

BIOGRAPHICAL.

JUDGE CREED T. ARCHER

(Judge of the County Court and Retired Farmer, Post-office, Warrenton).

Identified with Warren county from its first settlement, Judge Archer is, perhaps, as well qualified as any old resident of the county to give an outline of its history, from personal observation and participation in its affairs. He came here a grown man in the pioneer days of the country, away back when the few people who were here dressed in a very primitive fashion — the men wearing buckskin clothes and the women homespun dresses. Wheat had not then been introduced, corn supplying material for breadstuff, and game being mainly relied upon for meat. The judge was from North Carolina, being born in Rockingham county, in 1809. His father, Charles Archer, was an Englishman by nativity and in early life a tailor by trade. When a young man he was drafted into the army in England and sent to Canada, where he deserted from the service, and fled thence to the United States. He subsequently married, in Buckingham county, Va., Miss Elizabeth Pryor, a daughter of David Pryor, of that State, becoming his wife. From Virginia he removed to Rockingham county, N. C., where he engaged in farming and reared a family of eight children, most of whom lived to reach mature years and marry. The judge is the only one, however, now living. After he grew up he came to Warren county, as stated above, and settled three miles north-east of Warrenton, where he still resides. In 1837 he was married to Miss Annie Taggart, a daughter of James Taggart, one of the first settlers of St. Charles county, having located in that county when the people were compelled to fort themselves, or to congregate in forts, for protection against the Indians. Their farming was done only when they felt assured that no roving bands of Indians were in the vicinity, or by one man plowing while two guarded him with rifles to protect him from assassination. In Warren county Judge Archer soon became a successful farmer, and as the years came and went he also became a large land-holder. But in late years he has divided up his lands among his children, so that now he has only his homestead left, an excellent farm of nearly 300 acres. He has also risen to enviable prominence in the affairs of the county. In 1850 he was elected coroner and served six years. As early as 1858 he was appointed sheriff, *vice* P. Giles, deceased. Two years later he was elected to that office, serving in all four years. For many years he was justice of the peace, and in 1880 he was elected a member of the county court. At the following election he was again chosen for this office, and is still filling it. The Judge and Mrs. Archer have reared eight children: Amanda F., married; James F., William P., Padorah

A., the wife of G. Snick ; Sarah, now Mrs. Long ; Elizabeth J., now Mrs. Brookmann ; Creed L., Fields C., Charles B. and Louisa J., the wife of T. J. Christman.

GEORGE BARTHOLOMAEUS

(Editor and Proprietor of the *Volksfreund*, Warrenton).

Mr. Bartholomaeus was a lad about 9 years of age when his parents, Adam and Sophia Bartholomaeus, came to America from Bavaria. He had previously attended school at Schweinfurt-on-the-Main, and after the settlement of the family in this country he attended the public schools of Baltimore, Md. He also studied at home and for a time had instruction from a private tutor. In 1857 he entered the office of the *Deutscher Correspondent* under Col. F. Raine, where he learned the printer's trade, and later he contributed articles from his own pen and letters to other papers as a correspondent. He made a specialty of the study of the labor question and has written quite extensively on that subject. As correspondent he wrote principally for labor journals, and some of his letters attracted wide and favorable comment from papers and writers of unquestioned repute. Mr. Bartholomaeus was a member of various labor unions and benevolent societies, and has ever taken an active and earnest interest in the cause of ameliorating the condition of the wage-workers of the land and in advancing the laboring class to that position of consideration and influence in society, and in the government of the country, to which by every principle of right and justice it is entitled. It is a notorious fact that the people who build the fine houses of the land and produce all the delicacies of life do not have them to enjoy, but that according to our present system of distribution of the profits of labor, those get them whose hands were never soiled by manual toil, and upon whom the sun of a full hard day's work never shown. Of course this is an outrage on justice and humanity, and a crying shame that calls loudly for reform. He continued in the city of Baltimore until 1876 when he came West. In 1880, in partnership with Mr. F. A. Boehmer, he started the Warrenton *Volksfreund*. The *Volksfreund* is a German weekly and has proved an unqualified success. From a subscription list of 340 to begin with, its circulation has been increased to within six subscribers of 1,000. It is devoted to the general interest of the community and country, and in particular to the cause of the Republican party, as the party of progress and mankind. It is unquestionably one of the ablest conducted of the many able papers supporting that party. October 15, 1865, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Griensesen, in Baltimore, Md. She died July 17, 1868. His second wife was a Miss Caroline Benseler before her marriage. They have four children, namely: Carl J., Louisa S., Wilhelmina Louisa C. and Annie. The mother of these died September 24, 1883. Mr. Bartholomaeus is a member of the German Evangelical Church at Warrenton.

FRANK A. BOEHMER

(Attorney at Law and Notary Public, Warrenton).

Mr. Boehmer, though a young man, has advanced himself to a position of more than ordinary prominence in his profession, considering the length of time he has been engaged in the practice. But in view, perhaps, of the facts that he had the best of opportunities to prepare himself for a successful career at the bar, opportunities which he did not fail to improve, and that he is a young man of unquestioned mental force and acumen, as well as of untiring industry and studious, regular habits, this is not otherwise than should be expected. With the start he has already obtained as a lawyer, and the favoring circumstances in which he is placed, his future at the bar certainly seems one of promise. Mr. Boehmer is a native of Warren county, born July 21, 1855, in Warrenton, Mo. His father, Dietrich Boehmer, was a carpenter by trade, well known as one of the old and respected citizens of Warren county. For many years, however, he has been engaged in farming, in which he has been successful and is now living on his comfortable homestead of 160 acres, adjoining Warrenton. His wife, who was a Miss Wilhelmina Forderhase before her marriage, is also still living. They reared but one child, Frank A., the subject of this sketch. He was given superior advantages for an education. His general education was received at the Central Wesleyan College, and in law he took a regular course in the State University of Missouri, where he graduated in 1879. In May, 1880, in partnership with F. W. Schierbaum, he established the Warrenton *Sentinel*, and in the fall of that year published a German edition to the paper, which was called the *Volksfreund*. About a year after the paper was established the publication of the English edition, or the *Sentinel*, was discontinued, but the *Volksfreund* was kept up. In the fall of 1883 he sold the *Volksfreund* office to George Bartholomaeus, who still continues the publication of the paper. Mr. Boehmer had also been engaged in the practice of law while in the newspaper business, and after he sold out he concentrated his whole time and attention on his law practice. November 22, 1881, he was married to Miss Alwine Wessel. They have one child, Olivia, about two years of age. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the German Evangelical Church. Mr. Boehmer served in 1879 as deputy county clerk of his county.

THOMAS N. BONDURANT

(Depot and Express Agent, Postmaster, Justice of the Peace and Notary Public, Pendleton).

On his father's side Mr. Bondurant, as his name indicates, is of French ancestry and is a lineal descendant of one of the gallant old soldiers of the Revolution who came over to this country from France under Lafayette to fight for the liberties of the people of our then infant and struggling Colonies. The Bondurant family

settled in Virginia, where Mr. Bondurant's father was born and reared and where he married and lived until his death. Mr. Bondurant's mother was a Miss Jane B. Neblett, of Lunenburg county, Va., and was of Scotch descent. They reared a family of eight children, all of whom are living. Thomas Bondurant, the subject of this sketch, was the fourth in the family of children and was born in Franklin county, Va., June 27, 1833. He was reared in that county and received a good general English education. In 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate army, a member of Co. C, Tenth Virginia cavalry, in W. H. F. Lee's brigade of Hampton's division. He served with courage and fidelity for three years, or until the close of the war, and was one of the thousands and hundreds of thousands of brave soldiers of the South who dared to do or die wherever duty called. At the close of the war he received the appointment of justice of the county court of Franklin county, which position he held up to the time of his removal to this State. March 26, 1856, Mr. Bondurant was married in Franklin county, Va., to Miss Sarah E. Neblett, a daughter of William S. and Mary A. (Cheeley) Neblett, of that county. After the war he continued to reside in Virginia, engaged principally in farming pursuits until 1871, when he removed to Missouri and located at Pendleton. Here he followed merchandising for some four years. In September, 1883, he was appointed depot agent of the Wabash at this place, and has since continued to hold this position. Shortly he was also appointed express agent and in the spring of 1873 he was made postmaster, which position he has filled up to the present time. In 1882 he was elected justice of the peace of Elkhorn township and has since held this office. Mr. Bondurant received a commission as notary public from Gov. Woodson about (1873) 11 years ago and has since exercised the functions of this office. He now holds all the positions mentioned above, and, as all know, he discharges the duties they require with thorough efficiency and entire satisfaction to all concerned. The multiplicity of his duties and the celerity and thorough manner in which he discharges them show conclusively that he is a man of more than ordinary business aptitude and energy. Mr and Mrs. Bondurant have five children: Georgia, who is the wife of Porter C., son of Col. Clay Turner; Willard E., now traveling auditor of the International and Great Northern Railway, and resides at Palestine, Tex.; Rebecca S., now ticket agent and telegraph operator of the Wabash at Ferguson, Mo.; Mary V., the telegraph operator at Pendleton; and Jerome T., who is yet a youth and at home. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the M. E. Church South, and Mr. B. is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and of the Masonic Mutual Aid Association.

JOHN BRANDT

(Farmer, Post-office, Warrenton).

Dr. Henry F. Brandt, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a well educated physician, who came over to this county from Prussia

and located in Warren county, on Charrette creek, in 1832, where he engaged in the practice of his profession, and also improved a farm. He was married after his emigration from Prussia to Miss Marie Bockhorst, in Warren county. Five children are living, reared in this union, namely: Eliza, Henry, John, Julius and Emelia. Eliza is the wife of Richard Hedemann, of St. Charles county; Henry is a practicing physician of that county; Julius is also practicing medicine, and resides near Warrenton; Emelia is the wife of William Gendeman; John Brandt, the subject of this sketch, was born in this county in 1838. He was reared on his father's homestead, and became a farmer on reaching the age that it was proper for him to start out for himself, that being the calling to which he was brought up. Later along he also engaged in merchandising, and is still in the mercantile business. He has a good farm of 160 acres, besides other valuable lands. In the mercantile line he carries a large stock of goods for a store outside of a large town, his stock representing a value of over \$4,000. Mr. Brandt has an excellent trade, and is justly popular as a merchant for his fair dealing and gentlemanly, accommodating treatment of all who have business with him. In 1864 he was married to Miss Margaret Rethorst, a daughter of J. H. and Catherine (Kirkhoff) Rethorst, who came from Germany in 1840. Her father has been dead for many years, but her mother is still living, and has been induced to make her home with Mrs. Brandt, where her old age is made bright and pleasant by the kindness and affection of her daughter and others of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Brandt have four children: Eugenia, Herman, Emil and Arnold.

JULIUS BRANDT, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, and Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Warrenton).

As would be expected of the large immigration into this country from Europe, representatives of every class of society are to be found, from the most humble to those of the highest respectability. Among those of the better class of people who came from Germany and made their homes in Missouri during the "Thirties," were the parents of the subject of the present sketch. Of them, however, mention has already been made in the sketch of John Brandt, the Doctor's brother, so that it is unnecessary to repeat here what has been said there. Suffice it, therefore, to say that Doctor Brandt's parents were people of marked intelligence and culture, and of recognized social standing of influence. The Doctor was born on his father's homestead in this county July 3, 1840, and as he grew up received an excellent common-school education. While yet in youth he began the study of medicine under his father, and in due time matriculated at St. Louis Medical College where he took a regular course of two terms and graduated with honor in 1865. Immediately following his graduation, Dr. Brandt returned to the vicinity where he had been reared, and engaged in the practice of his profession, in association with his father. His thorough qualifications for the practice soon be-

came apparent to all by his success in the treatment of cases, and he was not long in becoming popular as a physician. In 1871 he was married to Miss Louisa, a daughter of Herman Rethorst, of this county. The year next succeeding his marriage Dr. Brandt removed to his present location where he has ever since been actively engaged in the practice, and in the management of his farms. His homestead is one of the handsome and valuable farms of the community. It contains 250 acres, and is improved in a first-class manner. His residence is a large and tastely built two-story frame, and is handsomely set off by a beautiful yard and exceptionally attractive surroundings. He also has another place of 300 acres, a part of the old parental homestead. The Doctor and Mrs Brandt are members of the German Evangelical Church.

JOSEPH P. CHILES

(Of Chiles Bros., Dealers in General Merchandise, and Railroad Supply Contractors, Pendleton).

Mr. Chiles located in the vicinity of Pendleton immediately after the war and engaged in milling, which he followed successfully for about 12 years, when he withdrew from the milling business and began merchandising in the town of Pendleton. His experience in business has been quite satisfactory and he has succeeded in placing himself in good circumstances. When he came here his cash capital amounted to about \$100, which were all the means he had of any kind to begin with. This is a record of which he has no cause to be ashamed, but, on the contrary, is one of much credit. Besides his merchandising he is also doing a large business at contracting with the Wabash Railroad, which he furnishes with large quantities of supplies annually. He supplies the road with about 3,000 cords of wood, some 20,000 ties and over 25,000 fence posts per year, besides other supplies. He is an Illinoisan by nativity, born in Cumberland county, October 18, 1844. His father was William F. Chiles, formerly of Alabama. His mother was ante-nuptially Miss Martha Plummer from Indiana. They were married in Morgan county, Ind., in 1839, and removed thence to Illinois and from there to Warren county, Mo., in 1844. In 1850 the family removed to Montgomery county where the father was engaged in farming until 1859 and in milling from 1859 to 1865, but in 1865 returned to Warren county where he has been living ever since. He is a carpenter by trade, but has also from time to time followed other pursuits, including milling and farming. The mother died in 1865 and had borne her husband eight children, five of whom are living, namely: Thomas K., Joseph P., Elizabeth A., John S. and Robert N. Joseph P. Chiles, the fourth in the family and the subject of this sketch, was principally reared in Montgomery county and was married at Pendleton, in Warren county, November 9, 1869, to Miss Eliza McIntyre, a daughter of David and Martha McIntyre. Mr. Chiles' wife died February 5, 1884, leaving him six children: Martha J., Luella, Annie E., Thomas F., Angus and David N.

