

MORGAN COUNTY.

F. M. Adams is a native of Old Virginia, born on the 12th of March, 1822. His parents, Thomas and Laney S. Adams, were the parents of six sons and two daughters, seven of the family being yet alive. F. M. Adams assisted his father on the farm until 1849, then began working for himself as a farm hand, continuing until his marriage, in 1852, to Miss Mary C. Riza. In 1858 he came to Morgan County, Mo., and purchased the farm of 120 acres on which he is now living, and has since increased his acreage until he is now the owner of 220 acres, all of which is under fence but twenty acres, and is well improved with good buildings. He and wife are the parents of three sons and one daughter: Howard M., who married Miss Nancy Koutz, and is living near his father, has three children; Charles Oscar, born in June, 1854, and died December 25, 1861; Philip R., and Magdaline, wife of Milton Durrel. During the late war Mr. Adams' sympathies were with the South, and owing to this he was subjected to many indignities, all his stock and grain being taken from him. He always votes the Democratic ticket, and is a member of the Agricultural Wheel. He commenced life a poor boy, but has gained a good home, and is happy in the affection of his children.

Judge John H. Alfter may be classed among the successful farmers and stockmen of Morgan County. His birth occurred in Prussia, Germany, November 9, 1831, and in 1848 he was brought by his parents to the United States, landing at New Orleans, and came with them almost immediately to St. Louis. In August, 1850, he came to Monticau County, and entered eighty acres of land, and from there went to Saline County, where he was engaged in running a saw-mill and farming until 1872, when he came to Morgan County, where he had bought and entered 960 acres of land in 1858, which he has since increased to 1,720 acres, all in one body, only ninety of which is under cultivation, the rest being devoted to stock. In 1861 he enlisted in Price's army, and after the fight at Lexington was taken ill and returned home. In 1863 he enlisted under Gen. Shelby, and served until the close of the war, having participated in numerous skirmishes and several hard-fought battles. He was wounded at Newtonia, Mo., and was transferred to Clarksville, Texas, where he was in the hospital for some time. After his surrender at Houston, Texas, he returned by boat to New Orleans, thence up the river to his home. He had under his care Mrs. Gen. Shelby and Mrs. Slayback as far as New Orleans. December 24, 1856, he was married to Catherine Norfleet, who died April 17, 1870, having borne a family of six children: Mary, born September 27, 1857; Henry, born January 14, 1861, and died January 4, 1862; Ada C., born October 1, 1862; Rue Elvira, born February 23, 1864; James Madison, born June 4, 1866, and Frank, born May 18, 1868. February 21, 1872, he wedded Miss Nannie Norfleet, by whom he has five children: John H., born Janu-

ary 23, 1873, and died October 28, 1874; Charley, born January 30, 1875, and died in July, 1875; Joseph, born April 29, 1877; Ellen, born August 11, 1879, and Henry, born December 28, 1881, and died June 21, 1882. Mr. Alfter has always been very public spirited, and is a Democrat, being elected on that ticket to the office of county judge in 1882, and served four years. He has also held numerous local offices, among which is justice of the peace.

A. W. Anthony, one of the oldest attorneys at Versailles, Mo., has been in active practice of the law in the courts of Central Missouri, State and Federal, for a quarter of a century. He was born in Boone County, Mo., is about fifty-five years of age, and his home has been in Morgan County since he was seven years of age. He was reared on a farm, and worked with his father's hands until he was some seventeen years of age, after which he taught school for about two years, and when nearly twenty years of age he went into the office as deputy under Thomas Monroe, who was clerk of the circuit and county courts of Morgan County. He remained with Mr. Monroe about two years, and then read law in the office of William H. Robinson. He was licensed to practice by the late Judge G. W. Miller. In 1853 he married Miss Susan A. Robinson, a native of Howard County, and a daughter of the late Sidney S. Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony have never had any children, but have reared and educated eleven children of others. From 1856 to 1861 Mr. Anthony was a clerk in the House of Representatives during the sessions of the Legislature, and in the fall of the last mentioned year he joined Gen. Price's command (Missouri State Guard), then encamped on Sac River, in St. Clair County. About December 22, 1861, the army moved from there to Springfield, Mo. While encamped at the last mentioned place Mr. Anthony, at the solicitation of Col. Applegate (aid-de-camp), was assigned a position on the staff of Gen. Price, which he held for about a week only, when, on account of a difficulty with Adjt.-Gen. Brand, who was frequently intoxicated, he asked to be relieved, and went back to the ranks. After the battle of Pea Ridge, and prior to the transfer of Price's army east of the Mississippi, he returned home (his term of enlistment expiring) and remained a short time, after which he went north of the Missouri River. After experiencing many vicissitudes he came back to Versailles, February 6, 1866. To put it in his own language, he "went out in 1861 worth about \$15,000, and reached home worth about 15 cents." Disfranchised, and not allowed to practice in the courts of record under the Drake Constitution, he managed to make a living until the lawyers' test oath was removed, since which time he has been in active and lucrative practice. He has taken an active part in all public enterprises, and in the political affairs of the State. He was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney in 1872, to the State Legislature in 1876, was a delegate to the National Convention at St. Louis that nominated Tilden for President in 1876, and has been a delegate to most of the State conventions and the congressional conventions of his district held since the war. He has the reputation of being a clear-headed, able lawyer, a good political speaker, a reliable friend and a persistent, uncompromising enemy. He is the son

