

county, and to this marriage two children were born, both of whom are now dead. In two years his wife died, and three years later he married Miss Lydia A. McFarland, a native of Auglaize County, and daughter of William H. McFarland, a native of Pennsylvania, and of Irish descent. In 1876 Mr. Zink removed to Knox County, Mo., where he has since resided. To Mr. and Mrs. Zink one child, Joseph, has been born. While not an old resident of Knox County, Mr. Zink has become identified with the better class of citizens here, and is well spoken of as an honorable business man and an agreeable neighbor. He takes an active interest in public affairs, and in politics is a Republican. He is at present the owner of a good farm of 326 acres of well improved land, and is a substantial farmer of the county. Himself and wife are members of the Catholic Church.

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## SCOTLAND COUNTY.

John Q. Adams, one of the largest land owners of Scotland County, was born in Adams County, Ohio, on November 7, 1829. He is the third of seven children born to the marriage of Robert Adams and Nancy Oxyer. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and his parents, John and Susan Adams, came to Adams County, Ohio, in 1804, and reared their family there. Robert Adams followed the business of farming, and also carried on a tannery. He was twice married, the first time to a Miss Elizabeth Baird, November 11, 1813. To them were born six children, viz.: Julia Anna, James H., Mary Jane B., Emily S., Moses N. and Rebecca Elizabeth. The second marriage was to Miss Nancy Oxyer, the mother of our subject, January 24, 1824. To this union were born seven children named as follows: William H. H., Michael A. T., John Quincy, Robert C., Alexander, Sarah A. and Chambers. The mother of our subject is still living, and is about eighty-five years of age. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Michael Oxyer, was one of the early settlers of Kentucky, and was, at the age of seventeen years, tomahawked, scalped and left by the Indians. He recovered, however, and lived to the age of ninety-five years. John Q. remained at home until reaching his majority, and in the spring of 1851 removed to Illinois, locating in Hancock County. In 1854 he came to Scotland County, and located near his present residence, where he entered a tract of 240 acres of land. His

first house, a log-cabin, is still standing. In 1872 he erected a handsome residence, and the next year built one of the best barns in the county at a cost of \$3,000. When he reached Quincy, Ill., he had less than \$300, but by industry and superior business ability he has succeeded in accumulating a handsome competency. He owns 1,100 acres of land well stocked and improved. In May, 1886, he established a store at Lawn Ridge which he has since continued. He was married, December 5, 1850, to Margaret A. McEldowney, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of William and Jane (Thomas) McEldowney. To their union have been born seven children: Nancy J. (Mrs. Oscar Hamilton), Charles T., William A., Robert L., Oscar E. John Q., Jr., and George B. Mrs. Adams' entire family are members of the Christian Church.

Solomon Allen, sheriff, was born in Wetzel County, W. Va., February 15, 1843, the son of John and Rebecca (Goddard) Allen, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. Solomon was about nine years old when his father died, and the mother afterward married a William Coen. She died in Brown County, Ind., February 20, 1884. Her children by her first marriage are Dorcas, William, Sarah J. (wife of B. F. Poslethwait), our subject, George W., James A. and Daniel W.; five also are deceased. Solomon was reared to manhood, in his native county, with a limited education. He served in Company C, Fifteenth Virginia Infantry (Federal) as corporal during part of the years of 1862 and 1863. In 1865 he came to Scotland County, where he has since been a prominent farmer, stock raiser and stock shipper, in which he has been successful. His estate embraces 247 acres of good land, well improved. He was elected to his present position in November, 1886, on "the tax payers ticket." November 5, 1863, he married Jemima Wise, a native of Monongalia County, W. Va. Their children were Luther M., Julia V. (deceased), Mary L. and Friend Arthur. Our subject is a follower of the Democracy. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and he and his wife hold to the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Barker Brothers are dealers in groceries, queensware, glassware, provisions, etc., and include James T. and William Robert Lee Barker. They are the sons of John H. Barker, who was born October 6, 1822, the son of Leonard and Elizabeth (Holeman) Barker, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The father was reared in his native State, and in 1858 came to this county, and located on a farm near Memphis. Just after the war he came to this place, and engaged in the mercantile, drug, and livery business at different times, until within about eight



years, when he retired from active life. The mother, Mary J. Conyers, was united to him in 1860. She is a native of Adams County, Ill. The parents have long been members of the Christian Church. The father is a Democrat, and also a Master Mason. The brothers are their only children, and began their present business in May, 1885. Their main store at Memphis is under the management of William R. L., while James T. has control of their branch store at Bible Grove.

John W. Barnes, cashier of the Scotland County National Bank, was born in Steuben County, N. Y., May 9, 1837, the son of Washington and Deidamia (Knox) Barnes, natives of New York. Our subject came west in 1856, and followed bookkeeping in Warsaw, Ill., and also engaged in steamboating and manufacturing. In 1861 he enlisted in Company G, second Illinois Cavalry, and served until January, 1866, when he was mustered out as assistant adjutant-general of volunteers with the rank of major. He served mostly on Gen. G. M. Dodge's staff. He came to Memphis in 1872, and was instrumental in organizing the Scotland County Bank, which was made a national bank in 1879. He is one of its largest stockholders, and its cashier at present. In 1866 he married Jannette L. Miller of Warsaw, Ill. Their children are Robert M., Louise and Josephine. Our subject is a Republican in his political views.

E. Russell Bartlett, attorney at law, was born in Nauvoo, Ill., February 27, 1849, the son of Bryant and Louisa M. (Russell) Bartlett, natives of New York and Vermont, respectively. The father came to Greene County, Ill., at an early day, and followed mercantile pursuits. He afterward became United States marshal, and moved to Nauvoo, Ill., in 1847. In 1851 he laid out the town of Hamilton, Ill. He lived there until 1870, when he removed to and laid out Clark City, Mo. He died there April 1, 1884. From 1850 until his death he was extensively engaged in the real estate business, and left considerable wealth. The mother died the year before her husband. Their children were Caroline L. (the wife of G. F. Rex), Flora C. (deceased wife of A. K. Loomis) and our subject. The latter spent five years in W. W. Jamison's Classical School, at Keokuk, and then entered Cornell University, of New York, from which he received the degree of B. S. in 1871. He has taken a six months' law course during this time, and afterward read thoroughly while in the real estate business with his father. He was admitted to the bar in 1872, and practiced in Clark County until 1875, when he came to Memphis. Since then he has been successfully engaged in his practice, and also extensively occupied in real estate and loan agency. He was married, December 28, 1873, to Laura E. Mill-



burn, a native of Ohio. Their children are Nellie I. and an infant son. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and is a strong advocate of the temperance cause, in which he formerly spent considerable time organizing lodges.

Bennett & Rudy, dealers in staple and fancy groceries, queensware, produce, etc., have been established for one year, and firm includes P. H. Bennett and C. D. Rudy. The former, Parley H. Bennett, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, December 19, 1844, the son of John G. and Melvina (Groome) Bennett, natives of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, respectively. Our subject was reared in his native county, where his mother now survives her husband. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He then began mercantile life as a clerk, and in January, 1867, came to Memphis, where, after clerking for three years, he went to Kahoka and engaged in the grocery and grain business. In 1876 he again returned to Memphis, and after three years in the grocery and grain business he engaged with Mr. Donnell in the hardware business. Since 1886 he has been associated with Mr. Rudy, and has succeeded in his various operations. December 26, 1869, he married Emma E. Rudy. He holds the political ideas of the Republican party, and is a member of the G. A. R. He is also identified with two fraternities, the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W. The other member of the firm, Charles D. Rudy, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, July 17, 1856. [A sketch of his parents, Jeremiah and Mary (Miller) Rudy, may be seen elsewhere.] Our subject came with his parents to this county in 1869, and received a fair education. At the age of sixteen he became a clerk with H. G. and A. H. Pitkin, and continued with them for thirteen years. It was in 1886 that he became a member of their present firm. They have a brick block of their own, and carry one of the largest and best selected stocks in the city, and control a large trade. Mr. Rudy is a Republican, and a member of the I. O. O. F.

Col. Joseph G. Best (deceased), occupying the position of county court clerk at the time of his death, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, May 8, 1838, the son of William and Mary (McCabe) Best, both of Scotch-Irish stock. Our subject came to the United States in 1839. He was reared and educated at Quincy, Ill., where he learned the brick mason's trade. After the death of his parents he came to Memphis, in 1859, and followed his trade until November, 1861. He then joined Company I, Twenty-first Missouri Volunteer Infantry, under Col. (now Gen.) David Moore and served until April, 1866. He became sergeant-major, first lieutenant, captain, major, lieutenant-colonel and colo-



nel, but was mustered out as lieutenant-colonel, on account of the numbers in his regiment. He had a colonel's commission, however. He returned to Memphis and followed his trade until 1873, when he entered the employ of the Scotland County National Bank as bookkeeper, and continued until his election in November, 1882, to the position he was holding at the time of his death, which office he filled in a highly creditable manner. He was reared with the political principles of a Whig, but after the war was a Democrat. June 24, 1866, he married Frances D., a daughter of Gen. David Moore. Their children are William D., Frances D., Seward, James McC. and Helen. Col. Best passed all the chairs in the I. O. O. F., and has been a representative of the Grand Lodge. He was Post Commander and Adjutant of the G. A. R. He died August 6, 1887, from injuries received by being thrown from his buggy.

Judge Joseph E. Billups was born in Virginia on June 15, 1820. He is the third of seven children born to the marriage of William and Jane (Garwood) Billups, natives of Virginia, from which State, on October 14, 1840, they came to Missouri, and located about one-fourth of a mile northeast from where our subject now lives. There they continued to live until the death of Mr. Billups, August 5, 1846. Joseph E. then became head of the family, and continued to support his mother until she died on April 10, 1855. The early educational advantages of Judge Billups was somewhat limited, but by much desultory reading and a large business experience he has acquired a thorough practical education. He began business for himself by purchasing a claim of 320 acres of land, to this he added from time to time until he now owns over 1,384 acres of as good land as there is in the county. He has long given his attention to stock raising, and at present he has over 246 head of cattle. All this property he has made by close application and hard labor, united with superior business ability. In 1886 the people desired a reform in local affairs, and formed what was called the "the tax payers ticket," and recognizing the ability and integrity of Mr. Billups nominated him for county judge. He was elected, and is now filling the position with satisfaction to all. December 25, 1851, he was united in matrimony to Mary A. Smith, a native of Kentucky, having been born near Elizabethtown, from which place she came with her parents about March 12, 1849, to Missouri. To their union have been born two children: Ida (born April 11, 1853), and William E., (born June 19, 1866). The former was married December 6, 1875, to C. E. Bull, now of Milton, Iowa. The latter is a graduate of Quincy Business College, and has attended schools at Kirksville, Burlington (Iowa,) and Columbia. He



afterward studied law at Lancaster, Mo. Judge Billups is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in politics is a Democrat, and it is safe to say no man stands higher in the estimation of the people.

J. H. Billups, merchant, was born May 25, 1846, and is the only son of Guinn and Frances J. (Boren) Billups, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter a native of Kentucky. The parents were one of the first couples married in Scotland County, where they had come with their parents. They located near Hydetown, and after the father's death, in 1848, the mother married R. H. Mudd, by whom she had five children, three of whom now survive. She died July 4, 1858. Our subject remained with his mother until her death, after which he made his home with his grandfather, J. D. Boren, and after two years there went to live with J. E. Billups. He was married, August 3, 1866, to Emily, a daughter of Nicholas Jones, one of the earliest settlers of the county. At the same time he purchased 200 acres of land, upon which he resided until his removal to his present home in 1880. Since August, 1886, he engaged in merchandising, together with farming. They are highly respected people, and have a family of six children, whose names are Dora, Maggie, Blanche, Benjamin, Walter and Sherman. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, while Mr. Billups' political faith is somewhat Republican, though not strongly partisan.

John J. Bourn, a well-to-do farmer and stock dealer of Scotland County, Mo., and a resident of Miller Township, was born in Howard County, Mo., September 17, 1836, son of John D. and Nancy (Higbee) Bourn. It is thought that the father was a native of Fayette County, Ky. He died in Scotland County, Mo., in the year 1878, when eighty-four years of age. He came from Lexington, Ky., to Howard County, Mo., at a very early date, and was one of the county's early settlers. In 1841 he moved to Scotland County, where he followed the plasterer's trade for some time. He then turned his attention to farming and to the office of magistrate, having been elected to that office, which he held for several years. His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The mother of our subject was a native of Fayette County, Ky., and at the time of her death, which occurred in July, 1868, was sixty-seven years of age. She was the daughter of Joseph Higbee, a native of Germany, who came to America before the Revolutionary war, and took part in that memorable struggle. The parents of our subject were members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and to their marriage were born eight children. He received a fair education in the schools



of Lewis County, Mo., and Davis County, Iowa. At the age of twenty-one he left his parents, and began to improve the property he now calls home. He remained a resident of Scotland County until 1865, when he made a tour westward, and worked in the mines near Virginia City, Mont. Since 1867 he has made Scotland County, Mo., his home. On the 24th of February, 1860, he wedded Miss Adeline Stewart, a native of Ohio, born September 9, 1839, and died in November, 1861. She was a daughter of William Stewart, and was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. To this marriage was born one son, James E. January 24, 1864, our subject married Julia A. Buford, a daughter of Henry P. Buford. She was born in Schuyler County, Mo., April 10, 1844, and by her marriage became the mother of two children, both sons: Robert H. and John D. The former is deceased. Our subject is a Freemason, is a decided advocate of the Democratic platform, and he and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Benjamin F. Bourn was born in this county September 26, 1841, the son of John D. and Nancy (Higbee) Bourn, natives of Virginia and Kentucky. The father came to this State about 1825, and in 1839 located in the northwest part of this county, where he followed farming until his death in October, 1877. The mother died in July, 1868. Their children are William, Joseph S., John J. and Benjamin F.; four are deceased. Our subject was trained as a farmer, and spent six years in the far west when a young man. He also worked at the carpenter's trade. In 1876 he was elected county judge for a term of six years. He served but two years, however, when the new law made it necessary for him to be re-elected for four years. He was president of the county court, and in 1882 became tax collector. In 1883 he came to Memphis, and has for the last two years been one of the firm of Smith, Bourn & Co., grocers and dealers in stone, glass, and queensware. The other members of the firm are T. M. Smith and T. McAllister. They have a fine stock, and do a large business. Our subject has also an estate of 280 acres of improved land. He was married in 1872 to Victoria A., the daughter of the late William Colvin. By his marriage with Nancy Arnett his children are Byron, Arthur, Maud, Benjamin and Culvin. Our subject was elected by his party, the Democracy, to his positions of public trust. He is a Royal Arch Mason.

Hon. William P. Browning, a prominent farmer of Scotland County, was born in Pike County, Ill., December 3, 1838. He is one of four sons and two daughters born to Caleb and Penelope (Power) Browning. The father was born in Kentucky in 1800, and did not move to Pike County, Ill., until 1830, when he became



one of the first settlers. He was very successful in his operations, and afterward removed to Iowa and finally, about 1878, removed to Kansas where he died. His wife had died in 1840, in Illinois, whither she had come from her native State—Kentucky. Our subject was only two years of age at her death, and lived with his brother on the old homestead until he reached his majority. His career as a teacher began when he was but eighteen years old, and was carried on in Brown and Macoupin Counties until his enlistment, August 3, 1861. He served in Company C, Twenty-seventh Illinois Infantry until September 20, 1864, when he was mustered out of service. He participated in the battles of Belmont, siege of Corinth, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, and numerous other places; was commissioned second lieutenant in November, 1863; he was captured at Chickamauga, but escaped the next evening, and returned to his command in Chattanooga. At Mission Ridge he was shot through both legs, and was not afterward able to perform military duty. He came to Scotland County in April, 1865, and purchased a farm which he has since increased from 270 to 310 acres. He gives a greater part of his attention to stock raising, especially cattle and mules. He has a fine barn also for this purpose, erected at a cost of \$2,500. He was married, November 15, 1866, to S. E. Harrington, a native of Pike County, Ill., and daughter of Martin and Catherine Harrington. Their children are Alfred H., Charles P., Albert C., Martin P., Mary E. and Annie M. Both Mr. and Mrs. Browning are members of the Christian Church. He is a prominent, and in local affairs an independent, Republican, and served from 1868 to 1870 as a representative in the Legislature. He is recognized as one of the leading and influential citizens.

Judge William W. Buford, a resident of Miller Township, and judge of the Western District of Scotland County, was born in Macoupin County, Ill., March 11, 1837, and is the son of Henry P. and Emily E. (Murley) Buford. The Buford family is of French descent. During the time of the expulsion of the Huguenots from France, the ancestors of our subject crossed the English channel to England, and their descendants came to America, and were among the first settlers of Virginia; their family distinguished themselves for gallant service rendered the United States during the struggle for independence. Since that time the Buford family have been noted politicians and soldiers. Thomas Buford the grandfather of our subject, was a native Virginian, and died while on his return from the army during the war of 1812. He was a lieutenant, and was a resident of Kentucky at the time of his death. Henry P. Buford was born in Lincoln County, Ky., June 2, 1798, and is now living in Schuyler County,



Mo. A few years after his marriage, and when a young man, he moved to Morgan County, Ill., from there to Macoupin County, Ill., afterward to Macon County, Mo., in 1840, and to Schuyler County, Mo., in 1842. While a resident of Macoupin County, Ill., he served several years as magistrate, and while in Schuyler County held the same position from the time the first court was held in that county until the breaking out of the war. Of his father's family he is the only one now living, and is not only one of the oldest settlers of the county but one of the oldest men, and can tell many interesting anecdotes of the early settling of Missouri. His first presidential vote was cast for Monroe, and since then he has been strictly Democratic in principle. In March, 1824, he married Emily Murley, a native of Cumberland County, Ky., born in 1801, and died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1879. While living in Kentucky both were members of the Christian Church, but after coming to Missouri, there being no church of that denomination, Mrs. Buford joined the Baptist Church. Thomas J. and our subject were twins and the sixth and seventh of a family of eleven children, eight now living. Our subject received a very liberal education during youth, and afterward made a tour of a number of the Western States. December 5, 1862, he returned and married Miss Margaret E. Hays, a native of Greene County, East Tenn., born in 1839, and died in Schuyler County, Mo., January 12, 1881. She was a daughter of Aaron and Catherine Hays, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Three children were the fruits of this union—all living, viz.: Thomas L. Mary C., and Elma C. Our subject rented land for three years after his marriage, after which he purchased land in Schuyler County, where he resided until 1881, when he sold out and purchased a large tract of some of the best land in Scotland County. In 1886 he was elected judge of the Western District of Scotland County. He is a member of the Christian Church, and is Democratic in his political views.

Hezekiah Bull, an enterprising farmer, was born in Highland County, Ohio, June 22, 1827. He is the fourth of a family of five sons and four daughters born to Walter and Margaret (Mount) Bull, natives of Ohio and New Jersey, respectively. They were married in Ohio, and lived upon a farm in Highland County until after the death of Mrs. Bull. The father then removed to Clermont County, where he married a second time, and had three children. Our subject remained at home until three or four years after the death of his mother. In his seventeenth year he began working on the farm by the month, and continued to do so for about six years. He was married, April 4, 1850, to Abigail E., a daughter of James and Mary (Somers) Burris, natives of



North Carolina. She was born in Marion County, Ind., where her parents resided until their death. In August, 1850, he came to Scotland County, and located on the land he now owns, about half a mile south of his present location, where he bought a claim of sixty-one acres; to this he has added from time to time, until he now owns 422 acres. In 1856 he moved to his present residence, which, within the last five years, he has made one of the finest in the country. He gives special attention to the raising of cattle, horses and hogs. During the war he belonged to the State militia. Their children are Marietta, Chandler E., Emily J., William W., Clara F., Hosea A., Lorena E., Minnie A., Evvie and Effie and Ernest G. Evvie died in 1870, aged nine months; William W. died in 1879, at the age of twenty-one; Minnie A. died in 1885, at the age of eighteen. Mr. Bull and his wife hold to the faith of the Universalist Church. Our subject is a Democrat, and is one of the substantial and highly esteemed residents of the country.

George Buskirk, county treasurer, was born in Grant County, Ky., September 26, 1812. He is the son of Lawrence and Mary A. (Norton) Buskirk. The grandfather was a Pennsylvanian, who went at an early date to Nicholas County, Ky., in one of which States the father was born. The name was originally Van Buskirk, but the prefix has been dropped. The mother was a Kentuckian. They came to the Northwest about 1838, and after three years in Adams County, Ill., they came to near Winchester, this State, and bought a farm. The father died in April, 1872, at the age of eighty-one years, and the mother followed him the next September, at about the age of eighty-two. Their children were George; Martha A., the wife of T. S. Myers; Eliza, the deceased wife of Judge Collins; William; Amanda (deceased wife of J. Morris, also deceased); and Armilda, the wife of J. Crook. Our subject was reared on a farm, and had the meager advantages of the old log schoolhouse. He left home in 1834, and two years later came to Missouri, and bought a claim when the land was not surveyed; the next year sold his claim, and settled three and a half miles east of Memphis, near Fort Donelson and Edinburg, where he has a fine estate of over 198 acres. Our subject is an "Old Hickory" Democrat, and has never wavered from those principles. He has served in various local offices, and in November, 1886, was elected to his present position by his party, and is serving in an efficient manner. He was married, on October 28, 1834, to Louisa Clark, of his native county, who died in August, 1876. They had a family of ten children, and those living are Lucinda, the wife of W. H. Walker; Mary J., the wife of A. B. Baker; Susanna, the wife of J. Gilbert; Elizabeth, the wife of L. S. Farmer, and William H.



James S. Busey, a prominent farmer and stock raiser in Harrison Township, was born in Shelby County, Ky., in 1824, moved to Champaign County, Ill., in 1846, and to Scotland County, Mo., in 1854, where he has since resided. He began life for himself a poor man at the age of twenty-one, and the property he now possesses is the result of his own labor and good management. He has a splendidly improved farm of 247 acres on which he resides. He was married in 1847 to Miss Caroline Webb, a daughter of Richard and Hester Webb, natives of Shelby County, Ky., and who afterward moved to DeWitt County, where they died. To Mr. and Mrs. Busey eight children have been born, viz.: Arthur (deceased), William H., two who died in infancy, Martha J. (deceased), Sarah (now Mrs. Worthington), Amanda (now Mrs. Hughes) and Richard (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Busey are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Busey has been a ruling elder for twelve years. He is a Democrat, and is the eldest of fourteen children of Arthur and Sarah Busey, natives of Shelby County, Ky. The former was a drummer in the war of 1812, under Gen. Jackson, and an active member of the Baptist Church. He was successfully engaged in farming all his life, and died about 1878. Mrs. Busey died in 1873. Mr. and Busey were of Irish descent, and Mr. Busey was a son of Isaac Busey, a native of Virginia, and one of the early settlers of Shelby County, Ky. He afterward moved to Champaign County, Ill., where he died at the age of ninety.

