

# BIOGRAPHICAL APPENDIX.

## ANDREW COUNTY.

David P. Abbott, a prominent citizen of Savannah, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Lawrence County, Ind. He is the son of David P. and Celestina (Phelps) Abbott. The father was born in Lawrenceburg, Ind., January 1, 1808, and was the son of James Abbott, who was a Revolutionary soldier. David P., Sr., was a farmer and trader, and went to California during the gold fever of 1849, where he died in Sacramento City, on the 15th of the following December, filling the first grave made in that city. The mother was born in Dover, Kent Co., Del., April 13, 1811. She was the daughter of Francis Phelps, and was a member of the Christian Church. She died at Savannah, Mo., June 21, 1883. They were married, in October, 1826, and in 1842 removed to Savannah, Mo. To them eight children were born as follows: Margaret A., born February 28, 1829; James A., born in January, 1831, died in Texas on December 31, 1872; Lovina, born in 1833; William M., born December 19, 1835, died June 26, 1870; George A., born May 14, 1838; David P., born December 4, 1840; Columbus, born in 1843, died in 1849; Laura A., born in October, 1848. Our subject was reared on the old homestead near Savannah, and acquired his education in the subscription schools of the neighborhood. At the age of nineteen he went to the Pacific Slope, and the next twelve years he spent in the gold mines of Southern Oregon, Northern Idaho and Montana. Returning to Andrew County in 1872, he engaged in stock dealing and raising, in which business he is occupied at present in partnership with Dr. E. B. Ensor. He was married, May 18, 1870, to Susan H. Hutchinson, who was born in Savannah, Mo., on September 5, 1848, and is the daughter of Brazil Hutchinson, deceased. Three children have blessed this union, two of whom are living.

William B. Allen, a member of the firm of Allen & Ensor, and one of the prominent citizens of Savannah, Andrew Co., Mo., was born May 9, 1822, in Callaway County, Mo., and was given a limited education at the subscription schools of the neighborhood. He removed to Andrew County in 1843, and engaged in farming. In 1846 he erected a mill in this county, and for three years followed that business. He next moved to the farm. He filled the office of county assessor for two years, being elected in 1864, and in 1872 was favored with that office again. In 1874 he was elected county collector of Andrew County, which office he filled with marked ability. In 1875 he moved to Savannah, where he has since resided. During the late war he was a Union man, and at times

held the positions of enrolling officer and provost-marshal of the county. He was married, March 27, 1845, to Isabella C. Beattie, who was born in Virginia February 15, 1818, and is the daughter of David Beattie, who was an early settler of Andrew County. Bethell Allen, the father of William B., was born in North Carolina April 29, 1780. He immigrated to Smith County, Tenn., soon after his marriage, and in 1816 removed to Callaway County, Mo. From that county he removed to Pettis County, Mo., in 1833, thence to Platte County in 1837, and to Andrew County in 1844. In about 1849 he went to Atchison County, Mo., and about 1853 settled in Nebraska. He died September 15, 1856. Elizabeth Reed, the mother, was born in North Carolina in 1783, and died in Atchison County, Mo., in 1858. Mr. Allen never had any children of his own, but has raised fifteen, all of whom now reside in the county, and are among its most frugal and highly respected citizens, one only, Miss Belle Strock, still living with him. 'Squire Allen, as he is familiarly called, is looked upon as the father of orphans of the county, having been guardian and curator of more than a hundred minors. He is at present public administrator of the county, which position he has held for seven years, during which time, and at the present, some of the most important estates of the county have passed through his hands. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He should be proud of the esteem in which he is held by all his neighbors. No man ever more fully enjoyed the full confidence of those among whom he lived than 'Squire Allen.

John Augustine, treasurer of Andrew County, Mo., and one of the prominent citizens of Savannah, was born in Stark County, Ohio, on February 17, 1845, and is the son of Joseph and Julia A. (Unkerfer) Augustine, both of whom were natives of Maryland. From Ohio the parents immigrated to Missouri, reaching St. Joseph on April 20, 1850, and settled in Buchanan County, eight miles east from St. Joseph, near Platte River. While living in Ohio the father followed milling and farming, but in Missouri turned his attention exclusively to farming. The father died in 1864, and the mother in 1876. Our subject was reared on the farm, and attended the schools of Buchanan County. He remained on his father's farm until the breaking out of the late war, when, on August 15, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, of the Thirteenth United States Regiment of Missouri Cavalry. After the battle of Lexington, the company was mustered out, and in 1862 he enlisted in Company E, of the Fifth Regiment of Missouri Cavalry, Missouri State Militia. This regiment being mustered out in the fall of 1863, he again enlisted in Company L, of the First United States Regiment of Missouri Cavalry, with which he served until the close of the war, and was mustered out at St. Louis about July 15, 1865. At the close of the war he made a trip across the plains into Montana, where he remained about six months, when he returned to Missouri, and settled in Andrew County, where he began farming, which occupation he continued until 1872, when he engaged in

merchandising in Buchanan County for two years. He then returned to Andrew County, and continued merchandising until his election in November, 1886, to the office of county treasurer. He was married, in 1866, to Sarah E. Castle, daughter of John D. Castle, of Andrew County. To their union two children were born, one of whom survives. The wife died in 1872, and in 1874 he was married to Julia A. Hines, daughter of Aaron Hines, of Buchanan County. She died in 1876, and in 1880 he married Sarah A. Carter, daughter of Alexander Carter, of De Kalb County, Mo. Four children have blessed this union, three of whom are living.

William J. Barnes, an enterprising merchant of Fillmore, was born in Clinton County, Ohio, October 14, 1849. He is the third child born to Benjamin and Celinda (Vick) Barnes. They were both of English descent. The father was a native of Northampton County, N. C., born December 25, 1816. The mother, a native of Southampton County, Va., was born June 28, 1818. In early life they immigrated with their parents to Ohio, where they were married in April, 1836. After their marriage they settled on a farm in Clinton County, where they lived until their deaths; the father's occurred February 2, 1869, the mother's January 30, 1881. They both died worthy members of the Episcopal Church. In politics the father was a Democrat. William J. spent his early life in assisting his father on the farm, and received a good education in the common schools. After the death of his father, which happened about the time he reached his majority, he remained on the farm till his twenty-fifth year, assisting his mother in rearing the family. On October 28, 1874, he wedded Miss Mary E. Hinkson, also a native of Clinton County, born July 16, 1855. She was the daughter of John and Susan (Thorp) Hinkson. This happy union was severed by the death of his wife seven months after his marriage, May 28, 1875. The following October he left home on account of ill health, and traveled in the Cumberland Mountains of Virginia and East Tennessee. In the early part of 1876 he left his mountain resort, and turned his steps toward the West. On January 14 he stopped at Fillmore, and one year later opened a drug store, which he operated two years, after which time he went to Kansas, and remained six months. Returning to Ohio, he spent seven months in his native State, and came to Fillmore, and opened up his present business. In March, 1880, he was united in marriage with Miss Laura I. Custer of Smith County, Kas., born March 7, 1858. They have four children: Burrel B., Imo I., Lula L. and an infant. In politics he is a Democrat.

John G. Barton was born in Green County, Ky., June 16, 1837. He is the son of Samuel S. Barton and Margaret Ward. The father was born in Virginia, and was a gunsmith by trade, but in early life he followed farming and blacksmithing. In 1846 he removed to Missouri, where he engaged in milling and millwrighting. The mother was born in Kentucky, and has reared eight children, of which our subject is the fifth. He lived on the farm until about thirteen years of age, and received a limited

education in the country schools. When fifteen years old, he entered the employ of O. P. Falkner & Co., Albany, Mo., as clerk, and during succeeding years sold goods in various towns of Northwestern Missouri and Southern Iowa. Since 1876 he has resided at Rochester, Mo., and is at present operating a flouring-mill. In 1858 he was united in marriage with M. M. Hines, daughter of Joseph and Emily Hines. Eight sons and a daughter have been born unto them, of whom six sons and the daughter are living. Mr. Barton is a Master Mason, and in politics is an ardent Democrat.

Eli Beaghler, a prominent citizen of Andrew County, Mo., and clerk of the county court, was born near Fremont, Ohio, on April 7, 1843, and is the youngest of a family of eight sons born to Henry and Nancy (Chapman) Beaghler. Henry, the father, was a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in 1807. About 1820 he removed to Ohio, where he successfully engaged in farming. He died in 1844, when our subject was but one year of age. Nancy, the mother, was born in Vermont, in 1807, and with her parents removed to Ohio. She died in 1872. Eli was reared at home, and acquired a good education in the schools of Fremont, Ohio. He remained on the farm until his fifteenth year, when he left home, and taught school for one year in the neighborhood. He then removed to Western Ohio, and taught for six consecutive years. In 1865 he removed to Andrew County, Mo., and purchasing a farm, followed farming in the summer and teaching in the winter, which he continued until November, 1886, when he was elected, as a Republican, to the office of county court clerk of Andrew County. He was married October 20, 1867, to Margaret E. Clark, who was born in Clay County, Mo., on October 15, 1845, and is the daughter of John A. Clark, a farmer of Andrew County, Mo. To their union four children have been born, all of whom are living. Both our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Alexander M. Bedford, subject of the following sketch, resides in Empire Township, Andrew Co., Mo. He was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., March 30, 1828, and is the son of John Bedford and Elizabeth Howard. The father was born in Nelson County, Ky., in 1798. He engaged in farming and trading, was a very kind and generous man, and was universally respected by those who knew him. The mother was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., about 1804. They were married July 22, 1823, and reared four sons and two daughters. They both died in Meade County, Ky.; he on January 4, 1838; she on June 26, 1848. Of the children, Alexander M. was the third. His parents died when he was a small boy, and he was intrusted to the care of an aunt, who gave him a fair education in the country schools of Kentucky. He has followed farming as a vocation with the exception of two years' merchandising. Although he began the battle of life without capital, he has been very successful in business, and is now one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of his county. November 4, 1851, he was united in marriage with Mary E.

Selecman, daughter of Henry W. Selecman. They have four sons and five daughters. The eldest daughter, Mary Elizabeth, is the wife of A. D. Kent, living near Bolckow. They have two children living and two deceased. Mr. Bedford's eldest son, William H., is married, and has two children, each of whom have a half section of land. John T., the second boy, is living with his family near King City, where he owns 280 acres. George E. and wife have three sons and a daughter; he farms on 362 acres near Whitesville. Mattie A. married W. S. Wells, one of the prominent citizens of this county. Virginia L. married James B. Cole, and they have 240 acres of land. Lucy S., Alexander L. and Maggie C. are at home. During the Civil War Mr. Bedford served in the Confederate army nearly four years, and was promoted from a private to first lieutenant. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and is a Master Mason, and also a Royal Arch Mason. In politics he is Democratic.

Joseph L. Bennett, a prominent citizen of Andrew County, Mo., living within half a mile of Savannah, was born in Spencer County, Ky., on February 29, 1836. He is the son of Joseph H. and Susan (Overton) Bennett. The father was born in New Jersey, February 24, 1799, and is the son of John Bennett, who removed to Kentucky, and from that State to Illinois, where he resided at the time of his death. Joseph H. followed cabinet-making and carpentering during his active life, and died November 2, 1887, in Louisville, Ky., in his eighty-ninth year. The mother was born in Washington County, Ky., October 8, 1798, and died October 22, 1872. Joseph L. is the eighth of twelve children. He was reared on the farm, and acquired his education in the schools of the neighborhood, attending school four months in the year, and working on the farm the remaining time. He lived with his parents until his twentieth year, when, in October, 1856, he immigrated to Savannah, Mo., where he remained until January, 1857, when he removed to Kansas. About a year after that he returned to Andrew County, and engaged in farming, which he has continued up to the present. In 1879 he embarked in dealing and breeding Shorthorn cattle, and now handles no other kind. In 1877 he was appointed collector of Andrew County, for two years, by the county court. In 1881 he was appointed county judge of the county by Gov. Crittenden, to fill a vacancy, and held that important position for two years, discharging the duties with credit and satisfaction. He is now president of the State Bank of Savannah. He was married August 1, 1857, to Martha S. Selecman, born in Washington County, Ky., February 8, 1841. She is the daughter of Henry Selecman (deceased), who was one of the prominent farmers of Andrew County. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are members of the Baptist Church.

Charles Bennett is a native of Canada, and was born in the Province of Quebec, October 17, 1838. He is a son of Andrew and Ann (Abbott) Bennett, both born in the County of Cork, Ireland, the former in 1797, and the latter in 1817. They were married in Canada in 1833.

The father was a farmer, and immigrated to America when he was thirty-four years of age. He died in 1865, and in 1867 the widowed mother and her children removed to Andrew County, Mo. She now resides in Gentry County, Mo. Her children—six sons and seven daughters—are all living. Charles was reared on a farm, and has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. He is now one of the most extensive farmers and stock raisers in Andrew County, and resides in Platte Township. He received a limited education in the common schools of Canada. Being born to poor parents, whose struggles for the necessaries of life were difficult, he had no opportunity to receive a thorough education, but he is a close reader and observer, and is an intelligent man. He has liberal views, and is practical in his vocation, and lenient in his deportment toward his fellow men. When he began business he had no other capital than an energetic and ambitious disposition, by means of which he has become a prosperous man, and established a high social standing, and a splendid reputation as a citizen. In 1881 he was united in marriage with Mrs. Susannah (Nugent) McCombe. They have two sons and one daughter.

Newton Bird, a miller at Avenue City, Andrew Co., Mo., was born near Elizabethtown, Hardin Co., Ky., March 28, 1829. He is the son of Jesse and Laodica (Ray) Bird. The former was born in Greenbrier County, Va., May 24, 1809. He was a minister by profession, and spent fifty-four years of his life in pastoral work, teaching school occasionally. He possessed rare intellect and scholarship, and was a zealous man respected by all who knew him. In 1855 he removed to Missouri, and settled in Andrew County, where he died in 1886. His wife was born in Marion County, Ky., April 9, 1809. She was a kind and intelligent woman, and was the mother of six sons and three daughters, of whom Newton is the eldest. He was reared on a farm in Kentucky, and received a practical education in the schools of Washington County, in that State. In 1853 he came to Missouri, and settled near Savannah. Arriving in the fall, he at once secured a district school, which he taught the following winter. Afterward he engaged in farming, and later in milling, which has been his chief occupation in life. He came to the State of Missouri a poor man, but by energy, enterprise and frugality has become a prosperous and highly respected citizen. He is an ardent Democrat, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Joshua Bond, a merchant of Amazonia, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, March 28, 1822. He is the son of Kinsey G. and Elizabeth (McNaught) Bond. The father was born in Baltimore on May 18, 1800. The mother was born in Somerset County, Penn., and died in Pickaway County, Ohio, in September, 1823, when about twenty-one years of age. In early life the father worked at the carpenter's trade, but later engaged in farming. In the spring of 1825 he chose for his second wife Leah Timmons, of Hardin County, Ohio. She died about 1830. After

living a single life for several years, he married again in 1838 in Andrew County. His only child, Joshua, received a fair education in the schools of Ohio, Indiana and Missouri. In the fall of 1834 he removed with his father to Tippecanoe County, Ind., and in September, 1838, they came to Andrew County, where he has since resided. When seventeen years of age he began to teach school in Grundy County, Mo., teaching the first district school in that county. In 1852 he wedded Miss Sarah J. Pullen. He continued to teach in Grundy County till 1854, at which time he returned to Andrew County, and taught until 1856. After this he was an employe in a warehouse at Amazonia until 1858, then had charge of it till 1860. During the war he was connected with the State Militia. In the fall of 1866 he bought a farm, and moved on it in 1867, but sold it after one year, and came back to Amazonia, and, with the exception of three years, has engaged in the mercantile business, being three years at Nodaway Station. He lost his wife on July 28, 1878, and on October 5, 1882, chose for his second wife Ludoska L. Reed, of Andrew County. He is a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican. He served as county judge four years, and has been magistrate ten years.

Robert Bonham, a practical and successful farmer of Platte Township, Andrew County, Mo., was born in New York December 24, 1831. He is the son of David and Rebecca (Weaver) Bonham. [See sketch of David Bonham.] He was reared on the farm, and received a practical education in the country schools. He is a progressive man, and, with the exception of the time he was in the army, has spent his life in farming and stock raising. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, Fourth Missouri State Militia, and was mustered out of the service in 1865. In 1853 he was united in marriage with Harriet Elliot, and four sons and four daughters have been born unto them. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

David Bonham, the subject of the following sketch, is a citizen of Platte Township, Andrew Co., Mo., and was born in Oneida County, N. Y., February 7, 1834. He is the son of David Bonham, a native of Northamptonshire, England. He was born on March 22, 1809, and was the son of Robert Bonham. He made his own support after he was ten years of age, and when a young man he immigrated to America, in company with William Derby, a companion of his youth, landing in New York in April, 1830. Having been reared on a farm, he chose farming as a vocation, and engaged to a Mr. Powers as a farm laborer. It was at this farmer's home that he first met Rebecca Weaver, who soon after became his wife. She was born in Sussex, England, in 1807, and was the daughter of William Weaver, who was a shepherd in England, and by industry had saved enough money to bring his family to America, where he could secure them a home. They landed in April, 1830. After this the sons hired out to work, and Rebecca, the only daughter, hired

as a servant girl to the same Powers for whom Mr. Bonham was working. Here they formed an acquaintance which brought about their marriage in 1831, when the husband commenced farming in New York as a renter. In 1836 they removed to the Territory of Wisconsin, where he took up a claim of 160 acres of land, on which he resided until the spring of 1856, when he immigrated to Missouri, where he entered land on Empire Prairie, where he afterward resided. He was a well-informed and highly respected man. He was a member of the Wisconsin Territorial Legislature from 1841 to 1844, inclusive. In politics he was a Republican, and was a zealous advocate of free labor and education. In 1865 he was a prominent member of the Missouri Constitutional Convention that framed and adopted the Drake constitution. He represented the First Senatorial District in the State Senate in 1867-68, and was the father of the bill of 1867 establishing a permanent school fund for the State of Missouri. In 1868 he visited his native land for a few months, after an absence of thirty-nine years. He died on May 22, 1870, and his wife died on January 6, 1871, leaving a family of four sons and one daughter. David was reared on the farm, which occupation he has since followed. He received a practical education in the country schools of Wisconsin. In 1854 he was united in marriage with Caroline L. Davison, daughter of Israel Davison. Five sons and two daughters were born unto them, of whom two sons and two daughters are living. The mother died in January, 1883, and February, 1884, he married Sarah A. Weaver, daughter of William Weaver. In August, 1861, he enlisted in the Missouri State Militia, and was mustered out as second lieutenant of his company in February, 1862. After this, in company with Capt. Prichard, he organized a company of 100 men, which became known as Company D, Fourth Regiment of Cavalry, Missouri State Militia. He was mustered in as first lieutenant of his company on April 3, 1862, but in September of that year was promoted to regimental quartermaster, which position he held until the expiration of his term of service. He was mustered out at St. Louis on April 17, 1865. He then returned to his farm in Andrew County, Mo. In 1869-70 he served as county judge, and in 1879 he was elected on the Republican ticket to represent Andrew County in the State Legislature, which position he held for four successive terms. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, a Master Mason, and a member of the G. A. R.

