 300 acres which he superintends and manages himself, often taking a hand to help along with the work, and always doing a large share of the feeding and other incidental work about the house and barn. It is simply astonishing to observe the sprightliness of his movements and to note the brightness and spirit of his conversation, considering his advanced age, and the hardships through which he has passed, first as a pioneer settler of the county, and then as one of the most untiring, resolute farmers. Allen Mayo was born on the 14th of July, 1802. His father, Thomas Mayo, was an old and respected citizen of Patrick county, Va., and his mother's maiden name was Mary Blair, and came of the same original family of which Gen. Frank Blair of this State was a representative,

and an outline of the genealogy of which has been given in the sketch of Dr. Blair elsewhere in this volume. Thomas Mayo, the father, was a gallant soldier under Washington during the War of the Revolution. In about 1805 he removed to Tennessee and settled in Campbell county, where he was engaged in farming for about 12 years, and came thence to Missouri in 1817. The following winter the family passed near Edwardsville, Ill., and in the spring of 1818 landed in Randolph county. Here the father went to work to improve a farm, and built a log cabin for his family and cleared a piece of land. He subsequently opened a good farm and became comfortably situated, spending the remainder of his days in Randolph county in comparatively easy circumstances, considering the times, and respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He had a son, Valentine, who had preceded him to the county in 1816. Allen Mayo was 16 years of age when his parents came to Randolph county, and five years afterwards, in 1823, he entered the piece of land on which he has since resided, and began the improvement of a farm. In the spring of the same year, on the 23d of April, he was married to Miss Martha Finnell, a daughter of Charles and Lucy Finnell, also pioneer settlers of the county. Mrs. Mayo was born in Garrett county, Ky., June 28, 1804. What is hardly less remarkable than the longevity of Mr. Mayo, himself, is the fact that his wife is also still with him, and on the 23d of April of the present year they celebrated the sixty-first anniversary of their long and happy married life. Until two years ago she was quite as well preserved in health and strength as he, but she was then stricken with paralysis and has been confined to her room since that time. They have been blessed with a family of 11 children, and nine of these are still living: William, Eliza, now Mrs. George Dameron; Thomas, Charles F., Lucy, now Mrs. Samuel McCulley; Porter, Mary, now Mrs. F. M. Stark; John A. and James B. Mr. Mayo has been quite successful in the affairs of life, and although he has reared a large family and has lived to see his children happily married and all settled comfortably around him, he has long enjoyed an ample competency, the fruit of his own industry, sober, economical life and good management. The farm on which he has lived for over 60 years contains 320 acres, though of course he did not have that much to begin with. His place is substantially improved and his home is one supplied with all necessary comforts. Like all early settlers, and, indeed, in excess of all of them, he is replete with reminiscences of the past. When he settled on his present farm he and his neighbors (and neighbors were then usually about 15 miles apart) had to go to Old Franklin and Old Chariton for their merchandise, and their milling was done at Glasgow at an old-fashioned horse mill. They shipped their surplus products, grain, stock, and the like (though the stock had first to be killed and put in the form of meat), by flat boats to New Orleans. There were then no such things as school-houses in the country and not even churches had been built. The meetings were held at the log houses of the settlers, and the people attended for miles around,

coming generally as far as a half day's journey to preaching. The Baptists were the first in this county and then came the Methodists, and after them the flood of ministers of all denominations. In those days the preachers were the earnest, zealous kind, like the faithful hard working ministers still to be met with in pioneer countries, as for instance, down in the Indian Territory where a good preacher will still fill three appointments a day, riding an Indian pony with his plug hat tied on by a string under his chin, and going 60 miles between appointments. At that time game of all kinds abounded in Randolph county, including bear, deer and turkeys, and for a long time bear meat took the place of bacon and was not a bad substitute. The Indians were also still in the county and occasionally gave trouble to the Whites, but were not much feared by the bold and resolute spirits who were the pioneer settlers of the county. Besides the market at New Orleans for surplus products, the Santa Fe trade opened up a good market for stock, etc. In politics Uncle Allen Mayo has ever been a Democrat, and has voted the regular Democratic presidential tickets for half a century, except in 1864, when he voted for Lincoln, being a strong Union man, as all his family were, when it came to the question of destroying the Union. His life has been one without reproach from the beginning, and no man in Randolph county stands higher in general esteem than he. He and his good wife have been members of the Baptist Church for nearly half a century.

THOMAS MAYO

(Farmer).

Mr. M., the second son in the family of Uncle Allen Mayo, of those who are living, was born in Randolph county, May 17, 1832, and remained with his father until he was 21 years of age. He obtained some knowledge of books in the log school-houses of the period, and on reaching his majority, his father gave him a horse, saddle and bridle and a father's blessing, and told him that he could now go forth and enjoy the fruits of his own industry. He then worked for his brother-in-law, Henry B. Dameron, for about two years, and under him was deputy sheriff of the county from 1854 to 1856. The following year he began teaching school, and in March of that year he was married to Miss Sarah F. Mathis, a daughter of George A. and Parthenia (Dameron) Mathis. He continued teaching school and also followed farming on a rented place up to 1860, when he bought his present farm. During the war he served on the Union side in the militia notwithstanding he came of a Southern family and his father was a slaveholder, for neither he nor his father were in favor of seeing the Union broken up and destroyed by secession. Mr. Mayo has ever been an industrious and energetic farmer, a good manager and a well-respected citizen, and has been quite successful in life. His farm contains nearly 500 acres, and he raises considerable stock besides grain and other produce. Mr. Mayo had the misfortune to lose his wife by death in 1869. She left him five children: George A.,

Maggie A., now Mrs. Elbert Lee ; Mattie, Cassie B. and Sidney. Mr. Mayo's second wife died in 1874. She was a Miss Sidney Mathis, a sister to his first wife. They were married in the spring of 1870. To his present wife he was married in 1878. She was a Miss Mattie Burton, a daughter of Judge Burton of this county, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Mayo is a member of the M. E. Church. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian.

JAMES P. MAYO

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. M. is the youngest son of Uncle Allen Mayo, as his father has been familiarly called for many years, and was born on the old family homestead, September 11, 1845. When James P. grew up, schools had been pretty generally established in the county, and were of a far superior grade to those kept in pioneer times. Besides attending the neighborhood schools, he had the benefit of two terms at a graded school at Roanoke and then of another term at Huntsville, thus getting a more than average general education. During the war, he served about eight months in the Union enrolled militia, being himself an ardent Union man. But most of the time he remained at home, having charge of the farm, and continued there until his marriage on the 15th of April, 1879. Miss Susan S. Sutliff then became his wife. She was a daughter of John and A. C. Sutliff, and her mother's maiden name was Varnum. Her father was originally from New Jersey, and her mother was of an old Pennsylvania family. Before his marriage, Mr. Mayo had bought a quarter section of his father's old homestead, and this he made into a good farm for himself. He has erected an excellent dwelling house on his place, one of the best in the vicinity, and, in a word, has made his place one of the best farms of the township. Mr. and Mrs. Mayo are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. M. is a genial, whole-souled, sociable man, and is liked by everybody. Every one has a kind word to say of "Jim Mayo."

WILLIAM LAWRENCE OLIVER

(Deceased.)

Mr. Oliver died at his home in Salt Spring township, May 31, 1872, in his 50th year, having been born March 15, 1823. He was a native of Kentucky and was a son of John and Cynthia A. Oliver, who came to Randolph county in 1837. Both parents are now deceased. They had a family of seven children: Henry B., Betsey, now Mrs. Newton Bradley; William L., the subject of this sketch; Minerva, now Mrs. Everett Skinner; Cynthia A., now Mrs. M. J. Sears; Eliza, now Mrs. Redick O'Bryan, and Mittie, now Mrs. J. A. Alderson. William L. Oliver was 14 years of age when his parents came to this county. He grew up here on his father's farm and on the 29th of December, 1850, was married to Miss Amanda P. Lilly,

born August 16, 1832, and a daughter of David Lilly, of Cooper county. She survived her marriage, however, less than six years, dying February 26, 1856. She left him three children: John D., Permelia J. and William L., the latter of whom died at the age of three years. Permelia is now the wife of Millard F. Belsher, of Cedar county. November 27, 1856, Mr. Oliver was married to Mrs. Martha J., the widow of Mr. Shepard, born October 12, 1833, and a daughter of Benjamin Routt. Her first husband survived his marriage but a short time. She is also now deceased, having died April 20, 1881. By his last marriage Mr. Oliver had six children: Doctor F., Cynthia A., now Mrs. W. G. Lee; Marietta, now Mrs. James Bradley; William L., Eliza J., Lilly and Taylor (the latter of whom died at the age of two years), the remaining three being still at home. Religiously, the subject of this sketch was a "Regular Baptist," having united with Silver Creek Church when a young man, and holding the office of deacon for many years. His parents, also, were Regular Baptists, as were his own family, except Permelia, Marietta and Cynthia A. The former two were Missionary Baptists, and the latter a Methodist.

DOCTOR F. OLIVER was born in this county October 23, 1857, and was reared on the farm where he now resides. His father was a mechanic by trade, which he followed besides attending to the farm. He made wheels, chairs, plows, etc., and had a shop on the place. Dr. F. inherited the mechanical talent of his father, and, in fact, is what may be termed a natural mechanic. He has unusual inventive genius and has devised numerous machines which have attracted favorable notice and have been successfully used. He invented a pitman box intended for mowing machines which he patented, and which is now being tested by the McCormack Manufacturing Company. He also invented a hay stacker which he has patented and which promises to be extensively used. Besides these he has invented a hay rake, application for a patent on which is now pending in the Patent Office, at Washington, and has also invented valuable attachments for opening and closing window shutters. Although he is on the farm, which contains 165 acres and which he conducts, yet he manages to give a large share of his time to work on machinery and as the above facts show, is quite a genius in his occupation. Considering that he is still but 26 years of age, his record as an inventor is already quite remarkable, and his future in this line promises to be a more than ordinarily bright one.

HENRY B. OLIVER

(Farmer, Section 13, Township 53, Range 15, near Huntsville).

Mr. Oliver was the oldest brother of William L. Oliver, deceased, whose sketch precedes this, and came to Missouri with his parents, John and Cynthia A. (Lawrence) Oliver, in 1836. He was then 18 years of age, having been born in Clark county, Ky., October 24, 1818. The family settled four miles south-west of Huntsville, where the father and sons improved the place on which Redrick O'Bryan

now lives. The parents lived in this county until their death, the father surviving to the advanced age of nearly 90 years, dying April 18, 1877. His wife died in July, 1875, aged 70. Henry B. Oliver, after he grew up, was married April 1, 1840, to Miss Paulina Skinner, a daughter of Benjamin Skinner, who settled on the land on which the depot now stands, in 1832. He was from Madison county, Ky. Mr. Oliver settled on his present farm soon after his marriage and has continued to reside on it from that time to this. For years he has made a specialty of raising tobacco and stock, and has been quite successful. He is one of the substantial and industrious men of the township and is highly respected. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver have had a happy married life of 44 years. But one son of their family of children is now living, William S., who resides near his father. He married Miss Matilda J. Christian. Two are deceased, James Henry and Jane Ann. James Henry married Dorcas Ann Freeman, and she is also deceased. Jane Ann married William H. Stack and died in 1862. Her son, William H., lives with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver. They are both members of the Old School Baptist Church.

JOSEPH D. RICHESON

(Section 22, Post-office, Mt. Airy)

Mr. R., a son of James W. and Eliza (West) Richeson, the former from Kentucky, the latter from Missouri, was born in Randolph county, August 6, 1842. He grew up on his father's farm in the county, and had instilled into him from his childhood the taste for that life, but upon arriving at years of discretion, he had not at once an opportunity of carrying out his plans, for being heart and soul with the unfortunate South, he could not resist striking a blow in her defense, so shouldered his musket and, enlisting with Price, he fought bravely and well. In 1870 he began farming for himself, and now is the master of a nice property, consisting of 240 acres of land. This is well improved, and his surroundings reflect on every side the industry and energy of the owner. He has also some valuable stock, and "acts well his part" as an enterprising and progressive farmer. Mr. Richeson is a man of family, having married February 23, 1871, a native of the county, Miss Samantha, daughter of William and Catherine Stark. His children are Ann Eliza, James Walter, Maggie May, Charlie, Mary Beatrice and Joseph Elza. Mrs. Richeson is a member of the Silver Creek Baptist Church, and is one of those household angels whose presence seems to sanctify a home.

JAMES M., JOHN W. (DECEASED), AND ANDREW J. ROBERTSON.

James M. and John W. Robertson, respectively the uncle and father of Andrew J., were natives of the Old Dominion, and were of a family of 12 children of Joseph Robertson and wife, whose maiden name

was Delphi Snell. The parents were of two old and respected families of the central part of Virginia, which had been settled in that State since long prior to the Revolution. They, themselves, resided in Orange county, and there their children were born and principally reared. The father, Joseph Robertson, died in Orange county, and afterwards the mother and all her children came to Missouri, most of them locating in Randolph county. She was a woman of remarkable business ability, and was reputed to be one of the most successful and energetic farm managers in all the country round about. She was familiarly known as, and called by all who knew her with respect, not unmixed with a degree of admiration and affection, "Aunt Delphi Robertson," and was greatly esteemed as a neighbor and friend, and in the church for her amiable, sociable, kind-hearted motherly qualities. Indeed, she was one of the strong-minded, pure-hearted old mothers in Israel, of whom there were so many in the pioneer days of the country, when women had not only to be mothers, gentle, tender and sympathetic as the thoughts of angels are, but strong, resolute and determined, brave-hearted and heroic as their fearless husbands, who set their rifle against one tree to guard themselves and their families from the merciless savage, while they felled the other. Aunt Delphi Robertson will long be remembered in Randolph county as one of the good and true pioneer mothers of the county.

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, the first of her sons mentioned above, was born in Orange county, Va., April 14, 1812. Coming to this county in 1832, he is still living here, one of the old and respected citizens of the county, comfortably situated and still well preserved in mind and body, notwithstanding he has long since passed the allotted age of three score and ten years. Indeed, not less than four years ago he not only showed the courage, but the physical strength and activity, to make a trip to California, where he remained for three years, busily occupied with property interests. He returned only last fall; and to see him and judge by his erect form, quick step, brightness of conversation and general appearance, one would not take him to be much, if any, beyond a middle-aged man. His domestic life has been one of great contentment and happiness, and he has reared a worthy family of children.

JOHN W. ROBERTSON, the father of Andrew J., was born in Orange county, Va., on the 15th of January, 1806, and after he grew up on the farm in that county he was married in that State January 16, 1833, to Miss Frances M. Reynolds. He and his wife also came to Missouri in the year 1836 and located on land which he purchased in Randolph county, and on which he improved a farm. His son, Andrew J., now resides on this place, and it is reputed one of the best farms in the county. It contains 450 acres and is well improved, much, however, having been done for it in the matter of improvements by the son. The father died here September 2, 1850, in the respect and esteem of all who knew him, for he was an upright man and good neighbor.

ANDREW J. ROBERTSON was born on the farm, January 18, 1839, and was reared on his present place. He received a good common

school education and has followed farming and stock-raising from early manhood, having been occupied with nothing else. On the 9th of January, 1858, he was married to Miss Caroline Davis, a daughter of John and Sarah Davis, whose maiden name was Sarah Morehead. They were from Virginia, and resided in Marion county, this State, where Caroline F. was raised to womanhood. They have been blessed with a worthy family of seven children: Philip A., John W., Sarah F., now Mrs. James W. Patterson; Anna D., William, Charles E. and Kate. One, besides, died in infancy. Mrs. E. is a worthy member of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Robertson makes a specialty of raising breeding stock, and has some of the best in this section of the county. He is an energetic, progressive farmer and an intelligent, public-spirited citizen, held in high respect by all who know him.

CHARLES W. SHORES

(Post-office, Mt. Airy).

This successful farmer and respected citizen of Silver Creek township, residing on a handsome homestead which he owns, situated on section 30, in township 53, and range 15, near Huntsville, is a native of Howard county, born May 20, 1835, and was a son of Rev. William and Susan R. (Johnson) Shores, he originally of Tennessee, and she of Virginia. The father was for many years a Methodist preacher and was a member of the Missouri Conference of the M. E. Church South. He was also a farmer and had an excellent homestead six miles north of Fayette where he lived until his death, which occurred in January, 1872. He had been a minister of the gospel from early manhood and was also in his earlier years a skillful carpenter. Charles W. Shores received a good education as he grew up and afterwards taught school until the outbreak of the war. He then served six months under Gen. Price and during that time was in the battle at Pea Ridge. In 1862 he went West to the mountains and was engaged in mining, trading, merchandising, etc., until 1866, when he returned to Howard county. He subsequently taught school in Howard and Randolph counties and was married in this county September 15, 1870, to Miss Lou C. Walden, a daughter of William E. and Emily (Hurt) Walden, of Randolph county, born May 12, 1842. Her father was originally from Kentucky and her mother from Howard county. Judge Walden served as judge of the court for six years in this county. Mr. Shores settled on the Joshua Hurt farm, having bought it in 1868, and lived on it until the spring of 1883 when, having bought the Walden farm also, he came to this place where he has since resided. He raises considerable stock, principally cattle and hogs, and also largely raises wheat and corn. Mr. and Mrs. Shores have two children, Harry Hurt and Charles Edward. Their eldest, Anna Nora, died in tender years. He is a member of the M. E. Church South, and his wife of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

ELDER F. M. STARK

(Minister of the United Baptist Church, and Farmer).

The worthy minister of the gospel and highly esteemed citizen whose name heads this sketch has been engaged in the service of his fellow creatures and his Maker, in the office of a Christian minister, for nearly 30 years, and during this time has been instrumental in bringing many wayward souls to a consciousness of their sinfulness and to the hope which the Redeemer holds out to all the world. He professed religion in the fall of 1855 and was accepted into the Silver Creek Church during the following year. Preparing himself for the ministry, on the second Saturday of September, 1857, he was licensed to preach and the second Saturday of April, 1858, he was duly ordained. The presbytery was composed of Elders B. Anderson, Jesse Terrill and J. W. Terrill. Immediately following his ordination Elder Stark was placed in charge of the Mt. Salem Church, where he continued for eight years, and then he was called to the pastorate of the Silver Creek Church and has had charge of this church from time to time ever since, having, however, had charges at various other places at different periods in the meantime. Elder Stark has always been regarded as an earnest, sincere and useful minister of the gospel, and has been very successful in his great life-work. He has baptized probably nearly 200 people and has assisted in ordaining numerous ministers and a number of deacons. He has married more than 75 couples, and in every duty as a faithful minister of the gospel he has acquitted himself as a worthy man of God. He is a man well-read in the Scriptures and in theology generally, is a forcible and impressive speaker and, above all, is influential for the recognized purity of his life and the sincerity of his labors as a minister. He has participated in many revival meetings which have been productive of great good to the church and to humanity, and for which the cause of religion is not a little indebted to his exertions, his ability and eloquence, his piety and zeal. Elder Stark was born in Randolph county, July 18, 1830. His father, William Stark, was a native of Kentucky, but his mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Goodman, was originally from Tennessee. They left Kentucky in an early day, and settled where Terra Haute, Ind., now stands. William Stark's father, Jacob Stark, owned a farm which is now included in that city. Elder Stark's parents came to Missouri in 1825, and settled on Silver creek, in Randolph county, where the son grew to manhood. He succeeded in getting a good, ordinary education as he came up, and on the 27th of June, 1850, was married to Miss Amanda A. Watterfield, a daughter of Thomas and Prudence Watterfield, early residents of this county. After his marriage Elder Stark settled on a piece of land and opened a farm where he lived successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits besides attending to his ministerial duties, for 18 years. He then removed to his present farm. Here Elder Stark has a fine farm

of 280 acres and he is quite extensively engaged in raising stock, as well as grain. On the 11th of September, 1864, he had the misfortune to lose his good wife, who was taken from him by that inexorable messenger, Death. To his present wife, formerly Miss Mary A. Mayo, a daughter of Allen Mayo, whose sketch appears in this volume, Elder Stark was married October 1, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Stark have five children: Enoch T., William V., Nora R., James and Frank R. Elder Stark's great-grandfather was a native of Virginia and was of English descent. His name was Daniel, and from him has sprung descendants who have settled in nearly all the States, especially the West and South. During Elder Stark's ministry he has preached three times a day, accomplishing this by riding his horse very hard, and he has prepared many sermons on horseback. One incident that occurred during his ministry is worthy of mention. He commenced a meeting with a certain congregation and after preaching a sermon closed with an exhortation, inviting sinners to come to the Lord Jesus; 15 convicted persons arose and came forward for prayer, while two others professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in the congregation. The meeting continued a few days and at the close about 25 persons were buried in baptism by Elder S. With much gratification he can look back on the work he has accomplished. From a personal acquaintance of the fact we state that of all those whom he has united in marriage, not one couple has been divorced; and he has never baptized a person who denied the faith or brought reproach upon the cause of Christ. In politics he voted with the Whig party until the war, then took his stand on the side of the Union and voted for Lincoln, and with the Republican party down to the present.

REUBEN TAYLOR

(Section 34, Post-office, Roanoke).

Mr. T., one of the neatest farmers and best citizens of this township, and a man who has come up in life from an orphan boy without a penny and with no opportunities for an education, to the position he at present occupies and has long held, that of one of the worthy and substantial men of the county, is a native of the Blue Grass State, born in Garrett county, April 2, 1820. His parents, Dudley and Anna (Myes) Taylor, were originally from Virginia, and Reuben was the fifth in their family of seven children. His father died whilst he was quite young, and he was reared to hard work on a farm. Although he had little or no chances to go to school, he managed to gather up a sufficient knowledge of books for all the practical purposes of farm life. However, at the age of 16 he went out to work on a farm at \$6.00 a month, and he continued this, though with an increase of wages of course, as the years rolled away, for six years. He then came out to Missouri and went to work on a farm near Roanoke, for P. W. Hawley. In 1846 he went to Shelby county and settled on a small piece of land, where the first winter he cleared up enough ground for a crop and built a house. His only team was a small sled

and one horse, and with these he did all his freighting, hauling out the rails to fence about 30 acres of land, and doing all other work of that kind with his faithful horse and not less faithful sled. He lived on that place for about 20 years and became quite prosperous, and married and was blessed with a worthy family of children. In 1866, however, he sold out and came over to Randolph county and bought his present farm. Here he has a fine place of over 250 acres, one of the handsomest farms, size considered, in the county. He is comfortably and happily situated, and, as he says himself, is "fixed to enjoy life." He has an abundance of everything around him, a good home and an affectionate family, and never having wronged a man in his life, but having made all he has by honest industry, he has the confidence and esteem of all who know him, his conscience is clear, his spirit bright and life seems to him worth enjoying. On the 1st of May, 1858, Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Sarah Totten, a relative to the gallant officer by that name who commanded Totten's famous battery. Mrs. Taylor was a daughter of Joseph and Mary A. (Snitor) Totten, and was born in Indiana, but principally reared in Shelby county, Mo. Her parents were originally from Virginia, but from Kentucky to Indiana, and from the latter State to Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have five children: Henry C., Zachery, Anna, William and Robert Lee. All the family, except the youngest child, are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Taylor is an elder in his church. His son Henry is a deacon in the same church. The three eldest children are college graduates,—the first of Quincy College, the second of the Missouri State University, and the third of Hardin Female College of Mexico, Audrain county. Mr. Taylor, although now in his sixty-fifth year, bears his age remarkably well, and to judge of him by his movements, conversation and general appearance, although his hair is silvered over with gray, one would take him to be at least 10 years younger than he really is:—

"Age sits with decent grace upon his visage,
And worthily becomes his silver locks;
He bears the marks of many years well spent,
Of virtue, truth well tried, and wise experience."

CORNELIUS VAUGHAN

(Farmer).

Mr. V., a successful farmer of Randolph county and one of its best and most highly respected citizens, is a lineal descendant of the Rt. Hon. Cornelius Vaughan, a distinguished leader in Parliament of the time of James I., and a cousin-germane to that monarch. During the troublous times of James II., two of the descendants of Cornelius Vaughan, M. P., came to America and settled in Virginia. These were Robert and Cornelius Vaughan, and from the second of these the subject of the present sketch traces his lineage by a direct line or descent. Abraham Vaughan, the father of Cornelius, our subject, was born and reared in Culpeper county, Va., and there married Miss

Polly Weaver, whose family was originally of Pennsylvania and was of German extraction. Abraham Vaughan removed to Kentucky in an early day and settled in Boone county, where he reared his family and where he and his wife both lived until their death. He was a farmer by occupation, and Cornelius Vaughan, the subject of the present sketch, was born on his father's farm in that county, August 12, 1811. He was reared in his native county and when a young man 22 years of age, he started out for himself with \$50 in cash, which he had made and saved up the year before, and located on the Ohio river where he began the work of opening a farm. He was quite prosperous there, and in the spring of 1835 was married to Miss Paulena Christy, a daughter of Simeon and Lucy (Riddle) Christy of Boone county, Ky., and a niece of the famous Col. Christy of New Orleans, who so greatly distinguished himself at the battle of Ft. Magis. Mr. Vaughan came to Missouri in the year 1840, and located in Randolph county. Here he opened a fine farm and became one of the prosperous citizens of the county. He has followed tobacco raising quite successfully for many years, and before the war owned a number of slaves. He suffered quite severely by the loss of property during the war, losing some \$8,000 in negroes, stock, etc., but his estate was not seriously embarrassed. He was an ardent Southern man, having two sons in the Confederate army, but he, himself, was physically disabled from taking part in the struggle. In politics he has always been a Democrat and has voted the straight Democratic ticket without a scratch or a blot, at every election for over 40 years, commencing with Martin Van Buren in 1840. In November of the present year he expects to vote the twelfth time for the Democratic presidential nominee, and he has no doubt but that his vote will be cast for the next president of the United States. Mr. Vaughan has been twice married. His first wife died in 1857 of consumption, and had borne him twelve children, seven of whom are still living, namely: Napoleon, William, Ellen, now Mrs. George Thomson; Ladora, now Mrs. William Henderson; Florence, now Mrs. John Finnell; Cornelius. To his last wife Mr. Vaughan was married during the year 1858. She was the widow of a Mr. Upton, and her maiden name was Elizabeth Dobbins. She was a daughter of Hugh Dobbins. She also died of consumption in 1873. Of the three children she left him two are living, Marcia, now Mrs. Oswald Hurt, Kate, now Mrs. Lucien Cummings and Julie P. Vaughan. Mr. Vaughan has long been afflicted with Bright's disease, but is remarkably cheerful of mind and an untiring and interesting talker. He is rich in reminiscences of the past which it is a pleasure to hear him relate.

UNION TOWNSHIP.

THOMAS ANDERSON

Post-office, Moberly.

Mr. A. is one of the many thrifty, intelligent Northern farmers who have settled in Randolph county since the war, to the great advantage and benefit of the county. He came here in 1866, and, as brother Cox says, bought a fine farm of 144 acres and a fraction over, on which he has resided to this day. Mr. Anderson was born in Bedford county, Penn., July 21, 1811, and was a son of Samuel Anderson and wife, formerly Miss Sarah Shreeves, his father a Pennsylvanian by nativity, but his mother originally of Maryland. But two of their original family of 11 children are now living, William, the one besides Thomas, being still a resident of Pennsylvania. Thomas Anderson, the subject of this sketch, was married June 25, 1832, to Miss Anna Sheeder, of the Keystone State. Seven children have been the fruits of this union, but three of whom are living: Henry J., now of Nebraska; Aaron F., also of Nebraska and Allen S., of this State. The four deceased are: Mary J., Abner, Winchester and Anna, all of whom lived to reach maturity. Mrs. Anderson's parents were Henry and Mary A. (Wonderley) Sheeder, both originally from Germany, and of high German families. Both came over with their parents, respectively, when quite young and settled in New Jersey, where they married in 1819, and afterwards removed to Pennsylvania. Her father died there in 1864 and the mother in 1856. Mr. Anderson came to Missouri in 1868.

JOHN H. DuVALL

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. DuVall, like many of the better class of citizens of Randolph county, comes of an old and respected Kentucky family. There are few denizens of the Blue Grass State who are not familiar with the name DuVall; for while it is a prominent family in that State, it is also one of the largest and most widely distributed within the borders of the Commonwealth of fair women, fast horses and brave men. Mr. DuVall's parents, William and Lucy C. (Ellis) DuVall, came to Missouri in 1839 and settled in Randolph county, where they lived until the father's death, which occurred April 28, 1859, and where the mother still lives at the age of 66. Seven of their family of five sons and four daughters are living: Sarah F., the wife of Robert Cottingham, of Monroe county; John H., Henry C., of Carroll county; Mary R., the wife of James D. Myers, of California; Dollie E., Lucy J., the wife of Joseph E. Damp, of Adair county; and James T. John H. DuVall was born in Randolph county, Mo., June 27, 1842,

and being reared on a farm he was of course brought up to the hard work incident to farm life, which developed his physical constitution and made a good farmer out of him; and what is more important to the prosperity of a country than good farmers? He attended the neighborhood school and acquired enough education to get along in life. He is now residing on section 22, township 54, range 13, and is a member of the A. F. and A. M., while his mother and most of her family are members of the M. E. Church.

JOHN T. HALEY

(Blacksmith and Farmer).

From the time of Vulcan in Greece, who was the leading ferreous artist in his section of the country, and was afterwards deified by the people according to their system of mythology, on the same principle that the Catholic Church afterwards made saints out of priests — from that time to the present the blacksmith has been recognized as one of the most important factors in the mechanism of civilization, and in every community he must be present to bend the stubborn ore and shape it for the wants of man. Mr. Haley is a worthy representative of this useful and important art. He is one of the successful and skillful blacksmiths in his section of the country, and has a large custom. He is also engaged in farming to a certain extent where he now lives, and has 40 acres of good land. He also has 60 acres in Monroe county. He handles a few fine cattle and is raising some high grade Leicester and Canada South-Down sheep. Mr. Haley is a native of the Blue Grass State, born in Fayette county February 3, 1837, and was a son of Ambrose Haley and wife, Malinda Sydner, the father born in Bourbon county October 11, 1811, but the mother a native of the Keystone State. They had four children: George W., John T., Amanda and Agnes E. The mother died in 1843, and the father afterwards married Cassandra Callaway, of Monroe county. They also have four children: Ambrose E., Joseph, Sarah and Anna E. The father died in 1850. The same year of his father's death John T. Haley started to California, but fell sick on the way and was compelled to return, stopping, however, at Glasgow, in Howard county. He soon came over into Monroe county, and there married Miss Agnes E. Haley, a cousin. One child was the issue of this union, Waller, now deceased. Mr. Haley has been a resident of Randolph county for some time and is highly respected by all who know him. He carries on the business of wagon making in connection with his blacksmith shop, and is getting along quite satisfactorily in life. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

ROBERT R. HALL, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Milton).