Isaac J. Butler, Jr., a prominent farmer and stock raiser in Jefferson Township, was born November 24, 1842, in Scotland County, Mo., where he has since resided with the exception of eight months spent in Illinois, and four years he was in Nevada, during which time he was engaged in mining. The rest of his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He was reared on the farm, and began life for himself when he became of age. He was then a poor man, but by his energy and perseverance is now the owner of a nicely improved farm upon which he resides, and also owns other tracts of land in the county. He has been unfortunate, and lost considerable by sickness, fire, etc. He was married April 15, 1863, to Miss Frances E. Morris, a daughter of Daniel Morris, a native of Kentucky. To Mr. and Mrs. Butler one child, William D., was born. Mrs. Butler died March 12, 1865, and Mr. Butler afterward married, August 12, 1866, Miss Agnes Fifer, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Fifer) Fifer, natives of Rockingham and Augusta Counties, Va., respectively. Mr. Fifer is of Pennsylvania German descent. To Mr. and Mrs. Butler four children have been born: Aby Jane Elizabeth, Laura



Bell, Charles Ellis, and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Butler are members of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Butler is a Democrat, but votes for men and principles rather than for party. He was road commissioner for six years, and has also served in other official capacities. He served about two years in the late war, in Company I, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry. He is the fifth of ten children of Isaac and Hester (Pierce) Butler, natives of Coshocton County, Ohio, who moved to what is now Scotland County, in 1838. The father was a son of Joseph and Abigail (Sovereign) Butler, natives of Virginia. Joseph Butler was a soldier in the early Indian war, and one of the early settlers of Virginia, and later one of the early settlers of Zanesville, Ohio. He has eleven children, of which Isaac Butler was the youngest.

A. B. Chaney, druggist and stockman, at Sand Hill, was born in January, 1854, within two miles of Sand Hill. He lived on the farm until twenty-four years old, when he engaged in the drug business at his present location. He has also shipped considerable stock, and owns a stock of goods and residence at Sand Hill, and also possesses a fine stable horse. He was married in 1877 to Miss Sarah E. Boone, a daughter of Milton and Ann (Cunningham) Boone, old residents of Knox County, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Chaney have had five children: Alice E., Ethel I., Ivy (deceased), Inez (deceased) and Allison Boone. In politics Mr. Chaney is an Independent. He is the seventh of eight children of Thomas A. and Nancy (Greenwade) Chaney, natives of Maryland, who moved to Scotland County, Mo., in 1841, where Mr. Chaney died about 1858, aged fifty-six years. Mrs. Chaney is still living, and residing about two miles northwest of Sand Hill, aged seventy-seven years. Mrs. Chaney was one of the pioneer members of the Methodist Church in that part of the country.

Edward Chronic, a prominent citizen of Scotland County, Mo., and a resident of Jefferson Township, was born in Edgar County, Ill., January 16, 1849, and is the son of John and Elizabeth (Winn) Chronic. The father was born and reared in Illinois, and moved to Iowa about 1852, but afterward moved to Scotland County, Mo., and from there to Doniphan County, Kas., where he died in 1860. He was of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction. The mother of our subject was also a native of Illinois, and died in the same county in which her husband's death occurred. She was of English descent, and both were members of the Baptist Church. Our subject is the third of seven children, only two of whom it is thought are now living. Mr. Chronic received the rudiments of an education in Scotland County, Mo., and this has been improved by general reading, and contact with all kinds



of business. He was only ten years of age when his father died, and after that misfortune he left Kansas and returned to Scotland County, Mo., where he worked at anything he could get to do. At the age of sixteen he rented land, since which time he has bought, sold and traded, until he moved to where he now resides. In 1865 Miss Martha Floyd became his wife; she was born in Iowa, and died in Scotland County, Mo., when thirty-two years of age. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and to her marriage were born five children, three now living: Lizzie, Rosetta H. and Mary C.; Charles and James are deceased. In 1883 our subject married Miss Mary McGary, an excellent lady. Our subject's honest dealing and generosity have made him respected by all his acquaintances. He has been one of the great traders of Scotland County, and his success has been the result of his early formed determination to succeed.

Judge James M. Clark, a well-respected citizen of Jefferson Township, Scotland County, was born in Grant County, Ky., July 4, 1843, and is the son of Eli and Mary E. (Draper) Clark. The father was born in Grant County, Ky., was of Irish descent, and died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1869, being about fifty-six years of age at the time of his decease. He came to Missouri about 1864, and followed agricultural pursuits all his life. The mother of our subject was a native of Grant County, Ky., was of German descent, and died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1870. She was a member of the Baptist Church for many years, and at the time of her death was also about fifty-six years of age. Of their large family, five now living, our subject is the fourth. He received the rudiments of an education in Kentucky, but in the fall of 1862 he left his studies, and enlisted in Company G, Fourth Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate Army, and served in a brigade organized by Gen. Buford, but was afterward assigned to the command of Gen. John H. Morgan, and served with credit until taken prisoner in Ohio. He was then taken to Camp Morton, Ind., where he was kept a prisoner about three months. He was then taken to Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill., where he remained until December 15, 1863, where he was one of the seventy-nine who escaped through a tunnel dug out for that purpose. He then came to Scotland County, Mo., and after visiting in Illinois returned to Scotland County, and since then has been engaged in agricultural pursuits at his present place of residence, since the spring of 1867. In 1866 he married Miss Martha E. Baker, who was born in Memphis, Mo., in 1849, and is a daughter of H. C. Baker. To our subject's marriage was born a large family of children, two of whom are deceased—one son and one daughter. In 1882 our subject was elected judge of the western district of



Scotland County, and in 1884 he was re-elected. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and a decided Democrat. His wife is a member of the Christian Church.

Cody Brothers & Co., dealers in groceries and queensware, embrace John W. Cody, B. H. Cody and L. C. Cody. John W. Cody is the son of Curtis and Sarah (Cade) Cody, the parents being natives of North Carolina and Delaware, respectively. They lived in Fountain County, Ind., engaged in agricultural pursuits until October, 1839, at which time they immigrated to Scotland County, Mo., and settled on a tract of land situated six miles north of the present site of Memphis. In 1850 they sold out, and moved on a tract of 340 acres situated a mile and a half east of Memphis, where they remained until 1857, at which date they sold out and moved to Memphis, where they spent the winter and spring of 1858. They then moved on a farm where the father died in 1863, and where the mother continued until 1866, at which date she moved with her son, John W., to his farm, and there with her son and daughter remained until 1878. She then moved to Cowley County, Kas., to live with her daughter, and there she remained until her death in 1884. John W. was born December 22, 1831; received his education in the common district schools of Scotland County, Mo., and at the age of twenty went to California, where he engaged in gold mining for about three years. In 1854 he married Miss Mary H. Gunn, a native of Hennepin, Ill., born July 12, 1836, and the daughter of Thomas and Mildred (Baker) Gunn, and to them were born seven children, two being deceased. John W. made his property by his own efforts, and now owns 250 acres of land upon which he is residing, and also owns a portion of the grocery business. He is a Democrat in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Franklin Pierce. He is a member of the F. & A. M., Memphis Lodge, No. 16, also A. O. U. W., No. 106, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church. Byron H. was educated in Memphis, and first began in the mercantile business as a clerk about 1880. He continued to hold that position until he became a member of the present firm. June 4, 1885, he married Miss Cora K. Pitkin, daughter of H. G. Pitkin. B. H. Cody is a Democrat in politics, and is identified with the following fraternities: The F. & A. M., in the royal arch degree, K. of P., and A. O. U. W. Their present firm was organized in April, 1877. They have a full and selected stock of fancy groceries, queensware, flour, feed, provisions, etc., with an extensive country and city trade.

Judge John C. Collins, a retired farmer, was born November 24, 1813, in Pendleton (now Grant) County, Ky. He came to Scotland County, in September 1836, and has acquired his edu-



cation by habits of study since his maturity. He was married, July 14, 1836, to Eliza J., a daughter of Lawrence and Mary (Norton) Buskirk. They had eight children: William L. (deceased), James R., George T., Judson S., Joseph H., Margaret J. (deceased) and Charles S. (deceased). The first mentioned died in the Federal service. Joseph H. is the president of a college at Springfield, Ill., and George T. is a member of the Legislature. February 5, 1882, his wife died, and October 14, 1884, he married Martha A. (Makemsom) Moore. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and was elected judge of the county court in 1850, and re-elected twice afterward. He was appointed to that position under the provisional government of 1861. He was again elected in 1872, and served six years. He served as justice for about six years also. He is the sixth of seven children of Ralph and Margaret (Wharton) Collins, natives of Durham, England, and Pendleton County, Ky., respectively. His father, Ralph, took part in the battle in which Gen. St. Clair was defeated.

Hon. George T. Collins was born September 10, 1842, in Scotland County, the son of Judge John C. Collins, whose sketch will be found elsewhere. Our subject was reared in his native county, attended the public schools, and also spent a year in an academy in Lee County, Iowa. He was reared upon a farm and there remained with exception of a period of time he was in the Federal service in the late war, until 1876, since which time he has devoted all his time to the study of law, which for a number of years he had devoted only the hours not occupied on the farm, or in the school room. He married, February 27, 1866, Miss Cornelia A. Ryhtmine, who died in January, 1876. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1877. On December 23, 1877, he was married to his present wife, Catherine M. Gorin. Our subject is a radical Democrat, and as such was elected to represent his county in 1886, in the Legislature. In the Thirty-fourth Assembly he served on committees on education, roads and highways, and constitutional amendments. Our subject is a Mason, an encampment member of the I. O. O. F., and a member of the A. O. U. W. He holds to the faith of the Baptist Church, and has for three successive years been elected as moderator of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Association.

George T. Collins, a citizen of Schuyler County, and a resident of Independence Township, was born in Adams County, Ill., April 18, 1834, and is the son of Hosea and Sarah A. (Wheeler) Collins, both natives of Pendleton County, Ky. The father was a farmer, and died in Schuyler County, Mo., May 6, 1874, and was a few days beyond his sixty-sixth year. The mother was of English descent, and died in Schuyler County, Mo.,



February 14, 1885, and was over seventy-four years of age at the time of her death. Both parents were members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Our subject is the eldest of eleven children, ten now living. His parents moved to Illinois shortly after their marriage, settled five miles west of Memphis in March, 1838, when our subject was but four years of age. He remained with his father until June 8, 1854, when he married Miss Samantha J. Slavin, a native of Marion County, Mo., born February 8, 1836, and died in Scotland County, Mo., April 18, 1874, or on our subject's birthday. She was a daughter of George D. Slavin, and a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. To this marriage were born five children, all living: Elizabeth A., Oscar F., Albert H., Sarah A. and James L. Our subject after marriage purchased part of the old homestead, and to this he added more land until 1860, when he sold out and rented land for six years in different portions of Scotland and Schuyler Counties. In 1864 he went across the plains to Idaho, but returned the same year. In 1867 he moved back to his old farm, which he purchased before the war, and, after remaining on this farm until 1881, he sold out and purchased a farm in Schuyler County, and three years later again sold out and purchased where he now lives. November 4, 1875, he married Sarah J. Pryor, a native of Pike County, Ill., born November 14, 1841, and the daughter of James B. Pryor. To this union one daughter, Rosalie, was born. Our subject is a Mason, and one of the old settlers of the county. He can remember when the Indians were numerous, and when all kinds of game were plentiful.

Capt. Charles R. Combs was born in Albany, N. Y., November 25, 1829, the son of Robert and Mary Combs, who both died when our subject was but a child. Charles R. came west in 1848, and spent a few years in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky. He came to Alexandria, Mo., in 1856, and followed various mercantile pursuits until the opening of the war. At that time he and Capt. Spellman organized a company, which became Company C, in Col. Moore's regiment. He served as first lieutenant of this company, and after the battle of Athens he organized a cavalry company, and after serving as first lieutenant of Company C, Seventh Missouri Cavalry, he was promoted captain, and mustered out as such in 1864, after nearly four years of service. After a year's residence in Keokuk, he came to Memphis in 1866, and the following year engaged in his present business. He is the largest dealer here in eggs, butter, hides, poultry, feathers, etc., and ships largely to New York, Chicago and other places. He has four teams engaged in buying produce, and does an annual business of about \$60,000. He was married in 1853 to Cather-



ine T. Cornelius, of Covington, Ky. Their children are Alice (the wife of V. H. Rees), William, Frank, Fielding, Mary, Robert, Lucy and Leslie. Our subject is a Republican, has served five years on the city council, and is now city treasurer. He is identified in the following fraternities: I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W. and is a Knight Templar. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Hamilton Cone, one of the leading farmers of Scotland County, was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, July 1, 1828. He is the eldest of six sons and two daughters born to Dr. Jared and Eliza A. (Ross) Cone. The former was the son of Jared Cone, Sr., a native of Hampton County, Mass., who came to Ohio when a young man, and located in Granville. He was a carpenter by trade, but always lived upon a farm. He died about 1857. When the father was about twelve years of age he was sent to South Wilburn, Mass., where he was educated for his position. When about twenty-one years of age he began the practice of medicine at West Carlisle, and continued till about 1838. He then moved to Muskingum County, where he continued to practice his profession, and also merchandising. In 1855 his entire family came to Scotland County, and located on a quarter section of land adjoining the farm of our subject. He died there June 13, 1885. He was married twice. His first wife died May 3, 1866, and in February, 1867, he married Margaret H. Clark, of Iowa, who still survives him. Hamilton, the eldest child, was educated chiefly at Granville, Ohio, at what is now Dennison University. After leaving school he worked upon a farm, and managed his father's store until they moved to Missouri, when he located upon his present farm, which now consists of 440 acres. In 1876 he erected a handsome dwelling upon a beautiful site. On September 7, 1852, he was united to Almina R., a native of Coshocton County, Ohio, where they were married, and a daughter of Jesse and Susanna (Farwell) Lawrence, natives of Keene, N. H. A few years later they moved to Ohio, where the father died in 1851, and the mother in 1865. Our subject has the following children: Ellen R., Jesse J., Charles M., Orrin L. and Laura M. The first and last of whom are married. Mr. Cone and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is a Republican, and one of the representative men of the county.

Morton Cone, the fourth son of Dr. Jared Cone, was born on February 11, 1833. He received his education in the schools of Adamsville, Ohio. On leaving school he began learning the carpenter's trade, which took him a surprisingly short time, and soon after he went to Chicago and thence to Rock Island, at both of which places he worked on equal pay with men who had followed



the trade for years. In a few months he returned to Ohio, and soon set out with the rest of the family for Scotland County, Mo. After his arrival, in company with his brothers, he set to work to improve a quarter section of land for his parents. This work occupied two years, at the end of which time he married, and bought eighty acres of land, upon which he has since resided. He then worked at his trade until the war, since which time he has been engaged in farming. He has been remarkably successful, and is now the owner of 700 acres of land, including the old homestead. He has a handsome residence, and his farm is otherwise well improved. On December 31, 1857, he was joined in marriage with Evelin Weyer, a native of Highland County, Ohio, and daughter of John A. and Nancy (Folk) Weyer. To them have been born nine children, seven of whom are living. They are Walter J., Charles C., Jared C., Ida A. (Mrs. Thomas McWilliam), Morton S., Jennie G. and Lois M. Mrs. Cone is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Cone's political principles are Republican.

Judge David B. Cooper, a prominent resident of Jefferson Township, Scotland Co., Mo., was born in Washington County, Penn., near Pittsburgh, April 30, 1817, and is the son of Sylvanus and Mary (Bryant) Cooper, natives of New Jersey, born in 1777 and 1780, respectively. The father was a very successful farmer, and died near Winfield, Henry Co., Iowa, in 1865, at an advanced age. The mother of our subject was of German extraction, and died in Washington County, Penn., in 1843. Both parents were members of the Presbyterian Church for many years, the father being an elder in the same. Our subject was the third of twelve children, ten now living. He received a liberal education in the schools of Washington County, Penn., and remained on the farm until twenty-one years of age, when he engaged in merchandising with a younger brother at Washington, Penn., and there continued for two years. He then sold out, and purchased a farm, after which he engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he has continued ever since. In 1840 he married Hannah Dille, a native of Washington, Washington Co., Penn., born in 1822, and the daughter of Ezra and Mary Dille. To this marriage were born ten children, all living: Mary J., Milton D., Ellen, Oliver G., Emma T., Frank D., Linie B., Ida, Charles W. and Edward S. In 1880 our subject sold his farm, and moved to Lee County, Iowa, where he farmed and also speculated in land. In the spring of 1857 he sold out, and moved to Scotland County, Mo., where he purchased the land he now owns. He was school director while in Iowa, and was elected clerk of the elections. In 1862 he was elected county judge,



and after two years, when all the officers were thrown out, he was appointed by Gov. Gamble, and at the next general election was re-elected by the people and served in all about eight years. Our subject is a Republican and a worthy and enterprising citizen.

Capt. John P. Craig is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in 1834. He came west in 1854, and before the war was engaged at Keosauqua, Iowa, in the furniture business. At the opening of the conflict he raised part of a company, and entered the Fifteenth Iowa Volunter Infantry as first lieutenant, promoted to captain, and served for sixteen months, when he was compelled to resign because of complete break in health. He was also provost-marshal of Van Buren County, Iowa, for one year, and then engaged at Keosauqua in the drug business. In company with H. C. McArthur he brought his business to Memphis in 1865, and conducted it successfully for ten years. He then entered the lumber business, which he continued until 1879, when he and G. W. Coster built the Scotland Mills, which they owned and operated until 1880, when Mr. Craig bought out the entire interest. In the spring of 1887 he changed the name to the Memphis Roller Mills, and remodeled it, and put in the new roller system. It is one of the best equipped mills in Northeast Missouri, with six sets of rolls, a capacity of fifty barrels per day, and a force of six men. He purchases all the wheat offered in the Memphis market. He was married, in May, 1856, to Mary A. Miller, a native of Ohio. They have three sons and five daughters living. Our subject is a Republican, and served as postmaster for three years at Memphis, Mo. He is the present commander of the G. A. R. at Memphis, and is also a Mason. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church.

Maj. Robert D. Cramer, lawyer, was born in Ohio, May 12, 1836, the son of George and Hannah (Wilson) Cramer, natives, respectively, of Virginia and North Carolina. The father came to Jefferson County, Iowa, in 1856, and has spent a successful life as a farmer and stock raiser, and is now in his eighty-third year. The mother died in 1860. Their children are Caroline, wife of N. M. Longfellow; Louisa, wife of W. T. Johnson; John W.; Vashti, wife of L. D. Johnson; Ann E., wife of T. Rowland; a deceased infant daughter, and Frances M., deceased wife of J. Gardner. Our subject is the fifth child, and received a good education at his country home in Ohio, so that he was able to follow teaching from his nineteenth year until after he came to Iowa. In that State he taught school during the day, and was a vocal music teacher in the evening. In 1862 he joined Company G, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry. He was captain until after the fall of Vicksburg, when he became major, and as such was mus-



tered out June 16, 1865. He was seriously wounded at Arkansaw Post. He had read law some before the war, and now entered the law school at Ann Arbor, Mich. After his graduation, in 1867, he came to Missouri, and was admitted to the bar. He has been very successful, and has been a prominent Republican ever since the birth of that party. He served two years as county attorney, and several terms as attorney for the city. In 1884 he was a delegate to the famous Chicago convention, and in 1886 was a prominent candidate for Congress from the First District, but entered the race in convention under protest, well knowing the hopeless minority of his party. His first wife was Martha Pettyjohn, deceased. Their children are Lewis W., Flora E. (wife of C. M. Teeters), and Robert O. April 25, 1867, he was united to Sallie M. Gray, of Ohio. Their only child is Ada B. Our subject has been commander of the G. A. R. at his place, and has passed all the chairs of the A. F. & A. M. and served as E. C. of Memphis Commandery No. 41. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W. and I. O. O. F. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is very prominent, being a lay delegate in 1880 from the Missouri conference to the general conference that met at Cincinnati, Ohio, and filling other important positions.

James Crawford, an influential citizen, and resident of Miller Township, Scotland Co., Mo., is a native of Greene County, East Tenn., born in March, 1815, and is the son of John and Susanah Crawford, both natives of Greene County, Tenn., where they passed their last days. The father was a farmer, and both were members of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject is the third of eight children, five now living. He remained in Tennessee, until 1845, when he moved to Scotland County, Mo. He began with little or nothing, but, having superior business ability, and being determined to succeed, all obstacles melted before him. He now owns 683 acres of improved land, and is succeeding unusually well. In 1842 he married Susanah Tadlock, a native of Greene County, Tenn. She was for many years a member of the Christian Church, and died, December 25, 1886, aged seventy-one. Ten children were born to this union (eight of whom are now living): Susanah, Ruthey, Margaret Ann, Elizabeth, John, Hamilton, William T., Serena, Mary and Dianah; the last two named are deceased. Our subject has been a member of the Christian Church, and is a Democrat dyed in the wool. When this county was first settled he was considered one of the best hunters to be found. During the late war he belonged to Capt. Dumis' company of Home Guards, and was in two battles, and in many skirmishes.

Granville Daggs, a prominent farmer and breeder of Short-



horn cattle, was born in Scotland County, November 7, 1848, where he has spent his life. He spent his youth on a farm, and in common and select schools, besides graduating from Commercial College, at Quincy Ill., under Prof. D. L. Musselman, June 14, 1871. He now owns 340 acres of land, besides other property in the county. He was married, in 1873, to Laura C., a daughter of Dr. William and Lucy (Goodloe) Biggs, natives of New York and Virginia, respectively. Mr. Daggs and his wife are members of the Primitive Methodist Church, while his political faith is that of the Democracy. His father, Andrew J., was a native of Virginia, and, although he began as a poor man, he became a man of considerable property. His wife, Sarah M. Arnold, a native of Kentucky, became the mother of eight children, of whom our subject is the third. The grandparents were Ruel and Nancy (Frazier) Daggs natives of West Virginia, and among the early settlers of Clark County, Mo. He was of English descent, and his paternal grandparent's name was Rodney. The mother, Sarah M., was a daughter of Lewis M. and Hannah (Phillips) Arnold, natives of Henry County, Va., and of English origin. They moved to Kentucky in 1818, where he was a manufacturer of tobacco, and after he came to Clark County he devoted himself to farming. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His parents, Elisha and Sallie (Marshall) Arnold, were natives of Maryland, but spent most of their lives in Virginia. Mrs. Lewis Arnold was a daughter of Zachariah and Cassandra (Garrett) Phillpot, natives of Maryland, whence they moved to Virginia.

Isaac P. Davis, farmer and stock raiser, was born June 5, 1826, in Madison County, Ky., the third of ten children of Charles and Elizabeth (Carter) Davis, natives of Maryland and probably of Kentucky. The father served as a county judge of Van Buren County, Iowa, for two years, and was a life-long Democrat. He was of Welsh-Irish stock, his grandmother being a native of Ireland, and his great-grandfather a native of Wales. The grandfather, Isaac Davis, was a native of Maryland, and afterward lived and died in Kentucky. Our subject was eight years old when his parents came to Montgomery County, Mo., and soon after went to what is now Van Buren County, Iowa. They came to Scotland County in 1849, where he has since resided. He was educated in the subscription schools in Iowa, and began life for himself at the age of twenty-two. He received \$900 from his father, but had begun as a day laborer, and, excepting that money, he has made all of his own property. He now owns a large estate amounting to 946 acres. March 13, 1856, he married Talitha J., a daughter of S. G. Weekly, a native



of Virginia. Their children were Henry B. (deceased) Luthena (now Mrs. Calahan), Stephen G. (married to Dora J., daughter of John W. Kerr), Frances M., Loran, Jennie J., Olive M. (deceased) and an infant (who died unnamed). Our subject is a Republican, and during the war commanded Company C, Twenty-ninth Missouri Cavalry of the State militia.