During the war Mr. C. joined the Union army, Co. F, Forty-ninth Missouri volunteers, and served for about a year, or until the end of the war. He and his partners carry a stock of \$2,000 and have an excellent trade. He is one of the enterprising, thorough-going and successful business men of his part of the county.

SAMUEL B. COOK

(Attorney at Law and Editor and Proprietor of the Warrenton *Banner*).

Mr. Cook purchased the *Banner* office in the summer of 1882 and has ever since been conducting the paper as editor and proprietor. The *Banner* is one of the old and well established country journals of the State. As a business enterprise it has been a marked success, while in point of standing and influence it occupies an enviable position. It is Democratic in politics and has rendered valuable services for the party in advocating with ability sound Democratic doctrines, and in supporting at all times only those of its party adherents for the public service or political advancement who were known to meet the old Jeffersonian test, *honesty* and *capacity*. It is perhaps more largely due to the influence of the *Banner* that Warren county, with an unquestioned Republican majority, has so often elected Democratic nominees for different offices. The high character the *Banner* had attained before Mr. Cook took charge of it has suffered nothing in his hands. On the contrary, both as a business investment and as a journal, strictly speaking, its career under his management has been one of steady and substantial advancement. He brought to the paper a personal popularity he has long enjoyed which has been of much value to it, and certain individual characteristics in editorial and business management that have contributed largely to its success. Mr. Cook was well known in the county when he took charge of the paper, as he still is, as one of its most popular and highly respected citizens. He had been repeatedly elected to office, though a Democrat and in a Republican county. His connection with politics, also, has been such, and his experience in affairs, as to fit him for the successful management of a paper among the people by whom he was and is so well and favorably known. The *Banner* continues to bear unmistakable evidence of prosperity and of marked influence on public opinion and in political affairs. Mr. Cook is a clear, vigorous and effective writer, and being a man of strong convictions and earnest, sincere purposes, his articles have a weight and influence which could not result from the writings of one less candid and clear-headed, and in whom the public have not the utmost confidence. As a newspaper Mr. Cook keeps the *Banner* fully abreast the times, giving each week all the latest and most reliable news, well selected and digested, of interest to the constituency among whom it circulates. Nothing, however, of a purely sensational nature, where few or no facts are involved, are admitted to its columns, and nothing that may not be read with propriety in the best guarded and most careful household. The *Banner* has a large circulation and is justly regarded by business

men of intelligence as an exceptionally valuable advertising medium. It has a large patronage of advertisers, and its business of this class is steadily increasing. Unquestionably the *Banner* is one of the valuable pieces of country newspaper property in the State. Mr. Cook has been a resident of Warren county since 1865, or since he was 13 years of age, having been reared in this county from that age. He is a native of Virginia, born in Warren county January 11, 1852. His parents were William Cook of that county and wife *nee* Sarah M. Kelly of Fauquier county. The Cook family have long been settled in Virginia, and Mr. Cook's grandfather, William Cook, Sr., was also of Warren county, that State. William Cook, Jr., Samuel B.'s father, was a merchant by occupation, and in business at Front Royal until 1852, when he removed to Crawfordsville, Ind. For some seven years at Crawfordsville he was engaged in the hotel business. In 1859 he removed to Atchison county, Mo., and kept a hotel at Rock Port for some three years. He then removed to Washington county, where he followed merchandising for three years, and in January, 1865, came to Warren county, settling near Marthasville, where he died in November of the same year. In the family there were five children besides Samuel B., four of whom had grown to mature years before their father's death. The children were Alexander, who afterwards died in Arkansas; William, who is now a resident of Texas; Scott and David, both married and residents of this county, and Emma, who was the wife of George W. Kite, now of Saline county. Samuel B. Cook worked on a farm until he was 21 years of age, when, having received a fair common school education in the ordinary English branches, he came to Warrenton and began the study of law under Hon. Charles E. Peers. After a regular course of study, in 1874 he was admitted to the bar, Judge W. W. Edwards of the circuit bench presiding. Such were his recognized qualifications for the practice and his ability as a lawyer, that in about nine months after his admission, the office of county attorney becoming vacant, he was strongly recommended for that position both by his brother attorneys and a number of the influential men of the county. Upon these unquestioned indorsements Gov. Woodson appointed him to the office. His discharge of the duties of that position were eminently satisfactory to the public. In the fall of 1874 Mr. Cook was appointed deputy sheriff and collector of the county under John A. Howard, Esq. This position he held by reappointment for four years. He then became a candidate for the office himself, his opponent being Judge D. P. Dyer, one of the popular men of the county, and a nephew of Col. D. P. Dyer, of St. Louis. Judge Dyer was the Republican candidate and had a party majority in the county, but Mr. Cook, through personal popularity, overcame the majority against him and was triumphantly elected. In 1880 he was re-elected by an increased majority and held the office for four years. Shortly prior to the close of his second term he bought the *Banner* office and has ever since been connected with the paper. He is also the President of the Bank of Warren County. In the fall of 1879 he

was married to Miss Ella M. Howard, a daughter of John A. Howard, former sheriff of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have two children, Fannie and Jessie T.

CAPT. JOSEPH L. FANT

(Attorney at Law and Notary Public, Warrenton).

Unless one were to give some attention to the family biographies of the earlier settlers of Missouri, or those who came to this State prior to the late war, he could form no adequate idea of the large, preponderating percentage of the people who are of Virginia antecedents. Though without authoritative, actual statistics on the subject, it is perhaps safe to say that at least 75 per cent of the population of Missouri, coming of *ante-bellum* families, are originally of Old Dominion parentage. Among the large number of worthy and respected citizens of Warren county who may be classed in the above category, is the subject of the present sketch. Capt. Joseph L. Fant is himself a native of Virginia, though from early youth he was reared in Missouri. He was born in Fauquier county, September 15, 1824. When he was about 12 years of age his parents, Richard L. and Rachel (Blackburn) Fant, removed to Missouri in April, 1836, and stopped for about a year in St. Charles county, but then came thence to the vicinity of Marthasville, in Warren county. In 1839 they removed to Warrenton, and six years afterwards to Jefferson City, where the father engaged in the hotel business. He was a wheelwright by trade, and followed that up to the time of going to Jefferson City almost exclusively. Subsequently his time was divided between his trade and the management of his hotel. His wife died in Callaway county in the fall of 1858, and he in 1862, at Warrenton. They reared a family of nine children, four sons and five daughters, namely: Mary, who died the wife of Richard Owens, of this county; Martha, the wife of James Vivian, of St. Louis; Hamilton G., now a successfully retired banker of Washington City, D. C.; Lucy A., the wife of Henry Oliver, of Callaway county; Salina, who is the widow of Charles Simon, of that county; Thomas W., a resident of California; Roberta, who married Lieut. Edward Fant, of the regular United States service before the war, and during the war a gallant officer in the Confederate army, killed before Richmond in June, 1862. She is also deceased. Capt. Fant remained with his parents until about the time he was 14 years of age, when he started out for himself. He obtained a situation in the store of H. G. Fant, in the fall of 1843, at Jefferson City, in which he clerked for some two years. He then became a trader on the plains with the Indians. Shortly after the outbreak of the Mexican War, young Fant enlisted under Capt. Monroe M. Parsons, in Co. F, First Missouri riflemen, commanded by Col. A. W. Doniphan. After the close of his term of service, Mr. Fant returned to Warrenton, his former home, and in the fall of 1817 was married to Miss Ruth H. Stewart, a daughter of Griffith Stewart, Esq., of Warren county. About this time he engaged in the manufacture of tobacco and in

general merchandising. Continuing in this for a number of years, he also, after a time, read law, and in 1861 was admitted to the bar, when he located at Warrenton for the practice of his profession. He took the side of the Union during the war, and early enlisted in the Federal service. In the summer of 1862 he was made Second Lieutenant of Co. C, Thirty-second Missouri, and in the following summer was promoted to a captaincy, the command of Co. K, which he held until he was honorably discharged from the service. He then returned to Warrenton and engaged in the practice of his profession, and became interested in farming. He has since been actively identified with these pursuits, and is also a notary public. The Captain and Mrs. F. have nine children: Victoria J., single and with her parents; and Joseph L., married and resident of Chillicothe; Lucy A., the wife of John P. Regan, of St. Francois county; Hamilton G., who is married and a resident of Springfield; Chauncy B., married and residing at Jonesburg; Clarence V., unmarried and still at home; and Vidona. Three are dead.

THOMAS J. FARISS

(Cashier of the Bank of Warren County, Warrenton, Mo.)

Mr. Fariss has been connected with the Bank of Warren county since the fall of 1883, and prior to that was engaged in mercantile business for over 30 years. A man of long business experience, with whom the people of Warren county are thoroughly acquainted and who stands well in public opinion wherever he is known, his selection for the position he now holds was unquestionably one of no ordinary advantage to the bank, as well as of marked credit to him. Mr. Fariss' connection with the bank has fully justified the expectations of all his friends, in this branch of business. It is no empty compliment to say, but the statement of a plain fact, that he has made a most efficient and popular cashier, and has added very materially to the influence and prosperity of the institution. The bank is one of solid financial character, supported by ample capital and controlled by men who have each spent a lifetime of honest and successful business activity in this county, and whose names and high characters are the best guaranty that any business enterprise could give of ability and integrity. The capital stock of the institution is \$10,000, and the average deposits amount to about \$50,000. Mr. Fariss is a man of family. He was married December 31, 1863, when Miss Lizzie Kenmer, a daughter of Friederick Kenmer, of New Melle, became his wife. She lived to brighten his home for some 16 years, but was at last, and too soon, indeed, taken away by the inexorable hand of death. She left him three children: Willie, Charlie and Ella. To his present wife Mr. Fariss was married in 1881. She was a Miss Ida M. Lyons, a daughter of Hugh F. Lyons. They have an infant daughter, Addie F. Mr. F. is a native Missourian, born in St. Charles county, December 11, 1840. His father, Charles M'Lee Fariss, came to St. Charles county from Culpeper county, Va., in 1826. He was married to Miss

Susan Mason, a daughter of John Mason, of St. Charles county, but formerly of the vicinity of Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Fariss, Sr., was a school teacher by profession, which he followed for many years, and in which he enjoyed an enviable reputation. He was also justice of the peace, and held that office at the time of his death, in 1853. His wife is still living, now at the age of 77, and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Adolph Muench. There were six children in the family besides Thomas J., the subject of this sketch. Thomas J. Fariss received a good common-school education in youth, and at an early age began clerking in a store at Augusta. Eight years afterwards, in 1863, he bought out the proprietor for whom he had been clerking, and subsequently continued the business in Wright City until 1881. He then engaged in the tobacco business, which he followed until he was elected cashier of the Bank of Warren county in the fall of 1883.

JOHN H. FAULCONER

(Dealer in General Merchandise, and Mayor, Warrenton).

Prominent among the well known and highly respected citizens of Warren county may very properly be mentioned the subject of the present sketch, Mr. Faulconer. Long a popular and successful business man of Warrenton, three times treasurer of the county, and also its representative in the Legislature, as well as present mayor of this place, he has thus in public and in business life been so identified with the county as to render at least a brief sketch of his career almost indispensable to the completeness of the biographical department of the present work. He was born in St. Charles county, August 24, 1824, and was a son of John N. Faulconer, originally of Orange county, Va., but who went to Kentucky early in life where he was shortly married to Miss Elizabeth Bainbridge. He and wife, together with her brother, Dr. Bainbridge and family, came to Missouri as early as 1822 and settled in St. Charles county. John H. Faulconer was therefore born but two years after the removal of his parents to this State. They reared a family of eleven children, in which John H. was the fourth. He was brought up to farm work and with primitive district school advantages. August 24, 1852, he was married to Miss Frances Pulliam, a daughter of John Pulliam, formerly of Kentucky. After his marriage he settled on a farm in Lincoln county, where he resided about four years. He then removed to Warrenton, and shortly engaged in merchandising. Mr. Faulconer has been in mercantile business at this place almost continuously since that time. He is still conducting a store and carries a good stock of about \$2,500 value, with a trade correspondingly good. Mr. Faulconer was an unconditional Union man during the war, and was therefore a sturdy Republican from the time that Democracy became synonymous with treason. Since then he has continued to vote with and work with the great party of patriotism and loyalty that saved the Nation from rebel assassination, the grand party of liberty and Union, the Republican party. In 1861 he was appointed treasurer of the county, and the following year was elected to

that office. Two years later still he was elected a member of the Legislature from this county. In 1870 he was again elected treasurer and was once more re-elected to the same office. He is now serving as mayor of Warrenton. The fact that he has served so often as treasurer, and has invariably so faithfully discharged the duties of that office, handling from year to year all the public moneys of the county, amounting to large sums and without the loss of a single dollar to the people, is a monumental disproof of the scurvy lie of the ex-bush-whackers of the State now training under the soiled banner of Cleveland and Hendricks, so often repeated, that in Missouri it is as impossible for public funds to pass safely through the hands of a Republican official as it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. Mr. Faulconer made a faithful official, and to-day commands the universal confidence of the people of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Faulconer have three children: Eleanor, Mary E., and Emma A. Eleanor is the wife of W. A. Jones, and Emma is the wife of E. F. Kathan.

PROF. JOHN H. FRICK, A. M.

(Of the Central Wesleyan College, Warrenton).