Jasper E. Bradford, a farmer of Jackson Township, was born at his present location on April 21, 1842. He is a son of James and Hephzibath (Griffith) Bradford. The father was a native of Northampton County, Va., born May 11, 1802; the mother, originally of Bourbon County, Ky., was born on February 25, 1806. They were married in Kentucky December 22, 1825, but about 1840 came to Andrew County, being among the first settlers. Upon reaching that county they settled where our subject now resides, and engaged in farming. They were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The father



was a Democrat in politics. He died in July, 1881, in his seventy-ninth year. The mother is in her eighty-first year, and is living with her son, Jasper E., who is one of eleven children. He spent his juvenile days on the farm, and finished his education at Manhattan College, Kansas. After leaving school he began farming at the place of his birth. He now owns 320 acres of land. On March 25, 1887, he was united in marriage with Miss Sadie Black, of Holt County, Mo. Mr. Bradford is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

W. G. Bright, a citizen of Savannah, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Sullivan County, Tenn., on November 12, 1833, and is the son of Ansel and Susannah (Caruthers) Bright. They were both natives of Sullivan County, Tenn. The father was a farmer, and removed to Cass County, Ind., in 1849, where he died in 1875. The mother died in 1873. Our subject was reared on the farm of his parents, and received his education in the country schools of Cass County and at Logansport. In 1856 he left home, and went to California, where he worked in the gold mines until the fall of 1860, when he returned to Indiana. Remaining there till the spring of 1864, he immigrated to Missouri, and thence to Montana, in which Territory he engaged in mining and freighting. He subsequently drifted through Nevada, Oregon and Utah, and returned to Indiana, where he remained until 1882, and then came to Savannah. At this place he purchased a fine homestead near town, where he has since resided. He was united in marriage in 1860 to Margaret Graff, who was born on the river Rhine, Prussia, in 1832. They have four children living and one dead.

F. M. Brockus, a successful and practical farmer of Platte Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Carroll County, Ind., January 22, 1841, and is the son of William H. and Sarah (Gibson) Brockus. The father was a native of Wayne County, Ind., but immigrated to Bremer County, Iowa, in 1856, where he died in April, 1861. He was an extensive and successful farmer, who never aspired to public office. The mother was a native of Putnam County, Ind. They had five sons and five daughters, of whom four sons and two daughters are living. F. M., the eldest of the children, was reared on the farm, and being but a boy when his father removed to Iowa, received his education in the common schools of that State. When he was eighteen years of age, he commenced teaching school, which occupation he followed for four years, when he began agricultural pursuits. On October 27, 1861, he was joined in marriage with Lucy A. Mitchell. One son and two daughters have blessed their marriage, as follows: Florence E., born May 24, 1863; Emma M., born January 4, 1865; Jay G., born July 17, 1879. Mr. Brockus lived in Iowa until 1865, when he removed to Andrew County, Mo., where he has since resided, with the exception of two and a half years that he lived in Kansas. He owns a good farm of 120 acres in Platte Township. For more than eight years he has had charge of the Andrew County Infirm-

ary, which position he has filled with credit. He is a member of the Christian Church, and in politics is a Republican.

William H. Bulla, a farmer and stock raiser of Platte Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Richmond, Wayne Co., Ind., October 29, 1837. He is the son of David H. and Sarah (Cox) Bulla. The father was born in North Carolina in 1814, and was the son of William Bulla, of French-German lineage. He was a wholesale dealer in tobacco on the corner of Seventh and Main Streets, Louisville, Ky. He followed farming in early life, and amassed considerable wealth in speculating in tobacco, but he failed in 1857, and died the next year. The mother was born in Richmond, Ind., in 1816. She was the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Julian) Cox, who were of French descent. She died when William H. was but two years old. William, the second child of a family of two sons and one daughter, was reared on his grandfather's farm, and given a common-school education at Richmond, Ind. When eighteen years old, he with an uncle, immigrated to Iowa, where he remained one year engaged in agricultural pursuits. In the spring of 1857 he removed to Kansas, and entered 160 acres of land on the Neosho River, near Emporia, where he followed farming for a very short time, after which he was in the employ of the Santa Fe Mail about one year. In the spring of 1859 he, with a great train of emigrants, went to Pike's Peak, where he followed mining and prospecting with various results till July, 1861, when he left for Omaha, Neb., to enter the United States army. On November 9, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, of the Second Iowa Cavalry, as a private, and was mustered out of service May 15, 1865, as second lieutenant. Among many other engagements he participated in the following: Shiloh; Corinth, where he was wounded on May 9, 1862; Iuka; the second battle of Corinth; siege of Vicksburg; battles of Raymond, Champion's Hill, Jackson, Stone River, Tupelo and Franklin, at the last of which he was wounded and captured November 30, 1864. He was sent to Andersonville prison, where he remained until April 14, 1865. He was then sent to St. Louis by the way of Vicksburg, and was mustered out of service. After the war he returned to his native home, but in 1866 went to Omaha, Neb., and fitted out a wagon-train with general merchandise, and made a trip to Virginia City. He, with a number of others, constructed a fleet of seventeen flatboats at the foot of Yellowstone Falls, which they freighted with passengers and took to Sioux City. In the spring of 1867 he came to Missouri and purchased the land on which he now lives. On January 11, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Irene Thompson, daughter of Michael Thompson, a native of Pennsylvania, who immigrated to Missouri in 1856. Irene was born in Pennsylvania on December 30, 1847. Two sons have blessed their marriage, viz.: Julian, born December 11, 1870, and William H., born May 6, 1872.

D. E. Carpenter, an extensive farmer and stock raiser of Rochester Township, Andrew County, Mo., was born in Page County, Va., July

10, 1843. He is the son of Lewis F. and Elizabeth A. (Varner) Carpenter. The father was born in Loudoun County, Va., in 1818, of English parentage. He was an early immigrant to Missouri, and a farmer by occupation. He is now a resident of Buchanan County, where he has held the position of county judge for two years. In politics he is a Democrat. The mother is of German descent, and was born in Bedford County, Va., in 1822. Our subject was reared on the farm, and received a common-school education. He came with his father to Buchanan County, Mo., when he was about eleven years of age. He has followed farming and stock raising as his only occupation. In 1874 he wedded Mary Utz, daughter of Henry Utz. Three sons and one daughter have blessed the marriage. Mr. Carpenter has never had advantages of wealth and education and is truly a self-made man. In politics he is an ardent Democrat.

A. J. Carter, a farmer of Platte Township, Andrew County, Mo., was born near Greencastle, Putnam County, Ind., July 14, 1827. He is the son of Willis and Sarah Jane (Wood) Carter, who were both of English descent, and born near Richmond, Va. The father was a farmer, and a short time after his marriage removed to Kentucky, locating near Frankfort, where he remained for about three years, after which he removed to Putnam County, Ind., where he remained until his death in 1856. He was a private soldier in the War of 1812, under the command of Gen. Brown. He was reserved in manner, yet courageous and enterprising, and was respected by all who knew him. The parents had four sons and one daughter, of whom one son and the daughter are dead. The sons living are William, George and A. J. The first two are citizens of Rochester, Ind. A. J. was reared on the farm, and received a practical education in the country schools. When about sixteen years of age he went to Madison, Ind., and worked for two years in the machine shops, and while there learned engineering. When about nineteen years old, he began railroading as an engineer, and for twelve years held that position on various roads. On June 6, 1860, he removed to Savannah, Mo., where he entered into the real estate business, which he followed for a number of years, meanwhile dealing in live stock. He has also engaged in farming, which is his present vocation. Although when he commenced business life he had no capital, by his untiring energy, enterprise and practical business qualities he has been successful in accumulating property. He owns a well-improved farm of eighty acres in Platte Township. In 1856 he married Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of William and Catherine (Mackey) Johnson. She was born in Marion County, Ind., in 1836.

S. C. Case, a leading farmer of Platte Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Licking County, Ohio, November 3, 1838. He is the fourth of six children born to Raphael and Rosetta (Hayes) Case. The father was born in New England in 1802, and was a farmer by vocation. He immigrated to Ohio, where he married. He died in 1860. The mother

was born in New York in 1809, and died in 1858. Our subject was reared on the farm, and received a common-school education in the Licking County schools. On December 10, 1861, he was joined in marriage with Susa Saunders, daughter of Dr. James Saunders. Three sons and one daughter have blessed their marriage. Mr. Case has followed farming as a vocation, and although commencing with very limited capital has become a prosperous farmer. He owns and cultivates a good farm of 250 acres in Platte Township. He is a friend to schools, churches and public improvements, and in politics is a Republican.

Peter Christianson, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel, Savannah, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Glucksburg, North Germany, on July 24, 1847. He is the son of Christian C. and Anna M. (Burgdorf) Christianson, both natives of Glucksburg, Germany. The father was the son of Amos and Ida (Puck) Christianson. Amos was born in Denmark, and was a farmer by vocation. Ida was also of Danish birth, and was the daughter of a distinguished member of the Danish navy. The father was born in 1819, and was a merchant tailor by trade. He died in 1861. His wife was born in 1825, and is now a resident of her native town. She is the mother of four sons and two daughters, the former all being in America. Peter was reared in the town of his birth, where he learned the carriage-maker's trade. The portion of the country, in which he lived then belonged to Denmark, which, however, was ceded to Germany in 1864; hence he was educated in the Danish schools. Upon attaining his majority he immigrated to America, landing in New York, July 1, 1867. He soon went to Cincinnati, thence to Indiana, and from there to Missouri, following various pursuits until 1879, when he took charge of the St. Charles Hotel at Savannah, one of the leading hotels in Northwest Missouri. He purchased a farm near Savannah in 1872, and carries on farming in connection with his hotel. On February 21, 1875, he married Jennie Cobb, daughter of Jonathan Cobb, of Andrew County, Mo. They have two sons: Carl and Harry. Mr. Christianson is a member of the Lutheran Church.

J. S. Clarke, a farmer and stock raiser of Platte Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Washington County, Ky., May 8, 1813. He is the son of Benjamin and Polly (Head) Clarke. The father was born in Amherst County, Va., in 1777, and is the son of James Clarke, of English descent. He followed farming as a vocation, and was a highly respected citizen. He was in the War of 1812, and was on the frontier, and engaged in one or more battles with the Indians. The mother was born in Maryland in 1777, and was the daughter of Bigger Head, of Welsh descent. They had four sons and two daughters, of whom only two sons are living. J. S. is the eldest of these two brothers. He was reared on a farm, and received a limited education in the country schools of his native State. He has engaged in farming, and is a self-made man. He removed from Kentucky to Illinois in 1835, and engaged in farming there till 1866, when he removed to Andrew County, Mo., and purchased

the farm he now owns, which consists of 168 acres of improved land. On December 25, 1856, he was united in marriage with Maria Poter, daughter of Samuel Poter, of Indiana nativity. She was born in Indiana on September 4, 1834. They have had five sons and three daughters. One daughter, Ida, is dead. Those living are Ione, Solon, Benjamin, John, Lenora, James and Jesse. They are amiable and worthy children, and the parents have endeavored to give them good educations. Mr. Clarke began the battle of life with no capital, but with willing hands, energy and ambition he has surrounded himself and family with the comforts of life, and by enterprise and honesty has established an enviable reputation. He and wife and the six eldest children are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Harvey Cline, a farmer of Platte Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Monroe County, Ohio, November 25, 1840. He is the son of Lewis and Sarah (Beaver) Cline. The former was born in Virginia, June 29, 1796, and was of German lineage. He received a common-school education, and was reared on the farm. He learned the carpenter's trade, but chose farming as a vocation. He was married in Ohio, and lived there till the spring of 1854, when he removed to Wisconsin, where he followed agricultural pursuits until the fall of 1858. He began a removal to North Texas by traveling with horses and wagons, but while passing through Iowa he met with relatives, with whom he remained over winter. In the spring of 1859 he removed to Worth County, Mo., where he purchased land, and remained until his death in 1879. He never aspired to public life, but preferred the life of a prosperous and independent farmer. Harvey was reared on the farm, and received a limited education in the country schools of Ohio, Wisconsin and Missouri. He remained on the farm with his father till August 16, 1862, at which time he enlisted in Company D, Thirty-fifth Missouri Infantry, of the United States army, and served until the close of the war. He was mustered out of service as a non-commissioned officer at Little Rock, and was discharged at St. Louis, July 15, 1865. Soon after this he visited his father, then went to Whitesville, Andrew County, and became a clerk in his brother-in-law's store. He clerked for various parties in Whitesville till 1873, when he went into business for himself. In 1870, on April 3, he was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Kesterson, daughter of Merda Kesterson. She was born in Indiana, December 11, 1849. Four sons and two daughters have blessed this union: Ada, Harry Edgar, Arnon Ogden, Norman Garfield, Paul Curtis and Lullie Maud. Mr. Cline is an energetic and enterprising man, and a well respected citizen. For fifteen years he was postmaster at Whitesville. He is a member of the G. A. R., and in politics is a Republican.

George T. Coffey, a citizen of Empire Township, Andrew County, Mo., was born in Fairfax County, Va., February 18, 1836. He is the son of Thomas W. and Jane V. (Selecman) Coffey, both natives of Fairfax County, Va. The father was born in July, 1807, and was the son of

Thomas Coffey. He was a farmer, and in the fall of 1853 he removed from his native State to Andrew County, Mo., where he purchased land, and resided until his death on December 6, 1886. He was a quiet, unassuming man, who never aspired to public life, and was beloved by all who knew him. The mother was born in 1812, and is the daughter of George Selecman. She now resides in Nodaway Township, Andrew County, Mo. She is the mother of three sons: George, William and Redmon; and five daughters, Jane, Ann, Mollie, Maggie and Mildred. George is the eldest, but two sisters, and was reared on a farm. He was seventeen years old when his father removed to Missouri, and he completed a common-school education in the schools of Andrew County. He has devoted his life to farming, and has been very successful. He began with a very limited capital, and has had many obstacles to surmount, but, by means of energy and ambition, is now prosperous. He owns a large and well-improved farm of 340 acres in Empire Township. On February 18, 1863, he was united in marriage with Miss Kate S. Thompson, daughter of Isaac and Jane (McIlvoy) Thompson. She was born in Harrodsburg, Mercer County, Ky., October 15, 1840. They have seven children living, as follows: Isaac Thompson, Maggie C., Jean E., Mary A., George A., Mattie B. and Joseph B. Those dead are William R., who had just reached his majority when he was called away from a home in which he was sunshine and happiness; Alice V., who had reached the age of seventeen years, a bright and amiable girl just in the bloom of womanhood; Charles T., who lived but two summers to bless the household. The family is congenial and intelligent, and remarkable for its musical ability.

L. W. Craig, a farmer of Platte Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Carroll County, Ky., January 26, 1850. He is the youngest of a family of five sons and two daughters born to Walton and Laurinda (Peak) Craig. The former was born in Carroll County, Ky., on April 29, 1803, and is the son of Benjamin Craig, of English descent. He has followed farming and merchandising, and now resides in his native county. The latter was born in Scott County, Ky., in 1809, and died in Ghent, Carroll Co., Ky., in 1871. Our subject was reared at his father's, and received a collegiate education at Ghent College, Ghent, Ky. Soon afterwards he removed to Andrew County, where he settled in 1874, and has since been successfully engaged in farming and stock raising. He owns a well-improved farm of 573 acres, situated in the northwest part of Platte Township. On December 21, 1876, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Talbot, daughter of R. H. and Elizabeth (Evans) Talbot. She was born near Rochester, Minn., November 2, 1860. Two sons and two daughters have been born unto them, viz.: Walton, Frank, Mamie and Annie. The last died in infancy. Mr. Craig is a friend to churches, schools, and all public improvements. In politics he is a zealous and ardent Democrat.

Nelson Crockett, the subject of the following sketch, is one of the oldest citizens of Andrew County, Mo. He was born near Tiffin, Ohio,

January 11, 1825, and is the son of Asa and Miriam (Keating) Crockett. The father was born in Thomaston, Lincoln Co., Me., in 1790, and was of Scotch-English descent. He was a sailor in early life, but when twenty-six years old he settled in Ohio, and engaged in farming. The mother was born in Ashpoint, Lincoln Co., Me., in 1800. They had eight sons and four daughters, of whom four sons and two daughters are living. Nelson's youth was spent on the farm, and he acquired a practical education in the common schools of his native State. He chose farming as a vocation, and when twenty-three years of age went to Henry County, Ohio, and entered land, which he cultivated for eight years. In 1857, in company with his twin brother, Milton, he came to Andrew County, Mo., where he has since resided. He served twenty-two months in the army, enlisting on September 28, 1861, in Company A, Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was commissioned second lieutenant, but was wounded at the second battle of Bull Run, when he resigned his commission and returned home. On April 25, 1850, he was united in marriage with Sarah A. Huffman. They had two children—a son and daughter. The son died when nine years old. The daughter is now the wife of John D. Hobson, of Andrew County. Mr. Crockett's wife died on January 13, 1870, and on October 20, 1870, he chose for his second wife Anna E. Hileman. He is a member of the Universalist Church, and has held positions of honor and trust in his county. He served one term as county assessor. In politics he is a Republican.

Milton Crockett, a farmer and dairyman of Platte Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born near Tiffin, Seneca, Co., Ohio, January 11, 1825. He is the son of Asa and Miriam (Keating) Crockett (see sketch of Nelson Crockett). He was reared on the farm, and received a practical common-school education in his native State. In early life he taught school in the winter seasons, and engaged in farming in the summer for twelve years. In 1857 he removed to Missouri, and settled on the farm he now owns and cultivates. He has been a successful farmer, and has devoted his entire attention to farming and dairying since early manhood, with the exception of a short time which he spent in the defense of his country during the late Civil War. He enlisted, August 2, 1862, in Company A, Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out of the service on June 3, 1865. He was in the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and Nashville. On March 22, 1849, he was united in marriage with Sarah E. West, daughter of Ezra and Prudence (Culver) West. She was born near Arlington, Vt., April 27, 1830. Five sons and one daughter have been born unto them, viz.: Wallace A., Ezra (deceased), Homer, Emily M., Nathan N. and LeRoy. Mr. and Mrs. Crockett are members of the Universalist Church. In 1870 he was elected as the Liberal candidate for county representative of his county, which office he held for one term.

Thomas M. Crowley, of Jefferson Township, was born in Clay County, Mo., on October 21, 1832. His father, Samuel Crowley, was a native of

Georgia, born on June 20, 1791. About 1810 he married Miss Susan McNinch, a native of Kentucky, then living in Knox County, Tenn. They continued to reside there until about 1815, when they immigrated to Missouri. They lived successively in the counties of Howard, Chariton and Clay, and in 1837 they came to Andrew County, where Mr. Crowley assisted in organizing the county. At an early date he was appointed county judge by the Governor, and after serving four years was elected to the same office by the people. He was a soldier under Jackson, and fought at the battle of the Horse Shoe. He was a large farmer, and died after a long and useful life while on a visit to Oregon, on March 7, 1873. His wife died in August, 1850. Thomas M. grew to manhood on his father's farm. In the spring of 1852, in company with two elder brothers, he went to Oregon, where he was engaged in stock raising and farming for about eleven years. He then removed to California, where he resided until the summer of 1873, engaged in stock raising and merchandising. In 1873 he came to Andrew County, and located on a farm in Clay Township, which four years ago he exchanged for the old homestead, upon which he now resides. He is the owner of 475 acres of land. On November 15, 1860, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Suisun, Solano County, Cal., a daughter of Sampson Smith, who settled in California about 1849. They have a family of three sons and six daughters. One daughter died in infancy.

William K. Debord, a substantial farmer of Clay Township, Andrew County, Mo., is a native of Kentucky, born in Pulaski County, February 14, 1826. He is the second of six children born unto Jonathan and Patience (McKinney) Debord, and is the only one living. The father was of Welsh-Irish descent, and a native of Virginia. He was a farmer by vocation, a Democrat in politics, and died a member of the Methodist Church. His death occurred in Rockcastle County, Ky., in 1840, being about forty-seven years of age. The mother, of Irish descent, and also a native of Virginia, was born in 1800, and died in Missouri, at the home of our subject, January 29, 1886. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. William K. received a good education in the country schools of his native State, and began business life as a farmer. On August 14, 1846, he wedded Miss Nancy J. Pew, a native of Rockcastle County, Ky., born November 3, 1829. Her parents were Benjamin F. and Elizabeth (Clare) Pew, the former a native of North Carolina, and the latter of Virginia. Both died in Andrew County, Mo. In 1852 Mr. Debord immigrated to Missouri, and settled where he now resides. He began business on a small capital, but now owns 280 acres of fertile land, upon which is a neat residence. He deals largely in Shorthorn Durham cattle. In politics he is a Democrat, and is now a member of the board of managers of the State Insane Asylum, No. 2, at St. Joseph, Mo. He and wife are worthy members of the Christian Church. They have had eleven children, of whom five sons and two daughters are dead.