James K. P. Dawson, a resident of Miller Township, Scotland Co., Mo., was born in Bracken County, Ky., September 19, 1844, and is the son of William and Priscilla (Patterson) Dawson. The father was a native of Bracken County, Ky., born in 1811, of English descent, and is now a resident of Scotland County, Mo. He came from Kentucky to Missouri in 1845, and has been a farmer all his life. In 1866 he was elected judge of his district, and served six years. He was president of the court while in Kentucky, and organized a company for the Mexican war. He was elected captain, but was not called into service. In the spring of 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Second Missouri Cavalry, Federal service, and served with credit for four years. While at home, and after he had sent in his resignation, Porter's guerrillas attempted to take him prisoner, but he resisted, and was severely wounded by them and taken prisoner. He was retained as such for a week, when they released him. Dr. Ailward, a surgeon, was taken from the same bed in which Capt. William Dawson was sleeping, while a prisoner, and hung. The same fate awaited Mr. Dawson, but the guard refused to give him up, being acquainted with him. The mother of our subject was born in Augusta, Ky., was of Irish descent, and died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1880, when sixty-six years of age. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is the fifth of twelve children, seven now living. He attended the common schools of Scotland County, and finished at the seminary at Francisville, Clark Co., Mo. In 1865 he enlisted in Company I, Fifty-first Missouri Volunteer Infantry, Federal Army, and served six months, when he was mustered out with the rank of corporal. Before going to the war he had served some time with the State militia. He taught school for about ten years during the winter months, and farmed during the summer. November 1, 1871, he married Miss Eliza McWilliam, a native of Van Buren County, Iowa, born December 8, 1851, and the daughter of Crawford and Elizabeth (Moore) McWilliam. By this union our subject became the father of seven children, five now living: Elizabeth J., William, Margaret, Bessie Grace and John A. The names of those deceased are Crawford and Andrew. After marriage our subject purchased land in Jefferson County, but sold this in 1873, and purchased part of



the land (125 acres) that he now owns. To this he has added 230 acres, and has improved the whole so that he now has a valuable farm. Mr. Dawson is one of the county's most esteemed and honored citizens, and he and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

William H. Drake, the fifth child of William and Mary (Holland) Drake, was born in Bedford County, Va., April 27, 1830. He was reared at home receiving only a limited education. At the age of twenty years he began life for himself by working on a farm by the month. In 1851 he came to Scotland County, and worked for one season, but spent the next year in Kentucky. He then married and returned to Scotland County, but soon went to Iowa, where he remained for six years. He came once more to Scotland County, and bought forty-eight acres of land, which he subsequently engaged for the eighty acres upon which he now resides. On September 24, 1852, he was united in marriage with Sarah J. Hopkins, a native of Kentucky, born May 13, 1832, and a daughter of William and Lavinia (Collins) Hopkins, both natives of Kentucky. To this marriage have been born the following children: Martha M. (Mrs. John A. Weyer), William M., James W. and Isaac T. Both Mr. Drake and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. In politics he is a Democrat, and is one of the highly esteemed citizens of the county.

James C. Drake, a prominent and influential farmer of Scotland County, Mo., was born in Hardin County, Ky., April 27, 1835. He is one of nine children born to William Drake and Mary (Holland) Drake. The former was born in Virginia, the son of William Drake, Sr. He grew to manhood in that State, and a few years after marriage removed to Hardin County, Ky., where he lived upon a farm until the spring of 1854. He then came to Bentonsport, Iowa, and the next fall located in Union (then Greene) Township, Mo. He subsequently lived in Johnson Township, and finally located on the line between Miller and Union Township. He died in 1864. He was twice married, his first wife dying about 1840. He afterward married Mary Paul, by whom he was the father of six children. James C. remained at home in support of the family until he was twenty years of age. In 1856 he purchased eighty acres of land in Union Township, which he afterward exchanged with his brother for unimproved land, which he sold. He then purchased a farm of ninety acres in Miller Township, where he lived until 1878, when he bought the farm of  $238\frac{1}{2}$  acres, upon which he has since resided, and which he has transformed into one of the neatest farm homes in the county. On December 20, 1860, Mr. Drake



was united in marriage with Rebecca Leach, a native of Iowa, and a sister of J. C. Leach, a druggist in Memphis, Mo. To their union have been born Charles E., Alfred H., Vinnie M., Harvey T., and Della B., the first two of whom are married. Mr. and Mrs. Drake, and all the children are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. In politics he is a Democrat, and has held the office of road overseer and school director for several years, and is one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of the county.

Joseph Paton Duell, a prominent and highly respected farmer of Sand Hill Township, was born November 1, 1849, in Kentucky, and when eighteen months old was brought to Scotland County, Mo., by his parents, where he has since remained, and has acquired his education, almost entirely since grown, by reading and observation. Beginning life when quite young, with little or nothing, all that he possesses can safely be said to be due to his own exertions and good management. He now owns the well-improved farm of 160 acres upon which he resides, and has for many years supported his mother and her children. March 3, 1873, he married Miss Doucilla Price, a daughter of Milton Price, a native of Kentucky. To them two children have been given: John E. and Murty. Mr. and Mrs. Buell are both members of the Baptist Church, of which the former is a director. Of the thirteen children of John and Margaret (Naphus) Duell, natives of Kentucky, he was the eldest. The father, John, came to Scotland County, Mo., in 1853. He was a soldier in the Mexican war, and raised the first Confederate company joining the war from that county. He was an enthusiastic Democrat, and an active member of the Presbyterian Church, although in early life he belonged to the Baptist Church. He died in 1880 aged fifty-seven. He was a son of Joseph Duell, of New York State. Mrs. Duell is still living with our subject, and is a daughter of Paton Naphus, possibly a native of Kentucky, whose father was from Pennsylvania.

James D. Dunn, a prominent farmer and stock raiser in Jefferson Township, was born in 1809 in Crawford County, Penn., and moved to Richland County, Ohio, with his parents, when five years old, and to what is now Scotland County, Mo., in 1837, where he has since resided. When twenty years old he started in life for himself, a poor man, and the property he now owns is the result of his industry, perseverance and good management. He has a nicely improved farm upon which he resides, of 220 acres, and also owns land in different parts of the county. He was married, September 2, 1829, to Susanah Crandall, a daughter



of Caleb and Elizabeth (Brazee) Crandall, natives of New York State. To Mr. and Mrs. Dunn five children have been given, viz.: Harrison, Maria, Waty Ann, Abigail and Jeremiah. Mrs. Dunn died March 4, 1841. January 10, 1842, he married Miss Margeret Pierce, and one child, Enoch, has blessed this union. This wife died April 14, 1861, and in the same year he was married to Mrs. Hilliard, formerly Miss Catherine Hawk. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Dunn is an Independent in politics, but a Republican in principle. He has served his township in several official capacities, but has never sought office of any kind. He is the fourth of ten children of Jephtha and Abigail (Dunn) Dunn, natives of New Jersey. The father served as justice of the peace sixteen years, and was an active and constant member of the Baptist Church, and an old line Whig in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were of Scotch-Irish descent.

Dr. B. H. Edelen, a prominent physician at Etna, was born September 17, 1860, at Luray, Mo. He spent his youth in Etna from about the age of six years until 1880, when he went to Kirksville, and there completed a two-years' course at the State Normal. He then taught school a few terms in Scotland and Audrain Counties. He began the study of medicine in 1881, with his father, and afterward attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Chicago, from which he graduated in 1884. Since that date he has been at Etna, engaged in his profession, and now enjoys a large and lucrative practice. The great-grandfather was one of Lord Baltimore's colonists, who settled in Maryland, and after a time there went to Kentucky, in which State the grandfather, Benedict, was born, probably at Lebanon. The latter was a hatter by trade, and early became a resident of Marion County, Mo., where he afterward died. R. M., the father, was but a boy when they came to Missouri, but afterward became a physician at Luray, in Clark County. After 1865, however, he was the predecessor of our subject at Etna, where his second wife still survives him. His first wife, Sophia (Hammond) was a native of Clark County, Mo., and died in our subject's infancy, leaving, one son and one daughter. The father's second wife was Rebecca J. Kellar, whom we have mentioned as living at Etna with our subject, and who is the mother of two sons and two daughters.

John Feters, an excellent citizen of Scotland County, and a resident of Mount Pleasant Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, October 2, 1832, and is the son of Jacob and Mary Ann (Shoemaker) Feters. The father was a native of Germany, born in 1804, and came to America with his parents in 1812. They settled in Stark County, Ohio, where Jacob lived until 1840, when



he then immigrated to Scotland County, Mo., and remained in the same until their death in 1850. He followed the blacksmith's trade while in Ohio, and worked some at his trade after coming to Missouri, but finally gave that up, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a magistrate for several years after coming to Missouri, and, at the time of his death, was a candidate for representative on the Democratic ticket. The mother of our subject was also of German descent, and died in 1848, while still a comparatively young woman. They were both members of the Catholic Church, and of the eight children born to their union, seven are now living. Of this family our subject was the third. He received the rudiments of an education in Ohio, and also attended school after coming to Missouri. This, with reading and much natural ability, has made him a well-informed man. He remained with his parents until their death, and then engaged in farming until 1854, when he crossed the plains to California, and worked in the mines for two years. This venture was successful, and he returned to Scotland County, Mo., in 1856, and there married Miss Mary Jane Forrester, a daughter of William Forrester. She was born in Franklin County, Tenn., about 1835, and to her marriage were born nine children, seven now living: Mary A., William, Lizzie, Fannie, Charles, Ida and Lela. After marriage our subject purchased land, but the next year engaged in merchandising at Greensburg, and remained in business there for four years. He then sold out, and in 1864 went to Montana, and again entered the mines where he remained four years or longer. This trip was unsuccessful. He then engaged in farming, dealing in stock, and was also engaged in the saw-mill business. In 1869 he purchased the land he now owns, and has lived there ever since. He has been a magistrate since 1874. He is a Democrat in politics, and is a good citizen. Mrs. Fetters is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

I. A. Forquer, a prominent farmer in Sand Hill, was born in Preston County, Va., in 1832, and moved to Scotland County, Mo., in 1859, where he has since resided. He was reared on the farm, and received a good common-school education. After he became grown he taught school and clerked in a general store until 1859, when he engaged in farming, and after locating in Missouri, also taught school for a few years, in connection with his farming. He inherited about \$1,000 in property, and the balance of his wealth is due to his industry and good management. He owns a splendidly improved farm of 440 acres, where he now resides. He was married in 1860 to Miss S. E. Chany, a daughter of Thomas A. and Nancy (Greenwade) Chany, natives of Maryland. [See sketch of A. B. Chany.] To Mr. and Mrs.



Forquer five children were born, two dying in infancy, Eugene W., Mary E. and Sherman Carroll, now living. Mrs. Forquer died in 1869, and Mr. Forquer was married, the second time, to Miss Mary J. Scott, a daughter of Thomas and Martha Scott, natives of Virginia. To this union five children have been born: Harrison Russel, Martha, Dora Olive, Lena (deceased) and one unnamed. Mr. and Mrs. Forquer are members of the Methodist and Christian Churches, respectively. The former is a Republican, and was elected judge of the county court in 1866, which office he held for four years. He was the ninth of twelve children of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Forquer, natives of Somerset County, Penn., who moved to Virginia about 1824, where the father died. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a Democrat, and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Forquer were of English and German descent, respectively. Mr. Forquer died in 1845 at the age of fifty-one, and his wife died in 1884, at the age of eighty-six.

George Fry, a well-known citizen of Jefferson Township, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, April 2, 1835, and is the son of Isaac and Margaret (Allen) Fry. The father was a native of Westmoreland County, Penn., and was of German descent. He died in Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1881, and was sixty-four years of age at the time of his decease. He learned the machinist's trade in Detroit, Mich., when young, but followed farming the last twenty years of his life. He was a boy when his parents moved to Ohio, and when about eighteen years of age he went back to Pennsylvania, where he married. He then moved back to Detroit, Mich., and after living there for about six years, moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was engaged in the planing mill business for a number of years. He moved to Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1852, purchased a farm, and engaged in farming, which occupation he has since followed. The mother of our subject was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., and was a young woman at the time of her death, which occurred in 1844. Our subject went to live with an uncle, Jacob Fry, in Delaware County, Ohio, where he remained for four years, when his father was again married, and was living in Cincinnati, where our subject went and remained with his father until they moved to Iowa. At the age of twenty he moved to St. Louis, and engaged in the planing mill business with Ladd, Patrick & Co., for seven years as foreman. From St. Louis, he went to Potosi, Washington Co., Mo., where he remained until 1871 in business with the Pennsylvania & Missouri Lumber Company, and three years with the St. Louis Lead Mining Company. In the last named year he moved to Memphis, Scotland County, where he built a store room and



engaged in merchandising, which he continued for three years, after which he sold out and purchased his present farm. For three months during the year 1863 he belonged to St. Louis provost guard, being lieutenant, and was guard on the levee. In 1856 he married Miss Elizabeth H. Smith, of Elizabethtown, N. J., and a daughter of Jonas Smith. The fruits of this marriage were eight children, seven living: George A., Lola B., Nettie M., John I., Charles A., Kittie J., and Clarence S.; Maggie died in 1873, when a mere child. Our subject and wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The former is a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W., and is a Republican. He is an active and enterprising citizen of the county. His son, George A., is now in Choteau County, Mont., engaged in merchandising, and his daughter, Lola B., is with George A.

Henry H. Fugate, a prominent farmer and stock dealer in Sand Hill Township, was born February, 2, 1827, in Pendleton County, Ky., and for several years was not permanently located, residing in Lewis and Clark Counties, Mo., and also spending some time in California. He located in Scotland County, in February, 1856, where he has since remained. He has acquired his education by reading and observation since grown. He began life for himself at the age of twenty-one, a poor man, and what he is now worth is the product of his energy and practical business ability. He owns a nicely improved farm of 440 acres, upon which he resides. His father dying when our subject was but ten years old, he became the main support of his widowed mother and her children. He was married in 1856, to Miss Mary Matilda Davis, daughter of Nathaniel and Nira (Jones) Davis, natives of Ohio. He afterward moved to Iowa, and in 1853 came to Scotland County, Mo., where Mr. Davis also resides. Mrs. Davis died August 7, 1851, and Mr. Davis was married to Mrs. Martha Case, formerly Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Fugate have had seven children, only two of whom lived to be grown; they are named as follows: William H., aged twenty-seven when he died; Mary Janette, who died at the age of four; Almon Franklin, died at the age of two; Nira Jane, died at the age of fifteen months; Joseph Howard; Nannie Martha, who died at the age of three, and one who died unnamed. Mr. Fugate is a Democrat, and is the second of seven children of Henry and Maria (Ewing) Fugate, natives of Pendleton County, Ky. His grandfather was a native of Virginia, and an early settler in Pendleton County, Ky. Mrs. Maria Fugate was a daughter of John Ewing, of Virginia, an early settler of Pendleton County, Ky.

John M. George was born in 1827 in Ohio, came to Memphis in 1864, and established a wagon and carriage manufactory, which



he has conducted successfully ever since. He built his present shops in 1877, and does a good business. He was married in 1850 to Mary Hilles, and they have one son—Edmund H. Mr. George is a Republican, and holds strongly to prohibition. His parents, Parnick and Mary (Cochrun) George, were natives of Virginia and Kentucky. They came to Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1842, and died there some time after.

James Gillespie, editor and proprietor of *The Memphis Reveille*, was born in Carroll County, Ohio, May 18, 1843, the son of William and Mary P. (Engle) Gillespie, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch-Irish origin. The father came to Scotland County in 1853, and located on a farm in Johnson Township, where he died in 1869. The mother died in 1885. Their children are John, Charles, William, Steward M., James, Hugh W. and Maggie E. (the wife of H. L. Burt). Our subject was fairly educated in his country home, and at the opening of the war joined the militia, and in 1863 enlisted in the Second Provisional Regiment, of Missouri. He served as a private and non-commissioned officer until November, 1864. He was a lieutenant of militia, and in 1865 enrolled those in the county. After the war he taught school for nine months, and then became deputy sheriff under J. H. Best, and served about six and a half years. In 1870 he entered the United States assessor's office, and continued until its abolishment in 1873. The following year he moved to Keosauqua, Iowa, and in 1877 became deputy clerk in that county. He became clerk two years later, and served three terms. In January, 1885, he came to Memphis, and bought his present journal, which he has since ably conducted. In 1869 he married Sarah C. Miller, a native of Ohio, and sister of Mrs. J. P. Craig, of Memphis. Their children are James C., William W., Stella, George H., Bessie and Don. Our subject's paper reflects his Republican principles, and is the only one of that political color in the county. He is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the G. A. R. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Maj. Henry M. Gorin was born in Christian County, Ky., October 14, 1812, the son of John D. and Martha (Thomas) Gorin, natives of Virginia and South Carolina, respectively. The father was a farmer and sheriff of Todd County, Ky., and in 1828 went to Vandalia, Fayette Co., Ill. He there held various county offices, and for several years was judge of the probate court. He died in 1846. Our subject was reared on a farm, and educated at Cumberland College, Princeton, Ky. In Illinois he was engaged as clerk in mercantile pursuits, and afterward studied medicine under an elder brother. He then went to Macon



County, Ill., where he was both county and circuit clerks for about eight years. In 1841 he came to Scotland County, and settled on a claim near Memphis about six miles to the north. The following year he was made judge of the county court, and in 1843 was appointed both circuit and county clerks. He served by re-election until 1854. He had begun merchandising in Memphis in 1849, and continued with success until 1861. He was a member of the constitutional convention of that year. In 1872 he was elected county tax collector, and served four terms. Before the war he was a Whig, and was opposed to secession, but was in sympathy with his State. Since the war he has been a Democrat. April 23, 1835, he married Mary A. Love, a native of Pike County, Mo. She died February 1, 1884. Their children are Martha E., the wife of Dr. J. T. Crow; Maria E., the wife of G. L. Evans; Mary J., the widow of D. Stith; Catherine M., the wife of G. T. Collins; and Helen M., the wife of D. F. Shipman. He has been a Mason for about forty years, and he and his wife hold to the Presbyterian faith. He is now leading a retired life, after years of successful living. He served in the Black Hawk war. Very much of the history of the county has been derived from his memory.

Lewis Hale, an old and well-respected citizen of the county, was born in Sullivan County, Tenn., May 28, 1828, and is the son of Lewis and Elizabeth Hale, both natives of Sullivan County, East Tenn., born in 1794 and 1798, respectively. The father died in the same county, and was eighty-six years of age at the time of his death. He was a farmer, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. The mother of our subject died when about sixty-four years of age, and both she and her husband were members of the Christian Church. Our subject is the seventh of thirteen children, seven now living. He received his education in Tusculum College, in Greene County, East Tenn., and afterward began life as a farmer. December 7, 1848, he married Sarah Kincheloe, a native of Washington County, East Tenn., born September 6, 1831, and is the daughter of William Kincheloe. The result of this marriage was the birth of nine children, only four now living, viz.: John N., Emma T., Albert S. and Walker. Those deceased are Lizzie (Petty), Mary (Skidmore), Minervia (Mullens), William L. and James L. In 1849 our subject came to Schuyler County, Mo., where he remained one year. He then moved to Scotland County, and after one year purchased a farm in Schuyler County, where he moved and remained six years. He then sold that property and purchased part of the land that he now owns which consisted of 225 acres. He has since added the balance of 500 acres, and has greatly improved the whole. Our



subject is a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 244, Middle Fabius, and is a decided Democrat. He and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

J. D. Hanan, a popular farmer, was born in 1827, in Marion County, Mo. He was but an infant when his parents went to Kentucky, and scarcely two years old when they went to Fulton County, Ill. They went from there to Van Buren County, Iowa, where our subject spent most of his youth. He attended school probably no more than a year, and is largely self-educated, but his untiring energy and management have given him success notwithstanding. His estate embraces about 645 acres. After a time in Scotland County he went to Clark County, and remained there twenty-seven years and then came back to his old county. He was married in 1853 to Alice Ewing. Their children are David W. and Oscar B. His wife died in 1860, and a year later he married Virginia I. Miller. The children of this marriage were John P., Hester A. (deceased), Isabella, James S., Margaret A., Edgar and Columbus W. He and his wife are members of the Baptist and Methodist Churches, respectively. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and served as township trustee for eighteen months, and for the past twenty-five years as school director. His parents, Samuel and Patsey (Price) Hanan, are natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania, and are of German-Irish and English descent, respectively. They reared a family of ten children, of whom our subject is the fifth. The father was a prominent Baptist minister, and two of his brothers served in the war of 1812. The grandfather, James M. Hanan, was a native of Ireland, and when quite small came to this country, and afterward served in the Revolution. His wife was taken prisoner by the Indians at one time, and kept for about three months, and nearly starved. While in the Revolution the father received a severe bayonet wound, and was taken prisoner, but on account of his supposed fatal wound was released, and made his way to his friends, with whom he afterward recovered.

William Heald, a prominent farmer and bee keeper, was born April 2, 1813, in Somerset County, Me. He received a common-school education, and was thrown upon his own resources at an early age. He first gave his entire attention to farming, but for the past twenty years has given his attention to the culture of bees. He has acquired an estate of about 300 acres. He was married in January, 1847, to Sabrina G., a daughter of Charles and Agnes (Smith) Baker, natives of Maine, where the latter died. The father died while on a visit to his daughter, in Missouri. He was of English descent, while his wife's ancestry was Scotch. The children of this marriage were Emert (deceased), Hadassah



(now Mrs. J. H. Bennett), Flavius, Charles, Alice C. (now Mrs. Ed. McDaniel), Mary (now Mrs. Gleason), Minnie (now Mrs. McDaniel), Cora and Emma (deceased). Our subject is a staunch Democrat, and a good citizen. His parents, Ephraim and Mary (Steward) Heald, reared a family of twelve children, of whom our subject is the seventh. They were of English and Scotch descent, respectively. The father was a quartermaster in the war of 1812, while his father, Amos, a native of New Hampshire, served in the Revolution during the entire period, witnessing the surrender of Cornwallis. Our subject came to Scotland County in 1839, and has proved himself a success in his particular line. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Eli Hilles is a native of Washington County, Penn., and since 1865 has lived in Memphis, engaged in farming, but now devotes his time chiefly to loaning. He began life first as a clerk, and continued until 1849, when he was attacked by the gold fever, which proved anything but disastrous in its effect, for his sixteen years in California in mining, ranching and merchandising was the foundation of his success. Politically he is a Republican, while in religion he holds to the faith of his parents, who were both Quakers. He is the son of David and Hannah (Dingee) Hilles, natives of Pennsylvania. Our subject came west in 1843, and the father died on the way here. The mother had died in 1837. The family of four sons and three daughters came to Iowa, and located on a farm in Van Buren County.