How uncommon it is for those of good mental and physical vigor and with a determination to succeed, to be kept back by the want of early advantages, is exemplified in almost every community by one or more instances of an individual who has risen to enviable standing in affairs from extremely unfavorable circumstances in youth. Though trite, it is so true that the individual, and not his circumstances, makes his own success that it bears repetition here. Unless one have the essential qualities of character for a successful career, all that favorable opportunities can do will not advance him to, and retain him in, any position of consideration. But these qualities given, his success is almost a foregone conclusion. These observations are drawn out by a glance over the career of the subject of the present sketch. Now holding, with honor to himself and with credit to the institution of whose faculty he is a member, a prominent professorship in the Central Wesleyan College, an institution of learning of established and enviable reputation, he has risen to this position almost exclusively by his own exertions and personal worth, by his strength of mind and character, his own merits. In a word he is in no secondary sense a self-made man, but one who has, pre-eminently, himself to thank for what he has accomplished. Prof. Frick is of German-Welsh ancestry. He was born in Clay county, Mo., March 13, 1845. His father, William Frick, was from Rhenish Bavaria, and came to America in 1839. For a time he resided in Pennsylvania and then came to Missouri, purchasing land in Clay county where he improved a farm. In 1844 he was married to Miss Annie Hoblit, of Clinton county, a daughter of David Hoblit, who, on his father's side, was of a Pennsylvania-German family. The founder of the Hoblit family in this county settled in Pennsylvania in 1850. Mrs. Frick's mother was a Miss Martha Wilson, a daughter of Rev. Amos Wilson,

a somewhat noted Baptist minister of Ohio, and a nephew of James Wilson of Pennsylvania, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. William Frick became a substantial farmer of Clay county and resided there, one of its highly respected citizens, until April, 1884, over 40 years, when he moved to Warren county, Mo. He and his good wife reared a family of five children, of whom Prof. Frick is the eldest, and one of the two sons in the family. All have taken enviable positions in life. Prof. Frick's early advantages for an education were limited to the desultory and by no means first-class district school of the neighborhood where he was reared. But having a natural thirst for knowledge, he applied himself to his books with untiring industry, and, after availing himself fully of the instruction to be had at home, being determined to obtain an advanced education, he resolutely entered college at the Central Wesleyan, with nothing to support him in his prospective career but his ability and disposition to work, his determination to succeed, and the moral support of friends. He worked his way through college supporting himself a part of the time by manual labor during vacation. Later along he obtained more suitable employment, and taught in the preparatory department of the college. In 1870 he realized one of the dearest ambitions of his life — he graduated with high honor from his *Alma Mater*. Previous to coming to the Central Wesleyan, he had taught school for a term or two in Clay county, and before his graduation had served as deputy sheriff of that county. Prof. Frick continued teaching after his graduation, and in 1871 received the high honors of a unanimous election to the chair of Mathematics and Natural Sciences in the Central Wesleyan, a position he has since continued to fill with conspicuous success and ability. Prof. Frick is known among educators in this State and even beyond its limits as one of their ablest co-workers, particularly in the departments of his specialities — Mathematics and Natural Sciences. In 1878 he was elected a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a distinction of high honor for one of his age and experience. A year ago he read before that Association, then assembled at Minneapolis, Minnesota, a paper on tornadoes, which attracted wide and highly complimentary notice from scientific men throughout the country. He has been appointed a special tornado reporter for this section by the U. S. Signal Service. The Professor has constructed a telescope of remarkable power, considering its size, and of singular perfection, which is successfully used at the Central Wesleyan. Without question he is a scholar of a high order of ability and attainments. Still comparatively a young man, his future certainly seems one of more than ordinary promise. In 1872 Prof. Frick was married to Miss Kate Hartel, a refined and accomplished daughter of a highly respected citizen of Clay county, Frederick Hartel. The Professor and his excellent wife have five children: F. William, John J., Edward L., Katie P. and Benj. F. Prof. Frick is the most conspicuous temperance worker in the county, and has been president of the Warren county Sunday-school Association for the past three years. He is a

Republican in politics and was for four years a member of the Republican State Central Committee.

JUDGE AUGUST HOLLMANN

(Farmer, Post-office, Warrenton).

Judge Hollmann was six years of age when his parents, Frank and Louisa (Linnert) Hollmann, came to this country from Prussia, in 1846. They settled in Warren county, where the father engaged in farming and where they reared a family of six children, namely: Frank, Jr., now deceased; Henry C., of Washington, in Franklin county; William, Fred, August and Hermann. All the last-named are in this county. August Hollmann was the fifth of his parents' family of children, and was born in Prussia on the 2d of February, 1840. Principally reared in Warren county, he was brought up a farmer and was married here in 1865 to Miss Carrie Vogt, a daughter of Herman and Catharine Vogt, who had previously settled in this country from Germany. Of her brothers and sisters, but one brother is living, Henry Vogt. Judge Hollmann has had substantial success as a farmer and now owns two good farms, one five miles north of Warrenton, where he has resided ever since his marriage, another of 120 acres only a short distance from this one. His homestead is well improved and has all the conveniences and comforts of life. For two years Judge Hollmann was a judge of the county court, and made a thorough, upright and efficient guardian of the people's interests on the bench. The Judge and Mrs. Hollman have seven children: Henry H., Minnie, Hermann, August, Edward, Caroline and Alwina.

JOHN A. HOWARD

(Deputy Sheriff and ex-Sheriff, Warrenton).

Mr. Howard's parents, David and Margaret (Fort) Howard, settled in what is now Warren county away back in the territorial days of the country when the Indian, the wolf and slow-paced bear were still in the land. They were from Kentucky, and settled 10 miles south of Warrenton, on Charrette creek, where the father died in 1849. He was a farmer by occupation and one of the old and respected citizens of the county. He was twice married, his second wife having been previously widow M'Cutchen. There were six children by his first marriage: James, Peter, Mary, Thomas, John A. and Emsely J., all of whom are living except Mary, who died the wife of Joseph Tice. He reared three children by his last wife, but one of whom is living, George, in Boone county. John A. Howard, the subject of this sketch, was married in 1850 to Miss Frances Bryan, who is still living. After his marriage Mr. Howard engaged in farming, and in 1874 he was elected sheriff of Warren county, being re-elected two years later. In 1878 his son-in-law, S. B. Cook, succeeded him in office, when he became Mr. C.'s deputy, in which capacity he is still serving in the sheriff's office, Mr. Cook having been re-elected in

1882. Mr. and Mrs. Howard have reared two children: Ella M., the wife of Sheriff Cook, and Hattie L., *femme libre*, is still at home. Mr. Howard resides in Warrenton.

JAMES HUTCHERSON

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

Mr. Hutcherson, well known as one of the prominent farmers and highly respected citizens of Warren county, is a native of Virginia, born in Pittsylvania county, July 9, 1830. He was a son of Benjamin and Betsey (David) Hutcherson, who were also born and reared in that county, where they were married and resided until 1831 when they removed to Missouri and settled in Warren county, where the parents lived until their deaths. The father was a successful farmer of this county and died in 1872. The mother died in 1839. James Hutcherson was the youngest of eight children in his parents' family, but one besides himself of whom is now living, Wilson, the fifth one of the family. The others were William, Allen, Lewis, John, Henry and Mary. The father married a second time, Miss Polly Gordon becoming his wife. There were four children by this union. James Hutcherson was reared on his father's farm in this county and November 4, 1852, was married to Miss Sallie J. Riddle, a daughter of Ephraim and Judith (Gravelley) Riddle, also originally from Pittsylvania county, Va. After his marriage Mr. Hutcherson became one of the householders of the county, and began his career as one of its successful farmers. Not to go into the details of his record as a farmer, it may be stated as the result of his experience, that he has a fine farm of 560 acres, all under fence and otherwise well improved, one of the valuable farms of his part of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Hutcherson have had nine children, three of whom died in infancy: Henry H., Levy, who died January 20, 1884; John, Fayette, Benjamin, who died January 27, 1883, and Guy. During the war Mr. Hutcherson served for about eight months in the Southern army. He was a member of the State guard and participated in the battles of Lexington and Wilson's Creek. Mr. H. is a member of the A. F. and A. M.

WILLIAM A. JONES

(Druggist and Pharmacist, Warrenton).

It is a characteristic of some men to excel in whatever they undertake, to go to the front in anything in which they engage. The slightest observation in Warrenton will convince any one that to class the subject of the present sketch with these would be no empty, unmeaning compliment, but only the statement of a plain, actual fact. Mr. Jones is in the drug business at Warrenton, and, as every one knows who knows anything about the place, he has the largest and best drug store, the neatest and most popular house in this line not only in Warrenton but throughout the county; and, indeed, one of

the best conducted and tastily kept retail drug stores in the State. His house, or business, has been built up almost exclusively by his own enterprise and good management. He entered the store in 1866 in partnership with Dr. Farrow. In 1869 he bought out his partner, Dr. Farrow, and has ever since been carrying on the business alone. He carries a stock of about \$3,500, and has a trade far in excess of what would be expected in a town the size of Warrenton, or considering the general business of the place. In arrangement and general appearance the interior of his store, or *presentment* of his stock of goods, as the French would say, is a perfect triumph of art, refined and in good taste. Mr. Jones comes of an old family in this part of the State. He is a grandson of an early settler of Montgomery county, the founder of Jonesburg, James Jones, a sketch of whose life is given in the present volume, in the biographical department of the Montgomery county division. Mr. Jones' father, Thomas Jones, was in boyhood when the family came to Missouri, and after he grew up was married in Montgomery county to Miss Julia A. Camp, formerly of Kentucky. He settled on a farm near Jonesburg, where he reared a family and lived until his death, which occurred about two years ago. There were eight children, three of whom are married and comfortably settled in life, worthy and respected members of society. William A., the subject of this sketch, was born on the family homestead, near Jonesburg, November 5, 1847. He received a common-school education, and at the age of 19 came to Warrenton to learn the drug business, where he has ever since resided. May 31, 1880, he was married to Miss Ella A. Faulconer, a daughter of John H. Faulconer, of this county. Mr. and Mrs. J. have three children: Edna, May, William Carl and Josie Mabel. Mr. Jones is a Democrat in politics, and expects to vote the regular Democratic ticket through all the coming years of his sublunary career or until senile *ablepsia* or the blindness of old age overtakes him so that he can not read the title clear on his ticket, and that will probably be a long time, many years after the Republican party, like all former antagonists of the Democracy, is dead and buried, for his grandmother, Mrs. Camp, is still living, bright of mind, at the advanced age of 91, and unquestionably longevity is hereditary.

MICHAEL KELLY

(Railroad Contractor, Post-office, Warrenton).

Mr. Kelly, a worthy and respected citizen of Truesdale, a suburb of Warrenton, is a native of the Emerald Isle, born at Roscommon, famed in song and story and legend and history as one of the most interesting localities of the Ever Faithful Isle. Reared at his birth-place, at the age of 23 he came to America, believing that he could more easily establish himself comfortably in life here than in his native country, notwithstanding his fond affection for the motherland that gave him birth. In the New World he located first at Cleveland, O., but came thence to Warrenton, Mo, in 1858. Here, or in

the vicinity of this place, he has ever since resided. A life of industry has rewarded him with a comfortable home and a neat, small farm. He is engaged in buying and supplying ties, pile timber, etc., to the Wabash Railway, and meets with good success in this line of business. In 1867 Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Eliza Doyle, and seven children are the fruits of this union, aged from 14 to 3 years, namely: Mary, James, Martin, Maggie, Nora, Eddie and Nellie. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are members of the Catholic Church, and in politics he is a Democrat, without any Ben Butler greenback nonsense about him.

THOMAS KEY

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

The record of Mr. Key's career is one of continued industry, rewarded through steady progress with abundant success. Starting out for himself with little or nothing to begin on but his own ability and disposition to work, and good sound business judgment to manage his affairs, by the exercise of these qualities he has accumulated a large property, and is now one of the leading farmers and land-holders of the community where he resides. His place contains about 1,300 acres, and his farm is one of the best and most valuable stock farms in the county. Mr. Key is a native of England, born in Cornwall March 18, 1825. Both his parents, Thomas Kee and wife, *nee* Mary Cowlen, were of ancient English families. The father died there in 1853. His mother crossed the ocean in 1867 at the age of 74 years, and lived just three months after she arrived at St. Louis. Both were members of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Key was reared in Cornwall, and was the third of his parents' family of five children. He received a good ordinary education at the parish school of St. Irvin, in Cornwall. In 1844, then 20 years of age, he immigrated to Canada, and the following year to St. Louis, but shortly afterwards located at Alton, Ill., where he was in the butcher business for 20 years. He then removed to St. Louis, and after following the butcher business there for three years he came to Warren county. Here he has since made his home, and been engaged in farming and handling stock with the result above indicated. August 23, 1849, Mr. Key was married at Alton, Ill., to Miss Mary Browning, a daughter of John and Jane (Welch) Browning, formerly of Somersetshire, England, where Mrs. Key was reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Key have nine children, namely: Nicholas S., Mary A., Sarah J., Elizabeth, Ellen M., Thomas F., Fannie, Alice C. and Chester S. The first four are married and reside in Warren county. Mrs. Key is a member of the Christian Church, and Mr. Key of the Episcopal Church. He is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

HERMAN A. KOCH, A. M., M. D.

(President of the Central Wesleyan College, Warrenton).