Judge Aaron S. Dodge, a citizen of Fillmore, was born in Waldo



County, Me., March 22, 1839. He is one of a large family of children born to Nathan P. and Charlotte (Simons) Dodge, who were influential citizens of Maine, of which State they were natives. They were both members of the Free-Will Baptist Church. The father was a successful farmer, and in politics was a Republican. He died when about eighty-four years of age, and his wife when about sixty-five years old. Aaron S. received a liberal education in his youth, which has been improved by much desultory reading and study. He began business life in the spring of 1859 by going to Illinois, where he engaged as a farm laborer nearly two years, at the close of which he made a visit home. In the Spring of 1861 he took the gold fever, and spent five years in the West digging that "precious metal." He visited Washington Territory, Idaho and California, but spent most of his time (about four years) in Idaho. Returning to Maine he remained there two months, then came to Fillmore, Andrew Co., Mo., and in partnership with his brother, Allen L., who had accompanied him through the West, established a mercantile business, which they pursued eight years. About 1874 he bought his brother's interest, and conducted the business alone until February, 1887, when he closed out. Since then he has been managing some farms, which he owns. In June, 1873, he wedded Miss Melissa Berry, a native of Andrew County, and a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Judge Dodge is a decided Republican, and was elected to his present office in November, 1886.

John B. Dysart, a prominent farmer of Clay Township, was born in Rockcastle County, Ky., May 29, 1840. He is one of a large family of children born to William L. and Permelia (Evans) Dysart, who were married in Kentucky, September 19, 1832. The father was born in Rockcastle County, Ky., on September 9, 1809. The mother was born in Pulaski County, Ky., on January 1, 1812. Mr. Dysart, the elder, engaged in merchandising until 1847, in Kentucky, and then followed farming there until the fall of 1849, when he immigrated to Missouri, and settled in Andrew County, two miles west of Savannah, where he lived until the next spring. He then came to what is now Clay Township, where he lived the rest of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was among the early settlers of the section in which he lived, and he and wife were prominent among the respected and esteemed citizens. His death occurred on February 6, 1886; the wife's on January 29, 1884. John B. received a liberal education in the common schools of Andrew County, and was reared to manhood on his father's farm. In 1872 he wedded Miss Mary Crowson, of Callaway County, Mo. They have had six children as follows: Edward, Mary E., William, Samuel, Lulia and Bula. Upon marrying, Mr. Dysart removed to Platte County, but after ten years came back to Andrew County, and purchased the farm of 275 acres, where he now lives. He is a life-long Democrat.

Henderson Edwards, the subject of this sketch, is a merchant of Savannah, Andrew County, Mo. He was born in Randolph County, Ind.,

on December 4, 1839, and is the ninth son of ten boys born to William and Susanna (Small) Edwards. The father was born in North Carolina, in 1791. He removed to Ohio previous to his marriage, and from that State to Indiana. In 1843 he came to Andrew County, Mo., of which he was one of the early settlers. He followed farming as a vocation, and was a prominent man throughout his life. He served as judge in the common pleas court in Indiana for nineteen years, and also represented Randolph County, Ind., in the State Legislature; he died in Andrew County, Mo. The mother was born in North Carolina in 1801; she died in 1877. Both parents were members of the Christian Church, and were universally beloved as pious Christian citizens. Henderson was reared on a farm, and received a good practical education in the public schools. On leaving school he engaged in farming for two years, and after spending two years in the State militia enlisted, in 1865, in the Federal army, joining Company B, Four Hundred and Thirtieth Regiment of Missouri Infantry, of which company, at its organization, he was elected first lieutenant. At the close of the war he returned to Andrew County, where he engaged in various occupations until 1867. He was then appointed postmaster of Savannah, which position he held for two years. Returning to the farm he engaged in farming until 1879. He then served for two years as deputy county collector, and in 1880 was elected collector. At the end of his term he embarked in the hardware and implement business, in which he is interested at present. He was married in 1868 to Elizabeth Lamasters, who was born in Kentucky in 1845. They have had six children, five of whom are living.

E. B. Ensor is one of the leading citizens and physicians of Savannah, Andrew Co., Mo., and was born in Baltimore County, Md., on August 8, 1855. [See sketch of Thomas H. Ensor.] He lived until his thirteenth year in Baltimore County, and then with his parents removed to Nodaway County, Mo. His literary education was obtained in the public schools and at the Missouri State Normal. Upon leaving that institution he taught school for two years in Andrew County. Meanwhile he read medicine, and in 1879 attended medical lectures at the Eclectic Medical College in St. Louis, taking two courses. In 1882 he attended the State University at Baltimore, Md., and in 1883 attended lectures at the Cincinnati Eclectic School of Medicine, at which school he graduated. Returning to Savannah, Mo., he began practicing, and has continued up to the present time. He is also engaged with D. P. Abbott in breeding and handling fine blooded horses. He was married, September 29, 1881, to Ella Riggin, who was born in Andrew County, Mo., and is the daughter of James Riggin. To this union two children have been born.

Thomas H. Ensor, one of the leading young members of the Andrew County bar, and a citizen of Savannah, Mo., is a native of Baltimore County, Md., where he was born on November 13, 1856. He is the son of Joseph and Lavina (Boring) Ensor. Joseph was born in Baltimore in October, 1823, and is the son of Nicholas Ensor, who was also a native

of Baltimore. The latter was the son of Nathan, whose parents came to America with Lord Baltimore, and for them one of the streets in the original plat of that city was named—Ensor. The Ensors were of a mercantile class, yet Nathan served in the Revolutionary War, and Nicholas in the War of 1812. Joseph, the father, has followed merchandising all his life, up to 1868, when he removed to Nodaway County, Mo., where he now resides. Lavina Boring was born in 1821, on Commodore Barney's manor, in Baltimore County, Md. She was a descendant of the Commodore, and is the daughter of Richard Boring and Catherine (Wheeler) Boring, both of whom were natives of Baltimore County, Md. The Wheelers are immediate descendants of Commodore Barney, and are at present a prominent family of that county. Both parents are living. Until his eleventh year our subject lived in Baltimore County, and then with his parents came to Nodaway County, Mo. His early education was acquired in the common schools, but in 1873 he entered the Missouri State Normal, which he attended for three years. In 1876 he began the study of law in the office of I. V. McMillan, in Nodaway County. The same year he came to Andrew County, began teaching school, and continued regularly for three years, meanwhile studying law with Col. L. I. White, of Maryville. Also, while pursuing his studies, he was for a year and a half engaged in the mercantile business in Nodaway County. Although he was admitted to the bar of Andrew County in April, 1881, he taught the Fillmore school a year, and then taught in the Savannah school half a term. Resigning his position, he entered the circuit clerk's office at Savannah, where he remained for three years. He then purchased the practice, office and library of William W. Caldwell, and engaged in the practice of his profession. Soon after he formed a partnership with W. B. Allen, in the loan and abstract business, under the firm name of Allen & Ensor. He was married, April 3, 1879, to Maggie J. Phillippe. She was born in Boone County, Mo., September 13, 1861, and is the daughter of Hiram Phillippe. To them two children have been born—J. Guy, a boy of seven years, and Lulu E., a girl of four. He is a brother of Dr. E. B. Ensor, who is a citizen of Savannah also, and engaged in the practice of medicine at that place.

Jonathan Eppler, a farmer of Empire Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in this county October 2, 1840. He is the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Clark) Eppler. The father was born in Sevierville, Tenn., December 6, 1808, and is the son of Jonathan Eppler, a native of Virginia, of German lineage. He removed from East Tennessee in 1821, and first settled in Randolph County, Mo., but later became a citizen of Andrew County, with the history of which his life has been identified. He is now in an advanced age, and resides in Empire Township. Our subject was reared on the farm. After securing a common-school and academic education, he attended, for two terms, the Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa. On December 17, 1869, he wedded Jemima F. Courtney, daughter of Alfred H. Courtney. After his marriage he be-

gan his present occupation, in which he has been very successful. He owns a fertile and well-improved farm of 186 acres. In 1861 he served for six months in the Missouri State militia, and for three months in the Enrolled militia. In January, 1865, he enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Forty-seventh Illinois Infantry, and was mustered out of the service in January of the following year at Savannah, Ga. After the war he returned home, and later spent one year on the plains. He then located in Missouri. He has held various political views. He was a Republican for a number of years after the close of the Civil War, and later was an advocate of the Greenback party, for which party, in 1882, he was a candidate for representative from his county. At present he is an adherent of the United Labor party.

William Fulkerson, a farmer of Jefferson Township, is a native of East Tennessee. He was born at Washington, Rhea County, April 3, 1819, and is one of a large family of children born to Frederick and Sallie (Bradley) Fulkerson. They were natives of Washington County Va., where they were married and resided several years, then moving to Washington, Rhea Co., Tenn. In 1829 they immigrated to Missouri, and settled in Lafayette County, where they died—the father in 1841, the mother in 1845. The father was a farmer by vocation, and in politics a Democrat. William received a common-school education in his youth, while assisting his father on the farm. His life has been mostly given to tilling the soil. In 1850 he went by the overland route to California, and for about twelve months was engaged in digging gold. He returned to Andrew County in the spring of 1851, and resumed his vocation. In 1846 he purchased and settled where he now lives. He owns 335 acres of fine land. On October 5, 1848, he was united in marriage with Miss Sallie Breckenridge, of Andrew County, and distantly related to John C. Breckenridge of Kentucky. They have had nine children—four sons and five daughters—of whom two sons and three daughters are dead. At one time Mr. Fulkerson was trustee of Jefferson Township. He has been a life-long Democrat. Mrs. Fulkerson is a worthy member of the Regular Baptist Church.

John Galbreath, an enterprising merchant of Fillmore, of the firm of Galbreath & Darrah, was born in Delaware May 2, 1839. He is the son of James and Sarah (Mundew) Galbreath, both natives of Delaware, and born in 1809, the former of Irish, and the latter of French-English descent. They left their native State in 1840, and started west. Stopping awhile in Ohio, they went to Michigan, but soon returned to Ohio, where they lived till 1864, at which time they came to Andrew County, Mo. The father was a mechanic by trade, though he spent most of his life farming and merchandising. He was a graduate of Granville College, Ohio. He died at Fillmore, May 12, 1887. The mother still lives at the home place in Fillmore. John is the eldest of three children, and received a common-school education in Ohio. In August, 1861, he entered the Union Army, enlisting in Company F,

18th Ohio Regiment of Infantry; but after serving eighteen months, was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., on account of ill health. Returning home, he remained about one year, then re-enlisted for four months as first lieutenant in the One Hundred and Sixty-first Ohio Infantry. In the fall of 1864 he returned to Ohio, and the next spring came to Missouri, and from 1865 to 1876 engaged in farming in Nodaway and Andrew Counties. In 1876 he removed to Fillmore, and began the mercantile business with Fletcher Swank, but continued only a short time. He then went to Solomon City, Kas., where he was engaged in the mercantile business six years with J. L. Galbreath & Co. In 1883 he returned to Fillmore, where he was in poor health for a few years. In the spring of 1887 he and partner established their present business. He was married in Ohio, and has four intelligent children living, and one daughter dead, Esther, who was born December 14, 1865, died March 2, 1882. Mr. Galbreath is a Republican in politics.

J. D. Gepford, a citizen of Platte Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born near Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Penn., September 3, 1834. He is the son of John Gepford, a native of Lancaster County, Penn., born in 1793 of German parentage. John was reared on the farm, and in early life followed canal boating in Pennsylvania. In 1822 he was united in marriage with Barbara Damuth, also a native of Lancaster County, Penn., born in 1803. They removed to Macon County, Ill., in 1842, where they both died, the father in 1849, and the mother on October 7, 1882. She lived to see two sons and three daughters grow to maturity, of whom three are living, viz.: George W. and Margaret, who live in Macon County, Ill., and the subject of this sketch. He was reared at home, and was educated in the common schools. He has followed farming as a vocation, at which he has made a decided success. He immigrated to Andrew County, Mo., in the fall of 1865, and now owns two good farms, one consisting of 100 acres situated in Nodaway County, Mo., and the other containing 320 acres in Andrew County, Mo., also 50 acres of timber in Gentry County, Mo. In 1861 he was united in marriage with Margaret E. Averitt, daughter of Nathan G. Averitt, of Macon County, Ill. One son, John F., and two daughters, Martha E. and Emma F., blessed the marriage. In 1871 the mother of these children died. In 1872 he chose for his second wife, Minerva J. Meeker, daughter of M. J. Meeker, of Gentry County, Mo. They have two daughters: Katie M. and Octa M. On August 2, 1862, Mr. Gepford enlisted as a private in Company E, One Hundred and Sixteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry; was mustered out of the United States service on June 7, 1865. He participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Champion's Hill, Black River Bridge, the siege of Vicksburg and the battles before Nashville. He is a member of the G. A. R., and also a member of the Christian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

William Gibson, a farmer and stock raiser of Andrew County, Mo.,

was born in Scotland, November 12, 1840. He is the son of Hugh Gibson and Jane Orr, both natives of Scotland. The former followed agricultural pursuits, but he died when William was but an infant. The latter with four sons and one daughter immigrated to America in 1852, and settled in Waukesha County, Wis. Two sons preceded her to America. Later she came to Andrew County with our subject, where she died. William was reared on the farm, and received a common-school education in Scotland and Wisconsin. He chose farming as an occupation, and now owns a large, well-improved farm of 280 acres, situated in Platte Township. In 1864 he was united in marriage with Mary Jane Coleman, daughter of Elisha Coleman. Three daughters and two sons have blessed their marriage. Mr. Gibson was a member of the Missouri State Militia for a short time during the Civil War. In politics he is a warm Republican. He is a highly respected citizen, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

John O. Gross, a farmer and stock raiser of Empire Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Clay County, Mo., on May 2, 1843. He is the son of John O. and Mary (Huffaker) Gross. The father was born in East Tennessee, and was a farmer by vocation. The mother was a native of Wayne County, Ky. They were married in 1831, and in the same year immigrated to Clay County, Mo. Here he entered land on which he lived until his death in 1856. Our subject was a small boy when his parents died, but he remained with his brother on the home farm, which he helped to cultivate, until the breaking out of the Civil War. He received his education in the public schools of Clay County, Mo. In 1861, when but eighteen years old, he joined the Confederate army, and some of the battles in which he participated are as follows: Lexington, Mo., Pea Ridge, Corinth, Iuka, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson and Champion's Hill. At the latter engagement he received a severe wound in the left leg, which disabled him for ten years after the war. At the expiration of his service in the army, he returned to his home in Clay County, Mo., but in 1871 removed to Andrew County, and purchased 130 acres of land. In a short time he returned to Clay County, and in 1871 was united in marriage with Sarah Ellen Dollis, daughter of George W. Dollis. They have two sons and four daughters. Mr. Gross is a member of the Christian Church, and in politics is a Democrat.

John Hart, a farmer of Lincoln Township, was born in Morgan County, Ohio, on February 24, 1830. He is the son of William and Priscilla (Holton) Hart, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Massachusetts. In early life they settled in Ohio, where the father engaged in the tanning business until he removed to Missouri, which was about 1840. Upon his arrival there he located on a farm in Andrew County, where he died about 1865, at the age of seventy-three. The mother died about 1860. John, one of eight children, was reared on his father's farm, and received a common-school education. He was in Mexico when peace was made between that Government and the United

States, and for the next eighteen months was a teamster there for the United States. In the spring of 1850 he went to California, and dug gold about seven months, when he returned home by water. Since then he has followed agricultural pursuits. On February 13, 1854, he wedded Miss Sarah J. Waters, of Andrew County, born on May 19, 1833. Upon marrying he settled on a farm, but two years later removed to Kansas. After tilling the soil two years in that State, he returned to Andrew County. He purchased and settled at his present location about twenty-one years ago. In politics he is a Republican. His wife is a member of the Christian Church. They have had eight children, of whom two are dead, viz.: Perry, born December 8, 1854, died September 23, 1855; Sarah A., born February 8, 1880, died April 22, 1880.

Hon. William Heren was born in Zanesville, Muskingum Co., Ohio, on November 15, 1825. His father, Robert Heren, a native of the "Old Dominion," when quite young immigrated to Ohio with his parents. He married Henrietta Denny, a native of Maryland, who had also come to Ohio when young. They lived near Zanesville until about 1825, when they removed to Highland County, where they resided till the fall of 1845. They then came to Andrew County, Mo., traveling the entire distance in wagons. They spent the winter of 1843-44 on the prairie near what is now known as the David Laney farm, but having little faith in the future of the prairie, in the spring of 1844 Mr. Heren purchased a partly timbered claim, about three miles southwest of Rosendale. As the father was not physically strong, the care and support of the family fell largely upon William, who was the eldest child. He was thus deprived of all educational advantages except such as the early common schools afforded. He was a great lover of books, however, and after his day's work was finished he spent his time in poring over such books as he could borrow, or his scanty means would buy. He also took an active part in the country debating societies. In the winter of 1845-46, at the instance of his neighbors, he taught a three months' school, in which he met with marked success. The following spring he began another school in Platte Township, where he taught the greater part of the time for two years. During this period he resolved upon the law as his future profession, and chancing to mention his future aspirations to Judge P. L. Hudgens, that gentleman encouraged him by his advice and by throwing his library open to him. Having thus obtained the means of prosecuting his studies, he continued to teach school and read law until the spring of 1849. He then devoted all his time to study until the following fall, when he was licensed to practice by Judge Solomon Leonard. At this juncture, however, he found his health so impaired by confinement and over study that he was compelled to change his manner of living. He went to work on a farm, and the next spring broke up forty acres of prairie land. After teaching school the following winter, he was married, on April 27, 1851, to Miriam Small, who had been one of the pupils at his first school. The next five years he spent in farming and reading law. In the spring

of 1857 he removed to Savannah, and opened an office. He was thoroughly equipped for the practice of his profession, and by untiring energy he soon built up a splendid practice, extending into all the surrounding counties. Prior to the campaign of 1860 he took but little part in politics, but in that great contest he made several speeches for Douglas, and the integrity of the Union. After the election of Lincoln, however, he yielded him a hearty support, and during the exciting times succeeding the attack upon Fort Sumter he made several eloquent and powerful addresses in opposition to disunion. He closed his office, and turned his attention to organizing the Union men of Andrew County. He went to the camp of Col. Cranor, then in Worth County, Mo., when he joined the Union forces. A short time after, while at St. Joseph, he was elected colonel of the Forty-first Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia, in which capacity he served until the fall of 1862. Col. Heren was then elected to the State Senate, where he served with distinction. After his return home he was commissioned colonel of the Fifth Regiment Provisional Militia. In that capacity he did much to preserve order, and quell disturbance in the counties of Northwest Missouri. In June, 1863, Gen. Hall in command of the Military District of Northern Missouri, was called to the State convention, and Col. Heren by order of Gen. Schofield was placed in command. This position, during Gen. Hall's absence, he filled with great credit to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of his subordinates. Soon after the return of Gen. Hall he was nominated for judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, and at the succeeding election was chosen by a decided majority over Judge Woodson, who was on the bench at that time. He entered upon the arduous and responsible duties of the office in March, 1864, and discharged them with characteristic ability and fidelity. At the end of his term in January, 1869, Judge Heren left the bench, followed by the best wishes and kindest regards of the entire bar of his circuit. He then resumed his practice in partnership with Hon. David Rea. On February 20, 1869, he lost his wife, who died after a lingering illness, leaving a family of three sons, and three daughters, the youngest in her seventh year. On March 5, 1874, Judge Heren was united in marriage with Mrs. Louisa Smithern, a widow residing near Fillmore. They lived happily together until her death on August 31, 1887. All of the Judge's children are married except the two youngest daughters. Besides his own family he has reared and educated three children of his wife's sister, the eldest of whom, when they came into his care, was only six years of age. He has a comfortable home, and while he has never given his attention to accumulating property he has a competency to support him in his declining years. His partnership with David Rea continued until the latter's election to Congress in 1874, since which time he has remained alone. Judge Heren has always been strictly temperate in his habits; has never used either whisky or tobacco in any shape. He is a fine example of the self-made man, and his life is worthy of emulation.