of Lewis C. Anthony, and the grandson of James Anthony, who, with two brothers, came to this country prior to the Revolutionary War. James located in North Carolina, and the other two settled in Virginia. James was a rebel, and fought all through the Revolutionary War for Independence. He married Miss Corder after the war. During the Indian troubles, in 1791 and 1792, he was sent by the Government, with some supplies, to a station in Tennessee. It was a very hazardous expedition, he being frequently ambushed by Indians, but succeeded in executing the commission. For this service the Government gave him 960 acres of land, which he located near Murfreesboro, Tenn. The next year, 1793, he went on an expedition to Kentucky, and concluded to settle near Bean's (or Bryan's) Station. This post was garrisoned by United States Dragoons, for the protection of settlers against the Indians. He then returned to North Carolina, and in the fall of 1794 he placed his household effects on pack-horses, and with his wife and five children (Lewis being the eldest, and at that time nine years of age), in company with one other family and five young men, started for Bean's (or Bryan's) Station, in Kentucky. When within fifteen miles of the station they were attacked by thirty Shawnee Indians, and the fight was fierce and brief. Fifteen Indians were killed, every man of the expedition except McFarland also being killed. He fought until he alone was left, when he made his escape, and reached the station with six bullet-holes in his hunting-shirt, but with only slight flesh wounds. He then piloted the dragoons to the scene of the massacre. Mrs. Anthony and Lewis were taken prisoners, while the younger children were tomahawked and scalped by the Indians, as being too young to travel. The Indians traveled rapidly in the direction of Detroit, Mich., near which they had a large village. Here the prisoners remained until the spring following, when the mother of Lewis escaped, with the assistance of a Frenchman; was placed on board a ship bound for Edinburgh, Scotland, under the command of Capt. Cartwright, whom she subsequently married, but no further information was ever received of her by her family in this country. After remaining with the Indians three years, Lewis (with other prisoners) was released by treaty, and brought by two of his uncles (Corder) to Tennessee, and put in possession of the 960 acres of land granted to his father, as before stated. In 1804 he married Miss Nancy Kirby, of Albemarle County, Va., who was of French-Huguenot descent. He volunteered in the War of 1812, and served under Jackson until it closed. In 1819 he moved with his family to Howard County, Mo., crossed the Mississippi River at St. Louis (then a straggling little French trading post), and soon after the admission of Missouri into the Union he bought a tract of land in Boone County, where he continued to reside until the fall of 1837, when he went to Morgan County, settling on a large tract of land about six miles northwest of Versailles. He was a successful farmer and stock-trader, was a man of much decision of character, and never went in debt for anything. He was never a candidate for office, though an active Democrat. For many years prior to his death he and wife were both members of the Baptist Church. She died at the age of seventy-five years, and he at the age of seventy-six.

They reared eleven children, of whom A. W. Anthony is the youngest. The wife of Mr. Anthony is the granddaughter of Capt. John McClanahan, who came from South Carolina to Missouri about the year 1833. Her grandmother McClanahan was the daughter of Elias Earle, of South Carolina, who for many years was a member of Congress from that State. Her family is closely related to Chief Justice John Marshall, the Marshalls of Virginia and Kentucky, the Earles and Harrisons of South Carolina, and, more remotely, to President Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana. Mrs. Anthony is a lady of excellent sense and very decided character.

M. L. Argenbright, farmer and stockman, was born in Augusta County, Va., December 9, 1840, and came with his parents, John and Catharine J. (Steele) Argenbright, to Saline County, Mo., in 1855, and the following year to Morgan County. He was one of six children, and made his home with his parents until the father's death in 1860. In the spring of 1861 Mr. Argenbright enlisted in Capt. Geo. Butler's company, under Col. Brown, in the Confederate army, Robt. M. McCulloch afterward commanding. This regiment was in Parsons' Division, at that time Gov. Jackson commanding the army, Price having gone into Arkansas. His term of service was one filled with hardship, but he passed through without a murmur. He participated in the battles of Carthage, Springfield, Wilson's Creek, Lexington and Drywood, besides numerous skirmishes, finally being discharged near Granby, Mo., in December, 1861, after which he returned home. A detailed account of the career in which he had a part is given elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Argenbright remained at home until June, 1863, but finding everything so disturbed he enlisted at Jefferson City, under Col. Catherwood, in the Sixth Missouri State Militia, and served until Lincoln's call for veterans, when he re-enlisted in the Thirteenth Missouri Cavalry, under the same Colonel, in the spring of 1864, and remained in service until one year after peace was declared. While a member of the militia he was in the skirmish at Jefferson City, but was mostly engaged in fighting guerrillas, and at one time, for about fifteen days, had only one hour's rest out of the twenty-four. While in the veteran service he was after Price on his last raid from Jefferson City to Tipton, and was then sent to St. Louis with rebel prisoners. From there he was ordered to Rolla, and went into winter quarters there. In the spring of 1865 he escorted Gen. Upton across the plains, and was afterwards in many towns in Kansas, and while at Pawnee River saw the famous Kit Carson. He then went to Colorado, and went into winter quarters at Camp Wardrell. April 11, 1866, he started for Leavenworth, Kas., which place he reached on the 5th of May, and remained there until mustered out of service, on the 21st of May. He returned home, and January 27, 1867, was married to Miss Mary E. Wilson, by whom he has two children: Anna Leroy, who was born November 9, 1867, and is the wife of Sherman Anderson, and Charles Burton, born January 24, 1871. Mr. Argenbright owns about 125 acres of land in the home farm, and has a one-third interest in twenty-seven acres of lead land. His buildings are all in excellent condition, and he is quite well fixed financially. He is a Democrat in politics, and in his religious views is a Methodist.