Dr. H. A. Koch, for the last 20 years at the head of the above named institution, and to whose able management of its affairs is pre-

eminently due the credit for the unqualified success which it has achieved, is by nativity and education of German antecedents, and is a worthy representative of that large and better class of Germans whose fortunes were cast with this country by the events of the Revolution of '48 in their native country. He came of one of the better untitled families of Prussia, a family of intelligence and culture and high respectability, in well-to-do circumstances and of enlightened, liberal views in regard to popular rights and responsibility of government to the people for impartial and just laws, and for the impartial and just administration of the law. Fully sensible, therefore, of the irresponsible tyranny and merciless oppression which characterized the administration of affairs in that country prior to the revolution, it is not surprising that this family, with thousands of others of their class, became identified with the movement on the part of the body of the people for a reform of government. The result of the revolution is matter of history and needs no comment here. Hundreds and thousands of the brightest men of Germany, men identified with the revolution, and whose gallantry and patriotism have never been surpassed, were compelled to expatriate themselves and seek new homes in foreign lands. Many of them came to America; such men as Carl Schurz, Daniel Siegel, William Rosecrans, Arnold Krekel, and others too numerous to admit of mention, have rendered services of the highest value to their adopted country, and have become citizens of distinguished consideration and usefulness. The sympathies of Dr. Koch, then a young man preparing himself for the medical profession, and who had recently completed an advanced and thorough course at college, became warmly enlisted for the cause of the revolution, and he, too, became an object of proscription and threatened government prosecution. With others of his countrymen, therefore, he also came to America. Thus broken off from his purpose to prepare himself for the practice of medicine, in this country he engaged in teaching, as being the most congenial employment in which he could at once engage. He first taught a private school in St. Louis. A man of naturally earnest and sincere character, with great reverence for truth and justice, and believing in the divine order and government of the world, he became warmly enlisted in the cause of religion. He united himself with the M. E. Church, and soon decided to devote himself to the ministry. Accordingly, after an exhaustive preparatory course of study, he was duly ordained a minister in that denomination. In 1857 Rev. Koch was appointed principal of the German department in the Methodist College at Quincy, Ill. There his thorough scholarship, his zeal in the cause of education, and his marked natural qualities for a successful teacher soon became recognized, and his reputation as an educator rapidly advanced. While his methods of instruction were warmly commended, he at the same time evinced exceptional ability for school government and successful management in the general affairs of a school. When, therefore, in 1864 a competent educator and teacher of executive ability was needed at the head of the Central Wesleyan College in Warrenton, attention was at once drawn to him as best

suited for the position. Dr. Koch was employed to take charge of the college, and such is the satisfaction he has given, such the success and ability with which he has conducted the institution, that he has long since come to be regarded as hardly less than indispensable to its prosperity and usefulness. The college has made steady advances in every favorable respect under his presidency, and has since been brought to a position of enviable prominence and reputation among the better educational institutions of the State. His interest in the college is almost that of a father for a favorite daughter. Feeling, and justly feeling, that his own reputation is involved in the good name and reputation of his school, he cares for it and strives for its progress and prosperity with more than ordinary solicitude and zeal. While the Central Wesleyan is a denominational institution; there is no bigotry or intolerance in its management. The young of all denominations are admitted within its walls, and the religious preferences of none, if they are honest and sincere Christians, are interfered with. It is to this broad and enlightened policy that is due, in no unimportant measure, the excellent success the college has achieved. The personal biography of Dr. Koch is brief. He was born in Sommerfield, Prussia, September 4, 1828. His parents were Adolph Koch and wife, *nee* Katrina Koehler. His father was a successful merchant, a man of good education and of marked intelligence. Having lost his first wife, Mr. Koch (the father) was married the second time, but there were no children by his last union. By his first wife there were three children besides Dr. Koch, namely: Antonie, Alwin and Emil. But neither of the three came to America. Dr. Koch was educated at Guben College, where he graduated in 1845. He was then engaged in the study of medicine until the outbreak of the Revolution of '48. His subsequent career is outlined above. In 1854 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Weile, a young lady of Burlington, Ia., whose parents were originally from Germany. She died in 1861, leaving him three children: Edward P., John W. and Lizzie. Dr. Koch's present wife prior to her marriage was a Miss Mary Rivinius, of Blandinville, Ill. They also have three children: Mary, Ella and Carrie. Dr. Koch's eldest son, Edward, is a practicing physician of Pekin, Ill. His other son is engaged in farming in this county. Elizabeth, his eldest daughter, is the wife of Louis Slitt, of South Pueblo, Col.

JOHN H. KOELLING

(Clerk of the County Court of Warren County, Warrenton).

It is the boast of Republican institutions, and particularly those of America, that people of every country and nationality, provided they are people with native honesty and with a just appreciation of civil liberty and human rights, may readily adapt themselves to the duties and responsibility of citizenship under such a government, it matters not what may be their preconceived ideas or notions, or what may have been their former political habits of life. So in this country we

see people from England, Germany and all the nationalities mingling together and forming one homogeneous people under a single government, and all fulfilling their duties in harmony, with patriotism and in perfect good faith. Where the rights of all are protected and all are equal before the law, there is never just cause for discontent or civil discords, so far as the affairs of government are concerned. Under such institutions unquestionably the intelligence and energies of men may reach their highest development — progress is the most assured and the most rapid. Among the intelligent families who came to this country nearly half a century ago was that of which the subject of the present sketch is a representative. His parents, Ernst and Anna E. (Assum) Koelling, came to the United States from Holland in 1843, landing at New Orleans. From there they proceeded by boat up the Mississippi to St. Louis. The father was a sugar refiner by trade, a man of intelligence, sterling good character and a good manager in providing for his family and accumulating the substantial rewards of honest industry. He left Holland with a nucleus of means to begin life with in the New World. But no one can tell when fortune is to smile or frown. On their way up the Mississippi their boat took fire in the night time and was completely destroyed, the Koelling family with others barely escaping with their lives. They took passage on another boat, but this, too, met with a misfortune, being grounded on a sand-bar. Thus they were left several hundred miles from the point of their destination penniless and among strangers, unable even to speak the language of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Koelling (John H.'s parents) proceeded on their journey on foot, and having several small children, they experienced many hardships and privations while on the trip, being out about six weeks, late in the fall, through all the changes and severities of weather. But at last arrived in St. Louis, they were kindly cared for, particularly by their German friends, and above all by a good family from Holland of the name of Rutger. Mr. Koelling (Sr.) readily obtained employment in a sugar refinery in St. Louis, and soon had his family comfortably situated. Through industry and economy, in about eight or nine years he was able to buy a good farm in Lincoln county, to which he removed in 1852. There he made his permanent home and became one of the substantial farmers and respectable citizens of the county. He died in 1878. There were nine children in his family, but only three lived to reach mature years: Henrietta, who died the wife of H. K. Schaefer; Sarah, now the wife of Henry Gerkin, of Wright City, and John H., the subject of this sketch. John H. Koelling was born at St. Louis, November 26, 1844. Principally reared in the country, however, his youth was spent at farm work and in attending the neighborhood schools. On the 20th of November, 1867, he was married to Miss Catherine Gerkin, a daughter of Peter Gerkin, of Lincoln county. About the time of his marriage Mr. Koelling engaged in merchandising at Wright City, which he continued with success until he assumed charge of his present office in January, 1883, having been elected the fall previous. After his elec-

tion he removed to Warrenton, and has ever since resided at this place. Mr. Koelling has given his whole time and attention to the duties of his office and has made a very efficient and popular officer. His official record thus far has met with general approval. During the war Mr. K. served about one year in the Union army under Capt. John E. Ball, Forty-ninth Missouri, commanded by Col. Dyer. He was out until the close of the war, and, among numerous engagements, participated in the capture of Mobile, where he was wounded by the explosion of a shell. Mr. Koelling is an ardent Republican in politics — he votes as he shot — though he is not an intolerant partisan, and concedes to every man the right he claims, to think and speak as he pleases in political matters so long as he acts the part of a gentleman and avoids giving just cause of offense. Mr. and Mrs. Koelling have seven children: Lydia, Edward, Laura, Ida, Albert, Sarah and Annie, all at home with their parents. Mrs. K. is a member of the M. E. Church.

WILLIAM LENZE

(Merchant Tailor and City Treasurer, Warrenton).

That there is a great diversity of roads to success in life, if properly followed, is illustrated by the examples of successful men in the different pursuits in almost every town and village in the country. Mr. Lenze early committed himself to tailoring as his regular calling, and he has followed it with commendable perseverance and industry, and has managed his affairs with marked intelligence and success. Believing in the adage that "if the workman keeps his shop his shop will keep him," he has adhered to it strictly and has proved its truth by his own successful experience. He is now quite extensively engaged in the merchant tailoring business and has accumulated a good property. He owns his own business house, or rather is now building a store house and dwelling, a building that will be a credit to the town. True to the old German custom, when the foundation was completed he gave a *hausfest*, inviting all his friends, who were entertained with speeches, alternated with good music by the local brass band, and all accompanied with a free and generous flow of wine and beer, which were supplemented with an abundance of the substantials. A general good time was had and all went merry as a marriage bell. When the house is completed a *hausuaormig*, or house-warming, will be given, which will exceed in numbers and doubtless in every other respect the former occasion. Mr. Lenze was for several years a member of the city council, and he is now city treasurer. He was born in Westphalia, Prussia, February 22, 1847, and was one of twin brothers, children of Peter and Frances (Biermarch) Lenze. There were five other children in the family. William, the subject of this sketch, and Joseph came to America in 1867. The former had already learned the tailor's trade, and he did journey work in St. Louis until 1873 when he started in business for himself in Warrenton. August 27, 1874, he was married to Miss Christiana Wessel, a daughter of

Christopher and Friedericka Wessel, of Warren county, but formerly of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Lenze have one son, Paul, now 9 years of age.

BUCKLEY LIVSEY

(Clerk of the Circuit Court of Warren county, Warrenton).

Among the old and highly respected citizens of Warren county, and one of its most popular public officials, as all know who know anything about the county, is the subject of the present sketch. In 1872 Mr. Livsey was elected sheriff of the county. Two years later he was elected to the office of circuit clerk, and at each subsequent election for that office he has been regularly re-elected. His official record, as these facts show, has met the unqualified indorsement of the people, and personally he is highly esteemed and more than ordinarily popular. His career in the public service is another proof of the fact that as a rule the people generally encourage official faithful conduct by their continued support at the polls. He has been a resident of the county for nearly 40 years, or ever since he was a young man. By nativity he is of English nationality, born at Manchester, November 8, 1826. His father, a popular salesman for a large manufacturing house, died when Buckley was about 14 years of age. Up to that time young Livsey had had excellent school advantages, but by this misfortune he was compelled to quit school and go to work in order to help care for his mother and the family of children. There were four others besides Buckley. Their mother's maiden name was Judith Carpenter. Buckley Livsey grew up at Manchester and when 21 years of age came to America. Landing at New Orleans, he came thence to St. Louis, and in a short time to Pitzer's Landing. Mr. Livsey located at Price's Branch, where he assisted in building a mill for Joseph Woollam. He had also married the year before he left England, his wife having been a Miss Mary A. Lunt, a daughter of Henry Lunt, of Manchester. He worked in the milling business under Mr. Woodlam for about 18 months. The year after this he followed farming, but soon came to Warrenton. Mr. Livsey has been a resident of Warrenton almost continuously ever since that time. For several years he ran the mill at this place, and in 1861 was appointed depot agent at Warrenton. He occupied that position continuously until his election to the office of sheriff in 1872. His career since then has already been outlined. His first wife died in 1874, leaving him three children, namely: Bettie and Jennie, who are successful milliners, and part proprietors of a notion store in the city of New Orleans, La., and William, who is his father's deputy in the circuit clerk's office. Mr. Livsey's present wife was a Mrs. Louisa Chamberlain before her marriage. They have two children, Joseph P. and Ella M. Mr. L. and wife are members of the M. E. Church. Politically, Mr. Livsey is a Democrat, and the fact that he is such and has been repeatedly elected to office in Warren county, which is largely Republican, speaks in no uncertain

language of his personal popularity. It more than justifies what has been said of him in this respect in the present sketch.

THOMAS J. McNAIR, M. D.

(Retired Physician and Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Pendleton).

Every one of intelligence and fair observation must admit that there is something in family characteristics — that, ordinarily, mental attributes are transmitted from generation to generation hardly less, if, indeed, not more than physical castes or peculiarities. It is this fact that explains largely why certain families through generations continue to occupy positions of almost uniform prominence and respectability, both socially and in point of success in material affairs. That the fruit may be judged by the tree is true with as few exceptions as the old proverb itself, that “the tree may be judged by its fruit.” Of course there are occasional exceptions to this, as there is now and then a black sheep in every family. Exceptions, however, do not disprove the rule, but rather verify it. Glancing over the family antecedents of Dr. McNair, it is not otherwise than as should justly be expected that as a citizen and member of the community, he occupies a position of enviable consideration. He comes of good families, both on his father’s side and his mother’s. He is of sturdy Scotch-Irish ancestry, and in this country both of the families, the McNairs and Williamsons, have been from their first settlement here people of marked intelligence and unquestioned respectability. Dr. McNair’s father, Moses McNair, was of a worthy Scotch family that settled in Pennsylvania in an early day, and was born in Dauphin county, of that State, in 1779. His (Moses McNair’s) mother, whose maiden name was Wallace, was a sister of Hon. Moses Wallace, a member of the first Congress under the present constitution. Moses McNair, after he grew up, married Miss Martha Williamson, of Philadelphia, born in 1783. She was a daughter of Col. George Williamson, who came over from Ireland prior to the Revolution and served in the Colonial army throughout the war. He enlisted as a private and for gallantry and meritorious services was repeatedly promoted until he reached the rank of colonel, which he held at the close of the war. In about 1811 Moses McNair and wife removed to Ohio and settled in Greene county. Shortly after this the second war with Great Britain broke out and he entered the army and served in the North-west. He became adjutant-general under Gen. Harrison and served until the close of the war. After the war he improved a large farm near Dayton, Ohio, and also became a leading distiller and vintager, being one of the leading manufacturers of liquors and wines in the State. He died October 20, 1824; his wife died February 1, 1868, at a venerable old age. They reared a family of four children, two of whom, besides the Doctor, are living: Edith, now the widow of Thomas Webster, of St. Louis; and Margaret, also a widow lady, late the wife of Capt. James McCord (deceased), of St. Louis. The other,