W. D. Hoar, the subject of the following sketch, was born in Lancaster County, Penn., February 4, 1830. He is the youngest child of three sons and two daughters born to the marriage of William Hoar and Jane Norton. The former was a native of Pennsylvania, and was of English lineage. He was a blacksmith by vocation, and possessed energy and competency. He was respected by all who knew him. The latter was also a native of Pennsylvania. W. D. was reared in Bird-in-hand Village. His education was begun in the public schools of Lancaster County, Penn., and completed in the Millersville State Normal School, situated in that county. He, however, lacked one year of graduation at the Normal when the Civil War broke out, but, patriotic and true to his country, he enlisted in what was known as Capt. Nevin's Independent Battery I of Light Artillery as a private, on June 26, 1863. He was mustered out of the service at Philadelphia June 26, 1865. At the close of the war he went to Missouri, arriving at St. Louis in August of 1865, and after a short prospecting tour throughout the State, located at Savannah. Here he resumed the profession of teaching, which he had begun when he was seventeen years of age, teaching and attending school alternately until his enlistment in the army. Besides teaching several years in Andrew County, he has served two years as county superintendent. For the last few years of his life he has devoted considerable attention to farming, and owns a farm of eighty acres in Platte Township. In November, 1886, he was elected by the Republican party to the office of county Representative. In 1868 he was united in marriage with Mary E. Hobson, daughter of John and Jane (Phillips) Hobson. Two sons and one daughter have blessed their marriage.

John J. Holt, the subject of this sketch, is a farmer of Nodaway Township. He was born in Andrew County, Mo., on July 11, 1842. Allen Holt, the father, was born in Orange County, N. C., in 1818, and is the son of Hezekiah and Jane Rogers Holt. Hezekiah was born in North Carolina in 1790, of German-Irish parents. Allen immigrated to Missouri in 1838, and in 1842 was united in marriage with Elizabeth Simmons, a native of Illinois; she died in 1851. The father is a highly respected citizen of Andrew County, and has served as public administrator of the county for two terms. Our subject was the eldest of four children, three of whom are living. He was reared on the farm, and educated in the public schools. On March 5, 1863, he was united in marriage with Sarah J. Landers, who was born in Platte County, Mo., on December 5, 1842, and is the daughter of William Landers, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Andrew County. Upon his marriage he began business life, and in February, 1864, purchased a farm near Savannah. At that time he was in close circumstances, and for several years he lived in a clapboard house, but by industry and economical management he began to accumulate, and in 1872 had met with sufficient success to enable him to purchase his present farm of 229 acres, upon which he has a good residence, barn and other improvements. He

has had nine children, born as follows: Louisa E., December 8, 1863; Mary F., January 27, 1865; Deborah A., September 25, 1866; Sarah E., May 23, 1868, Susan A., December 11, 1869; Alpharetta, November 8, 1871; William A., January 16, 1877; Marion, June 12, 1880; Amy, October 12, 1883, died August 1, 1884. He and his wife, and five of the eldest children are members of the Baptist Church.

James Howitt was born in Scotland, December 27, 1823. His paternal grandfather was George Howitt, a native of Scotland, and a farmer by vocation. Andrew Howitt, the father of our subject, was also a native of Scotland, born in 1791. In 1815 he was married to Agnes McKorrow, of Scotland, who was born in 1799. She was the daughter of James McKorrow. To this union six sons and six daughters were born, of whom three sons and two daughters are living. Two sons died in the service of the United States army in the Civil War. The family immigrated to America in 1834, and settled in Livingston County, N. Y. In 1847 James Howitt removed to Wisconsin, and in 1857 his father and mother came to that State, where they lived till their deaths, the former's occurring in 1866, the latter's in 1867. Our subject was reared on a farm, and from six years of age to ten years, inclusive, he attended the schools of Scotland, but later finished his education in New York, receiving a fair common-school education. He was twenty-four years old when he left New York and went to Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming. In 1851 he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Ann Weaver, daughter of James Weaver, who was born in Romney, in Kent, England, October 17, 1800. He engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was a devoted Christian. In 1820 he married Elizabeth Fielder, who was born in Sussex, England, in 1802. They immigrated to America in 1830, and located in Oneida County, N. Y., but in the summer of 1837 removed to Wisconsin, and settled in the town of Lisbon, Waukesha County, where they both died, the mother in 1867, and the father on October 8, 1886. They had sixteen children, of whom six sons and five daughters are living (1887). Elizabeth Ann was born in New York December 27, 1831. Mr. and Mrs. Howitt have three children, viz.: one daughter, Agnes Elizabeth, and two sons, Andrew James, and John W. Mr. Howitt was a member of the Missouri State Militia during the Civil War, and was in the service four years. He had removed from Wisconsin to Missouri in 1859, and after the war he returned to his family and farm in Andrew County, where he has since resided.

John M. Huffman, a physician of Andrew County, Mo., born in Buchanan County, this State, January 19, 1843, is the son of Jonathan and Eva (Avery) Huffman. Jonathan was born in East Tennessee in 1805, and was the son of Benjamin Huffman, also a native of East Tennessee, and of German lineage. He was a farmer, and in the early settlement of Indiana immigrated thither, and located in Morgan County, where Jonathan was born, reared, and given a good education in the country schools. After attending the University at Bloomington he began teaching, which

profession he followed for a long time in Indiana, when he entered the ministerial profession, which he followed until his death, in 1873. He was connected with the Christian Church. He also engaged in farming, and, in 1842, removed to Buchanan County, Mo., where he lived until 1856, when he came to Andrew County. Eva Avery was born in North Carolina in 1808. She was the daughter of John Avery, who was of German descent, and was an early immigrant to Indiana, where he engaged in farming. She was a zealous member of the Christian Church, and was a very amiable woman, who was universally respected and loved. She died in Buchanan County, Mo., in 1848. Our subject was reared on the farm, and received his literary education in the schools of Andrew County and other neighboring schools. To secure his professional education he studied for three years under a private preceptor, and then attended the Missouri Medical College, at St. Louis, and the Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia. He graduated at the latter place in March, 1870, since which time he has successfully practiced his profession at Whitesville. While practicing his profession he has been engaged in milling, farming, and trading in live stock and real estate. Although beginning business life with no capital, he is now one of the most prosperous citizens of his county, in which he owns considerable real estate, paying the largest tax of any one in Platte Township. He also owns property in St. Joseph, where he is president of one of the cable roads, and also president of an extensive land company; besides this he has good investments in Kansas. In 1864 he enlisted in Company B, Forty-third Missouri Volunteer Infantry, as a non-commissioned officer, and was mustered out of the service in July, 1865. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and in politics is a Democrat. In 1883, owing to ill health caused by overwork, he discontinued practice and spent considerable time in traveling, passing two summers on the Pacific coast. He has been in nearly every State and Territory of the Union.

Otho J. Hurley, postmaster at Savannah, Mo., and editor and proprietor of *The Democrat*, was born at Hagerstown, Md., and educated at Mount St. Mary's College, near Emmettsburg, in that State. At the breaking out of the war he was studying law with Hon. R. H. Alvey, the present presiding justice of the supreme court of Maryland, and after completing his studies in 1862 he entered the Confederate army, joining Company K, First Virginia Cavalry, which company, during the latter part of the war, was transferred to the First Maryland Cavalry, the captain of Company K being commissioned colonel of the regiment. At the time of Lee's surrender Mr. Hurley was acting adjutant of the regiment. After the war he returned to his home in Maryland, and remained there until June, 1867, when he started west, stopping in Indiana, where he remained between five and six years, engaged for the greater part of the time in teaching. He married an Indiana lady, and went to St. Louis, where he remained during the winter of 1872 and spring of 1873. In October, 1873, he located in Savannah, and in August, 1876, established

*The Democrat*, a weekly newspaper, Democratic in politics, which he still edits. His appointment as postmaster at Savannah he received on the 14th of January, 1886.

Elijah Hurst, an enterprising farmer of Jackson Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Putnam County, Ind., May 26, 1831. He is one of a large family of children born to the marriage of Abram Hurst and Emillie Warren. They removed from Tennessee to Indiana in 1825, and lived in that State about twenty years, then came to Missouri, where they lived until their deaths—the father's occurring in the spring of 1861, and the mother's about 1875. They were both strict members of the old Regular Baptist Church. By occupation the father was a farmer, and in politics was, at one time, a Democrat, although he died a Republican. Elijah spent his boyhood in assisting his father on the farm, and received a common-school education. Before reaching his majority he came with his parents to Missouri. In February, 1853, he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Best, a native of Missouri. After this he settled down to agricultural pursuits near his present home, which he purchased, and removed to later. He began life poor, but has been a live, active man, and now owns a splendid farm, on which is situated a good residence. He has a large family of intelligent children. He belongs to no church, but his wife is a member of the Christian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

T. H. C. Hyde, dealer in drugs and stationery in Savannah, Andrew Co., Mo., is the youngest of seven children born to the union of Philo Hyde and Elizabeth Clarke. The father was born in Litchfield, Conn., on March 4, 1801. He immigrated to Missouri in 1844, and located in Savannah, and is now one of the oldest citizens of the place. He has followed various vocations. The mother was born in Terre Haute, Ind., on July 9, 1826, and is the daughter of Thomas H. Clarke, who removed to Savannah, where he died. Our subject was reared in Savannah, and received his education in the schools of that city. He began business life when seventeen years of age, as clerk in a grocery store, at which he continued until 1882, when he engaged in the drug business in Savannah, in partnership with Dr. D. B. Bryant. He became sole proprietor of the business on May 1, 1885. He is now carrying a full line of drugs and stationery, and is doing a good business. He was married on April 9, 1882, to Annie E. McClain, who was born in Illinois in 1860. They have two children.

Frank H. Hyde, proprietor of the Railroad Livery Stable, of Savannah, Andrew Co., Mo., and a brother of T. H. C. Hyde, was born in Savannah, October 26, 1854. He was educated in the public schools of his native town. In 1877 he went to Montana, where he remained until 1883 engaged in the sheep business. He began his present business in November, 1886.

Joseph W. Johnson, a farmer of Lincoln Township, is a native of Pulaski County, Ky., born May 3, 1840. He is the elder of two sons

born to Andrew R. and Elizabeth (Johnson) Johnson. The former is a native of Virginia, the latter of Kentucky. They are now living in Wayne County, Ky., engaged in agricultural pursuits. Our subject spent his boyhood days as a laborer on the farm, and at the Hudson coal mines in Kentucky. He received a common-school education, and in 1858 came to Andrew County, Mo., and engaged in farming as a renter. In August, 1861, he entered the Confederate army, enlisting in Company C, of Sanders' regiment of infantry. His command first operated in the West, but was soon transferred to the East. He was in the engagements at Pea Ridge, Iuka, and Corinth, at which place he received a severe wound in the leg, and was left on the battlefield. After being disabled about six months, he re-entered the service at Jackson, Miss., and was in the battle of Champion's Hill, and the siege of Vicksburg, where he was captured and exchanged the following November. He rejoined the army at Meridian, Miss., and took part in all the battles from Dalton to Atlanta; accompanied Hood in the Tennessee campaign, and was at the battles of Franklin and Nashville. He was engaged in the battles of Fort Blakeley opposite Mobile, and was captured the day Lee surrendered. At the close of the war he was on the ship Ireland, in the Gulf of Mexico, as a prisoner of war. He was paroled at Jackson, Miss., in May, 1865, and had to work on the railroad to get money to come home, which he reached June 15, 1865. On November 29, 1866, he wedded Miss Amanda V. Walker, a native of Andrew County, Mo., and daughter of Joseph and Mary Walker. She was born in 1849, and died February 6, 1869. He chose for his second wife, Mrs. Susan J. Jackson, widow of Martin P. Jackson, and sister of his first wife. He is the father of three children born as follows: Dora J., July, 24, 1870; Albert, June 9, 1872; William Z., April 6, 1868. He has been a life-long Democrat, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

T. F. Kelley, a merchant at Cosby, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in that county, July 7, 1863. He is the son of Jesse and Margaret (Blue) Kelley. The father was born in South Carolina, May 19, 1828, and is the son of Nehemiah Kelley, who was an early immigrant to Missouri, settling first in Clay County, and later in Andrew County. His life and history were identified with that of the latter county. He was a farmer by vocation, and lived to be an aged man. Jesse was reared at home, and received a limited education in the country schools. He chose farming as an occupation, and came to the State of Missouri, with his father. He is now a prosperous and respected citizen of Monroe Township, Andrew County. His wife was born August 6, 1833, and is the mother of five sons and two daughters, of which children our subject is the fourth. He was reared on the farm, and received a practical education in the public schools. In January of 1886 he engaged in his present business, and has established a lucrative trade. He carries an average stock of more than \$1,000, and has an annual trade of \$5,000.

He is a progressive and enterprising young man. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and in politics is a Republican.

A. D. Kent, a citizen of Platte Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Buchanan County, Mo., May 5, 1842. He is the son of Joseph B. and Elizabeth (Staley) Kent. Joseph B. was born in Ross County, Ohio, February 14, 1806, and is the son of William and Sarah (Perrin) Kent. William was born in Old Town, Md., October 3, 1763. He was the son of Absalom and Nancy Kent. Absalom was a native of England, and was an early immigrant to America. He settled in Maryland, where he was killed by the Indians, when William was only two years old. Joseph B. is a farmer by vocation, and now resides in Rosendale, Mo., in his eighty-second year. His wife was born in Botetourt County, Va., in 1809. She died in Ohio in 1844. Our subject was reared on the farm, and received a common-school education in the schools of Buchanan County, Mo. In 1858 he went to Northeast Kansas, where he engaged in farming till 1860, in which year he made a trip to Denver, Colo., and back, as a teamster. After he returned he engaged in farming till 1863, when he went a second time to Denver. Then as wagon-master for W. W. Noland, a banker and commission merchant, he conducted an ox-train to Virginia City, starting April 14, 1863, and landing at that place June 27, 1863. This was the first train that ever went direct to Virginia City, which at that time was no more than the pitched tents of miners and emigrants. In the fall of 1865 he began mining in Alder Gulch, at the German Barr. He was thus engaged for one season, and afterward, until the fall of 1867, he followed various occupations. He constructed a fleet of Mackinaw boats at Cannon's Ferry (Montana) on the Missouri River, and on the 25th of November, his fleet freighted with passengers landed at St. Joseph, Mo. From there he went to Andrew County, where he has since engaged in farming and stock raising. He has a well-improved farm of 320 acres, and is one of the most extensive stock raisers of his county, especially of fine horses. On September 7, 1870, he was united in marriage with Mary E. Bedford, who was born in Andrew County, Mo., on September 4, 1852. She is the daughter of A. M. and Mary (Selecman) Bedford. A daughter and son have blessed their union: Mattie, born July 4, 1871, and Charles, born May 4, 1876.

Nicholas Kirtley, subject of this sketch, is one of the leading citizens of Andrew County, Mo., and a retired merchant of Savannah. He was born in Rockcastle County, Ky., on December 23, 1841, and is the son of Larkin and Nancy (Dysart) Kirtley. The father was born in Scott County, Ky., in 1805, and removed to Andrew County, Mo., in the fall of 1849, locating ten miles east from Savannah, where he followed farming until his death in 1865. The mother was born in Rockcastle County, Ky., May 15, 1806, and is now making her home on the old homestead in Andrew County, with a son. Nicholas was reared on a farm, and educated at the North Prairie Institute, near Fillmore. Upon leaving school in 1861, he entered the Confederate army, and served for two years, first

under Gen. Price's command, and afterward in Wilfley's battalion of cavalry. Returning to Andrew County at the expiration of his service, he engaged in farming and stock dealing, in which he continued until 1875 when he removed to Savannah, having been elected to the office of county treasurer the year preceding. He served in the capacity of treasurer for two years, when he engaged in merchandising in Savannah, at which he continued until February 1, 1887, when he retired. He was married in March, 1875, to Annie Scott, a native of Mason County, Ky., who died July 20, 1876. June 19, 1879, he was married to Mary A. Wakefield, who was born in Savannah, Mo., September 10, 1856, and is the daughter of Dr. M. F. Wakefield (deceased). They have one child.

J. W. Kline, a merchant at Rochester, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Madison County, Ill., on June 28, 1860. He is the son of Godlove and Nancy (Byerly) Kline. The father was born in Baltimore, Md., November 12, 1824, and is the son of Gottlieb Kline, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who was born in 1792. He was an early emigrant to America, and settled in Baltimore, where he engaged in the cooper's trade. Godlove was a farmer by occupation, and removed from Maryland to Vinton County, Ohio, in 1830, but in 1857 removed to Madison County, Ill., and later, in 1879, to Andrew County, Mo. He now resides in Rochester, Andrew County. The mother was born in Ohio, on February 20, 1827, of German descent. She has five sons and six daughters, and twenty-five grandchildren. Our subject was reared on a farm, and received a common-school education in Madison County Ill. He learned the carpenter's trade, and his first pursuit in his own interest was carpentering. In October, 1882, he began business at Rochester with a very limited capital, but by energy and frugality he has been successful in establishing a lucrative trade, and winning a good reputation as a business man. He carries an average stock of \$3,500, and does an annual business of \$9,000. At the age of twenty-six years he was elected justice for his township, which position he now fills. He is an ardent Republican, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On January 20, 1886, he wedded Dora E. Snowden, daughter of Judge Jonathan Snowden, of Andrew County, and one daughter, Bessie Mabel, born November 27, 1886, is the result of their union.

Thomas M. Laney, M. D., a leading physician of Savannah, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Eastern Pennsylvania on January 4, 1828, and is the son of John and Catherine (Housel) Laney. The father was born in Ireland in 1790, immigrated to America in 1802, and settled near Northumberland, on the west branch of the Susquehanna River, in Pennsylvania. He was a successful farmer. He came to Andrew County, Mo., in 1869, where he died in 1872. The mother was born in New Jersey in 1787, and was the daughter of William Housel, a native of Holland. She died February 6, 1858. They were married September 3, 1812, and to them were born ten children, of whom Thomas M. was the

youngest. He was reared on the farm, and acquired his early education in Columbia County, Penn. After attaining his majority he began teaching school, at which he continued until 1849, when he entered upon the study of medicine in Greenville, Penn. He took his first course of lectures during the winter of 1850-51, at the Western Reserve College at Cleveland, Ohio. He attended the Maryland University at Baltimore during the winter of 1852-53, graduating in March. He then began practicing at Blairsville, Indiana Co., Penn., where he continued until 1862, when he entered the Federal army as a surgeon. At the close of the war he returned to his practice at Blairsville, remaining there until 1867, when he came to Savannah, Mo., where he purchased a home, and resumed his practice. He is the owner of a fine farm, which for seven years he has cultivated in connection with the practice of his profession. He was married on March 18, 1852, to Lucinda C. Kinter, a native of Indiana County, Penn., born in April, 1829, and the daughter of Henry Kinter, a soldier of the War of 1812. Eight children have been born to them, four of whom are living.