A. Arnold. In giving a history of Morgan County, Mo., the biographical department of this work would be incomplete without a sketch of Mr. Arnold, from the fact that he is one of the prominent and well-known citizens of the county. He was born in Warrick County, Ind., September 5, 1842, and in 1852 removed with his people to Missouri, and received his rudimentary education in the public schools of Cape Girardeau. After taking a preparatory course of instruction in the college at that place he entered the St. Louis University, at St. Louis, Mo., and was graduated from that institution in the year 1860. At the beginning of the late Civil War he enlisted in Battery F, Second Illinois Light Artillery, and was promoted from first duty-sergeant to captain in cavalry, which position he reputably held until the fall of 1863, when he was honorably discharged from the service, and was appointed deputy provost-marshal of the Third Congressional District of Missouri, under the Conscription Act. After the war he held the position of circuit clerk and recorder, also clerk of the probate court in Scott County, Mo., and during his spare moments, while serving in his official capacity, he was engaged in reading law. He was afterward occupied in teaching the "young idea," being also interested in his legal studies, and was soon after admitted to the bar. In 1869 he moved to Cherokee County, Kas., and in 1871 engaged in mining enterprises in the lead and zinc ore fields of Joplin, Jasper County, Mo., and, soon after, at Galena, Cherokee County, Kas. His geological knowledge aided him very much in this new enterprise, and he located and developed several fields, which are to-day paying handsome dividends. At Galena, Kas., he opened a law office, in connection with his mining enterprises, and established a good practice. Early in the spring of 1887 he moved, with his family, to Sedalia, Mo., and in June of the same year located in Versailles, where he at once established a real estate and mining exchange, and associated with him his present partner, Mr. A. F. Davidson. His long experience in mining work, and his thorough knowledge of the geology of Missouri, soon developed the fact that his new location was in the center of a vast field of undeveloped mining land. He examined the coal and ore fields of Morgan and adjoining counties, and located and secured a large body of coal lands. The development made by his work and judgment shows coal in ten shafts from fourteen to seventy feet in thickness. A company of Kansas City capitalists has been organized to purchase the property. He is now locating and deeply interested in valuable lead, zinc and iron ore fields, and speaks in glowing terms of the future of Missouri. As a geologist and mining expert Mr. Arnold has few equals, and success has followed his judgment invariably where parties have used a reasonable expenditure in searching fields located by him. He takes a deep interest in his city and county, and is a live, progressive business man. He was married at Seneca, Mo., to Miss Mary Trotter, a native of Scott County, Mo., and by her has a family of three children: Anna, David and George, all at home. The family worship in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. V. Banks, a well-known citizen of Versailles, is at present justice of the peace, and has been a resident of the city for five years.

He was born in Adams County, Ky., and is the son of John and Mary (Browning) Banks, and grandson of Vandevere Banks, who was a native of Maryland. John and Mary (Browning) Banks were natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. They moved to Illinois in 1837, settling first at Macomb, McDonough County, where they lived three years. The father then engaged as contractor and builder, and erected many of the principal buildings in Macomb, among them the old McDonough College, which is still a noted landmark in that city. In 1840 Mr. Banks and family moved to Hancock County, Ill., and purchased 160 acres of land, which he improved and made a comfortable home. W. V. Banks remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age, when he left home and went to Keokuk, Iowa, where he engaged as clerk in the Gate City Mills. He was married in 1855 to Miss Elizabeth Buncher, a native of Germany, and to them have been born three children: Charles M., a merchant and miller of Versailles; James P., also a merchant and miller, and Joseph, a merchant. Mr. Banks remained at the Gate City Mills until 1857, when he went to Hamilton, Ill., and there built a mill, which he operated for some time. He then went to Dallas City, Ill., purchased a large mill, and operated the same for eleven years, after which he went to Tioga, Ill., and there, in connection with a brother, built a mill which they operated four years. Mr. Banks then returned to Hamilton, Ill., operated a mill there until 1823, when he came to Versailles, and purchased the Versailles Mills, which are now operated by his sons. In 1887 he was elected justice of the peace, and also occupied the same position while living in Hancock County, Ill. Mr. Banks and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is one of the substantial citizens of the county.

John T. Beale, M. D., was born in St. Louis County, Mo., in December, 1852, and is a son of Dr. John B. H. and Mary (Hereford) Beale, both natives of Virginia, and now residents of San Diego, Cal. Dr. John T. Beale was educated at a private school at Kirkwood, Mo., and afterward attended the State University at Columbia, Mo., from which institution he graduated in 1873. The next year he entered the Missouri Medical College, at St. Louis, and graduated from the same in March, 1876. He then practiced a few months in St. Louis County, after which he came to Versailles and formed a partnership with Dr. Samuel C. James, with whom he continued for sixteen months, after which Dr. James left, and Dr. Beale continued the practice alone until January, 1887, when he formed a partnership with Dr. O. A. Williams, and these gentlemen have the largest practice of any firm in this part of the State, and are consulted by physicians from adjoining counties—Morgan, Miller, Camden, Moniteau and Cooper. Dr. Beale has been on the board of aldermen of Versailles for six years. John W. Beale, grandfather of Dr. Beale, was a native of Virginia, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and died in St. Louis County, Mo., at the age of eighty-seven years. The father of our subject was of German descent, and the mother of English origin. They were members of the Episcopal Church, of which the Doctor and his wife are also members.

William Berkstresser is an old resident of Morgan County, Mo., having come here from his native State of Pennsylvania in 1867. He was born June 18, 1824, and is a son of John W. and Barbara (Sheckler) Berkstresser, being the fifth of their eight children, whose names are as follows: George, who died in 1884; Mary, the widow of Jacob Weaver, now living in Pennsylvania; John, now a banker in Buda, Ill.; David, an orange grower in Florida; Daniel S., a resident of Morgan County; Henry, a farmer and merchant of Cass County, Mo., and Jacob S., a cigar manufacturer of Pennsylvania. William Berkstresser remained under the shelter of the paternal roof until he was twenty years of age, at which time he began lumbering on the Susquehanna River, continuing for twenty odd years. He and his brother Daniel owned a small farm on that river, from which they rafted logs. In March, 1845, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Putt, and in 1867 came to Missouri, purchasing 200 acres of land in Morgan County, on which he is now residing. Mr. Berkstresser also operated a saw-mill for two years after his arrival, and in the meantime was endeavoring to clear and improve his land. He built his house without any help, and by good management and energy has succeeded in putting about 150 acres under cultivation, and is quite extensively engaged in stock-raising. He is a member of the Wheel, the I. O. O. F., and the Masonic fraternity. In 1861 his first wife died, leaving a family of six children: Daniel (deceased), Sarah (wife of John Hodge, now in Morgan County), Mary Jane (deceased), Henry (in Morgan County), Frances (wife of Joseph McMoore), and Amanda (wife of William Moore). In 1862 Mr. Berkstresser wedded Catherine Griffith, by whom he has ten children: Barbara J., wife of Adam Freedley; Rebecca, wife of H. H. Rumans; Clara, wife of E. L. Rumans; Olive, Georgia, Forney, Adam and Jacob. Mary Jane is the wife of Samuel Good. Lincoln and John are deceased. He has thirty-six grandchildren living and six dead.