T. W. Holman, a prominent farmer of Sand Hill Township, was born July 26, 1845, in Estill County, Ky., and in 1852 moved with his parents to Columbus, Ind., and in October, 1857, moved to the farm where he has since resided. He lived on a farm until fifteen years of age, when he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, and served until February 11, 1865, when he was mustered out at Eastport, Miss. He was highly respected by his superior officers, always taking great delight in the discharge of his duties, and at the time he was mustered out was offered the second lieutenantship to remain with the army, and received quite honorable mention on the back of his discharge. He stood beside the first man shot at the battle of Shiloh, and, although never captured himself, had many narrow escapes, and in many ways distinguished himself by his courage and efficiency as a soldier. The farm on which he lives is a well improved one of about 100 acres, and he is one of the most prominent citizens of the place, having a well-stored mind always posted with current events. March 4, 1866, he married Miss Nannie E. Cole, a daughter of Charles and America



(Johnson) Cole, natives of Kentucky. Seven children have blessed this marriage, viz.: Charles S., Albert F., Arthur S., Anna L., Helen K., Frank G. and May. Mr. and Mrs. Holman are members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics the former is a Democrat. In 1882 he was appointed judge of his district by Gov. Crittenden, to serve out an unexpired term of one year, and was then elected presiding judge of the county court, which office he held for four years. He was appointed assessor of his county, in 1876, by Gov. C. H. Hardin, and served about one year and a half. He was elected registrar of his township in 1872. He is a Master Mason, as well as a Royal Arch Mason, and is a charter member of Memphis Commandery, No. 41, of the Knights Templar, and is also a charter member of the G. A. R. Post at Memphis. He is the eldest son of the four children of George W. and Eliza J. (Harris) Holman, natives of Kentucky, possibly Estill County. George W. served as sheriff of his county while residing in Kentucky. He was an old line Whig, and an active member of the Presbyterian Church. The Holmans originally came from Virginia to Kentucky.

Jesse T. Holt, farmer and stock dealer, of Miller Township, was born in Bedford County, Va., October 1, 1817, and is the son of Spradley and Elizabeth Holt. The family is of English descent. The father, it was thought, was born in Sussex County, Va. He was a farmer. The mother was a native of the same county, and died in Floyd County, Va. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject was one of a large family of children. Before he was twelve years of age he was cast upon the world, and upon his own resources. He went to live with a man named Charles Reynolds, and remained with him until about twenty years of age, engaged in teaming—driving a six-horse team from Lynchburg, Va., to the stores in the neighborhood. On leaving Virginia he moved to Blountville, Sullivan Co., East Tenn., where he hired out to farmers for two years. He then returned to Franklin County, Va., and was engaged in driving a team for another year. He then came to Missouri before the country was settled, when Indians were plenty, and before the county of Schuyler had been organized. Immediately after coming here he married Miss Sarah Webster, a native of Franklin County, Va., born in 1827. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and died in the year 1877. Of their family of ten children, seven are now living. In 1883 our subject married Mary Webb, a daughter of Robert Webb. She was born in Louisville, Ky., August 2, 1843. Mr. Holt and wife are worthy members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a decided Democrat in his political views. He is a very active and



enterprising citizen of Scotland County, and at all times supports the cause of education and religion, as well as all other worthy enterprises.

W. M. Hoover was born in Holmes County, Ohio, April 12, 1847, the son of George and Delilah (Ramage) Hoover, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject was reared in his native county, and followed farming. In 1870 he came with his parents to Union Township, farmed with his father, and afterward alone, until 1881. He then came to Memphis, and engaged in mercantile pursuits. He has been very successful, and now carries a full stock of staple and fancy groceries, provisions, glass and queensware, and has a large trade. He was married, August 26, 1874, to Lizzie H., a daughter of Henry Keller. Their children are Arthur R. and Nellie M. Our subject is a Republican, and a member of the Triple Alliance. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Martin Horn is an old pioneer of Scotland County. He was born in 1811, in Washington County, Penn., where he was reared and educated, and spent his life until 1833. He next moved to Knox County, Ohio, purchased a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits until he came to his present home, in Etna, Mo., in 1853. He owns here an estate of 120 acres, and also the same amount in Clark County. He had been married in Ohio to Drusilla Melick, who died in 1872, after becoming the mother of four sons and three daughters, two of whom are now deceased. Aaron, one of the deceased, was married in Scotland County, and afterward died in Arkansas; as to the ancestry of our subject, they were of German stock. The father, Martin, located in Baltimore, and afterward died in Washington County, Penn., where the mother, Margaret (Sharp) Horn, was also deceased after rearing six sons and five daughters. Of these children, our subject and Hartman are the only ones who left Pennsylvania, and the latter died in Scotland County. Mr. Horn is a member of the Christian Church. His political principles are those of the party who nominated Andrew Jackson, the President who received our subject's first vote.

Washington Hudson was born in Amherst County, Va., June 15, 1831, and moved to Iowa in the year 1848. Two years later he moved to Memphis, Mo.; in 1858 he married Nanie C. Nesbit, a native of Kentucky. He was engaged in the live stock business until 1865, when he formed a co-partnership in the mercantile business under the firm title of Paxson & Hudson.

John K. Humphrey, a well-known and enterprising farmer and stock dealer of Mount Pleasant Township, was born in Washington County, Ky., October 22, 1826, and is the son of William



and Eliza Ann (Pettitt) Humphreys. The father was a native of Washington County, Ky., December 14, 1802, and died in Knox County, Mo., August 8, 1884. The Humphrey family is of English descent. The father, with his family, left Kentucky and came to Lewis County, Mo., about 1841, and from there to Scotland County, about 1850, where he remained until after the war. He then moved to Knox County, Mo., where he passed the remainder of his days. He was a farmer, and served as constable for several years. The mother of our subject was a native of Fauquier County, Va., born December 28, 1800, and was of German descent. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and died in Scotland County, Mo., May 21, 1886. Our subject is the eldest of ten children, five now living. He received the rudiments of an education in Kentucky, and attended school a short time after coming to Missouri. He remained with his parents until 1848, when he married Rachel Davis, a daughter of R. M. Davis. She was born in Mercer County, Ky., May 14, 1830, was a member of the Christian Church, and died in Scotland County, Mo., October 4, 1874. To this union were born five sons and eight daughters; four sons and three daughters now living. After marriage our subject rented land for two years, after which he purchased land in Knox County, where he lived six years. He then purchased the land that he now owns, and moved on the same. In 1854 he was living in Scotland County, and was elected magistrate, which position he held for twenty years. He is a worthy member of the Christian Church, and was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F., when living in the vicinity of a lodge. He is a Democrat, and a man much respected by all his acquaintances. He never sued, and was never sued, and has never been a witness before a jury except once, and that was before the grand jury.

John S. Israel. [See sketch of Pine & Israel.]

Samuel E. Jayne, an old and prominent citizen of Scotland County, and a resident of Mount Pleasant Township, was born in Campbell County, Ky., November 23, 1816, and is the son of Ebenezer and Debora (Egleston) Jayne, both natives of Steuben County, N. Y. The former was born in 1786, and died in Pendleton County, Ky., when about seventy-three years of age. He was a farmer all his life, and after his marriage, which occurred in New York, moved to Kentucky. The mother was born in 1791, and died in Pendleton County, Ky. Both parents were members of the Baptist Church for many years, but later joined the Christian Church. Our subject is the second of eight children, four of whom are now living. His advantages for an education were limited, but by general reading, contact with all



kinds of business transactions, and being a close observer, is indeed a well-informed man. He remained with and worked on his father's farm until twenty-one years of age, when he began on his own resources. He purchased land in Pendleton County, Ky., and engaged in agricultural pursuits, which occupation he has since followed. He sold his property in 1850, and moved to Scotland County, Mo. He now owns 470 acres of exceedingly good land, all in a high state of cultivation. In February, 1846, he married Miss Louisa Ann Payne, a daughter of Gaze Payne, a Virginian. She was born in Pendleton County, Ky., and died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1853. To this union were born four children, all of whom are deceased. They were named as follows: Mary M., Alexander D., Ebenezer and an infant. The latter part of the year 1853 our subject married Miss Fannie E. Crowley, a daughter of John Crowley. She was born in Missouri, on the banks of the Missouri River, either in Howard or Clay Counties, in May, 1836. The fruits of this union were three children: Miranda O., John N. and Augustus S. Our subject is a Democrat, but was formerly an old line Whig. He started in life with but little means, and by industry and good management, has succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations.

John M. Jayne was born in Scotland County, and is now a prominent lawyer of Memphis. He was born November 27, 1858, the son of Samuel E. and Fannie E. (Crowley) Jayne, natives of Pendleton County, Ky., and Clay County, Mo., respectively. [Their sketch appears above.] Our subject was reared in this county, and attended La Grange College. He began the study of law at the age of eighteen, under E. R. McKee. He was admitted to the bar July 18, 1879. After some practice with Hon. Lewis Meyers, he became partner with his preceptor in December, 1883, with whom he has been in successful practice ever since. The firm is the peer of any in this region. He was married, November 27, 1884, to Minnie P., a daughter of the late Judge J. T. Redd, of Palmyra. She is a native of Marion County. Our subject is an uncompromising Democrat in politics. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Jeremiah F. Jenkins, a well-known citizen of Jefferson Township, Scotland Co., Mo., was born in Bullitt County, Ky., November 11, 1811, and is the son of William N. and Priscilla B. (Hoskins) Jenkins. The father was born in Maryland, and followed the occupations of a farmer and shoemaker. He moved to Kentucky at a very early date, 1806, and was quite successful in his business transactions. He died in Bullitt County, Ky. The



mother of our subject was born in the same State in which her husband was born, and died in the same State in which his death occurred. Our subject was two years old at the death of the father, the youngest of three children, two now living. He received a fair education in the common schools of Bullitt County, Ky., and, being naturally a close observer, is considered one of the well-informed men of the county. He remained on the old homestead, and worked for his mother until 1836, when he married Mrs. Margaret Conley, daughter of John Craven, and the widow of Michael Conley. This excellent woman has been the companion of our subject for over fifty years, and their married life has been blessed by the birth of nine children—five sons and four daughters. One son is deceased. After marriage our subject purchased land in Bullitt County, Ky., and lived there about eleven years, when he moved to Scotland County, Mo., near Etna, in the year 1861, again purchased land near Memphis, Jefferson Township in 1863, and there he has since remained. He started in life poor, but evinced a strong determination to succeed, in which he was successful. He now owns 240 acres of some of the best land in Scotland County. Our subject is a decided Democrat, is a member of the I. O. O. F., and he and wife are members of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

J. E. Johnson, a prominent farmer of Harrison Township, was born in Franklin County, Va., in 1831. His parents moved to Hardin County, Ky., in 1838, and there our subject spent his youth. He married, in 1854, Lucinda Triplett, a native of Kentucky, and the following fall located in Scotland County, Mo. He was interrupted in his farming by a six-months' war service in 1861, but he continued in this and Lewis Counties, and in 1869 purchased 240 acres of his present farm, which now contains 321 acres of excellent land. He, his wife, two sons, and six daughters are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of Fairmont Lodge, No. 290, F. & A. M. The paternal grandfather, John, a native of Bedford County, Va., served in the Revolution, and died in Franklin County, that State, in 1833, at the age of ninety-five years. His son, Bailey, the father, was a native of the latter county, and born in 1802. After his marriage to Barsheba Nunn, a Virginian, he moved to Kentucky in 1838, and in 1855 removed to Clark County, Mo. He died in 1878, and his widow survived him until 1886, after rearing a family of five children, of whom our subject is the second.

Joel H. Kellar, an old pioneer of Scotland County, has been postmaster at Etna for many years. His birth occurred in Oldham County, Ky., in 1812, and after he reached manhood he was married to Mildred E. Snyder. They immigrated to Illinois



in 1831, where they reared their family. In 1854 they moved to Lee County, Iowa, and three years later to Etna, where he was engaged in farming and hotel keeping for many years, the latter until 1883. He first became postmaster in 1859, and has held that office continuously ever since, excepting two and a half years during war times, and even then acted as deputy, so that he has been a veteran in the mail department. The ancestors of our subject are German, there being three brothers who came from Germany and located in South Carolina, and one of these was the great-grandfather of our subject. The grandfather, William, was a Baptist minister, and was a native of Virginia, in which State his son, Abram, was born. The father, Abram, came to East Tennessee as an infant, and about 1795 moved to Kentucky. He was the father of eleven children, all reared to maturity, and of whom our subject was the eldest. His death occurred in Illinois.

Henry Keller, a native of Augusta County, Va., was born March 16, 1821, the son of Samuel and Katie (Fisher) Keller. His father came to Missouri in 1836, and located on a farm near Old Winchester, where he died May 26, 1855. The mother died in Virginia, and the father afterward married Judy Davis. But two children of six, by his first marriage, are living: Dabney and our subject. Henry followed blacksmithing at Winchester for about twenty years. During the war he was a strong Union man, and served in the State militia, in which service he received a wound that permanently crippled his left hand. He came to Scotland County in 1867, engaged in farming, and so continued until 1881. Since that date he has been in the grocery business at Memphis, where the establishment is operated by his son-in-law, W. M. Hoover. May 26, 1844, he married Mary Hay, of Page County, Va. Their children are Julia, the wife of H. Gatton; Lizzie, the wife of W. M. Hoover, and Georgie E. Our subject is Republican in his political ideas. He is a Mason, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. John Waldo Kittle, of the Missionary Baptist Church, was born September 1, 1825, in Randolph County, W. Va. He received an ordinary education, and first became a member of the Predestinarian Baptist Church, and afterward joined the Missionary Baptist division in 1867. He has had a life of struggle and industry, but now owns 183 acres, and is a good farmer. He came here in December, 1850, having been married three years before to Sarah, a daughter of Solomon and Mary (Teter) Yeager, who were of Dutch descent. Her mother was reared in West Virginia, and came to Scotland County about 1857. The children of our subject are Elijah, Amy, Vienna, Emily, Lloyd, Cal-



vin, Mary S., Dennis and John H. Our subject was the fourth of twelve children of Elijah and Lucinda (Waldo) Kittle, natives of Randolph and Harrison Counties, W. Va., respectively. The mother was a daughter of Dr. J. J. Waldo, a physician and minister of the Missionary Baptist Church. He gained his medical knowledge through an Indian captivity of six years. He was one of the earliest settlers of Harrison County, W. Va., and married a Miss Bull. The grandfather, Abram Kittle, was of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, and married a Miss Martena also of Dutch stock.

George H. Lawton was born in Albany County, N. Y., April 2, 1824, the son of Gardner and Sarah (Davis) Lawton, natives of Connecticut and New York, respectively. Our subject was reared in his native State, and received but a limited education, which his business life has largely improved, however. His early life was successfully engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Albany, N. Y., where he continued for twenty-three years. During the war he removed to New York City, where he conducted a still larger business, but the financial severity of the last year of the war caused him great losses. In 1870 he came to Iowa, and lived in Davenport, that State, and in Chicago, until 1875. He then came to Missouri, and located in Monroe County. Since 1879 he has been in Memphis in the lumber business which his son now conducts. They also represent the following insurance companies: The Niagara, of New York; The Orient, of Hartford; the Traders, of Chicago; the American Central, of St. Louis; the German, of Chicago, and the Mutual Life, of New York. By his first wife, Emily Crapo (deceased), he had the following children: William C., Edgar C., Chauncey A., George H., Luther C. and Elizabeth (widow of E. Rouse). His present wife, Sarah F., is a daughter of Judge A. A. Kellogg. Our subject is a Democrat, and is now serving his third term as president of the city council, of which he has long been a member. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows' society.

John C. Leach, druggist, was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, April 18, 1848, the son of Thomas and Mary (Hamilton) Leach, natives of Virginia. The father was a pioneer farmer of Iowa, and the death of the parents left our subject an orphan at an early age. He was reared in his native place with his brothers and sisters at the old homestead. He followed farming until 1869, and then engaged in the drug business at Chariton, Iowa, until 1871. He then came to Memphis, and engaged in a grist-mill with his brother, Charles B., in building the Great Western Mills. In December, 1874, he sold out, and the following September established his present drug business, in which he has a



select stock of general drugs, paints, oils, school books, stationery, and makes a specialty of prescriptions. He has also an elegant soda fountain, and carries a full line of cigars and tobacco, wall paper, etc. His two-story brick block was built in 1884. He was married June 7, 1875, to Della Ketchum, a native of New York. Their only child, John C., is deceased. Our subject is a stanch Republican, and is one of the enterprising men of Memphis.

Charles H. Lowry was born in Rockbridge County, Va., November 24, 1823. His parents were Peter and Susanna (Moore) Lowry, the former a native of America, but of Scotch descent, and the latter a native of the "Old Dominion," and a daughter of Isaac Moore, a German. The last named was an early immigrant to America, and had several sons in the War of 1812. The father was married in Virginia, and about 1837 or 1838 he removed to Adams County, Ohio, where he remained until his death, about four years later. Charles H. remained at home until he was about twenty-five years of age, and after marriage he also worked on the home farm, and rented land until the fall of 1852, when he immigrated to Iowa. The next spring he came to Scotland County, where he entered and pre-empted 115 acres of land. He has since remained a worthy citizen of the county, and none are more highly esteemed than he and his wife. They were married March 15, 1849, she being a Miss Nancy P. Moore, a native of Adams County, Ohio, born October 28, 1820. Her parents were Henry and Jane (Holmes) Moore, natives of Pennsylvania, from which State, when children, they moved with their parents to the then wilderness of Ohio.

Samuel Miller is the son of Samuel and Margaret (Lackey) Miller, and was born in Rockbridge County, Va., April 6, 1805. The father was born in North Ireland, and came with his parents to Pennsylvania before the Revolutionary War. He had two brothers in this war. After some time the father moved from Lancaster, Penn., to Highbridge neighborhood, Rockbridge Co., Va. (named from the celebrated natural bridge), where he remained until death. He was a weaver in his youthful days, but in late years was a farmer. He died about 1845. He moved with his father to Virginia and became owner of his father's plantation. This our subject afterward purchased from the other heirs, and remained upon it, and took care of his parents in their old age. The mother of our subject was born in Pennsylvania, and her ancestors came from North Ireland, near Londonderry, to Pennsylvania. She died in Rockbridge County, Va., about 1850; both father and mother were members of the Associate Reformed Church, and died in their eighty-seventh year. Our



subject received a very liberal education in Rockbridge County, and has been a student all his life. In 1834 he married Miss Janetta Wilson, who was born in Augusta County, Va., October 23, 1810, and died in Scotland County, Mo., August 27, 1878. She was the daughter of James and Deborah (Patterson) Wilson. The Pattersons were a noted family in Virginia, living at Patterson Ford on South Shenandoah River, Augusta County. Mrs. Miller was a member of the Presbyterian Church from early childhood, and by her marriage became the mother of ten children, five sons and two daughters, who are living on and enjoying the benefits of those lands. Our subject is now at this date (October 22, 1887), eighty-two years, six months and seventeen days old. In 1852 he came to Missouri and entered 1,000 acres of Government land, and in 1856 he brought his family to Scotland County, Mo., and has since been a resident of that county, having sold his property in Virginia. While on his way from Virginia he and his family remained one winter in Indiana, and while there was elected to teach school, but his eldest son, John F., taught the school in his place. While in Virginia our subject was elected, appointed and commissioned, in 1851, on account of his merits and standing in society, by the court of Rockbridge County, to have charge of the school fund of the poor for a territory of twelve miles square, and served without pay. [See old constitution of Virginia.] He also served, while in that State, as elder in his church (Old School Presbyterian) twenty-two years, and has filled the same position since his residence in Scotland County, thirty-one years. He has always been a great lover of music, and while in Virginia taught the same for three years. He owes his success to industry and judicious management.

John F. Miller, a well-known farmer and stock dealer of Jefferson Township, Scotland Co., Mo., was born in Rockbridge County, Va., June 28, 1835, and is the son of Samuel and Janetta (Wilson) Miller, natives of Virginia; the former born in Rockbridge County April 5, 1805, and the latter in Augusta County. The father is now living, and is a resident of Jefferson Township, Scotland Co., Mo. Our subject is the eldest of a family of eight children, only one being deceased. He received his education in Rockbridge County, Va., and remained with his parents until the spring of 1863, when he married Miss Martha J. Moore, a native of Lewis County, Mo., born January 1, 1840, and the daughter of A. and Eliza (Patterson) Moore. The marriage of our subject resulted in the birth of seven children: Eliza J., Samuel P. and Jennie M. (twins), Maude A., James F., John H. and Lillie Isabel. After marriage our subject moved to his



present farm, where he has ever since lived, and which consists of 230 acres of land. Our subject is a Democrat, and he and wife are members of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

T. J. Miller, a prominent farmer and stock raiser, was born in 1828 in Washington County, Penn. His parents went to Clinton County, Ohio, when he was but a child, and in 1837 went to Fulton County, Ill., and two years later went to Van Buren County, Iowa. He then made the following trips: To California, Sandwich Islands, Navigator Islands, Sidney, Australia, Melbourne, and then went to Calio and Lima, in South America, and then returned to Scotland County by way of Panama, New Orleans and Iowa—an extensive voyage. His property, of which he has inherited but little, embraces about 400 acres, not including what he has given to his children. By his first wife, Sarah Lewis, to whom he was married October 8, 1856, he had two children: Jefferson and Samuel. She died March 18, 1861, and September 16 of the following year he married Elizabeth Kittle, by whom he had the following children: Sarah (deceased), Frances (now Mrs. Huston) and Minnie (now Mrs. Rodgers). Our subject served both in the Twenty-first Missouri Infantry and in the State militia. His political principles are Republican. His parents, Samuel J. and Mary (McFarland) Miller, reared a family of eight children, of whom he was the second. The father was born in Washington County, Penn., and the mother in Philadelphia, Penn. The father was engaged in farming and in loaning money, and at his death was worth about \$33,000. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and held the principles of the Republican party. Our subject's ancestry is Dutch and Irish. He has considerable musical talent, and is a man of ability.

Joseph Miller, farmer, was born in 1847 in Scotland County, Mo., where he has since resided. He acquired his education at Mount Pleasant College, Iowa, and began life for himself at the age of twenty-two. He has been occupied almost ever since in farming and general stock dealing, and his estate now embraces 403 acres, besides which he also owns other tracts of land. He was married, in 1873, to Angeline, a daughter of Jefferson Lockhart, a native of Virginia, and has had the following children: Mary M., Helen (deceased), Wesley L. and Joseph W. She died August 5, 1883, and his next marriage occurred, in 1884, to Virginia I. Lockhart. Their only child is Palmer W. Our subject and his wife hold to the faith of the Methodist Church, while his political principles are Democratic. He was the seventh of ten children born to Joseph and Mary A. (Waltman) Miller, natives of Virginia. After marriage the parents moved to La Grange,



and afterward to our subject's home. About ten years ago they moved to Warsaw, Ill., where they afterward died. The father was originally a Methodist, and assisted in organizing the first class in Scotland County, but in later years he was a prominent Presbyterian. Excepting seven years in merchandising at La Grange, he followed farming and stock raising. He was probably the first justice of the peace of his locality, and also served fifteen years as postmaster at Prospect Grove. The family were of German descent.

W. L. Mills, a prominent farmer in Jefferson Township, was born February 15, 1816, in Wayne County, Ky., moved to Monroe County, Mo., in 1827, and to what is now Scotland County in May, 1836, settling six miles northeast of Memphis. He began life a poor boy of sixteen years, and is a self-made man. He owns a nicely improved farm two miles south of Memphis, where he resides. This farm contains 195 acres, and he also has 160 acres in another tract. He was married, August 7, 1851, to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Smith, formerly Johnson. To them eight children have been born: Joseph H., Benjamin F., Ada and James A. (deceased), Caleb F. (deceased), Doci M. (deceased), Charles S. (deceased) and Alice Josephine (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Mills are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Mills is a Democrat, although in early life he was a Whig. He is an Odd Fellow, and served in the Missouri State Militia, Company I, during the late war. He was the fifth of seven children of Caleb W. and Erzilla (East) Mills, natives of Virginia, and Wayne County, Ky., respectively. Caleb W. was justice of the peace for several years, and served some time as constable, and was also a soldier in the War of 1812. He was one of the best medical practitioners of his day, a graduate of a medical college, and otherwise well qualified to practice that profession. He was killed at the "Mountain Meadow Massacre," Utah. He was born about 1788, and was a son of John Mills. His wife was a daughter of the Rev. Finus Ewing, who was one of the founders of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Erzella Mills was a daughter of North East.