James G. A. League, a prosperous merchant of Fillmore, of the firm of J. G. A. League & Co., is a native of Mercer County, Ky., born December 5, 1827. He is the second of eight children born to the marriage of Richard League and Susan Anderson. The former was a native of Pennsylvania, but removed to Kentucky when a boy. He was a farmer, and an old time Henry Clay Whig. He died about 1847, at seventy-four years of age. The mother was a native of Kentucky. She died at the home of our subject, in Fillmore, in her sixty-second year. She was a member of the Christian Church. James G. A. received a common-school education. He labored on the farm in his boyhood, but at the age of eighteen years commenced learning the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked in his native county until 1854, then coming to Schuyler County, Ill., where he followed his trade about eighteen months. In April, 1856, he came to Andrew County, Mo., and, stopping at Fillmore, he resumed his occupation. In the summer of 1880 he established his present business. The house does a good business, amounting annually to about \$12,000 or \$15,000. On April 22, 1850, he was united in marriage with Miss Maranda Massey, a native of Washington County, Ky., and the daughter of Asa and Rhoda M. Massey. They have had nine children—three sons and six daughters—of whom three sons and two daughters are dead. In politics Mr. League is a Republican. He and wife are worthy members of the Christian Church.

David Lilly, a well-to-do farmer of Clay Township, Andrew Co., Mo., is a native of Nicholas County, Va., born August 10, 1822. He is the ninth of ten children born unto David and Sarah (Wilson) Lilly, both of whom were natives of Virginia, the former born in 1778, the latter, in 1782. They spent the early part of their married life in their native State; but later immigrated to Indiana, settling first in Henry County, but afterward in Tipton County, where they died, the father January



25, 1857, the mother October 13, 1854. They were both prominent members of the Missionary Baptist Church. He served as deacon of the church a number of years before he died. He was a farmer by vocation, and in politics was a Whig. At about seven years of age, our subject removed with his parents to Henry County, Ind., where he received a common-school education. He remained with his parents until he saw them comfortably established in their new home in Tipton County, when he came to Platte County, Mo., where he engaged at job work on a farm. On January 18, 1849, he married Miss Martha Isaac, a native of Indiana, and daughter of Smith and Mary Isaac. She was born September 30, 1832. About one year after their marriage, he, leaving his wife at home, went to the gold fields of California, where he experienced many hardships. He remained in California about thirteen months, and having made some money returned to Missouri, and purchased a farm of 120 acres in Daviess County, where he engaged in farming about five years. In 1857 he sold his farm in Daviess County, and purchased the farm where he now resides. He has been an energetic man, and though he began life penniless, he now enjoys the comforts of a good home. He is a prominent member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and has served the church as clerk for a number of years. His wife, also a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, died August 13, 1885. He is a staunch Republican.

M. K. Manning is a merchant at Whitesville, Andrew Co., Mo. He was born in Carter County, Tenn., March 22, 1851, and is the son of M. C. and Susan J. (Krouse) Manning. The father is a native of Floyd County, Va., but is now a citizen of Andrew County, Mo. The mother was born on Knob Creek, Washington Co., Tenn. They have had nine sons and two daughters. Five of the sons are living, viz.: M. K., John L., Peter E., Robert H., Nathaniel K., and the eldest daughter, also the eldest child, is living, Rebecca E. The parents and all the children reside in Andrew County, Mo. M. K. was reared in his native town, and received a limited education in the town schools. While young he labored in a flouring-mill, and thus gained a practical business experience, which he has successfully applied. When but eighteen years of age he removed to Whitesville, Mo. On his arrival in Missouri he had only enough money to pay for his night's lodging, but on the following day found employment as a herder, at which he engaged for three months, when the gentleman for whom he was herding employed him to clerk in his store, which position he held for eleven years. On January 14, 1879, he began merchandising for himself at Whitesville, which he has since conducted, carrying an average stock of \$8,000, and doing an average annual business of \$18,000. By his untiring energy and enterprise he has been successful in amassing wealth, and is now one of the most prosperous citizens of Andrew County. In connection with merchandising he has dealt in live stock and real estate. He owns two valuable farms in Platte Township, con-

sisting of 80 and 160 acres, respectively. On January 4, 1880, he was united in marriage with Emma E. Gebhart, daughter of Josiah and Mary Ann (Kootz) Gebhart. She is a native of Henry County, Ind., born June 3, 1861. They have had two sons and two daughters. The eldest, a daughter named Ora Audra, is dead. Those living are Elsie Ladora, Audra and Joseph. Mr. Manning is a public-spirited man, and aids all laudable improvements. He and wife are members of the Christian Church.

John R. McDermott, a leading citizen of Andrew County, Mo., and proprietor of the Savannah Marble Works, was born in Frederick City, Md., March 4, 1841. He is the son of John and Mary (McGee) McDermott. His father was born in Moville, County Donegal, Ireland, in 1791, and immigrated to America in 1819. Landing in New York, he soon afterward made an extensive southern tour to Cuba and South America. Upon his return he settled in Frederick, Md., and engaged in the marble business, being for a time proprietor of the well-known Maryland and Virginia Marble Works. He was known as a thorough mathematician and good scholar. He died June 20, 1878. His mother was born in North Ireland, and was the daughter of John McGee. She died in Baltimore in 1879. John R. was reared in Frederick City, Md., and received a good education at St. Johns College in that city. He removed to Baltimore in 1863, and engaged in the marble business. Here his health failed him, and for several years he was an invalid. Upon recovering his health in 1869 he went to Boston, Mass., and from that city to Adrian, Mich. He next removed to Indiana, where he spent different periods of time in various cities, and in 1872 came to Missouri, and engaged in his present business at Savannah, Andrew County. He has one of the largest marble trades in Northwest Missouri. He is a pleasant and affable gentleman, social and accommodating, and is full of enterprise and public spirit.

H. B. McDonald, a farmer in Nodaway Township, Andrew County, Mo., was born in Mercer County, Ky., May 23, 1844, and is the son of Daniel and Martha (McMurtry) McDonald, both of whom were natives of Washington County, Ky. The former was born in 1803, and was the son of Alexander McDonald, a native of the "Old Dominion;" the latter was born in 1807, and was the daughter of John McMurtry and Catherine (Rose) McMurtry. They immigrated to Missouri in 1865, locating in Andrew County on a farm. The father was a member of the Methodist Church, and died in 1876. The mother was a member of the Presbyterian Church; she died in 1873. To them nine children were born, of whom our subject was the eighth. He lived on the farm while young, and received a good education at the Kentucky University. After finishing his education he returned to the farm, but in 1863 immigrated to St. Joseph, Mo., where he remained until the spring of 1864, when he went to California, and spent the following winter. His father having removed to Andrew County in the meantime, he returned from the West,

and resided with him. He engaged in farming in this county until the spring of 1880, when he went to Montana, where he lived until he returned to Missouri in 1885, and settled in the southern part of Andrew County. In August, 1887, he purchased his present farm, and removed his family thereto in the following December. The farm embraces 160 acres of fine land, and has upon it a handsome brick residence. June 20, 1877, he was united in marriage with Emma Rogers, a native of Mercer County, Ky., who was born in 1853, and is a daughter of E. P. Rogers. They have six children. Mr. McDonald is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his wife is a member of the Christian Church.

John McLain, president of the Savannah (Missouri) Savings Bank, and one of the prominent citizens of Andrew County, was born in Morgan County, Ohio, on August 2, 1817. He attended the schools of that neighborhood, acquiring the rudiments of an education, which he afterward improved by his own exertions and experience. His first venture in life was cutting cord wood at the salt works in Ohio for 25 cents per cord, when but sixteen years of age, camping out while at work. In 1836 he engaged in the grocery business in his native county, with a capital of \$75. After continuing business for eighteen months he sold his stock, realizing the sum of \$1,800. He next located at Pennsville, Ohio, and engaged in the grocery and hotel business for about three months, and then removed to McConnellsville, Ohio, and continued the same business in partnership with Jacob Goodlive. In 1838 he and partner established a bank in connection with their grocery and hotel business, the bank being under the charge and management of Mr. McLain. His attention having been attracted to the Platte Purchase by the passage of a bill by Congress attaching those lands to the State of Missouri, and by the speech of Thomas H. Benton delivered in the United States Senate, thanking Congress for its action, in 1853 he made a trip to the West to inspect those lands. He continued to visit the lands once each year, making land entries each trip until 1858, when he and partner closed out their business in Ohio and removed to Missouri. Up to that time he had entered for himself and others over 60,000 acres of land, at an average cost of 70 cents per acre. On June 16, 1858, he settled in Savannah, and has resided at that place and on his farm, three miles south of town, till the present. The first business venture after settling in Missouri was in the wholesale and retail grocery business, in partnership with Goodlive & Bell, for which they erected a large business house in 1859. Near the breaking out of the late war he sold out his business in St. Joseph, and retired to his farm. In May, 1862, he was appointed judge of Andrew County, and the following year was elected to that office, which position he held for ten years and six months. In 1865 he secured a charter from the Legislature incorporating the Savannah Savings Bank for twenty-five years, with an authorized capital of \$100,000. During that year he purchased the Banking House of Savannah, of the Southern Bank of St. Louis, and in the following May opened the pres-

ent banking house of which he is president. He was married June 16, 1840, to Sarah A. Shannon, of Belmont County, Ohio, born in 1820, and daughter of John Shannon. Five children have blessed this union, four of whom are living.

William Meritt, the subject of the following sketch, was born in West Virginia, Cabell County, October 29, 1837. He is the son of Thomas J. and Margaret L. (Hite) Meritt, both natives of West Virginia. The father was born on May 25, 1812, the mother on January 16, 1818. They had five sons and three daughters. William was the second child, and when he was seventeen years old they removed from their native State to Missouri, where they lived until 1860. Then they went to Indiana where they resided until the death of the husband, January 3, 1886; the wife died in January, 1887. William was reared on a farm, and educated in the country schools of West Virginia and Missouri. He enlisted in the Confederate army in 1861, and served until the close of the war, after which he remained in Louisiana nearly three years. While in that State, on December 25, 1865, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Ann Daniels, daughter of Greenberry and Mary Elizabeth (Thompson) Daniels. She was born in Clarke County, Ala., April 11, 1839. They have two daughters and one son born as follows: Charles Henry, February 26, 1867; Maggie Lee, November 8, 1869; and Sarah Francis, February 6, 1871. Mr. Meritt removed to Indiana, April 13, 1867, but in the fall of 1871 he returned to Missouri, and, although he began business life with very little capital, he is now a prosperous farmer of Andrew County. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and in politics is Democratic.

William T. Miller, a farmer and stock raiser of Jackson Township, was born in Hancock County, Ind., August 16, 1835. He is the seventh of nine children born to Abram and Mary (Thompson) Miller; the former was a native of New Jersey, and the latter of North Carolina. In early life the father worked in the shipyard of Rich Girard in Philadelphia, but later engaged in farming in Ohio, Indiana and Missouri. He settled in Andrew County in the summer of 1846, and died there in 1861, seventy-six years of age. He had been married twice: first, to Miss Sarah Porch, of New Jersey; she died in Ohio. He married the mother of our subject in Indiana; she died in Andrew County on March 20, 1870. The father was a Republican, and he and wife died members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. William T. came with his parents to Missouri when ten years of age, and there received a common-school education. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, and has ever since followed agricultural pursuits. In January, 1859, he wedded Miss Charity Burns, of Morgan County, Ind. At the death of his father, he and brother, Thomas, came in possession of the home place, but he bought his brother's share about 1864. He owns 300 acres of land, upon which is a good residence, built in 1875. He is a progressive man, and enjoys the comforts of a good home. He has never sought or filled any public

office except that of magistrate, which office he filled awhile in a satisfactory manner. He and wife are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Lorren T. Minturn, rector of the Episcopal Church at Amazonia, was born in Mason County, W. Va., October 13, 1819. He is the son of William W. and Tirzah (Fellows) Minturn. The father was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., and the mother was a native of Connecticut. In May, 1816, they were married at Point Pleasant, W. Va., where they located and died, the father about 1876, at eighty-five years of age, and the mother about 1870, when seventy-six years old. They were both members of the Episcopal Church. The father was a mechanic and a miller. Our subject is one of eleven children. He received a liberal education in his youth, and began business life as a miller, learning it under his father's direction. He worked in his native town until 1857, when he came to St. Joseph, Mo., where he worked at his occupation twelve years. In 1869 he removed to Amazonia, and bought the Junction Mill property, but lost it in 1876, since which time he has superintended the mill. On April 7, 1842, he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Knopp, of Mason County, W. Va. Nine children have been born to them—two sons and seven daughters—of whom two daughters are dead. In January, 1884, he was ordained deacon of the Episcopal Church by Rt. Rev. Bishop C. F. Robertson, and was licensed a preacher of the gospel at the same time. In 1859 he joined the Odd Fellows at St. Joseph, in what was known as King Hill Lodge, No. 19. He advanced in Odd Fellowship rapidly; in 1874 was made Grand Master of the State, and in 1875-76 he represented the State at the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Indianapolis and Philadelphia, the latter place during the Centennial. In 1877 he was made Grand Patriarch of the State; represented the State at the Sovereign Lodge at Baltimore in 1878-79, and in 1880 at Toronto, Canada. For three years he has been Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge. In politics he is a Democrat.

George K. Montgomery, a prominent citizen of Andrew County, Mo., residing in Benton Township, two miles west from Bolckow, was born in Virginia near the Pennsylvania line on May 7, 1825. He is the eldest son of eight children born to John and Eve (Keck) Montgomery. The former was born in Ireland in 1781, and came with his father to America when fourteen years of age; the latter was born in Pennsylvania, but removed to Monroe County, Ohio, and thence to Indiana. The father learned the cabinet-maker's trade, which he followed a considerable part of his life. In 1857 he removed to Andrew County, Mo., where he engaged in farming until his death. He was a moral and high minded man, a good citizen and neighbor, and universally beloved and esteemed. George K. acquired a good education in the public schools, principally in Ohio. He began business life as a farmer in Indiana in 1847. He removed to Andrew County, Mo., in 1857, where he has since resided, engaged extensively in farming, stock raising and trading. He owns a large

farm, upon which he has a beautiful residence and other buildings. He is also interested in other property, and is one of the successful and progressive men of Andrew County, and a fair representative of the typical western farmer. December 29, 1849, he was united in marriage with Rose Neumeyer, a native of Berks County, Penn., born July 31, 1831, and is the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Wagner) Neumeyer, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Berks, and the latter in Lehigh County. They have had twelve children as follows: Mary E., born in 1851; Franklin P., born in 1853; Lucinda, born in 1854; John N., born in 1857; Susan E., born in 1858; George D., born in 1860; William McClellan, born in 1862, died in 1874; Rosa, born in 1864; Emma A., born in 1866; Bingham, born in 1868; Belle M., born in 1870; Leon, born in 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery are members of the M. E. Church. The Montgomery family is one of the largest and best connected families of the United States, and trace their genealogy not only to the hero of Quebec, Gen. Montgomery, but also to the blue-blooded royalty of England. The great-great-grandfather of the Andrew County (Mo.) Montgomerys was Joseph Montgomery, who was born in Ayrshire, England, about 1680. He was a near relative of Sir James Montgomery, of Skelmorlie, the founder of that branch of the family who was the second son of the first Lord Montgomery, distinguished on account of loyalty to King James I. Prompted by the very liberal inducements to Protestants to settle in Ireland at that time, Joseph crossed the channel, and purchased a handsome estate near Armagh, about 1700, which is to-day known as the "Town Land of Killecople." Here he resided until his death in 1750. He left three sons: Joseph, Hugh and Samuel. Joseph, the eldest son, was the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He was born in Ireland about 1703, and upon his father's death, succeeded to the estate. He died in 1774, leaving two sons: Joseph and William; the latter, our subject's grandfather, was born in Ireland in 1745, and came to America about 1774, but immediately returned to his native land. After his brother's death, in 1805, he disposed of his property, and again came to America to reside permanently. He purchased a large tract of land in Ohio County, Va., upon which he resided until his death in 1812. He left three sons and three daughters.

Joseph Montgomery, the subject of this sketch, is one of the prominent farmers of Benton Township, Andrew County, Mo. He is the son of John and Eve (Keck) Montgomery [see sketch of Montgomery family]. He was born July 23, 1830, in Western Virginia, but reared principally in Ohio, and was given a good education in the schools of the latter State. He began business as a carriage-maker in 1852, in Terre Haute, Ind., where he remained until 1854, when he removed to Kansas. In 1857 he came to Andrew County, Mo., and worked at his trade for about two years, when he began farming, his present vocation, but also working at his trade occasionally. He owns and cultivates a fine farm of 258 acres in Andrew County and a farm in Nodaway County. May

12, 1859, he was married to Margaret Atkinson, a native of Ireland, born in June, 1836. She is the daughter of Robert Atkinson, who immigrated to America from Ireland, and located in Andrew County, where he resided until his death. Our subject and wife have had nine children born to them, as follows: William F., March 17, 1860; Mary E., October 20, 1861; Jane A., February 20, 1863; Matilda A., November 30, 1864, died October 12, 1865; Rosa B., March 26, 1866, died September 26, 1869; John W., October 20, 1867; Florence S., March 4, 1869; Joseph L., October 29, 1871; Robert F., February 25, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

F. P. Montgomery, son of George K. Montgomery [see sketch], is a leading and prosperous young farmer of Benton Township, Andrew County, Mo. He was born in Owen County, Ind., on June 13, 1853, and in 1837 came to Missouri, where he received a liberal education in the district schools. He began business life as a farmer in the spring of 1878, and by good management and close application to business has acquired considerable property. He owns and cultivates a fine farm of 440 acres on One-Hundred-and-Two River, upon which he has a handsome residence, situated about one mile west from Bolckow. He was married, January 1, 1878, to Belle Russell, born in 1859, and the daughter of D. T. Russell. They had two daughters born as follows: Lula B., November 18, 1878, died June 12, 1879; Lena G., February 9, 1880, died seven months later. The wife died February 18, 1880, and on June 12, 1881, he chose for his second wife, Mettie M. Thompson, who was born in Ohio in 1862, and is the daughter of Henry Thompson. To this union three children have been born, two of whom are living. They are Rosana M., born July 15, 1884; Thomas F., born March 14, 1887; the other child died in infancy.

A. Mullinix, a physician of Rosendale, Andrew County, Mo., was born one and a half miles south from Rosendale in 1840. He is the second of four children born to G. W. and Rhoda (Hurst) Mullinix. The father was born in Putnam County, Ind., in 1821, and is the son of Elisha Mullinix, a native of South Carolina. He was one of the pioneers of Andrew County, Mo., having immigrated here in 1838. In 1871 he removed to Kansas, where he practices law at present. The mother was also born in Putnam County, Ind., in 1819, and was the daughter of Abram Hurst, who removed to Andrew County, Mo., and left a large family. Our subject spent his youth on the farm, and acquired a limited education in the country schools. He began the study of medicine in 1867, at New Hartford, Ill., under Dr. J. W. Slade. In 1868-69 he attended the Iowa State University at Keokuk, graduating in 1874, in both medicine and surgery. He then returned to Andrew County, Mo., since which time he has practiced his profession. In 1861 he enlisted in the Federal army, joining the Eighth Regiment of Illinois Infantry, with which he served three months. In September of the same year he re-enlisted in the Fifth Regiment of Missouri Infantry and served six months, but in August,

1862, joined the Ninety-ninth Regiment of Illinois Infantry, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out in August, 1865, having been engaged in nineteen hard-fought battles. He was wounded four different times. In the spring of 1866 he crossed the plains to Montana, where he remained eighteen months. He was married in 1868 to Georgina Scott, who was born in Brown County, Ill., in 1849, and is the daughter of G. W. Scott. They have three children living, and one dead.