Annie, became the wife of George Moser, a prominent stockman of Ohio, but has been dead for a number of years. Dr. McNair was the eldest of the children; he was educated for the legal profession and took a course at the Granville Institute and subsequently studied under a private tutor, Rev. Dr. Bryson. The instructions this good man gave him were of great advantage to him in an educational point, and as an immovable brace to his moral character, but it had the effect to destroy his future in the legal profession. The good minister taught him that even an untruth now and then was greatly to be reprobated, but that to make a profession of lying would never do in the world. Dr. McNair, however, at first thought that his pious-hearted tutor had drawn it a little too strong, and therefore still persevered in his purpose of becoming a lawyer. He taught school for two years and in the meantime read law under the noted Tom Corwin, of Ohio. But the nearer he approached the duties of the legal profession, the plainer he could see that the ways of the lawyer are dark and devious. In other words, he became convinced that, as the victim who enters Dante's Inferno leaves all hope behind, so he who enters the legal profession, if he expects to succeed, must leave all common honesty behind. He therefore gave up the pursuit of law and turned his attentions to the physical troubles of his fellow-creatures — to the medical profession. He read medicine under his uncle, by marriage, Dr. Robert E. Stephens, and in due time took a regular course at the Cincinnati Medical College, where he graduated in 1839. In 1840 Dr. McNair came to St. Louis and there engaged in the practice of his profession. He continued in the practice at St. Louis for over 30 years, and almost from the beginning had a large and lucrative practice. In 1871 he retired from the practice and located on his present farm, Groveland, in Warren county. Here he has a handsome place of 1,100 acres, one of the best grain and stock farms in the county. In 1855, September 19, Dr. McNair was married to Miss Darcus Adams, who was reared and educated in St. Louis. She survived her marriage but little more than two years, leaving him a son, Thomas Bruce, who now has charge of the farm in this county. In 1845 Dr. McNair founded the *St. Louis Magnet*, a monthly journal devoted to the interests of electrical science, in which he is thoroughly versed. The *Magnet* was first to advance many of the principles and doctrines of electricity as applied to the healing art, which are now known and received as indisputable the world over. The *Magnet* office was destroyed by fire in 1849, being a total loss, and the publication of the paper was not revived.

HENRY H. MIDDELKAMP, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, and President of the State Medical Society, Warrenton).

Among physicians throughout the State Dr. Middeldkamp is well known and recognized as one of the ablest and most prominent members of their profession. Such is his standing in the medical pro-

fession, indeed, that at a meeting of the State Medical College in Sedalia, Mo., in May, 1884, he was honored with the election to the presidency of the society, a position he still holds. He has made medicine and its kindred sciences his life study, and while making himself thoroughly conversant with the principles and theories involved in his profession, he has at the same time, or since his graduation from medical college over 20 years ago, been an active, extensive and closely observant practitioner. Thus thoroughly devoted to his profession and gifted with a mind eminently fitted by nature for this field of investigation and activity; he has, as would naturally be expected, made himself a more than ordinarily successful and scientific physician. Almost from the beginning of his practice in this county he has had a large *clientele* in his profession — in late years the largest practice beyond question in the county. Dr. Middelkamp has ever taken an active interest in the general affairs of his profession, of its welfare and advancement. In the work of its societies he has been one of the more active and prominent physicians in this part of the State. At his instance, and mainly through his exertions, the Linton Medical Society was formed. Indeed, the honor is due him of being the founder of the society. Dr. Middelkamp was born and reared in Warren county and has spent his whole life thus far within its borders. His parents, John H. and Margaret A. (Schlueter) Middelkamp, were both originally from Germany, but came to this country when young and was married here. His father, John H., was from Hanover, and came to America in 1835. He was married to Miss Schlueter several years afterwards. In about 1837, after working at Pittsburg and other points, he came to Warren county and bought a small tract of timbered land, about four miles east of Warrenton. Here he built a log cabin and opened a small farm. Being a man of industry and intelligence, economical and a good manager, he prospered abundantly and became one of the substantial farmers and well-to-do citizens of the county. He accumulated an ample competence for himself and family. He died at his homestead near Warrenton, in 1866, well known and highly respected. His widow is still living on the old homestead. They reared a family of eight children, the names of whom appear in the sketch of John H. Middelkamp, Jr. Dr. Middelkamp was born on the homestead near Warrenton, January 27, 1839. His youth was spent on the farm and he received a somewhat advanced education, both in English and German, principally by private instruction and self-application to his studies. In 1861, having decided to become a physician, he began a course of study with that object in view under Dr. John E. Hutton, then practicing at Warrenton. In due time he entered the St. Louis Medical College where, after a regular course of two terms, he graduated in 1864. Immediately after his graduation Dr. Middelkamp entered actively into the practice of his profession at Warrenton. He was first in the practice with Dr. Hutton and, after the latter's removal to Mexico, Mo., he continued to practice alone in which, up to the present time, he has been continuously engaged.

Dr. Middelkamp has been quite successful in his practice, both in the treatment of cases and in a material point of view. He has accumulated a comfortable property. He has just completed a handsome two-story residence, which he now occupies, a dwelling that is a credit to Warrenton. September 11, 1864, Dr. Middelkamp was married to Miss Ellen Smith, a daughter of George F. Smith, of St. Louis, but formerly of Cincinnati. The Dr. and Mrs. Middelkamp have five children; Willie A., Edwin G., Marion S., Kate E. and H. Herbert. Dr. Middelkamp has always taken a public-spirited interest in the cause of education, and has been actively identified with the school interests of Warren county. He was elected superintendent of the public schools of this county in November, 1870, and served two years, and was one of the curators of the State University at Columbia, in 1878-79. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. The Doctor occupies all, or nearly all, of his leisure time from the active duties of his practice with study and investigation in the line of his profession. He has accumulated a handsome library of medical works, both in English and German, in which much of his time is spent with pleasure and profit. The Doctor has quite a reputation as a lecturer and an extemporaneous speaker, for he is often called out to speak at public meetings.

JOHN H. MIDDELKAMP

(Treasurer of Warren county, Warrenton).

Mr. Middelkamp is a brother to Dr. Middelkamp whose sketch proceeds this, and was born on the old homestead of the family near Warrenton, March 22, 1841. He was the second in the family of eight children, Dr. Middlekamp being the eldest. The others were William, Annie, now Mrs. Kemper; Mary, the wife of Mr. Koppleman of St. Louis; Herman, Maggie, now Mrs. Strack; Carrie, and two others who died in tender years. John H., the subject of this sketch, was reared on his father's farm and continued at farming until 1866 when he and his brother, William, formed a partnership in the hardware business, and established a store at Warrenton. Their business venture proved a successful one. Commencing with a small capital their business steadily increased from the beginning until they had one of the leading houses in their line in the county — indeed, the leading house. They made it their motto from the first to deal fairly with every one and to sell at the lowest possible figures, consistent with sound business management. Always accommodating and obliging to their customers, and never intentionally deceiving them in the quality of their goods, their house soon attained an enviable and established reputation for reliability. The trade of the Messrs. Middelkamp & Bro., has steadily increased from year to year and theirs has become one of the prominent and successful business firms of the county. They have each accumulated a comfortable property and are regarded as among the more substantial and highly respected citizens of the county. They carry a large stock of shelf and heavy

hardware and also a complete stock of farm machinery and household furniture. Their average stock runs from \$5,000 to \$18,000, and their trade is proportionally large. They own the large business house which they occupy and also the Warren County Bank building, one of the best houses in Warrenton. February 14, 1869, Mr. Middelkamp was married to Miss Malina Strack, a daughter of the Rev. Strack. She survived her marriage, however, only about four years, leaving him at her death a son, Charles. To his present wife Mr. Middelkamp was married December 27, 1876. She was a Miss Mary Gardemann, a daughter of H. H. Gardemann of this county. They have one son, George. In 1876 Mr. Middelkamp was elected to the office of treasurer of the county, and four years afterwards he was re-elected, his present term to expire in December following. He and wife are members of the German Evangelical Church.

WILLIAM H. MORSEY

(Attorney at Law, and Prosecuting Attorney of Warren County, Warrenton).

For ten years continuously Mr. Morsey has occupied the position he now holds, that of prosecuting attorney of the county by consecutive biennial elections. This fact speaks more for his standing as a lawyer and popularity as a man, where he was born and reared and is best known, than anything that could be said here. It is a well known fact that he occupies a position of enviable prominence not only at the bar in this county, but throughout the circuit in which he practices. He is a member of Peers & Morsey, the leading law firm of Warren county, and one of the leading firms in this part of the State. Mr. Morsey has been a close and hard student of the law and has thoroughly grounded himself in the great principles of civil and criminal jurisprudence, as laid down in the books of text-writers and declared by the higher courts. A young man of strong native ability, well educated and a popular, effective speaker, industrious in his practice and faithful to his clients, he could hardly have failed of attaining to enviable prominence at the bar. The firm of Peers & Morsey has a large and lucrative practice not only in Warren but in adjoining counties. Mr. Morsey was born in this county November 21, 1850. He was of German parentage, a son of Col. Frederick Morsey, a native of Hanover, but who came to this country in 1833, and subsequently became a prominent lawyer of this county. Col. Morsey first resided in Philadelphia for a short time and then came to St. Louis. From the latter city he removed to Franklin county, where he served in the office of county surveyor. He became a resident of Warren county in 1854 and also served in the office of county surveyor in this county. He was quite successfully interested in farming and later along was admitted to the bar and became a popular attorney of the county. During the war he promptly identified himself with the cause of the Union and organized a regiment for the service. He commanded the Tenth Missouri cavalry, which was dis-

tinguished for its superior drill and discipline, and its conspicuous gallantry on more than one hard fought field during that long and terrible struggle. A worthy sketch of his life and services appears in the "Bench and Bar" for this State, a work recently published. His wife was a Miss Minnie Bock, a daughter of Mr. Bock, with whom Col. Morsey came across to this country from Holland when a young man. They reared a family of four children: George W., an engineer of Moberly; William L., the subject of this sketch; Thomas M., the partner of S. B. Cook, in the Warrenton *Banner*; and Helen, the wife of Mr. Heffern. William L. Morsey was educated in the high school at Warrenton, and also attended the Central Wesleyan College. He read law under his father, Col. Morsey, and in 1870 was admitted to the bar under Judge Gilchrist Porter. Immediately after his admission he engaged actively in the practice of his profession and soon attained a recognized position at the bar. In 1874, such was his standing as a lawyer and his personal popularity that he was nominated for the office of county attorney by the Republicans at the November election and duly elected to that office. Mr. Morsey has made an able and successful prosecutor, and has given general satisfaction in office as his repeated re-elections show. In 1879 he was married to Miss Laura Pulliam, a refined and accomplished daughter of Judge John A. Pulliam, deceased, late of Warrenton. Mr. and Mrs. Morsey have two children: Frederick W. and Chase. Mr. Morsey has always taken quite an active interest in politics and is recognized as one of the leading men of his party in this county. In 1876 he was a delegate to the National Convention which nominated Hayes for the Presidency.

CAPT. E. F. ORDELHEIDE

(Sheriff of Warren County, Warrenton, Mo.).

Capt. Ordelheide was a gallant soldier in the Union army during the war, and during the latter part of it commanded a company of militia in this State. He enlisted in 1861 in the volunteer U. S. service, becoming a member of the Eighth Indiana. Subsequently he served in Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas, and later along, still, became captain of Co. E, of the Missouri State militia, under Col. Morsey. Capt. Ordelheide is a German by nativity, and came to this country when quite a young man, in 1858. He was born in Brockhagen, Prussia, in 1840, and was a son of Franz Ordelheide and wife, *nee* Mena Harstronberg, both old families. They reared eight children, seven of whom are living. Henry, Herman and Charlotta are the only ones besides E. F. who came to America. Henry died in this county in 1864, Herman being a resident of Lincoln county, and Charlotta, now Mrs. William Kamp, being a resident of this county. Capt. Ordelheide came to America when about 18 years of age. Soon afterwards, the war breaking out, he enlisted in the army, in which he served until the close of the war. In 1866 he was appointed postmaster at Pitts, in Warren county, in which position he served

for two years. He was also engaged in merchandising during that time. In 1869 he removed to Wright City, where he continued merchandising. While at Wright City he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, and filled that position with credit to himself and to the public. In 1882 he was nominated for the office of sheriff and collector of the county by the Republican party, of which he is and has long been an earnest and faithful member. Notwithstanding the office had been in control of the Democrats for the preceding eight years, such was his personal popularity and his high standing in the county that he was triumphantly elected. He is now serving his first term in office, and it is but the truth to say that he is one of the most popular sheriffs the county ever had. Mr. and Mrs. Ordelheide have five children: Emma, Rosa, Edward, Julius and Frank. They are members of the Lutheran Evangelical Church.

HON. CHARLES E. PEERS

(Attorney at Law, Warrenton).