• Mr. H., the Nestor of the medical profession in Randolph county, having been in the active practice in this county for 40 years, and although now within two years of the allotted age of three score and

ten is still in the saddle and visiting the sick and administering to the suffering wherever duty calls, day or night, winter or summer, is a native of the Blue Grass State and a descendant of that old Mother of stalwart and true men—Virginia. Dr. Hall was born in Fayette county, Ky., October 3, 1816, and was a son of Andrew W. Hall, originally of the Old Dominion. The mother was a Miss Sarah Clifford before her marriage, and was formerly of Tennessee. The parents were married in Kentucky in 1808, and of their family of four daughters and four sons but two sons are living—the Doctor and Andrew W., Jr., of Shelby county, Mo. Dr. Hall was reared in Kentucky, and after a thorough course of study and two regular terms at medical college graduated from the Medical Department of the Transylvania University of Lexington Ky., in the spring of 1884. He immediately came to Missouri and located at Milton, in Randolph county, in the practice of his profession, where he has been ever since; and the sun has risen and set on no day from that time to this that he has not been ready to tender his services for the relief of suffering humanity in this vicinity. It has been said that he is a benefactor to his race who makes two blades of grass grow where but one grew before. If that be so, what must Dr. Hall be, who has relieved human pain as innumerable as the stars in heaven or the sands upon the sea shore, or the pearly drops of rain that descend upon the earth beneath—who has restored loved ones without number trembling in the balance between life and death to the bosom of their families, and who ever, when the skill of the human physician was of no avail, has soothed the dying pillow of the suffering with his kind ministrations and made placid and easy the descent to the grave! For such a life there must be a reward in heaven, for there is none equal to its deserts on the earth. On the 4th of February, 1845, Dr. Hall was married to Miss Susan F. Coates, of this county, born November 27, 1829. Six children are the fruits of this union, and five are living: Clifford, a merchant of Moberly; Reese D., of Eddyville, Iowa; Eugene, chief clerk of the Railroad Bridge Company at Moberly; Dorothy T., the wife of Dr. J. T. Cox, of Moberly, and Q. Thomas, now of Shelby county, Mo. The mother of these died August 12, 1857, and on the 29th of March, 1859, Dr. Hall married Miss Anna E. Coates, a sister of the first wife, and of the eight children of this marriage six are living: Carrie E., the wife of George W. Burton; Andrew C., Robert R., Jr., Susie F., G. Marshall and John M. Guy and Berry B. are deceased. The mother of these died March 30, 1881, being burned to death by her clothes catching on fire from the stove. Dr. Hall is a fine, old-fashioned gentleman, intelligent, well educated, hospitable and kind, and an interesting and entertaining conversationalist. He has a large practice, and has ever had, and the sick enjoy his presence almost as much as his medicines do them good, which is up to the maximum degree. No one with a good liver and a taste for solid comfort and agreeable conversation can spend a more enjoyable evening than with Dr. Hall around his own fireside, while if the visitor's liver is not normal the Doctor's is of course the place to go.

HENRY HARRISON, JR.

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

It would hardly be possible to write a history of any county in Missouri and Kentucky or Virginia, or perhaps of any of the North-western States, without mentioning on its pages the Harrison family, for it is one of the most widely distributed families in the country, and its representatives, wherever they reside, are generally people of more or less consideration and prominence. The gens of the family of which we are now speaking took its rise, so far as the United States are concerned, in Virginia, and from that State the present branch of the family originally came. The genealogy of this family is so extensive that it cannot be given here. Those who are curious to see it will find it published in the histories of Andrain, Callaway and other counties in this State issued by the publishers of this work. Henry Harrison, Jr., was the son of Henry Harrison, Sr., a Virginian by birth, and whose wife was, before her marriage, a Miss Polly Malone, of Irish descent. They were married in about 1806 and had a family of 13 children, Henry Harrison, Jr., being the only one living. The father died in 1833 and the mother in 1850. Henry Harrison, Jr., was born in Woodford county, Ky., October 8, 1811, and on the 19th of October, 1835, was married to Miss Mary McKinsey, who was born in Clark county, Ky., January 20, 1813. Four years after his marriage Mr. Harrison, who then lived in Grant county, Ky., came to Missouri and settled in Randolph county, where he has since resided. By industry and good management he became well-to-do and possessed of a fine estate. His lands, however, he has divided out among his children, and he is now living in retirement and comfort. A life well and usefully spent has been rewarded with an abundance of this world's goods and in his old age he is blessed with the esteem of all who know him and with the veneration and respect of his near and dear ones. Such an evening of life is a fitting conclusion to the honorable and worthy career he has made as a man and citizen. Mr. Harrison's first wife, a noble and true-hearted woman, with whom he has spent nearly 50 years of happy married life, is still living. She bore her husband four children, three of whom are living, and the other is in heaven. The living are: John W., James E. and Orang M. (at whose instance this sketch is inserted). John W. was married to Miss Naekey Patton in 1863. They had four children; three died in infancy. His wife died in 1874. James E. was married to Miss Kate Hedges in 1866. They have three children: Naney M., John M. and Mary E. Their homestead contains 155 acres. Orang M. still lives with his parents on the old homestead, containing 140 acres, and is unmarried. To his present wife Mr. Harrison was married November 9, 1876. She was, prior to her marriage to him, Mrs. Bettie, the widow of William E. Patton, of Howard county. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have one son, J. Lester, born August 25, 1882. Mr. Harrison's

present homestead contains 175 acres. Mr. H. and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

JOHN W. HUTSELL

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. H. was born in this township, December 7, 1839, and was reared on his father's farm. On the 11th of January, 1866, he was married to Miss Minnie Eubanks, of Monroe county. The following year Mr. Hutsell settled on the farm where he now resides. He has a good place of 200 acres and also one of 144 acres, which he runs in corn, wheat, meadow and pasturage. He raises a number of cattle and hogs for the markets every year, and also has control annually of some mules. He is a substantial citizen and one of the thorough-going farmers of the township. Mr. Hutsell is a son of Bloomfield Hutsell and wife, previously Miss Emily T. Carver. They still reside in this township and have a good place of 200 acres. The father was born in Bourbon county, Ky., October 5, 1813, and died January 2, 1884, and the mother was born in Fayette county, that State, November 19, 1821. They were married November 27, 1836, and came to Missouri the following year, settling in Randolph county, where they have since resided. Four of their children are living: John W., Sarah M., the wife of James A. Campbell; Melissa J., the wife of John D. Christman; and Jeremiah C. Two are deceased: Mary E. and James N. John W. Hutsell and wife have three children: James D., Willie W. and Anna M. T. The mother of these is a daughter of Richard and Jane (Trimble) Eubanks, her father being born in Tennessee, October 1, 1810, and her mother, May 30, 1820. There were married in about 1844. The mother was the widow of Harvey Scott at the time of her marriage to Mr. Eubanks. Mr. Eubanks came to Randolph county in about 1836. Mrs. Hutsell is the only issue living of their marriage.

JOHN W. LICHTENTHALER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Rev. Jacob B. Lichtenthaler, the father of John W., now an old gentleman in the eighty-second year of his age, has for 60 years been engaged in the gospel ministry, and is still zealous and active in holding up the banner of the cross as the sign of the everlasting covenant of God with all the world. He is now a missionary for his denomination — the United Brethren — in the far North-west, "where rolls the Oregon." He is a representative of that sterling German race of men who settled in Pennsylvania, and who stand out in the affairs of life steadfast and as immutable as the unwavering columns of "Stonewall Jackson's men." Rev. Jacob B. Lichtenthaler was born in Pennsylvania in August, 1802, and after he grew up, was married to Miss Mary Morehead, of the same State, in 1826. Of their family of seven sons and five daughters, six are now living: George W., of

McLean county, Ill.; Nathias, of Charleston, Mo.; David S., of Salem, Oreg.; John W.; Harrison B., of Portland, Oreg.; Jane, the wife of A. C. Packard, of Portland, Oreg., and a practicing physician of that city, having graduated in medicine in New York City; Morehead and William C., the last two also of Portland, Oreg. Rev. J. B. Lichtenthaler was ordained a minister in the M. E. Church, but quit that denomination from convictions of duty and united with the United Brethren. He has been a missionary in Oregon since 1853. His wife is still living, and earnestly seconds him by her encouragement and personal assistance in his great life-work. John W. Lichtenthaler, the subject of this sketch, was born in Erie county, Pa., April 9, 1835, and was reared to manhood in his native State. On the 28th of December, 1857, he was married to Miss Catherine, a daughter of Jacob and Susan Bradley, of Hamilton county, O., where his wife was born, January 5, 1840. Mr. Lichtenthaler removed to Adams county, Ill., and followed farming there up to the fall of 1879, when he bought his present place, and settled in Randolph county, Mo. He has a good farm of 160 acres, and is one of the thrifty, enterprising farmers of the township. Mr. and Mrs. Lichtenthaler have had 10 children: George W., now of California; Ida B., died in infancy; Mary S., the wife of William Lowan, of Cedar county, Mo.; Jacob B., William (died in infancy), Sarah, Ellen, Ospha (died in infancy), Cora and Serena Wilhelmantic. Mrs. Lichtenthaler's father and his family reside in Randolph county, but her mother died June 30, 1880.

JOHN C. MYERS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

The branch of the Myers family to which the subject of the present sketch belongs came originally from North Carolina, and was afterwards one of the pioneer families of Missouri. William C. Myers, the grandfather of John C., first came to Kentucky in the days of Daniel Boone. He there married Miss Christina Goff, and in 1819 they came on to this State and settled at Old Franklin in Howard county. He then removed to Fayette, and in the spring of 1836 came over into Randolph county where he resided until his death, which was in 1854. He built the first mill ever erected in Howard county. His first wife died in 1849 and he afterwards married Miss Pauline Hunt, who is also now deceased. Of his family of children David Myers was born in Barren county, Ky., and he had four brothers and one sister. After he grew up he married Miss Eliza Shredar, of Randolph county, on the 9th of March, 1841. He became a successful farmer of this county and reared a large family of children, and he and wife are still residents of the county. Of their family of six daughters and five sons, nine are still living: George T., James W., Porter D., Christina, John C., Hannah J., Henry C., Mary E., Susan A., the wife of Fred J. Nichols, and Lydia C. John C. Myers, the subject of this sketch, was born in Randolph county, and was reared

on his father's farm. On the 14th of October, 1880, he was married to Miss Anna D. Clark, a daughter of Joseph G. and Elizabeth Clark, of this county, but formerly of Sangamon county, Ill., where Mrs. Myers was born April 15, 1856. Mr. Myers is engaged in farming and is an industrious young man and is rapidly coming to the front. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church South.

EZEKIEL C. PARRISH

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. P., a worthy farmer and good citizen of Union township, was born in Marion county, February 20, 1841, and was a son of Charles P. and Elizabeth (Baker) Parrish, the father born in St. Charles county November 12, 1818, and the mother in Howard county, September 9, 1821. They were married May 24, 1840. They reared a family of four sons and two daughters, and lost one, a daughter. Ezekiel C. Parrish was reared to a farm life, his father having been an enterprising and successful farmer, and when 24 years of age he was married January 22, 1875, to Miss Nancy M. Owen, of Randolph county, and he soon afterwards settled permanently in this county. Mr. Parrish located on his present farm in 1871. Here he has 117 acres which he has improved himself, having made his farm from raw land and all since 1871. He has improved it in a substantial, neat and convenient manner, and now has one of the choice small places in the township. Mr. and Mrs. P. are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, at Enoch. Mr. and Mrs. Parrish had eight children: Charles E., who died in tender years; Hattie C. E., Laura M., who also died in tender years; Octavia, who died in infancy; Birdie and Dozie, both of whom died in infancy; Arthur C. and Emor P. Mr. Parrish is a man of great industry, more than ordinarily intelligent and a kind neighbor. He is much esteemed by all who know him.

WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON

(Owner and Proprietor of Prairie View Farm).

Mr. R., one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of this township, comes of one of the pioneer families of Missouri, his grand-parents having come to this State in the early days of the county. His father, Howard H. Richardson, was still a youth when the family settled in Chariton county, and he still lives there, and has for years been one of the prominent agriculturalists of that county. He owns a fine place of about a section of land, some six miles north of Salisbury. The family came originally from Tazewell county, Va., though Mr. Richardson's mother, the mother of the subject of this sketch, previous to her marriage a Miss Louisa A. Wright, was from Nashville, Tenn. She was married in Chariton county in 1849, and there was but one child besides William A., of this union, namely: Dora E., now the wife of James Bozarth, of this county. The mother died in the fall of 1858, and the father afterwards married Mrs. Elizabeth Minor, the widow of James Minor, of Chariton county. They

have had three sons and two daughters, and Mrs. Richardson had had two children by her former marriage. William A. Richardson, our subject, was born in Chariton county, September 8, 1852, and was reared in that county. On the 16th day of March, 1876, he was married to Miss Marinda A. Holbrook, of Randolph county, but he continued to reside in Chariton county until 1879, when he removed to Randolph, and bought his present place of 280 acres, one of the handsome farms of the township. Mr. Richardson runs his place mainly in meadow and pasture, and is quite extensively engaged in stock-raising. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have three sons, Omer B., Victor M. and William C. Mr. and Mrs. R. are members of the M. E. Church South. Mrs. Richardson's father, Colbert Holbrook, was originally from North Carolina, born in 1797, and her mother, nee Nancy Milan, was born in Tazewell county, Va., June 13, 1813. They were married December 25, 1833, and had eight children. They came to Missouri in 1837, and the father died here in November, 1854. The mother is still living. She is a member of the M. E. Church South, as was also her husband.

JAMES A. SEATON

(Farmer, Section 1).

The subject of this sketch was born February 25, 1841, in Adams county, O., and was a son of Joseph Seaton, born February 29, 1798, in Scotland, and Mary Junk, born in 1810 in county Tyrone, Ireland, who were married in 1833, by which union there were eight children, four sons and four daughters, of whom there are six living, and all residents of Ohio, except James A., our subject. The parents emigrated from Ireland in 1834 and settled in Adams county, O., where the father still lives in the eighty-seventh year of his age, and where the mother died October 12, 1858. James A. Seaton was reared in that county and on the 8th of April, 1868, was married to Miss Rebecca Bullock, of Monroe county, Mo., he having come out to this State in 1865. They have eight sons: Robert J., deceased; James W., William B., Oscar A., Thomas P., John C., deceased; Lloyd, deceased; and Harsha. Mr. Seaton bought his present farm in 1874, which contains 80 acres, and is situated in section one. Mr. Seaton commenced poor and has made all he has by his own industry. He is a hard-working farmer and an intelligent citizen, and a member of the Baptist Church at Hickory Grove, in Monroe county. His wife, a Missouri lady, is one of those estimable women of which this State is noted, being of a bright mind and tender heart, and not less attractive in manners and conversation than by reason of her personal charms. She is highly thought of by all her neighbors and acquaintances, as is also Mr. Seaton. She, it is worthy of remark, is also a devout member of the Baptist Church at Hickory Grove, in Monroe county.

ABRAM VINCE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. V. was born and reared in the county where he now resides, and mainly by his own industry and good management has risen to the position he now occupies in the agricultural affairs of the township. His farm contains 280 acres of fine land and is well improved and well stocked. Mr. Vince makes a specialty of handling mules and is one of the leading men in this line in the township. He also feeds about 25 head of cattle and a large number of hogs annually for the wholesale markets, and raises Cotswold sheep. Mr. Vince was born on his father's homestead August 21, 1847, and after he grew up, on the 13th of November, 1873, was married to Miss Malissa Chrisman, a daughter of Silas Chrisman, of this county. In 1869 he settled on his present place. Mrs. Vince was born on the 5th of October, 1847. Mr. and Mrs. V. have no children. Her father was from Fayette county, Ky., born April, 22, 1809; and her mother was from Jessamine county, Ky., born September 8, 1816. They were married September 19, 1833, and came to Randolph county in 1843, settling north-east of Moberly, where they resided for 34 years, since which time they have made their home with their daughter, Mrs. Vince. Four of their seven children are living. Mr. and Mrs. Vince and her parents are members of the Baptist Church.

MRS. ELISABETH (DEGARMO) WESTFALL

(Post-office, Moberly).

Mrs. Westfall was born in Randolph county, Mo., December 3, 1841, and her home has continued to be in this county from her birth. Her parents were Paul DeGarmo and Sarah, *nee* Bowman, he of Pennsylvania, born June 9, 1812, and she of Virginia, born June 2, 1807. They were married March 1, 1832, and soon afterwards they came to Missouri and located in Randolph county. Both lived here until their deaths and the father reached the advanced age of 74 years, being killed at last by a train on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway whilst he was crossing its track. He became quite a successful farmer of the county and was one of its highly respected citizens. His first wife died October 16, 1845. By her he reared four children including Mrs. Westfall, namely: Ezra, who is supposed to have been murdered by the Indians in the unsettled regions of California in 1881; Angeline, now the wife of Joseph Vince; Alfred and Mrs. Westfall. On the 28th of June, 1847, the father was married to Miss Elizabeth Westfall, also originally of Virginia. She died February 3, 1872, leaving two children: Henry B. and John W. To his last wife, Mrs. Hulda Meals, of Randolph county, Mr. DeGarmo was married May 30, 1872. There was no issue of this union. Mrs. Westfall, the subject of this sketch, or rather Miss Elizabeth DeGarmo,

was married to Jacob C. Westfall, a nephew to her father's second wife, on the 25th of August, 1864. He was a native of Virginia, born January 30, 1828, and came out to Missouri with his parents, who settled in Randolph county. After he grew up here, having been reared on a farm, he also became a farmer and was quite successful. He died on his farm where Mrs. Westfall now resides. He was a man of untiring industry and spotless character and was esteemed and respected by all who knew him. He was greatly loved in his family and his death was a sore affliction to his loved ones. But he died not as one without hope, for he had long been at peace with his Maker and was an earnest and exemplary member of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Westfall were blessed with a family of five children, one of whom is deceased. Her children are, namely: Allen C., Christina M., Henry P., who died at the age of eight years; Anna E. and Joseph L. Mrs. Westfall is a devout member of the Baptist Church. Her farm, where so many years of happy married life were spent by her and her good husband, contains 145 acres of land. This is managed by Mrs Westfall and son, Allen C.

WILLIAM H. WESTFALL

(Farmer, Post-office, Moberly).

Mr. W. was born in Virginia July 8, 1822, and when 16 years of age came out with his parents, Cornelius and Edith (Wilson) Westfall, to Missouri. They removed to Missouri in 1838 and settled in Randolph county, where the father died in 1874 and the mother in 1850. William H. completed his majority in Randolph county and was married here January 17, 1867, to Miss Mary Gee. Reared on a farm, farming became his occupation for life and he has followed it with good results. He has an excellent farm of 160 acres on which he has been living since 1865. He is an energetic, go-ahead farmer and is steadily prospering in life. He raises grain and stock in a general way and markets considerable quantities of each every year. Mr. and Mrs. Westfall have two children: William H., Jr., and Lela. Mr. and Mrs. W. are members of the M. E. Church and Mr. W. is a member of the A. F. and A. M. Mr. Westfall's father was born in Virginia February 8, 1790, and was therefore in the eighty-fifth year of his age when he died. The mother was born in the Old Dominion June 4, 1797, and was in the fifty-fourth year of her age when she died. They were highly respected residents of Randolph county and the father was a man of sterling worth and great industry. He was one of the most energetic farmers of his vicinity and he and his wife were faithful church members. Mr. Westfall, the subject of this sketch, is following in the footsteps of his father and is esteemed and respected as he was.

CLIFTON TOWNSHIP.

DR. PETER S. BAKER

(Physician, Surgeon and Druggist, Clifton Hill).

Dr. Baker is one of the fathers of Clifton Hill, being one of its first residents, business men and physicians. He located here May 13, 1868, when there were but two houses in the place, and established a drug store. The following year he began the practice of medicine, and he has continued to reside at this place and practice his profession, as well as to carry on his drug business up to the present time. He has an excellent drug store, which commands a large trade, and he is well known to the people of the surrounding country as a man of unimpeachable integrity and of a most accommodating disposition. The Doctor also has a good practice in his profession, and he never refuses to go when called to the bedside of the suffering. Dr. Baker is a native Missourian, born in Johnson county, February 10th, 1846. His father, William C. Baker, and mother, whose maiden name was Nancy McGinnis, were both from Tennessee, and came to Missouri after their marriage in 1832, locating in Johnson county, where they lived until their death. There were five others in their family besides the Doctor, namely: Elizabeth J., Catherine A., James H. P., Mary E. and William T. Peter Smith Baker, the youngest in the family and the subject of this sketch, was reared on his father's farm in Johnson county, and in young manhood learned the drug business and studied medicine, in both of which he afterwards engaged. As stated above, he came to Clifton Hill in 1868, and has since made this his home. In 1878 Dr. Baker was married to Miss Julia J. Maxwell, formerly of Buchanan county, having been born at St. Joseph. She was a daughter of Henry and Martha (Cummings) Maxwell, her father a native of Pennsylvania, but her mother of Louisville, Ky. She has five brothers and a sister: James H., William D., Fort, Charles, John and Minnie A. Dr. and Mrs. Baker have one child: Jennie E., born January 8, 1879. Claude Willie, their second child, born November 22, 1880, died June 1, 1883. The Doctor and wife are both church members, he of the Missionary Baptist and she of the M. E. Church South. He is also a member of the Masonic order and of the United Workmen. Dr. Baker is at present the judicial magistrate of Clifton township, and is also postmaster at Clifton Hill.

DR. JAMES H. P. BAKER

(Physician and Surgeon, Farmer and Stock-dealer, Clifton Hill).

Dr. Baker, one of the leading and influential citizens of the north-western part of the county, and a brother to Dr. P. S. Baker, whose sketch precedes this, being some years the latter's senior, and whose

biography ought perhaps to have been given first on that account, is, like his younger brother, a native Missourian. Reference has already been had to the family of which he was a member, so that those facts need not be repeated here. It may be mentioned, however, that the Doctor's parents died, the father in 1861, and the mother two years afterwards. Dr. Baker was born on the family homestead in Johnson county, in 1837, and was reared to manhood on the farm. In 1860, being then 23 years of age, he began the study of medicine, and after a two years' course he commenced the practice of his profession, which he has since continued. He has also followed farming and stock-raising, and both in his practice and as an agriculturist he has been quite successful. While engaged in these pursuits in Johnson county, times became so critical that, being a Southern man, it was not safe for him to remain at home, and accordingly, in 1864, he joined the Confederate army, becoming a member of the command of that fiery, doughty cavalry chieftain of Missouri, Gen. Joe Shelby. His skill and ability as a physician and surgeon soon became recognized in the army, and he was appointed surgeon in the medical branch of the service. He remained with his command doing his duty faithfully as a surgeon and gallantly as a soldier, until the general surrender at Shreveport, La., in April, 1865. On his return home he was one of the passengers on the unfortunate steamer "Kentucky," by the wreck of which so many of the brave soldiers on board, who had faced death for more than four long years, lost their lives. The Doctor, escaping, came on home to Missouri, reaching his own hearthstone June 25, 1865. All his personal property was lost by the war, but he at once went to work with fortitude and courage to repair his fortune. He resumed the practice of his profession and also farming and handling stock, principally cattle and mules. Later along he came to Clifton Hill, and contiguous to this place he bought the farm on which he now resides. Here he has since continued the practice and agricultural pursuits. Dr. Baker is a public-spirited citizen, and is a recognized leader in affairs in his section of the county. He at present represents his Democratic co-partisans in the county central committee. In 1865 Dr. Baker was married to Miss Jennie W. Henderson, of this county. She was a daughter of John H. and Frances A. (Gray) Henderson, both originally of Orange county, Va., who came to Missouri in 1835, locating in Randolph county. The mother died in 1880, and the father is now a resident of Salisbury, in Chariton county. They had a family of seven children: John W., Mary S. F., Sue M., Jennie W., Thelbert G., and one who died in infancy. The father is again married. The Doctor and Mrs. Baker have had four children: Arthur G., Jennie B., Wilfred Lee and Sallie S. The Doctor is a prominent member of the Masonic order and of the I. O. O. F.

DAVID BOZARTH

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. B. is a Kentuckian by birth, his father, Joseph Bozarth, having been one of the pioneers of that State, and marrying Susan (Pel-

mantry) Bozarth, also a Kentuckian. David B. was born February 14, 1818, and when but 14 years of age, took his life into his own hands and set resolutely to work to carve his way to fortune. He remained in Kentucky until 1840, and then came to Missouri, living first in Howard county, then in Schuyler, and in 1842 moved to Des Moines county, Iowa, which after a stay of 25 years he deserted, again to take up his abode in Missouri. He stopped in Chariton county for two years, but finally located in Randolph, where he still lives. Here he owns 140 acres of land, and devotes some attention to tobacco raising, not, however, to the exclusion of other products of the soil, and of some fine stock. For the past five years Mr. Bozarth has been compelled to depend on his sons to conduct his business, as he is himself confined to his room from a partial stroke of paralysis. During the war his sympathies were strongly with the South, and he served for some time in the Missouri State Militia. In 1841, in Schuyler county, Mr. B. was married to Miss Elizabeth Nailer, daughter of George Truman and Rosa Newcome Nailer. To them were born 10 children, of whom nine are living, viz: William Franklin, Nancy Elizabeth, Susan Mary, James David, George Thurman, Alexander Spencer, Emaline, Rosanna and Missouri. Mr. Bozarth, who is familiarly known as "Uncle David," is one of the most esteemed men in the township, and his family adorn with grace the best society of the country. Mr. B. and his wife are consistent members of the M. E. Church South.

AUGUSTINE BRADSHER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Section 36, Post-office, Clifton Hill).

Mr. Bradsher has a fine farm of over 800 acres and is quite extensively engaged in stock raising. He feeds and ships from three to five car loads of cattle annually and from one to two car loads of hogs. In a word, he is one of the substantial men of the township, and one of its energetic and worthy citizens. It is therefore, as it should be, that a sketch of his life finds a place in this volume. Mr. Bradsher was born in Caswell county, N. C., April 17, 1828, and when he was still in infancy his parents, Moses and Elizabeth (Wallis) Bradsher, came to Missouri and located in Randolph county. The first winter in this State they spent in a school-house in Silver Creek township, but later along the father bought a tract of land and improved a farm. That was the place now known as the Judge Bradley farm, and there the subject of this sketch was reared. He had a limited common-school education as he grew up, and on the 7th of February, 1856, was married to Miss Martha J. Davis, a daughter of Rev. Samuel C. Davis, one of the pioneer preachers of this section of the State. The second year of his marriage Mr. Bradsher settled on the farm where he now resides, or rather on the part of the land on which he made his home. He was one of the first settlers in this vicinity and has lived here for 27 years, being one of its oldest inhabitants in point of continuous residence. His life has been one of uninterrupted industry and has been abundantly blessed with the

fruits of honest toil. He is comfortably situated in life as the facts stated at the beginning of this sketch show. His farm adjoins Clifton Hill and is one of the best in the township. Mr. and Mrs. Bradsher have a family of eight children: William M., Alver J., Mary E., Lutie M., Vincent D., Minnie M., Ira C. and Earl L. Two, besides, are deceased. Mr. Bradsher, besides raising cattle, deals in them quite extensively. He has a number of reminiscences in regard to the early affairs of the county which are not given here for the reason that they have already been stated in the general history. Mr. Bradsher, on his mother's side, is distantly related to Lord Cornwallis. The Cornwallises and Wallises, as everyone familiar with history knows, came of the same family — that is, the Wallises, originally of Scotland. A branch of the family moved over into England and there one of the ancestors of Lord Cornwallis became a wealthy miller and large dealer in grain, and one of his sons, being highly educated, rose to great distinction in life and took the name of Cornwallis, as it was not uncommon in those days for people to assume the name of the calling with which their family had been successfully identified.

JOSEPH B. LAMBETH

(Dealer in General Merchandise, Clifton Hill).

Mr. Lambeth has one of the leading general stores in this place, and is one of the most public-spirited and enterprising men of the town. His stock of goods includes everything to be expected in a first-class general store, and being a man of superior business qualifications, and more than ordinary personal popularity, he is not only able to buy goods at the lowest prices to be had in the market, but to draw to his house a large custom, which is attracted not less by the low prices at which he sells and by the high esteem and confidence in which he personally is held. Mr. Lambeth, in a few years, has built up an extensive business, and his trade is steadily on the increase. In establishing a large store here he has done a great deal for the local interests of Clifton Hill, while as a citizen in all affairs relating to the best interests of the place, he takes an active and leading part. Mr. Lambeth is a native of the old North State, born in Alamance county, October 7, 1849. His parents were Lovie L. and Eliza J. (Windsor) Lambeth, both of old and respected North Carolina families. The mother died when Joseph B. was in boyhood, but the father is still living and is a resident of Alamance county. Joseph was the eldest of three children, the others being Robert S. and Thomas L., the eldest of which two is now deceased. Joseph B. was reared on the farm in Alamance county and received a common-school education. In 1875 he came to Missouri and located in Randolph county, but returned to North Carolina soon afterwards. In 1878, however, he came back to this county, and on the 11th of the following December was married to Miss Martha E. Matlock, a daughter of Capt. Nicholas G. and Hulda (Gunn) Matlock, old residents of Randolph county, and originally of North Carolina. Mrs. Lambeth is the youngest in

a family of eight children, the others being Thomas, Green B., William M., John A., Sterling P., Nicholas A., Susan J. Mr. and Mrs. Lambeth have had two children, Anna Porter, who died in infancy, and Mary Carter. Mr. Lambeth has been engaged in the mercantile business at Clifton Hill since a short time after coming to the county the second time. He owns the building which his store occupies and which he erected for the purpose. Mrs. Lambeth is a member of the church.

CAPT. NICHOLAS G. MATLOCK

(Ex-Sheriff of Randolph County, and Farmer and Stock-raiser).

No history of Randolph county would be complete which failed to include the biographical sketch of the subject of the present one. Capt. Matlock, a native of North Carolina, was partly reared in this county, and this has continued to be his home up to the present time, when already the shadows of old age have begun to fall around him. His life has been one of value to the county and not a little prominent, while it has been one of credit to himself and to the name which he bears. In the long struggle of might against right, during the late war, he was found standing up gallantly defending with sword in hand the homes and institutions of the wronged and weaker side, from the time the first shot was fired until the banner which represented the principles for which Washington fought nearly a century before — the right “of one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature’s God entitle them” — until that banner went down in defeat in a cataclysm of death to rise no more, perhaps for generations. But —

“Truth crushed to earth shall rise again;
The eternal years of God are hers.”