J. C. Montgomery, a prominent farmer and stock raiser in Jefferson Township, was born in 1842, within three miles of where he has since resided. He was reared on the farm, and began life for himself in moderate circumstances at the age of twenty-five, and what he is now worth is the result of his industry and good management. He owns a nicely improved farm of 240 acres where he resides, and also owns land in other parts of the township. In 1868 he married Miss Almira Holman, a daughter of George W. Holman, a native of Kentucky. Six children have



blessed this union, viz.: George H., Luther T., Lydia A., Clarence, Gertrude and Nettie. Mrs. Montgomery died in April, 1885, and Mr. Montgomery has since married Miss Melissa Huggins, daughter of John B. Huggins, a native of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The former is a Democrat, and is the fourth of the six children of Harvey and Nancy (Smith) Montgomery, natives of Rhea County, Tenn., who moved to Scotland County, Mo., in 1842, where Harvey Montgomery lived and died. He was a successful farmer and influential citizen, a very active member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and was highly respected by his friends and neighbors. His wife having died Mr. Montgomery was married a second time to Mrs. Scottie Smith, to which union five children were born. Mr. Montgomery was a son of John Montgomery, a native of Ireland. Mrs. Nancy Montgomery was a daughter of John Smith.

David F. Monticue, a prominent man of Scotland County, was born in Pennsylvania, December 31, 1832, the youngest of ten children born to Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Boone) Monticue, natives of Maryland. The parents located permanently, soon after their marriage, in Westmoreland County, Penn., and they had been in Beaver County but a short time when their deaths occurred. Their moderate circumstances compelled all the family to work for their subsistence, so that David received but little education, and remained at home until after his majority. On leaving home he went to Lawrence County, Penn., and was married during the following year, and devoted his attention to his father-in-law's farm for the next ten years. In 1865 several families came to Scotland County, and it was then that he located where he now resides. His estate now consists of 360 acres of some of the best land in the county, upon which he erected a handsome dwelling in 1870. He was married, January 25, 1855, to Rebecca J. Campbell, the only child of William and Margaret (Morrow) Campbell. They have had twelve children, of whom the following are yet living: Ellen, Rebecca A., Susie, James, Frank, Wilbert C., Jessie, Eva and Rena. Margaret E. (deceased August 29, 1883), was married to Frank Harris; the remaining two were deceased in infancy. Our subject and his wife changed from the Covenanter Church of their Pennsylvania home to that of the United Presbyterians, on coming to Missouri. Our subject has been road overseer, school director, and in Pennsylvania held the office of assessor. He is a Republican.

Eugene P. Moore, editor and proprietor of *The Memphis Democrat*, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, October 6, 1844, the son of Gen. David Moore, of Canton, whose sketch appears elsewhere.



Our subject came to Missouri in 1850, and was reared in Clark County. He was educated at a college in Warsaw, Ind. During the early part of the war he served under Gen. M. E. Green, in Missouri, for a time in the Sixteenth Mississippi. After the war he taught school some, and began the study of medicine, but dropped the latter in 1870. The following year he was associated with Maj. Leflet in the publication of *The New Era*, at Palmyra. Soon after he was made enrolling clerk of the Senate, and after serving in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly he served two years in the land register's office. In March, 1873, he married Sophie Johnson. Two years later he bought out his former partner, and converted his paper into *The Marion County Democrat*, which he continued at Palmyra for seven years. In 1881 he became city editor of *The Morning Commercial Telegram*, of Toledo, Ohio, and was afterward in the same capacity on *The Evening Post*, of that city. Later on he became manager of the Railroader Job Printing Company for one year. His next occupation was managing editor of the Fort Worth (Tex.) *Democrat*, and soon after had a similar position on *The Sandusky (Ohio) Daily Journal*, with which he was connected during the noted Frank Hurd campaign. He bought his present paper in March, 1887, which he has ably conducted. His first wife died in 1877, and in March, 1883, he married Maggie L. Rush, of Palmyra. Annie K. is the only daughter living by his first marriage, and by his second are the following children: Sinona, Eugenie and Frances. Our subject is a Democrat. He is a member of the K. of P., and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. F. and J. H. Morgan were born in Sangamon County, Ill., February 1, 1831, and January 28, 1833, respectively. They are sons of Joseph K. and Jane D. (Carneal) Morgan. The father was a native of North Carolina, from which State when a youth he went to Kentucky and married. His wife was born in Virginia, but had come to Kentucky when about five years old. After their marriage they lived in Kentucky but a short time, then went to Illinois. About 1833 they came to Scotland County, among its first settlers, and located near Arbela, and afterward on the farm owned by C. Clough. They died here February 11, 1855, and February 7, 1869, respectively. Our subjects were both educated at home, and upon becoming of age, entered land which they have since sold. August 31, 1854, J. H. Morgan was married to Susan Step, a native of Clark County, and a daughter of William and Nancy Step, who located in Clark County in 1837. After marriage Mr. Morgan located upon the farm where he now lives. They have had thirteen children. Those now



living are John F., Andrew C., Nancy E., Louisa J., Nancy A., Amanda C., G. W., Marion, Jasper H. and an infant. J. F. Morgan lives with his brother. In June, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, and served for twenty-two months, participating in the battles of Athens, Corinth and Shiloh. He was discharged in March, 1863, on account of disability, and is now an honored member of Arbela Post, G. A. R.

Capt. James W. Morris was born in Worcester County, Md., September 29, 1826, and is the son of Philip and Mary (Hall) Morris, also natives of Worcester County, Md. The father was born in 1837, of Irish descent, and died when fifty-five years of age. He began in early life to follow the sea, and made many voyages to different countries. The mother was of English descent, and died in Scotland County, Mo., when eighty-one years of age (July 13, 1872). Her father and four brothers were sea captains, and when not on a voyage the former taught navigation. The mother of our subject was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for over sixty years, and by her marriage became the mother of seven children, only three now living. Our subject began his education in Maryland, and finished in Missouri. He was eleven years of age at the time of his father's death, and the following year the family moved to Hannibal, Mo., where they lived for two years. They then spent some time in Shelby County, after which they moved to the wilds of Scotland County. In 1849 our subject crossed the plains to California, where he was engaged in mining, and was also engaged as a packer on the Trinity River. He also made trips to Oregon, and other States and Territories. The adventures of Capt. Morris while in California would alone make a volume. This venture proved successful, and he returned to Scotland County, Mo., in 1854, by way of Nicaragua and New York. The 14th of September, of the same year, he married Miss Martha Talbott, a native of Pendleton County, Ky., born February 1, 1824, and the daughter of Peter and Martha Talbott. This marriage was blessed by the birth of five children, four now living: Annie, Ella F., John T. and Jennie. James T. died December 6, 1881, when in his twenty-third year. Our subject purchased the farm on which he is now living, but later engaged in merchandising in Memphis, Mo., which he continued until the breaking out of the late war, when he moved back to his farm, and has continued there ever since. During the early part of the war he was made lieutenant, but was afterward promoted to the rank of captain of Company I, of the State militia. Before the war our subject was a Democrat, but since then he has been a supporter of the Republican party. He is a good man, and a prominent and influential citi-



zen. His wife and three daughters are worthy members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which he is a ruling elder, in Pleasant Hill Congregation, Kirksville Presbytery, Missouri.

Jasper E. Mount. [See sketch of McCandless & Mount.]

John B. Mudd, prosecuting attorney, was born in this county October 23, 1855, the son of Benjamin F. and Catherine (Medley) Mudd, whose sketch will be found elsewhere. Our subject was reared in his native county, and educated at Unionton Academy, and the Kirksville State Normal. He then taught school about five years, and during this time had read law in a desultory manner. In 1879 he entered the law office of McKee & Smoot, and was admitted in 1881, after about three years' practice with Mr. Pettingill. He was elected to his present position in 1884, and two years later was re-elected without opposition, and has since served efficiently. He was elected by the Democratic party, of which he has always been a follower. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and of the I. O. O. F. societies. He was married, December 23, 1877, to Hilda J., a daughter of Endymion Hall. Their children are Luna A., Martha E., Frank H. and Gwen.

George S. Myers is a native of Scotland County, Mo., born February 14, 1840, the son of Thomas S. and Martha A. (Buskirk) Myers, whose sketch will be found elsewhere. Our subject was early trained to the farming and the saw mill business with his father, and secured a good common-school education. His first venture in mercantile life was at Greensburg, Knox County, in April, 1860. The same year he built a distillery in Schuyler County, with his brother, but was prevented from operating it by the war, and in 1863 returned to Memphis. He drove a team of oxen, and chopped and hauled wood, all winter. In the fall of 1863 he began merchandising in Memphis, and in 1876 removed his business to Wichita, Kas., and met with excellent success. His present large dry goods business was opened after his return in 1880. He carries a line of clothing, hats, shoes, notions, etc., with his dry goods, and is also extensively engaged in grain dealing. April 10, 1860, he married Nancy E. Huston, who was born in the same cabin as our subject. Their children are Joseph H., Lillian, Maggie J. and Clara. Our subject is a Democrat, and is a member of the I. O. O. F.; he and his wife hold to the faith of the Baptist Church.

McCandless & Mount, dealers in hardware, stoves, tinware, agricultural implements, and agents for Nichols & Shepard's threshing machines. This firm has been established since 1880. The senior member, Robert S. McCandless, is a native of Pendleton County, Ky. He was born September 16, 1850,



and came to this county with his father in 1857. The following year they came to Memphis, and resided here on a farm until 1866. They then went to Schuyler County, where the father died the following fall. The mother survived him until February, 1884. The parents' names are Mitchell M. and Priscilla (Orr) McCandless, and were natives of Kentucky. Their children living are our subject, Elizabeth (the wife of J. Thompson), George H., Louisa (the wife of W. D. Guinn), Herschel V., Rosella (the wife of W. Davis), James W. and Perry (deceased). Mr. McCandless engaged as clerk in 1865 for the first time, and continued in this and in Schuyler Counties until 1879, when he engaged in the grocery business in Allerton, Iowa, and the following year embarked in his present business. He was married in 1870 to Helen L. Purmort, a native of Essex County, N. Y. Their children are Roberta and Helen. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the A. O. U. W. The junior member, Jasper E. Mount, was born in Oldham County, Ky., July 17, 1847, the son of Jasper and Sarah E. Mount, natives of Indiana and Kentucky. The father died in 1852, in Oldham County, and the following year the mother came to Memphis, and lived there until 1870. After seven years on a farm in Clark County she moved to her present home in Chase County, Kas., in 1877. Her children living are Lucy A. (the wife of J. Standiford), Jasper E. and Walter E. Mr. Mount secured a good education in this county, and was a pedagogue for seven years, together with his farming. His first venture at merchandising began in 1877, in Memphis. He was a member of the firm of Crook & Co., proprietors of the New York Store, for two years; and spent 1879 in Kansas. He returned in 1880, and engaged in their present business. They have the best stock of goods in their line in Memphis, and control a large county and city trade. Mr. Mount was married, February 18, 1881, to Linnie B., a daughter of Judge D. B. Cooper. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the I. O. O. F.

Edwin R. McKee, lawyer, was born in Knox County, Ill., August 31, 1844, the son of Thomas and Maria (Rice) McKee, natives of Harrison and Crawford Counties, Ind., respectively. The father's family were Kentuckians, of Irish descent, while the mother was of Welsh stock, of Pennsylvanian ancestry. The father was born in 1810, and in 1830 came to Knox County. He was a farmer, but since the war has been a broker and real estate dealer. He has been police magistrate of Galesburg for the last twenty-four years. The mother was born in 1814, and has had thirteen children, their names being Rachel (the wife of J. French, of Iowa), Eliza J. (the wife of John Tate, of Iowa),



Catherine (the widow of W. Howey), Helen (the deceased wife of F. Sears), Isabella (deceased), Ann (the deceased wife of I. Hardenbrook), Sarah (the wife of H. Vance, of Arkansas), Hannah (deceased), Margaret (deceased), Lucinda (the wife of G. Wallace, of Kansas), Thomas Alex. (who is in mercantile business in Galesburg, Ill.,) and Daniel (deceased), and our subject, the seventh child. He was reared in his native county, and educated at Western College, Iowa, and Lombard University, at Galesburg, Ill. While at the latter place he read law, and after graduation entered the law offices of well-known practitioners, of Galesburg. In 1866 he came to Clark County with certificates from his preceptors, and was admitted to the bar at Old Waterloo. He practiced some, and taught school in the country and at Athens until 1867, when he came to Memphis. In December, 1868, he married Frances A., a daughter of Hon. N. F. Givens, of Clark County. He practiced two years at Memphis, and in 1869 began practice at Waterloo, and also practiced at Kahoka until 1875, serving as prosecuting attorney of Clark County for over two years. Since then he has been at Memphis, meeting with well-deserved success. Especially as an advocate and criminal lawyer has he gained for himself an enviable reputation. Since 1883 he has been associated with J. M. Jayne. His children are Hattie M., Thomas N. and Edwin R. He is an unswerving Democrat. He is a Knight Templar, and a member of encampment of the I. O. O. F. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K, First Iowa Infantry, and served until discharged; he was wounded in the battle of Wilson's Creek, where Lyons fell.

Crawford McWilliam, an old and prosperous farmer and stock dealer of Scotland County, Mo., and a resident of Miller Township, was born near Belfast, Ireland, February 29, 1828. He is the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Crawford) McWilliam. The McWilliam and Crawford families are descendants of Scottish ancestors. Samuel McWilliam was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in the year 1800, and died there in 1882. He was a prosperous farmer. The mother of our subject was also a native of County Antrim, Ireland, born in 1801, and died in her native county April 19, 1872. Both were devoted members of the Presbyterian Church. During the Irish rebellion, in 1798, both families (McWilliam and Crawford) were Royalists. Our subject is the eldest of six sons and one daughter. He received a liberal education, and in 1849 came to the United States, making a visit of eighteen months to an uncle living in Belmont County, Ohio. He then returned to Ireland, and married Elizabeth Moore, of County Antrim, born March 30, 1830. To this marriage were born eight children: Eliza, Samuel, William A., Mary, Thomas,



John, Crawford and Maggie. After his marriage our subject and wife returned to America, and settled in Van Buren County, Iowa, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. Six years later he removed to his present place of residence. He now owns a large tract of improved land, and pays particular attention to raising and dealing in live stock. During the late war he was commissary sergeant in the Home Guards. Mr. McWilliam is an honored citizen, an ardent supporter of Republican principles, and he and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

James Proctor Nesbit, county clerk, was born in Doniphan, Kas., September 18, 1860, the son of Robert T. and Marian M. (Knott) Nesbit, natives of Kentucky. The mother is a sister of Gov. Proctor Knott, of that State. The parents moved to Kansas in 1859, but eight years later returned to Marion County, Ky., where they now live. Our subject grew up in Kentucky, and was educated at the Indiana State University, at Bloomington, in 1878-79. He came to Memphis in June, 1881, and was employed as a printer, a trade he had learned in his youth, but on account of ill health he entered the county tax collector's office, where he remained a year and a half. In January, 1883, he changed to the circuit clerk's office, and in March, 1887, became deputy county clerk. In August, 1887, he was called to another position, which was that of county clerk, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of its incumbent, Col. J. G. Best. Our subject is a strong Democrat, and is a Knight Templar.

Thomas W. Noble, a well-known citizen of Scotland County, was born in Franklin County, Mo., March 27, 1837. He is the ninth of ten children born to John and Lavina (Tinny) Noble. The former was the son of David Noble, who was born in North Carolina, of English parentage, and who became one of the first settlers of Kentucky, where he resided until about 1800. He then moved to Vanderburg County, where he remained until his death in 1845. John was born in Garret County, Ky., in October, 1799. He remained at home until his twentieth year, when he came to Missouri, and located in Pike County. He afterward went to St. Charles County, and finally in 1830 located in Franklin County, where he remained twenty years. In 1850 he came to Scotland County, and entered a tract of 400 acres of land upon part of which our subject lives. He died January 3, 1883. He served in the Black Hawk war. He was a church member from his twentieth year, first of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and after 1862 of the United Brethren Church. His widow is still living at the age of eighty-nine years. Thomas W. was educated as a surveyor, but has never followed the business much. He has been engaged in farming all his life, but has worked as a



mechanic part of the time. He is now the owner of 130 acres of land. He was married, May 8, 1859, to Sarah J., a daughter of James M. and Mary A. (Pinkley) Oyler, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively, and both of German descent. She was a native of Marion County, Md. Her parents came to Missouri in 1843, and after living in Franklin County, until 1850, they came to Scotland County, where the mother died February 7, 1862. The father died in California, December 13, 1872. Our subject's children are Olive, George, Charles and Nelly. Mr. and Mrs. Noble are members of the Methodist Church. He takes an active interest in politics, is a Republican, and generally well informed. During the war he served in Col. Moore's regiment.

Samuel D. Norton, a prominent citizen of Mount Pleasant Township, was born in Grant County, Ky., August 17, 1834, and is the son of Archibald and Nancy (Nichols) Norton. The father was a native of Grant County, Ky., born in 1797, and died in the same county about 1847. He was a farmer, and as he started in life with very little means, was obliged to work at the weaver's trade at night, in order to get a start. The mother of our subject was also a native of Grant County, Ky., born about 1799, and died in her native county in 1855. Her father, as well as the father of Archibald Norton, was an early pioneer of the county. The Norton family originally came from Virginia. Our subject is the fifth of ten children, eight of whom are now living. He received a fair education in the schools of Grant County, and was not yet fourteen years of age when his father died, but still remained on the old homestead, and worked for his mother until twenty years of age, when he came to Clark, Scotland and other counties of Missouri, and after spending the winter returned to Kentucky, but the next fall moved back to Missouri, where he has since remained. He worked at the carpenter's trade for about a year, and then engaged with an elder brother, John J., in the mill business in Scotland County, near where he now lives, and continued at the same business for about three years, when they traded the mill for the farm that our subject now owns. This was in 1860, since then our subject has lived on this farm, which consists of 240 acres of excellent land. In the early part of the war he belonged to Company A, of the enrolled militia of Scotland County, Mo., but in 1864 he enlisted in Company I, Thirty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, Federal service, and was mustered out in March, 1865. December 27, 1860, he was married to Mrs. Mary J. McGee, widow of Elijah McGee, and daughter of J. F. Timmons. She was born in Tippecanoe County, Ind., September 18, 1836, and by her marriage became the mother of



eight children, all of whom are living: Nancy A., Eliza N., S. Grant, Samuel A., Joseph N., John H., George L. and Minnie. Our subject is a Democrat, and an active and enterprising citizen of the county.

Abraham P. Patterson, was born in Bracken County, Ky., May 15, 1830, the son of Abraham, Sr., and Jane C. (Chisholm) Patterson, natives of Delaware and Maryland, respectively. The father was born in 1783, and came to Kentucky in 1806. He was married there six years later, and in 1839 came to Marion County. He located on a farm near Monticello the following year. In 1844 he settled permanently near Memphis, where he died January 9, 1855. He was an elder of the Old School Presbyterian Church. The mother survived him until July 26, 1879. Their living children are Mary A., wife of Judge R. Gale; Martha I., widow of J. Boyle, and our subject. Seven children are deceased. Our subject received a common education in his country home, and followed farming until 1857. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits for two years, and then sold out. Since he resumed business in 1862 he has been continuously engaged in the mercantile business. He has one of the largest stocks of dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats, etc., and controls a large trade. May 21, 1863, he married Rebecca E., a daughter of Samuel Miller, and native of Rockbridge County, Va. Their children are Lulu J., Jeannette W., Willie M., Alice M., Francis J., Grace M. and Bessie H. Our subject was originally a Whig, but afterward adopted Democratic ideas. He was in attendance at the organization of the first Sunday-school in Scotland County, which was organized in the fall of 1844.

John C. Paxson, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, September 8, 1820, the son of William and Mary (Calvin) Paxson, natives of Virginia. Our subject was reared in his native county, and in early life learned merchandising and the carpenter's trade. He came to Missouri in December, 1852, and the following spring settled in Scotland County with his and his father's family excepting the mother, who had died when our subject was but four years old. The father died here in August, 1853. Our subject and Luther A. are the only children. By the father's second wife, Sarah Curry, he had the following children: Mary, wife of J. H. Anderson; Hiram; Cinderella, wife of G. Huston; Haddessa J., wife of H. Dunn, and William. Our subject followed his trade for the first three years, but on account of failing health entered the mercantile trade in Memphis as a clerk in 1856. He began for himself in 1865 in the well known firm of Paxson & Hudson, and has been successful ever since. He was married, April 27, 1843, to Luira A. Taylor, a native of Columbiana



County, Ohio. Their children are Permelia J., wife of J. Knight; Luther A., deceased, and Mary H., wife of C. G. Mety, Jr. Our subject is a Democrat, but in 1859 was elected circuit clerk on the Independent ticket, and served two years. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is recognized as one of the leading business men of the community.

Newland M. Pettingill was born in Monmouth, Me., March 24, 1852, the son of I. A. and Martha (Morse) Pettingill, natives of Maine and Massachusetts, respectively. Our subject was reared in his native State, and was educated at Maine Wesleyan Seminary of Kent's Hill, and at Bowdoin College, from which he graduated in 1875. He then came to Pittsfield, Ill., and studied law there and afterward at Louisiana, Mo., and was admitted to the Pike County bar in 1878, then becoming a member of the firm of Morrow, Gray & Pettingill. In July, 1879, he came to Memphis, and, after practicing for some time with John B. Mudd, formed a partnership under the firm name of Pettingill & Mudd. Since September, 1883, he has been a member of the present law firm of Smoot & Pettingill, and is a lawyer of experience and ability. He has always been a Democrat, and from 1881 to 1885 he served as county attorney.

A. J. Phillips, a fine mechanic, and one of Johnson County's successful farmers, was born in West Virginia in 1830, moved to Whiteside County, Ill., in 1854, and in 1865 came to his present abode in Missouri. He was brought up on a farm, and learned the carpentering trade when eighteen years of age. He has acquired his education to a great extent by reading while attending to his daily duties. He began life for himself a poor man, and what he now possesses is the result of his own labor and practical business knowledge. He has a well-improved farm of more than 500 acres. He was married in the spring of 1854 to Miss Martha E. Rowan, daughter of Frank Rowan, an early settler in Randolph County, W. Va., and a native of Baltimore, Md. To Mr. and Mrs. Phillips eleven children have been born: Elizabeth, Mary, Francesson M., William H., Randolph, Benjamin, Edward J., George, Emma (deceased), Thomas and Lewis. Mrs. Phillips is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Phillips is a professed Christian. He is also a stanch Republican, and served as constable of Whiteside County, Ill., for four years. He has never sought office, but has frequently been offered and requested to accept various offices at different times. He was the eighth of nine children of Benjamin and Phoebe (Walker) Phillips, natives of Randolph and Pendleton Counties, respectively. Benjamin served for many years as justice of the peace, and was an old-time Whig, predicting twenty years before that



the war was inevitable. He was a man of considerable erudition, and a son of Thomas Phillips.