David Newburn was born in Preble County, Ohio, January 22, 1829. He is the son of David Newburn, who was born in Pennsylvania, July 27, 1792. He was married in Ohio to Beulah Brown, who was born in New Jersey, February 17, 1787. He removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and in 1844 located in Illinois, where he lived until his death, March 28, 1855. He was a farmer by vocation, and lived a consistent Christian life, beloved by all who knew him. The paternal grandfather was born on January 18, 1756. He was an early immigrant to America, and settled in Pennsylvania. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools of Ohio, and served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, which he followed from the age of sixteen to thirty inclusive, since which he has followed agricultural pursuits. In Ohio, in 1852, he wedded Mary Jane Reddick, who died in 1854. They had one daughter, who died in 1878. In 1860 Mr. Newburn married his second wife, Lucinda VanWinkle, a native of Preble County, Ohio, born November 24, 1827. They have three children, Charles B., born April 19, 1861; Warner L., born January 25, 1864, and Sarah Belle, born August 5, 1866. Mr. Newburn came to his present location from Illinois in 1872. He is a staunch Republican, and in Marshall County, Ill., held the office of county collector for one term.

O. E. Paul, editor and proprietor of the Savannah, (Mo.) *Reporter*, the organ of the Republican party in Andrew County, was born in Dayton, Ohio, on October 17, 1843, and is the son of Henry R. and Mary L. (Evans) Paul, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1815, and the latter in 1816. In 1861 the parents removed to Indiana, Pulaski County, where the father is engaged in farming. Our subject received a good education in the public schools, and in 1860 began an apprenticeship at the printer's trade in the office of the Perrysburg (Ohio) *Journal*. While serving his apprenticeship he published the Maumee *Express*, the work being done in the *Journal* office. He enlisted in the army in July, 1862, joining Company A, One Hundredth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, his resignation being accepted in May, 1865, as first lieutenant. He then worked at his trade in various places until 1869, when he began the publication of the Franklin (Ohio) *Gazette*. He removed to Savannah, Mo., in March, 1872, and took charge of the *Andrew County Republican*, which about two years later he sold, and removed to Corning, Iowa, where he published the *Union*. The next fall, however, he sold this office, and returning to



Savannah, Mo., established his present paper in April, 1876. He was married, January 31, 1865, to Anna Bailey, of Newport, Ky., who was born in 1844, and is the daughter of W. S. Bailey. To them ten children have been born, seven of whom are living.

William Parker, a farmer and stock raiser of Monroe Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Bartholomew County, Ind., March 12, 1836. He is the son of Daniel K. and Sarah (Davis) Parker. The father was born in a fort in Brown County, Ind., in 1813. At that time the Indians of the State were hostile, and the inhabitants had to fortify against them. He is the son of John Parker, of English lineage. He has followed farming as a vocation. In 1837 he removed with his family to Platte County, Mo., but later settled in Andrew County, where he now resides. His life has been identified with the history of that county, being one of the very early settlers, and a citizen of it for more than half a century. The mother is also of English descent, and was born in Bartholomew County, Ind., in 1817. They have two children—a son and a daughter: our subject, and Elizabeth, wife of J. F. Wright, of Andrew County, Mo. William was reared on a farm, and received a district school education. He began business life with a limited capital, but is now a prosperous man. He is an ardent Republican, and is an advocate of free education and public improvements. On May 1, 1862, he was united in marriage with Rachel Esslinger. She was born in Andrew County, Mo., September 20, 1843. They have two sons and four daughters, born as follows: Sarah E., July 17, 1863; Francis A., September 17, 1865; Jennie, November 6, 1867; Daniel E., January 3, 1870; May, May 1, 1874, and Stella, May 21, 1876.

Thomas Pettigrew, a leading citizen of Benton Township, Andrew Co., Mo., and residing one mile east from Rosendale, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, on December 22, 1831. He is the son of William Pettigrew and Margaret (Aiken). The former was born in Ireland in 1793, and immigrated to America in about 1849, locating in Milburn, N. J., where he died in 1853; the latter was born in Ireland, where she died while Thomas was a boy. Eight children were born to the parents of whom our subject was the fifth. He immigrated to America in 1852, and joined his father at Milburn, N. J., where he bound himself to his eldest brother, William, to learn the latter's trade. He remained here for about six years, when he removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he served as conductor on horse cars for three years. Returning to New Jersey in 1861, he enlisted in the Federal army, joining Company K of the Second Regiment of New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until he was mustered out in July, 1863. He was wounded on the 27th of June, 1862, in the battle of the Wilderness, and was confined in the hospital at Fort Monroe until his discharge. In the latter part of 1863 he immigrated to Missouri, and located in Nodaway County, where he remained for a while, then removed to St. Joseph, where he resided three years, and then returned to Nodaway County. A

year later he purchased and removed to the farm on which he now resides. It is one of the most beautiful farms in Benton Township, upon which he has a handsome residence and fine outbuildings. This farm comprises 146 acres. He also owns eighty acres of land in Kansas opposite St. Joseph, and nine town lots in Rosendale. In 1866 he was united in marriage with Mary C. Pattisson, who was born in Jefferson County, Ind., in 1844. She is the daughter of John Pattisson, deceased. Mr. Pettigrew takes an interest in all public affairs, to which he contributes liberally.

Benjamin Petree, ex-judge of the county court, and a prosperous farmer of Clay Township, was born in Franklin County, Ind., February 4, 1834. He is the son of Henry and Mary (Snowden) Petree. The father, a native of North Carolina, was born in 1807. The mother was a native of Ohio, born on August 13, 1811. They were married in Indiana, where they lived, engaged in farming, until 1843, at which time they came to Andrew County, Mo., where they died, the father about 1872, the mother in the fall of 1844. In politics the father was a Whig. The mother was a member of the Christian Church. Benjamin is the third of six children. He received a common-school education, which has been much improved by desultory reading and study. He went with his father to California in the fall of 1849. The latter remained there about one year, when he returned to Missouri; but Benjamin remained until 1857, engaged in mining. He then came back to Missouri, and upon his return settled in Andrew County, and commenced his present occupation. In the spring of 1857 he bought and removed to a farm one and one-fourth miles east of Savannah, where he lived till 1876, when he exchanged that for his present home. His farm consists of 190 acres of good land, with a neat residence, barn and other buildings upon it. In November, 1860, he wedded Miss Lucy Earls, a native of Platte County, but reared in Andrew County. She is the daughter of Jonathan and Francis Earls. The former was the first treasurer of Andrew County. In the early part of 1864 Mr. Petree enlisted in the United States army, joining the Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He accompanied Sherman from Atlanta to Washington City, and was mustered out of service at Louisville in July, 1865. In politics he is a Republican. In 1880 he was elected county judge, and served one term. His wife is a member of the Christian Church. They have had nine children—six sons and three daughters—of whom one daughter is dead.

W. A. Pyle, a farmer living three miles south from Savannah, in Jefferson Township, Andrew County, was born in Scioto County, Ohio, in 1844. He is the son of G. W. and Susannah (Rankin) Pyle, both natives of Scioto County, Ohio. The former was born about 1815, and was the son of Absalom Pyle, born in Roanoke County, Va., of English parents. He removed from his native State to Ohio, where he engaged in farming. His wife, Sabina Marshall, also of English descent, and a native of Vir-

ginia, was a first cousin of Humphrey Marshall, of Kentucky. The father of our subject was a farmer also, and removed to Missouri in 1847, having purchased the homestead where W. A. now resides. He died the year of his removal to Andrew County. His wife was born in 1817, and was the daughter of William Rankin. She died in Ohio during the winter of 1846-47. W. A. was reared on his grandfather's farm in Ohio, and acquired his education in the district schools, and in a private school at Jackson. At seventeen years of age he enlisted in the army, joining Company E, of the Thirty-third Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, as a private, Col. Sill commanding. He marched with his regiment into Eastern Kentucky, where Humphrey Marshall was driven out; from there to Louisville, and with Gen. Mitchell, through Bowling Green, Ky., to Nashville, Tenn., and on to Huntsville, Ala. His regiment was then left as rear guard, and on Gen. Buell's retreat were shelled out of Fort McCook, when they marched to Louisville, and thence to Perryville, and in Rosseau's division participated in the fight at that place, where twenty-four of the forty-five men in the company were lost. After this they went to Nashville, and thence to Murfreesboro, where they engaged in the Stone River fight, and subsequently in the Tullahoma campaign, and after driving the rebels from Hoover's Gap, went into camp at Cowan, where they remained until September 1, 1863. Chickamauga was their next fight. His regiment was in the First Brigade, First Division and Fourteenth Corps. On Sunday, the last day's fighting, he was wounded and taken prisoner, and after laying on the field in Cheatham's hospital, was taken to Atlanta, and held in prison until February 17, 1864, when he was exchanged under a flag of truce. He was sent to the hospital at Nashville, was granted a furlough, and returned to Ohio. He reported at Cincinnati in May, and was placed in the hospital. In August, 1864, he was sent to Todd Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, to be mustered out on October 4, 1864, after which he returned to his home in Ohio, where he remained until 1867, when he immigrated to Andrew County, Mo. He has resided here since, and engaged in farming. He was married in 1867 to Mary J. Bennett, who was born in Ohio on December 26, 1847, and is the daughter of James Bennett. They have three children in life, and one dead.

Hon. David Rea was born in Ripley County, Ind., January 19, 1831, and is the eldest of a family of ten children born to Jonathan and Lurana (Breedon) Rea, natives of Mecklenburg County, N. C., and Kentucky respectively, and born in 1805 and 1813. The mother was a daughter of Joseph Breedon, and the father a son of John Rea, who died when Jonathan was but a boy. The latter immigrated to Andrew County, Mo., in 1842, and locating upon a farm made the same his home until his death in 1854. David Rea spent his boyhood in hard labor upon his father's farm during the summer months, devoting himself to study during winter. At the age of eighteen he was qualified to teach school, which he did a portion of the time for five succeeding years, during which time he began

the study of law. In 1852 he married Miss Nancy E., daughter of James C. Beatti, formerly of Virginia. He then commenced to improve eighty acres of land near Rosendale, and upon the commencement of the war joined the ranks of the Union army, in which he successively served as first lieutenant, captain, quartermaster and lieutenant colonel. Having been admitted to the bar in 1862, he began the practice of his profession in 1863, and followed his professional career diligently until nominated for Congress. During these years of his residence in Savannah he was for some time a member of the board of education. Politically he is and has always been a Democrat. His first presidential vote was cast for Pierce, and the nominees of his party have since had his hearty support. In 1874 the Democratic party of the Ninth Congressional District, composed of Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Clinton, De Kalb, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth, and afterward also of Caldwell and Ray, chose Mr. Rea as its candidate for Congress on September 22. After a warm contest and campaign Mr. Rea was elected by a majority of 1,558 over his opponent, Col. D. A. Thompson, of Atchison County. In 1876 Mr. Rea was again nominated by his party for reelection to Congress. Hon. B. F. Loan, of St. Joseph, Mo., an able lawyer, and for six years during and after the war a member of Congress, was the Republican nominee against him, and after a very warm and exciting campaign Mr. Rea was re-elected, defeating his opponent by a majority of 2,372 votes. In 1878 he was again the Democrats' choice for a third term in Congress, his opponents for nomination being Gen. James Craig, of St. Joseph, Mo., Hon. Lafe Dawson, of Maryville, Mo., Col. Cundiff, then editor of the *St. Joseph Gazette*, and Hon. Thomas Porter, of Clinton County. In this election he was defeated by Hon. Nicholas Ford, the nominee on the Greenback ticket, the year being the one in which that party swept many portions of the State. During the XLIV Congress Mr. Rea was a member of the committee on agriculture; during the XLV, of the committee on commerce, Hon. John H. Reagan, of Texas, being chairman. This committee prepared and reported to the House the inter-State commerce bill of that Congress, and also during that Congress Mr. Rea was a member of the committee on mines and mining. Among the public measures warmly supported by Mr. Rea while in Congress were the inter-State commerce bill, the remonetization of silver, and the improvement of our great waterways. After the 4th of March, 1879, Mr. Rea retired from public life, having served as a member of Congress from March 4, 1875, to that date, and has since resumed the practice of law in Savannah. He still works zealously every election for the success of his party, but has not been a candidate or held any official position since his retirement from Congress, with the exception of being a member of the school board of Savannah. Mr. Rea resides in one of the handsomest dwellings in Savannah, and has a family of four sons and two daughters. Himself and wife are unostentatiously charitable, and much respected and admired as among the best citizens of the county.

Judge Joseph Rea is of Irish and Scotch descent, and was born in Ripley County, Ind., November 13, 1837. He is the second child of Jonathan and Lurana Rea, and has one brother and six of eight sisters now living. He immigrated with his parents to Andrew County, the family then consisting of David, Joseph, Frances, Jane and Elizabeth. He made his home with his parents, working upon the farm in the summer and attending the district school in the winter. After the death of the father in February, 1854, he remained with his mother and sisters until the death of the former in February, 1861, whereupon the family became scattered. Joseph then lived with William Pettyjohn, who had rented the old homestead, and continued farming and stock raising, devoting his leisure hours to the study of law, for which he had a natural inclination, and which he had studied previously in the law office of Judge William Heren at Savannah, Mo., while making his home with that gentleman during his attendance at a term of school taught by Prof. George W. Turner. During the war he took a decided stand for the Union. In October, 1862, he was married to Miss Sarah A. Muse, daughter of Henry and Mahala Muse, who had emigrated from Kentucky to Missouri in an early day. He afterward, during the war, enlisted in the Fifty-first United States Missouri Infantry Volunteers, served as private and first lieutenant of Company B, and assistant quartermaster, and for about two months kept the Gratiot Street military prison in St. Louis. Since his honorable discharge upon the cessation of hostilities, he has been successfully farming and practicing law in Andrew County, Mo. He is a Democrat in politics, and in 1886 was nominated for the office of probate judge by his party, and after a close race with John B. Majors, the Republican nominee and a prominent and popular man, was elected by 87 majority, the county being about 200 Republican majority at the time. Mr. Rea is now the probate judge, and is filling the office to the satisfaction of his friends and the community.

J. S. Reece, a farmer and stock raiser in Platte Township, was born in Yadkin County, N. C., on August 10, 1838. He is the son of Alvis and Mary (Hobson) Reece. The father was born in Yadkin County, N. C., January 26, 1810, and is the son of Joel Reece, of English lineage. He has followed farming as a vocation, and now resides in his native county. He is a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is universally respected. The mother is also a native of Yadkin County, N. C. She was born in 1812, and died in 1843. They had three sons, of whom J. S. is the youngest and only surviving one. He was reared at home, and received a common-school education in the country schools. When but twenty years of age he came to Andrew County, Mo., and in the spring of 1858 hired as a laborer on a farm, receiving \$13 per month. On October 2, 1862, he was united in marriage with Martha Allen. Two sons, S. F. and J. B., are the fruits of their marriage. Their mother died January 20, 1868. On February 1, 1870, he formed a second union with

Mrs. Rhoda (Vestal) Holcombe. Two sons, Frederick and Oscar, and daughters, Maud and Nettie, have blessed this union. His wife's first marriage was blessed with one daughter, Jurusiah. In 1863, soon after his marriage, he went to farming for himself as a renter, but by energy and frugality he has been able to become the owner of a well-improved farm of 240 acres, desirably situated in the township. In 1861 he enlisted for six months in Company A of Col. Kimble's regiment of Missouri Cavalry, at the end of which time he was discharged on account of ill health. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and is a friend to churches, schools and all public improvements.

James W. Roberts, a well-to-do farmer of Lincoln Township, was born in Saline County, Mo., on May 22, 1827. His parents were Arnett and Ann (Thompson) Roberts, both natives of Virginia, and each in early life removed with their parents to Kentucky, where they were married in 1825. After their marriage they came to Saline County, Mo., where the father engaged in school teaching one year, when he removed to Clay County, where he remained occupied in agricultural pursuits, until 1842. He then came to Andrew County, and continued to till the soil, and took a mail contract between Hamburg and Penwick's Store, for which his son, James, did the riding four years. Our subject having gone to Nebraska in 1854, the parents removed there in 1857, and the father died in 1862. The mother is still living in Nebraska, eighty-one years of age. James received a fair education, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. He began business life farming and trading in live stock. He was among the first settlers of Nebraska, and built in Richardson County the first cabin that was erected in the State. He was one of the party that laid off the town of Salem. In 1867 he returned to Andrew County, where he has since resided. He purchased his present farm in 1866, and settled on it the next year. He owns 104 acres of land upon which is a neat residence. On February 25, 1849, he wedded Miss Sarah Walker, daughter of Joseph Walker, the first settler of Andrew County. They have had ten children—six sons and four daughters—of whom one son and one daughter are dead. Mr. Roberts is a Democrat in politics. His wife is a member of the Christian Church.

Holmes Robertson, a farmer of Jackson Township, is a native of Jefferson County, Ind., born April 4, 1823. He is the fifth of eleven children born to William and Mary (Hie) Robertson. The father was a native of North Carolina, born January 22, 1791. The mother was born in Virginia, July 29, 1791. She afterward went with her people to North Carolina, where she was married. After their marriage they engaged in agricultural pursuits in Bladen County, N. C., where they lived a few years, then immigrated to Indiana, and settled in Jefferson County, but ten years later moved to Ripley County where they died. His death occurred on April 12, 1877, his wife's on December

28, 1876. They were both members of the Missionary Baptist Church. In politics the father was a Whig. Holmes received a common-school education, which has been improved by desultory reading and study. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm. February 5, 1846 he wedded Miss Mary E. Cole, of Ripley County, born October 9, 1829. After his marriage he remained in Ripley County until the following October, when he immigrated to Missouri, and settled near Fillmore. In March, 1847, he settled on his present location, buying at the same time the pre-emption right of 80 acres. He has since bought other land until now he owns 400 acres. He and wife are among the respected and esteemed citizens of their county. They have twelve children—five sons and seven daughters—all of whom are living. Three sons and four daughters are married; two sons are in the West. In politics Mr. Robertson is a Democrat.

William D. Ruddell, one of the leading citizens of Andrew County, and at present deputy circuit clerk, was born in Adams County, Ill., on February 21, 1834, and is the son of John M. and Martha A. (Dunlap) Ruddell. John, the father, was born in Kentucky in 1812, and is the son of Stephen Ruddell, a native of Virginia. The grandfather removed to Kentucky with his parents, who were among the pioneers of that State. In 1817 he removed to Missouri, and in 1829 to Illinois. John Ruddell is a successful farmer, and a prominent man in Adams County, Ill. He has served as a member of the county court, and also represented his county in the Illinois Legislature. Martha, the mother, was born in Kentucky in 1813, and is the daughter of John Dunlap, a native of South Carolina, who immigrated at an early day to the State of Kentucky. To the parents eleven children were born, of whom William D. is the eldest. He was reared on a farm, and educated in the common schools. In 1857 he began life for himself as a farmer in Illinois, at which he continued till 1862, when he assisted in raising a company for the Seventy-eighth United States Regiment of Illinois Infantry, of which he was elected first lieutenant. He continued throughout the war with his regiment, serving as adjutant, with the rank of lieutenant for six months in 1863, and in January, 1864, was promoted to captain; he was severely wounded at the siege of Atlanta, Ga. He was mustered out of service on June 7, 1865, at Washington City. Returning to Adams County, Ill., he resumed farming, at which occupation he continued until 1876, when he removed to Andrew County, Mo., and purchased a farm in Clay Township. In 1884 he was elected treasurer of Andrew County as a Democrat, being the only candidate elected on that ticket. He held the office for two years—one term—and then took his present position under J. C. Brooks. He was married November 15, 1857, to Miss Malissa J. Grimes, who was born in Kentucky in 1835, and is the daughter of Abraham Grimes. Five children have blessed this union, one of whom is dead. Mrs. Ruddell is a member of the Christian Church.