The standards of Poland and Ireland and Hungary, and other brave peoples struggling for independence and to govern themselves by laws of their own making, have also gone down. But can organized tyranny forever prevail over the highest hopes and aspirations of a brave and noble people? To ask the question is to answer it. “Time makes all things right,” and in the end government by force will perish from the earth and the oppressor’s power will be no more. Capt. Matlock was born in Caswell county, N. C., June 22, 1820. Whilst he was in youth his parents, James and Martha (Gunn) Matlock, removed to Missouri and located in Randolph county, where they lived until their death, both to a ripe old age. The father died in 1868, aged 87, and the mother in 1871, aged 82. Nicholas G., the subject of this sketch, was the fifth in their family of children, and the eldest of their only three sons. All of the family of children are living and are now themselves the heads of families, except the second brother, who died in 1850, leaving a family. Nicholas G. Matlock was reared to a farm life, for his father was a large farmer and successful

tobacco grower, and after reaching manhood young Matlock engaged in farming for himself. On the 10th of March, 1841, he was married to a cousin of his, Miss Hulda Gunn, a daughter of Thomas Gunn, also formerly of North Carolina. Mr. Matlock continued farming with satisfactory success up to 1849, when he engaged in the grocery business in partnership with his brother, Sterling Matlock, at Ft. Henry, in this county. He continued the business at that place after his brother's death, in 1850, for four years, and then resumed farming. Mr. Matlock was on his farm when the war broke out, but he promptly flung by the plow and went to the defense of his State against Northern invasion on the first call of Gov. Jackson for troops. He became first lieutenant of a company under Col. Fort, and while in this position took part in the battle of Lexington and some less engagements. He then organized Co. F, of the Missouri State Guard, of which he was elected captain. This company became a part of Gen. Clark's command and soon afterwards took part in the battle of Elk Horn, from which but six of its men escaped without injury. In the spring of 1862, his company now being decimated, and, in fact, the command of which it was a member being disbanded, he enlisted another company for the regular Confederate service. But this was, also, soon after broken up by the vicissitudes of war, and he, in company with a few others, joined the command of Gen. Shelby and took part under that gallant leader in the raid around Cape Girardeau, Helena and Springfield. In the fall of 1863 he returned to Randolph county, but later along organized another company consisting of about 80 men and joined Gen. Price at Glasgow. He participated in Price's last campaign in this State and saw a great deal of hard and perilous service, both in battles and forced marches. At the conclusion of the campaign but little more than a fourth of his original company was left to tell the story of their hard experiences. He surrendered at Vicksburg in June, 1865, at the close of the war. Capt. Matlock then returned home and the following year engaged in merchandising at Clifton Hill, which he continued for six years. In 1872 he located on his farm, where he has a handsome place of nearly 200 acres, and on which he has since resided, except while occupied with official duties. A man of high character and superior business qualifications, and a man of great personal popularity, in 1878 he was nominated and elected to the office of sheriff over several prominent and influential competitors. While serving as sheriff he had the painful duty to perform of officiating at an execution for a capital offense. It was the hanging of the murderer, Hade Brown. Capt. Matlock discharged his duties as sheriff in every respect with efficiency and general satisfaction. In 1882 he ran for the office of county collector, but was defeated for the nomination by a small majority. Capt. Matlock is a thorough-going, enterprising farmer, and is quite a successful stock-raiser. He is highly esteemed and respected throughout the county. Captain and Mrs. Matlock have a family of eight living children and two infants deceased, namely: James T., now of Mastersville, Texas;

Daniel G., now of Douglas county, this State; William M., now of Texas county; Susan A., who is now Mrs. P. M. Henderson; John A., who is still at home on the farm; Sterling C., of Texas county; Martha E., who is now Mrs. Lambeth, and Nicholas, at present a student at Kirksville. The Captain and Mrs. Matlock are members of the M. E. Church South, and he is a member of the Masonic order.

J. C. PARRISH, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Clifton Hill).

Dr. Parrish, a physician of many years' successful experience and a citizen who is highly esteemed in the vicinity of Clifton Hill, is a native Kentuckian, but has been a resident of Missouri for over 40 years, and has shown himself a worthy representative of both States, and of the Revolutionary ancestry from which he sprang, not less by his record in private life than by his gallantry as a soldier of the South. He was born in Bourbon county, of the Blue Grass State, September 20, 1818. His parents were Callaway and Nancy (Shropshire) Parrish, both originally of Virginia families. His grandfather, Abner Shropshire, was a brave soldier of the colonies in the Revolution. Dr. Parrish's father was a saddler by trade, and died when the subject of this sketch was but a year old. But the mother survived up to the fall of 1882, dying in Monroe county at the advanced age of 83. There were two children in the family besides the Doctor, both his seniors: Benjamin F. and Rebecca. Dr. Parrish was reared on a farm and received a common school education. At the age of 18 years he began the study of medicine under Dr. Asa Shropshire, his uncle, and subsequently attended the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, from which he graduated in 1843. Dr. Parrish then came to Missouri from Kentucky and located in Monroe county, where he engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1847 he went to Howard county, but three years later, the gold excitement having broken out, he went to California, returning in 1851, coming by way of the Isthmus and New Orleans. After stopping a while in Howard county he crossed over into Monroe, where he practiced medicine until 1853, when he located on Salt river, in Randolph county. Dr. Parrish practiced medicine on Salt river, except while absent in the Confederate service, for nearly 25 years, and while there was also interested in agricultural pursuits and served as justice of the peace for 12 years. In 1877 he went to Fayette, but soon removed to Moberly. He came to Clifton Hill where he now resides, in 1882. Dr. Parrish is not only a physician of a long and successful experience, but he has ever been a constant student of medicine, investigating his chosen science both from the standpoint of theory and from that of experience. In other words, he has not only studied the books but has occupied much time with practical pharmacy — the compounding of medicines, etc. Thus, by his study and experiments, he has been able to prepare some of the most efficient remedies known to pharmaceutics. His preparations have a wide sale and become eminently popular wherever they are in-

roduced. In December, 1860, Dr. Parrish offered himself as a volunteer to uphold the rights and institutions of the South, then threatened with invasion and overthrow, and he became an accepted soldier under the banner of State's sovereignty and for the principles of the resolutions of 1798. Dr. Parrish fought it out on that line for over four years, and until the South went down and the government was revolutionized by the change of the Constitution of the Fathers; or, in other words, by the adoption of the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments. In the early part of the war he was on Gen. Price's staff, and from the beginning to the close he did his full duty as one of the bravest of the brave who fought under the three-barred flag of the Confederacy. We cannot take the space to give his army record. Suffice it to say that he was in many of the hardest fought battles of the war and in skirmishes without number. If every soldier in the South had been as successful in doing what he was there for as Dr. Parrish was, the issue would have been otherwise than as it resulted, and for every Confederate volunteer there would now be three white headstones in the national cemeteries. The Doctor has been married four times. His first wife was Miss Matilda J. Dickinson. She died in 1839. His second wife was a Miss Elizabeth Turner, of Howard county, who died in 1852, leaving him three children: James E., William C. and Elizabeth. His third wife, previously Mrs. Martha Burton, a widow lady, was murdered July 23, 1877, by her son-in-law, James H. Brown, and the Doctor was shot at the same time, and still carries 100 shot in his body which he received at the time. By her he had five children, the first four being two pairs of twins: Mary and Amanda, Susan and Sarah, and the other is Louisa L. To his present wife the Doctor was married December 29, 1882. She was previously Mrs. Margaret A. Bush, a widow lady, whose maiden name was Lanter. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church, and he is a member of the Masonic order. He has a fine farm in Clifton township.

J. F. RODGERS

(Proprietor of the Clifton House, Clifton Hill).

Mr. Rodgers, who owns and conducts the only hotel at this place, for the reason that he is so popular as to render competition impracticable, and who is one of the enterprising citizens of the town and a substantial property holder both here and of land in the country, is a native of the Old Dominion and is a self-made man, for he commenced after the war without a dollar, and has made all he has by his own industry and good management. Mr. Rodgers was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, August 12, 1833, and was a son of John Rodgers and Mary H., *nee* Lamb; the father born in 1806 and the mother in 1809, the former of English descent and the latter of Irish ancestry. The father's father was a gallant soldier in the Revolutionary War and served under Washington from Virginia until the British Lion had been driven from our shore by the American Eagle. In 1851 J. F. Rodgers, then a youth some 18 years of age, came to Missouri with

his parents, who settled in Morgan county, where the father improved a large farm, having brought with him some seventeen head of negroes from Virginia. J. F. was on the farm in Morgan county when the war broke out, and he promptly enlisted in the Confederate service. He became a member of the "Morgan County Riflemen" under Col. Joe Kelley, of Gen. Parson's division. He served under Gen. Parsons for three years and eight months, filling the office during that time of orderly sergeant. Early in the winter of 1863 he returned home on a visit and was captured by the militia. The alternative was then given him to be thrown into prison until the close of the war or join the Union forces, and of the two evils he wisely chose the least, and therefore became a nominal soldier on the opposite from where his heart and hopes were. He was placed as a guard on the trains between Macon City and St. Charles. However, he soon went to Tennessee, and there he assisted in organizing home guards for the Confederate service. While in the Confederate service during the first years of the war, he participated, among numerous others, in the battles of Boonville, Wilson's Creek, Dry Wood, Lexington, Pea Ridge and Corinth. On the 14th of October, 1866, he was married to Miss Catherine Rucker, a daughter of Albert Rucker, of Randolph county. For some time after the war Mr. Rodgers was foreman of the tobacco factory of C. F. Mann & Co., of Hannibal, but in the fall of 1866 he settled in Randolph county and engaged in farming. This he followed with success for nearly ten years, and now has a good farm in the county. In 1877 Mr. Rodgers engaged in the hotel business at Clifton Hill, in which he has since continued. He keeps one of the best houses in the county, and his hotel is popular with all who have ever had the pleasure of partaking of his hospitalities. He is also constable of the township, and discharges the duties of that office with efficiency and with satisfaction to the public. Besides this he is marshal of the town. He is agent for several prominent insurance companies. The livery and feed stable here also occupies a portion of his time, in connection with which are stock pens for drovers. Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers have but one child, James Leonard. Mrs. R. is a member of the Baptist Church.

HENRY SEARS

(Farmer, Post-office, Clifton Hill).

Mr. S., one of the substantial citizens of Clifton township, was born in Silver Creek August 21, 1830, and was a son of Hardy Sears, one of the pioneer settlers of Randolph county. Hardy Sears' ancestors came from England to North Carolina among the first colonists of that State, indeed, they came over with the first settlers who came to America with the colonial expedition fitted out by Lord Raleigh more than a century before our Revolution. He, Hardy Sears, was born near Raleigh, in North Carolina, August 21, 1788, and in 1805, being then 17 years of age, he came out to Kentucky with his parents who located in Warren county, of the Blue

Grass State. There he lived for 13 years, during which time he was twice married. His first wife died soon after their nuptials. He then married Miss Diey Rigsby and came to Missouri in the fall of 1818, making the trip by land and through the wilderness and located in Silver Creek township, of Randolph county. Here he lived to a ripe old age, dying in 1856. In his family of children there were seven sons and three daughters, Henry, the subject of this sketch, being the sixth of the children. Henry Sears was reared on the farm and remained with his father until the latter's death, when the former settled where he now resides. In the fall of 1866 he was married to Miss Mary F. Faulkner, but she was taken from him by death in the spring of 1877, leaving him four children: William H., Milton B., John M. and James W. To his present wife Mr. Sears was married October 31, 1878. She was a Miss Mary E. Christy, a daughter of Milton and Luvenia Christy, of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Sears are members of the Silver Creek Baptist Church, of which Mr. S. is also a deacon. He has a good farm of nearly a quarter section of land and is otherwise comfortably situated on his place. When Mr. Sears settled where he now lives practically all the country round about was an uninhabited wilderness, and there was an abundance of game to be had — deer, turkeys, etc. He was an extensive hunter years ago and was considered one of the best "shots" among all his acquaintances, and during the winter months it was not an uncommon thing to have a wild turkey for dinner once or twice every week. Looking back on those days and contrasting them with the present, Mr. Sears cannot but believe that people were happier then than now; they were more hospitable, kind and neighborly; nearly everybody was a member of the church, and the churches were built by the united labor of each neighborhood, and the ministers preached the good old-fashioned doctrines of religion and people believed in them. Schools then were kept by subscription and the houses built of logs and the floors made of puncheons; school children's desks were split slabs and they wrote with goose quills, and if the letters were not so even and pretty as they are now, they were larger and much easier to make out. There were but few mills in the country at that time and the boys in the neighborhood took their grists to mill on horseback. Mr. Sears has long been regarded as one of the worthy, good citizens of the township, and no man is more highly respected.

'SQUIRE HIRAM STAMPER

(Farmer, Post-office, Clifton Hill).

'Squire Stamper, or Uncle Hiram, as he is familiarly called, is now well entered upon the seventh decade of life, but is still well preserved in mind and body, and is both active in his movements and bright and spirited in his conversation. He is one of the most highly respected citizens of Clifton township, and takes a marked interest in the affairs of his own community and in general public concerns. He was one of the organizers of the Baptist Church at Clifton Hill and is one of

its most valued members. He owned a fine, large farm in the township until a few years ago when, his children having all grown up and married off, he sold it and bought a neat place adjoining Clifton Hill, where he now resides, but he is still at work, and is the farthest from being a man of leisure and idleness. He was born in Owen county, Ky., April 8, 1812, and was a son of Jesse and Nancy (Sebantin) Stamper, both originally from North Carolina, his father of English descent, but his mother of French origin. Hiram was reared on the farm in Kentucky until he was 16 years of age when, his father being a manufacturer of brick and a brick layer, he went with him to Cincinnati, where his father was engaged in that business and where Hiram learned both occupations. He worked in Cincinnati for about seven years, returning home, however, usually through the winter months. On the 27th of December, 1832, he was married to Miss Sallie Cobb, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Holbrook) Cobb, of Owen county, Ky. 'Squire Stamper then settled on a farm where he continued until 1849, and then engaged in the mercantile and mill business. About that time he started the town of Lusby's Mill, in Owen county, which is now a flourishing trading point. Three years later, however, he returned to his farm and continued on it until 1855, when he removed to Randolph county, Mo., and bought some 300 acres in Clifton township, where he improved a fine farm. There he lived for 25 years, respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He sold his place in 1879 and bought his present farm the same year. While in Kentucky, he held both the offices of justice of the peace and constable a number of years each. 'Squire Stamper is a sociable, pleasant old gentlemen, interesting to talk with and always agreeable in his manners and conversation. He and his good wife have reared a family of ten children: Daniel J., Eliza, now Mrs. Elijah Martin; James L., Thomas H. B., Joseph E., Elizabeth, now Mrs. Thomas Grizzell; Nancy; now Mrs. Yearley Scott; Lucian, now Mrs. Samuel Cobb; Mary F., now Mrs. John G. Breckman; and Finis M.

JUDGE DANIEL J. STAMPER

(Farmer, Section 25, Post-office, Clifton Hill).

Judge Stamper, the eldest son of 'Squire Hiram Stamper, whose sketch precedes this, was born in Owen county, Ky., November 24, 1834, and was reared in his native county. His boyhood and youth, up to the age of 15, were spent on the farm of his father in that county, but in 1849 the family removed to Owenton, the county seat, where the father took charge of a mill, and from that time forward young Stamper had the benefit of the excellent local schools of Owenton. Having a taste for study, he made a zealous student and advanced rapidly in the acquisition of the knowledge to be had from study in a common English course. Before reaching his majority he became well fitted for school teaching and, being requested to take charge of a school in the county, he accepted the position and was quite successful as a teacher. Industrious, faithful and as anxious to inspire in his

pupils a love of knowledge as he, himself, was zealous in its pursuit, he became a most efficient teacher, and obtained a wide popularity. He taught schools in Kentucky for about five years with increasing reputation and success, and being a constant student himself, he steadily advanced in position in that calling and became a teacher of considerable prominence, in Kentucky. In 1854 he went to Iowa and taught for about a year, and from Iowa came to Missouri, where he taught for two years more. Prior to this, however, Judge Stamper had married, that is, on the 3d of September, 1856, when Miss Mary A. Holbrook became his wife. She was a daughter of Martin and Eliza (Cobb) Holbrook, originally of North Carolina, but was herself born and reared in Owen county, and in girlhood was a pupil of Judge Stamper. Two years after his marriage Judge Stamper located on a farm in Clifton township of Randolph county, and has since devoted himself exclusively to agricultural pursuits, or, rather, except when occupied with public affairs. Judge Stamper, to begin with, was a young gentleman of superior intelligence and spirit, possessing many of the stronger and better attributes of sterling manhood and useful citizenship. Added to this, he obtained quite an excellent general education both by study and by long experience as a teacher. It is therefore only as was to have been expected that he would take a prominent place as a citizen of the county. As a farmer he has ever been a man of industry and enterprise, with an intelligent grasp of the conditions and influence necessary to be brought to bear to achieve success and to advance the general interest of agriculture in his community. He has a fine farm, and by his own energy and good management has long since succeeded in establishing himself comfortably in life. The year after coming to Randolph county he was appointed justice of the peace of Salt Spring, now Clifton township, such was the readiness with which his character, ability and business qualifications were recognized at his new home. At the following election he was elected to the same office by a majority highly complimentary to his personal popularity. Following this he filled the office, in all, some eight years, and was thereupon advanced by the whole people of the county to the honorable and responsible position of judge of the county court. Judge Stamper continued to hold that office until a year ago, nearly fifteen years, and as long as he would consent to serve the people in that capacity. To no citizen of Randolph county is it necessary to speak of the reputation which Judge Stamper bears as a public officer. His high character and popularity are recognized in every district and around every hearthstone, and every door is thrown open to him with a hearty welcome wherever he goes. It is the services of the good and true men of every country that constitute its honor and glory, and it is with pride that every loyal citizen points to these services and speaks of the men whom his country has produced. The fame of our best citizens is our greatest honor, and this we all cherish and guard with jealous care. Thus the people of Randolph county regard the lives and services of such of their fellow-citizens as him whose name heads

this sketch. Though his station in life has not been the most distinguished, his services have been not less honorable nor less appreciated than those of any public men within the borders of the county, and his name commands respect wherever it is spoken. Judge and Mrs. Stamper have a family of seven children: Martin L., Hiram M., Porter B., Eliza C., Lena J., Martha R. and Willie L. The Judge and wife have been members of the Baptist Church at Clifton Hill since its organization, and the Judge is a moderator in his denomination. He is also one of the charter members of the Masonic order at Clifton Hill.

JOSEPH M. SUMMERS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, near Clifton Hill).

In the lives of such citizens in Randolph county as that of the subject of the present sketch, is to be traced the true history of the development of the county and its rise from the condition of a wilderness to that of one of the first counties in the State in population, wealth and general prosperity. It is such men as Uncle Joe Summers that have made the county what it is — their muscle and brain, their industry and intelligence, their enterprise and public spirit, have wrought the change that has been effected. Joseph M. Summers has been a resident of Randolph county for 65 years, or from the time he was three years of age, and he commenced in this county for himself when a young man without a dollar, as a farmer. He has followed farming and stock-raising from that time to this, and with what success is shown by the fact that his possessions to-day are valued at over \$100,000. He has also reared a large and worthy family of children who are pursuing the same course in life that he marked out, and who have already taken places among the best people of the county. He has ever been a man of liberal ideas and has favored with generous help all movements in his vicinity calculated to promote the best interests of the public. It is such men as he who constitute the bone and sinew of the county, and it is on them that the prosperity and the progress of every community depend. Mr. Summers was born in Wayne county, Ky., December 18, 1816, and was the fifth in a family of eight children of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Baker) Summers, his father originally from North Carolina and his mother from Virginia. In 1818 the family came to Missouri and located for a short time in the forks of the Chariton, but the following spring settled in Salt River township where the parents lived until their death. The Indians were still in the country, and Randolph county was yet almost a trackless wild, with only a pioneer's cabin here and there to indicate that the first step of civilization had been made within its borders. Joseph Summers grew up in those early days of the country and was a participant in the labors of clearing away the forests and developing the county, as well as in the sports of the chase, and all the early amusements characteristic of the times. He thus developed a vigorous constitution and learned the greatest lesson in life, that if one expects to succeed he can do it honestly only by his own industry and

good management. On the 1st of April, 1841, he was married to Miss Martha Patton, a daughter of William and Rebecca (Engleton) Patton, early settlers of this county from Tennessee. This proved a happy union and was blessed with seven children: William P., Waller H., Fannie, now Mrs. Joseph Mylam; James H., Jennie, now Mrs. E. J. Brown; Charles P. and Giles R. The mother of these died in 1854. She had for years been a faithful member of the M. E. Church South, and her children are all members of that denomination. Mr. Summers has never married again. While he knows there are many good women in the world, yet he feels that there is no one who can take the place in his heart that she once held, and in which her memory still lingers like a sweet dream. Mr. Summers has for more than a generation been regarded as one of the best farmers in his section of the county, and although he commenced in the world practically without a dollar, he now owns over 3,000 acres of fine land. Uncle Joe Summers is known all over Randolph county and he is as highly esteemed as he is widely known. He has been a member of the M. E. Church South for over forty years.

CHARITON TOWNSHIP.

ROBERT E. BAXTER

(Section 35, Post-office, Darksville).

Philip and Susanna Baxter came from Kentucky to Missouri when Randolph county was as yet but on the threshold of her existence. Settling land here, they made a home for themselves which has now descended to the subject of the present narration. R. E. was born March 23, 1844, has lived from infancy on the farm and is well trained in every branch of a profession that, more than any other, requires for its success long experience. His education was conducted at the common schools of the county, and before he had really arrived at man's estate, he became a student in the tactics of war. Espousing the interests of the North, he served in the State militia for some time. The close of the war checked his youthful thirst for glory, and before he was 20, March 1, 1864, he rushed into matrimony. The fair lady in this case was Miss Sarah, daughter of William and Elizabeth Odell, of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter have had nine children, of whom but four are living: Susan Elizabeth, William Philip, Annie Florence and John David. Those whom envious death did gather to her own bosom, were: Savilla, Charlie, Sarah, Ellen, Mary Cornelia and Robert Emmett. Mr. Baxter has a flourishing farm of 140 acres on which he raises principally corn and hay. He is a thrifty careful farmer, and yet in the very prime and vigor of manhood, he has a bright future before him. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the M. E. Church South.

JAMES B. CARNEY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Rolling Home).

Merchandising, military service and agricultural pursuits constitute the three divisions into which one of the schoolmen of the middle ages would have divided the biography of Mr. Carney, if he had been called upon to write it, and although scholasticism has gone out of fashion and the dialectician is but little heeded in these days of the telegraph, the railroad, the sewing-machine and the type-writer, still it is perhaps well not to depart too far, but just about far enough from old rules and principles and doctrines. We shall therefore adhere to these to a certain extent in skiagraphing the present sketch. James B. Carney was born in Randolph county, near the town of Roanoke, January 16, 1844, and was a son of George M. and Elizabeth (Lay) Carney, his father originally from Kentucky and his mother born and reared in Howard county. His father came to Missouri in 1828, and lived here until his death, which occurred in 1862, in the sixty-first year of his age. The mother is still living, and finds a welcome and pleasant home with her son, James B. The father was a school-teacher by profession, and a farmer by occupation, and he followed these in Howard and Randolph counties until his death. James B. was the eldest in a family of five children, the others being George I., now of Texas; Missouri M. T., now Mrs. John Patton; Mattie, *femme libre*, now with her brother, James B.; and William, who died in youth. James was brought up to be a farmer, but while young he conceived a dislike for the exercise of plowing in the beaming rays of the sun and for husking corn in the field when snow is on the ground, and he longed to be in a store as a clerk, handling velvet and ribbon and all that sort of thing. He therefore obtained a situation as a clerk in the store of William Fort & Son, and was with them for about three years, and until the outbreak of the war, making a most excellent and popular clerk. When the war broke out he enlisted in the Southern State Guard, for he had a bold and adventurous spirit, and was anxious to participate in the exciting events of military life, while he felt it was his duty to go, for he had been brought up a Southerner, and held opinions with the Southern people, and had the most ardent sympathy for their cause. He followed the Southern standard throughout the whole war. While in the State Guard he participated in the battles of Lexington, Dry Wood and Springfield, and afterwards enlisted in the regular Confederate service, becoming second lieutenant of Co. K, third Missouri, in which he continued until the time of the surrender. He was also second lieutenant in the State Guard. He was captured at the fall of Vicksburg, but was exchanged a short time afterwards. He was also captured at Mobile, but was again exchanged and surrendered at Jackson, Miss., in June, 1865. He then returned to Missouri and clerked for Guy & Bros. nearly two years. Following this he engaged in the grocery business, and also ran a farm for three

years. He then engaged in the dry goods business, being located all the time at Huntsville, and continued it until three years ago. While at Huntsville he also had branch stores at Roanoke and Clifton. Mr. Carney came to his present farm in 1880. He has 160 acres and is quite extensively engaged in feeding stock. He is one of the industrious, enterprising farmers of Chariton township, and is rapidly coming to the front in agriculture. For about 12 months he was in partnership with C. D. Vase, in merchandising, at Rolling Home. Mr. Carney has been married three times, being singularly unfortunate in the loss of his first and second wives soon after marriage. His first wife was a Miss Louisa Malone, of Huntsville, and his second a Miss Kate Yates, of this county, a cousin to Gov. Dick Yates, of Illinois. His present wife's maiden name was Miss Fannie Lowery. They were married March 10, 1873. They have one child, Mary M. Their youngest, Frank, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. C. are members of the C. P. Church.

WILLIAM COOLEY

(Farmer, Section 12).

Mr. C. is the son of John and Elizabeth Cooley, both natives of the Blue Grass State. They came to Missouri at an early day and settled in Howard county, where William C. was born August 19, 1818. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, and received a good education at the neighboring schools. He was engaged for some time in salt making. In 1840, Mr. Cooley took to wife Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth Fields, originally from Kentucky, and soon after his marriage removed to Randolph county. He began life with only a pair of ponies as his stock in trade, but by steady attention to his business and habits of unflagging industry he has acquired a comfortable property, and is among the substantial men of the township. He cultivates 140 acres of land, making a specialty of wheat. Mr. Cooley saw some active service during the war, being out with Price's raid in 1864, and was made a prisoner at Fort Smith. He was afterwards released at St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Cooley have eight children: Joseph, Sarah, Rebecca Jane, Catherine, Elvira, Evaline, Adelia Ann and Edla. Mr. C. is a prominent member of the Masonic order.

W. W. ELLIOTT

(Farmer, Section 24).

Mr. Elliott was born on his father's farm in Randolph county, Mo., August 4, 1829; his parents Robert and Frances (White) Elliott having emigrated thither from Madison county, Ky. W. W. lived at home until he was 21 years of age, and was given such education as the limited advantages of the county at that time afforded. Upon attaining his majority he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he continued to work in different places for the next 15 years. He then came to the place upon which he still resides, in Randolph. For six years he was largely engaged in tobacco growing, but he has

now turned his attention chiefly to the raising of stock, buying while yearlings and selling when three years old. He also handles a large number of mules. His land comprises 540 acres principally set in grass. It was in the merry month of May, 1863, that Mr. Elliott brought home a blushing bride, Miss Jane, daughter of William and Ithema Terry, originally from Kentucky. To them have been born two children, viz.: Alonzo H. and Balie. Although Mr. E. is intensely Southern in his sympathies, the feebleness of his health incapacitated him from taking any active part in the hostilities between the North and South. He is a man of the finest business mind and his qualifications as a manager are shown by his property and surroundings. He is one of those who will leave

“Footprints in the sands of time.”

He is a member of the Masonic order at Jacksonville, Lodge No. 44.

JOSEPH H. FRAZIER, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon; also Farmer; Post-office, Rolling Home, Mo).

Dr. Frazier has been engaged in the practice of medicine in the vicinity of Rolling Home for 18 years, and has been long recognized as one of the capable and successful physicians of the north-western part of the county. His practice not only extends through this section of Randolph county, but also into the neighboring vicinities of Macon and Chariton. The Doctor has ever commanded a good practice and, while it has not been his highest ambition to accumulate property, for he has done a great deal of gratuitous practice and has never oppressed the poor or unfortunate, yet as the fruits of his long and faithful services he has secured a substantial modicum of this world's goods. The Doctor has a handsome farm of some 200 acres where he now resides and is pleasantly and comfortably situated. He has passed that point where he must practice as a means of support, for his farm would sustain him in abundance; but possessed of large humanity and warm sympathies, he never turns a deaf ear to the call of the sufferer, but goes wherever duty demands, in summer's heat or winter's cold, in sunshine, or in the shadow of night, when all nature sleeps, or but the melancholy voice of the owl is heard or the lonely chirp of the cricket by the wayside. Dr. Frazier was a native of the Old Dominion — Virginia, — born in Orange county, Va., April 23, 1828. His father's name was Leland Frazier, and his mother's maiden name Ann Mallory. Both were native to the same county in which the Doctor, himself, was born and reared. Dr. Frazier's early educational advantages were quite limited, and when he came to Missouri, in 1853, he had still not completed a course of instruction satisfactory to himself, having in view, as he did have, a career in the medical profession. His first year in this State was spent in Jackson county, where he worked on a farm, after which he came to Randolph, and here he attended school for a session on Silver creek. Following his last term at school, young Frazier taught school until

1862, when he felt himself in a situation to begin the study of medicine. He read medicine under Dr. Terrill, that old and honored Nestor of the profession in Randolph county. He studied under Dr. Terrill until 1865, attending the medical lectures at St. Louis during the sessions of 1864 and 1865. He graduated in the Medical College of Keokuk, Iowa, in the class of 1872, and at once returned to Randolph county and entered upon the practice at Thomas Hill. He has since been engaged in the practice in this vicinity. On the 14th day of February, 1864, Dr. Frazier was married to Miss Deniza E. Epperly. They have seven children, namely: Joseph, Susan M., Mary B., Theresa, William L., Leland and Oliver. All of the children are at home, except Joseph, who is living near Clifton, in this county. The Doctor and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and the Doctor is also a member of the Masonic order. During the war Dr. F. served eight months in the Southern State Guard, and participated in the battles of Boonville, Lexington and Pea Ridge. He has a pony that he rode in the army and while in the battle of Pea Ridge, which is now 26 years old, and which is still gamboling on the green with head up and tail erect, as light-footed and frisky, and with spirit as gay and free as the May zephyrs that toy with the velvety leaves of a new blown rose, or with the golden locks of a silken-haired maid. This pony is known as "Barber Willis," and was named for the hero of the Crusades, who, for the first time in the history of the world, unfurled the banner of the Cross in triumph on the ancient walls of Jerusalem.

GIDEON HAINES

(Farmer, Post-office, Darksville).

Mr. H., the son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Wright) Haines, both natives of Kentucky, was born in Madison county, of that State, on the 6th of August, 1828. He came with his parents to Missouri in 1832, and now resides within three miles of the farm upon which his boyhood's years were passed. He has 440 acres of land in a fine state of cultivation. He formerly was an extensive tobacco grower, but is at present devoting himself principally to the raising of stock. Mr. Haines brings to bear upon his calling a calibre of mind and character, instinct with every quality most essential to success. The "tide in the affairs of men which leads on to fortune," Mr. Haines has known how to take at the flood, and safely landed, can watch with unconcern the receding wave. Mr. Haines enlisted in the Confederate army, under Price, in 1862, and served faithfully and gallantly until the close of the war, being promoted to the rank of lieutenant, as a recognition of his merit. On the 24th of November, 1853, he led to the altar Miss Martha M. Turner, who has proved a true and tender friend to the man of her choice. There are nine children (one, Bluford S., deceased;) living: Mary Jane, now Mrs. Carter; Jonathan, Nathan, David, Joseph, Evan, Betty, Katie

and Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Haines are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM G. LYLES

(Farmer, Section 3).