Among the self-made, prominent men of Missouri, the subject of the present sketch occupies a conspicuous and honorable position. Few men in the State have been more active or influential in public affairs in recent years than he. Though still comparatively a young man, twice he has been the recipient of the distinguished honor of being called to preside over the deliberations of his party at its State convention, a position he filled each time with such dignity and ability as to attract general attention, and favorable comment all over the State. Other positions of hardly less prominence and distinction he has repeatedly filled in a manner entirely worthy of the enviable reputation he bears as one of the leading public men of the State. Mr. Peers is now a popular candidate before his party for the nomination to represent his district in Congress, and has attracted a large following who are thoroughly devoted to him in his present contest, as they would be in any other. It is confidently believed by many who are impartial observers of the present race in the seventh district that if a true, unbiased test of the party's choice could be had, he would unquestionably be selected as the nominee. The convention, before which he was a candidate, recently adjourned after taking 589 ballots without effecting a nomination. A new convention has been called, but what will be its result remains for the future to develop. Mr. Peers is a lawyer by profession, and has been actively engaged in the practice for nearly twenty years, or since his admission to the bar in 1867. To any one in the least acquainted with the judicial affairs of the State, and particularly with the history of the bar in the third and nineteenth circuits, it is unnecessary to speak of his standing and eminent success as a lawyer. To all such he is well known as one of the leading attorneys, if not the foremost lawyer of the circuit. But as the biographical part of this work is intended to preserve a record of the lives and careers of the men of whom it speaks, it is not improper to state here that almost from the beginning of his practice he has held a posi-

tion second to that of but few, if any, members of the bar, however old and experienced in the practice with whom he has been associated. Within a year after he was admitted, such was the favorable impression he had made, and the high estimate that was placed on his ability and attainments, that he was elevated to the important office of circuit attorney of the third circuit, which then included the counties of St. Charles, Warren, Pike, Lincoln, Audrain and Montgomery. This office was then an object worthy of the ambition of any good lawyer, and was much sought after by prominent attorneys in the different counties. His selection was, therefore, a compliment of no ordinary significance, but one which the ability he displayed in the discharge of his official duties showed was not undeserved. In 1872, Mr. Peers, though a Democrat in a Republican county, was elected to represent his county in the State Legislature. His conceded ability for the position, and his great personal popularity, were the controlling influence which brought about his triumphant election. In the Legislature he gave the county a standing and influence it had not had for years before. On all sides he was recognized as one of the leading men of his party in that body. By the Speaker of the House he was honored with the chairmanship of the committee on criminal jurisprudence, one of the first committees of the House. While in the Legislature, aside from other valuable services he rendered the State and his county, he did a great deal to harmonize the discordant enactment then found in our criminal code, and to make it more systematic and consistent in all its parts. In 1876 Mr. Peers was a presidential elector for this State on the Democratic ticket, and made a brilliant canvass of his district for his party. Two years later he was made chairman of the Democratic State Convention, and in 1880 he was a prominent candidate before the State Convention for Lieutenant-Governor, coming within a few votes of defeating Gov. Campbell for the nomination. Indeed, it is a part of the inside history of the politics of the State that he was only defeated for the nomination by a trade between other candidates more successful than holy. Over the last State Convention of his party, which was held at St. Louis in June of the past year, he was called to preside as its permanent chairman. Since then he has been actively engaged in his canvass for Congress. It has been said that Mr. Peers is a self-made man. How true this is may be inferred from the fact that as stated in the "United States Biographical Dictionary" (Mo. Vol.), he was at work as a farm hand on monthly wages during the time he read law, availing himself of all his leisure from work to study for the bar. Certainly this is a record of which any man may feel a just and pardonable pride. Success in life when worthily achieved is always creditable, but when it is achieved from the most unfavorable of early circumstances, it is worthy of the highest credit. Though poor when a young man, and without family influence to look to for advancement, Mr. Peers comes of an old and highly respected family, one that has always occupied a position of marked consideration wherever settled. On his father's side he is of Scotch descent, the family having come originally from

the land of Bruce and Wallace, and Scott and Burns. The branch of it to which he belongs removed first to the North of Ireland, and thence came to America, locating in Virginia. His grandfather was Maj. Valentine I. Peers, a gallant officer under Washington during the Revolution, and who commanded a brigade at the battle of Brandywine. His father, Edward J. Peers, was an officer in the Mexican War, the major of the regiment. Maj. Peers, Sr., removed from Loudon county, Va., in an early day, and settled with his family at Bowling Green, Kentucky. There Maj. Edward Peers was reared. The family are believed to have brought the first family carriage and the first piano to Kentucky ever seen in that State. Maj. Edward Peers was married at Bowling Green, Ky., to Miss Cynthia Reynolds, and some years afterwards removed to Missouri. Here he was appointed military commander of the whole district of country north of Missouri, a position he held until the outbreak of the Mexican War. He then entered the army as major of a regiment, and served until the close of the war. He died in Troy, Lincoln county, in 1862, one of the highly respected citizens of the county. Charles E. was born at Troy, Mo., May 2, 1844, and was principally reared an orphan boy. His school advantages for an education were practically *nil*, having to employ all his time at work. His entire attendance at school would not aggregate as much as two half year terms. But of a bright, quick mind, and of industrious studious habits, ambitious and determined to rise in the world, he gave all his leisure time to books. After awhile he learned the printer's trade, and that afforded him an excellent opportunity to improve himself. All in all he succeeded in attaining a fair general English education, far better and more substantial than the smattering apologies which many young men bring away with them from college.

In the newspaper office he also acquired the habit of composing and writing articles on the various political and other questions of the day with grace and rapidity, and became remarked by all acquainted with him for his force and ability as a writer. Finally directing his attention to the profession of the law, he has ever since devoted the best energies of his life to that calling, and with what success we have seen. Mr. Peers is a man of family; he was married in 1866 to Miss May C. Humphreys, of Warren county, a lady of marked intelligence and refinement, a daughter of the late John Humphreys, of this county, but originally of Brooklyn, N. Y. They have two children: Frank C. and Porter. Mr. Peers is one of the prominent Masons of the State, and in all respects is a man and citizen of honorable standing and consideration.

ERNST SCHOWENGERDT

(Retired Farmer, and Dealer in General Merchandise, Warrenton).

A life devoted to honest industry in any worthy pursuit, and true to all the duties and responsibilities of one's situation and surroundings may truly be said to have been well spent. And in this country, without some unusual misfortune, such a life can hardly fail of being

productive of substantial results. Such has been the life, thus far, of the subject of the present sketch. Nor has he been disappointed in the just expectations which he had every reason to entertain, that his long years of industry, directed by good business intelligence and accompanied with steady habits of frugality and economy, would result in an ample competence for his later years and for the comfortable provision of his family. Mr. Schowengerdt was left an orphan by the death of his father, while yet a mere boy, and afterwards had not only his own way to make in the world, but assisted in caring for his mother's family. Up to middle age he was engaged in farming, and was remarked for being one of the most energetic, industrious and successful farmers in his vicinity. In this industry he accumulated a good property, a large, comfortable homestead, and other valuable lands. His place was in the vicinity of Charrette creek, in Warren county. In 1868 he removed to Warrenton, and engaged in merchandising. Since then he has been in business continuously at this place. For years Mr. Schowengerdt has been recognized as one of the leading business men of the county. He carries an excellent stock of goods, and does a lucrative and extensive trade. Mr. Schowengerdt is one of the substantial property holders of the county, a man in easy circumstances, and a large tax payer. Like many of the better citizens of Warren county, and of the entire country, for that matter, he is a German by nativity, born near Minster, Prussia, March 15, 1824. His father died near Minster when Ernst was only about five years of age. There were five children in the family, and in 1837, the mother, with her children, immigrated to America and settled near Marthasville, in Warren county, where the children grew to mature years. Ernst Schowengerdt was married in 1844, to Miss Eliza Huckride, a daughter of Mr. Huckride, also formerly of Germany. Mr. Schowengerdt settled on Charrette creek, where he subsequently followed farming about 25 years. He then removed to Warrenton and engaged in merchandising. He and his excellent wife have reared a family of four children: John W., Mary J., now Mrs. John Middelpkamp; Caroline, the wife of Henry Kamp; and Franklin, who is still with his parents.

JAMES W. SHELTON

(Farmer, Post-office, Warrenton).

For over 40 years Mr. Shelton has been a resident of Warren county and one of its thorough-going farmers and worthy citizens. Nor has his long residence and constant industry as a farmer and citizen been without substantial results. He is comfortably situated in life, having a large, well improved farm which is well stocked, a comfortable home and an abundance of everything around him to render his circumstances satisfactory and agreeable. Mr. Shelton's farm contains nearly 300 acres, or rather his tract of land contains that number, more than two-thirds of which is under fence and otherwise improved. Mr. Shelton is a native of Virginia, and a son of Robert

H. Shelton and wife, *nee* Martha Denison, the parents of each of whom were originally from Maryland. Mr. Shelton was born in Pittsylvania county, Va., November 16, 1819. His father was of the same county, but his mother was of Halifax county. They had a family of five children, the others, besides the subject of this sketch, being Nancy E. (deceased), William (deceased), T. S. and Matilda (deceased). In 1837 the family came to Missouri and located in St. Charles county, but settled in Warren county three years afterwards. The father, who had been a gallant soldier in the War of 1812, became a well-to-do farmer of Warren county, and died here July 17, 1873, at the advanced age of 81. The mother died in 1878 aged 78. James W. Shelton, the third in his parents' family of children, was 18 years of age when he came out to Missouri with the family. After coming to this State he remained in St. Charles county until 1840. Since then he has been a continuous resident of Warren county. February 19, 1846, he was married to Miss Sarah McClure, a daughter of Benonah and Elizabeth (Hoffman) McClure. Mr. and Mrs. Shelton have had nine children, but two of whom, however, are living: Levy and W. Albert, the former of whom married Miss Ida T. Yocum and is now a resident of Lafayette county, and the latter married Miss Sarah Key and resides on the farm with his father. Mrs. Shelton died on the 5th of May, 1858, and Mr. S. has never re-married. He is a worthy member of the A. F. and A. M.

COL. CLAY TAYLOR

(Retired Farmer, Post-office, Pendleton).

Col. Taylor, himself a prominent citizen of Northern Missouri and well and favorably known among the prominent men throughout the State, is a representative of two leading families of the country, the record of whom forms a part, and not an unimportant part of the history of the country—the Taylors and Clays. Both of these families, as every one of ordinary general information knows, came originally from Virginia. Col. Taylor's grandfather was Gen. James Taylor, one of the distinguished men of the Old Dominion; and his father was Col. Nathaniel P. Taylor, from Orange county, Va., afterwards a gallant officer in the War of 1812 from Kentucky, and United States Register of Lands at St. Louis. He early came out to Kentucky from Virginia, and was afterwards married there to Miss Eleanor Hart Clay, a daughter of Rev. Porter Clay, a pioneer settler of Kentucky and an able minister who did missionary work in the West, and is believed to have preached the first sermon ever preached in the English language west of the Mississippi. He was a brother to the great Henry Clay, of Kentucky, the brilliant and almost idolized "Harry of the West." Col. Taylor, the subject of this sketch, is, therefore, a grand-nephew of the great Kentuckian. Col. Taylor's father enlisted in Kentucky for the War of 1812 and was commissioned lieutenant-colonel, being, at that time, one of the youngest officers of his rank in the army. He served with zeal and fidelity until the close

of the war and several times distinguished himself by his gallantry in action.

In 1832 he removed to St. Louis with his family, and was shortly appointed U. S. Register of Lands, a position he held until his death, which occurred in 1849. His wife had died before his removal to Missouri, in 1829. Col. Clay Taylor was the eldest of three children, of whom he is now the only survivor, and was himself quite young at the time of his mother's death. He was reared in St. Louis and was given superior educational advantages. After completing a preparatory course, he was sent successively to a number of the best institutions of learning in the country, taking, besides a general course, a course in military tactics and a course in law. He studied from first to last in the St. Louis University, Maj. Laws' Military Academy, at St. Louis, Jacksonville (Ill.) College, Kemper's College, St. Louis, and took a course in law under Hon. Josiah Spaulding, of St. Louis. About this time the Mexican war broke out, and, true to the traditions of his family for patriotism and courage, he promptly offered himself as a volunteer for the service of his country. He became a member of Capt. Weightman's company of Missouri light artillery, in which he served for about a year. He was on Kearney's expedition to New Mexico, and was with Col. Doniphan on the latter's march to join Gen. Taylor at Buena Vista. At Gen. Taylor's suggestion Col. Taylor was appointed first lieutenant in the Fourth U. S. infantry, which commission he declined, the war being ended, for the purpose of engaging in private business. He then went West across the plains, and was afterwards engaged in merchandising in New Mexico and California until 1852, when he returned to St. Louis.

Here he took an active part in the North Missouri Railroad enterprise, and shortly became financial agent and land agent of the company. He was a member of the board of directors of that company and contributed very materially to the early success of the road. November 16, 1853, Col. Taylor was married to Miss Marie Louise, an accomplished daughter of Gen. Bernard Pratte, ex-mayor of St. Louis and president of the Missouri Bank. He is mentioned in the history of that city as being the first white male American citizen born within its limits. Mrs. Taylor was educated at the St. Louis Convent of the Sacred Heart. Three years after his marriage Col. Taylor removed to Warren county, where he was residing at the time of the outbreak of the Civil War. A Southern man by birth and family lineage and in convictions and sympathy, he at once entered the Confederate army, and was soon promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel of artillery and ordnance, in which he served until the close of the war. Col. Taylor's record in the Southern army is one of which any brave soldier might well be proud. He was in a number of the hardest fought battles of the war, and everywhere bore himself with gallantry and ability as an officer. One incident of a rather peculiar nature in the life of Col. T. is worthy of mention in this connection. In 1812 his father wrote the "cartel" of exchange of prisoners between the United States government and the British government.

Just 50 years to a day, afterwards, March 15, 1862, Col. T. wrote out the "cartel" for the exchange of prisoners between the Confederate States of America and the United States, Gen. Samuel Curtis representing the United States and Col. T. the Confederate States, just after the battle of Pea Ridge. This cartel was adhered to all during the late Civil War. After the war Col. T. returned to Warren county, where he has ever since continued to reside. For years he has been an enterprising agriculturist and one of the public-spirited citizens of the county. He is now living somewhat in retirement, however, and is with his sons on a handsome farm of some 600 acres, known as "Camp Branch Farm," one of the best farms in the north-western part of the county.