Pile & Israel, grocers and dealers in fresh meats, include John S. Pile and John S. Israel. The senior member, Mr. Pile, was born in Johnson County, Ind., March 21, 1847, the son of Benjamin and Nancy (Price) Pile, natives of Kentucky and Indiana. The father came to near Memphis in 1851, and has been a successful farmer and stock raiser until of late years; he is living in Memphis in retirement. He is a prominent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The mother died about five years ago, leaving eight sons and five daughters, one daughter deceased. Our subject secured a fair education in his country home, and about ten years ago engaged in stock dealing, in which he has been extensively and successfully engaged ever since. In 1882 he came to Memphis, and engaged in the fresh meat business also, and in the spring of 1887 added the grocery business, and became a partner with Mr. Israel. In 1869 he was married to Emmarett F., a daughter of Maj. Benson. Our subject is Republican, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Israel was also born in Johnson County, September 8, 1842, the son of Jesse W. and Sarah A. (Price) Israel, who were natives of Tennessee and Kentucky. His father located on a farm near Memphis in 1852, and died sixteen years later. The mother, four sons and one daughter still survive him. Our subject was reared on a farm, and has pursued agriculture most of his life. He came to Memphis in September, 1886, and the following spring engaged in partnership with Mr. Pile. He was married, February 16, 1865, to Harriet A., a daughter of J. W. Harris. Their children are James T. and Jesse G. Our subject is a Republican, and during the war was a member of the State guards. He and his family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The firm began business March 1, 1887, and has a select stock of groceries, and also conduct a first-class meat market, and control a large trade.

Horace G. Pitkin, president of the Citizen's Bank, was born in Marshfield, Vt., July, 18, 1830, the son of Horace and Syrena (Burnap) Pitkin, natives, respectively, of Vermont and Massachusetts. The father came to Ohio when our subject was about six years old, and located near Columbus, where they both lived to be over seventy years of age. They had two sons and four daughters. Two of the latter are now deceased. Our subject secured a good common-school education at his country home, and at the age of seventeen went to Bentonsport, Iowa. He there engaged in the saw mill and lumber business with his brother, Erastus. He continued at that and teaching school during the



winters until he had accumulated a few hundred dollars. He then married, and in 1852 he returned to Ohio, where he managed his father's farm until 1856. He then returned to the west, and engaged in merchandising at Vernon, Iowa, with success, until 1861. He then came to Memphis worth about \$6,000, and bought William G. Downing's large stock of merchandise and also his three-story brick business house. He spent over twenty years in that business, and laid the foundation of his present successful situation. In August, 1882, he retired from this business, and has since been devoted to his real estate and banking interests. He is the largest land owner in Scotland County, and owns over 2,000 acres. Besides this he has two large brick blocks, some eight or ten residence properties, and his residence in Oak Ridge addition, which is the finest in this region. He was one of the organizers of the Citizen's Bank, of which he has been a large stockholder, and has been president since the death of L. J. Wagner, the first incumbent. His first wife died in 1863. She was Eliza A. Stewart, a native of Quincy, Ill. Their children are Albert H.; Jennie L., wife of J. F. Frye, of St. Paul; Eva A., wife of W. H. Ivie, of Kirksville, Mo.; and Dora F., wife of J. W. Henderson, of St. Paul. In 1864 he married Rachel A. Knox, a native of Pennsylvania. Their children are Cora K., wife of B. H. Cody; Jessie S., Clara J. and Horace G. Our subject is in national affairs a Republican, but is otherwise independent. He is a member of the K. of P., while in religion he is a Spiritualist. He has always been a successful man in all his undertakings, never having failed in business, or paid his debts at less than 100 cents on the dollar. He is, and has been for several years, the largest tax payer in Scotland County. One of his principal mottoes is that whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

A. H. Pitkin was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, July 13, 1851. A sketch of his father will be found elsewhere. Albert H. came to Memphis in July, 1861. He then attended Memphis High School, and completed his education at Birmingham College, Iowa. He learned the mercantile trade with his father, and also partially learned saddlery and harness making. In 1871 he engaged with his father, succeeding the firm of H. G. Pitkin & Son, and has remained in mercantile life at Memphis almost ever since. He has one of the best stocks of dry goods, clothing, notions, shoes, hats, caps, etc., in Memphis, and controls a large trade. He was married, May 1, 1873, to Ella M. Rudy, a native of Holmes County, Ohio. Their children are Leo C. and Nellie. Our subject is a prominent Republican, and in 1880 was a delegate to the Chicago convention that nominated Weaver, and was largely instrumental in securing the election of the Con-



gressman on the Greenback Labor ticket in 1880. He was secretary of the convention that nominated the present county officers on the tax payers' ticket. He has been a member of the city council for three years. He is a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the A. O. U. W., while in religious affairs he is a Spiritualist.

Lucillius Price, a prominent farmer of Harrison Township, was born on the farm where he now resides in 1848. He was reared there, and after living on the farm until 1869, he then went to Fairmont, Mo. After two years as a clerk, and some time in the drug business, he went to Sherman, Tex., in 1875, and continued the latter business for four years. Leadville (Colorado) real estate and mining interested him for about a year and a half, and after about a year's residence on the old homestead, he resumed the drug business at Denison, Tex. He became owner of the old homestead in January, 1887, and has since been devoted to farming and stock raising, and has made a specialty of the latter. By his union, in January, 1885, to Lutie Morris, a native of Lewis County, he has one daughter—Lucille. He is a Democrat, and in 1879 was a delegate from Leadville, Colo., to select a delegate to the National convention. The paternal grandfather, a Virginian, reared a large family near Lexington, Ky., and in 1832 located in Missouri, where he entered 10,000 acres of land. He entered the land upon which La Grange is located, where he resided until his death. About 4,000 acres of this land are in Scotland County, and on these acres were large herds of stock and many slaves. He and his family were uncompromising Whigs, and fast friends of Henry Clay. The father, George, was born while his parents were in Lexington, in 1803, and in 1843 was married to a Virginian by the name of Susan Davis, by whom he had three sons, of whom our subject is the eldest. He came to the farm where our subject now resides, in 1835, and here the parents died in 1885 and 1867, respectively. His two-story frame house, which was the first built in this section, is still standing.

Col. John W. Priest, a prominent citizen and resident of Jefferson Township, living eight miles west of Memphis, was born in Fauquier County, Va., July 31, 1826, and is the son of William and Sarah (Smoot) Priest, both natives of Fauquier County, Va. The Priest family is of Welsh descent. The grandfather of our subject—John Priest—and two brothers, ran away from Wales on account of political troubles in England, immigrated to America, and settled in Virginia. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and was in numerous battles. He died in Fauquier County, Va. The father of John W. died in Fauquier County,



when the latter was but one year of age, and was comparatively a young man at the time of his death; he was a farmer. The mother of John W. was of English and Irish descent, and died near Palmyra, Marion Co., Mo., in 1856, at the age of sixty-three years. Both of her parents were members of the Baptist Church, the mother having been a member from early girlhood. John was the youngest of six children, four now living. The mother, after the death of her husband, did not again marry, but when John W. was twelve years of age, she, with her family, moved to Marion County, Mo., and purchased land there. He received his education in this county, and remained with his mother until 1850, when he crossed the plains to California. Here he engaged in trading, and also ran a pack train from Sacramento to North Feather River; he also worked some in the mines. In September, 1851, he came home on the Vanderbilt line by way of Panama and New Orleans. In April of the next year he again conducted a private train composed of fifty persons, and arrived in California in August, and returned to his home by the former route in 1856. He then purchased the old home farm, and engaged in farming, but in a short time sold the farm, and engaged in merchandising at Emerson, Marion Co., Mo., where he remained in business until the breaking out of the late war. He then left his business, and organized a company of 130 men, of which he was made captain. Mr. Priest afterward joined the Tenth Missouri Cavalry (Confederate States Army), but later changed to infantry. After serving the first six months he was made lieutenant-colonel, and three months following was made colonel of the regiment, and was in many battles, among them being Athens, Monroe City, and Shelbina, and then Lexington, Mo., where he joined Gen. Price's forces, and was afterward transferred to Tennessee, or the East, and arrived at Corinth a short time after that battle. He was in general fighting for the next month, then was sent West to Arkansas Post in Parson's brigade. He was then in different places until 1864, when he was sent to Missouri as a scout; was there captured and taken to St. Louis, and transferred from there to Alton, Ill., and was finally relieved from prison on account of sickness, just before the close of the war, by giving heavy bonds. He has been shot twice through the clothing, but was never wounded. In April, 1865, he came to Scotland County, Mo., and again engaged in merchandising near his present residence, continuing at this occupation until 1872, when he abandoned the business, purchased the farm upon which he is now living, and has since been engaged in farming and stock dealing. October 30, 1867, he married Rhoda Downing, a native of Scotland County, Mo.,



born in May, 1845, and the daughter of Henry H. Downing. To this marriage four children have been born, viz.: Ara, Permelia, Henry D. and John W. Mr. Priest is a Democrat, a Mason, and in 1884 he was elected to represent the county of Scotland in the Legislature, serving two years.

William W. Purmort was born in Essex County, N. Y., in 1831, the son of Nathaniel and Permelia (Harwood) Purmort, natives of New York and Vermont. The father was reared and married in New York, and came to Missouri in 1860. His death occurred here at William's residence in April, 1885, in his eighty-sixth year. The mother had died twenty years before. They had six daughters and one son, but the following are now living: Sarah W. (the wife of L. B. Newell), Mariah (the wife A. B. Knight), and our subject. William's father was an iron manufacturer, and William was brought up in that business, in connection with which they ran a general store. He came to Missouri in 1857, and located in this county the following year. During the war he enlisted in Company C, of Col. Moore's regiment, and served one year as private, and afterward as a non-commissioned officer. He became county clerk in 1862, and filled that office efficiently for four years. He then engaged in various mercantile pursuits, until 1878, when he was re-elected county clerk. He established his present hardware and agricultural implement business in 1882, and with the aid of his son, Wallace O., has conducted it successfully ever since. His first wife, Ermina De Kalb (now deceased), left the following children: William N. and Wallace O. By his present wife, Emeline C. Clark, he has three children: Mary H., James C. and Nat H. Mr. Purmort is a Democrat, and is identified with the A. O. U. W. fraternity. He and his wife hold to the faith of the Baptist Church.

William Purvis, a well-known and enterprising citizen of Scotland County, and a resident of Mount Pleasant Township, was born in that township November 24, 1842, and is the son of Philip and Matilda (Stice) Purvis. The father was a native of Bath County, Ky., and of English-Irish descent. He was born April 5, 1812, and is now a resident of Scotland County, Mo. He was a boy nine years of age when his parents moved to Ralls County, Mo., and after moving around for some time they settled in Scotland County at a time when there were very few settlers, but numerous Indians. Philip has followed agricultural pursuits all his life, and now owns one of the best farms in the county. The mother of our subject was born in Kentucky November 12, 1812, is of German descent, and is now living. Her father was a Virginian, who moved to Kentucky at an early date, settled in Boone County, and afterward moved to Monroe



County, from there to Adair County, and finally ended his career in Oregon. William was the sixth of ten children, seven now living. He received the rudiments of an education by close application to his studies at home, and in the district schools of his neighborhood. He worked for his father until February 14, 1861, when he married Margaret E. Palmer, a daughter of Thomas and Eliza M. (DeHaven) Palmer. She was born in Richland County, Ohio, September 20, 1840, and by her marriage to Mr. Purvis became the mother of six children, two of whom are deceased. Those living are William A., Elva J., Sarah T. and Samantha A. The two deceased are Sinas and Sina (twins), who died when two years of age. About eighteen months after marriage, Mr. Purvis moved to Pierce Mill, where he was engaged in milling for some time, and seven months of that time he was in the State militia. He afterward purchased land near where he now resides, which he improved, and where he lived for nine years. He then added more land, and moved to his present residence. He started with very little of this world's goods, but by economy and good management has succeeded unusually well. He is a Republican in politics, is a prominent and influential citizen of the county, and he and his wife are worthy members of the Christian Church.

Alfred Rathbun was born in Steuben County, N. Y., February 24, 1823. He is one of ten children born to the marriage of Alfred Rathbun and Laura Brown. The former was born in Connecticut, and was the son of Job Rathbun. He married in his native State, but soon after moved to New York, where he engaged in farming. In 1838 he removed to Iowa, and located on what was known as "the half-breed tract of land," where he continued to reside until his death, about 1857. Job Rathbun was a farmer, and served for a short time in the Revolutionary War. He died at the age of ninety years, and his wife at the age of eighty-six. Our subject came to Iowa with his father's family. He married, and began life for himself by working lands on the Des Moines River, where he remained for about six years, then removed to Clark County, Mo., locating near Chambersburg, where he resided for another six years. In 1855 he came to Scotland County, and located on a farm near his present home. At the same time, together with his brother, he secured a warrant on eighty acres of his present farm, upon which he erected a dwelling in 1858. In April, 1861, he joined the Home Guards, and afterward Company I, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, with which he served until December, 1864. He was at Athens, Shiloh, Corinth and other places. While on the way from Memphis to Vicksburg he was shot through the right arm. This



wound was received after the battle of Athens, and he was also wounded by a bushwhacker in Missouri in 1861, and was also struck by a spent ball at Corinth. September 12, 1843, he married Mary Thorington, who died March 31, 1874, leaving seven children: John, George, Nancy, Alfred, Emily, William and Charity. The two eldest boys were in the late war. John was in the militia, and George was in the Twenty-first Missouri Infantry; was discharged on account of disability, came home, recovered, re-enlisted, and served during the war. On July 1, 1874, Mr. Rathbun married Mrs. Eunice (Hohstadt) Beckwith, a native of Virginia, and daughter of John Hohstadt, who was the son of Jacob Hohstadt, a German soldier in Burgoyne's army. He was captured at the battle of Stillwater, and after the war remained in this country. His son was a soldier in the American Army in 1812, and two of John's sons served in the Union Army in the late war. He died in 1880. Our subject and his wife are Christian people.

Col. John B. Reddish was born in Franklin County, Ky., December 17, 1815, the son of Ransom and Mary (Butler) Reddish, the former a native of Stafford County, Va. The mother died when our subject was but a child. Their children are Frances A. (deceased), Mary B. (deceased) and John B. The father's second wife was Mary A. (Richardson) Hall. They had an infant daughter, deceased. The father came to Lewis County in 1830, and entered what was known as "the Indian town," four miles from Monticello, where he died in 1837. John B. had charge of the farm after the father's death, and received but a limited education in the "three R's" after he was of age. In 1845 he went to Monticello, and became a merchant until 1862. He then came to Canton. In 1871 he returned to Monticello, and conducted a hotel for two years. Since then he has been in Memphis, first engaged in running the Wabash Hotel, successfully, until it burned in 1884. Since July, 1884, he has been occupied in the grocery business. He was burned out in 1886-87, and is now re-establishing business under the firm name of Williams & Reddish. In 1838 he married Caroline Asbury, of Kentucky. After her death he married Sallie A. Asbury, in 1852. Their children are Franklin C., Caroline E. (the wife of Dr. E. H. Brumbaugh, a Methodist minister), William P. and Maybette. Our subject is a Democrat, and is a charter member of the first church in Lewis County. He holds to the faith of the Christian Church. He is one of the few surviving pioneers of this section. He assisted in laying out the town of Monticello.

John W. Reed, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., near Louisville, April 5, 1831, and is a son of



Peter and Nancy (Gray) Reed. This family of Reeds is of German descent. The father was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1799, and died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1853, about eighteen months subsequent to his removal from Kentucky. He learned the blacksmith's trade when a young man, serving an apprenticeship of four years, and, although he was poor when he began life for himself, proved to be a successful farmer and blacksmith. His father, Jacob, was in the Revolutionary War during the last five years of the same, and fought in a number of battles. He died in Edgar County, Ill., in 1860, at an advanced age. The Gray family is of Irish and Dutch descent. The mother was born in Hardin County, in 1809, and died in Scotland County, Mo., February 14, 1885. Both herself and husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and to them eight children were born, of whom John W. is the fourth. Six of the children still survive. John W. received a common-school education in Breckinridge County, during his youth, which he has since greatly improved by reading and business experience. When twenty-one years old he accompanied his parents to Missouri, with whom he made his home. After the death of his father he continued to live with and care for his mother, and provide for and educate the younger children. March 20, 1862, he married Melvina Cox, daughter of Joshua Cox, and a native of Scotland County, Mo., where she was born, November 11, 1844. Eight children born to this marriage are now living: Florentine, Adelaide, Robert P., Peter, Nancy M., William W., Ina M. and Grace. After his marriage Mr. Reed moved to Illinois, where he lived until 1865, then returned to Scotland County, and purchased the farm where he now lives. By industry and economy, and the assistance of his good wife, Mr. Reed is the owner of a nice farm, and is considered one of the well-to-do farmer citizens of the county.

J. M. Richardson, an old and respected citizen of Scotland County, and a resident of Mount Pleasant since 1837, was born in Fentress County, Tenn., on the first day of the new year, 1818. He is the son of J. M. and Abigail (Hildreth) Richardson, both natives of Wythe County, Va. The father was of Welsh-Irish descent, and moved to Fentress County, Tenn., when settlers were few and far between. He was a farmer, and was circuit court clerk for over forty years. He was a wealthy man, and made his money by his own honest efforts. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died in Fentress County. Our subject was the sixth of fourteen children, six of whom are now living. He received a fair education, and in March, 1837, left his parents and came to Mount Pleasant Township, took up a



claim, and when the government land was sold, purchased a farm, and there he has since resided. July 12, 1838, he married Miss Jane Heryford, a native of Wayne County, Ky., born April 1, 1816, and the daughter of Paul Heryford. To this union were born seven children, six now living: John W., James C., Mary A., Jeffery, Madison B. and Milton; Henry is deceased. Our subject delighted in hunting, and can tell many interesting anecdotes connected with the early history of the county. He has been extensively engaged in farming, and in the rearing of live stock, in which he has been very successful. In June, 1861, he engaged in merchandising in Greensburg, Knox Co., Mo., and continued in business for about four years, but in the meantime was burned out, and lost considerable. He is a decided Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church. He is an influential and prominent citizen of the county, and takes great pride in advocating the cause of education and religion, as well as all laudable enterprises.

T. F. Risk, M. D., is a prominent citizen of Sand Hill Township, and was born in Fayette County, Ky., in 1845, from where he went to Pendleton County, Ky., when five years old; from there he went to California, Colorado and Kansas, in which States he resided until 1877, when he came to Scotland County, Mo., where he has remained. He has traveled quite extensively through several of the States, but resided only a short time in those visited. He received his academic and collegiate education in the State of Kentucky, and is an honorary graduate of "Eminence College" Kentucky, graduating with the highest honors of his class in the classical course, taking both the degrees of A. B. and A. M. He graduated from the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1863, where he also took the highest honors of his class. After graduating he immediately began practicing his chosen profession at Morgan, Ky., and has practiced medicine in California, Colorado, Kansas, and since 1877 at his present location in Missouri. He enjoys the best of success, and has a more extensive practice than he is physically capacitated to attend to. He has also been a close student of botany, geology, astronomy and mineralogy. He has made a specialty of chronic diseases, and has also treated all other diseases to which his attention has been called as a medical practitioner. He has at different times been offered positions as teacher in medical colleges, but was compelled to decline on account of ill health. He was married, in 1865, to Miss Martha A. Myers, a native of Kentucky. Seven children blessed this union: Minnie E., Lou Ella, Ollie M., Anna K., Eva (deceased), Josephus and Martha. Mrs. Risk died in 1880, and Dr. Risk was mar-



ried a second time, in 1881, to Miss Ella Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Risk are members of the Christian Church, and Dr. Risk is a Democrat; he has been urged to accept nominations for different offices, but has always declined. He is a Master Mason, a member of the I. O. O. F., and belongs to the Good Templar fraternity. He was the youngest of six children of John C. and Mary Ann (Hues) Risk, natives of New York State and Virginia, respectively. John C. was of German and French descent. He was a literary man, and a close student, and qualified himself for teaching, but followed agricultural pursuits the greater part of his life. He was a son of John Risk. The maiden name of his mother was Esthel. Dr. Risk's great-grandmother's maiden name was Rothchild, and she was born in Bavaria. His great-grandfather, on his mother's side, was a native of Frankfort, Germany, and his name was Jacob Esthel.

Charles D. Rudy, of the firm of Bennett & Rudy. [See page 1148.]

W. P. Rule, merchant and postmaster at Sand Hill, was born in 1849, in Knox County, Mo., and in 1879 moved to Sand Hill, where he has since resided. He was reared a farmer, and followed that occupation until 1879, when he engaged in the general mercantile business at Sand Hill. He began life for himself at the age of twenty-three, and his property is all the result of his own industry, and economy. He owns his stock and business property at Sand Hill, and enjoys a good patronage, which is ample evidence of his business ability. He was married, in 1875, to Miss Jane Boltz, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Smiley) Boltz. Mrs. Rule's parents were of Irish and German descent. Her father was a native of Indiana, and died in 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Rule have had two children: Perry and Lelia. Mr. Rule is a Democrat, and is the fourth of nine children of William and Martha (Shannon) Rule, natives of Tennessee and Missouri, respectively. William was judge of the county court, in Knox County, for many years, and was a Confederate soldier during the late war. He was a son of John Rule, who was an early settler of East Tennessee, and a native of Virginia.

Henry H. Saling, postmaster, was born in Memphis, January 25, 1850, the son of Daniel and Mary (Baker) Saling, natives of Missouri and Indiana, respectively. Our subject was left an orphan by his parents' death when he was quite young. He first began as a butcher and continued about three years. He was elected constable in 1880, and also became deputy sheriff, and served for two years. He then was elected to the office of sheriff, and served two terms of two years each, with entire satisfaction to all concerned. He became postmaster in March, 1887,



and makes an efficient officer. He was married, March 15, 1870, to Mary L. Hammond, a native of Kentucky. Their children are Della, Mattie, Cora, George H., Jay, Bertie D. and Louise. Our subject has been elected by the Democratic party to fill these two terms. He is a Knight Templar of the A. F. & A. M., and is a member of the A. O. U. W. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John B. Sanders, a prominent farmer and extensive stock raiser, near Memphis, was born in Shelby County, Ky., in 1824, moved to Marion County, Mo., in 1850, and to Scotland County, Mo., in 1852, where he has since resided. He began life in moderate circumstances, accumulated some property, which he lost, and became quite discouraged, but by his energy and practical business ability has again become very comfortably fixed. He has a splendidly improved farm adjoining Memphis on the east, besides owning other tracts of land in the county, amounting in all to upward of 1,200 acres. He was married in 1855 to Miss Lavinia Gray, a daughter of Judge Jacob and Elizabeth (Hall) Gray, natives of Maryland, who moved to Missouri when Mrs. Sanders was about six years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Sanders six children have been born: John J. (civil engineer on the Texas, Arkansas & St. Louis Railroad), Thomas R., James L., Mary M., Culvin (deceased) and George (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Sanders are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Mr. Sanders is a Democrat. He was the eldest of ten children of Culvin and Mary Magdaline (Fore) Sanders, natives of Prince Edward County, Va., and Kentucky, respectively. Culvin S. died in May, 1887, at the age of eighty-nine. He and his wife were of English and French descent, respectively. He was a son of John Sanders, a native of Prince Edward County, Va., who was a son of Samuel Sanders, of Virginia. Mr. John B. Sanders, of late years, has paid considerable attention to fine stock, and has some of the finest and purest blooded stock in Northeast Missouri, and owns a stallion whose pedigree runs back to "Hambletonian," and back thirty-two lines to "Messenger." Mrs. Mary M. Sanders was a daughter of Joseph L. and Mary (Brackett) Fore, natives of Buckingham County, Va., who were raised in Henry County, Ky. Mrs. Mary (Brackett) Fore was a daughter of John Brackett, a native of South Carolina.