Mr. H. has been a resident of Randolph county since 1868, and came to Missouri from Kentucky, where he had been reared, though he is a native of Tennessee, born in Summer county, January 29, 1829, and was a son of Alexander and Margaret (Foster) Lyles, who removed to Kentucky while he was quite young, where both lived until their death, and where William was married on the 20th of August, 1848, to Miss Sarah A. Law, also formerly of Tennessee. Mr. Lyles continued to reside in Kentucky, engaged in farming, until 1860, when he came to Missouri, locating in Schuyler county, resuming farming, in which he resided for five years, at the expiration of which time he changed his place of residence to Howard county, but soon crossed over into Chariton, stopping there for a year and coming to Randolph county in 1868, locating on Silver Creek, where he lived, successfully occupied with farming pursuits, until the spring of 1883, when he came to his present place, which contains 1,860 acres of fine land, comfortably and substantially improved, tributary to which he also has 40 acres of timber, being both as to farm and in other respects fairly well sustained in life. He and his good wife have been abundantly blessed with children, and if the passage of Scripture is to be taken in its literal sense, "Children are a heritage from the Lord; blessed is the man that hath his quiver full of them," then Mr. Lyles has been, and is an abundantly blessed man, for he has been given by his good wife, and through the favor of Heaven, no less than 14 sons and daughters, seven of whom are still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Lyles are, of course, members of the church, both pious-hearted Methodists, being worthy communicants of the M. E. Church South.

FINIS M. McLEAN

(Fine Stock-raiser and Dealer, Post-office Huntsville).

For many years Mr. McLean has been known as one of the most progressive stock-men of Randolph county, and so generally is this fact recognized that he is now and for some time past has been the president of the Fair Association of Moberly, conceded to be one of the leading associations of its kind in the State. Another evidence of the interest he has taken in fine stock-raising is afforded by the fact that he raised the finest cow ever grown in the State, at least the one that took the first premium at the St. Louis Fair, in a competition with the best cows of the whole Union. Mr. McLean has also been a successful farmer and has dealt quite extensively in real estate. He was born three miles north of Higbee, in Randolph county, November 28, 1828. His father, Charles McLean, was one of two brothers, William being the other, who came out to Missouri from Kentucky in

1820. Charles settled first near Renick, but afterwards removed to the farm near Higbee, where Finis M. was born and where the father lived until his death, which occurred in 1846. The mother, whose maiden name was Mary P. McKinney, died in this county in 1870 at the age of 73. Finis M. was the fifth in the family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, and was reared on the farm in the county. In 1850, during the gold excitement, he went to California and was out there three years engaged in mining. In 1853 he came home and bought up about 600 head of cattle which he drove to California, and was out there until 1855 engaged in the stock business, with abundant success. Returning again to Randolph county, the following year he was married to Miss Jennie Stewart, a daughter of Charles B. and Fannie (Hill) Stewart, and in 1857 he settled on a farm near Clifton, where he followed farming for nearly 25 years, or until 1881. While on the farm, which contained over 1,000 acres, and which he sold three years ago, he was largely engaged in raising cattle and mules, or rather for a number of years raised mules and afterwards cattle; and he dealt quite extensively in these classes of stock. While carrying on farming and stock-raising, however, Mr. McLean lived several years in Huntsville, where he came to educate his children, and while here, in December, 1873, the heaviest misfortune befell him that can fall to the lot of man — his good and true and devoted wife, the companion of his long years of happy married life and the mother of his loving children, fell to sleep in death and was borne to her grave, no more to look upon her loved ones in this world again, and no more to be seen by them until the silent river shall at last be crossed by those who linger still on the hither shore. She had borne him two children, the noblest testimonies of a wife's love and devotion. Of these, Lucy M. has become the wife of E. E. Samuel, Jr., and Fannie is now Mrs. Archie Alexander, of Louisville, Ky. After his wife's death Mr. McLean returned to his farm and lived there until he sold it in 1881, since which he has been living in Huntsville and has been in no regular active business. For some nine years Mr. McLean was interested in purchasing leaf tobacco, in which he was quite successful. For many years he has been looked upon as one of the substantial and best citizens of the county and is respected and esteemed by all who know him.

C. F. McLEAN

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

Mr. McLean, one of the most enterprising and thorough-going farmers and stock-men of his county, has had a career of more than ordinary interest. During the war he was a gallant soldier of the South, and for a time he was a brave trooper under that fearless leader of Missouri, Bill Anderson, whose name stands for all that is daring and desperate in battle, and who never fought but for victory or death, and who, until at last he gave up his life as a sacrifice upon the altar of his conviction of duty and his wrongs, never turned his

back upon the foe. Mr. McLean was with Anderson at the time that gallant hero of a thousand desperate encounters lost his life. After the war Mr. McLean—and he served from the beginning until nearly the close—returned to Randolph county where he had been reared, and engaged in farming, and having made a soldier that knew no fear or faltering, he has proved himself a citizen peaceable and law-abiding and without reproach, and a farmer and business man who knows no such word as fail. Mr. McLean has a fine farm of 200 acres near Rolling Home, on which he now resides. He is largely engaged in handling stock and ships some 250 car-loads annually, being the principal stock-man in this part of the county—in fact, he ships the bulk of the stock placed on the market from this section of the county. He is also a large stock-raiser and he makes a specialty of raising fine cattle, having one of the best herds of short-horns in the county. He was born in Huntsville March 15, 1847, and was reared on his father's farm near that place. When the war broke out, in 1861, he was 14 years of age, and he promptly enlisted in the Southern State Guard under Col. Fort, and served until the expiration of his six months' term in that organization. He then enlisted in the regular Confederate service, serving principally in Missouri and Arkansas until 1863, when he came home on a visit. Returning South to rejoin the army, he fell in with Bill Anderson's men and became an accepted trooper in the command of that desperate leader who, expecting no quarters, seldom gave any to the enemy taken in arms, and he followed the banner on which was inscribed the motto, "Victory or Death," until Anderson was killed, in November, 1864. Mr. McLean then went South and was in Texas for two years. Returning to Missouri after his stay in Texas, he went to Mount Carmel, Ill., where he attended school two years, his education having been interrupted by the events of the war and his circumstances afterwards. From Mount Carmel he returned to Missouri and one year later went to Texas, remaining there one year. Coming back to Missouri, he was engaged in handling tobacco in Chariton county until his marriage. Mr. McLean was married on Christmas eve of 1875, to Miss Mary F. Richmond, a daughter of William T. Richmond, of this county. He then settled on the place which he still owns. On his farm Mr. McLean feeds usually from 100 to 400 head of cattle. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They have two children: Finis M. and Julia A.

A. R. RICE

(Farmer, Section 23).

Mr. R. was born in Wayne county, Ky., August 6, 1810, of Thomas and Margaret (Thong) Rice, who came originally from Virginia. A. R. was raised in Kentucky on the farm, and was 20 years old when he came fresh and eager for life's battle to Randolph county, Mo. Here he follows the occupation to which he was born, farming, though he has also been to some extent a dealer in horses. He owns 88 acres of good land and is in comfortable circumstances. Mr. Rice married

September 20, 1835, Miss Coly H. daughter of Moses and Minnie Sherin from Virginia. They have had six children, of whom three are living: Marion R., Martha Jane, now Mrs. Evens, and John W. E. Elizabeth died in infancy; Fannie and Zachariah T. also left this world of wretchedness and woe and dwell in a brighter home. During the war, Mr. Rice, a Union man from principle, did not shrink when called on to sacrifice his nearest and dearest in defense of the flag of his country. Two of his sons fought through the war with the Union forces. Mr. R. filled with much credit to himself the position of justice, receiving his appointment first from the government, but that he was satisfactory to the people was shown by his re-election to the office. He is of kind heart and pleasant disposition, and is a favorite with the people.

SPENCER P. RICE

(Farmer, Post-office, Darksville).

Mr. R. is the son of William H. and Elizabeth Rice, the former from Kentucky, the latter a Missourian. S. P. was born April 15, 1839, on the farm in Randolph county, Mo. His youth was passed without event, and he received a good common school education. Just grown when the war broke out, his enthusiasm in behalf of the South led him to take up arms in her cause, and he served under Price in many engagements, among them Boonville, Lexington, Pea Ridge. In the spring of 1862 he was mustered out of the service, and in the same year enlisted under other colors. The god of Love this time numbered him among his most zealous warriors, and coming out victorious in this campaign he was united to Miss Rebecca, daughter of William and Elizabeth Elliott, formerly of Kentucky. By this marriage there are seven children: Joann, Mary Frances, William H., Doc, Ernest, Elizabeth and Elliott. Mr. Rice owns 298 acres of land and raises some fine stock. He is a go-a-head farmer in every respect, and a valuable member of the community.

W. T. RICHMOND

(Farmer, Section 33, Township 55, Range 15, P. O., Darksville).

Mr. Richmond is a native of the township in which he still resides, Chariton, and was born April 14, 1834. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Rose) Richmond, were early settlers. His father is now living on the farm he first settled, being 81 years of age. W. T. was brought up to habits of industry on the farm, and has made farming his occupation from boyhood. He has a good farm of 240 acres, and besides raising grain and other products makes a specialty of raising stock, principally cattle and hogs, and fattening them for the wholesale markets. On the 24th of January, 1856, Mr. Richmond was married to Miss Sarah J. Gray. She died, however, eight years afterwards, April 25, 1864. There are three children now living the fruits of this union: Mary F., now Mrs. Charles McLean; Bettie, now Mrs. Alex. Broadus, and James G. at home. Mr. Richmond was

married a second time, January 9, 1867, when Mrs. Mary S., the widow of B. B. Austin, became his wife. She, too, was taken from him by death after a short married life, dying November 19, 1877, leaving him three children: Allie, now Mrs. Italy Wright; Lutie, now completing her college course at College Mound, and Frankie B. To his present wife Mr. Richmond was married November 11, 1878. Mrs. Richmond was before her marriage to him the widow of Theophiles Sears, and her maiden name was Cornelia S. Hicks. Her first husband, who was public administrator of the county, died September 18, 1874. She has one son, Theophilus P. Sears, now a student in Commercial College at St. Louis. Her first husband by a former marriage of his had a son, Walter S., who is at present representative of Macon county, and resides at LaPlata. Mr. and Mrs. Richmond have no children by their marriage. Mr. R. is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. R. is a member of the Baptist denomination. Mr. Richmond is an enterprising farmer and intelligent, well respected citizen.

JOHN W. W. SEARS

(Farmer, Section 11).

Mr. Sears comes of illustrious family on both sides. His father and mother, William G. and Mildred B. Sears, died in Virginia, and their fathers were among the heroes of the Revolutionary War. John was born May 29, 1811, in Spottsylvania county, Va., and until he was 16 years old lived on a farm. At that time he learned the carpenter's trade and worked at it until 1835, when he came to Randolph. He has since been a farmer. He has 160 acres of land, and raises corn and other grains common to this section of the country. He is a worthy, industrious man, and is very popular with his neighbors. In the recent civil war he warmly espoused the Southern cause, and inheriting the martial spirit of his ancestors enlisted under Price, and at Boonville received, in the shape of a severe wound, a token of which he will ever feel proud. Mr. Sears was married March 4, 1874, to Mrs. Mollie J. Penney, daughter of John P. Morris and Mary Jane Morris, both natives of Missouri. This has proved a happy union, with the exception that no offspring have blessed it.

CHARLES B. STEWART

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Section 26, Township 55, Range 16).

Mr. Stewart is one of the younger class of farmers of Randolph county, and was brought up at a time when there were good educational advantages in the country and of which he had the benefit. His higher education was received at Mount Pleasant College, and he then took a business course at Bryant and Stratton's Commercial College of St. Louis, from which he graduated in the spring of 1875. He had intended to devote himself to mercantile pursuits, and in order to learn the practical details of the business entered the store of his

brother at Huntsville as a clerk after leaving the commercial college, and remained with his brother for four years. But he was reared on a farm, and after learning merchandising and finding out that it is not such a remarkable business after all, he concluded that about the happiest and best life a man can live, and one by no means the least profitable, is that of a farmer. He therefore returned to the pursuits of his boyhood and youth — agriculture, and has been farming ever since. Of course his education and business experience are of no disadvantage to him as a farmer, but on the contrary contribute materially to his success. He has a fine farm of nearly 300 acres on Middle Fork and is entering largely into stock-raising, raising cattle principally, for which he has fine pasturage and other advantages. Mr. Stewart was born just a mile from where he now resides 32 years ago, on the 22d of February, 1852. His parents, Charles B. and Fannie (Hill) Stewart, were from Virginia, and came here in an early day. His father was in good circumstances and one of the best citizens of the county. He died in 1883 aged 80. He was for many years judge of the county court.

ROBERT TERRILL, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Darksville).

As a physician of general practice in the country, few members of the medical profession in Missouri, if any, have a more creditable record, or have made their lives more useful and valuable to those among whom they have lived and practiced, than has Dr. Terrill, the subject of the present sketch. Though still not a man of advanced old age and yet active in the practice, he is one of the old landmarks in the medical profession of Randolph county, and has been visiting the sick and administering to the suffering among the people of the north-western part of the county for 35 years. In the early days of the country his practice extended from Bloomington to Ft. Henry and from Muscle Fork to Grand Prairie, a field now occupied by at least 18 active physicians. Some idea may be formed of the extent and magnitude of his long and useful services from the fact that he has attended the births of over 2,000 children and of all that number has lost but one solitary case at time of confinement. In Missouri there are some 15 or 20 practicing physicians who took their course of readings under his instruction. Verily, he is a Nestor in his profession, and stands out among all around him conspicuous and honored by his contemporaries for his long services in the profession and for his eminent success and usefulness as a physician. Dr. Terrill comes of one of the large and influential families of this section of the State. Of the Terrills there are perhaps not less than 50 worthy citizens of Randolph and neighboring counties, all relatives to the Doctor, and representing every calling in life,—the law, medicine, the pulpit, colleges, public affairs, trade, agriculture and all the better classes of industries. We cannot attempt to give the genealogy of this family, even confining it to those now living in and residents of North-east

Missouri, for it would require far more space than can be set apart for one sketch. The family came, however, originally from Virginia, that old Commonwealth of which it has been said, that "all good people come from Virginia;" though the reverse of this, of course, is not true, that all who do not come from the Old Dominion are not good people. The Doctor's parents were natives of Albemarle county, Va., and from there emigrated to Boone, after to Greenup county, Ky. His father's name was Robert and his mother's maiden name was Mary Lacy. Others of the Terrill family besides the Doctor's parents emigrated to Kentucky and finally to Missouri, and some of them came directly to this State. The Doctor was born in Kentucky, July 1, 1824, and he was left an orphan by the death of his father when he was but four years of age. In 1830 the Doctor's uncle, John Terrill, removed to Missouri and settled in Howard county. Six years afterwards, the Doctor's mother, with her family of children, also came to Missouri, and settled near her brother-in-law, John Terrill. The latter's wife dying later along, John Terrill and the Doctor's mother were married in 1847. Both died, however, two years afterwards, and both in the same week, the husband on Sunday and the wife on Thursday. There were no children by their marriage but each had a large family by their former marriages, respectively, who grew up and settled in this section of the State, and became the parents of numerous children, who are now in turn themselves the heads of families. Dr. Terrill was one in a family of 13 children, all of whom lived to reach maturity and marry. Dr. Terrill grew up and in early manhood began the study of medicine. He read under Dr. Presley Oliver, near Renick, and was fellow-student with Dr. John C. Oliver. He took the full semester of lectures at the Eclectic Medical College, of Cincinnati, during the terms of 1846-47 and 1847-8. But at the end of his first term he began the practice of his profession at his present home and has continued in the active practice except while attending medical college, from that time to this. Dr. Terrill has been thoroughly wedded to his profession from the beginning, and save his own family, there is nothing in which he has taken greater pleasure and interest. It has ever been his delight to practice medicine, not only because he takes pleasure in the practice itself, but, possessed of a warm, sympathetic nature, it gives him the greatest happiness to relieve his suffering fellow-creatures from the rack of pain and anguish. That he might be able to do this more effectually and successfully, Dr. Terrill has been a life-long student of medicine, and has sought to familiarize himself with all the knowledge of his profession to be derived from books and the schools. He has, therefore, kept up in the medical journals and the latest and best text-writers, and attended medical colleges twice after he had been in the practice 15 years. In 1862 he took a course in the St. Louis Medical College and he afterwards took a course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Iowa. On the 1st of January, 1850, Dr. Terrill was married to Miss Anna S. Hall, a daughter of John H.

Hall, and a sister to Judge William A. Hall, of Huntsville. Dr. and Mrs. Terrill have reared a family of five children, namely: Robert A., who is married and now has charge of the farm; Willard P., M.D., practicing medicine with his father, being a graduate of the Missouri Medical College, of St. Louis, and a post-graduate of the Bellevue Medical College, of New York City; Mary S., now the wife of John E. Godard; Bessie and Florence, who are both at home. The Doctor has been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church for 45 years. He was one of the original organizers of Mt. Shiloh Church nearly 30 years ago, and is the only one of the 18 original organizers now belonging to the church. He has been a member of the Masonic order for many years.

JOHN R. WRENN

(Dealer in General Merchandise, P. O., Thomas Hill).

Mr. Wrenn, still comparatively a young man, has had a business career remarkable for the rapidity and abundance of his success. In the spring of 1869 he commenced in mercantile life as a clerk in a small country store. To-day he has two large stores, one at Thomas Hill and the other at Summerville, in the first of which he carries \$12,000 stock and in the second a stock of \$5,000, and the two stores do an aggregate annual business of over \$35,000. Everything he possesses he has made himself by industry, enterprise and honesty, and all since 1869. Proof that his success has been achieved by methods worthy and above reproach is given conclusively by the fact that among those in whose midst he has lived no one can be found who will speak of him other than as an upright man, a kind neighbor and a good and useful citizen. Mr. Wrenn was born in Loudoun county, Va., November 13, 1843. He was reared, however, in Fairfax county, where his parents lived until his father's death some 10 years ago, and indeed his mother still resides there. His father was James O. Wrenn, and his mother's maiden name was Martha E. Rigg. John R. was reared on a farm, and after the war he learned the carpenter's trade and followed it in Virginia until the winter of 1867. He then came to Chariton county, Mo., where he continued work at his trade until the spring of 1869, when he came to Randolph county and became a clerk in the store of Bogy & Rigg, the latter being his uncle. He clerked for that firm for six months and then clerked at Thomas Hill for the same firm until 1870, when Mr. Bogy retired and Mr. Wrenn took his place as a partner in the firm. Mr. Wrenn had no means at that time, but his uncle recognized the value of his services and accepted his personal attention to the work as an equivalent to half the capital. He conducted the store as manager and partner for nearly three years and then bought his uncle's interest. When he took charge of the establishment it carried a stock of \$1,800, but he soon ran it up to the figures mentioned above. He established his Summerville store in 1882, which is in the charge of W. H. Hubbard. He keeps a fine stock of goods at each place and has a large and steadily increasing trade. On the 28th of May, 1872, Mr. Wrenn was

married to Miss Florence B. Twyman, a daughter of William and Mary A. Twyman, of Chariton county. Mr. and Mrs. Wrenn have a family of six children: Frankie, John W., James E., Mary E. and Mable E. Mr. Wrenn owns his business house at Thomas Hill, and now has five men in employ in his stores. He is postmaster at Thomas Hill.

ELIZA JANE WRIGHT

(Widow).

This very superior lady was born February 1, 1819, in Montgomery county, Ky., of Robert and Elizabeth Trimble, both natives of the same State. Robert Trimble, her father, a farmer of State Creek, near Mount Sterling, was a man of wide reputation through all the country round. The subject of this sketch grew up on the farm, and in 1835 moved to Missouri with her parents, settling in Randolph county. In 1840 she married Johnson Wright, a son of Evans and Rebecca Wright, originally from Kentucky and a man of note. He held the office of justice of the peace, and was at one time representative of the county. Mr. Wright died April 21, 1867, leaving 10 children, of whom nine are living: Mary Elizabeth, now Mrs. McDaniel; Robert T., George Preston, James Allen, Non E., Italy A., Ann Eliza, now Mrs. Martin; Samuel William and Inatta Jane, now Mrs. Brigan. Rebecca is with her father in realms of unfading joy. Mrs. Wright, who raises considerable stock, owns 260 acres of land, which is at present nearly all set in grass. So wisely and well does Mrs. W. order her affairs that it is hard to believe that the soft hand of a woman holds the reins. She has the respect and hearty admiration of all who know her. She is a member of the Christian Church.

CAIRO TOWNSHIP.

ANDREW J. AMICK

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Amick comes of two intelligent and highly respected families, the Amicks, of North Carolina, and the Kingsburys, of New York. His father, Capt. George Amick, was a native of the old North State, and commanded a company of volunteers in the American army in the War of 1812. He subsequently became one of the pioneer settlers of Howard county, going there in 1820, and for a time, on account of Indian difficulties, was compelled to make his home in Fort Hempstead. He soon met and married Miss Amy Kingsbury, of the family which occupies so conspicuous and enviable a position in the "History of Howard County," recently published. In 1837 he came to Randolph county, settling near Moberly, where he lived until his death, which occurred in October, 1847. His wife survived him up to Aug-

ust, 1873, dying in Moberly at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. David Burberry. Both parents were members of the Baptist Church. Of their family of five sons and five daughters, but half are now living. Andrew J. Amick was born in Howard county, near Boonsboro, December 15, 1829, and was therefore mainly reared in Randolph county, his parents having come here eight years after his birth. On the 20th of October, 1852, he was married to Miss Anna Jeter. There are six children, the fruits of this union: Fannie J., now Mrs. James M. Vinee; George L., now of Cairo, Mo.; Jesse J., now of Kansas; Edwin A. J., now also of Kansas; John W., now of New Mexico; and Arthur R., now a student of Fayette, Howard county. The mother of these died April 3, 1867. Mr. Amick was a second time married on the 4th of September, 1867, when Miss Elizabeth Nichols became his wife. She survived her marriage, however, only a few years, dying December 19, 1870. To his present wife Mr. Amick was married August 10, 1873. Previous to her marriage to him she was a Mrs. Catherine Thomis, a widow of Hiram Thomis, late of Cass county. They have four children: Nina G., James Forrest, Alice Z. and Olive. Mr. Amick has made farming his occupation for life, and also handles considerable stock. He raises annually about 200 acres of grain, and markets about 50 head of cattle and hogs. Like his father before him, he is a successful farmer and stock-raiser. His father, as all old citizens know, was in his time one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Amick are members of the Christian Church.

WILLIAM M. BAKER

(Farmer, and Owner of Pleasant Home Farm).

One of the first colony of pioneers who settled in Randolph county is still living, the father of the subject of this sketch, Isaac Baker, a venerable old gentleman, now long past the age of four-score years, and for 65 years a resident of this county. This white-haired and honored old patriarch, for he is the founder of a large family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, is still well-preserved, considering his great age and the life of toil and usefulness he has led, his step being as firm and his conversation as bright as are those usually of men 14 years his junior. His good wife, whose maiden name was Jane McCulley, and originally of Middle Tennessee, died at the age of 68, 13 years ago. He was born in Madison county, Ky., May 11, 1802, and came to Missouri when a youth 16 years of age, in 1818, with his father's family, locating with the family in Howard county. However, the family had first moved to Kentucky, and from there came out to Missouri. The following year Isaac Baker came over into Randolph county, and has made this county his home from that day to this. Four years after coming to Randolph, he was married to the good woman whose death has been mentioned above, and with whom, had she survived two years longer, he would have celebrated his golden wedding, or a happy married life

of 50 years, and in the presence of an unusually large family of descendants. They were one of the representative couples in Randolph county who, identifying their lives in their radiant morning with the county, continued linked with its destiny through the noonday of life and until the evening shadows fell. It was the brave-heartedness, industry and intelligent worth of people like these that built up the county from a waste of wilderness to one of the fairest and most prosperous among her sisters, and have left worthy descendants to take up the work where they quit it, carrying the county on to a still higher and prouder destiny. In those days it required men and women of brain and brawn and courage to face the hardships of pioneer life, to undergo the trials and deprivations incident to a new country, and out of primitive nature, untouched before by the magic hand of civilized man, to build homes, open farms, erect churches and school houses, in fact, organize society and construct an intelligent and progressive community; and such settlers as this honored old couple whom we are now speaking of had all these qualities and many besides that made them esteemed and beloved by their neighbors and acquaintances, and which have made their names marks of veneration in the old family Bible where they are written, and in which they will be handed down with reverence and tenderest care to remote generations of their children's children. Blessed by their own industry and economy with a comfortable competency, Heaven smiled upon them in their family in even greater generousness, and blessed them with no less than 13 children, 7 sons and 6 daughters, and 12 of these they had the happy fortune to rear to maturity, each of whom is still living and the parent of a family, namely: Charles H., Margaret A., now Mrs. Thomas Frazier, of Cameron, Mo.; John T., now of Jasper county; William M., the subject of this sketch; Thomas V., now of Albany, Texas; Nancy J., now Mrs. William N. Tedford, of California; Samuel, now of Moberly; Mary, now Mrs. John Heifner; Martha F., the wife of Samuel Tedford, of Moberly; Joseph V., of Benton, Texas; Sarah B., the wife of J. J. Snodgrass, of Cameron; Isaac N., of Shelby county; Louisa M. died in maidenhood, December 7, 1867. William M. Baker, the subject of this sketch, was born on his father's homestead in Silver Creek township, May 5, 1829, and was reared on a farm. On the 18th of May, 1852, he was married to Miss Sarah E., a daughter of Robert and Malinda Hannah, of this county, her parents having immigrated here from Tennessee in 1835, in which former State she was born on the 10th of October, 1832. Mr. Baker has followed farming continuously from youth and settled on his present place in 1866. He handles a considerable number of stock annually, and is one of the intelligent, go-ahead farmers of this township, and is well respected as a man and citizen. His farm is a handsome small place, kept in good shape and managed to excellent advantage, as would be expected of a man of his experience and intelligence. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have four children: Oscar A., who is grown up and is married to Miss Susan M. King; George W.,

Ollie F. and William M. Two are deceased, Fines E. and Willie. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as his parents were and his father still is. Mr. B. is also a member of the A. F. and A. M.

JOHN S. BENNETT

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Every old citizen in this section of the county very well remembers 'Squire Bennett's father, John Bennett, for he lived in the county nearly 25 years, and was one of its worthy, good citizens. His wife, Falby Bennett, was a Miss Phelps before her marriage, and both were from Kentucky. They came to Missouri in about 1830, and settled in this county the following year. 'Squire Bennett's father was a substantial farmer and well-respected citizen. He died here September 6, 1853, and his wife died February 6, 1872. Both were consistent members of the Missionary Baptist Church. They had a family of 12 children, eight of whom are living: Asa, Abington, John S., Sarah E., now Mrs. C. Campbell; William H. and Mary J., twins, the former of the two a resident of Monroe county, and the latter the wife of John S. Roberts, of this county; Jacob and James O. Four are deceased: Eda A., the wife of S. G. Matthews; Daniel S. and Robert F. 'Squire John S. Bennett, the subject of this sketch, was born July 1, 1831, in Marion county, but was reared on the farm to which his parents removed in Randolph county. On the 24th of December, 1864, he was married to Miss Elizabeth A., a daughter of Jackson T. and Mandanna (Powell) of this county. The 'Squire began his career as a farmer for himself when a young man, which he has since continued. His life has been an industrious one and one without reproach. The 'Squire has a good farm of 120 acres devoted to mixed farming and is comfortably situated on his place. A man of intelligence and strong character, he occupies a somewhat prominent position in the community. In 1874 'Squire Bennett was elected magistrate of his township, and such was the efficiency and fairness with which he discharged the duties of his office, that he was re-elected and served consecutively for eight years. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a member of the A. F. and A. M. 'Squire Bennett and wife have six children: Reese D., Drucilla B., Roena I., Jackson T., John R. and Dora E. They also have an adopted daughter, Minnie A., left an orphan by the death of her parents, Robert F. and Isa Dora Bennett. 'Squire Bennett has been residing on the place where he now lives for 21 years.

DANIEL BOONE BOUCHER

(Post-office, Cairo).

As will be conjectured from his name, Mr. B. is of Kentucky extraction, his parents, Robert Boucher and Elizabeth Wilcox, both having been born in that State. The former, however, came to Randolph when

quite a young man, first entered land about three miles west of where D. B. now lives, and remained there until 1849, then settling and improving a farm upon which he lived until his death, in December, 1872. Daniel B. was raised on this farm which is still his home, and was given first-class advantages, part of the time at the common schools of the country and afterwards at McGee College. After he had finished his studies he became a teacher himself for a short time, but his inclinations leaning towards the life to which he had been accustomed from childhood, he began to farm, which he has continued ever since. Mr. Boucher has now 160 acres of fine land, 120 acres in the farm, and all in cultivation. He lives in a handsome new residence with one story ell, and has two fair barns and splendid young bearing orchard. Mr. B. married October 15, 1873, Mrs. Josephine, widow of W. G. Hasting, and daughter of U. G. and Eveline (Turner) Mason. Mrs. Boucher was born in Randolph, but spent most of her life in Monroe. She was educated at Springfield, Ky. There are two children: Anna Zelme and Robert Mason. Mrs. B. has also one child by her first marriage, viz.: Mary Eva Hastings. Mr. Boucher and wife are prominent members of the Christian Church, and occupy an enviable position in the township.

BENJAMIN R. BOUCHER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. B. is a brother of Daniel B. Boucher, whose sketch precedes this. He has been a resident of the county from his birth, which eventful day was July 3, 1835. He was educated in the common schools of the neighborhood, but to this has added much self-culture. In 1857, when in his twenty-second year, Mr. B. began to teach and for 15 years summer and winter, with a short interval when his health would not permit, he has continued to wield the ferule. Mr. B. has a crippled knee and has sometimes been forced to use crutches. February 22, 1863, he married Miss Elenor F., daughter of M. T. Halliburton, formerly from Tennessee. Mrs. Boucher came to Randolph with her parents when a child of 10 years. After his marriage, Mr. Boucher continued to teach in Cairo for several years, but in 1866, longing for the freedom of wood and field, he moved to the farm upon which he lives. He owns 90 acres of land, 80 in the home farm and in cultivation, a nice residence, a story and half in height, good stable, and an orchard containing 300 bearing apple trees, a few peach and some other small fruits. Mr. B. has at different times filled offices of public trust to the advancement of the weal of the community. He has been clerk and treasurer of the township, U. S. marshall, and for 10 years in succession justice of the peace; he has, in addition, always been connected with the schools as director or clerk. Mr. Boucher's home is not without those "living palms," children. There are seven children: Bettie, wife of Sylvester Mason; John W., Alice C., Kate, Haskell, Ezra and Delbert; Charles died at the age of 18 months, and Minnie aged six years, and Vernon about nine months:

both faded as the flowers, on the same day, July 19, 1882. Mrs. Boucher, who was a devoted wife and mother, a consistent member of the Christian Church and a most estimable woman in every relation of life, died October 11, 1883:—

There fell upon the house a sudden gloom,
A shadow on those features fair and thin;
And softly, from that hushed and darkened room
Two angels issued, where but one went in.