George B. Bohling, jeweler, of Versailles, Mo., established his business April 18, 1881, and carries a full line of watches, clocks and jewelry, optical goods and silverware; he also does repairing. He was born in Morgan County, Mo., in 1858, and is the son of John and Anna Bohling, natives of Hanover, Germany. The parents came to America in 1845, settling in Morgan County, Mo., where the father entered 260 acres of timber land. This he improved, made a home, and here passed his last days, dying in August, 1875, at the age of fifty-seven years. The mother is still living, and is residing on the old homestead, in Haw Creek Township. They reared six children: Henry, the oldest, a farmer and jeweler, resides in Pettis County, Mo.; Anna, married Peter Kahrs, and also resides in Pettis County, Mo.; Louis is a jeweler at Kansas City; John and Mary are still at the old home. The parents of these children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as are also all of the children. The father was a watchmaker, and also a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. After coming to this country he was also elected county judge, in 1870, for a term of six years. He was a man who took a great interest in the welfare of Morgan County. George B. Bohling attained his growth on the farm, received his education in the district

schools, and remained at home until twenty-three years of age, when he engaged in the jewelry business at Versailles, Mo. He was married December 26, 1875, to Miss Etta F. Hawkins, a native of Sullivan, Ill. (Moultrie County). His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Bohling is a Republican in politics, and was nominated by that party for the position of county treasurer, in 1888. He takes an active interest in the welfare and progress of the county.

R. B. Bowers was born in Carter County, Tenn., December 20, 1857, his parents being A. N. and Mary (Ellis) Bowers, who came to Morgan County, Mo., in 1859, and settled southwest of Versailles, thence to Little Buffalo, and from there to the farm on which the mother is now residing. A. N. Bowers was a Baptist minister, and was very actively engaged in following his calling until his death, which occurred in July, 1822. R. B. Bowers is one of fourteen children (nine sons and five daughters), and until he was twenty-two years old resided with his parents, and had the management of the home farm during his father's absence at Eureka Springs in search of health. He afterward bought the farm of eighty acres where he now resides, and has between fifty and sixty acres under cultivation, on which he has made good improvements, erecting a new house and barn. He was married March 22, 1885, to Miss Mary Jones, a daughter of C. H. and Sarah A. (Clark) Jones, by whom he has two interesting children: Thomas Elwyn, born February 19, 1886, and Nellie Edna, born October 30, 1887. He and Mrs. Bowers are consistent members of the Baptist Church.

Dr. T. R. Bridges is a son of C. L. Bridges, who was a native of Kentucky, and came to this State with his father about sixty years ago. They settled near Palestine, in Cooper County, there residing for two years, but upon selling out moved to near where Syracuse now stands, entering about 1,000 acres of land. The father continued to live here until his death, in 1880. When eighteen C. L. Bridges commenced learning the trade of saddler in Boonville, and had the first shop of the kind in the town of Versailles. He continued the business some twenty years. He married, about 1841, Miss Eliza A. Spencer, daughter of James Spencer, of Versailles, by whom he had a family of seven children, who grew to maturity. The subject of this sketch was born in Versailles, where he lived till about the age of fourteen, when his father sold out and moved upon his farm near Syracuse, but in 1885 he sold out and moved to Moniteau County. He is an ordained minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Dr. T. R. Bridges was married after reaching manhood to Miss Sarah F. Inge, of Morgan County, daughter of James L. Inge, a farmer of Park County, Ill., who settled near Akinsville about 1866. They are the parents of nine children: James C., Alice A., Edna M., William Waddy, John L., Viola E., Horace H. and Sarah F. J. Dr. Bridges studied medicine for about a year with Dr. Joseph Bollinger, of Otterville, and attended a course of lectures in the St. Louis Medical College in the winters of 1864 and 1865, and again in 1877, graduating at the same college. In 1866 he located near where Akinsville now stands, and practiced medicine for ten years. After graduating he located on a farm which he bought, on

Self's Prairie, practiced there ten years, then locating at Akinsville in the spring of 1888, where he has continued his practice up to the present time. The Doctor owns a farm of 105 acres four miles west of Akinsville, where his family resides. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and is a Democrat in politics. He was once elected coroner of the county, but declined to accept the office.

John Briscoe, son of Perry and Ursula (Huff) Briscoe, was born in the county in which he now resides on the 28th of June, 1837. He is the eldest of a family of twelve children, all of whom are living except one. His ancestors were Kentuckians, his grandparents on both sides having moved from that State to Missouri when his parents were children. His grandfather, Andrew Briscoe, was an officer in the War of 1812, and afterward a prominent citizen and Whig politician of Cooper County. Mr. Briscoe's education was such as the common schools of the country afforded. At the age of nineteen he commenced clerking in a country store. After a time he became clerk in the branch house of a merchant tailoring and clothing establishment. Soon he became a partner in this branch house, and did a thriving business for a little more than a year, when he sold out his interest to his partners, on credit, as was the custom in *ante-bellum* days. Shortly after this the firm failed, the goods being seized for debts of the main house, contracted before he was in any way connected with the firm, and of which he had no knowledge until the seizure. The war came on. He calmly surveyed the situation—the South, without the munitions of war, struggling against the powerful and well-equipped North—and believing in the helpless condition of the South, devoted himself to farming and stock-raising until the spring of 1864, when, hoping to get another start in life, he went to the mining regions of Montana, where he remained until the close of the war, making hard but fruitless efforts to gain an independence. In 1868 he was a candidate for Democratic nomination for sheriff and collector, and was defeated. At the same general election he was put on the ticket for public administrator, and was defeated, with the rest of the Democratic ticket. In the fall of 1870 he was elected sheriff and collector by the Democrats; was re-elected in 1872. In 1874 he was elected county clerk by the same party; was re-elected in 1878; in 1882 was a candidate for renomination, but was defeated in convention, by fraud. Since retiring from official life he has given his attention to farming, and now has 640 acres of fine land, of which 447 are under cultivation, the rest being mineral and timber lands. His buildings and orchard are in excellent condition. He has on hand about 180 head of cattle and horses. Mr. Briscoe was married February 5, 1861, to Miss Jennie E. Hickerson, daughter of Nathaniel L. and Lucy A. (Monroney) Hickerson, natives of Virginia, both of whom are deceased. She was reared in Morgan County, near her husband, receiving a collegiate education, and graduating with the highest honors of her class, in 1860, from the Baptist Female College (now Stephen's Female College), Columbia, Mo. During her husband's term of office, twelve years, she was his constant assistant, doing any and all kinds of office work with efficiency and dispatch. To Mr. Briscoe and wife were born eleven children: Arthur, born July