Capt. Culvin F. Sanders, circuit clerk, was born in Shelby County, Ky., December 22, 1840, the son of Culvin, Sr., and Magdaline (Fore) Sanders, natives of Prince Edward County, Va., and Shelby County, Ky., respectively. Our subject was reared to manhood in his native State, and educated in Shelby College. He served three years and nine months in the Confed-



erate Army, as captain of cavalry, an organization known as the "Buckner Guards," and participated in all the battles of the Army of Tennessee. Before the war he had studied law and been admitted to the bar, but, on account of ill health, after the war he did not resume practice. He taught school for some time, and in August, 1875, became principal of the Memphis public schools. Four years later he became commissioner of the county schools, and continued for two years. In June, 1887, he became assistant cashier of the Citizen's Bank, and continued until November, 1882, at which time he was elected to the office of circuit clerk and recorder of the county. He has been an efficient officer in his present position. He was re-elected as a Democrat on the regular Democratic ticket at the November election, 1886. January 11, 1887, he married Mary L., daughter of the late Hon. L. J. Wagner. Their only child is Bessie C. Our subject is a Knight Templar, an encampment member of the I. O. O. F., a Knight of Pythias, a member of the A. O. U. W., and holds to the faith of the Baptist Church.

Hon. Elias Scofield is a native of Franklin County, Ohio. He was born July 27, 1841, the son of Dr. Elias, Sr., and Rebecca (Kaufman) Scofield. The father comes from an old Maryland family, and the mother is of German origin, and from Pennsylvania. Our subject was educated at Ohio Wesleyan University, from which he graduated, in the scientific course, in 1860. He afterward taught school for four years, and read law at Columbus at the same time. After his admission to the bar, in 1864, he practiced law at Columbus for five years. In 1869 he came to his present home. As a lawyer he is very careful and painstaking, and is especially able as counsel. He served as mayor for five consecutive terms, and was justice of the peace for seven years. He was appointed to the position of judge of the probate court in 1879, and was elected in the following year, and re-elected two years later, all of which indicates the satisfaction he gave. He is attorney for the Scotland County National Bank. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a Knight Templar, and has been Master of Memphis Lodge, No. 16, for five years. His religious faith is Presbyterian. His wife, Mary F. Barr, of Columbus, Ohio, was united to him in 1870. They have one adopted daughter. Our subject stands high in the estimation of his community, and as mentioned is now an attorney at law at Memphis, Mo.

E. O. P. Selby, a carpenter and farmer, was born in 1837 in Athens County, Ohio. He went with his parents to Mason County, W. Va., when he was about four years old, and about five years later they came to Lee County, Iowa, and then to Clark County, Mo. At the opening of the war he enlisted in



Company H, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, and served from 1861 to December, 1864, when he was mustered out at Nashville. He was married, September 11, 1866, to Amanda Gorby. Their children are Charles E. P. and Lillie A. His wife died June 1, 1878, and on August 14, 1880, he married Mary E. Lee. Their only child is Gracie M. His wife is a member of the Christian Church, while his political faith is thoroughly Republican. In all his ten years' service as justice, not one of his decisions has been reversed. He was the tenth of fourteen children born to Joseph T. and Nancy (Moore) Selby, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania. The father died about 1851, and the mother ten years later, and both at the age of fifty-three. The former was Scotch, and the latter of German-Irish descent. In the Baptist Church the father was an active Christian worker. He died in 1849, at New Orleans, while there on business. Our subject learned his trade when twenty years of age, and about seven years after he had begun life for himself. He has a good estate of eighty acres, which he has acquired, notwithstanding his great losses and reverses.

Charles W. Sevier, editor and proprietor of *The National*, was born in Davis County, Iowa, May 9, 1849, the son of Charles W. and Parthena G. (Pittman) Sevier, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively. The father was a grandson of John Sevier, the first governor of Tennessee. He came to Iowa from Kentucky, and lived in Davis County until his death. He died in 1849 at New Orleans, while there on business. Our subject was educated in his native State, and at the age of fifteen enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served until the close of the war. In 1867 he married Emeline Hill, of Van Buren County, Iowa. After living five years in Kansas, he returned to Van Buren County in 1874, and two years later began the study of law. He continued that four years, and was admitted to the bar and began practice in Wapello County, where his wife died in 1882. He returned to Keosauqua and established his paper, *The National Greenback*, the same year, and in October removed it to Memphis. He has since ably conducted it under its present name, *The National*, and advocates the principles of the younger Democracy. His paper has also favored the tax payers in their fight against the railroad bonds. Our subject has the following children by his first marriage: Nina O., Anna A., Ollie B. and John C. He was united to his present wife, Rebecca Fowler, of Van Buren County, Iowa, June 29, 1885. She is a native of Ohio. Our subject is a magistrate of Memphis, and a journalist of ability. He is a member of the K. of P. and the I. O. O. F.



Maj. B. W. Shacklett, a pioneer of Scotland County, was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1805, where he was reared and afterward married. His wife, Mary Kendall, died in September, 1833, leaving two sons and two daughters. During the years 1844 and 1845 he was elected, and represented his county in the Legislature. In 1853, after his marriage to Harriet Kendall, they came to Harrison Township, and in 1879 to their present home. Besides twenty acres near Granger he also owns several farms in Scotland and in the adjoining counties. His war service began in Green's regiment, at the organization of which he was made major, and served throughout the war in that rank. After the first six months he joined the regular Confederate service. His sons, Eli and John, served throughout the Mexican War, and the latter died in Vera Cruz of sunstroke after the capture of that city, and the former died in Scotland County in 1883. Their daughter, Mrs. Ephraim Wilcox, died in 1879, leaving four children. The remaining daughter by his first marriage is Mrs. Sarah Miller. Jacob, William F. and Ben G. are children of his second marriage, as also was Eliza, the deceased wife of David Meriwether. The other children are Mrs. Elizabeth Hicks, Lydia, Mrs. Matilda Williams, and Fanny, who died when young. Our subject was reared a Whig, but for many years has been identified with the Democratic party. John, the paternal great-grandfather, who was born in France, settled in Virginia about 1650. Of his three sons, Hezekiah, Edward and John, the last named was the grandfather. He was married in Virginia to Barbara Quick, who came to America in her childhood, and served as a domestic in the family of Judge Fairfax, of Virginia, for several years, in order to pay her passage. They afterward moved to Pennsylvania, where he died, and which his wife and ten children afterward left for Kentucky. Benjamin, the father, was born in Pennsylvania on January 21, 1774, and there married Elizabeth Ashcraft, also a native of that State, by whom he had nine sons and four daughters, our subject being the seventh child. The father served as major in the War of 1812, and the same year he was promoted colonel. He was also elected and served in the Lower House of the State Legislature in the winter of 1816-17. He died in Kentucky at the age of sixty-four.

Moses Shanks, an old and respected citizen of Miller Township, Scotland County, was born in Greene County, Tenn., July 28, 1809, and is the son of Nicholas and Rosey (Graham) Shanks. The father was of English and Irish origin, and at the time of his death, which occurred in Greene County, Tenn., in 1838, was in the prime of life. He was in the War of 1812, and participated in the battle of the Horseshoe. The mother of our subject, it is



supposed, was a native of Pennsylvania; she died in Greene County, Tenn., in 1840, and was, at the time of her death, a comparatively young woman. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of the twelve children born to this union our subject was the sixth. He and his sister, Susanah, are the only representatives of the family. He received a common-school education in Greene County, Tenn., and this has been greatly increased by study, observation and travel. While in Tennessee he followed agricultural pursuits on a farm given him by his father, and in 1840 he moved to Missouri and settled on his present location. He at first owned 320 acres of land, and since that time he has been buying and selling, and now owns 520 acres of as good land as is to be found in the county. In 1859 he married Miss Sarah McLaughlin, a native of Greene County, Tenn.; she died in Fulton, Mo., in 1872, leaving four children—three sons and one daughter—all living: John A., Mary D., James V. and George F. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. In 1876 our subject married Mrs. Elizabeth Mathes, widow of Washington Mathes, and a daughter of Henry Prime. She was born in Schuyler County, Mo., about 1847. One son, Marvin S., was the result of this marriage. Our subject is a decided Democrat. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Meashek Sigler, an old pioneer citizen, was born in Madison County, Ky., February 12, 1811, the son of John and Nancy (Hodge) Sigler, natives of Tennessee. Our subject was but a child when they moved to Indiana Territory, and was reared in Putnam County. In 1830 he married Permelia McBride, and in 1836 came to Van Buren County, Iowa. He bought 320 acres on the site of Keosauqua, and helped lay out that town, which he has lived to see become a county seat. In 1843 he moved to the northeastern part of Van Buren County, and ran a grist and saw mill until 1861, two years after the death of his wife. He then came to Scotland where he lived until 1864, when on account of war troubles he went to Denver. In 1865 he returned, and the following year he went to Kansas. He spent about ten years in Neosho County, and again went to Colorado, but again returned in 1884, considerably feebled by old age. His children by his first marriage are William D., James O., Dallison D., Lewis C., Nancy L. (wife of H. Runyan), Sarah D. (deceased wife of J. Jones), Josephine (wife of S. Hartsell), and Caroline, the wife of J. Reed. His children by his second wife, Mrs. Sophronia Baker, are Walter M., and Lillie (wife of W. Stiles). Our subject cast his first vote for Van Buren, and has always followed the Democratic principles. He is a



member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is now spending his declining years in retirement, and relates many interesting incidents of his pioneer life.

William D. Sigler, a prominent citizen of Scotland County, was born in Putnam County, Ind., on September 3, 1836, and is the son of Meashek and Parmelia T. (McBride) Sigler. The former was a native of Kentucky, and the latter of South Carolina. Both removed to Indiana when young and were there married. About five years after marriage, in 1836, they immigrated to Van Buren County, Iowa, and located upon the site of Keosauqua, Mrs. Sigler being the first white woman in the town; she died in 1859. Her husband who was born in 1811 is still living. William D. was reared at home, where he remained until his enlistment August 14, 1862. He served in Company G, Thirtieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, about eight months. During the charge on Vicksburg, May 22, 1863, he was wounded both in the knee and the arm, causing the loss of the latter member. He was discharged July 27, 1863. He had, in 1862, moved to Scotland County, and after teaching one term located in Memphis where he was appointed postmaster. He resigned, however, a year later to become assessor. He was then twice elected as sheriff and collector, and also served as deputy United States marshal for two years. He then came to his present farm. He is one of the leading stock raisers of the county, and makes a specialty of Holstein cattle, Norman and Cleveland Bay horses. His farm consists of 200 acres, eighty acres of which lie in Memphis. It has considerable coal underneath, and operations have been commenced to develop it. His wife, Mary, to whom he was married February 23, 1865, is the daughter of E. A. Kutzner. Their children are Addie P., William D., Jr., Nellie L., Birdie E., Anna G., Charles Mc. and an infant. Our subject and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W. and of the G. A. R.

Lewis C. Sigler, was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, July 4, 1856, the son of Meashek and Parmelia A. (McBride) Sigler, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject was left motherless at the age of two years, and was reared on the farm by his brother, W. D., until about sixteen years of age. He then engaged as clerk for Paxson & Hudson, W. D. Fowler and Sigler & McArthur, for several years. It was about ten years ago that he engaged in the grocery and general merchandise business, first in company with Mr. Stewart and afterward with his brothers, and then with G. T. Myers, and finally for the last eighteen months he has conducted it alone. He has a large stock of



staple and fancy groceries, flour and provisions, and controls a large county trade. He was married, May 1, 1879, to Anna H. Huston, a native of Scotland County. Their children are Roy H., Edgar M., Nina M. (deceased) and Lena C. Our subject is a Republican, politically, and is a brother in both the A. F. & A. M. and the A. O. U. W. fraternities. He and his wife both hold to the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Andrew Simon was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 23, 1848, the son of George and Margaret (Wunder) Simon, natives of the same place, from where they came to the United States on June 1, 1859, and landed at New Orleans, La., finally settling in Warsaw, Ill., with two sons and one daughter, where the parents, one son and daughter died. A. Simon was apprenticed as a saddler and harness-maker in 1863, working off and on for C. Wolf for ten years. April 9, 1873, he came to Memphis, and established his saddle and harness manufacturing business on a small scale. January 9, 1875, he was burned out. In July, 1875, he built his present brick block, two stories high, 20x100 feet, and now has a large trade with a fine stock of saddles, harness, turf goods, leather of all kinds, shoe findings, etc.; also manufactures boots and shoes. He supplies both retail and jobbing trade, and has now the largest business of the kind in Northeast Missouri. In 1871 he married Sophia Haenell, of Warsaw, Ill., by whom he has four sons and one daughter; he is a Republican, and is a member of the T. A., K. of P., and A. F. & A. M. fraternities. He also belongs to the Kansas City Accident Insurance Co. He has one of the best two-story dwellings, 32x46, in the city, which he built in April, 1886, and where he now lives.

Hon. Jesse D. Skidmore, M. D., was born in Lincoln County, Ky., November 18, 1836, the son of James C. and Nancy (Adams) Skidmore, natives of Kentucky. Their children are Jesse D., John O. and Charles S. The mother's first husband was Matthew Coffey, by whom she had two children: William A. and Martha A. Our subject came to Missouri in 1849, with his step-brother, and lived with him on a farm in Schuyler County, until his majority. He was educated in the common schools, and after reading medicine entered St. Louis Medical College, from which he graduated in 1857. He first practiced in Adair County, for four years, and during the war was living in California and the West. He returned to Scotland County in 1867, and practiced at Middle Fabius until the spring of 1883. Since then he has had a large practice at Memphis, and is associated with H. M. Stone, M. D. The Doctor is a Democrat, and as such was elected to the Legislature in 1882. He was married, in May, 1861, to Amanda M. (Stone) Ladd, a native of Lee County,



Iowa. He is a member of the county medical society, and is a Knight Templar of the A. F. & A. M. He and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and are both highly esteemed people.

Hercules Smith, a prominent citizen and resident of Miller Township, was born in Hardin County, Ky., January 7, 1821, and is the son of David and Mary Ann (Gray) Smith. The father was a native of Virginia, and came with his parents to Kentucky when a boy. They remained in Hardin County, Ky., until 1850, when our subject moved to Scotland County, Mo., and engaged in farming. He died in 1859, and was about seventy years of age at the time of his death. The mother of our subject was born in Kentucky, and was of Irish-German descent. She died in Scotland County, Mo., in 1865, when about seventy years of age. They were pioneers of Kentucky, and early settlers of Scotland County, Mo. Our subject was the second child and the eldest son of a family of six children, five now living. At the age of sixteen he left the parental roof, and began on his own resources by hiring out to the neighbors to do farm work. He afterward leased land, and began to farm. In 1843 he married Miss Mary E. Leeman, a native of Kentucky, who bore him eleven children, ten now living: Matilda, Mary A., Eliza, Thomas J., Nancy, America, Felix, William L., John C. and Charlotta. Elizabeth, the eldest daughter, is deceased. In 1848 our subject came to Missouri, and located on 160 acres which he afterward purchased. Immediately after the war he sold his land, and about four years later he bought out the other heirs of his father's property and lived on the old homestead until 1883, when he added the tract he now calls home. In April, 1885, he married Mrs. Margaret Talbott, widow of William Talbott and daughter of Handy Cathel, who has been a well-known resident of Missouri for many years. She was born November 16, 1845, and is a member of the Baptist Church. In 1880 our subject made a tour through California, Oregon, Washington Territory and other States and Territories in order to find a better place than Missouri in which to live, but after traveling a great deal he returned to Missouri, satisfied to remain there. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and a Democrat in politics. He is noted for his liberality toward schools, churches and all laudable enterprises, and enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Allen L. Smith, a prominent farmer in Sand Hill Township, was born December 25, 1828, in Brownsville, Tenn. He moved to Marion County, Mo., when he was about three years old, and in the spring of 1833 moved with his parents to what is now



Scotland County, Mo. He acquired most of his education after he was grown by reading and observation. He was reared a farmer, and has since followed that occupation with the exception of eight years, when he was occupied in the mercantile trade at Sand Hill, and a short time that he taught school. He first embarked in business in 1850, and about 1856 formed a co-partnership with Jonathan Longfellow, the firm name being A. L. Smith & Longfellow. About two years later he purchased Mr. Longfellow's interest, and continued the business until 1859, when he closed it out, rented a farm, and engaged in farming, which occupation he has since followed. His property is the result of his own labor and management, and consists of 240 acres of splendidly improved land. He married, May 10, 1857, Charlotte Grant, daughter of John Grant, a native of Nova Scotia. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith thirteen children have been born: Margaret Jane (deceased), Mary Elizabeth, William R., Thomas P., Gladdis Annettie, John G., Lula V., Charlotte Emma, Allen R., Leonard B., Le Roy, Claudie Stella and one who died in infancy. Mr. Smith is a Democrat in principle, but conservative in politics. He served as postmaster seven years at Sand Hill, and was school director for several years. He was the eldest of three children of Robert T. and Margaret W. (Ray) Smith, natives of North Carolina, who settled in West Tennessee at a very early day, the former being major for some time. Mr. Smith moved to Marion County, Mo., about 1831, and in the fall of 1832 came to Scotland County, Mo., built a hut, moved some grain to the place, and in the spring of 1833 moved his family to the place. He was a shoemaker by trade, but later in life was engaged in milling and farming. Mrs. Margaret Smith was a daughter of Matthew Ray, possibly a native of North Carolina. Mr. Ray afterward moved to Lewis County, Mo., where he was judge of the county court.

August Smith, an enterprising farmer of Scotland County, was born August 24, 1839, in Baden, Germany, and is one of a family of eight children born to the marriage of Franz and Elizabeth (Widerman) Smith. The former was a locksmith by trade, but during the greater part of his life followed farming. In 1844 he immigrated with his family to America, and located in Madison County, Ill., where he remained for nine years; he then came to Scotland County, and located where his son, John, now lives on the North Wyaconda. He bought 360 acres of land to which he afterward added until at one time he was owner of over 1,400 acres. He was twice married, and died in 1879. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died in August, 1844, a few months after landing in America, and in 1847 he married a Mrs.



Meyer, by whom he had three children. August remained at home until he was married, when he located upon a farm where he has since resided. He is now the owner of 560 acres of land, and is recognized as one of the best and most progressive farmers and stock raisers in the county. He was married, April 5, 1865, to Miss Caroline, a daughter of William Troth. To them have been born eight children, only four of whom are living. They are Leslie, Charles F., Ola N. and Perdie. William F. was born January 21, 1866, and died from the effects of a fall from a horse, on August 14, 1882; Hilinda was born February 15, 1868, and died October 15, 1871; Albert O. was born June 8, 1870, and died on November 11, following; Linneus S. was born November 8, 1872, and died September 3, 1885.

Thomas H. Smith, a prominent farmer and stock raiser in Jefferson Township, was born in 1846, within half a mile of where he has since resided. He received a good common-school education, and was reared a farmer, which occupation he has always followed. He inherited 120 acres of land, but by his industry and good management has increased his possessions, and now owns a nicely improved farm of 510 acres, upon which he resides, and which is situated two miles south of Memphis. He was married, on February 28, 1872, to Miss Elizabeth M. McKnight, a daughter of James M. and Rebecca A. (Miller) McKnight, natives of Virginia, and who moved to Scotland County about 1859. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith three children have been born: James C., Mary E. and Charles V. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are united with the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Smith is a Democrat in principle, but an Independent in politics. He was the second of the three children of Condley and Mary E. (Johnson) Smith, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively. The father was a minister of the gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the mother was a daughter of William Johnson, a native of Kentucky, where he is at present residing. Mr. Condley Smith moved to Scotland County, Mo., about 1841.

John D. Smoot, lawyer, was born October 18, 1848, in this county. He is the son of Edward and Harriet (Downing) Smoot, natives of Fauquier County, Va. The father came to Missouri in 1838 and settled near West Jefferson. He followed farming and stock raising until his death in 1856. The mother survived him but three years. Their children are Josiah (deceased), Henry E., Martha A. (the wife of T. Broadwater), Samuel C., Mary E. (the wife of Dr. J. E. Parrish), and our subject. John D. was reared in his native county, and attended old Memphis Academy under the tutorship of James Donnelly. At his majority he began the study of law, and entered the office of H. M. Durkee. After



some time he went to St. Louis, and attended the law department of Washington University, from which he graduated in 1871. He then returned to Memphis, and practiced with (Senator) W. G. Downing, and later with E. R. McKee. In 1883 his present partnership with Mr. Pettingill was formed, and he has contributed much to the success of this well known firm. He has always been a Democrat, and was elected prosecuting attorney by that party in 1872, and served two terms. He was candidate for the Legislature in 1878 but was defeated. He was married, October 15, 1873, to Annie D. Ewing, of Pendleton County, Ky. Their children are John D., Ewing, Hudson V. and Bessie M. Mr. Smoot is a Presbyterian in his religious faith, while his wife is a member of the Christian Church.

J. S. Spilman, a prominent and respected farmer of Sand Hill Township, was born November 7, 1841, in the locality where he has since resided. He was reared upon the farm, received a good common-school education, and was thrown upon his own resources when of age, a poor man, but by his energy and splendid practical business ability he has become quite comfortably fixed. He owns a well improved farm of 320 acres on which he lives, and owns other tracts of land in the county, his property in all amounting to 570 acres. He was married, January 15, 1863, to Miss Jane R. Grant, daughter of John and Mary (Scott) Grant, natives of Nova Scotia and Scotland, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Spilman two children have been born: John E. (deceased) and Dora A. Mr. Spilman is a Democrat, and was the second of three children (two living) of Michael E. and Nancy A. (Price) Spilman, natives of Trimble County, Ky. Mr. Spilman moved to what is now Scotland County, Mo., in 1836. He was a soldier in the Mexican War, and was a son of Thomas Spilman, a minister of the gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was one of the early settlers of Trimble County, and sheriff of the same county for several years. Mrs. Nancy A. Spilman was a daughter of Joseph Price, a native of Virginia, near Richmond. He was a very early settler in Kentucky, and moved to Scotland County, Mo., about 1833 or 1835, bringing the first mill that was run by horse power in Scotland County, Mo. He was of English descent, as was also Thomas Spilman.