Mr. B. is a devout member of the Christian Church at Cairo.

DAVID PEELER BOUCHER, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon).

Dr. Boucher, a prominent and successful physician of the North-eastern part of the county, and long located at Cairo, comes of one of the pioneer families of Randolph county. His parents were both natives of Kentucky. His father, Robert Boucher, was born in Richmond, of Madison county, of that State, February 22, 1795, and his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Wilcoxon, in Clark county in 1805. They were married in 1823. However, Robert Boucher had come to Missouri prior to his marriage, having removed to Howard county as early as 1818. Immediately after his marriage he settled in Randolph county, about four miles north of Huntsville, and his wife is believed to have been the first white woman who ever resided north of Huntsville in this county, and west of the grand divide and east of the East Fork of the Chariton. She died on the 12th of May, 1867, and her husband on the 24th of December, four years afterwards, after having been residents of the county for nearly half a century. Eight of their family of 12 children are still living, four sons and four daughters. Dr. Boucher, the subject of this sketch, was born in Randolph county, November 26, 1837. His youth was spent on the farm, and afterwards he began the study of medicine under Dr. J. C. Tedford: Entering the medical department of the University of Iowa (that department now being known as the Keokuk Medical College), he continued a student there until his graduation in the class of 1863. Immediately after his graduation, Dr. Boucher returned to Randolph county and located at Cairo in the practice of his profession, where he has since been engaged in the practice with the exception of an absence of one year spent in Schuyler county. Here, for a time, he read with his former preceptor, Dr. Tedford, who is now a prominent physician of Moberly, Mo. On the 1st of January, 1865, Dr. Boucher was married to Miss Sarah A., eldest daughter of Harrison Leslie, a successful farmer and highly respected citizen of this county. Dr. and Mrs. Boucher have five children: Robert Ulysses, Millie B., Sophia J., Manly D. and Nellie D. Five are deceased: Arthur O., William L., Hattie E., Emma P. and Norvil R. The Doctor and wife are both members of the Christian Church at Cairo, and the Doctor is a member of the Odd Fellows order at this

place, and also of the A. O. U. W. A superior medical education, supplemented with over 20 years' experience in the active practice of his profession, have conspired to place Dr. Boucher in the front rank of physicians in Randolph county. It would be supererogation to say that as a physician no man in this part of the county stands higher in the esteem of the people.

MICHAEL P. CAPP

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

M. P. Capp, the father of Albert A. Capp, whose sketch follows this, was born in Somerset county, Pa., June 4, 1826, and was a son of Michael Capp, Sr., and wife, whose maiden name was Susana Adams, both natives of the old Keystone State. In 1837 the family came to Missouri and located in Monroe county, where the father became one of the large land-owners and prominent farmers of that county. He died there on the 9th of October, 1853. His wife had preceded him to the grave some 10 years, having died on the 5th of September, 1843. He had already made a division of his land, and a large tract fell to each of his heirs. Three only of their family of children are living: Michael P. Capp was reared on his father's farm in Monroe county, and on the 2d of February, 1847, was married to Miss Margaret J. Wood, of Randolph county. He subsequently located in this county, where he has since resided. Here he has a fine farm of over 225 acres, one of the choice places of Jackson township. Besides raising large quantities of grain and other products, he is quite extensively engaged in handling stock, and ships from 25 to 50 car-loads of cattle and hogs to the wholesale markets annually, principally to St. Louis. He is an enterprising, thorough-going farmer and stock-raiser, a man of intelligence and good business qualifications, and of more than ordinary influence in the township; in fact, one of the leading, better class of citizens in his vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Capp were blessed with 10 children, six sons and four daughters, of whom there are seven now living: Susan J., the wife of Henry Gibson; Albert A., the subject of the next sketch; Erasmus M., Virginia E., now Mrs. Paul Walker; Mary E., now Mrs. Leonard Newton, Alice C. and James. The three deceased are the eldest: Elisha M., John W. and William. Mr. and Mrs. Capp are members of the M. E. Church South.

ALBERT A. CAPP

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, and of the Firm of Phelps & Capp, Dealers in General Merchandise, at Cairo).

Mr. Capp, who, previous to 1881, had been engaged exclusively in farming and stock-raising, formed a partnership at that time with Mr. Phelps in general merchandising, and has since been actively identified in this line of business, and a member of the same firm. A man of good, general education and excellent business qualifica-

tions, the industry and enterprise he had shown in carrying on his farm affairs also became manifest in his business life, and the result has been that, united with Mr. Phelps, a large and successful business has been built up. They carry a good and ample stock of goods in their line, and dealing fairly with the custom, they have obtained the confidence of the public and the trade of a large circle of country around their place of business. Mr. Capp is of an old Pennsylvania family. His parents, however, Michael P. and Margaret (Wood) Capp, came to Missouri before their marriage, long prior to the Civil War, and settled with their parents in Monroe county. They subsequently married and became well-to-do and highly respected residents of Randolph county, where they have reared a large family of children, six sons and four daughters, seven of whom are still living. Of their children, Albert A. was the third, and was born in Monroe county, September 30, 1854. Like the boys of his vicinity, he was brought up to a farm life, and educated in the neighborhood schools. When 21 years of age, young Capp came to Randolph county and located in Jackson township, where he engaged in farming. He is still identified with farming in this township, and has a good place of over 220 acres. More particularly, however, he is giving his attention to handling stock, and has been quite successful in this line of industry. Accumulating considerable means, and anxious to make every edge cut, so to speak, possible, he engaged in merchandising, as stated above, with Mr. Phelps, in 1881. In 1877 Mr. Capp was married to Miss Nannie Cochran, of this county. She was a lady in every way calculated to make his domestic life a happy one — devoted to her home, a faithful and loving wife, a tender mother, and a neighbor loved by all; — but the fairest flowers of all the field are often withered by the north wind's blast before the thistles that grow between. On the 7th of July, 1881, she was cut off by the inexorable scythian, Death, and all the hopes of a promising and happy married life with her as his loved and beloved companion vanished from the bosom of her devoted husband and were buried with her in the grave forever. She had borne him two bright and charming children: Era Leon, born November 12, 1878, and Robert Enor, born June, 1881.

NEWTON C. CUNNINGHAM

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Cunningham is a native of the county, born October 6, 1847. His father, Joseph Cunningham, came from Tennessee to Missouri, a single man, in 1833, and located in Randolph county. He was married twice, his last wife, and the mother of the subject of this sketch, being Miss Mary J. Goodding, a native of the county, and born on the place upon which N. C. now lives. Joseph Cunningham went to California in 1849, and was in the gold mines for three years. He returned to Missouri, but only for a short time, and in 1863 moved his family to California, where he has since made his home. Until the age of 15

Newton C. lived on the farm in Randolph. He then accompanied his parents to California, and spent eight years on a ranch in that State. When he returned to Missouri, he took charge of the place upon which he still lives, which his father had bought from his grandfather Goodding, who entered the land and settled the farm in 1822. Mr. Cunningham bought the land himself in 1880. He owns 421 acres, 320 of which are fenced and nearly all seeded in tame grass, meadow and pasture. There is an old-fashioned and picturesque, but at the same time, roomy and comfortable dwelling, good stable and other outbuildings. Mr. C. is making a specialty of butter-making, averaging about 40 pounds a week. He is also largely interested in the sheep business, and has a flock of about 200 of good graded Cotswolds. Mr. Cunningham was married April 11, 1875, to Miss Mary E., daughter of J. D. Dameron, of subsequent mention. Mrs. C. belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and her husband is a member of Cairo Lodge, No. 486, A. F. and A. M. He is one of the solid men of the county.

JOHN D. DAMERON

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. D. was born in Caswell county, N. C., December 28, 1822, his parents, Benjamin Dameron and Matilda Mathis, being natives of that State. The family moved in 1827 to Tennessee, but finally in 1829, to Randolph county, Mo., where the elder Dameron bought land and improved a farm, coming in time to be a personage of much importance. He was county assessor from 1834 to 1842, and at the time of his death, March 25, 1843, occupied the responsible and honorable office of sheriff. John D. grew to manhood on the farm, receiving a common school education. Reared as he was among the sweet influences of Nature where

There's music in the sighing of a reed
And music in the gushing of a rill,

his heart was early enthralled by Love's young dream, as which "there's nothing half so sweet in life," and on the 22d of July, 1847, he was married to Miss Sarah J., daughter of Robert, and Elizabeth Boucher, originally from Kentucky, but among the very earliest settlers of the county. Mr. D. taught school for three terms before his marriage, as well as several after, locating on his present farm in 1849. He has 159 acres in his home place all fenced, and nearly all in cultivation and meadow pasture. His residence is a comfortable one-story building, and there is a good barn and fair orchard. Mr. and Mrs. Dameron have seven children living: Mary E., wife of N. C. Cunningham; Isaac T., Elizabeth M., wife of D. G. Day; Josie, wife of G. W. Reynolds; Rebecca F., wife of T. L. Day; J. C. and William B. Four are deceased as follows: Benjamin F., died when 6 months old; Zachariah S., at the age of 4 months; Valentine, aged 14 months, and Ida Dora died at the age of 19 years and 10 months. Mr. and

Mrs. D. belong to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and are worthy members of the community.

WILLIAM D. DAY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. D., who is engaged in farming and stock-raising, was born in Washington county, Tenn., on the 23d of January, 1836; his father, Thomas Day, came from Virginia when a young man, marrying Matilda Henley, a native of Tennessee. He moved to Missouri in 1844, and settled in Randolph county, buying a farm already partially improved which is still in the family. William D. passed the first part of his life on this place, owing most of his education to his own efforts. April 7, 1863, Mr. Day was married to Miss George Ann, daughter of John V. and Ann Dunn, formerly of Kentucky. Mrs. D. herself, however, was a native of Randolph. They have had four children: Ida G., Anna L., Birdie May and William A. After Mr. D. had assumed the cares and responsibilities of matrimony, he lived for two years on his present farm, then went to Iowa for a year, and upon his return, lived a year in Macon county, and at last in the spring of 1867, when the seed was bursting through the ground, the buds breaking into bloom, he moved back to the old home. Here he lives, honored and content, a citizen of whom Randolph should be proud. His farm comprises 65 acres of good land fenced and cultivated, good stable, a comfortable house, and an orchard of about 150 trees. Mr. and Mrs. Day are deeply imbued with religious faith and belong to the Christian Church. During the late war, Mr. William Day served in the militia in the fall of 1864 and winter of 1865; his brother Elbert served in the Southern army for four years and was in some of the most severe battles in the South. In one in which he participated all were slain in his company but one comrade beside himself. He came home at the end of the war without a wound, having been honorably discharged. A remarkable feature of the family of Thomas and Matilda Day is contained in the fact that out of a family of 12 children, six boys and six girls — all grew to manhood and womanhood with the exception of one, an infant, who died at a tender age. All these have assumed the cares and responsibilities of married life. The parents are still living, the father being nearly 80 years of age and the mother in her seventy-fourth year. They are among the most worthy and highly respected pioneers of the county.

CHARLES S. DAY

(Post-office, Cairo).

Mr. Day, a brother of W. D., whose biography appears above, is a native of the county, and was born February 28, 1846. He grew to manhood on a farm upon a portion of which he resides. He received a good common school education. In 1864 he enlisted in the State Militia and served until discharged in July, 1865, being stationed most

of the time at Huntsville. After Mr. D.'s marriage, April 15, 1866, he lived at home for a year, then for two years with his wife's father and finally settled on a tract of the home place which he had previously purchased. This contains 70 acres fenced and in cultivation, a comfortable residence, out-buildings, etc., and a fine young bearing orchard of about 100 trees. Mr. Day's wife was a Miss Mary C. Lessly, daughter of Harrison Lessly, formerly from Kentucky, but a resident of the county for many years. Mr. and Mrs. D. have five children living: William E., Dora Belle, Hubert L., Rubie and Jennie Pearl; besides these, one died at a tender age. Mr. Day is an energetic, thrifty and prosperous farmer, one of the sort whom every county should strive to number among her residents, for they are her bone and sinew. He and his wife walk in the light that shines from above, and guide their footsteps according to the belief of the Christian Church.

DABNEY G. DAY

(Farmer, Section 11).

Mr. D., another member of the ancient and honored family of Days, is a brother of Charles S. and William Day. He also lives on a portion of the home place which is one of the oldest in the township, having been settled away back, beyond the memory of all but the oldest inhabitants. D. G. was born here January 30, 1850, and like his brothers grew up on the farm, enjoying its pure and simple pleasures, and preparing himself for the toils of life by such education as the common schools of the county enabled him to obtain. He was satisfied with the peaceful world in which he was brought up, and upon his majority felt no desire to change:—

"To surrender
The pond with all its lilies, for the leap
Into the unknown deep."

Therefore, upon taking to himself a partner of his joys, he settled more firmly than ever upon his ancestral soil. He married September 6, 1873, Miss Elizabeth M., daughter of J. D. Dameron, the picture of whose life ornaments the pages of this history. Children who are—

As the leaves are to the forest,
E're their sweet and tender juices
Have been hardened into wood,

have clustered around their fireside. Their names are respectively Winford E. Hortense, Arthur B. C. and Carson Roy, the latter of whom died February 2, 1884. Mr. Day has a comfortable house, good stable and young orchard coming on, all pleasantly situated upon 85 acres of fenced land, and in cultivation and pasture. Mr. Day is a young man of admirable qualities of heart and head, and endears himself to every one by his courteous, affable manners and sunny temper. They are members of the Christian Church.

WILLIAM G. AND JAMES G. GRIFFIN

(Father and Son; the Former Retired, the Latter Merchant at Cairo).

The biography of the Griffin family, or at least the branch of it to which the subjects of this sketch belong, leads back to long prior to the War of the Revolution, and its representatives are all as worthy as men and citizens as the older ones are remarkable for their longevity. The Griffins settled in Virginia from England soon after the colony at Jamestown was founded, and from the Old Dominion branches of the family have spread out into the other States. William G. Griffin's father, James Griffin, was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, in about 1758, and grew up in that county, where he was subsequently married to Miss Delphia Adams, one year his junior. James Griffin and his father (who is the great-grandfather of James G. Griffin, the junior subject of this sketch) served in the army of Virginia under Washington during the war for Independence, James, the elder, being only seventeen years of age when he enlisted. After the war he came out to Kentucky and settled, where he reared a large family of children and lived until his death, which was in 1853, when he was in the ninety-fifth year of his age. His wife died also in Kentucky, in 1843, in the eighty-fourth year of her age. Of their family of seven sons and three daughters, most of whom lived to rear families of their own, but two are now living—Parmelia, the widow of William Reynolds, of Pulaski county, Ky., and now in the eighty-third year of her age; and William G., the subject of this sketch. William G. Griffin was born in Pulaski county, Ky., May 13, 1803, and was reared in that county. In 1838 he came to Missouri and located in Ralls county, but the following year came over into Macon county, and from Macon to Randolph in 1865, where he still resides, now 81 years of age, and in remarkable health both of mind and body, considering his advanced age. On the 6th of January, 1839, he was married to Miss Anna Griffin, a second cousin of his, and formerly of Kentucky. Five of the family of children resulting from this union are living: John H., of Macon county, recorder of deeds; Sarah J., the wife of Morgan Cox; Louisa, the wife of F. G. Johnston; Mary A., the wife of John L. McKinney and James G. The father, William G., was a successful farmer in his time and accumulated a comfortable estate. Having lived an industrious, temperate and worthy life, he is thus spared to reach a ripe old age, with his mental powers unimpaired and his physical strength well preserved. James G. Griffin, the youngest of their family, was born on the 19th of September, 1850, and on the 12th of March, 1872, was married to Miss Belle McKinney. The year of his marriage Mr. Griffin engaged in merchandising at Cairo, which he has since followed now for a period of 12 years, and with abundant success. He carries an excellent stock of goods and commands a large trade. He is also quite extensively engaged in handling stock and ships largely to the wholesale markets. An enterprising, thor-

ough-going business man, he is rapidly coming to the front as one of the substantial and leading citizens of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin have five children: Florence, Flora, Maude, Rosamond and Willie Pearl. He and wife are members of the Church, he of the Baptist, and she of the Christian. He is also a member of the A. F. and A. M., I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W.

JOSEPH A. HANNAH

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

If one had been on the road between Missouri and East Tennessee in 1835, he might have seen a mover's covered wagon slowly but surely wending its way on to this State. In the wagon here referred to was Robert Hannah and wife, formerly a Miss Melinda Jenkins, both young then and immigrating to this new country to establish themselves in life. They came on and settled in Randolph county, and here, as the seasons came and went and decades grew into almost half a century, their industry and perseverance prospered them abundantly in the affairs of the world and Heaven blessed them with a numerous family of children. The father became one of the substantial and influential farmers and stock-raisers of the county and one of its large landholders. He died here in a green old age on the 4th of March, 1876, honored for the long and useful life he had led and deeply mourned, now that the end had come. His good wife, worthy to have been the life-companion of such a man, preceded him to the grave in 1855. Both sleep beneath the sod of the county for which they had done so much and in which they will long be remembered for the valued and blameless lives they lived. Such parents children may cherish the memory of with the sweet sadness and sacredness of a happy dream. Six of their family of children are living: James M., now of California; Joseph A., the subject of this sketch; Sarah E., the wife of W. M. Baker; Louisa J., the wife of Elder J. E. Sharp; Julia A., the wife of S. R. King, of Saline county; and Emily E., the wife of E. H. Jett. Margaret F. grew to womanhood and became the wife of J. S. Howard, A.B. and A.M., a professor in Oxford Female College, of the State of Mississippi. She died in 1866. Joseph A. Hannah, whose name heads this sketch; was born in Lincoln county, Tenn., August 5, 1830, emigrated to Missouri in the spring of 1835 and was reared on his father's farm. Having decided to devote himself to farming before he reached manhood, he has ever since followed that occupation. He has a handsome place of nearly 300 acres, over half of which he has in pasturage, devoting his place largely to stock-raising. He handles cattle, hogs, sheep and mules and is satisfactorily successful in all these lines. Mr. Hannah is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Cairo and also of the A. F. and A. M. at that place. On the 14th of September, 1853, he was married to Miss Isabella, a daughter of Lydia and William King. Mr. and Mrs. Hannah have six children: William E.,

James S., Joseph E., Julia Belle, Mattie F. and Susie B. But alas! there is no flock, howe'er watched and tended, but one dead lamb is there. Lydia A. lived but nine months, when, too fair to last, her little spirit was wafted to its home on high. Mrs. Hannah is an exemplary member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM P. HENSON

(Proprietor of Henson's Drug Store, Cairo).

Mr. Henson, a young business man of Cairo of thorough-going enterprise, established his present business at this place in the spring of 1882. A young gentleman of somewhat advanced education and already with a neat start in life, for all he has and has accomplished he is very largely, if not mainly, indebted to his own resolution, spirit and industry. Mr. Henson has the only drug store at Cairo and he strives to supply the wants of the people in his line as well and completely as if there were any number of other houses here in his line. He is one of that class of men who can be accommodating and faithful to their obligations in business, as well as otherwise, without competition to spur them on, or other fictitious influences. He keeps an excellent stock of good, fresh drugs, and buying as he does altogether for cash, he is able to sell them at the lowest prices the state of the markets allow. Personally, Mr. Henson is a genial, sociable and popular man and the general esteem in which he is held has hardly less to do with the large trade he commands than the high character of the business he conducts. Mr. Henson is a native Missourian, born in Lewis county, October 3, 1855. Reared on his father's farm in that county, he remained at home, with the exception of short absences, until 1877, when he entered the State Normal School at Kirksville, in which he took a preparatory course for general business pursuits of three years. After this he taught two terms of school and by economy saved up a nucleus of means. In 1882 he came to Cairo and established his present business. On the 15th of November, 1881, Mr. Henson was married to Miss Susan E. Baldwin, of Shelby county, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. H. have an interesting little daughter, born August 18, 1883. He and wife are both members of the M. E. Church South at this place. Mr. Henson's parents are residents of Harrison county, Ky. His father, George Henson, was born in that county June 20, 1823. His mother, whose maiden name was Henrietta Bourn, was born there. They were married in 1850 and subsequently lived in Lewis county, this State, where the subject of this sketch was born. They afterwards returned, however, to Harrison county, Ky., where they now reside. Of their original family of nine children, all are still living and are residents of Lewis county, this State, except our subject. The father is a substantial farmer of Harrison county and one of its most highly respected citizens.

JOHN HUNTSMAN

(Farmer).

Mr. H., an old and respected citizen of Cairo township and a representative of one of the pioneer families of the county, was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky. He was a son of Benjamin and Ann C. (Darby) Huntsman, both natives of the same county, the father born in 1788 and the mother in 1803, and who came to Randolph county in 1833 and settled in what is now Cairo township. The father entered land there and improved a farm, on which he resided for nearly 40 years and until his death, which occurred August 1, 1872, at the ripe old age of 84. The mother died January 29, 1874, aged 71. The father served as magistrate and was one of the respected citizens of the township. Of their family of five sons and three daughters, four sons and one daughter are living, namely: George, John, Sarah, the wife of Joseph W. Darby; Harrison and Benjamin F. The deceased were: Amanda, who died in maidenhood; William, who died in military prison as a Confederate soldier during the Civil War; Susan J., who died in 1870. John Huntsman, the subject of this sketch, after he grew up on the farm in Cairo township, began farming for himself and has since followed that occupation. On the 20th of May, 1860, he was married to Miss Nellie M., a daughter of William M. and Sarah Nichols, formerly of the State of Missouri, where Mr. Huntsman's wife was born August 27, 1842. Mr. and Mrs. Huntsman have four children living: Walter, Martha A., Emily and Hattie W. One, an infant son, is deceased. Mr. Huntsman settled on his present place in 1850. His farm contains 150 acres of land, and from boyhood he has led a worthy, industrious and respected life. He has been a member of the Baptist Church for many years, and he was one of the organizers of Union Church, his name being first on the books. This church was organized in 1857, and he has been one of its faithful members ever since. He is also a worthy member of the A. F. and A. M.

FELIX G. JOHNSTON

(Owner and Proprietor of Wayside Farm).

Mr. J., one of the enterprising, thrifty farmers of Cairo Township, is a native Missourian, born in Macon county June 10, 1844. His parents are Richard T. and Mary (Ware) Johnston, both natives of Virginia, the father born in 1799 and the mother in 1826. They came to Missouri in 1838 and settled in Macon county, where the mother still resides, but the father died September 10, 1866. Five of their family of 10 children are living: Charles M., James, Felix G., Richard T. and Barbara F., all residents of this State. Felix G. Johnston was reared on the farm in Macon county, and on the 5th of January, 1866, was married to Miss Lula B. Griffin, a daughter of William G. and Anna Griffin, of that county. Mr. Johnston located on his present

farm in 1870. Here he has an exceptionally neat and well cared for place of 160 acres. His residence is a well constructed and tastily built cottage, and everything about his place shows that it has an intelligent, progressive man for proprietor. He also has a small place a short distance from his homestead. His farm is largely devoted to meadow and pasturage, and he raises considerable stock. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have two children: Anna F. and Ida May. The parents and children are all members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Johnston is a worthy, upright man and is well respected.

ALFRED LOWELL

(Owner and Proprietor of Oakfield Farm).

This leading agriculturist of Randolph county is a worthy descendant of two of the best families of Massachusetts — the Lowells and Godfreys, though Mr. Lowell himself is a native of Maine, whither his father had removed, and was born in Kennebec county, July 16, 1812. The Lowells were originally from England, but came over to Massachusetts in the early days of the colony. John Lowell, of Newberryport, was one of the most distinguished men of the State, being the first Supreme Judge of the Commonwealth under the American Constitution, and for many years, both before and after the Revolution, a member of Congress, and after the close of the war for Independence a U. S. District and Circuit Judge and one of the founders of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Joshua A. Lowell, who died in 1874, is well known as a leading Democratic statesman of Maine, but born and reared in Massachusetts. And James Russell Lowell, the present American Minister at the Court of St. James, is too well known as a scholar, poet and statesman to require more than mention. The Godfreys were originally from Normandy, France, but passed over into England, or a branch of the family at least, in the time of William the Conqueror. Godfrey, of Bouillon, was by all odds the greatest man of the Crusades, and was the first Christian king of Jerusalem. He it was that led the Christian hosts at the time of the capture of the Holy City. Speaking of that immortal victory, Gibbon says: "On Friday, at three in the afternoon, the day and the hour of the Passion, Godfrey of Bouillon stood victorious on the walls of Jerusalem." And then in England there was Sir Edmundbury Godfrey, the great jurist who exerted himself in the discovery of the Popish plot and is supposed to have been murdered by the Catholics. Of the American branch of the family we have the great mathematician, Thomas Godfrey and his son, the latter being the first dramatic poet on this side of the Atlantic. James Lowell, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Newberryport, Mass., in 1770, and was a nephew of Hon. John A. Lowell, of Newberryport, mentioned above. James Lowell married Miss Olive Godfrey, who was born in that part of Massachusetts now in the jurisdiction of Maine, in 1780. They were married in 1798 and settled permanently in Maine. James Lowell there became a wealthy and leading ship-

builder and ship-owner, and was one of the prominent men of Maine in his line of business for many years. He died in 1853, but his wife survived up to 1876, reaching the advanced age of 96 years. They had a family of eight children: Mary, James, Harrison, Alfred, Edward, Henry, Franklin and Leander, of whom only Alfred and Leander are living. Alfred Lowell, the subject of this sketch, was reared at Kennebec and educated under the excellent New England system of public instruction. In 1838, then a young man 26 years of age, he decided to seek his fortune in the West, and accordingly came out to Illinois and located in Tazewell county, where he embarked in the pursuit of farming. Three years afterwards, on the 10th of December, 1841, he was married to Miss Laura S. Richmond, of Tazewell county, and he continued a resident of that county, engaged mainly in farming, for over 30 years after his marriage. A man of his antecedents, intelligence and enterprise could hardly have failed of success in tending his flocks and herds and cultivating the rich soil in the Prairie State. In 1870 Mr. Lowell determined to push on out to Missouri, and disposing of his interests in Illinois, he came to this State and settled in Randolph county on the farm where he now resides. This is one of the best farms in the township, a typical place for a Northern farmer, neat and clean and everything in good shape. He has over 400 acres of fine land in the county, and he and his sons are largely engaged in the stock business, their annual shipments running as high some years as 250 head of cattle and 400 head of hogs. He is one of the well known and popular citizens of the county, a man whose citizenship is of value to the people among whom he lives, and no one is more highly respected by those who know him than he. Mr. Lowell's first wife died in 1853, and on the 24th of April, 1855, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Sill, a daughter of D. T. and Polly Sill, formerly of Ohio, in which State Mrs. Lowell was born July 3, 1834. By his first marriage there were three children: Elizabeth, who died in maidenhood; Edward and James. He also has three children by his last marriage: Clara E., Florence and Edith.

HIRAM McKINNEY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, and Dealer in Lumber).

Fifty-one years ago the scene presented by Randolph county was far different from that which it presents to-day. Then it was an almost uninhabited wilderness, the solitude of the wilds, so far as human habitations were concerned, being broken only now and then by a white man's cabin in the edge of the timber that skirted broad prairies. Now, all these prairies have been fenced up and much of the timber has been cleared away; white farm houses and occasionally brick ones rear their spacious fronts on the different farms, and the land is filled with a busy, prosperous and intelligent people. For this mighty change, a change not less happy than it is marked, we are indebted to the sturdy pioneers who came here in an early day, wending their way from distant States over high mountain ranges and through lonely

plains in their white covered wagons, to lay the foundations of a prosperous community on this side of the turbid waters of the Mississippi, and to rear aloft with their brawn and brain the proud walls of its superstructure. Among those who contributed their full share in this great work was the father of the subject of this sketch, Daniel McKinney. Born in Lincoln county, Ky., on the 13th of January, 1802, he married Miss Eliza Brown in 1833, and the following year came to Missouri, locating in Randolph county, where for 48 years he labored unceasingly for the material development of the county; and accumulating a comfortable fortune, he thus contributed his full share to its wealth and prosperity, and dying at last at a good old age, left a worthy family of children to succeed to his name and estate and to carry forward the great work to which, practically, his whole life was devoted. He was one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of Randolph county, and died a worthy member of the Christian Church, of which he had been a member for many years. His wife still resides on the old family homestead at the ripe old age of 73. Of their family of six sons and five daughters, nine are living: Sophia J., now Mrs. Robert Brown, of Monroe county; Hiram, the subject of this sketch; William E., of Oregon; Annie M., now Mrs. Harrison Huntsman; Patsey J., the wife of Samuel F. Campbell; Harrison S., John F., Madison and Laura B., the wife of James G. Griffin. Hiram McKinney, the subject of this sketch, was born on the 8th of June, 1837, and from that day to this, a period of 47 years, has been a continuous resident of Randolph county. On the 27th of February, 1867, he was married to Miss Amanda F., a daughter of James G. and Sarah R. Campbell, who settled here also in about 1833, coming from Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. McK. have but one child, Sophia J., born October 12, 1873. Two are deceased, Evelena and Nora Lee. Mr. McKinney's whole life, from youth to the present, has been spent in farming, and as the fruits of his toil he may point with reasonable satisfaction to his fine farm of 200 acres, one of the best in the township, and also to his stock and other valuable personal property. He makes something of a specialty of raising stock, and ships from two to three car loads to the markets annually. He and wife are members of the church, his wife of the Christian and he of the Baptist denominations. Mr. McKinney keeps on hand a stock of lumber for general custom.

MARQUES D. L. PATTON

(Farmer).

It was in 1837 that Thomas Patton and wife, whose maiden name was Mary Stinson, with their family of children, emigrated from Tennessee to Missouri, and settled in Randolph county. He was a wheelwright by occupation, and followed that in this county until his death, which occurred March 5, 1842. He was born in Alabama in 1790. She was born in South Carolina in 1804, and died in this county January 7, 1883. But four of their family of 11 children are living: Rhoda, the wife of William Mayo, of Benton county, Arkansas;

Marques D. L., Nancy M., the wife of Richard Cromwell, and Thomas Jr. Marques D. L. Patton, the subject of this sketch, was born in this county March 3, 1837, and his home has been in this county from that day to this. On the 1st of March, 1860, he was married to Miss Mary C. Cromwell, and five sons and four daughters have been the fruits of their union, but five of whom, however, are now living: Nora B., Charles A., Stephen C., Mary H. and Freddie M. Mr. Patton settled on the farm where he now resides in 1872. He has 200 acres of good land and is comfortably situated on his place. Mrs. Patton is a native of Kentucky, born February 25, 1839. Her parents were Joseph W. and Martha Cromwell, who came to this county in 1856.

JEREMIAH W. PHILLIPS

(Farmer and Justice of the Peace).