In 1873 Col. Taylor was commissioned quartermaster-general of the Missouri State militia by Gov. Woodson, and served in that office through Woodson's administration. Col. Taylor and wife had seven children, four of whom are living, namely: Bernard P., Porter C., Laura E. and Medora. The deceased are Nathaniel P., Robert W. and Tulie G. The two eldest sons are married and engaged in farming in the vicinity of the father's homestead. Col. Taylor is vice-president of the National Association of Mexican Veterans. As a representative of the Clay family on his mother's side, the table of Henry Clay, the one on which the great Kentuckian wrote all his famous bills introduced in Congress, has come down to Col. Taylor, and is now in his possession, — one of the heirlooms of his family. Col. Taylor's father was a first cousin and also brother-in-law to President Taylor.

PROF. HENRY VOSHOLL

(Of Central Wesleyan College, Warrenton).

Prof. Vosholl is a native of Illinois, born at Blue Island on the 1st of May, 1852. His parents, Rev. Henry Vosholl and wife, *nee* Miss Louise Engelke, were both of German birth, and were reared in their native country. The father is a minister of the M. E. Church, and a man of superior culture as well as of deep piety. They now reside in Missouri. The others in their family of children besides Prof. Henry Vosholl are Louisa, Rosetta, now the wife of Prof. Sauer, of Warrenton; J. William, an attorney in Osage county, and Matilda, who is the wife of Prof. Labhardt, of Hermann. Prof. Henry Vosholl, the subject of this sketch, took a regular course in the institution with which he is now connected as a teacher, graduating in the class of '71. Immediately following this he became a teacher in the preparatory department of the institution, and continued in that position until 1876, when he retired from it in order to attend Boston University. He accordingly took a post-graduate course of two years in the latter institution. Prof. Vosholl then returned to Warrenton and was shortly elected to the chair of English and History in the Central Wesleyan College, the duties of which he has ever since continued to discharge.

As the above facts show, he is a man of advanced education. His culture, as all know who are qualified to speak, is not out of comparison with the superior opportunities he has had for an education. The improvement of his mind may almost be said to have been his life work thus far, for he has been a close and hard student from youth. Gifted with a quick, active mind and a retentive memory, he has naturally become a scholar of wide and accurate learning. He pursued his education with a view of becoming a teacher, regarding this one of the most useful and honorable callings of the present age. Thoroughly devoted to his calling, he has exerted himself to succeed in it with that zeal and perseverance which rarely admit of disappointments. Prof. Vosholl has already established an enviable reputation as a teacher, and his excellent social qualities make him hardly less esteemed in the community at large than his qualifications and success as a teacher challenge the respect and hearty commendation of professional educators.



CHAPTER XII.

HISTORY OF HICKORY GROVE AND CAMP BRANCH TOWNSHIPS.

Hickory Grove Township Organized — Boundary — Early History — Wright City — Pitts Post-office — Biographical — Camp Branch Township — Boundary, Etc. — Pioneers — Biographical.

Hickory Grove township was set off from Elkhorn in 1839. It is one of the most desirable portions of Warren county, there being a larger proportion of prairie land there than characterizes the balance of the county.

BOUNDARY.

The township is bounded on the north by Montgomery county, east by St. Charles county, south by Charrette, and west by Elkhorn and Charrette townships. The past history of the town contains much that is of historic interest. At a point one mile and a half east of Wright City was located Kennedy's Fort, of which mention has been made in the general history of the county. From this vicinity were enlisted many heroes of the War of 1812, several of whom were classed among the leading men of Missouri. The Bryans, the Boones and other families of note lived in what is now Hickory Grove township.

From the many families who made their homes in this vicinity at an early day may be mentioned John Chambers, an Irishman, who first located in St. Louis county in 1798, and afterwards removed to Warren county. His sons, Thomas and Alexander, were both soldiers of the War of 1812.

John Gilkey was an early settler, locating in 1824. Thomas N. Graves was the son of a Revolutionary soldier, and was one of the first three judges of the Warren county court. There is on file in the county court a certificate signed by Lewis Cass, Secretary of War, and dated March 31, 1832, showing that the father of Thomas N. Graves was entitled to a pension of \$100 per annum as a veteran of the first war with Great Britain. Joseph Gibson was an old settler, and raised a large family of children. He died in Lincoln county, aged 87 years. Guion Gibson, a Tennessean, located in Hickory Grove in 1810. He was a remarkably clear-headed and far-seeing

man, raised a large family, and his sons, James, John and Guion, Jr., were members of Callaway's rangers. Robert Gray, a well known man of the early times in Warren county, settled in the vicinity of Howell's Prairie in 1809.

In the long list of men who distinguished themselves in those days when fortitude and self-reliance were required to maintain a home in the then wilderness of Warren county, no name is more conspicuous than that of Thomas Kennedy, a soldier of the Revolution, who settled in Hickory Grove township in 1809. He built the post known in history as Kennedy's Fort, and was one of the foremost men of his day. To Thomas Kennedy the early settlers looked for advice, and upon him they depended when danger threatened them. His youngest son, Judge Royal J. Kennedy, yet resides on the old family homestead, one and a half miles east of Wright City. In 1860 Mr. Kennedy was a member of the State Legislature, and he was at one time a judge of the county court, and enjoys the distinction of having resided in one Territory, one State and three counties, and yet has always lived on the same place and never changed his domicile.

The Kennedys were among the best known people of the county. James Kennedy was one of the commissioners who laid out the old "Whosau Trace," which was located in 1815, and ran westward from St. Charles, nearly parallel with the famous Boone's Lick road. The "Whosau Trace" long since ceased to be known as a highway, yet there are still traces of it to be found.

Among other early settlers of Hickory Grove were John and William Kent, William McConnell, James, William and Thomas Collins, Warren Kidder, Louis Pendleton, Aaron T. McConnell, Wm. McConnell, Jr., Lawson Carter, Cleaver Linn, Milton Edwards, Wm. Organ and Milton J. Young.

WRIGHT CITY.

Wright City is the principal village in Hickory Grove township. It is situated about eight miles from Warrenton, the county seat, and is a flourishing town. The village was located and platted in 1857, by Dr. H. C. Wright, a prominent citizen, from whom the town derives its name.

The early settlers included J. B. Oliver, a Kentuckian, who was a well known and public-spirited man; C. M. Bryan, who opened the first blacksmith shop; J. V. Hays, an attorney, still practicing there; A. P. McConnell, who built the first store; D. A. Bass; Thomas McGinness, who built and conducted the first hotel; Henry Ordelheide,

brother of Sheriff Ordelheide; Andrew McConnell, who was killed during the Civil War; N. P. Stevenson, and James Tatum, who was one of the leading spirits of the town, and who built and operated a tobacco factory for several years.

The first church was originally built by the Baptists, but for years was used by all denominations. This building was burned by the Federal militia during 1863, reference to which event will be found in the war history of the county.

Previous to the Civil War the only school was at Locust Grove, about a mile and a half west of the village. In 1865 a school-house was erected in the village, which has since enjoyed the best of educational facilities.

The Dr. Wright referred to, for many years was looked upon as the leading man of the country. He was an educated gentleman, a very distinguished physician, and withal a man who took a deep interest in all public matters. His widow yet resides in St. Louis, and one of his daughters is the wife of R. G. Butler, assistant superintendent of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific road. Among the business men of Wright City, recognized for his sterling worth and ability, none were better known than Thomas J. Fariss, at present cashier of the Warren county Bank at Warrenton. Mr. Fariss was for 16 years one of the leading merchants of Wright City, carrying on business as the partner of E. F. Ordelheide, the present sheriff of the county.

PITTS POST-OFFICE.

This post-office is located about four miles east of Warrenton, at the store of Henry T. Emming, the only other post-office in the township being what is known as Teuque, located in the extreme southern portion of the town.

Camp Branch and Peruque creeks are the principal streams.

B I O G R A P H I C A L .

HENRY BLATTNER,

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

Mr. Blattner is one of those energetic, enterprising citizens of foreign birth with so many of whom Warren county is favored, and who have done so much to make this county what it is, one of the pros-

perous counties of North-eastern Missouri. He was born in the canton of Argan, Switzerland, August 27, 1831. When he was about 11 years of age his parents came to America, and settled in Warren county, where the father engaged in farming and where both resided until their death. Henry was the youngest of three children, and he was reared on the farm in this county. October 29, 1852, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Leek, a daughter of Jacob and Eva Leek, formerly of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. Mr. B., however, was born and reared in this country. Mr. Blattner followed farming exclusively for some years after his marriage, and then also engaged in milling and the carding business. He established a saw and grist mill and a carding factory in this county, and ran it with success for many years, until his entire establishment was accidentally burned down in 1881. He brought the first portable steam engine to the county ever used in his neighborhood. Since the burning of his milling and carding works he has devoted his entire time and attention to his farming and stock raising interests. He also deals to a considerable extent in stock. He has a fine farm of nearly 300 acres, and is comfortably situated. At the recent Republican county convention he was given the nomination for the office of public administrator, unsolicited on his part. As the Republicans have a majority in this county, and as he is a man of more than ordinary popularity, he will in all probability be elected. Mr. and Mrs. Blattner have twelve children, namely: Louisa (deceased); Charles A. a merchant of Wright City; Henry L., also a merchant at Wright City; John G., Mary C., the wife of Victor Strach, a well-to-do young farmer of this county; Christena S., William T., August E., Jacob F., Julia L., John F. and Robert C. Mr. B. and family are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is a member of the A. F. and A. M.

JUDGE JOHN C. CASNER

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

Judge Casner came to Warren county from West Virginia, where he had previously lived from his birth, in 1865, and settled in Warren county, near Foristell, where he bought a good farm and engaged in farming and raising stock. His experience here since that time has been an entirely successful one, and he has risen in popular esteem among the people of the county as a worthy farmer and useful citizen, not less than he has prospered in material affairs. He has an excellent farm of 320 acres, nearly all of which is either in active cultivation or meadow or pasturage. It is beyond question one of the best and most desirable farms of Hickory Grove township. He is an energetic, neat and thrifty farmer and has set an example of successful farm life that is well worthy of imitation. Judge Casner is a man of solid intelligence and sober, sound, good judgment, as well as a man of excellent business qualifications and agreeable, popular manners. Always hospitable at his comfortable home, and pleasant and dignified in his bearing toward all whom he

meets, he has very naturally won the confidence and esteem of the public and challenged general respect and appreciation for his sterling worth and usefulness as a citizen.

In 1874 such was his standing in the county, that he was elected presiding justice of the county court by a majority of his fellow-citizens highly complimentary to him, personally. He held that important and responsible office no less than eight years, consecutively, by the repeated indorsement of the people of the county, and as long as he would consent to be burdened with its duties and responsibilities. Judge Casner was born in Brook county, W. Va., March 8, 1828, and was a son of James and Elsie (Kerr) Casner, his father originally of Maryland, but his mother from New Jersey. His grandfather Casner was a gallant old soldier in the War for Independence. His mother is still living, now a resident of Troy, Mo.; but his father died in 1842. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. John C. was the second of their family of eight children, and was reared in his native county. He was married there November 9, 1858, to Miss Rosa V. Smith, a daughter of Andrew and Jane Smith, of that county. In the fall of 1858 (December) he moved to Mahaska county, Iowa, and continued to reside there, engaged in farming, until 1865, when he came to Missouri and settled in Warren county, as stated above. The Judge and Mrs. Casner have four children: Judson S., Lizzie (deceased), Edward H. and Dwight E. He and wife are members of the Congregational Church.

CARR EDWARDS

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

The Edwards family is one of the old and highly respected families of North-east Missouri. Branches of it are found in nearly every county of this section of the State. The family came originally from Virginia, and different representatives of it settled in this part of the State in 1883 up to a short time before the war. Mr. Edwards' paternal grandparents settled in Warren county in 1838. His father, John A. B. Edwards, was then a youth 14 years of age. He grew up in this county, and was married to Miss Elizabeth Edwards, a cousin of his. They reared a family of six children, two others having died in tender years. The father is still living on the old family homestead, which his father settled nearly half a century ago. Carr Edwards, named for his maternal grandfather, was born in this county February 11, 1858. He was reared on the farm and secured good school advantages in youth and young manhood. After the usual course in the common schools, he entered the State Normal School at Kirksville in 1875, where he took a course in the higher branches. He then engaged in teaching and continued in that occupation with success for three years. In 1879 he matriculated at the State University, and besides taking a course in the general studies took a special course in civil engineering and surveying. He then resumed teaching and taught for two years. But tiring of the school-

room and feeling that he ought to engage in something else more substantial than teaching, having married in the meantime, he settled down to farming and stock raising, in which he has ever since been engaged. Mr. Edwards resides in section 24, of Hickory Grove township, near Cappeln, across in St. Charles county. He was married October 27, 1881, to Miss Jennie Ferrell, a daughter of Hutchens B. Ferrell, of St. Charles county. Mrs. E. was educated at Woodlawn Seminary, and at Fairview Female Institute. They have one child, Edmonia Addella.

REV. HEINRICH S. FEIX

(Pastor von der Friedens und Harmonie Gemeinde, Wright City).

Rev. Mr. Feix, pastor of the "Peace and Harmony Congregation" of the German Evangelical Church, at Wright City, has had charge of this congregation, which he himself organized, ever since its organization, in 1880. He had then only recently been ordained a minister of the German Evangelical Church, after a thorough course of general and theological studies. Almost from boyhood, up to the time of his ordination, his time was spent either at school or college, and to the best advantage, for habits of close, assiduous study have always been one of his most marked characteristics. A regular graduate in theology when he came to Wright City, and a man of wide and varied learning and earnest piety, his experience here as a minister has been a most successful one, and one not less satisfactory to himself than gratifying to his church or useful to the cause of religion. By his zeal, eloquence and ability he has succeeded in building up a large and flourishing congregation, one of the most creditable, in numbers, to be found in the State anywhere outside of a large city. Rev. Mr. Feix is a native of Indiana, born at Cannelton, January 1, 1858. He comes of a highly respected German-American family. His father, Conrad Feix, was from the old country, as was also his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Roeder. His father was reared at Lenzahn, in Nassau, of which city he was subsequently mayor for a number of years. On the outbreak of the Revolution, in 1848, he entered the regular army in which he fought bravely until the year 1850. He then came to America and located at Cannelton, Ind., where he became largely interested in coal mining. He accumulated a comfortable property, and now he and wife are living in retirement, making their home with the subject of this sketch, at Wright City.