David J. Stice, a well-known farmer and stock dealer of Mount Pleasant Township, was born near where he now resides, August 2, 1837, and is the son of Jesse and Lavina (March) Stice. The father was born in Kentucky, January 7, 1809, and was of German descent. He came with his parents from Kentucky to Howard County, Mo., when a boy, and lived in Monroe and Boone Counties until coming to Scotland County. He was



the first white man to build a house in the county, coming here in 1827, and remained there until he moved to Queen City, in 1877. He was a farmer the principal part of his life, and was a well-respected citizen. He died in Schuyler County, Mo., April 27, 1887. The mother of our subject, also a native of Kentucky, was of German descent, and died in Scotland County, Mo., about 1844. Both parents were members of the Christian Church. David was the eighth of eleven children, eight of whom are now living. He received his education in the common schools of Scotland County, and remained with and worked for his father until his marriage, which occurred September 25, 1856, to Miss Ann Eliza Humphrey, a daughter of William K. Humphrey, and a native of Washington County, Ky., born April 26, 1835. To them were born nine children, five now living: Sarah E., Arthur C., Cornelia, Melvina, Ruth; and those deceased are William H., Asa, Lillian and Augusta. Mr. Stice has a fine farm given him by his father, which he has improved, and of which he can be justly proud. During the late war he served six months in Col. Purmort's command, and was in several skirmishes. He and wife are worthy members of the Christian Church, and he is decidedly in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic. He is a good citizen and an excellent man.

John W. Suter was born in Shelby County, Ky., in the year 1824, and is the son of John Suter, a native of Virginia, and of Scotch and English descent. The mother of John W., whose maiden name was Sallie Keller, was a native of Kentucky, and of English descent. The father moved from Virginia to Kentucky when a young man, and here he married. After living in Kentucky a number of years he moved to Springfield, Ill., where he remained six years. In 1857 he crossed the Mississippi River, and located in Scotland County, Mo., where he remained until his death, a period of eleven years, during which time he made several entries of land, amounting in all to several hundred acres. In politics he was an old line Whig, and in religion he was for many years a useful and consistent member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Suter is the second living son of a family of ten children, three of whom are living. He made his home with his parents until twenty-two years of age, and then began working for himself on the farm with his father up to the time of the latter's death, when he bought out the other heirs of the family, and has lived upon the old home place ever since. In 1853 he married Mrs. Frances (Force) Suter, widow of J. F. Suter, who became the mother of one child by her first marriage, named James F. Suter. By her union with Mr. Suter she became the mother of eleven children, all of whom are yet living, and four



of whom are married. Mr. Suter is one of Scotland County's most enterprising farmers. He owns a fine farm of 300 acres, well stocked and well improved. In 1850 he was in the gold mines of California, and here he made his first start in life. He was also in the militia during the war, but only for about three months. In politics he has always been a Democrat, "dyed in the wool," and he and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Severe Tadlock, a well-known citizen of Miller Township, was born in Greene County, East Tenn., in 1821, and is the son of James and Ruth (Baxter) Tadlock. The father is of Irish descent, and the oldest man in Scotland County, Mo., and is reported to be the oldest man in the State. He was born in Greene County, Tenn., in 1780. He has been a farmer, and while in Tennessee was engaged in milling for about fifteen years. He came to Scotland County, Mo., about 1852, and was a great hunter until age interfered. He has been a member of the Christian Church for more than fifty years. He cast his first presidential vote for Jefferson, and at the last election voted for President Cleveland, and has never voted for any but a Democrat. He has enjoyed good health, and still retains a good memory. While in the prime of life he was engaged in driving stock from East Tennessee south, and made considerable money. He is now a resident of Scotland County, and makes his home with our subject. The mother was also a member of the Christian Church, was a native of Greene County, Tenn., and died in Schuyler County, Mo., January 29, 1856, being over fifty years of age at the time of her death. Severe was the fifth of nine children, five now living. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he came to Missouri, and in 1851 married Miss Elizabeth Cox, a native of Greene County, Tenn., born June 30, 1831, and the daughter of Joshua Cox. To this union were born nine children—seven sons and two daughters—one son deceased. Mr. Tadlock engaged in farming after coming to Missouri, but soon sold out and moved to Schuyler County, where he embarked in the lumber business. At the end of one year he abandoned the lumber business, and entered into merchandising at Downing, which occupation he continued for four years. In 1884 he came to his present location, having traded his stock of goods for the farm he now owns. During the muster of the State militia he was elected first lieutenant, and during the late war he served in the militia under Col. Purmort, and was in several skirmishes. His wife is a member of the Christian Church, and he is a Democrat in politics.

Joseph S. Teter, farmer, is a native of Harrison County, W.



Va., where he was born in 1833. He was reared on a farm and gained the usual country education. He began for himself when he was twenty-five years old, and his practical business qualities have led to his acquirement of a fine estate. It embraces 700 acres of fine land. He was married in 1860 to Nancy E., a daughter of Jacob and Abigail (Reed) Nutter, natives of West Virginia, where they lived (and died) with the exception of two years in Scotland County. Her mother died at the age of seventy-six, and her father lived to be a decade older. Their children were Lloyd B., David, Emma (deceased), Iowa, Bertha and Virginia. Mr. Teter holds to the political principles of the Republican party. He comes of a family of seven children, of whom he is the third. His parents, Joseph and Sarah (Harris) Teter, were natives of Harrison County, W. Va., where they lived and died. The father was a successful farmer, and was a very active Christian worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The grandfather, Joseph, was married twice during his life, and the father was a son of the first marriage. Our subject has lived in Scotland County since 1868.

Judge Robert M. Thomson is a native of Lewis County, Ky., where he was born in 1840. He was thirteen years of age when he came to Johnson Township, Scotland County, and remained on the farm with his father until his marriage, in 1870, to Eliza E. McClellan, a native of the Hoosier State. Previous to his election, in 1886, he continued on his father's farm, and then became the tax-payers' candidate for county judge. In his election he defeated A. McClintock. John C., our subject's brother, bought a hardware store at Granger, in which Robert M. became a partner in 1886, and the firm has since been known as Thomson Bros. & Co. Besides this stock the Judge owns a farm of 1,133 acres, on which there are several hundred head of stock. Judge T.'s father, John, was a native of Lewis County, Ky., and was born in 1813, and afterward married Jemima Thomas. He was a prominent man in his county, and served in the Legislature, besides filling various other offices, and serving one term as county judge. The mother died in 1873, and the father survived her but four years. Their three sons and two daughters are still living. Their names are William T., Robert M., John C., Margaret J. (now Mrs. John Johnson) and Susan (now Mrs. W. H. Smith). Of this family John C. served in the Union forces eight months. Judge Thomson is a worthy descendant of his father, and is an able officer.

Dr. Nathan A. Thompson was born in Lewis County, December 2, 1852, the son of William B. and America J. (Findley) Thompson, natives, respectively, of Virginia and Kentucky. The father was a pioneer of Lewis County, and removed there early in



the thirties. He engaged very successfully in farming and stock raising until his death, in 1872. His widow and the following children survive him: Die F., the wife of H. C. Wilson; Bettie, the widow of W. M. Wilson; Alice, the wife of J. H. Wilson; Nathan A.; William O.; Sylvester H.; Ollie, the wife of C. Golden, and Claude E. Nathan A. was reared on a farm, and educated at Monticello Seminary. He began the study of dentistry in 1874, under Dr. S. M. Sturgiss, of Quincy, took a regular course of lectures at the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery at Philadelphia, and graduated in 1877. He then came to Memphis, where he has since had a large and lucrative practice. The Doctor has been a prominent Democrat in local affairs, and has been county school commissioner since 1883, serving with satisfaction to all. In 1886 he was elected mayor of Memphis, and makes an excellent officer. He was married, December 2, 1879, to Lettie E., a daughter of Samuel H. Stuart, of Canton. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

G. H. Triplett, a respected pioneer of Scotland County, was born in Shelby County, Ky., January 27, 1813. He was reared from infancy on a farm, in Hardin County. His first wife, Catherine Van Vactor, was a native of Kentucky, and by her he had two children: William T. and an infant son, deceased. The first son served six months in the Confederate Army, and now lives in Washington Territory. This wife died in 1841. He was married in 1844 to Mary Emery, a native of that county, and after living there until 1854, he, with his family and two other gentlemen, came by boat to Canton, Mo. He entered some land in that county, and two years later traded it for his present farm. He has had a large family of seven sons and five daughters, and but two of each sex are now living. Winfield T., the eldest, is a farmer, and Elmira is the wife of Ephraim Boyer, while Claiborne J. T. and Anna reside at home. Mr. Triplett fraternizes with the A. F. & A. M. and is a member of the Baptist Church. His first presidential vote was cast for Andrew Jackson, and for some time he was a Whig, but is now identified with the Democracy. His ancestry is English. Prior to the Revolution the grandfather came to Loudoun County, Va., where his son, Frederick, the father of our subject, was born about 1770, and where his own death occurred. After his marriage to Sebina Jenkins, he moved to Shelby County, Ky., about 1795. They died in Hardin County of that State in 1853 and 1856, respectively, after they reared a family of seven boys, who all lived to have families. One of these sons went to Missouri in 1853, and afterward three others arrived. There are but four survivors of the family, distributed as follows: One in Kentucky, one in Oregon, and two in Missouri.



William Troth, one of the oldest inhabitants of Scotland County, was born in Highland County, Ohio, October 20, 1814. He is the second of ten children born to William, Sr., and Elizabeth (Grady) Troth, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of North Carolina. They came to Ohio in childhood, with their parents, and there spent their lives on a farm. The family originated from two brothers, who came to America with William Penn. The grandfather, William, was born near Philadelphia, and at one time was a banker in that city. During the Revolution he became embarrassed by furnishing means to the Government. He then went to Ohio, and bought a small farm. The maternal grandfather, John Grady, was also a farmer in Highland County. William was reared at home until about his seventeenth year, and obtained a pioneer education, which his habits of general reading have since supplemented. At the age of sixteen he began the wagon-maker's trade, and subsequently adopted carpentering, until he came to Missouri. In 1835 he left Ohio for Indiana, and, after three years came to Scotland County, Mo., and located in the Indian wilds, on October 5, 1838. He then entered 160 acres of land, where he now lives, and also pre-empted 160 acres. He added to these afterward until he owned over 1,400 acres, which he gave to his children, excepting 205 acres, which he still retains. Mr. Troth has been married four times. His first wife, Eliza A. Ruse, died in 1848, leaving four children: Francis M., Rebecca J., Albert and Caroline. His second wife was Annie Billups, who died about 1862, leaving the following children: Oscar E., William A., Lafayette B. (deceased) and John H. Mrs. Sarah C. (Sharp) Fisher became his third wife, with whom he lived for six years. On September 8, 1885, he was married to his present wife, Mrs. Mattie Cotton. She is a native of Clark County, Mo., and by her first marriage her children are John and George Cotton. Mr. Triplett is a member of the Christian Church, while his wife favors the Methodist faith. He is a Republican, has been a magistrate, was twice appointed postmaster, and kept the office in his dwelling for twenty years at a time. At that early day the mail was carried on horseback from Memphis, Mo., to Keosauqua, Iowa.

D. L. Tull, an extensive farmer and stock raiser, was born in Knox County, Mo., September 16, 1848. He is the fourth of a family of eleven children born to William B. and Susan M. (Lewis) Tull. The father was born in Kentucky, the son of Samuel Tull, a native of Maryland. The latter moved to Kentucky, and about 1835 came to Missouri. He located near Palmyra, where he died. He was a large farmer, and owned many slaves. William B. lived in Marion County until about 1845, when he located near Edina.



In 1859 he moved to Memphis, and kept the Central Hotel until 1864. He then lived successively in Carroll, Stoddard, and Saline Counties, and died in the latter in 1866. His wife was the daughter of Andrew Lewis, an Irishman, who served in the Revolution as captain. He afterward came to Missouri, and owned a large tract of land including a part of the site of St. Louis, which city it is said may have derived its name from him. He afterward settled opposite Quincy. Dabney L. was educated partly in the country and partly in Memphis. After his majority he followed various occupations for about ten years. In 1867 he began farming in Lewis County, and three years later came to Scotland, and farmed with his father-in-law for about two years. His present farm, to which he removed in 1873, embraces 635 acres, and on this he makes a specialty of raising fine stock. September 28, 1868, he married Ella, a daughter of Hamilton Cone, and by this union has had three children: Ella M., Nellie M. and Maud R. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church, and he is also a member of the A. O. U. W. and G. A. R.

Stephen Tuttle, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Johnson Township, was born in Monongalia County, W. Va., November 18, 1841, and moved with his parents to Clark County, Mo., in about 1856, from there to Lewis County, and in 1874 came to Scotland County, where he has since resided. He received a good common-school education, was reared on the farm, and has since followed agricultural pursuits with the exception of two years, during which he taught school in Clark and Lewis Counties, Mo. He also worked on a ranch in Nevada during 1872 and 1873. When of age he started in life for himself, and what he is now worth is the result of his labor, economy and business ability. He is the owner of a nicely improved farm of 138 acres. He was united in marriage, February, 27, 1876, to Miss Hester V. Strosnider, who was born December 3, 1857, in Scotland County, Mo., where she has always resided with the exception of the summer of 1873, which she spent with relatives in Nevada; she was reared on a farm, received a common-school education, and is the eldest of a family of five children born to Mr. E. R. and Mary E. (Butler) Strosnider, natives of West Virginia and Ohio, respectively. E. R. Strosnider is a farmer and a Republican; he was a son of Abraham and Susan (Remley) Strosnider of West Virginia. M. E. Strosnider is a member of the United Brethren Church. She was the twin sister of Joseph Butler, and daughter of Isaac, Sr., and Hester (Pearce) Butler, who were among the first settlers of Scotland County, from the State of Ohio. To our subject and wife were given two children, viz.: John E., who was born April, 2, 1877, and Cora Ellen, who was born September 26,



1882. Mrs. Tuttle is a member of the United Brethren Church, and Mr. Tuttle is a Republican. He was the third of eight children of Daniel and Jane (Stiles) Tuttle, natives of West Virginia. Daniel was reared a Democrat, but afterward became united with the Republicans, and was a member of the Christian Church. He was a son of Joel and Anna Tuttle, of New Jersey, who were among the earliest settlers of West Virginia.

Courtland Van Dyke, one of Arbela's leading citizens, located in Scotland County in 1869. He had come from Hancock County, Ill., and first located on a farm in Jefferson Township, where he remained until July, 1879, and then moved to Arbela. He first embarked in the grain trade and also in lumber, but has since confined himself to the former. He is one of the leading grain dealers of the community, and has been very successful. He was born in 1849, in Clinton County, Ill., but spent most of his youth in Hancock County, of that State. By his marriage, in 1881, with Sarah B. Boyer, a native of Scotland County, there has been but one child, Ira, born in 1882. Mr. Van Dyke is a member of the Triple Alliance, and was secretary of that society from 1884 to 1887. Courtland, Sr., the father, was born in Pennsylvania in 1811, and was united in marriage to Elizabeth Webster, by whom he had nine sons and one daughter, of whom Courtland is the fifth child, and one of the five living sons. Of these, William A. served in the Fifty-fourth Illinois Infantry for about one year. There is one child, the daughter of the father's former marriage, still living.

Hon. Levi J. Wagner, deceased, was a native of New York. He was a brother of Judge David Wagner, whose sketch appears elsewhere. From New York our subject's parents took him to Pennsylvania. He was educated in that State, and graduated from Alleghany College at the age of twenty-one. He came to Missouri about 1840 or 1842, and was one of the foremost citizens of Northeast Missouri. He spent the remainder of his life in Scotland County, which he represented twice in the Legislature. He was a member of the constitutional convention in 1875, and was a leader in all public enterprises. He was the first president of the Citizens Bank, and served until his death. He was also a lawyer of high standing and ability. He was a prominent Mason, and a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Thomas H. Wagner, lawyer, was born in Memphis, Mo., September 22, 1861, the son of the late Hon. L. J. Wagner, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject was educated in Central College, Howard County, Mo. He began the study of law in 1883 under the direction of Smoot & Pettingill, and was admitted to the bar in 1885. He began practice at once in his



native place, and has since continued very successfully. He was married, June 22, 1887, to Miss Byrd Ewin, a native of Howard County. In political affairs Mr. Wagner has clung to Democracy. He is a Knight Templar, belonging to the A. F. & A. M., and is an Encampment member of the I. O. O. F. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the southern branch.

Henry D. Wellington is a native of Middlesex County, Mass., and was born October 1, 1837. He was about four years old when his parents came to Fort Madison, Iowa, where his father had located a few years previous. The father was a carpenter and house builder, and followed his trade there and in Keokuk until 1847. He then came to Scotland County, and two years later he opened a carpenter and cabinet-maker's shop, the foundation of our subject's present large furniture business. Henry D. learned the trade with his father, and at the opening of the war both enlisted in Col. David Moore's regiment. The father was in the commissary department, and during service contracted a disease which resulted in his death in August, 1865. Henry served about a year as private, and afterward as a non-commissioned officer in Company F. At the close of the war he began his present business on a small scale, and now has built up one of the largest establishments of the kind in Northeast Missouri. His two-story brick block was built in 1881, and adjoins his first house, which he also uses. About 1870 he also added window shades and carpets, and now carries a full line of goods, and controls the leading trade. He has the only hearse in the city, and does the chief undertaking business. He was married, October 17, 1857, to Caroline M. Ganoung, a native of Indiana. Their children are Florence A., wife of W. Shayler of Chicago, and Addie M., wife of W. Clapper. Mr. Wellington is a Republican, and a member of the Encampment of the I. O. O. F. He has twice represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge, and, like his father, is a reliable and prominent citizen of Memphis. The father was a mayor of the city, and a prominent Mason.

David H. Wilsey, a general merchant and stock dealer at Sand Hill, was born in 1834 in Sarotoga County, N. Y., moved to Portage County, Wis., and afterward moved to Texas County, Mo., in 1859, and in the fall of 1866 came to Sand Hill, where he has since resided. He began life for himself when seventeen and a half years old, a poor boy, and what he now owns is the result of his own efforts and good practical business ability. He owns a splendidly improved farm of 230 acres, a business house and stock of goods in Sand Hill, and a half interest in a general store at Granger, managed under the firm name of



Voing, Mattick & Wilsey. He was married in 1860 to Mary L., a daughter of Charles L. and Fidelia West, natives of New York State, near Niagara Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Wilsey have two children: Edward E. and Eva. Mrs. Wilsey is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Wilsey is a Republican, and was postmaster at Sand Hill for five years. He was the eldest of five children born to Stephen H. and Polly (Davis) Wilsey, natives of Saratoga County, N. Y., where Mr. Wilsey, the father, died in 1886, aged seventy-five. Mrs. Wilsey is still residing in Saratoga County, N. Y., and is about seventy-four years of age. They were of English and German descent, respectively. Mr. Wilsey was a son of Henry and Ruth (Jellette) Wilsey. Mrs. Wilsey was a descendant of the famous Jellette family.

Zenas Wolgamott, an enterprising farmer and dealer of Unionton, Miller Township, Scotland Co., Mo., was born in Holmes County, Ohio, January 30, 1831, and is the son of Jonathan Wolgamott and Jane (Boone) Wolgamott. The father was a native of Hagerstown, Md., born June 24, 1800, and was of German ancestry. He came with his parents to Ohio at an early date, and became a successful farmer. In 1844 he with his family moved to Iowa, and settled on a farm in Jefferson County. In 1858 he moved to Scotland County, Mo.; he was in the Union service several months, part of the time with Col. Glover's command. He is now a resident of Santa Barbara County, Cal., where he moved in 1880. The mother of our subject was born in Adams County, Penn., May 12, 1804. She came with her parents to Ohio in an early day. Her father, George Boon, was in the Government service during the War of 1812. The Boon family are closely connected with the celebrated Daniel Boone. Jane Boon Wolgamott died near Unionton, Scotland Co., Mo., March 23, 1862. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Zenas received a liberal education in Jefferson County, Iowa. In 1852 he went with an emigrant train across the plains to California, taking 169 days to make the trip; he here engaged in mining and farming, and followed this occupation until the fall of 1856, when he returned to his home in Iowa. The following spring he moved to Scotland County, Mo., where he has since resided. November 20, 1859, he married Phoebe E. Breckinridge, a native of Anderson County, Ky., and the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Egbert) Breckinridge. She was born June 30, 1837, and came with her parents to Callaway County, Mo., in 1843, and to Scotland County, Mo., in 1857. The Breckinridge family is closely connected with Hon. John C. Breckinridge, of Kentucky. This union resulted in the birth of one son and seven daughters (two daughters being



deceased). After moving to Scotland County, Mo., Mr. W. first engaged in the mercantile business, in partnership with George C. Calhoon. In the spring of 1859 they traded their store and building for a farm two miles north of Unionton, and engaged in farming, where he resided until 1866, when he sold his interest in the farm, and moved to his present residence, where, with his farming interests, he connected merchandising; this he continued until 1878, when he closed his mercantile business. He is a prominent citizen of Scotland County, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and like his father is a Republican in politics. His wife is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

W. G. Woodsmall, one of the county's oldest pioneers, was born in Nelson County, Ky., December 8, 1811. His parents moved to Oldham County of that State when he was but four years old, and on reaching manhood he married Elizabeth Ellis, a native of that county, in 1834. They lived there but two years, and in September, 1836, started for Lewis County, Mo. They made the trip on horseback, and in the same month located near Monticello. Just one year later he moved to his present home, 240 acres of which had been entered by his brother-in-law in 1835, and which he has himself increased to 480 acres. His wife died in 1835, after becoming the mother of ten children. There was an equal number of both sexes, but three sons are now deceased. Our subject's ancestry is English, and is known back to the paternal grandfather, who died in Kentucky whither he had gone from Virginia about 1785. The father, William, died in that State also in 1837, in Oldham County; he was born about 1780 in Virginia. The mother, Sarah (Eldridge), died in the same county in 1829, and in her native State. She was the mother of six children, three of whom were daughters, and the youngest of these died in infancy. John, Nancy and W. G. came to Missouri, and the sister died March 30, 1872, as the widow of Walter Ellis, who died in Louisville, Ky., in 1857. Mr. Woodsmall and brother, John, are the only survivors of the family.

Daniel Yeager, a prominent farmer in Johnson Township, was born in Barbour County, W. Va., in 1817, and moved to Scotland County, Mo., in 1863. He has acquired his education to a considerable extent since becoming grown, doing a great deal of reading while attending to his business, and is an exceedingly well informed man. He was reared on a farm, and has made agriculture his principal occupation. He served as agent for many years in obtaining land warrants for soldiers of the War of 1812, and also served as pension agent. He began life for himself when he became of age, and also assisted materially in the management of his father's affairs before he left home. He had little or nothing



when he started in life for himself, and all that he now possesses is due entirely to his good management and business ability. He owns a splendidly improved farm of 200 acres on which he resides, and also owns other tracts in the county. He was married in February, 1842, to Miss Lucretia Holder, a daughter of David and Eleanor (Kittle) Holder, natives of Virginia. To Mr. and Mrs. Yeager three children have been born: Mary E., afterward Mrs. Charles (deceased), Luther Flavius Josephus, and Dama R. (now Mrs. Taylor). Mr. and Mrs. Yeager are both members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Yeager is a Democrat, and served about two terms as judge of the county court of Barbour County, W. Va., resigning his office upon his removal to Missouri. He was also justice of the peace and school commissioner for many years. He was the third of the twelve children of Solomon and Mary (Teter) Yeager, natives of West Virginia, and principally of German descent. Solomon Yeager was captain of the State militia for many years, and was the son of George and Eva (Hill) Yeager, early settlers of "Tiger's Valley," W. Va. Solomon Yeager was drafted for the War of 1812, but peace was declared before he could join the army. Mrs. Mary Yeager was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Friend) Teter. Mr. Teter, the father, was a farmer and blacksmith, but was mostly noted for his hunting proclivities. His first wife having died he was married a second time, when Miss Nancy Cade became his wife.

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