27, 1862; John, born August 27, 1864; Annie, born July 24, 1866; Nathaniel, born August 31, 1868; Oliver, born November 16, 1869; infant son, born and died August 28, 1871; William M., born March 7, 1873; Jennie, born January 24, 1875; Philip E., born May 5, 1877; Rosie, born November 10, 1878, died in her fifth year, and a little baby girl, born February 1, 1880, who died when six months old. Arthur, John, Jr., and Annie are married, Arthur being now a widower. The rest of the children are attending school, and bid fair to become useful and intelligent citizens. Mr. Briscoe is a Mason. He and his wife, and all of his children except two, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His father is yet living, but his mother died in 1888.

T. D. O. Bryan, grocer of Versailles, has been a resident of that city since 1867, and has been engaged in the mercantile business during that time. He was born in Cooper County, Mo., in 1840, and is the son of James and Elizabeth (Hall) Bryan, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Kentucky. The father moved to Cooper County, Mo., in 1832, settled on a farm, and there died in 1858, at the age of sixty-six years. The mother died in Versailles in 1877, at the age of seventy-seven years, and both were members of the Baptist Church. The father was active in public affairs, and was a strong Whig, anti-slavery man. Five sons survived the parents: Redick (now a farmer of Randolph County, Mo.), Benjamin (deceased), Caleb (now in Arkansas, and a minister in the Christian Church), Dixon (now engaged in farming), T. D. O. and J. (who now resides in Arkansas). T. D. O. Bryan remained on the farm with his father until twenty-seven years of age, and secured a fair education in the public schools. He then came to Morgan County, and opened a general store at Gravois Mills, where he built a lead furnace, the first in the county, and operated the same for eleven years. He then mined for five years, thus demonstrating the fact that there was mineral in paying quantities in Morgan County. Later Mr. Bryan came to Versailles and established a general store, which he operated for several years. He then engaged in the implement business, which he continued, and has been engaged in merchandising ever since. He was married, in 1866, to Miss Laura Greens, a native of Cooper County, and the fruits of this union are these children: William, Elizabeth (wife of Joshua Kidwell), Eva, Flora, Mollie, Erie, Lola and Roy. Mr. Bryan's first wife died in 1879. She was the mother of his first four children. His second marriage was to Miss Louisa Craven, a native of Indiana, and the mother of the last four of the children. She died in 1885. In 1886 Mr. Bryan married Miss Mary Hanna. He is a member of the Christian Church, is also a member of the A. F. & A. M., and now holds the office of public administrator. He is a Democrat in politics, and one of the substantial citizens of the county. He and a partner own 700 acres of land.

Dr. H. Buck was born in Juniata County, Penn., but was reared near New Lisbon, Columbiana Co., Ohio, in which State he remained for sixty years. His father, Robert N. Buck, married two sisters, and each became the father of a son. Dr. H. Buck received a good common-school education, and then taught until he was twenty-

five years of age, after which he entered the office of Dillenbaugh & McCook, of North Georgetown, Ohio, and there remained for two and a half years. He then commenced practicing medicine at Perrysburg, the county-seat of Wood County, Ohio, where he remained three years, and then moved to New Haven, Huron County. After a stay of four years in the last-named county, he moved to Rowsburg, Ashland Co., Ohio, where he practiced from one office for more than seventeen years. He then went to Alliance, Stark Co., Ohio, for the purpose of taking charge of his aged parents, where, after a residence of five years, the father died, and Dr. Buck settled the estate and moved to Burbank, where he practiced his profession for five years. The Doctor was married to Miss Hannah Grant, of Ohio, who lived to bear him three children, and died in 1849. He was married the second time to Miss Rebecca Webster, of Ohio, who has borne him nine children, and who now lives with him in Versailles. He moved to Morgan County, Mo., in 1875, his object being to gain that rest which his broken health required, and he invested means in land for the benefit of his family. During the war Dr. Buck recruited a company for the One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was made captain of the company. He took part in the battle of Chickasaw Bluffs during the early advance on Vicksburg, and was in the battle of Arkansas Post, but in consequence of failing health was discharged in the latter part of February, 1863. Dr. Buck is a local minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and is a Republican in politics.

Addison Burford is a native of Albemarle County, Virginia, having been born there in 1822. He moved to West Virginia in 1847, and was married to Miss Martha McCoy, daughter of Samuel McCoy, in 1849. While in Virginia he was overseer on a farm. About five years after his marriage he, with his brother-in-law, William Johnson, and Wilson C. Burford, and their families, traveled overland in covered wagons to Missouri. They crossed into Ohio at Point Pleasant, came as far north as Dayton, and struck the military road and came west through Indiana and Illinois to St. Louis. From there they went up the west side of the Missouri River to near where Syracuse now stands, where their relatives were living. They arrived after a trip of five weeks and four days. Here Mr. Burford bought 120 acres of land, on which he built a log house, which he occupied for several years, when he built the residence which he now occupies. To his first purchase he has added about 300 acres. He and wife have been the parents of fourteen children, eight of whom now survive: Walter, of Meade County, Kas.; Edward Hamilton, of the same place; Charles, lives on his father's farm; Nellie, married to William Steele, of Cooper County, living in Sumner County, Kas.; Emma, Fanny, Eva and Lewis are at home. Mr. Burford's grandfather, William Burford, came to this country from Wales, and served under Gen. Washington in the Continental army, being with him at Valley Forge. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Simpson) Burford. Mr. Burford is a Republican, and he and his family are members of the Baptist Church at Mt. Olivet.