During the War 'Squire Phillips' father, Allen Phillips, an old gentleman 61 years of age, and who has been a resident of Monroe county for 25 years, a peaceable and law-abiding man, taking no part in the troubles of the times, and one of the best and most highly respected citizens in the county, was taken out from his house by a band of irresponsible and merciless scoundrels serving on the Union side as militiamen, and shot down like a common dog in cold blood. His body was afterwards taken charge of by friends and respectfully and sadly buried in the home cemetery, where his remains still rest in the unending embrace of the grave. He was a good man, an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was esteemed by all, and his memory is tenderly cherished by his loved ones and by all his neighbors and acquaintances. He was a native of Kentucky, born February 24, 1803. His first wife was a Miss Elizabeth M. Doswell, formerly of Prince Edward county, Virginia. Two of their family of children are living: Alice C., widow of James M. Fifer, and the subject of this sketch. His last wife was previously Mrs. Susan Davis, and came from Garrett county, Ky. 'Squire J. W. Phillips was born in Casey county, Ky., now Boyle county, July 15, 1838. He was reared on his father's farm in Monroe county, and on the 21st of April, 1859, was married to Miss Marietta H. Patton, of Macon county. They have six children living: Alice L., Allen, James W., Susan, Nora B. and Edward. Three are deceased: Hugh R., drowned June 17, 1882; Charles and Emma, both of whom died in infancy. 'Squire Phillips has a neat farm and is an intelligent citizen and industrious farmer. In 1882 he was elected justice of the peace and has since held that office. He and wife are members of the C. P. Church, and he is a member of the A. F. and A. M.

JOSEPH C. RIDINGS, M.D., AND OVERTON H. RIDINGS, M.D.

(Of J. C. & O. H. Ridings, Physicians and Surgeons, Cairo).

These gentlemen, leading practitioners in the medical profession, in the north-eastern part of Randolph county, are the sons of George

Ridings, Esq., an old and respected citizen and successful farmer of Monroe county, but originally of Virginia. George Ridings was born in the Old Dominion on the 10th of September, 1813, and after he grew up came out to Missouri in an early day. In 1848 he was married to Miss Martha Hersman, formerly of near Lexington, Ky., where she was born in 1827. She died, however, three years after her marriage, on the 16th of December, 1851, in Monroe county, where she and her husband had previously lived. She left two sons, only one of whom, however, Joseph C., one of the subjects of this sketch, lived to reach manhood. On the 15th of May, 1854, the father was married to Miss Susan Hersman, a cousin to his first wife. His second marriage proved not less happy than the first, and his last wife was spared to brighten his home until it was darkened at last by his own death. Of the family of five children by this union, two are now living, Overton H., the second subject of this sketch, and Abbie, now also of Cairo, residing with her mother, who is still living. The father died at Lynchburg, Ohio, on the 22d of April, 1872. Dr. Joseph C. Ridings was born in Monroe county, Mo., May 8, 1849. Reared on his father's farm in that county, he prepared himself for college in the local schools, and in 1861 entered Westminster College, where he took a thorough general and classical course, continuing there for five years and graduating with distinction in 1866. Immediately after his graduation, young Ridings began the study of medicine, and in 1868 attended the Kentucky College of Medicine at Louisville. Continuing his studies, he took his second course at medical college at the St. Louis Medical College in 1870-71, graduating in the spring of the last named year with high honor. Dr. Ridings' preceptor in the study of medicine was Dr. John McNutt, of Middle Grove. In 1871 he formed a partnership with Dr. C. S. Gray, in the practice at Nevada City, Mo. They subsequently removed to Liberty, Montgomery county, Kas., where they continued the practice together for a short time. Dr. Ridings then returned to Missouri and located at Cairo, where he has since been engaged in the practice. Here, in 1872, he formed a partnership with Dr. J. G. Wilson, which continued with agreeableness and mutual advantage for eleven years, at the expiration of which it was dissolved in the same spirit of friendship that had characterized their long practice as partners. Dr. Overton H. Ridings then became Dr. J. C. Ridings' partner in the practice, a partnership which has since continued. To the people of the northeastern part of Randolph county it would be repeating a well known fact, which has been said by every one in this vicinity, that Dr. J. C. Ridings is one of the best physicians that was ever called to the bedside of the suffering. With a marked natural taste and a singular aptitude for the medical profession, he commenced with a thorough general education, and then took an advanced college course in his profession, a course which was characterized with more than ordinary proficiency throughout. Since his graduation at medical college, now thirteen

years ago, although engaged constantly and arduously in active practice, he has never ceased to be a medical student, for he loves medicine not less as a science, a field of constant interest and investigation, than as an art, or a field of practical work. The result is that he has inevitably taken a leading and enviable position in his profession. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic order and takes a marked interest in the discharge of his Masonic duties and the general welfare of the order. On the 6th of October, 1874, he was married to Miss Rosa Voorhies, a daughter of C. F. Voorhies, a prominent farmer of Monroe county. Mrs. Ridings was born in Rapides Parish, La., June 16, 1853. They have three children, Pearl, George V. and Cornelius R. Both parents are members of the Presbyterian Church.

DR. OVERTON H. RIDINGS was born in Monroe county, April 6, 1855, and was reared and educated in that county. He was principally occupied with farming pursuits until he began his course as a medical student. Dr. O. H. Ridings read medicine under Dr. I. Forrest, and afterwards entered the St. Louis Medical College in which he continued as a student until his graduation. Having pursued his studies with zeal and intelligence, his graduation was highly creditable. Receiving his honors at the medical college with the class of 1882, he afterwards engaged in the practice at Clark's Switch, in Randolph county, where he continued with success until November, 1883, when he formed his present partnership with his brother at Cairo. Although Dr. Ridings has been in the practice but a short time, his qualifications and natural aptness for a successful physician are such that he can hardly fail of winning a place in the confidence and esteem of the public as a practitioner quite as high as that now occupied by his brother. A man of generous impulses and warm sympathies, he enters at once into *rapport*, as the French would say, with his patient, and is able to prescribe intelligently, not only from a thorough knowledge of medicine, but from that intuition which comes to every one who has the natural qualities for a good nurse. Differing from many physicians, his presence in a sick room brings with it hope and cheer, and is always agreeable to the suffering, having none of those characteristics of want of feeling and sympathy which are often the case with some excellent doctors. Personally and professionally, Dr. O. H. Ridings is very popular and stands high as a citizen and neighbor. On the 9th of September, 1873, he was married to Miss Sally W. Harris, a daughter of Joseph B. Harris, an influential farmer of Monroe county. Mrs. Ridings was born April 28, 1856. They have two children: Clifton H. and Stanley H. One died in infancy. The Doctor and wife are members of the Christian Church.

VALENTINE ROLLINS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. R. was born in Danville, Cumberland county, Me., September 14, 1818, his parents, Abiel L. and Martha (Manuel) Rollins, living all their lives in the same State. Mr. Rollins, Sr., served at one time

in the militia, doing muster service. Valentine R. spent his youth and, indeed, part of his maturer years in his native State. He was educated there, and taught school for one term. His first wife, to whom he was married in Cumberland county in 1844, was a Miss L. S., daughter of Samuel Verill, also a life long resident. The year after his marriage, Mr. Rollins came West to seek his fortune, and made his home upon part of the same ground upon which he now lives. At first he entered only 80 acres, and for seven years lived in a 12x12 cabin; but success never fails to come to those who strive with patience and perseverance to win it, and now Mr. R. has the use of 400 acres of land, with 340 fenced, and all in a good state of cultivation, tame pasture and meadow. He occupies a nice residence, and has a good tenant house, two farms and a large rat proof corn crib. In 1857 Mrs. Rollins died, and the following year Mr. R. was married again, this time to Miss L. B. Boucher, daughter of Robert Boucher, formerly of Kentucky, but a time-honored citizen of this county. To them have been born seven children: Martha J., wife of W. R. McDaniel; Aba A., wife of James D. Peeler; Sarah L., Millie B., Walter A., Frederick V. and Charles. Mr. Rollins has some military experience though he was not in any engagement. He served for some time in the Enrolled Militia, which was organized for home protection. He was first lieutenant of Co. G, Col. Denny's regiment. Mr. R. now makes farming and stock-raising his profession, and with careful, painstaking diligence is preparing a golden harvest.

WILLIAM M. STEELE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. S. settled on the place where he now resides in 1856, and for 28 years has devoted himself to the work of tilling his farm and raising such stock as farmers usually keep. His place contains 155 acres and is comfortably improved. Mr. Steele is a Kentuckian by birth, and the 30th of December, 1819, was the day that marked his entrance into the world. His parents were residents at the time of Adair county, and both his father, Robert Steele, and mother, Cynthia, *nee* Vaughan, came of old Virginia families. They came to Missouri in about 1826, and lived in Howard county until 1831, when they removed to Randolph and made this their home for some 17 years. The father then removed to Saline county, where he died in 1848. The mother died in Carroll county in 1858. William M. Steele was reared in this county and brought up to the occupation of a farmer. November 26, 1839, he was married to Miss Nancy Wallace, and he and his wife at once settled on a place to themselves. He has continued farming from youth up to the present time, being now nearly 65 years of age. Mr. Steele's first wife died August 27, 1873. Seven of the children by this marriage are living: John T., Mary J., now Mrs. Hosea Eastwood, of Chariton county; Louisa C., William W., Major J., Robert H., of Washington Territory; Susana, the wife of J. L. Brown, of Linn county. On the same day of his wife's

death, but in the year 1874, Mr. Steele was married to Mrs. Elizabeth, the widow of Joseph M. Reid. Mrs. Steele is now married to her third husband. She is the mother of four children: one by her first husband, Charles W. Halliburton, who is now married and living in Moberly; Lela M. and Carrie L. by her second husband, Mr. Reed; and Edgar Singleton by her present husband, Mr. Steele. Mr. S. is a member of the Baptist Church, and his wife is a member of the Christian denomination.

ELDER JONAS G. SWETMAN

(Minister of the Baptist Church and Farmer.)

Mr. Swetman, who now has charge of the Baptist church at Midway, an arm of Mount Shiloh, and is an earnest, faithful minister of the Gospel, is a native of Kentucky, born in Clark county, January 11, 1820. When he was a lad eight years of age, his parents, Judge John Swetman and Sarah, *nee* Goff, came to Missouri with their family and settled on a tract of land about seven miles from Fayette. in Howard county, on which the father built a log dwelling which is standing to this day, a landmark of the pioneer days of the county. He lived there until his death, which occurred in 1864. He became one of the substantial farmers and influential citizens of that county, and served for 16 years as justice of the peace, and was afterwards a judge of the county court. The mother, a woman of gentle heart and pious mind, motherly and beloved by all her neighbors, died in 1835. The father was afterwards married to Miss Mary A. Belmear, of that county. By his first marriage there were 10 children, and his second 12 — of the first family, namely: Jonas G., the subject of this sketch, George T., William B., deceased; Levi W., deceased; Polly, John H., Strother B., Elisha J. and Sarah M., deceased; all but two of whom lived to maturity and became the heads of families — of the second family, namely: Asa L., Elizabeth F., Jesse D., Joseph S., Susan M., deceased; Benjamin, deceased; Sidney T., deceased; Hiram, deceased; Daniel W., Albert, Malvina and Charles, all but two of whom lived to maturity. Twelve of the 22 children are still living. Elder Jonas G. Swetman was reared in Howard county. On the 26th of November, 1840, he was married to Miss Jane F. Wallace. She was born in Caswell county, N. C., May 24, 1816. She was of Randolph county at the time of her marriage, and to this county Mr. Swetman moved, where he engaged in farming which he has since followed. She died February 13, 1881, having been the mother of eight children: Sarah E., now the wife of William Halliburton, of Shelby county; John J., died at the age of 17, in 1860; George W., who was killed in a coal bank in 1880 at the age of 34; Silas, who died in boyhood; Susan M., who died in tender years; Louisa, the wife of John H. Lilly, of this county; Malinda P., who died while the wife of Charles Orr, in 1880, at the age of 26 years; and Jonas A., Jr., born May 7, 1857. Mr. Swetman was married to Miss Sarah Colborn, March 7, 1883. Mr. Swetman has long been a member of

the Baptist Church. In 1871 he was licensed to preach, and two years afterwards he was duly ordained a minister in his denomination. He is a man of profound piety, a thorough acquaintance with the Scriptures, a superior mind and a preacher of more than ordinary eloquence and piety. Under his ministry many precious souls have been saved to the Redeemer. Elder J. G. Swetman is a member of the A. F. and A. M., and takes a warm interest in the welfare of the order. Mr. Swetman's farm contains 100 acres.

REV. MILTON F. WILLIAMS

(Minister of the Missionary Baptist Church, Post-office, Cairo).

In the whole ecclesiastical history of Missouri there is not a family that deserves more honorable mention or is more justly entitled to the lasting remembrance of posterity than the one of which the subject of the present sketch is a representative. Rev. Mr. Williams was a son of Rev. Lewis Williams who has been well termed in the "History of the Baptists in Missouri" "The prince of pioneer ministers." After him came his eldest son, Rev. Alvin P. Williams, who, for many years, and until his untimely taking off by an accident in the harvest-time of his usefulness, stood at the head of the Baptist clergy of Missouri. Both father and son have been justly classed among the most remarkable men whose lives have been identified with this State. The father was a co-laborer here when the country was known as Upper Louisiana, with Musick and Wilhoite, the three pioneer Protestant ministers of Missouri. He was from North Carolina and came to this then Territory in 1797, being at that time 13 years of age. He grew up as a hunter and frontiersman and among the Indians, surpassing them all in the chase, as a marksman, and in every exercise and amusement common at that day. He was of course without education, but finally learned to read and became a Baptist minister. His career in the church was that of one of the most successful preachers of his time. He organized churches and planted the banner of the cross in every settlement of white men in North-eastern and Central Missouri, and to this day the strength and importance of that denomination in these sections of the State is probably more largely due to his ministry than to the services of any other clergyman of his denomination of his time. He was a man of wonderful natural eloquence, untrammelled by artificial methods, and, therefore, the more powerful and effectual in the pulpit. Hundreds came into the church under his preaching every year and although the country was sparsely settled, often large numbers of the congregations coming a day's journey to hear him, yet his conversions towered into the thousands. His eldest son, Alvin P. Williams, also became one of the leading Baptist ministers of the State. His education and advantages were very limited, but by self-culture he obtained an advanced education, and became one of the most accomplished Greek scholars in his denomination in the State. He was an inveterate student and possessed of a wonderful memory. He was often heard

to remark that he believed if the New Testament were lost he could supply it *in toto* from memory. He was not only a tireless student and an accomplished scholar, but a most indefatigable minister, an eloquent and successful preacher. Mr. Burlingham has said of him: "He was equally efficient in the pulpit, on the platform, or with the pen. By character, sound judgment, conciliating manners and incessant efforts, he placed himself in the front rank of the Baptists of Missouri, and, indeed, of the denomination." Of course in the space to which the present sketch is necessarily confined, no adequate idea can be conveyed of the lives and services of these distinguished and eminent servants of God, men whose influence, though their remains now rest peacefully under the son and their spirits are in Heaven, still goes on vibrating down the current of time and on the gulf of eternity. The father, Rev. Lewis Williams, has well been called, "The father of preachers." All four of his sons, Alvin P., Perry D., Isaiah T. and Milton F. became Baptist ministers, and five of his grandsons, the sons of his daughters, also became ministers in the same church, namely, Revs. Lewis and J. D. Murphy, and Revs. Perry D. and Frank Cooper, also Rev. I. T. Williams, Jr., the son of Rev. I. T. Williams, Sr. The biographies of several of these, including Rev. Lewis and Alvin P. Williams, are given in the "History of the Baptists in Missouri," above referred to, and in several other works.

REV. MILTON F. WILLIAMS, the subject of this sketch, was born in Franklin county, Mo., January 11, 1826, and was about 13 years his eldest brother's junior. When he came up he had better school advantages than those with which the former were favored, having besides elementary instruction in good neighborhood schools, the benefit of a course at Pleasant Ridge College, in Platte county. He became early decided for the ministry and prosecuted his studies in advance of entering upon the theological course with this object in view. From college he entered at once upon a preparatory course for the pulpit and in due time he was ordained, April 7, 1849, at Brin Zion Church, in St. Clair county. Since then he has been actively engaged in the ministry. Rev. Mr. Williams has had numerous charges in Missouri during the past 35 years and has ever been esteemed an able, sincere and successful minister. A man who has devoted, practically, his whole life to study and work in his sacred calling, and blessed with a mind of singular strength and penetration, as might be expected, he has risen to an enviable rank among the Baptist clergymen of Missouri. Filled with the spirit that should animate the true Christian minister, and learned not only in the doctrines of the Bible and the general principles of theology, but in the knowledge afforded by secular writings, when he enters the pulpit he is prepared to speak from a standpoint of more than ordinary information, and being of an earnest nature, zealous in his office, he addresses himself to his hearers with that strength, impressiveness and force, that the impression he makes upon the minds of his congregation is not less effectual than his appeals to their hearts and consciences. As a speaker he is

possessed of rare grace and agreeableness of delivery, and his language is well chosen, fluent, and brings out the points he wishes to make clear with great perspicuity. Though more of an even, smooth speaker than a demonstrative, excitable one, yet, when he becomes wrought up by the impressiveness and splendor of his theme, he seems to lose himself entirely in his subject and rises to a high degree of eloquence. At such times his influence on many is irresistible. In a word, Mr. Williams is one of the able and successful ministers of his denomination, and one who bears with credit the honored name he has inherited. On the 22d of January, 1846, he was married to Miss Mary Brown, a daughter of William Brown, of St. Clair county, but originally of Washington county, Ky. They have no children, their only child having died in infancy. Mr. Williams has a neat homestead where he resides of 60 acres. Mr. Williams' mother was a Miss Nancy Jump, a pious, good woman, whose influence upon her children was very marked. Besides the four sons named, there were four daughters: Isabella became the wife of William Murphy; Mary became the wife of William Cooper; the eldest, Eliza, became the wife of John Whitmire; and the second eldest, Lavisa, became the wife of Henry Dent. The grandmother of the Williams' boys was a woman of fine intelligence, great strength of character, and from an early age, in North Carolina, an earnest member of the Baptist Church. It was largely through her influence that her son, Lewis Williams, the father of the subject of this sketch, became a member of the church and afterwards a Baptist minister, thus giving by his course eight prominent ministers in after years to the Baptist denomination. Who, in the face of this fact, can question woman's influence and the value of woman's services. A pious-hearted mother may set a wave of Christian influence in motion that will go quivering on down the current of humanity, increasing in volume as it goes to the end of time.

JOSEPH G. WILSON, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Cairo).

Seventeen years of continuous practice of his profession at this place have placed Dr. Wilson in the front rank of successful and prominent physicians in Audrain county, while his long residence, during which he has been of great value to the best interests of the community, material, social and otherwise, has won for him a place in the respect and esteem of the public second to that of no one in this part of the county. A man of intelligence, high character and public spirit, as well as a first-class physician, it is not to be wondered at that he should command the confidence and respectful consideration of all who know him. Dr. Wilson comes of a good family on each side of his parentage. His father, Joseph G. Wilson, Sr., was originally of Kentucky, born in Logan county February 24, 1795. The mother was a Virginian by birth and was ten years her husband's junior, having been born November 26, 1805. Married in Kentucky, they came to this State among its early settlers, locating in Clark

county, where they lived until their death. The father became one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of the county. But five of their family of children are now living: Robert, a resident of Clark county, Mo.; Mary E., the wife of Dr. W. H. Martin, also of that county; Dr. Joseph G., the subject of this sketch; Emma, the wife of Dr. J. K. Musgrove, of Labelle, Lewis county, and Weber, a prominent merchant of Fairmount, in Clark county. The father died August 31, 1851, but the mother survived until 1864. They left a large estate, which, however, suffered severely during the war. Dr. Wilson was born in Clark county, Mo., March 27, 1842, and was reared on his father's farm in that county. Having a taste for study and mental culture, as he grew up he succeeded in acquiring a more than average general education, notwithstanding his opportunities were by no means the most favorable. He early formed a determination to devote himself to the medical profession, and in pursuance of that resolution began a regular course of study under the preceptorate of a prominent physician of Clark county. In due time he entered the Keokuk College for Physicians and Surgeons of Iowa, from which he subsequently graduated with high honor. Entering the practice of medicine immediately after his graduation, he continued it in his native county until his removal to Cairo, in 1866. Since that time he has continued to practice at this place. Here his ability and skill as a physician soon became manifest, and a large and lucrative practice was the result. The high estimate formed of Dr. Wilson on his first acquaintance at Cairo has been more than justified by his subsequent career since. He is a man whose friendship and esteem all who know him are anxious to retain and greatly prize, and a man who has made his life useful and valuable to those among whom he has lived. On the 30th of April, 1867, Dr. Wilson was married to Miss Julia E., a daughter of Rev. Lewis and Susan Baldwin, now of Shelby county. Rev. Mr. Baldwin is a prominent minister of the M. E. Church South, and a clergyman of great ability and profound piety. The Doctor and Mrs. Wilson have three children: Homer Lee, Floy and Zula. Dr. Wilson is one of the prominent Masons of the county and takes an earnest interest in the welfare of the order. The Doctor now contemplates removing to Kansas, where he expects to continue the practice of the profession. His change of residence will be a great loss to Cairo and vicinity, for by many he is regarded as indispensable as a physician, and by all as valuable as a citizen. It is an expression heard on every hand that "It is hoped he may yet conclude to remain at Cairo, where he is so well and favorably known and where his services and character are appreciated at their great worth." Should he carry out his purpose, however, to go to Kansas, he will doubtless be as well received there as he has been here, for the people of that State are intelligent and well disposed, and cannot fail to discover his worth personally and in his profession. He will be a valuable acquisition to the community in which he expects to settle.

MONITEAU TOWNSHIP.

PROF. JACOB V. ADAMS

(Educator and County School Commissioner).

Although Prof. Adams is still a young man, his career has already been such that it teaches a valuable lesson to youths who are ambitious of accomplishing something in life, but whose opportunities are anything but favorable. Professor Adams was left an orphan while yet in infancy by the death of his father. Although he still had the tender care and encouragement of a devoted mother to stimulate him to worthy endeavors, the absence of the paternal help and counsel which an affectionate father can give, rendered his way up in life anything but an easy one to pursue. He was reared in Randolph county by his kind mother, and his good grandparents, who did all they could for his advancement. Before reaching his majority he learned the plasterer's trade and worked at it some two years. In the meantime he attended the common schools, and, having a fondness for study, he also occupied his leisure with books, so that he had succeeded in laying a good foundation for an education. Quitting the plasterer's trade in 1872, he now decided to obtain a college education, and with that end in view entered Mt. Pleasant College. Prof. Adams took a complete course of four years at Mt. Pleasant, and graduated with distinction in 1876. After his graduation he at once entered upon the profession of an educator, in which he has since been engaged. Prof. Adams had taught continuously in Randolph county, except for one year, when he had charge of the public school at Salisbury. He has become widely known in this county as one of the best teachers within its borders, and his services are in quest at many of the best schools in the county. Such was his recognized prominence in 1882, that he was appointed county school commissioner, and the following spring was elected to that office without opposition, highly complimentary to his personal popularity and to his attainments as a scholar and ability as an educator. He still occupies the office of county school commissioner, and is acquitting himself of its duties with singular zeal and efficiency. It has been one of his chief endeavors to elevate the grade of teachers in the county, and thus to improve the practical workings and tone of the county schools. In this he has been fairly successful, and the improved condition of the schools in the county observed by all who have given the matter any attention, is almost wholly attributable to his exertions. On the 8th of November, 1877, Prof. Adams was married to Miss Sanie Bradley, a daughter of John W. Bradley, of this county. The Professor and Mrs. Adams have one interesting son, Claud Byron, born August 20, 1878. Prof. Adams has for a number of years taken a

commendable interest in Sunday-school work, and is one of the most active and prominent men in the county in advancing Sunday-school interests. He has served at different times and places as superintendent, and has otherwise made himself useful to the cause. He is a member of the Silver Creek Baptist Church. Prof. Adams' parents, John and Elizabeth Adams, were both originally of Kentucky. They came to Randolph with their parents, respectively, while each was still quite young. They were married in this county, and the father died here in 1851, whilst the son was still less than a year old. The father, himself, was quite a young man at the time of his death, not having reached his majority.

JOSEPH W. BURTON

(Farmer).

Mr. B., a brother of Judge May M. Burton, and an influential farmer of Moniteau township, comes of good old stock. His father, May Burton, leaving Virginia, went to Kentucky when a lad of six years. Upon reaching man's estate, he married Miss Nancy Woolfolk, a young lady in whose veins flowed some of the bluest blood of the country. Mr. Burton saw gallant fighting in the War of 1812, and also in the Black Hawk War. He moved to Missouri in 1819, and entered land in the southern part of Randolph county, near Higbee. He was among the first inhabitants of that section where his son still lives and which was his own home until his death in 1859. J. W. Burton was born in Shelby county, Ky., on the 1st of June, 1816, but has lived since the age of three, in Missouri. He made the most of his advantages in his youth, but in those early days of course, educational opportunities were not very extensive. Mr. Burton has been twice married. His first choice was Miss Orpha J., daughter of William Brooks, formerly of Kentucky. Of this union were born five children: May William, Benjamin W., Thomas W., Speed and Irene; of these the sons are all at the heads of families of their own. Mr. Burton's second wife, to whom he was married June 27, 1852, was Miss Sarah A., daughter of Bird Pyle, formerly of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Burton have 10 children: Toleman, now married; Laura S., wife of Wallace Settle; Bindy, wife of James B. Tymony; Bird, Henderson, now married; Medley, James R., Woolfolk, Gavella and Anna W. With the exception of a short stay in California, to which State he went by land as captain of a band of teamsters, returning by way of the Isthmus and New Orleans, and a brief experience in the Confederate army during the last year of the war, Mr. Burton has remained on the farm ever since his first marriage. He owns about 416 acres of splendid land with 300 in the home tract, all fenced and in cultivation and grass, with out-buildings. Mr. and Mrs. Burton are members of the Higbee Christian Church, as also are their children, with the exception of the four youngest.

P. JONES CHRISTIAN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Christian is the son of Paul Christian and a brother of William S., whose biography will be handed down to future ages through the medium of this work. He was born in Scott county, Ky., on the 1st of January, 1823, and came to Missouri with his parents at the age of seven, settling in Randolph county, within one mile of his present abode. He grew up on the farm, sharing the advantages common to the neighborhood. Mr. Christian married in 1853, Miss Susan, daughter of Charles and Mary McLean, but she did not long bless his hearthstone. In 1856 all that was mortal of Mrs. Susan Christian was borne to her last resting place. Mr. Christian from the time of his marriage lived on the old homestead carrying on the business of the farm. In 1862, he moved to his present home where he has 200 acres of land, 160 of which are fenced and in careful cultivation. His house is substantial and comfortable, and his barn and nice young bearing orchard attest his thrift and prosperity. In the meantime, in 1861, in Howard county, were celebrated the nuptials of Mr. Christian and his second bride, Miss Frances, daughter of B. Annette and Frances Guerin, originally from the beautiful isle of France. Mrs. Christian was herself a Kentuckian by birth, but came to Missouri with her parents when a tiny maiden, ten years of age. Not less fair than the three sisters of Granada, Zayda, Zorayda, and Zorahayda, are the three daughters who were the blooming fruit of this happy union. In Laura, Mary F. and Josephine, Mr. Christian seeks comfort for the terrible affliction which now darkens his life. On the 20th of August, 1883, —

“The angel with the amaranthine wreath
Pausing, descended, and with voice divine
Whispered a word that had a sound like death”—

and Mr. Christian was left again a widower, to mourn the sweetest, truest, tenderest wife and mother that ever graced a home. Mrs. Christian was a woman whose life was a poem, whose death a public calamity. The heart of her husband did indeed safely trust in her, and her children rise up and call her blessed. We cannot doubt that with the seraphic strains mingles her soft, gentle voice, and her daughters have cause to rejoice that they have known such a mother.

JOHN M. COLLINS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. C., a man of universally acknowledged goodness, and a thriving farmer and stock-raiser of the township, was born in Fayette county, Ky., on the 17th day of February 1822. His father, James Collins, of Kentucky, married a Virginia lady, Miss Mary Christian, and three years after the birth of J. M., died in Kentucky. The family, consisting of four sons and one daughter, moved to Missouri

in 1834 and bought a place, partially improved, upon which John M. still resides. Mr. Collins has lived always in the county, with the exception of two years spent in making a trip with Wm. Embree and others to California; his school advantages were limited, but he did not abuse them. Mr. C. is the third son and when his brothers were grown, married and gone, he took charge of the home farm and has run it ever since. He has 460 acres of land all fenced, 360 in cultivation, and meadow pasture, and a nice bearing orchard. Mr. Collins has never married, sacrificing his life with the rarest and most unselfish devotion to the care of his sister, Miss Sally Collins, who has been confined to her bed for more than thirty-five years.

LEVEN T. DAWKINS

- (Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. D. is the son of William Dawkins and Rosanna Showard, both natives of Kentucky, who came to Missouri when Randolph county was in its infancy. Mr. Dawkins, Sr., entered land and improved a farm where he continued to reside until his death in 1851. L. T. was born in the county December 11, 1842, and has spent his life on the old homestead of which he now owns a part—a cosy farm of 240 acres, all fenced and in cultivation, blue grass and meadow. His house is a picturesque building, and adjoining he has a good orchard. In 1863 thinking that “it is not good for man to be alone,” Mr. Dawkins was married February 1, to Miss Juliet F., daughter of Christian Collins, formerly of Kentucky, and one of the pioneer settlers of the county. Mrs. Dawkins was reared and partly educated in Macon county under the care of an aunt, to whose guardianship she was confided when left motherless at the age of six. In this home of domestic virtue and Christian love are not wanting busy little feet, whose patterings never fail to find a responsive echo in the parent’s heart, little hands whose tender caresses have power to soften life’s sternest woes. Five children adorn as “gems of purest ray serene” the abode of Mr. and Mrs. Dawkins: Anna C., Sallie J., William C., Mattie E. and Nannie P. Two, Johnnie and Mamie, fell asleep in Jesus at the tender ages of three and four. Mrs. Dawkins is an earnest member of the Christian Church at Higbee, while her husband belongs to the A. O. U. W. at the same place. They are both eminently fitted by birth and education to shine in any society.

RICHARD G. DUNCAN

(Of R. G. Duncan & Bro., Dealers in General Merchandise, P. O., Yates).