Rev. Heinrich S. Feix was reared at Cannelton, and from early boyhood up to the age of 14 his time was spent in the local schools of that place. He was then sent to the Chicago Academy for general education. After a course of two years there he was sent to the Elmhurst Seminary, of Elmhurst, Ill. Young Feix continued at Elmhurst until 1876, when he matriculated at Missouri Seminary, in Femme Osage, where he took a regular theological course of four years. He graduated at that institution with marked distinction in the class of '80, and was thereupon duly ordained a minister of the German Evangelical

Church by a synod composed of Insp. L. Haeberle, Dr. E. Otto and Rev. Langpaap. He at once came to Wright City after his ordination and organized his present congregation.

PIERRE FORISTELL

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

The history of the town of Foristell is given in the general county history of the present work, and it is, therefore, not necessary to occupy space here with that. Mr. Foristell was left an orphan boy at the age of 10 years without a penny and friendless in the city of St. Louis, by the death of both of his parents. He even had no home to go to, and certainly his outlook for the future was as gloomy as of that of any unfortunate little waif to be found floating about in a great metropolis. But in this country, and, indeed, in no other country can one's future be estimated by what his circumstances are in early life. The friendless and penniless boy of the present may be the wealthy and influential citizen of the future, while the child of affluence may be dependent on the charity of his whilom play-fellow of poverty. Mr. Foristell at the age of 10 years, his parents having died, went to work as a boy of all service at the stock yards in St. Louis. There he met Willis Buford, a stockman from Warren county, who took a fancy to him and offered him a home on his farm in this county, which young Foristell gladly accepted. He worked on Mr. Buford's farm, attending school a few months each winter, until the war broke out, when he became a volunteer in the Southern service. He served out his term in the State Guard, after which he returned home to Warren county and engaged in stock trading. In this he has continued with success ever since. For several years he was also engaged in the tobacco business at Foristell. Of course, he has carried on farming all the time. In 1870 he bought a tract of land near Foristell, and on which he made his home. He now owns other valuable tracts of land, and altogether has nearly 600 acres in Warren and St. Charles counties. His land is all well improved, and his homestead at Foristell is one of the handsomest farms in the county. January 24, 1865, Mr. Foristell was married to Miss Powetan Travis, a daughter of John and Minta (Young) Travis, of Warren county, but formerly of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Foristell have a family of six children: Mary F., John E., Mattie O., Pierre O., Edwin M. and Naomi W. Mattie O. is deceased. Mrs. Foristell is a lady of culture and refinement. Mary F. was married to Dr. C. E. Pringle, October 1, 1884. John E. (or J. Emmet) is a student of the Central Wesleyan College. Mrs. Foristell is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Foristell was born in the county Killkenny, Ireland, December 15, 1840. His parents were Thomas and Joanna (O'Keif) Foristell, both of the county Kilkenny. They came from Ireland in 1850, and located at St. Louis, where both died shortly afterwards.

DANIEL MCGOWN

(Retired Farmer, Post-office, Foristell).

At the venerable age of 88, Grandfather McGown, as all who know him now call him, is living in retirement from the active labors and responsibilities of life, and his good wife, his beloved and faithful companion for over half a century, having been laid to rest some years ago, until the morning of eternal life shall dawn, he now finds a welcome and pleasant home in the bosom of the family of his dutiful and loving daughter, Mrs. John A. Moore. Mr. McGown had a long and active career as a farmer, and one not unattended with substantial success. But, better than this, he has lived a life on which no shadow of reproach has ever fallen, and now that his earthly day is nearing its close, his name shines brighter than ever before. He and his good wife reared a large and worthy family of children, who have become well settled in life and themselves the heads of respected families. In a word, he has performed a worthy and useful mission, has lived out more than the average allotment of days, which have been devoted to honest and useful industry, and has made for himself a name that is mentioned with respect whenever spoken, and that will be cherished with veneration by many who have known him, and by all who have felt the beneficent influence of his life and example, long after he shall have passed away.

Daniel McGown, the subject of this sketch, was born in Maryland, April 20, 1796. His parents, Henry and Margaret McGown, were both of Irish birth, but came over to this country when they were still young. They were married in Maryland and soon after the birth of their eldest son, Daniel McGown, they removed to Virginia, where they made their permanent home. They lived to advanced ages, respected residents, and were widely and profoundly mourned at their deaths. The father was a farmer by occupation, and in that calling placed himself in comfortable circumstances. Daniel McGown was reared in Virginia, and was married there, May 18, 1820, to Miss Frances Torley. She was a daughter of Curtis and Sarah Torley, both of old and respected Virginia families. Mr. McGown continued to reside in Virginia, engaged in the occupation of farming, until 1834, when he removed to Missouri and settled in St. Charles county. There he shortly bought land and improved an excellent farm. He made his home in St. Charles county, where he reared his family of children, until some 12 months ago, when, his good wife having previously died, he yielded to the earnest solicitations of his daughter, Mrs. John A. Moore, of Warren county, and came to make his home with her, where he has ever since continued. When the War of 1812 broke out he was a youth not yet of military age, but he nevertheless promptly enlisted for the service of his country, and continued in the army until the close of the war. Aside from that he has performed no public service to speak of, and although always taking a public-

spirited interest in civil affairs, he has confined himself simply to the duties of a private citizen, having no taste for public life or desire for prominence or notoriety. His life has been devoted almost exclusively to his farming interests, his family and his church for many years.

Throughout his long residence in St. Charles county he was known far and wide as one of the great-hearted, hospitable, old farmer citizens of the county, at whose house it was a pleasure to be. His good wife died in 1872, on the 30th of July, after a happy married life of over 52 years. They were blest with a family of ten children, as follows: Henry C., who is now a retired capitalist, a resident of Golden City, Mo.; Sarah E., wife of John A. Moore, of Warren county, where Grandfather McGown now makes his home; Altha N., who is the widow of the late William Gray of St. Louis, and the mother of Mrs. Emily F. Nixon, the wife of John T. Nixon, of the Nixon-Jones Printing Company of that city; Daniel T., a successful farmer of Barton county, Mo.; George Q., who died August 3, 1855, in his twenty-seventh year; Francis M., the wife of Benjamin B. Lockett, a substantial farmer of St. Charles county; Polly A., the wife of William Bowman, also a well-to-do farmer of that county; Luther A., late a practicing physician of Greene county, but who has been dead a number of years; Martha J., who died in young maidenhood, in 1854, and James A., who lost his life in Mississippi while in the service of the South, during the late war.

JOHN A. MOORE

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

For 45 years Mr. Moore has been a resident of Warren county. He came here from Virginia in 1839, then a young man about 23 years of age. The following year, January 21, 1840, he was married to Miss Sarah McGown, a daughter of Daniel and Frances (Corley) McGown, also formerly of Virginia. About the time of his marriage Mr. Moore settled down to farming in this county and has been engaged in that occupation ever since. For many years past he has united stock raising with farming, and by energy and good management has accumulated a competence. He has an excellent farm of 360 acres in Hickory Grove township, not far from Foristell, across in St. Charles county. Mr. Moore was born in Henry county, Va., November 9, 1816. His father was Alexander Moore, formerly of North Carolina, and his mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Pace, born and reared in Virginia. They were married in Virginia and came to Warren county in 1839, John A. coming with them. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died here October 5, 1845. The mother died in 1865. They had a family of 13 children, of whom John A. was the eighth. He was reared in Virginia, as stated above, and was married shortly after coming to Missouri. His wife, Mrs. Moore, was born in Virginia, January 11, 1823. Her parents early settled in St. Charles county. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have had nine

children, six of whom are living, Mary J., the wife of H. W. Thurman, resides in this county; Margaret A., who died in girlhood; George J., who died in early boyhood; Laura E., who is the wife of R. P. Young, of Alton, Oregon county; Virginia T. is the wife of Henry Perkins, a farmer and stock dealer of California; Fannie E. is the wife of Thomas Hughes, a farmer of Warren county; Nannie A., who is the wife of Daniel Bishop, and resides on the farm with her father-in-law; Ella G. is the wife of Eugene Lucas, a farmer of Montgomery county; William Thomas was born November 9, 1856, and died at the State University at Columbia, in 1876, aged 19 years and 11 months. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are members of the Primitive Baptist Church.

CAMP BRANCH TOWNSHIP.

Camp Branch was one of the original townships, established in 1833, when the county was organized. It is bounded on the north and east by Lincoln county; south, by Elkhorn township, and on the west by Montgomery county. Within its limits are many of the most desirable farms in Warren county, the land having been largely cleared of the timber which formerly covered two-thirds of the township.

The principal stream is Camp Branch creek, although many small creeks and branches afford plenty of good clear water.

EARLY SETTLERS.

The early settlers of Camp Branch township included many of the foremost men of the county. Among the first to locate was Conrad Yater, a German, who married in Virginia and came to Warren county in 1818. He erected several mills on Camp Branch creek, and in his day was considered a driving, energetic man. His widow still lives in the township. William Gibson, a Scotchman, was one of the early settlers. His sons, John and William, are now well known merchants in St. Louis. Among other residents of the township in the early days were William Haukins, who is now living in the south-western part of the State at an advanced age; Robert Garrett, Carter Crouch, Josiah Camp, Alfred McClure, Rev. Willis Jones, a famous Ironside Baptist preacher; Thomas Garrett, Jesse Garrett, Joseph Camp, whose widow is yet alive, aged 92 years; Dr. W. W. Farrow, Dr. Thomas Farrow, Peter Harmon, a prominent stock dealer, who was president of the first county agricultural society; Hudson S. Cravens, Walter Carrico, a descendant of an old Spanish family who came into the State when Missouri was part of Louisiana territory.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

PHELIX CARRICO

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

The Carrico family was one of the first to settle in Missouri. Mr. Carrico's grandfather came to St. Louis, then a French trading post, in 1781, over 20 years before the territory of Louisiana, which included Missouri and all the country from New Orleans up and westward to the Pacific Ocean not owned by Spain, was ceded to the United States. He settled permanently at that place, where he became successfully interested in business, and reared a family of children. Among these was Walter Carrico, the father of the subject of the present sketch. He was born in St. Louis City and after he grew up was married there to Miss Elizabeth Martin, formerly of Tennessee. By this union there were nine children, who lived to reach mature years, namely: Susan, Margaret (deceased), John (deceased), Louisa, Lydia, Parmelia, Elizabeth, David (deceased) and Nancy, besides Phelix, the subject of this sketch. The mother died August 6, 1856, in Warren county, the family having removed to this county some four years before. Here Walter Carrico became an extensive farmer, considering the times, and a large land owner. He was married twice after his first wife's death. His second wife, who was previously Mrs. Elizabeth Browning, a widow lady, left him one child at her death. His third wife, *nee* Lucy E. Musick, bore him three children: Amanda, Isabel and Walter. In 1864 the father returned to St. Louis county with his family, principally on account of the unsettled condition of affairs here, but some years after the war he came back to Warren county, where he resided until his death, in the fall of 1875. Phelix Carrico, the second in his father's first family of children, was born in St. Louis county, September 15, 1827, and was there reared and educated, having the advantage of a common-school course. On the 4th of April, 1852, he was married to Mrs. Lydia Adams, widow of James Adams, deceased, and a daughter of Phelix and Matilda (Jenkins) Carrico. After his marriage Mr. Carrico continued farming, to which he had been brought up, and handling stock in St. Louis county until 1853, when he removed to Caldwell county, Mo., where he resided for about three years. Returning then to St. Louis county, he remained there but a year and came thence to Warren county. He, too, returned to St. Louis county in 1864, but came to Warren as soon as the war was over, or early in 1866. Mr. Carrico has been successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising ever since he was a young man. He has a large stock farm in this county, which is well improved and conveniently arranged for handling stock. His landed estate amounts to

about 1,300 acres, and he is recognized as one of the substantial and prominent agriculturists of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Carrico have five children: Walter P., Lydia J., Sterling P., William N. and David A. Walter P. married Miss Ellen Stone and is a farmer of this county; Lydia J. is the wife of Rupert Gerdermann; Sterling P. married Miss Sarah Hunchberger, and is a farmer of this county. Mr. Carrico is a member of the Catholic Church and his wife of the M. E. Church South.

FREDERICK HUKRIEDE

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

Among the successful men of Warren county and substantial, highly respected citizens, is the subject of the present sketch, who commenced for himself without a dollar, and has made all he is worth by his own industry and intelligence and by steady, honest methods. He landed at Baltimore from Germany in 1856, alone and a stranger and without as much as a dollar in money, being then 16 years of age. Shortly he came on to Warren county, stopping first to work for means to defray his expenses. Here he went to work with that industry and resolution which could not fail of success. The result is that he now has a fine place of 400 acres in section 34 of township 48 and range 3. In a word, he is in comparatively easy circumstances. Mr. Hukriede was born in Lienen, Prussia, April 9, 1840, and remained at home until he was 16 years of age. His parents, Ernst and Elizabeth (Lehme) Hukriede, spent their whole lives in Prussia, the father dying there in 1865 and the mother in 1870. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. September 24, 1863, Mr. Hukriede was married to Miss Caroline Brunert, a daughter of H. F. and Wilhelmina (Diedert) Brunert, formerly of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. H. have had seven children, namely: Paulina, Louis C., Ulysses (deceased), Laura, Caroline W., Orlanda F. and Theodore W. Mr. and Mrs. H. and their daughter Paulina are members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Hukriede was in the Union service during the war, and was lieutenant of Co. D, Third M. S. M.