Hon. Peter Ross Burns, a resident of Moreau Township, Morgan

County, has been a resident of the same since 1842, and is one of the leading farmers. He was born in the " Buckeye State," July 28, 1818, and was the youngest of ten children born to John and Elizabeth (South) Burns, only three of whose children are now living; William R., residing in Ohio; Anderson, a resident of Indiana, and Peter Ross, our subject. The father died in 1834 at a ripe old age. Our subject was then serving an apprenticeship at cabinet-making, and after completing his term, at the end of four years, worked at joining until he came to Missouri in 1843, and resided in Florence until 1850. He worked some at his trade, but the most of his attention was given to farming. He was married in 1841 to Miss Elizabeth Elliott, who died about eight months after they came to Missouri. They had one child, James, who is now residing in Kansas. In 1845 Mr. Burns married Catherine Evans, and in 1850 came to Versailles, and bought forty acres of improved land. Here his second wife died in 1858, leaving him with a family of seven children to care for: William A., (now deceased), George R. (in Colorado), Daniel, Peter R. (deceased), Benjamin (in Morgan County), Elizabeth (deceased), and Mary (wife of J. W. McCann). Margaret Evans became Mr. Burns' third wife in 1862, and by her he has a family of five children: Alfred (in Morgan County), Sarah Ann, Robert, Myrta (deceased) and John R. The mother of these children died in 1873. Mr. Burns owns 400 acres of land, nearly all of which is under cultivation or in pasture. He is a Republican in politics, and has held the offices of clerk of the county court, county sheriff and collector, and served one term in the State Legislature, and filled all these offices with ability. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, Versailles Lodge No. 117.

Dr. J. W. Calfee, postmaster at Cape Galena, was born in Cooper County, Mo., and in early life learned the ship carpenter's trade, at which he worked until after he was thirty years old. He then took a course in the study of medicine, and graduated in 1867, when he was about thirty-seven years of age. He then commenced the practice of his profession at Linn Creek, Mo., where he remained for about twenty years, and then moved to Cape Galena, Mo., where, in connection with Dr. Finley, he attends to the practice of both places. He built a large store-house in Cape Galena in 1873, which he rented, in 1878 building a commodious, substantial building, which he now occupies as a store. He has a complete and first-class stock of general merchandise, valued at from \$2,500 to \$4,000, and buys his goods from the best houses in the city. With the experience the Doctor has he is able, by paying cash, to sell goods under the Wheel stores located in his vicinity. Dr. Calfee was attracted from Linn Creek by the lead interests at that time, and which have since taken new life, under the influence of outside capital, and aside from the store he is interested in mineral lands which are, at the present time, leased out to the Globe M. & S. Co., conducted by Arnold & Davidson, of Versailles, and on which they expect to do considerable developing in the spring. The Doctor has never married. In religion he is very liberal to all denominations, and contributes to all four in his neighborhood. He is a Republican, decidedly; is much against the abuse of liquor, and thinks high taxation the only way to get rid of it.

The Doctor gave the place its name, and deservedly, too, as it lies on a small cape almost surrounded by high hills filled with galena, and just south of the village is one of the finest lookout mountains there is to be found along the river.

Benjamin Campbell has been a prominent resident of Morgan County, Mo., for the past fifty-six years. He was born in Cumberland County, Ky., in 1803, and was a son of Benjamin and Chloe (Farris) Campbell, who were born in Virginia. The father was a soldier in the French and Indian War, and in 1836 came to Missouri, and made his home at Oak Grove. Benjamin Campbell was married in 1824 to Susanna Mobley, a native of Kentucky, and by her became the father of seven children, only one of whom is living at the present time: Nancy G., wife of James T. Graham, of Morgan County. Mr. Campbell has been a resident of five different States—Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Arkansas. He and wife have been married for sixty-five years, and for many years have been members of the Primitive Baptist Church, and earnest workers for the cause of Christianity. Mr. Campbell has always followed the occupation of farming, and in his walk through life has ever endeavored to follow the golden rule, and thereby has won the love and respect of all who know him.

Judge T. B. Clark, a farmer, residing near the north boundary of Morgan County, Mo., was born on Kentucky soil (Christian County) June 22, 1834. James C. Clark, his father, was born in the "Palmetto State," in Pendleton District, June 13, 1791, and when ten years of age was brought to Kentucky, where he was reared to manhood, and married to Hannah Henderson, who was born in the State in 1796. In 1844 they immigrated to Illinois, and settled in Christian County, but previous to this, while a resident of Kentucky, the father had represented Christian County in the State Legislature two terms. Judge T. B. Clark spent his youth on his father's farm, and received his education in an old log school-house. In 1856 he went to Texas, where he spent two years, then returned home and served as deputy sheriff of his county, and the following seven years was engaged in buying and selling stock and speculating in real estate. February 28, 1866, he was married in Morgan County, Mo., to Louisa J. Rice, a daughter of Henry and Sidney (Myers) Rice. She was born in Christian County, Ky., and has borne three children: F. H. Clark, Birdie, and James Lee, who died when quite young. Immediately after his marriage he closed out his business in Illinois, and moved to a farm in Morgan County, Mo., which has since been his home. It comprises 160 acres in the home place and some land in adjoining counties, all under cultivation, with good buildings and orchard. He is a Democrat, politically, and from January 1, 1874, to January 1, 1879, he was associate judge of the county court. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

George P. Clark, liveryman, of Versailles, and a member of the firm of Clark & Williams, has been a resident of the town since 1867, having been born in Summit County, Ohio, in 1835, being a son of Carlos and Matilda (Dilley) Clark, who were born in Vermont and Ohio, respectively. The paternal grandfather was also born in