M. G. Ruby, the subject of the following sketch, was born in Cumber-

land County, Penn., June 6, 1826, and is the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Rupp) Ruby. He is a descendant of a family of which five brothers were Revolutionary soldiers, who were in winter quarters at Valley Forge. The father, who was a native of Pennsylvania, was the son of Michael Ruby, also a native of the Keystone State, and of French descent. Samuel was a civil engineer, and was reared and educated in his native State, where he married and resided until his death. His wife, a native of the same State, was of German lineage. She was the mother of four sons and three daughters, of whom two sons and a daughter are now (1887) living. They are Prof. S. V. Ruby, Anna C. Ruby and our subject. M. G. was reared in Pennsylvania, and received a classical education at the Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, that State. He also studied law in Pennsylvania, and removed to Missouri in the fall of 1853, settling in Howard County, but later went to Platte County. His first pursuit, after his arrival in Missouri, was school teaching, which he followed for a short time. He then entered the profession of law, locating in Gentry County. He practiced his profession until the war, when he entered the drug business, which he followed for several years. In 1854 he was united in marriage with Amelia F. Leebrick, daughter of John N. Leebrick; they have three sons. His aspirations are not for public life, but he prefers the life of a retired citizen, and now resides in Rochester, Andrew County, Mo. He is a Master Mason. In politics he was a Democrat before the war, but since has been a Republican.

C. C. Somerville. The father of the subject of this sketch was Alexander Scott Somerville, who was born on his estate, Somerville Park, Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1786. His was a branch of the Lord Somerville family of Scotland, originally of France, who came over with William the Conqueror. Alexander was a cousin of Lord Somerville, who died in 1870, leaving his son, Alexander N. (a brother of our subject), heir to the Somerville estate, which is now in litigation. The father died in 1855. The mother was Elizabeth Munro, daughter of Col. Munro, of the British army, who fell at the battle of Seringopatom, India, in 1799. She died in 1848. They were married in 1812, and had eight children, only two of whom survive, the subject of this sketch and Rev. Dr. A. N. Somerville, of Glasgow, Scotland. C. C. Somerville was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on April 22, 1826. He received a good education at Edinburgh Academy, and immigrated to Canada in 1846, but in 1852 removed to Andrew County, and located at Savannah, where he engaged as bookkeeper for William R. King. From 1857 to 1860 he was engaged in merchandising in Savannah with Elliott, Somerville & Co. In 1860 he and Edward Breck were engaged in the banking business in Savannah, in a branch of the Southern Bank of St. Louis, and in July, 1863, he returned to Scotland, where he remained a year, and then located in Canada, and for twelve years engaged in merchandising. Returning to Andrew County, Mo., he for four years served as deputy county clerk



of that county, and from that time until 1882 he was engaged in banking with John McLain. Since 1882 he has been connected with the Farmers' Bank at Savannah. He was married July 22, 1854, in Savannah, Mo., to Mary Woodcock, a native of Knox County, Ohio, born October 3, 1832. She is the daughter of Samuel Woodcock, who settled in Andrew County, Mo., in the fall of 1839. To this union eight children have been born, six of whom are living.

Jule Schnitzius, county collector of Andrew County, Mo., was born on the river Rhine, Prussia, on March 13, 1842, and is the son of John and Mary (Sheater) Schnitzius, both of whom were born in the above named locality, the father, September 2, 1805, and the mother, April 5, 1810. They immigrated to America in the spring of 1847, landing in New York City. They at once located in St. Charles County, Mo., and engaged in farming. The mother died May 3, 1873, the father, May 5, 1886. To the parents five sons and two daughters were born, of whom our subject was the sixth. He was reared on a farm, and secured a limited education in the schools of St. Charles County. He began life for himself in 1859, as an apprentice at the carpenter's trade in St. Louis, at which he continued until April 17, 1861. At this time he enlisted in the Federal army, and was assigned to Company D, of the Second Regiment of Missouri Volunteer Infantry. At the expiration of three months, he re-enlisted in Company B, of Kimball's Sixth Regiment of Missouri State Militia, and served for six months. He was mustered out at St. Joseph, Mo., in the spring of 1862, and then enlisted in Capt. Castle's company of militia, organized at Savannah, of which company he was second lieutenant. While a member of the above named company, he farmed in Andrew County, and in 1863 enlisted in Company M, of the Eleventh Regiment of Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, of which he was quartermaster sergeant. He served with this regiment until the close of the war, being mustered out at New Orleans, La., July 27, 1865. Returning to Andrew County he engaged in farming until March, 1884, when he was elected as a Republican to the office of county collector, and was re-elected in 1886. He continues to reside on his farm, however. He was married September 21, 1865, to Clara Smith, who was born in Andrew County, Mo., on September 24, 1845, and is the daughter of John Smith. To them eight children have been born, one of whom is dead. He and wife are both members of the Presbyterian Church.

S. M. Scott, the subject of the following sketch, is one of the representative farmers of Platte Township, Andrew Co., Mo. He was born in Marion County, Ky., June 29, 1824, and is the son of George S. and Rachel (Miller) Scott. The former was born in Cumberland County, Ky., in 1801, and was the son of William Scott, of English lineage. He followed farming as a vocation, and in the fall of 1854 immigrated with his family to Andrew County, Mo., where he resided until his death in 1856. The mother was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1808, and is now in her eightieth year. She is the mother of four sons and five daughters,

of whom S. M., with whom she resides, is the fourth child. He was reared on a farm, and received a limited education in the country schools of Kentucky. He began the battle of life without capital, but by untiring energy and enterprise he has been successful in his vocation, and is now a prosperous man. He owns 740 acres of fertile land in Andrew County. He is an extensive farmer and stock raiser, and is especially interested in raising mules, of which he has raised some very fine ones. He has no ambition to become a wealthy man, but aspires to accumulate enough property that he may provide for his family the necessary comforts of life. In 1861 he wedded Elizabeth Abell, daughter of Peter Abell. They have three daughters and two sons. Mr. Scott is a member of the Baptist Church, and in politics he is Democratic.

W. H. Scott, an extensive farmer and stock raiser of Platte Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in Marion County, Ky., January 17, 1841. He is the son of George Scott and Rachel Miller, both natives of Kentucky; the former was the son of Richard Scott, and was born in 1801; the latter was born in 1808, and now resides in Missouri. W. H. was reared on the farm, and received a liberal education in the country schools of Kentucky and Missouri. He had no capital to begin with, but has been successful in his vocation, and is now a prosperous man, owning 280 acres of fertile land. He has never aspired to public office, but is a friend and an aid to churches, schools and public improvements and enterprises. In April, 1870, he wedded Emma Powell, daughter of Milton Powell, of Andrew County, Mo. They have seven sons and two daughters.

Samuel Seely, the father of our subject, was a native of Massachusetts, and was the son of John and Mary (Slater) Seely. John was also a native of Massachusetts, and a member of one of the leading families of the Bay State. Mary Slater was the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, and one of the survivors of the Wyoming massacre. While Samuel was a boy, his parents removed to Vermont, from whence he volunteered in the War of 1812, and served in the command of Gen. McComb. After his service in the war, he settled in St. Lawrence County, N. Y. Later he removed to Western New York, and thence to Oakland County, Mich. He was a farmer by vocation. He died in Kent County, Mich., in 1854. Susan Clinging, the mother, was born near Dublin, Ireland. Being left an orphan in childhood, she came to America with an uncle. She died in Oakland County, Mich., in 1845. They had seven children, of whom S. E. was the youngest. He was born September 27, 1834, in Oakland County, Mich. He was reared on the farm, and attended the public schools, finishing his education in Northville, Mich., after which he taught school until 1854, and then removed to Iowa, where he taught one session, and also engaged in surveying. In 1855 he was appointed deputy treasurer and recorder of Guthrie County, Iowa, which position he held for one year, and then taught school during the winter of 1855-56. The following spring he immigrated to Nebraska,

where he engaged in the stock and land business, and in 1856–57 served as a member of the Nebraska Legislature. His residence in Nebraska extended over a period of ten years. In 1862 he enlisted in the Federal army, serving as lieutenant of the Second Nebraska Regiment of Cavalry. He was mustered out at Omaha, in 1864, and in April, 1866, removed to Andrew County, Mo., and settled six miles northwest from Fillmore, where he engaged in farming, and at which place he resided until December, 1874. In November, 1874, he was elected on the people's ticket to the office of circuit clerk and recorder of Andrew County, and in 1878 was re-elected on the Republican ticket, which office he held eight years. Since 1883 he has resided in Savannah, and has engaged in farming and stock raising. He also carries on merchandising at Bird City, Kas. He was married to Mary Brown, of Quincy, Ill., who was born August 25, 1839. She is the daughter of Rufus and Nancy Brown, who were among the first settlers of Quincy and of Revolutionary parentage. To this union six children have been born.

Milton R. Singleton, a retired lawyer and farmer of Clay Township, was born in Jessamine County, Ky., April 26, 1817. He is the second of six children born to the marriage of Louis Singleton and Rebecca Robards, both natives of Kentucky. The father was a farmer, and he and wife lived and died in their native State. Milton R. enjoyed fine educational advantages in his youth, and graduated from St. Joseph College, Bardstown, Ky., in 1839. After his graduation at that college, he entered the law school at Lexington, and received his diploma as LL. B. from this institution in 1840. On July 8, 1841, he wedded Miss Helen E. Steele, a cultivated lady, who was educated at Lexington. She is the daughter of Samuel C. and Elizabeth (Mitchum) Steele. After his marriage, Mr. Singleton came to Savannah, Mo., and commenced the practice of his profession, which he continued until 1861, at which time he went to Denver, Colo., and for one year engaged in other business—freighting. Returning to Missouri, he located at Liberty, Clay County, and resumed the practice of law, which he continued at that place about ten years. In 1874 he removed to St. Joseph, Mo., and was an attorney of the bar of that city twelve or thirteen years. In the spring of 1886 he returned to Andrew County, and settled where he now resides. He descended from a prominent family in Kentucky, and was among the first settlers of Savannah. In 1854–56, he represented Andrew County in the State Legislature. He is the father of nine children—six sons and three daughters—of whom five sons and one daughter are dead.

Carlton W. Spicer, a well-known physician of Fillmore, was born July 18, 1833, in Houndsfield, Jefferson Co., N. Y. He is the youngest of three sons born to William and Nancy (Paddock) Spicer, both of English descent. The father was born in Rhode Island in 1803. He was a farmer and stock dealer, and a member of the Baptist Church. He was married in New York August 15, 1824. His wife, a native of Connecticut, was born on April 19, 1795. About 1872 she came to Fillmore,

Mo., where she died. The father died in Jefferson County, N. Y., in 1847. Carlton W. spent his juvenile days assisting his father on the farm, and received his education in the public schools of New York. At fourteen years of age his father died, and he then commenced work on the home place for an elder brother. About 1850 he went to Janesville, Wis., and for a short time engaged at railroad work, then entered the employ of a surveying contractor, and later commenced reading medicine in the office of Dr. Grafton, at that place. After reading eight months he was taken sick with typhoid fever, which left him a permanent cripple. In November, 1854, he returned to his native State, and resumed the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. Amos Ellis, of Clayton, and was soon able to assist the Doctor in the practice of his profession. In October, 1856, he returned to Wisconsin, and was united in marriage with Miss Caroline R. Carver, a descendant of Gov. Carver, of Plymouth. Upon marrying he went back to New York to finish his studies, leaving his wife to care for her aged father. Returning to Wisconsin in the spring of 1857, he managed his father-in-law's farm for one year. In May, 1859, he started West, accompanied by his wife. They reached Fillmore the September following, when he exchanged his wagon and ox-team for a lot and cabin, where his residence now stands. Here he began the practice of his profession, and for awhile managed the drug store of Dr. J. G. Meagher. Being a marked Republican, in 1861 he refugeed at St. Joseph, and later enlisted in the United States army. He acted as assistant surgeon of the Sixteenth Illinois Regiment Infantry which he met in St. Joseph. He remained with the Sixteenth Regiment till January, and returned to Fillmore. In February, 1865, he joined the Fifty-first Missouri Regiment, then stationed at St. Louis, as assistant surgeon. He is a Swedenborgian in faith, and his wife is a Methodist. He is somewhat pronounced on the liquor question, holding to what is known as the Swiss plan, that is, that the sale of all liquors should be made by government agents, similar in number to our present postmasters; that all liquors should be pure, and that they should be sold to any person for medicinal, sacramental, chemical or mechanical purposes only; that any person obtaining such liquors and using them for other purposes than as before named should be held and punished as is now by law provided for persons obtaining property under false pretenses. He has served two terms as president of the District Medical Society of Northwest Missouri, and has long been the commander of Fillmore Post, No. 170, G. A. R.

Judge G. Steeby, a well-known farmer of Lincoln Township, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, February 17, 1834. He is the eldest of four children born to George and Mary (Schwendeman) Steeby, who were of English and German descent, and natives of Pennsylvania. They were married in their native State, and removed immediately to Ohio, where they entered forty acres of land in Tuscarawas County. The father was born on July 20, 1813. In early

life he worked at the millwright's trade, but later he was a furniture dealer in Ragresville, where he died in 1867. He was a life-long Democrat, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. The mother was born July 25, 1807, and is still living in Ohio. She is also a member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject spent his boyhood on the farm, and secured a fair education at the country schools, which has been improved by much desultory reading and study. At sixteen years of age he began to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for three years in Ohio. In 1853 he went West, and upon reaching Savannah, Mo., he had but 50 cents and an extra suit of clothes. In a short time he was earning \$9 per week at his trade, which he followed in Savannah three years. He then went to Nebraska, but returned after one year to Amazonia, Andrew County, where he remained about four years, during which time he worked some at St. Joseph. In 1862 he bought forty acres of land near Amazonia, which he made an effort to cultivate, but finding his farm too small he sold it in the fall of 1864, and in February of the next year removed to his present location. He bought 120 acres, and began farming in connection with carpentering, but has not worked at his trade for the last ten years. He has added at different times to his 120 acres until he now owns nearly 800 acres in Andrew County. In November, 1880, he was elected county judge for one term. In April, 1866, he was elected school director, which position he has since held with the exception of two years. On February 12, 1857, he wedded Miss Mary Moser, of Ohio, but raised in Andrew County, Mo. They have reared thirteen children—five sons and eight daughters—of whom one son, William C., died in June, 1873. Judge Steeby is a Republican. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

A. J. Sutton, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Andrew County, Mo., was born in Virginia on March 13, 1831. He is the son of Baylie and Sallie (Worley) Sutton. The father was born in North Carolina in 1794, and was the son of John Sutton, a native of England, who immigrated to America at an early day. He has followed farming as a life vocation, and is now a resident of Kentucky, to which State he removed in 1862. The mother was born in North Carolina, in about 1791, and was the daughter of John Worley. She died in 1886. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom A. J. was the fifth. He was reared on the farm, and attended the common schools in Virginia, acquiring only a limited education. He left home at an early age, going with an elder brother to Madison County, Ky. In 1852 he immigrated to Clay County, Mo., and engaged in farming. Residing there until the fall of 1867, he made a trip to Nebraska, and the following spring purchased a farm near Atchison, Kas., where he remained for about seven years, and then removed to Andrew County, Mo., and began farming in Clay Township, where he purchased a large tract of land. He next removed to St. Joseph, Mo., and remained a year. Purchasing a large farm in Holt County, he lived there for

three years, and then returned to St. Joseph. Three years later he came to Savannah, where he had purchased the old Waterman place, which is a beautiful farm of 280 acres, bordering on the town. He has a handsome brick residence surrounded by beautiful grounds, and this is considered one of the most desirable homesteads in Andrew County. For years he has been engaged in breeding and handling fine cattle, and has also dealt successfully in real estate. He owns a half interest in a drug store at Newport, Mo. His aggregate possessions amount to more than \$50,000. He has always occupied a high and influential position in the esteem of his fellow citizens, and has attended several State and county conventions as a delegate from his county. In 1873 he was elected, as a Democrat, to represent Atchison County, Kas., in the State Legislature, overcoming a large Republican majority. He was married May 17, 1851, to Adaline Moran, born in Madison County, Ky., in 1830, and the daughter of James D. Moran. They had five children, three of whom are living. His wife died November 13, 1861. He then married Rachel V. Smith, who was born in Tennessee, in 1831, and is the daughter of Jacob Smith. To this union six children have been born, all of whom are living.

James Thraikill, a substantial farmer of Lincoln Township, was born near Weldon, N. C., February 22, 1827. His parents were John and Emily (Moore) Thraikill. They were of a somewhat mixed descent, but their paternal grandfathers were natives of Russia and Scotland, respectively. The father was a native of North Carolina, born September 19, 1806; the mother was born in Nashville, Tenn., on March 3, 1816. The former when a child removed with his parents to Kentucky, and thence to Davidson County, Tenn., where his father at one time owned the "Hermitage." About 1833 he came to Missouri, and the following year was married. In 1849 he settled where our subject now lives, and where he died on August 24, 1854. His wife is still living, in her seventy-second year. James received a common-school education. At the age of sixteen he lost his father, and the care of the family fell chiefly upon him. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted in the State militia (Confederate), under Gen. Price, with whom he served three months. The next year he entered the regular army, and for eighteen months he did gallant service, participating in the battles of Blue Mills, Lexington, Pea Ridge, and lesser engagements. He received two shots in the left arm at Blue Mills, and a saber cut in the left knee at Pea Ridge. On the retreat from the latter place thirty-five pieces of artillery were placed in his charge, and with sixty men he safely conducted them to a point between Huntsville and Van Buren, Ark., where they were again received by the army. Having been discharged on account of ill health, he returned to the West, and, until 1867, he was engaged in various occupations, chiefly freighting across the plains. In the fall of 1867 he returned to Missouri, and on December 15 he married Miss Ann Huitt. After one year spent on the home farm he removed to Holt County, where he resided until

1880. He then returned to Andrew County, and bought the old homestead. He is the father of four sons and three daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter are dead. Both he and wife are worthy members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

James Todd, a farmer of Jefferson Township, was born near his present location on October 12, 1842. He is the third of nine children born to Jephthah and Huldah (Todd) Todd, both natives of Estill County, Ky., born on June 4, 1808, and July 12, 1812, respectively. In early life they came to Missouri, and were married in Howard County on July 17, 1838. They then located on a farm in Andrew County, where they spent the remainder of their days. They died within a month of each other, in 1875, the father on April 25, and the mother on March 31. Until reaching his majority James spent his time in securing an education and working on the home-farm. In the summer of 1863 he went to Colorado, and the greater portion of the next two years was spent in freighting across the plains. Since 1866 he has been engaged in farming in Andrew County, with the exception of one year which he spent in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, managing a sheep ranch. He has been deservedly successful, and is now the owner of 200 acres of well-improved land. He has never married. He is a Democrat in politics, and is one of the highly-respected citizens of the county.

W. C. Townsend, a successful young farmer of Benton Township, Andrew Co., Mo., was born in this county on March 16, 1853. He is the son of W. C. and Mary Ann (Jud) Townsend, both natives of Indiana. He was reared on the farm, and was given a good education in the public schools. He began business life at the age of twenty-one years, and for seven years worked on the farm in partnership with his brother. In the spring of 1881 he purchased the farm where he now resides. He has a good farm on the One-Hundred-and-Two River, one and a half miles west from Bolckow, on which he raises a variety of crops. In the spring of 1880 he was united in marriage with Amanda Neely, who was born in Andrew County in 1862. She is the daughter of Franklin and Nancy (Wites) Neely. Four children (boys) have blessed this union. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend are members of the Baptist Church.

Dr. Matthew F. Wakefield (deceased), the subject of this sketch, was one of the leading physicians of Andrew County, Mo., and a prominent citizen of Savannah. He was born in Nelson County, Ky., on June 16, 1816. He was the eldest of six children, and was eleven years old when his father died. He worked for his mother on the farm until twenty-three years of age, attending school in the winter. After leaving the farm he clerked in a store in Kentucky for a year, during which time he conceived the idea of fitting himself for the profession he afterward adorned. He read medicine with Dr. Bascomb, and then entered the medical college at Louisville, Ky., from which he graduated. Returning to Nelson County he practiced his profession for one year, and then entered Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, and also graduated

from that institution. In 1855 he removed to Andrew County, Mo., where he resided, and practiced his profession until his death, which occurred on February 2, 1886. He was united in marriage in Nelson County, Ky., on November 17, 1844, to M. A. McDonald. She was born in Washington County, Ky., on January 31, 1822, and died in Savannah, Mo., January 29, 1858. To this union four children were born, three of whom survive. On December 8, 1858, he was again married, to H. A. Roberts, a native of Shelby County, Ky., who, with seven or eight children, survives him, and now resides in Savannah. Dr. Wakefield was a man of sterling worth and character, peculiarly fitted for the profession in which he achieved such a brilliant success.