Richard G. Duncan, postmaster at Yates, and one of the substantial business men of the south-western part of the county, is a native of Kentucky, born in Grayson county, May 26, 1843. When he was nine years of age he came with his parents, William S. and M. E. (Thomas) Duncan, to Marion county, Mo., where they settled in 1852, near Middle Grove. The father died there in 1856, and they returned

to Kentucky (the mother and her family, including Richard G.) immediately after the father's death. There the mother subsequently married Rev. Ezra Ward, a prominent Presbyterian minister. But he also died in 1863. Richard G. in the meantime had learned the saddler's trade, and he came to Missouri the year following his step-father's death. He located at Paris, in Monroe county, and worked there for two years. Mr. Duncan then became a traveling salesman for a tobacco house, and followed that until 1869 when he accepted a situation as clerk in a store at Macon City, where he worked until his removal to Randolph county. He came to this county in 1870, and secured a farm near Yates, where he followed farming exclusively for two years. In the meantime, in 1870, his mother came from Kentucky and made her home with him. Some 14 years ago Mr. Duncan took charge of the grain store at Burton, and conducted that with success for about six years. He then resumed farming on his place at Yates, and in 1870 bought his present store of T. J. Bagby which he has since conducted. However, his brother, Thomas J., has been in partnership with him in all his business and farming transactions since 1870, and is still his full partner. They carry a general stock of merchandise ample in every respect for the trade at this place, and they have a large custom. Their farm contains nearly 900 acres. On the 29th of May, 1866, Mr. Duncan was married to Miss Laura E. Penn, a daughter of W. N. Penn, a prominent citizen of Monroe county. She died February 3, 1868. No children survive their marriage. Mr. Duncan is a prominent member of the Masonic order. He and his brother are good business men and are highly respected.

NICHOLAS DYSART

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Section 3, Township 52, Range 15, P. O., Yates).

James Dysart, the father of the subject of this sketch, was one of the three first settlers of the south-western part of Randolph county, the other two, who preceded him here a little, being William and Joseph Holman. James Dysart was from Kentucky and came to Missouri from Tennessee, where he had lived for 16 years, in 1818, locating at first in the Boone's Lick country and then coming to Randolph county, settling on section 9, near where Nicholas, his son, now lives, in 1819. His wife before her marriage was a Miss Martha Cowden. He subsequently moved north of Huntsville, where he died in 1853, aged 76, and his wife died the same year. Of their four sons but two are now living, James and the subject of this sketch, the former of whom resides in Macon county. Robert died in Saline county and John in Howard county. Nicholas Dysart was born near Lexington, Ky., October 26, 1800. After growing up he was married to Miss Euphemia Givans, of this county, but formerly of Kentucky, born in 1810. They were married in 1827, and he at once settled on a part of his present farm. He first entered 80 acres, but prospered by industry, his place increasing to a fine farm of 400 acres. He also became the owner of 20 head of fine negroes, and was one of the leading to-

bacco raisers of the county, selling one crop for over \$3,000. He has long raised a good grade of stock, and has constantly improved the quality of his stock, including fine graded cattle, blooded horses, etc. Mr. Dysart, now in his eighty-fourth year, is still vigorous, mentally and physically, and but for an accident he received a year ago, being thrown from his horse and having his thigh bone broken, by which he is now compelled to go on crutches, he would be taken for a man, both in appearance and conversation, not over 60 years of age. His good wife is also spared to him, and they have been blessed with a family of nine children: Martha W., now Mrs. John Waytens, of Roanoke, Mo.; Mary A., now Mrs. William Twyman, of Chariton county; James E., who died during the war in Chariton county, and was a Cumberland Presbyterian minister; Benjamin G., now a prominent physician at Paris, Monroe county; William F., now of Howard county; Robert R., who died in Howard county in 1864, aged 24; John T., who resides near his father; Charles N., who died a student at McGee College in 1860, aged 19, and Kizzie, now Mrs. George Reynolds, near Moberly. Mr. and Mrs. Dysart are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat, but before the war was a Whig, and was the candidate of that party for the Legislature in 1850, but the Democrats had a majority, and he was of course permitted to remain at home and look after his farming interests. He has served as justice of the peace and took the United States census of this county in 1880. He has also served two terms as county assessor. Mr. Dysart lost several thousand dollars by the war. He has long been one of the highly respected citizens of the county.

WILLIAM P. DYSART, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon).

Dr. Dysart was born in the county July 12, 1827, and has lived, child, youth and man, among those to whom he is that closest, most trusted and dearest of friends, the family physician. Growing up on a farm, his character has been largely influenced by the wise and ennobling counsels of Nature as only vouchsafed to those who seek in daily communion to learn of her. The discriminating judgment, unerring skill and sympathetic tenderness so necessary in one whose mission is ever where pain and sorrow abide, which have, to such a marked degree, characterized the career of Dr. Dysart, could only have been learned whence all great thoughts emanate, in the country, not made by man, but by God. The Doctor's education was begun at the common schools of the county and finished at McGee College. Before settling down he went in 1850 with Capt. Redd and others, by the overland route, to California. Here he spent four years in the mines, returning by the way of the Isthmus and New York, and taking in Niagara, Canada, etc. In 1856 Dr. (then Wm. P.) Dysart began under Dr. Dick Lewis, one of the leading physicians of Randolph county, to study medicine. He was afterwards for 18 months at the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, graduating there in the

spring of 1859. He returned home at once, and hanging out his shingle bravely and hopefully awaited the future. What this has been none who know him could doubt. The large practice which at once fell to him, and the fact that during the war he was employed by all, of whatever politics, attest his merit. The Doctor married, February 14, 1861, Miss Mary Susan, daughter of Christian Collins, formerly from Kentucky, and granddaughter of Joseph Higbee, one of the early pioneers of the county. Mrs. Dysart, an unusually superior woman, was educated in the county at Mount Pleasant College. There are seven children: William P., Jr., John Christian, Mary Susan, Matilda Catherine, Orpha Juliet, Thomas Nichols and Lascellis. Two died in infancy. Dr. Dysart, as soon as he was married, settled on the farm, one mile from Higbee, upon which he still lives. He owns 256 acres of land, all fenced, with 200 in cultivation, timothy and blue grass. During the last five years Dr. Dysart has not been able, on account of his health, to attend so closely to his professional duties, to the profound regret of those to whom he is indispensable. The Doctor is a member of the State and District Medical Societies, and of Morality Lodge No. 186, A. F. and A. M. He belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Dysart to the Higbee Christian Church.

J. SPRAGUE DYSART

(Proprietor of the Higbee Lumber Yard).

Mr. Dysart's grandparents were pioneer settlers of Randolph county, coming here from Maury county, Tenn., as early as 1818. John Dysart, one of their sons, and afterwards the father of J. Sprague Dysart, was 18 years of age when his parents came to this county. He grew up here, and married Miss Matilda Brooks, whose parents were early settlers from Kentucky. He subsequently settled on a farm, and by a change made in the dividing line between Randolph and Howard counties, this farm was included in the latter county, and it was there that J. Sprague Dysart was born, the date being February 13, 1832. He served for a number of years on the county court bench of Randolph county, and was a prominent farmer and stock-raiser. He died in Howard county in 1868, greatly mourned and regretted all over the county. J. Sprague Dysart grew up on the farm, and received a common-school education. He took a two years' course at McGee College, and after quitting college taught school for about seven years in Randolph and adjoining counties. He then engaged in merchandising at College Mound, and continued it for nearly three years, or until the outbreak of the war. Mr. Dysart promptly identified himself with the South in the struggle and served a term of six months in the State Guard, and after the expiration of that term, which was shortly after the battle of Elk Horn, he enlisted in the regular Confederate service. He continued in the Confederate army until the surrender, or rather until he was captured, a short time before the close of the war. He was in the First Missouri infantry service, and enlisted

as a private soldier. He was taken prisoner at Vicksburg and held for about three months, after which he was exchanged. But he was again captured on Mobile Bay opposite the city of Mobile, and held prisoner on Ship Island until the close of the war. Mr. Dysart participated in the battles of Wilson's Creek, Elk Horn, first and second Corinth, Baker's Creek, the engagements around Vicksburg, and along the line of the railroad from Chattanooga to Atlanta, Ga., and many others. About the close of the war he engaged in cotton planting in Mississippi, but in the winter of 1866-7 came home and took charge of his father's farm, which he conducted until 1878. He then came to Higbee and engaged in his present business. Mr. Dysart carries a full line of pine and native lumber, sash, doors, blinds, hardware and everything to be found in a first-class lumber yard. He has a large stock of goods and the only lumber yard at Higbee, and does an extensive business. Quick sales and small profits is his motto; in this way he succeeds. His already large business is steadily increasing. On the 20th of May, 1880, Mr. Dysart was married to Miss Mollie J., a daughter of John Fray, of this county. They have two children, Laura M. and Lassic. He and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he of the Masonic Order at Roanoke.

LASCELLIS DYSART, M.D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Higbee).

Dr. Dysart is a brother to J. Sprague Dysart, whose sketch precedes this, and was born in Howard county, July 18, 1839. He was reared on the farm of Judge Dysart, his father, in that county, and after taking a course in the common schools in his vicinity he entered McGee College, in which he completed his education. He had early determined to devote himself to the medical profession, and, after quitting college, he began teaching school and studying medicine at the same time. He taught school and read medicine for about a year and then continued the study of medicine, having for his preceptor during all this time Dr. R. J. Bagby, one of the prominent physicians of Howard county. In 1861 young Dysart entered the Medical College of Keokuk, Iowa, in which he took his first course of lectures. His second course he took at the University of Iowa, from which he graduated in the spring of 1863. Immediately following his graduation, Dr. Dysart located at Renick, in this county, for the practice of his profession, and continued in the practice in that vicinity for four years. He then removed to Higbee, and has since been practicing in Randolph and Howard counties, surrounding this place. Dr. Dysart has been quite successful in his profession, and has taken a prominent position as a physician. He has a large practice and commands the confidence of the community, both professionally and personally. A man of large humanity and warm sympathies, he regards his calling as much a mission of mercy as a profession of material advantage to himself, or as a means of accumulating property, and, indeed, far more so, for it is a common thing for him to visit the

sick and administer to the suffering, when he is satisfied it will be of no personal advantage to him, or of no profit whatever; cases of this kind, or, indeed, of any other kind, within the limits of his practice, he never refuses to attend when he is able to go. Dr. Dysart takes a great interest in his profession, not only in its active practice, but in the study of it as a science, and is hardly less a zealous student than he is an untiring practitioner. Possessed of a clear, discriminating mind and of cool, sober judgment, by long experience and study, he has, as would be expected, risen to an enviable place in his profession. As a citizen he is one of the prominent men of this section of the country, and wields a potent, though modest and almost unconscious influence on those around him. January 4, 1865, Dr. Dysart was married to Miss Anna M., a daughter of George Yates, of Randolph county, but formerly of Virginia. Mrs. D. was educated at Fayette, in Howard county, and is a lady of superior intelligence and culture. She is a member of the Christian Church, and takes quite a commendable interest in church affairs. Dr. Dysart is a member of the State Medical Association. The Doctor is also a member of the Sons of Temperance.

WILLIAM EMBREE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Embree is a native of Randolph county and was born January 11, 1828. He is the son of Isham P. Embree, who came from Kentucky to Missouri when in the spring time of life and settled in Howard county in 1816. He married Miss Martha Givens, also a Kentuckian. With the exception of a few years spent in Randolph, Mr. Isham P. Embree lived in Howard county until his death, in April, 1871. He was a man of note in his day and saw good service both in the Indian and Mormon wars. His wife survived only by a brief 12 months. William E. spent his youth on a farm in Howard, learning in that best of all schools, practical experience, the duties of a farmer. When he became a man, after serving one year in the Mexican War, he went to California overland, taking a drove of cattle, and in company with James Wilson, and others. He returned in February, 1854, by way of Central America and New Orleans, but went back with more cattle the same year and remained until 1856, this time making the return trip by the Isthmus and New York. Mr. Embree then commenced his farming operations which he continued until his marriage, May 15, 1859. After this important step he moved to Renick, and for two years was engaged in a commercial enterprise. Finally, early associations proving too strong for him, he settled on a farm near Roanoke, where he lived for 17 years, but sold this place in 1882 and bought the one he now owns. This (which was entered and improved by Joel Smith in 1831) contains 1,040 acres of beautiful land, 720 fenced and 700 in cultivation and meadow pasture. Mrs. Embree, who presides over this establishment of ease and plenty, was Miss Sallie Fray, a native of the county, and daughter of John Fray, formerly of Virginia. A charming family of six children have blessed

this union: Kate, the eldest, died when six months old; Rollie D., Hattie, wife of John Sweatnam; Hugh C., Ella and Roma. Mr. and Mrs. Embree and all of their children, except the youngest, are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Embree belongs to the Masonic fraternity. We rarely see a family so united as this one, children, as parents, making the law of their lives the will of Him who died that we might live.

SHELTON LESSLY

(Of the Firm of Lessly & Co., General Merchants, Higbee, and Farmer).

Mr. Lessly has led a life of great activity, directed by singular good business judgment, and although still a middle-aged man, he has already accumulated a substantial modicum of the rewards of industry and good business management. He is the leading member in a firm which carries one of the largest and best stocks of general merchandise in the county outside of Moberly, and which commands a trade perhaps surpassed by that of no general store in the county. Their stock comprises among other goods full lines of dry goods, clothing, groceries, hardware, furniture and farming implements, and they do a business averaging through the year nearly \$1,000 weekly. The gentlemen composing this firm are all three men of fine business qualifications, and more than ordinarily popular, and having early made it their motto to deal honestly and sell goods at the lowest possible prices the state of the market allows, they have, as would be expected, come steadily to the front as leading merchants of the county. Mr. Lessly also has a fine farm near Higbee, the carrying on of which he superintends. His position as a prominent business man and influential citizen of this vicinity he has won almost alone by his own exertions and merits and is therefore entitled only to the more credit for what he has accomplished. Mr. Lessly is a native Missourian and was born in Howard county, May 1, 1833. His father, Andrew Lessly, came to Missouri from Kentucky in 1829 and located in Randolph county, where he bought land (after going to Howard county and residing a short time) and improved a farm. He lived on his farm until his death, which occurred in 1855. He was one of the valued citizens of his section of the county, greatly esteemed as a neighbor and in every relation of life. His loss was sadly deplored by all who knew him. He was married soon after coming to Missouri to Miss Lucy A. Robb, who came out with her parents from Kentucky some years before. Shelton Lessly was born of this union while his parents were residents of Howard county, but he was, of course, reared in Randolph county on the family homestead. He received a good common and high school English education as he grew up and afterwards taught school for a time with success. On the 23d of March, 1855, he was married to Miss Surrilda Pyle, a daughter of Jehu Pyle, formerly of Kentucky. Mrs. Lessly died October 6, 1876, and two children survive, Andrew J. and May W. To his present wife Mr. Lessly was married some 17 years ago. She was formerly Miss Orpha J. Brooks, a

daughter of Benjamin R. Brooks, from Kentucky to Randolph county. Mr. Lessly has served in various official capacities in the county. In 1855 he was elected county surveyor and served with efficiency and satisfaction to the public for four years. Two years after the expiration of his term of office he was appointed surveyor to fill out an unexpired term, and served for three years more. In 1866 he was appointed deputy assessor, helping to make two assessments of the county and serving two years. Thus, in all, he has served nine years as a public officer. He has also held other positions, but of minor importance. While a public officer he also carried on his farm. In 1874 he engaged in his present business at Higbee under the firm name of S. Lessly & Co., and since that another partner has been taken into the business, making three in all. Mr. Lessly is one of the most thorough-going, enterprising men in his section of the county, such a man as would be expected to build up a large business and succeed by worthy methods and without incurring the hatred or enmity of any right thinking man. Mr. and Mrs. Lessly are worthy members of the Christian Church at Higbee, of which Mr. Lessly has been an elder since its organization. He is also a member of Morality Lodge No. 186, A. F. and A. M., at Renick, and of the A. O. U. W. at Higbee, of which latter order he is financier.

AUGUSTUS MILLER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser; also, a Breeder of Hereford Cattle).

Mr. M. was born in Holmes county, Ohio, July 6, 1846. His father, Jacob H. Miller, a native of Germany, came to this country at the age of eight with his parents, who first stopped for a few years in Maryland, but then moved to Ohio, where Mr. Miller still lives. He married Elizabeth Bittner, also of German birth, but a resident of Pennsylvania. They had seven children, now all grown and with families of their own. Augustus, who was the second son and third child, grew to manhood in Holmes county on his father's farm, and was educated at the common schools of the county. He came to Missouri in 1870 and located on the same tract of land in Randolph which he now occupies, marrying January 28, 1873, Miss Ann M., daughter of William S. Christian, whose sketch is among these biographies. Mrs. Miller was born and reared in Randolph and attended for some time Mount Pleasant College, at Huntsville. There are five children: John A., Lizzie E., Eugenie D., Ella K. and William J. Eugene E. (their first born) died February 7, 1877, in his fourth year. Mr. Miller is one of the wealthiest farmers in the neighborhood. He owns 780 acres of land, all fenced, of which 500 acres are in cultivation, pasture and meadow. His residence is a comfortable one and he has two good stock barns, cribs, sheds, etc. Mr. Miller is a man highly considered by the community. Mrs. Miller has attached herself to the Christian Church at Higbee.

HEZEKIAH E. PATRICK

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. P. was born in Lafayette county, Ky., October 12, 1829. His father, Robert Patrick, was among the goodly army of those who, with hearts filled with hope, surged from Virginia to Kentucky in quest of wealth and fame. One treasure he claimed as his own — a blooming flower of Kentucky soil, Miss Dorcas Owen, became his wife and the mother of Hezekiah E. Mr. Patrick, Sr., moved to Randolph county, Mo., in 1830, entering land and improving a farm, upon which he died in 1873. Here Hezekiah E. grew up, enjoying but limited opportunities for the cultivation of his mind. When he came of age, in 1850, the first use he made of his freedom was to take a trip to the mines of California in company with Henderson Wilcox and others. He tarried two years, and then, returning home by way of the Isthmus and New York, he began life in earnest. His early training inclining him to the unfettered life of a farmer, he engaged in that occupation at once. In 1852 Mr. Patrick wooed and married Miss Mary E., daughter of William Dawkins and Rose Ann Showard, who were married in 1830. She was a native of Kentucky, a life-long resident, however, of this county. She has not disappointed his dearest hopes, but has been to him a better half indeed, the comfort of his joys; each stronger for the other, they walk hand in hand along the not always smooth path of life, striving to keep their eyes fixed on that brighter Beyond, which must be the reward of all who have the courage to struggle on. Mr. Patrick has no small share of this world's goods. He owns 146 acres of land, with 100 fenced and improved, upon which is a good bearing orchard. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick have five living children: William R., now married to Melissa Whitmore; Addie, wife of Francis M. Tymony; Mary G., wife of Henderson Burton; Leven T. and Nancy L. Five children died in infancy and one, Ann Eliza, died January 3, 1882, the lamented wife of George W. Lessly; she left five children, the youngest of whom, Ann Elizabeth, lives with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick. Mr. Patrick and wife are devoted members of the Higbee Christian Church.

ISHAM POWELL

(Farmer, Section 4).

Mr. P. is one of the go-ahead men of the township, who lives "that each to-morrow find him farther than to-day." What he has to do he does with all his might, and in the great strides he is making toward the fruition of his hopes, is amply rewarded for his pains. His parents, Golston Powell and Mary Coulter, came from Boyle county, Ky., where Isham was born November 15, 1843. Mr. Powell bought an improved farm in Randolph county in 1857, living here until his death in 1863. Isham Powell was raised and educated in his native county, receiving a good business training. When only 18 years old

and but a short time after his arrival in Randolph, he enlisted in the Missouri State Guard. The next year, 1862, he re-enlisted in the regular Confederate service, Shelby's brigade, going in as a private but was soon promoted to lieutenantancy of Co. K, Col. Smith's regular cavalry, and serving till the close of the war. Mr. Powell fought with much gallantry through the battles of Dry Wood and Lexington, and, indeed, all of the fights that took place in Missouri up to that of Pea Ridge. He was also present at the engagements at Helena, Ark., Little Rock, Prairie De Han and Mark's Mill, Ark. In 1864, at Brunswick, Mr. Powell received a severe gunshot wound through the bridge of the nose. Returning home in 1866, scarred and worn, but no less a hero, he took up once more the broken thread of his life and went to work with energy to weave anew the shattered fabric of his youthful dreams. He first rented a place and began farming and handling stock. In 1880 he bought a one-half interest in 709 acres of splendid land, nearly all fenced, and in grass and cultivation, with everything that is necessary to a prosperous farm in connection. Mr. Powell handles from 200 to 400 head of stock annually and generally ships to wholesale markets. He is a shining example of what pluck and energy may accomplish. Though Mr. Powell faced without a quiver the shot and shell of many a battle-field, yet his doughty heart capitulated without a struggle before the charms and graces of Miss Mary F., daughter of Alexander Mitchell, of Renick, originally of Missouri. They were married on the 24th of February, 1870. To them were born two children: Lulie and Henry. Mrs. Powell is a devout member of the Methodist Church.

WILLIAM L. RENNOLDS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, near Higbee).

Mr. Rennolds who, for a number of years past, has owned the May Burton place containing some 300 acres, one of the best farms in this section of the county, and also over 600 acres more of fine land, and who is one of the prominent farmers and stock men of Moniteau township, when seventeen years of age was left by the death of his father with his mother and a large family of children to care for, and had no means to go on. The duties of providing for the family he faithfully and affectionately performed, and commencing life for himself under these responsibilities and disadvantages, he has risen by his own industry and merits from a youth without a dollar and working out at farm labor by the month, to the position he at present, and for a number of years past, has occupied. Such a record is well worthy a place in this volume, and it is one to which he nor his need be ashamed to point. Mr. Rennolds is a native Missourian, and was one of a family of 13 children, 11 of whom are still living. He was born in Howard county, Mo., May 7, 1833. His father was J. C. Rennolds, a native of Virginia, born December 9, 1805, and when a young man came out to Kentucky and located in Clark county. He there met Miss Delilah Quisenbury, of Lexington, Ky., born December 17, 1813. To her he

was married in 1829, whilst she was in her sixteenth year. After their marriage they came to Missouri, stopping first in Boone county, but later along came to Howard county, and in 1839 settled in Randolph county. Here the father died in about 1856. William L. grew up in the county and succeeded in getting a fair knowledge of books in the occasional winter schools he attended and by study at home. In early manhood he made up his mind to become a physician, and entered upon the study of medicine with that object in view. He studied under Dr. J. M. Walker, commencing in 1861, and during the term of 1863-64 took a course of lectures at the Keokuk Medical College. But being a man of active mind and habits, and ambitious to establish himself in life as soon as possible, he concluded that the route through the medical profession was too long and tedious — that he couldn't wait to take another course and then to sit around in a small town on pine boxes, whittling in front of the post-office waiting for somebody to get sick and call on him for ten cents worth of pills, for which he would have to have the India-rubber conscience to charge three dollars under the head of a "visit." On the contrary, he concluded to shed his linen and go to work. He therefore resumed farming after coming back from Keokuk, and later along engaged in handling stock. The result of his change of purpose from the medical profession to that of an agriculturist has been indicated above. He now owns 945 acres of as fine land as there is in this section of the State, most of which is improved, besides having a large amount of other property. To accumulate this much in the practice of medicine in Randolph or Howard counties would create a panic in the quinine trade and increase the cemeteries to such dimensions as have never been seen in this western country. Mr. Rennolds settled on his homestead place in 1863, and has since resided here. It is one of the best improved farms in the township, including fences, buildings, pastures, meadows and every necessary convenience and advantage for successful farming and stock-raising. He also has two other tracts of land near Higbee, and a third one about two and a half miles south of Higbee which contains 240 acres, partly improved, and still another, also south of Higbee, which contains 320 acres. Mr. Rennolds has a large amount of town property in Higbee, including half a dozen dwelling houses and a number of valuable town lots. For years he has been one of the leading stock men of his part of the county, and has followed this continually from early manhood, except for about three years when he was engaged in railroad contracting. During that time he supplied nearly half a million ties to the railroads, furnishing, among the rest, the Chicago and Alton about 200,000, and shipping to Fort Scott and south of that city as many more. He is a man of wonderful industry and enterprise, and is as full of business as an egg is of meat — one of that class of stirring, thrifty men who ne'er fail of success in life. Such men can't be kept down, — the fog would be no harder to keep down when the morning sun comes up clear and bright. May 7, 1878, Mr. Rennolds was married to Miss Bettie Bolin, daughter of William Bolin, of How-

ard county, but formerly of Kentucky. Her parents died when she was quite young, and she was reared an orphan. Mr. and Mrs. Renolds have two children: Bessie May and William L.

JAMES E. RUCKER

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Dealer).

One of the leading men in the township of Moniteau is the subject of this memoir, a prominent and flourishing farmer, stock-raiser and dealer. Mr. Rucker's parents were from that noblest of the States, Virginia. His father, Capt. Minor Rucker, was a descendant of one of the "first families" and was himself a man of distinction. His sword and commission as captain in the War of 1812 are still preserved as precious heirlooms in the family. He and his wife, Harriet Head, moved to Missouri in 1833, and located in what was then Howard, but is now Randolph county. He entered and bought 1900 acres of land where the Randolph Medicinal Springs are, and there he ended his days, August 30, 1867, his beloved wife having crossed the dark river before him, in 1845. Thus it will be seen that the cradle of James E., who was born October 3, 1839, was fanned by the breezes of old Missouri, and Randolph county was the scene of his boyish pranks and youthful exploits. His mind was lead into the fruitful paths of knowledge at Mount Pleasant College, where he graduated in 1860, under the guidance of President William R. Rothwell. When he had completed his education his heart drew him back to the free air of the country, and he embraced farming as his vocation. In 1863 Mr. Rucker led to the altar Miss Sarah C., a daughter of Joel Smith, one of the prominent farmers and capitalists of the county, and among the earliest of the pioneers from Kentucky. They have eight children: James W., Julia S., Mary L., Willie Florence, Maggie S., Joel S., Dorcas N. and Eula M. Mr. Rucker came on his present farm in 1874, and now owns 1080 acres of fine land, in a high state of cultivation and nearly all in blue grass. He lives in a large, substantial house, and has a handsome carriage-house, ice-house, good barn, etc. His orchard of young trees contains 400 of the most select varieties of apples as well as a quantity of small fruits. He feeds annually about 80 head of cattle, 100 hogs, and 50 head of horses and mules. Mr. Rucker is a member of the Masonic order at Huntsville, Lodge No. 30, A. F. & A. M., and is recorder of the A. O. U. W. at Higbee.

JOHN WHITMORE

(Section 18, Post-office, Higbee).

Mr. Whitmore is a son of Kentucky, born in Jessamine county, October 8, 1822. His father, Frederick Whitmore, is a Virginian; his mother, Mary Hinds, also from that State. Frederick W. was of German descent. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and received a land warrant. John lived on the spot where he was born until 1845, when he came to Missouri and settled in Randolph county in

sight of his present home. As long as he was a single man Mr. Whitmore kept house with a sister at the head of it, but met his fate at last, and October 17, 1860, took him to wife, Miss Sarah E., daughter of Jesse B. Hudson, originally of Kentucky. Mrs. Whitmore was born in Kentucky, but was raised principally in Randolph county, Mo. There are two children: Melissa, wife of William R. Patrick, and John, Jr., and one little cherub fled to its native heaven at the interesting age of two years. Mr. Whitmore has in his home place which is known as Bownsburg, 240 acres all fenced and 150 in cultivation, blue grass and timothy. He owns on the county line 80 acres of unimproved land, partly set in coal. His residence is a large two-story house, with ell, containing 10 rooms. He has also a commodious barn. Mr. Whitmore is one of the leading men in the township, and his family adorn its most refined circles.

JOEL H. YATES

(Farmer, Section 15, Township 52, Range 15, P. O., Yates).

'Squire Yates is a representative of one of the distinguished families of the United States, being a nephew to Judge John Yates, of Illinois, and a first cousin to Gov. Dick Yates, of the same State, one of the ablest men this country ever produced. The Yates were originally of Caroline county, Va., and three brothers came out West: George, John and Harry Yates, the last two of whom settled in Illinois and the first in Missouri. They came, however, by way of Kentucky, where they resided a number of years. John Yates became the distinguished jurist of Illinois, whose name is familiar to every well informed citizen of the great Prairie State. Harry Yates became a wealthy farmer of that State, and he was the father of Dick Yates, whose fame is as broad as the Union and as enduring as his services as a lawyer and statesman were eminent and unsurpassed. George Yates married in Kentucky Miss Martha J. Crenshaw, and settled in Randolph county away back in 1833. He became a successful farmer of this county, and died here March 29, 1874, at the advanced age of 70, respected and esteemed for his upright life, and regretted and mourned when at last he was laid to rest. 'Squire Joel H. Yates was the third in his family of children, and was born on the farm in this county, September 3, 1840. Like his father, he became a farmer, and has followed it with industry and good success. December 18, 1879, he was married to Miss Alice Kilbuck, a daughter of Rev. W. Kilbuck, formerly of Benton county. She was born September 29, 1849. They have two children: Boswell H. and Martha A. In 1882 'Squire Yates was elected to his present office, that of justice of the peace. He is a member of the Christian Church and his wife is a member of the Baptist denomination. 'Squire Yates has on his farm a mule 36 years of age, which has been in the Yates family from its birth. The 'Squire has three sisters living, two deceased, and three brothers deceased. Anna is the wife of Dr. L. Dysart, of Higbee; Fannie is the wife of J. R. Williams; and Georgia A. is unmarried

and on the family homestead with the 'Squire; John W. died a Confederate prisoner at Rock Island, Ill.; Reuben was killed in the Confederate army at Prairie Grove, and Thomas B. died March 1st, 1881, at Yates post-office, and his widow is now the wife of Sidney Quinine. Mary E. and Martha M. both died in infancy. 'Squire Yates father was a genial, whole-souled old Virginia gentleman, and stood as high in the esteem of the people as any man in the county. The 'Squire is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

SALT RIVER TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER

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

Mr. Alexander, one of the enterprising agriculturists and business men of Salt River township and one of its intelligent, influential citizens, is a representative of one of the oldest and best families in the county. His father, Francis Alexander, is remembered by all old citizens of this section of the county as one of the good and true men in their midst, whose life, as a father and citizen and as a neighbor, was one of more than ordinary usefulness and value and without reproach. He was a native of Kentucky, born in Garrett county, November 18, 1809. He was reared in that county, and on the 27th of December, 1831, was married to Miss Jane Stephens, who was born in the same county, May 5, 1811. Less than four years after their marriage they came to Missouri, and located first in Monroe county, but a year later, in 1837, came to Randolph county, where they spent the remainder of their useful and blameless lives. In this county he entered a large body of land on section 13 of Salt River township and improved a fine farm. He died on this place, June 30, 1861, she having preceded him to the grave nearly three years, August 3, 1858. He became a leading farmer and stock-raiser in the county, and was in easy circumstances at the time of his death. No man in his vicinity was more highly respected and esteemed than he. They left a family of three children, namely: William F., the subject of this sketch; Martha L. C., now the wife of William A. Alexander; and John D. All three are residents of Randolph county, and they were born respectively: William F., August 16, 1848; Martha L. C., May 16, 1852; and John D., September 9, 1855. One besides, a sister, died in infancy. She was born August 31, 1846. The others were reared on the farm in this county, and were educated in the common schools. William F. Alexander, after he grew up, was married October 8, 1868, to Miss Virginia, a daughter of Joel and Hulda Wine, of Monroe county, Missouri. Mrs. Alexander was born in that county, December 16, 1847. Her father died in Iowa

in July, 1858, and her mother now finds a welcome and pleasant home with Mrs. Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have two children: Ewing, born July 4, 1849; and Alfred D., born July 2, 1874. One, besides, the second child, Lucy A., who was born July 11, 1871; died November 23, 1874. Mr. Alexander has followed farming from boyhood and has also been raising and handling stock for a number of years. He has likewise been engaged in raising and handling tobacco for several years. He settled on his present place, located in section 13, of Salt River township, in 1872. Here he has a good farm of over 100 acres, and raises about 10 acres of wheat, from 30 to 35 acres of corn and cuts 40 acres of meadow annually. In the stock line he handles from 80 to 100 head of cattle and from 150 to 200 sheep, the latter being of the Cotswold and Leicester breeds. Mr. Alexander, it should be remarked, gives but little attention to hogs. He raises, however, from four to six acres of tobacco, and buys largely for dealers in that commodity, usually from 400,000 to 600,000 pounds annually. He buys principally for Mr. E. E. Samuel, of Huntsville. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Woodland Lodge No. 222, of Monroe county. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church at Hickory Grove in Monroe county. Mrs. Alexander's parents were early settlers and respected residents of that county, locating there from Kentucky in 1839. Mr. Alexander, though not a college graduate, is a man of superior education and possessed of wide and varied information, having always been an industrious and intelligent reader of the best class of books, periodicals and other publications. He is a man of agreeable address and an instructive and entertaining conversationalist. He is quite influential in his vicinity, though he has no personal ambition for official advancement, but always takes a commendable interest in public affairs in order to secure the best men for the different offices in his district, township and county, to be filled. He is highly respected and esteemed.