Vermont, and was one of the "Green Mountain Boys" in the Revolutionary War. He was a pioneer of Portage County, Ohio, and laid out the town of Portage. Carlos Clark was a successful physician, and in 1852 removed to Davis County, Iowa, where he resided until his death, in 1876, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a Democrat in politics, and a leader of his party. His wife died in January, 1875, at the age of sixty-eight years. George P. Clark is their third child, and spent his youth working on the farm, and in attending the common schools. At the age of sixteen years he began learning surveying and civil engineering, and followed this occupation in Davis County, Iowa, until 1867, having been county surveyor from 1858 to 1866, and then came to Versailles, where he followed his occupation for six months. He then engaged in mining and smelting lead, and developed a number of mines, among which were those of Rockford and Buffalo. He has done a great deal to develop the mineral resources of the county, and is interested in 2,000 acres of mineral land, besides his own mining property, and considerable town property. He is also engaged in the railroad tie business, in partnership with a Mr. Newton, and besides this has a general store at Proctor, which brings him in a fair annual income. In 1884 he was elected surveyor of the county, serving one term; was bridge commissioner one term of four years; has been a member of the town council, and served one term as mayor of the city. He belongs to the A. F. & A. M. In 1870 he married Miss Sallie Ralston, a native of Kentucky, who died in July, 1871, eight months after her marriage. In 1872 he married his present wife, Carrie T. Coleman, also born in Kentucky, and a daughter of Whitehead Coleman, who was born in Virginia. Mrs. Clark is a consistent member of the Baptist Church. His livery establishment is one of the best in the county, and he keeps a full line of vehicles and seventeen head of horses.

James M. Clifton, postmaster at Versailles, was appointed to that position by President Cleveland July 7, 1887, and has been a resident of this county since 1857. He was born in Kentucky in 1841, and came with his parents, Samuel and Mary (Pennebaker) Clifton, to Missouri in 1850. The parents were natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively, and after moving to Missouri they settled in Cedar County, where the father entered land, and followed farming all his life. He was a soldier in the Florida War, and died in 1856, at the age of thirty-five years. The mother died in Morgan County, Mo., in 1875, at the age of fifty-one years, she being a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Clifton was a strong temperance man, a member of the Sons of Temperance, and was a Whig in his political views. They were the parents of eight children, three of whom are living: Z. T., postmaster at Syracuse, Mo.; Samuel, a farmer of Morgan County, and James M., the subject of this sketch. The last named, when fifteen years of age, took charge of the home farm, but later moved to Versailles, where he purchased a lot and built a house. He then entered a drug store, first as clerk, but afterward as partner, and there remained until 1863, when he rented a farm for twelve years. After this he bought a farm, remained on it two years, and then moved to Versailles, where he has since resided. He is the owner of 290 acres

of land, with 100 acres under cultivation. Mr. Clifton was first married December 31, 1863, to Miss Amanda Doran, a native of Virginia, who bore him four children: Benjamin, now at home; M. F., assistant in the postoffice; Lucy E., at home, and James M., also at home. The mother of these children died in May, 1874, at the age of twenty-eight years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Clifton was married the second time, in 1875, to Mrs. Susan Ingram, a native of Missouri, and the result of this union has been two children: John W. and Susan Anna. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are active workers in the same. Mr. Clifton is a man who has always taken an active part in public affairs of the county, and is a representative citizen. He was a soldier in Price's command six months, and was in the battles of Carthage, Wilson's Creek, Fort Scott and others. He was captured and held a prisoner of war from December, 1861, until April, 1862, and was actively engaged in buying and shipping stock from 1864 to 1887. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M.

Jacob Cline, farmer, was born in Morgan County, Mo., August 14, 1843, and is one of four surviving members of a family of five children born to the marriage of Jacob Cline and Talitha Ard, who were born in Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The father was a practicing physician for many years, and was very successful. He died November 22, 1864, and his wife November 14, 1878. Our subject remained with his parents and attended the common schools until August 27, 1862, when he enlisted in Company F, Twenty-ninth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, participating in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, and the siege of and campaign around Vicksburg, and Resaca. He received two gunshot wounds in the battle of Dallas, Ga., May 28, 1864, and was in the hospital, and was furloughed home until November 6, 1864. Then he returned to Chattanooga, being placed on detached service, and participated in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, Tenn., against Gen. Hood. Joining his regiment at Goldsborough, N. C., April 9, 1865, and this regiment being mounted, served as Gen. John A. Logan's advance scouts until Gen. Johnston's final surrender, April 22, 1865. Then they marched through to Washington, D. C., and were discharged June 12, 1865. Mr. Cline then returned to Morgan County, Mo., and until 1872 worked on the old homestead, near Florence. He was married February 8, 1872, to Minerva A. Wilson, a daughter of ex-Judge Wilson, by whom he has three children: Edwin S., born June 22, 1873; Everette, born November 2, 1875, and Jacob, born January 11, 1878. Mrs. Cline died April 6, 1882, and February 22, 1887, he married Mrs. Annie Crawford, by whom he has one child, Charles H., born March 4, 1888. After his first marriage Mr. Cline moved to the farm of 280 acres where he now lives, and by industry has succeeded in putting about 130 acres under cultivation, and has the rest in timber and mineral land. The farm is well improved, and besides this property he owns one house and lot in Versailles. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, belongs to the G. A. R., and in politics supports the principles of the Republican party. He also has one brother a practicing phy-

sician, and one brother postmaster of Florence, and one brother a surveyor of Camden County, Mo.