J. F. Waters, the subject of this sketch, is one of the leading citizens of Savannah and cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Andrew County, Mo. He was born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, in 1845, and is the son of Lewis and Francis (Sappington) Waters, the former being a native of New York and the latter of Missouri. The mother died in 1884, and the father now resides in Orwell, Ohio. Our subject was reared on the farm in Ohio. He attended the public schools, finishing his education at Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. At the age of seventeen years he went to Goshen, Ind., where he clerked in a wholesale and retail leather store for \$13.50 per month. In 1863 he entered the United States quartermaster department at Chattanooga, Tenn., receiving the first goods shipped to that point after the establishment of a depot there for the Army of the Cumberland. He filled various positions from assistant receiving clerk to military storekeeper, being on duty at that depot for eighteen months. He next went to Nashville, Tenn., where he was on duty at the cavalry depot until close of the war. He moved to Missouri in 1868, locating at Springfield. He removed to Savannah in the spring of 1873, and upon the death of Mr. Childs, cashier of the Farmers' Bank, took the position of the deceased, which he held until February, 1881, when he was elected cashier. He began dealing in cattle in 1874, and is at present operating in Tom Green County, Tex., where he owns a private ranch with 4,000 head of cattle. He is president of the Waters' Cattle Company of Arizona, which he organized. In 1871 he was joined in marriage to Fanny M. Newell, of Ashtabula County, Ohio. They have five children. Mr. and Mrs. Waters are members of the Presbyterian Church.

James Wells, one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of Andrew County, Mo., is a farmer, and resides in Rochester Township. He was born in Adams County, Ohio, June 30, 1817, and is the son of John S. and Cynthia (Wilson) Wells. He was the only child born to this union, and his mother died when he was an infant. The father was born in Pennsylvania, but, when a boy, removed with his parents to Mason County, Ky., where he was reared. He was a farmer, and after his marriage removed to Ohio, where he remained a short time. He then returned to Kentucky, where he resided until his death. James was



reared on a farm near Maysville, Mason Co., Ky., and received his education in the country schools. He has engaged in farming as an occupation, and in 1840 he came to Missouri, and settled in Platte County. In 1844 he returned to his native State, and married Mary M. Phillips, of Mason County, after which he returned to Missouri, where he has since resided. He is the father of three sons and three daughters, all of whom are living. Beginning life without capital, he is now a prosperous farmer, and owns 600 acres of land.

Francis M. Wells, county judge of the First District of Andrew County, Mo., was born on a farm in Morgan County, Ill., on September 14, 1835. He is the son of Jonathan and Letitia (Way) Wells. The father was born in Orange County, N. C., on January 4, 1800. He was the son of Joseph Wells, who was also a native of North Carolina, and immigrated in 1815 to Orange County, Ind., where he resided until his death, a few years later. Jonathan was reared on the farm, and chose farming for a life vocation. He removed to Illinois about 1826, where he resided until the year 1840, when he removed to Iowa, and located in Van Buren County. From there he removed to the Iowa purchase a year later, into what was afterward named Monroe County. They settled there in June, the same year the purchase was made, in May, and their nearest neighbors were distant six and ten miles. He reached his new home with a family numbering nine persons, without so much as a dollar in money. He entered 620 acres of land, \$1.25 per acre, paying the entries with money earned by breaking prairie land with oxen. He at once set to work diligently, and by hard labor and good management succeeded in accumulating a good competency; his property before being divided among his children was worth something over \$8,000. During the early part of his residence in the above named country he had to go sixty miles to mill, and the nearest physician was forty miles distant. The larder was supplied with meat from the game which abounded, and the stock of groceries was replenished from time to time by the sale of beeswax, made from wild honey. There was but little money in circulation, and beeswax was as good as gold in the exchange for coffee, sugar etc. From Iowa he removed to Andrew County, Mo., stopping in Empire Township during the winter of 1857-58. Purchasing land in Benton Township, on the south side of what is known as the "Lower Neely Grove," about two miles northeast from Rosendale, he removed thereto the following spring, where he resided until his death in April, 1883. He was a moral, Christian man, and died a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He aided all his children in securing homes and making a start in life. In 1823 he was united in marriage with Letitia Way, who was born in Orange County, N. C., on September 1, 1806, and was the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Way, both of whom were natives of North Carolina. Joseph's father was a Revolutionary soldier. The Ways moved from North Carolina to Orange County, Ind., thence to Illinois and thence to Iowa, where he died, living to be over 100 years of age. Letitia was a pious,

Christian woman, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died in May, 1884. Ten children were born to the parents, of whom nine survive. Our subject was the fifth child. He was reared on the farm, and was given such an education as the frontier schools afforded. He came with his father to Andrew County in the fall of 1857, and on March 29, 1860, his marriage with Sarah E. Richards was celebrated. Mrs. Wells was born in Illinois on May 13, 1838. She is the daughter of Zachariah W. and Mary (Field) Richards, natives of West Tennessee and Alabama, respectively. They came to Andrew County in 1841. The father is still living in Empire Township, but the mother died in the fall of 1863. After his marriage our subject located on the south side of "Lower Neely Grove." On January 21, 1862, he enlisted in H. B. Johnson's Battery Light Artillery, Missouri State Troops. He was at the battle of Kirksville, Whaley's Mills and other engagements. On December 30, 1862, he was discharged on account of physical disability. Since that time he has twice exchanged farms, first in 1863, with his brother-in-law in Putnam County, Mo., where he resided ten years with his brother, and in 1873 he again traded his Putnam County land for a farm in Benton Township, Andrew County. His farm consists of 170 acres of good land, upon which he has a handsome residence. He has held various township offices, both in Putnam and Andrew Counties, and in 1886 was elected county judge. He is a member of Valley Lodge, No. 413, F. & A. M., and of the Missionary Baptist Church, in which he is a deacon and clerk. His wife and all the children are members of the same church. They have had six children born to them—four girls and two boys—as follows: Maggie E. (Mrs. Israel Knappenberger), born June 18, 1861; Louvina J. (Mrs. John M. Townsend), born February 18, 1863; Samuel C., born February 3, 1864, and died April 25, 1864; Alzina A., born June 19, 1865; William H., born February 17, 1867, and died January 5, 1868; Emma J., born June 29, 1869. Judge Wells is a strong supporter of the public school system, and has taken great pride in educating his children.

W. S. Wells, of the firm of T. J. & W. S. Wells, lumber dealers of Savannah and Bolckow, was born in Andrew County, Mo., and is the son of W. B. and Nancy (Griffith) Wells. The father was born in Ohio in 1817, and removed to Andrew County, Mo., in 1839, locating in Jackson Township and engaging in farming. In 1872 he removed to Savannah, where he now resides. He has always occupied a high position in the esteem of his fellow citizens, and has served as mayor of Savannah for two years. Nancy Griffith, his wife, was born in Bourbon County, Ky., in 1818. She was a pious, Christian lady, and a member of the Methodist Church. She died in 1871. To them five children were born—three sons and two daughters—all of whom are living, as follows: Martha E., now Mrs. C. W. Bramel, of Laramie City, Wyo., born in 1842; W. S., born October 16, 1843; Susan C., now Mrs. John Conner, of Savannah, born in 1845; George W., a merchant of Bolckow, born in 1848; Thomas

J., a member of the above-named firm, born in 1850. All of the children were reared on the farm, and educated in the schools of Andrew County and St. Joseph. W. S. left the farm in 1860, going to Colorado, where he remained five years, when he returned to Savannah, and engaged in merchandising. In 1878, in partnership with his brother, George W., he established a store at Bolckow, in which he retains an interest at present. During the same year he and brother, T. J., opened their lumber business in Savannah, and in 1883 a similar business at Bolckow. They own the only lumber yards in those places, and control a large trade. He was married in 1877 to Mattie Bedford, who was born in Andrew County, Mo., in 1859. She is the daughter of Alexander Bedford, one of the wealthy and influential farmers of Empire Township, Andrew County. To this union three children have been born, two of whom are living. Mr. Wells was elected county collector of Andrew County in 1882, as a Democrat (though the county is Republican), by a majority of from 150 to 200. He was one of the founders of the State Bank of Savannah in 1887, and is the present cashier. Mr. Wells' Masonic career is one of no inconsiderable importance. May 13, 1886, he was duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the holy order of High Priesthood in grand convention at St. Louis, Mo., and at this time is High Priest of Savannah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 83. He is also Treasurer of Savannah Lodge No. 71, A. F. and A. M., and a member of St. Joseph Council No. 9, Royal and Select Masters.

Z. T. Wells, the subject of this sketch, is a progressive citizen and farmer of Benton Township, Andrew Co., Mo., and is the youngest child of Jonathan and Letitia (Way) Wells. [See sketch of F. M. Wells.] He was born in Monroe County, Iowa, on January 19, 1849, and received a fair education in the public schools. He has followed farming as a vocation, and now resides on the old homestead near Rosendale. On April 23, 1872, he was united in marriage with Caroline Lewellen, who was born in Preble County, Ohio, on December 23, 1847, and is the daughter of Bafford and Nancy Lewellen, both of whom are living. The former is a native of Ohio, and the latter, of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Wells have three children born as follows: Ella R., January 21, 1873; Andrew J., January 4, 1874; Nannie B., September 3, 1879.

James Westcott, a prominent farmer and live stock trader, was born in Somerset County, England, August 28, 1843. He is the son of James and Mary A. (Stevens) Westcott. The father is eighty-four years of age, and is a farmer and cattle buyer. The mother was born in 1805, and died in 1877. James received a good education in his youth. While at the home of his father, he assisted him in butchering and shipping stock. In the spring of 1867 he came to America, landing at New York, came immediately to Missouri. After stopping a few months in Buchanan County, he came to Andrew County, and engaged in the butchering business at Savannah with William Hancock, continuing about one year. In the spring of 1869 he visited England but returned to Savannah the

following July, and began trading in live stock. During the winter of 1870 he and William Riddell engaged in feeding cattle on a farm. Mr. Riddell returned to England, and Mr. Westcott remained on that farm for eleven years. On May 19, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E. Riggin, a native of Andrew County, and the daughter of James Riggin, who at one time was sheriff of Andrew County. In the spring of 1882 he located where he now resides, and in 1884 built his neat residence. He is the father of four children, viz.: George H., Maud E., Lottie J., and James T. Mr. Westcott belongs to the church of England. In politics he is a Democrat.

John White, the subject of the following sketch, is one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Empire Township, Andrew Co., Mo. He is a native of Muskingum County, Ohio, and was born August 30, 1817. His father, Robert White, was born in Virginia in 1787, and died in 1858. He was the son of Charles White, a native of England, who immigrated at an early day to America. Robert was a farmer by vocation. He was united in marriage in 1805 with Elizabeth Brannon, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1787. She died in 1824, leaving a family of six sons and two daughters, of whom John is the fifth. His father having removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1817, he was reared on a farm in that State, and received a limited education in the country schools. He has since engaged some in private study, and is an intelligent man, being conversant on general subjects. In 1839 he wedded Asenath H. Farrington, of Iowa, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Morton) Farrington. She was born in North Carolina, March 22, 1822. They have three sons. One fact connected with their history is that no death has ever occurred in their family (1887). In 1840 Mr. White removed from Iowa to Andrew County, Mo., where he later entered land, and has since been very successful in accumulating property. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and in politics he is a Republican.

James H. Wilkerson, school commissioner of Andrew County, and a prominent farmer of Benton Township, living three miles southwest from Rosendale, was born in Clinton County, Ohio, in 1847. He is the son of John and Ann (Conner) Wilkerson. The father was born in Ohio in 1820, and is the son of John, who was born in Boone's Fort, Ky., and whose parents were among the pioneers of Kentucky. Our subject's father removed to Missouri in 1865, and settled in Rochester Township, Andrew County, where he has since resided, engaged in farming. The mother was born in Delaware in 1820, and is the daughter of J. Conner. They are the parents of twelve children, all of whom are living, the youngest being twenty-three years of age. James H. was reared at home, and received his education in the public schools of Ohio, the Stewartsville Seminary, and the State Normal, at Kirksville, Mo. He began teaching school in Andrew County in 1868, and, with the exception of two years, has continued in that profession. Since 1884 he

has served as principal of the Rosendale public schools. In 1880 he was elected, as a Republican, to the office of county assessor of Andrew County, which he held for two years. In 1885 he was elected county school commissioner, and re-elected in 1887. He also owns and manages a farm of 119 acres. He was united in marriage in 1874 to Lettie Petree, a native of Andrew County, Mo., born in 1853. They have four children.

Isaac R. Williams, one of the prominent members of the Andrew County bar, was born on a farm in De Kalb County, Mo., on October 1, 1852, and is the son of Thomas and Carlista (Reece) Williams. The father was born in North Carolina on February 11, 1824, and is the son of Isaac, also a native of the old "North State." His father was a native of Wales, and immigrated to America before the Revolutionary War, in which he was a soldier. Thomas, the father, immigrated to Buchanan County, Mo., in 1849, and from there removed to Gentry County, Mo., and remained one year. In 1850 he returned to his native State, where he married. His wife, who was born in North Carolina, was the daughter of Jonathan Reece. Returning to Missouri he located in De Kalb County, where he now resides, and of which he was one of the pioneers. He was appointed county judge in 1851, and served at intervals in that capacity until 1886. Our subject was reared on the farm, and began his education in the common schools. At the age of eighteen years he entered McGhee College, in Macon County, Mo., which he attended one year. He then taught school for two years, and on September 16, 1873, came to Savannah and entered the law office of David Rea, where he studied until April 10, 1874, when he was admitted to the bar. He continued in Mr. Rea's office, reading and practicing until January 1, 1876, when he formed a partnership with Judge Joseph Rea, with whom he practiced until May 1, 1879. He was married December 24, 1876, to Emma Francis, who was born in De Kalb County, Mo., on August 14, 1858, and is the daughter of Thomas Francis. To this union two children have been born, one of whom is dead.

Vincent Wilson, the subject of the following sketch is one of the oldest citizens of Andrew County, Mo., and was born in Henry County, Va., January 24, 1818. He is the son of Rice and Milly (Kelley) Wilson, both natives of Henry County, Va., the former born January 1, 1797, the latter in 1803. Vincent's paternal grandfather was Thomas Wilson, a native of England, and a worthy citizen and farmer. The father was also a farmer by vocation. He married when about twenty-two years of age, and Vincent was the first child of a family of three sons and five daughters, of whom he and two of the daughters are living. When he was eighteen months of age, his father with many relatives removed to Russell County, Ky., where he lived until his death in 1881. The mother died in 1875. Our subject was reared on his father's farm, and received a limited education in the schools of Russell County, Ky. He worked on the farm until he reached his majority, and then spent one year in

parts of Illinois and Missouri, when he returned to his father's home. He, however, had learned of the productive soil in Missouri, and believed that agricultural pursuits could be more effectively carried on there than in Kentucky, where farming was not very lucrative. Accordingly, in the fall of 1841, together with a company of emigrants, he removed to Platte County, Mo., where he engaged in farming. In 1844 he removed to Andrew County, where he has since resided. He owns two fertile and well-improved farms in Platte Township, consisting of 160 and 174 acres, respectively. He has held several positions of honor and trust. For twenty-two years he was a justice in Platte Township, and for twelve years a notary public. He is a member of the Christian Church, and is a Master Mason. In politics he is Democratic. On September 1, 1842, he was united in marriage with Irena Popplewell, daughter of Capt. John Popplewell. She was born in Russell County, Ky., April 10, 1827. Three children have blessed their union, of whom one is living, Minerva, born in Andrew County, Mo., February 14, 1847, and was married October 4, 1863, to A. J. Agee, a citizen of Andrew County, Mo.

J. F. Wright was born in Marion County, Ind., on August 23, 1834, and is the son of Jordan Wright, a native of North Carolina, born in 1796. He followed farming as an occupation, but was a wagon-maker by trade. In 1818 he was united in marriage with Barbara Fox, of North Carolina, but a native of Vermont, born in 1790. Soon after his marriage he removed to Indiana, but later, in 1845, to Andrew County, Mo., where he resided until his death in 1865. His wife died in 1878. He was an early settler in Indiana, where he established a good reputation. He was a well-respected man, and has held many positions of honor and trust. He was an ardent preacher of the gospel, and an elder in the Christian Church at Long Branch, Andrew Co., Mo., for twenty years. They had three sons and two daughters. Jesse F. was reared on a farm, and received a practical education, chiefly in the schools of Savannah, Mo. He has devoted the most of his life to agricultural pursuits, at which he has been very successful. He now resides at Helena, Andrew County, a dealer in lumber and agricultural implements. In 1858 he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Parker, daughter of Daniel K. and Sarah (Davis) Parker, of Andrew County. Of nine children who have been born unto the marriage, only three are living; one son, Emil Evert, and two daughters, Ollie F. and Celia A. Mr. Wright was a member of the Enrolled Missouri State Militia, and the Missouri State Militia during the Civil War. He has never taken an active part in politics; but is a progressive, enterprising man. He is an elder in the Christian Church at Long Branch, having been ordained immediately after the death of his father.

Joseph Younger, a farmer and stock raiser of Platte Township, Andrew Co., Mo., is a native of England. He was born in the county of Northumberland, June 18, 1821, and is the son of Joseph and Jane (Oliver) Younger, both natives of England. The father was a mechanic. They had three

children, but Joseph is the only one living. He was reared in the village of Bedlington, England, where he received a fair education. He learned the carpenter's trade, and when twenty-four years of age he came to America. Landing at Boston he spent a short time there, and at Pittsburgh, Penn., when he went to Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming, which occupation he has since followed. In July of 1866 he came to Andrew County, where he has since resided. At Milwaukee, in 1848, he was united in marriage with Dorothy Dunn, who died in 1855, and in the same year he chose for his second wife, Jane Wilson. To them five sons and four daughters have been born. Mr. Younger commenced with no capital, but by energy has become a very prosperous farmer, and owns 260 acres of land in his township. He is a highly respected citizen, and a member of the Baptist Church.

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## DE KALB COUNTY.

G. B. Atterbury, of the firm of Meek & Atterbury, general merchants, was born in Howard County, Mo., on September 10, 1839. His father, G. B., was born in South Carolina in 1799, and was the son of James Atterbury. About 1803 he removed with his parents to Kentucky, where he resided until 1817, when he immigrated to Missouri. For three years he lived in Cooper County. He then crossed the river into Howard County, which was his home until 1844, when he came to De Kalb County; he died in 1883. His wife, Elizabeth Butler, was born in Georgia in 1802, and was the daughter of William Butler, who immigrated to Kentucky, and thence to Missouri. He arrived in the latter State in 1822, and located in Howard County. The subject of this sketch was reared on the farm, and received such an education as could be obtained in the frontier schools. He was engaged in farming in De Kalb County until the beginning of the Civil War. On March 2, 1862, he enlisted in the Federal army, joining Company H, of the First Regiment, Missouri State Militia (Cavalry), with the rank of orderly sergeant. Near the close of the war he became adjutant of the regiment with the rank of first lieutenant, and after his return home he reorganized the militia of De Kalb County. He followed farming until 1885, since which he has been engaged in merchandising. In 1859 he married Elizabeth Dalton, who was born in Illinois in 1841, and died in August, 1863. She was the mother of two children, one of whom is living. Mr. Atterbury chose for his second wife, Catherine Deppen, a native of Ohio, to whom he was married in 1867. They have three children. Both he and wife are members of the Christian Church.