JACOB BENNETT

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

The sketch of Mr. Bennett's father's family is given in this volume in the sketch of his brother, John S. Bennett, found elsewhere, so that nothing need to be said here in regard to his ancestry. Jacob Bennett was born on the family homestead on the 6th of April, 1843, and like his brother, John S., was reared to the occupation of farming, the pursuit in life which he has since followed. As a farmer his success has been unquestioned. He has one of the best farms in the vicinity. His place contains nearly 300 acres and is well improved. He has resided on this place since 1873, — in fact, it is a part of the old homestead. Mr. Bennett makes a specialty of raising tobacco and grows about 200 pounds annually. He is a man of many sterling qualities and is regarded as one of the most industrious farmers and worthy citizens in the township. His success in life as a farmer

is mainly due to his energy and perseverance and to his sober habits of frugality and economy. Now hardly more than entered upon the middle age of life, considering the start he already has, and the many years of industrious activity still before him, he can hardly fail of becoming one of the leading farmers and large property holders of the township. Mr. Bennett is unmarried, but has a comfortable home and it is to be hoped that it will not long remain unbrightened by the fair form and divine presence of some lovely and worthy woman.

JAMES W. E. COSBY

(Farmer and Justice of the Peace).

'Squire Cosby came to Missouri from Madison county, Ky., where he was born (having been reared in Fayette county) in 1867, and settled in Monroe county where he was engaged in farming with success for about 10 years. He then removed to his present place in Randolph county, where he has since resided. His farm here contains 120 acres, and besides farming in a general way, he makes something of a specialty of raising stock of the better class. 'Squire Cosby is a man of intelligence and integrity of character, and wields no inconsiderable influence in his township. While a resident of Monroe county he was elected justice of the peace, and was an incumbent of that office at the time of his removal to this county. On the 14th of February, 1855, he was married to Miss Mary Wright, of Madison county, in Kentucky. She died, however, in 1876. Her only son, Thomas G. Cosby, is now a farmer of Shelby county. In 1878 Mr. Cosby was married to his present wife, who was previous to her marriage to him, Mrs. Virinda, the widow of Daniel S. Bennett. They have two children: Mary M. and Bennett S. Mrs. Cosby was a daughter of Nathaniel S. and Rebecca Bullock, formerly of Kentucky, but both now deceased. They were early settlers of Monroe county. Mr. and Mrs. Cosby are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Cosby's parents were Winfield M. and Amanda (Hudson) Cosby, both originally from Virginia, he from Louisa county, born September 11, 1806, and she from Culpeper county, born June 25, 1810. They removed to Kentucky in an early day and are still residents of that State, in which James W. E., their first son, and the subject of this sketch, was born January 17, 1833. Mr. Cosby was a gallant soldier during the Civil War, having enlisted in the fall of 1862 under that noted raider, John H. Morgan, in company B, eleventh Kentucky cavalry, C. S. A.; he continued in service until the close of the war, having passed 19 months as a prisoner of war at Camp Douglass, Chicago, Ill.

HARRIS FELPS

(Merchant, at Cairo).

Mr. Felps, although barely a middle-aged man, is one of the prominent men, property holders and citizens of Randolph county, and to

the position he occupies in affairs and the estimation of the people he has risen largely by his own exertions and merits. Having important merchandising interests at Cairo, named above, he also has a fine farm in the county and owns a handsome residence property at Moberly. Prosperous as he is in the affairs of the world he is not less favored with the respect and confidence of all who know him. Mr. Felps comes of the pioneer and prominent families of Randolph county. He was a son of Harris Felps, Sr., and wife, previously a Miss Nellie E. Lawrence, both originally of Kentucky, the father born April 20, 1795, and the mother in 1797. They came from Oldham county, Ky., to Marion county, Mo., in 1833, and for four years afterwards settled in Randolph county, where they lived until their death. The father died here July 14, 1862, and the mother July 14, 1871, and both sleep side by side in the family burying-ground on the old homestead. The father was one of the most extensive farmers and stock men in the county, and at his death left a small estate. They had a family of eight children, but three of whom are now living: Minerva, the wife of R. N. Matthews, and Ruth E., the wife of W. S. Dameron, the subject of this sketch being the third one. Several of the others lived to reach maturity. Harris Felps, Jr., was born in Oldham county, Ky., January 7, 1833, and was therefore reared in Randolph county. On the 23d of December, 1853, he was married to Miss Chrissy, a daughter of William D. and Nancy Halliburton, of this county, but originally of Montgomery county, Tenn., where Mr. Felps' wife was born April 9, 1839. He followed farming after his marriage exclusively up to 1857, and is still engaged in farming and handling stock, principally cattle, hogs and sheep, and the latter on quite an extensive scale. In 1857 he engaged in merchandising at the place now known as Levick's Mill, where he continued with steadily increasing success for some 14 years. He then retired to the farm and was devoted to farming alone until 1871, when he resumed merchandising, locating this time at Cairo. His success here has been exceedingly gratifying. He has had partners at different times, and he at present has a partner in the Cairo store, Mr. M. P. Capp. Mr. Felps bought his residence property in Moberly, in contemplation of removing there, which he did. Mr. and Mrs. Felps have three children: William H., Nellie M. and Ira. Mrs. F. is a member of the C. P. Church, and Mr. Felps is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and of the Patrons of Husbandry.

THOMAS W. HALLIBURTON

(Farmer, Section 16).

Mr. H., who has an excellent farm of 220 acres in Salt River township, and is one of the thrifty, energetic farmers and well respected citizens of the township, is a native of Tennessee, born in Haywood county, February 7, 1826. His parents, Reuben P. and Cynthia (McMurry) Halliburton, removed to Missouri in 1855 and settled in Sullivan county, where the father followed farming for about twenty-

seven years and until his death, which occurred August 11, 1882. He was in the seventy-ninth year of his age, having been born October 21, 1803, in North Carolina. The mother is still living and finds a welcome and pleasant home with her son, John W., in Sullivan county. She was born in Tennessee, March 9, 1807, and they were married in April, 1825. Six of their family of four sons and six daughters are living: Thomas W.; Frances B., now Mrs. James H. Halliburton, having married a cousin; Nancy A., the wife of John Benum, now of Oregon; James W., of Sullivan county; John W., also of that county, and Eliza M., the wife of Peter Scarlett, of Kansas. Thomas W. Halliburton, the subject of this sketch, had grown to manhood before the family came to Missouri, and was married in Tennessee to Miss Martha E. Rogers on the 14th of January, 1847. She was born in Dixon county, December 10, 1828. Mr. Halliburton preceded his father's family to Missouri and settled in Randolph county. He came to his present farm in 1854. He has always been an industrious farmer and good manager, and owes all he has to his own exertions and merits. He has ever lived a worthy and respectable life, and is esteemed as a good neighbor and upright citizen by all who know him. He and his good wife have been favored with a numerous family of children, nine sons and six daughters, of whom there are ten in all living, and all residents of Randolph county: John A., born October 2, 1851; Elizabeth B., born December 17, 1853; Thomas McM., born December 24, 1855; E. R., born November 23, 1858; G. D., born September 17, 1860; Ophelia F., born September 14, 1862; Cynthia J., born February 28, 1864; James M., born February 26, 1866; Samuel M., born September 25, 1868; Sarah M., born December 11, 1870; W. E., born April 10, 1873; and Callie, born February 16, 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Halliburton are members of the Baptist Church at Union.

JUDGE STROTHER RIDGEWAY

(Farmer and Member of the County Court).

Judge Ridgeway has been a resident of Randolph county for nearly half a century, and his life here from his first settlement in the county up to the present time has been marked by strict integrity as a man, public spirit as a citizen, and industry and enterprise as a farmer,—and no name in the history of the county stands out in a light freer from a shadow of reproach than his. A man of superior intelligence, sound judgment and good business ability, in 1882 he was picked upon by the leading citizens in different parts of the county as a proper candidate for the office of county judge. No sooner was his name generally mentioned for this position than it met the hearty approval of a large majority of his party and of the people. The result was that he was nominated by the Democracy, of which party he has long been a prominent member, and at the succeeding election was elected by a majority highly creditable to his personal popularity. He is now serving in this position, and brings to the discharge of the duties of his office qualities and qualifications which combine to make him one

of the most capable and efficient judges, as well as one of the most upright and unswerving, who have set on the bench for years. On the 19th of May, 1836, Judge Ridgeway was married to Miss Anna M. Roush, originally of Berkeley county, Va. Thirteen children have been the fruits of this union, but nine of whom, however, are now living: Charles V.; Lucy J., now Mrs. Alonzo Dodge; George R., a resident of Shelby county; John S., Fountain A., Smith A., James F., Marion and Fayette. Those deceased are: Sarah E., who died in 1868 at the age of 30; Joseph H., who died in 1863 at the age of 23; Rosana C., who died in infancy; and Anna E., who died at the age of 10 years. In the affairs of the world Judge Ridgeway has been satisfactorily successful. He has long been one of the substantial farmers of Salt River township. His place contains over 250 acres of excellent land, and is well improved and well stocked. He and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Salem. Judge Ridgeway comes of an excellent Virginia family, and he, himself, is a native of that State, in which he made his home until his removal to Missouri and settlement in Randolph county. He was born in Clark county, Va., then called Frederick county, November 11, 1814. His parents were both also natives of the Old Dominion. His father, Richard Ridgeway, was born February 2, 1790, and his mother, Sallie Crum, was born April 6, 1792, and they were married in about 1811. They had a family of nine children, of whom six are living, namely: Strother, Eliza A., the widow of James L. Roberts, deceased, and a resident of Maryland; Richard S., of near Springfield, Ohio; Christian F., of West Virginia; Margaret P., whose first husband, Peter Bell, of Virginia, was murdered without cause by the Federals during the war — some years after which she became the wife of Martin Maxwell, now of Maryland; and Lucy I., the widow of Dennis Denny, of Berkeley county, W. Va. Judge Ridgeway's father was a successful farmer of Virginia, and a descendant of the old Ridgeway family mentioned in the history of that State.

JAMES B. TAYLOR

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, and Proprietor of Taylor's Blacksmith and Wagon-making Shop, Section 11).

Mr. Taylor comes of one of the most distinguished families in the United States. His father, Major Jonathan Taylor, was a full cousin to Gen. Zachary Taylor, the sixteenth President of the United States, and both were distinguished officers in the American army during the War of 1812. Maj. Taylor was also an officer under Gen. Wayne, known as "Mad Anthony Wayne," in the Colonial army during the War for Independence. He was a major during the Revolution and distinguished himself by his gallantry and intrepidity on many a hard-fought field during that long and momentous struggle. His discharge from the army after the close of the War of 1812, signed by Thomas Jefferson, is still in the possession of the family. The Taylor family was for generations prior to the Revolution settled in Virginia. Maj.

Taylor was married there to Miss Mary Ashley, of another family not unknown to fame. He was of Shenandoah county, and emigrated to Kentucky in an early day, where he died May 10, 1832, in Oldham county. His wife died on the family homestead in that county March 10, three years afterwards. Maj. Taylor was a man of fine education and business qualifications, and was for many years Government surveyor. He and Col. Rector did a vast amount of surveying work in Missouri, but Maj. Taylor never settled permanently in this State. He and his good wife had a family of six sons and three daughters, only three of whom are now living, the other two besides James B. being Mary, the widow of William Gibson, of Kentucky, and Elizabeth, the widow of Thomas Amos, of Washington City. James B. Taylor was born in Fayette county, Ky., August 1, 1811, and was reared in the Blue Grass State. On the 10th of June, 1836, having come to Missouri just exactly two months before, he was married to Miss Betsey A. Lilly, of Marion county. Two years after his marriage Mr. Taylor came to Randolph county and settled where Levick's Mill now stands. He entered 160 acres of land and opened a farm, where he lived for about two years, and then settled on his present place. He has a good farm and, also, runs a blacksmith shop, including wagon-making. Long years of industry and frugal habits of living have prospered him abundantly, and his homestead has expanded into a fine estate of 400 acres. His first wife died on the 10th of September, 1853, and on the 10th of May, 1855, he was married to his present wife. She was previously Miss Sarah Lawrence, of this county. By his first wife Mr. Taylor was given four sons and two daughters, three of whom are living. Mr. Taylor's farm is well improved, and he is comfortably situated in life.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

FRANCIS W. ANCELL

(Farmer, Post-office, Cairo).

In the early settlement of Missouri, and particularly North-east Missouri, Virginia contributed her full share of sturdy, worthy pioneers — men with the courage and resolution, and with the industry and intelligence, to build up prosperous and enlightened communities. Among those who came out from the Old Dominion in an early day was the father of the subject of the present sketch, Michael Ancell. It was in 1836 that he came to Missouri and located in Randolph county, near Huntsville. The following year he bought a tract of 160 acres in Jackson township, where he lived until his death, dying at the advanced age of 82, on the 21st of May, 1868. His wife died before he came to Missouri, in 1824, and for 44 years he remained a widower and until the sun of his earthly career had

set forever. Having given her his love in the bright springtime of life, she remained the sole object of his marital affection not only until the grave closed over her, but for 44 years afterwards, and until he, too, was laid beneath the sod. What a poem of profound and enduring love remains unwritten in the life of this faithful and good man. In all the years that came after the flowers had bloomed again and again above the once beautiful form of his beloved wife, he saw no one else who could take her place in his heart, or whose presence in the chamber of his breast would not be a sacrilege to the place sacred alone to her sweet memory. She left three children: John S., still of Virginia; Francis W., the subject of this sketch, and Mary A., the wife of John Routt, of this county. There is a circumstance connected with the burial of the parents worthy of mention. James Brokin, a resident at that time of Virginia, but now of Huntsville, and an undertaker by occupation, made the coffin that inclosed the remains of the young wife in Virginia, and 44 years afterwards made the coffin in which reposed the remains of the aged husband. Francis W. Ancell was born in Orange county, Va., October 3, 1819, and came out to Missouri with his father. Here he subsequently married on the 25th of February, 1855, Miss Lucetta T. Ancell a cousin of his, but of Fluvanna county, Va., where she was born on the 17th of May, 1818. None of their family of four children are living. Their names were: Michael H., Elizabeth M., Richard Hunter and Henrietta. Mr. Ancell has ever been an industrious farmer and worthy citizen, and has a comfortable home of 120 acres, on which he has resided since 1857. Mrs. A. is a member of the Baptist Church.

BENJAMIN F. ELSEA

(Farmer and Fine Stock-raiser).

The same influences that have operated to give Kentucky the enviable reputation she has long enjoyed for the superior quality of stock raised within her borders and particularly in the Blue Grass region, are now operating, and have been for a number of years past, in Missouri, and especially in the section of the State which includes Randolph county, that is, an intelligent appreciation on the part of agriculturists of the greater profit to be derived from raising fine stock, and a determination on their part to realize this increased profit by following the example of Kentucky and other advanced fine stock sections of the country. In Randolph county we have hundreds of farmers who take this view of the subject, and who are carrying it out to the full extent of their means and opportunities. Among this class in Jackson township is the subject of the present sketch. Mr. Elsea has a neat farm of 160 acres, and is devoting it largely to raising fine sheep. His breeds are of the Lincolnshire and Shropshire stocks, and he is having excellent success in this line of industry. An intelligent, progressive farmer, his example in turning his attention to the best grades of sheep will doubtless have a beneficial influence on others,

and thus redound greatly to the advantage and benefit of the township and county. Mr. Elsea is a native of the Old Dominion, born on the 17th of November, 1820, and was one of a family of nine children, but four of whom are now living, of Jonathan Elsea and wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Matthews. The mother died in Virginia in 1835, and the father removed to Missouri four years afterwards, locating near Hannibal, and in 1841 crossed over into Macon county, where he lived until his death which occurred in 1850. Benjamin F. Elsea was 19 years of age when his father came to Missouri. On the 2d of March, 1847, he was married to Miss Mary J., daughter of John Grafford of Macon county. Continuing farming, to which he had been brought up, in 1866 he settled on his present farm in Randolph county. His life from youth has been one of industry and strict integrity, and the rewards of such a character, now that he is passing middle age and approaching the evening of his earthly career, he has to enjoy, a comfortable competency of this world's goods and the respect and esteem of all who know him. Mr. Elsea's first wife died in 1862, and nearly two years afterwards, in November, 1863, he was married to Miss Thalitha H., a daughter of Howey and Elizabeth Taylor, of Randolph county, who is still spared to accompany him down the journey of life. By his first marriage there were five sons and a daughter: James W., Benjamin F., Jr., Felix, John C., Laura B. and one other. By his present wife Mr. Elsea has seven children: Lydia J., David J., Leona P., Lucy D., Lena K., Homer and Lottie. Thomas G. is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Elsea are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. E. is a member of the Stock Breeders' Association of Randolph and Macon counties, which was organized in 1878.

JUDGE REUBEN F. POLSON

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, and Proprietor of the Lone Elm Farm).

The Polson family, of which there are a number of worthy representatives in Randolph county, who rank among its most substantial and intelligent citizens, is originally of Virginia, to which State the founder of the family in this country came from England, long prior to the War of the Revolution. The Polsons, of Virginia, as these of Randolph county are, are among the well-to-do and influential citizens of their respective communities. The Randolph branch of the family comes of Rev. Benjamin Polson, one of the early settlers of this county, and who was born in Virginia on the 6th of October, 1872. While still quite young he was brought out to Kentucky by his parents, who removed to the latter State in an early day, where Benjamin grew up and was educated. He was married there on the 6th of February, 1813, to Miss Sarah Wall, who was born September 11, 1795, and was of an old North Carolina family, representatives of which now live in Henry, Johnson, and several other counties of this State, as well as nearly all the other Western States. Benjamin Polson, whose parents in Kentucky were in well-to-do circumstances, received something more than an average education at that time, and

subsequently studied for the ministry and was duly ordained. In those days it was the custom, as it was in the primitive days of Christianity, for ministers of the gospel to look mainly to their own industry for worldly prosperity, and to rely but very little for support on their work in the pulpit. Hence it is that in the early history of the church in this county, we find most of its ministers also farmers or devoted to some other secular calling. So with the Rev. Mr. Polson. He was not only an able and popular minister of the gospel, but an enterprising and successful agriculturist, a man abundantly able to take care of himself and those depending upon him without help from his brethren. Besides, he preached alone from love of God and sympathy for humanity in its lost state, and therefore worked without worldly reward, but for that higher and more infinite reward to be had alone in Heaven. In 1837 he removed to Missouri and located in Randolph county. Here he continued his great life-work in the service of God and also began a career as a farmer and stock-raiser in this county which was very successful. Increasing his possessions by industry and good management, his homestead at one time numbered 900 acres, and he was as comfortably situated as any man in the county. A true Christian minister, and a generous, hospitable man, his home was a welcome resort to neighbors and friends, and to the wayfaring man the latch-string of his door was never drawn in, but a hospitable bed and board were ever ready to those who hailed him from his gate. In short, he was a great-hearted, good man, whose humanity and generosity were as boundless as his faith in the religion he preached was sincere — one at whose house it was a pleasure to stay and in whose company it was a pleasure to be. In 1838 he organized the next to the first Christian church in the history of the county, and was its pastor for 18 years, preaching within the walls of the edifice erected at his instance, and in groves and neighbors' houses, the boundless love and charity of God, and the glorious doctrine of the Atonement. He worked in the vineyard of the Lord faithfully and without ceasing until the shadows of old age settled deep and thick about him, and admonished him that the time for retirement and rest had come. He survived to a good old age, and died in his eighty-first year, on the 8th of May, 1873. His good wife, who had been his comfort and solace through a long and happy married life, preceded him to the grave by less than three years, leading in the pathway that he was soon to tread on the 10th of October, 1870. He raised a worthy family of children, consisting of eight sons and three daughters but four of whom, however, are now living, namely: Betsey A., now the widow of James J. Rice; Harrison P., Reuben F., the subject of this sketch; and Sarah J., the widow of M. P. Durham. Those deceased are: Thomas J., Nancy S., William G., James M., John E., Benjamin F., Jr., and Jacob A. Judge Reuben F. Polson, next to the youngest in his father's family of children, was born in Lincoln county, Ky., April 2, 1834, and was therefore but three years of age when his parents removed to Randolph county. Brought up

by such a father as his, he of course developed those qualities of mind and heart, and those habits of industry, which, when present in an individual, never fail to make him a useful and influential citizen. He of course became a farmer and this occupation he has ever since followed. When about seven years old he met with a severe accident, having his left arm fractured and elbow dislocated; this, of course, prevented him from performing physical labor with that member. At the age of 19 he commenced the study of law, but before completing his course, at his father's request he took charge of the latter's farm and business generally, continuing to be thus occupied until his death. In the meantime R. F. Polson purchased the farm on which he now resides. Although doubtless perfectly competent to enter the legal profession, he has never applied for admittance to the bar. On the 3d of May, 1855, Mr. P. was married to Miss Elizabeth R. Halley of Macon county. She survived for nearly 22 years, dying April 25, 1877. Of the family of six daughters and three sons born of this union, six are living: Logan, Dora A., now Mrs. Daniel S. Routt; Ellen D., now Mrs. Martin L. Routt; Reuben S., Kittie A. and Effie E. Those deceased are: Joseph F., who died at the age of 17, in 1875; Susan M., Ida and Florence, all three of whom died in infancy. During this time Mr. Polson became, as his father had before him, entirely successful in the affairs of life and highly respected and influential as a citizen. He settled on his present farm in 1862. Four years afterwards he was elected magistrate of his township and filled the office with such fairness and ability and such general satisfaction, that he was afterwards continuously re-elected and served until 1878, when his name had become so prominent and well-known as a leading citizen of the county, and his reputation for business ability, sound judgment, and high character so generally recognized, that he was elected for the responsible office of probate judge of the county, the highest judicial office in the county and second to only that of circuit judge of the whole judicial district. He filled this position to the expiration of his term with his characteristic ability and efficiency, and retired with the confidence and high esteem of all the people of the county, regardless of party or other differences of opinion. Such a record he may well contemplate with satisfaction, and such a record his children and the county may point to with just pride. On the 25th of November, 1877, Judge Polson was married to his present wife, formerly Miss Hallie Burekhartt. She was born in this county February 27, 1843, and is a daughter of Dr. C. F. Burekhartt, a prominent representative of that old and honored family whose name he bears, so well and favorably known to Missourians. The Judge is a member of the Masonic order and also of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, at Jacksonville. He is an unflinching Democrat, always voting for the nominees of his party.

JAMES L. POLSON

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Mr. Polson is the eldest of two sons now living in the family of children by the first marriage of his father, Rev. Harrison P. Polson. Dr. Harrison P. Polson was the seventh son of Rev. Benjamin Polson, mention of whom is made in the sketch of Judge Reuben F. Polson, which precedes this, and was born in Casey county, Ky., November 16, 1831. He followed the example of his father and became a follower of Christ about the year 1852, and, also, like his father, became a successful farmer and one of the most highly respected citizens in this portion of the county. Reared in Randolph county, he was married here on the 14th of May, 1854, to Miss Mary P. Halley, who, like himself, was originally from Kentucky, where she was born on the 17th of April, 1835. She died on the 21st of May, 1862, and of her four children, three sons and a daughter, but two sons are living: James L., the subject of this sketch and Thomas F. He was subsequently married to Mrs. Elizabeth Cannon, of Macon county. There are three children by this union, two daughters and a son. He was a man of superior general education, considering the times and country in which he lived, and his opportunities for mental culture. But in the Bible he was especially well read, and having the gift of healing, which he has practiced for many years, hundreds have been made to rejoice at his power over diseases by laying on of hands. While his faith in the great doctrines of the Christian religion is unflinching and as enduring as life itself, his zeal is of the kind that never wearies, but at all times and in all circumstances it is a great source of comfort to him. He is still living near Jacksonville, Mo., and using his gift as best he can by healing all who call upon him. When he comes to lay aside the garments of his earthly flesh, it can be said of him —

“How beautiful it is for a man to die
Upon the walls of Zion! to be called
Like a watch-worn and weary sentinel,
To put his armour off, and rest in heaven.”

James L. Polson, the subject of this sketch, was born on his father's homestead in this county on the 4th of May, 1855, and was reared on a farm. On the 9th of January, 1876, he was married to Miss Amanda F. Durham, daughter of F. P. and Susan Durham, of this county. Mr. Polson has made farming his life occupation, and has a neat place of 80 acres, besides 40 acres of good timber. His farm is exceptionally well improved, and shows him to be a man of marked intelligence, enterprise and good taste. Mr. and Mrs. Polson have three children: Ruby E., Bertha E. and John H. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, in which his father and grandfather were faithful and able ministers.

WILLIAM G. RILEY

(Farmer).

Mr. R., one of the substantial and respected citizens of Jackson township, is at the same time one of the oldest native residents, if not the oldest, of Randolph county. He was born near Huntsville, on his father's homestead, on the 23d of July, 1823, and will therefore soon have spent 61 years within the borders of his native county, with the exception of the years 1844 and 1845, when he resided in Marion county. He has grown with the growth of the county, and while the county in these 60 years has developed from a wilderness into one of the best in the State, he has come to be one of its best citizens, and not less prosperous in worldly affairs than he is highly respected. Coming up in this new country, he of course had but poor opportunities, so far as education and other artificial advantages are concerned, to fit himself for a successful future; but for this absence of advantages he has more than made up by the energy and sterling qualities of his character. From boyhood he has followed farming, and has become one of the most practical and intelligent farmers of his township. The fruits of his industry and good management are visible in his large and handsome farm of 260 acres, and in his flocks and herds which pasture on it and in his other valuable property. He certainly has no cause to complain of his situation in life or the manner in which the soil and seasons have responded to his toil. He has resided on this place since 1851. On the 25th of December, 1849, he was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Tedford. Seven of the nine children, the issue of this marriage, are living. Mr. Riley's first wife died on the 24th of April, 1873. His present wife was, previous to her marriage to him, a Mrs. Susan Tabor, the widow of Thomas Tabor, of Macon county. This marriage was solemnized August 9, 1874, and three children, two sons and a daughter, have followed. The names of his children are: Laura F., John W., Margaret L., Susan H., Olivia A., Virginia C., Nannie J., Mollie Lee, Victor H., Herbert E., Buler G. and Earl. Mr. Riley's parents were Abraham and Mary (Dale) Riley, the father born in Maryland, June 18, 1776, and the mother in Kentucky 10 years afterwards. They had six sons and six daughters, four sons and two daughters of whom are residents or Randolph and Macon counties. The others are deceased. The parents were among the very earliest settlers, having removed here from Kentucky in 1822. The mother died in 1847, and after her death the father made his home with his children, and lived to the advanced age of 90 years, dying September 16, 1866. Mr. Riley is a member of the Baptist Church, and his wife of the Old School Baptists. It should have been mentioned above that Mr. R. served as a volunteer in the United States army in the War with Mexico in 1846-47, winning an enviable record as a brave soldier in that conflict.

WILLARD M. SEARS

(Druggist, Jacksonville).

Mr. Sears, a popular young business man of this place, comes of an old Randolph county family, and was born in this county on the 28th of June, 1856. His father was a substantial farmer of this county, and Willard M. was reared on the farm and received a good practical education in the common schools. On the 15th of December, 1878, he was married to Miss Elva V. Campbell, born and reared in Randolph county. They have had two interesting children: Zula F., born October 7, 1879, and Virgil E., born December 4, 1881. Both are now deceased, Zula having died April 21, 1880, and Virgil, August 21, 1883. Up to 1883, Mr. Sears followed farming exclusively and he still has a neat farm of 80 acres in this township, the management of which he controls. But in April of last year he established his present drug store at this place. This has proved an entire success as a business venture, and Mr. Sears justly claims to have one of the neatest, best kept and most popular retail drug houses in this part of the county. He keeps a good line of fresh drugs, and is careful in compounding prescriptions so that all mistakes are avoided. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church at Mt. Salem, in Macon county. Mr. Sears was one in a family of four children of Andrew J. and Fannie A. (Palmer) Sears, of this county. The mother died in September, 1863. Two years afterwards the father was married to Miss Minnie Teter of Macon county. Seven children followed his second marriage. He died here May 22, 1881, leaving a comfortable homestead of nearly a quarter-section of land.

WILLIAM SURBER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Toward the early settlement of Missouri, and particularly this section of the State, Virginia contributed more sturdy, brave-hearted pioneers than any State in the Union. Among those who came out in an early day from the Old Dominion were the parents of Mr. Surber and their family, who settled in Randolph county, where the father, Jacob Surber, lived until his death, which occurred in the seventy-ninth year of his age, and in 1865; the mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Wagoner, preceded him to the grave in 1864. They had six sons and six daughters, and three sons and four daughters are living: James W., Mary J., wife of Elijah Elder; William, Maria, the wife of George Halley; Caroline, the wife of J. W. Barnes; Antonette, the wife of James Moody, and John T. B. The deceased are: Emeline, Joseph, Charles T., George A. and Harriet. William Surber, the subject of this sketch, was born in Virginia, January 4, 1827, and was reared on a farm. On the 25th of August, 1852, he was married to Miss Martha Walker, also originally of Virginia, born January 10, 1830, but at the time of her marriage a resident of Macon county, this State.

Mr. Surber continued farming after he was married and has had good success. In 1870 he settled on his present place, which contains over 300 acres. He is engaged to a considerable extent in stock-raising, and is one of the well-to-do farmers of the township. Mr. and Mrs. Surber have four children: Alice G., the wife of John C. McCanne, of Jacksonville, Mo.; Robert P., Birdie W. and Mittie L., twins; the latter the wife of H. J. Humphrey, of Jacksonville, Mo., and Lutie. Mr. and Mrs. Surber are members of the Baptist Church.