Dr. J. W. Comp, practitioner, farmer and stockman, was born in Perry County, Pa., March 7, 1840, being one of six children of Andrew and Margery (Miller) Comp. The former died March 7, 1887, but the mother is still living. Dr. Comp's youth and early manhood were spent on his father's farm. In 1862 he began the study of medicine under Dr. J. M. B. Jackson, continuing two years, and in the spring of 1865 left his studies to engage in the war, but before he could reach the theater of action peace had been declared. From the time he was sixteen years of age until he came to Missouri he was engaged in teaching, and after coming to this State, in August, 1867, almost immediately took charge of a school in Morgan County. December 25, 1867, he was married to Salina A. Argenbright, by whom he is the father of four children: Elvie M., who was born in 1871; Nannie, who was born on the 16th of April, 1873; George, born August 10, 1875, and Maggie Florence, born January 31, 1882. Dr. Comp attended a course of medical lectures in St. Louis in the winter of 1886-87, and is engaged in practicing his profession. Through his wife he owns ninety-six acres of prairie land, which is under excellent cultivation and well supplied with good buildings and orchard, and besides this property he owns eighty acres of timber land near the home place. He served as justice of the peace for about eight years prior to 1882, and in the fall of that year was elected judge of the county, and is now serving as notary public, being usually consulted in neighborhood differences. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, a staunch Republican in politics, and he and wife belong to the Methodist Church.

Philip Dampf, an early resident of Morgan County, Mo., was born in Prussia, and in 1841, when quite young, came with his parents, John and Theresa Dampf, to America. They located in Cole County, Mo., where the father was engaged in farming, and here Philip was reared. He learned the details of farm work, and also acquired an excellent knowledge of blacksmithing, after attaining his nineteenth year working in Jefferson City. He then spent two years working at his trade in Osage County, and on April 18, 1860, located in Versailles, where he worked as a journeyman blacksmith one year, then opened a shop of his own, and conducted the same until 1880, when he opened a general hardware store, and keeps an excellent line of farming implements, wagons, carriages, etc., and is doing a very profitable business, having by his honesty and obliging disposition won the confidence and liking of all with whom he comes in contact. His establishment is the first of the kind ever opened in Versailles. In 1864 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Furguharrison, a native York State, by whom he has one daughter, Maggie May. Mr. Dampf is a member of the Catholic Church, and his wife is a Baptist.

J. P. Daugherty. Among the prosperous tillers of the soil of Morgan County, Mo., worthy of mention is Mr. Daugherty, who is a native of Washington County, Ohio, and was born on the 7th of October, 1841, his parents being John and Malinda (Strawther) Daugherty, who were the parents of four sons and five daughters.

All the sons are dead with the exception of J. P., the eldest brother having been killed during the late war. The father died April 6, 1885, at the age of eighty-five years, and the mother in 1845. J. P. Daugherty assisted in tilling his father's farm during the summer months, and attended school during the winter seasons, until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in Company B, Seventy-seventh Ohio Infantry, and was mustered out on the 8th of March, 1866. He entered as a private, and afterward held commissions as second and first lieutenant. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Fallen Timber, capture of Little Rock, Ark., and was detailed to guard a supply train from Camden to Pine Bluff, and was captured, but made his escape, and reached Little Rock in safety. He then went to Mobile, Ala., and was at Ft. Spanish, Ft. Blakely, the capture of Mobile, then went with Steele to Texas, but no fighting was done there. He was wounded twice, and his right hand is now disabled from the effects of one of the wounds. After the close of the war Mr. Daugherty returned to Washington County, Ohio, where he was married October 22, 1868, to Miss Rebecca A. Bell, of Vinton County, a daughter of John Bell, by whom he has six children: John W., Charles W., Sarah E., Howard C., Clarence G. and Blanche. Previous to his marriage he had purchased a farm in Vinton County, but he afterward sold it and bought a farm in Washington County, then traded that for the farm on which he now lives, and came here in 1878. It comprises 170 acres, all under fence, and nearly all under cultivation. His buildings are all in good repair, and he keeps a good grade of stock, being the owner of a fine Norman stallion. He is a Republican politically, a member of the G. A. R. and Agricultural Wheel. It was chiefly due to his and one or two others' influence that the bridge across Flat Creek was built. At the present writing it is the only bridge of the kind that spans the net-work of creeks of Morgan County, many of which are frequently impassable for many days at a time. Mrs. Daugherty died on the 17th of November, 1888, and her children have since kept house for their father.

A. F. Davidson, a native of Macoupin County, Ill., received his early education in the schools of that State, and on the 21st of August, 1861, enlisted in Company A, Thirty-second Illinois Infantry, and was subsequently promoted to regimental quartermaster sergeant. He was in all the active engagements in which his regiment participated, receiving three severe gun-shot wounds at the battle of Shiloh, and was mustered out of service with his regiment the 16th of September, 1865, at Springfield, Ill. In the latter part of that year he entered Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College at St. Louis, receiving a thorough business course, and in September, 1866, located at Farmer City, DeWitt Co., Ill., engaging in the drug business ten years, during which time he was burned out, suffering almost a total loss of stock. In the spring of 1876 he accepted the position of cashier of the First National Bank of that city, which position he resigned in April, 1879. Upon moving to Columbus, Kas., he engaged in the mercantile business, selling out in 1880, and going to Galena, same county, after which he accepted the position of secretary and superintendent of the Cornwall Mining and Smelting Company of that city. In the early

part of 1887 Mr. Davidson, in connection with Mr. A. Arnold, established the successful Real Estate and Mining Exchange of this city. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a member of Webb City Lodge No. 512, A. F. & A. M.

William J. Davis was born in Franklin County, Tenn., February 6, 1814, and came to Cooper County, Mo., April 27, 1827, and to Morgan County in 1840, his parents, Phil. E. and Cynthia (Jennings) Davis, coming at the same time. The father was a farmer and a great lover of hunting, which taste was fully satisfied in Missouri, for at that time deer, bear and all kinds of small game were very abundant. His children's names are as follows: Aklas (who died in infancy), William J., Porter E., Elizabeth J. (widow of Trustain Adair), Mary Ann (wife of Stephen Adair), George W., Susan Emily (wife of A. O. Briscoe), Charles B., Louisa Jael (wife of James Howard), Nancy (deceased, was the wife of J. S. Logan, M. D.), and Fanny (wife of William Hunter, of Moniteau County). William J. Davis, our immediate subject, took a trip to Mexico with his father in 1837, and before his return home he traveled quite extensively throughout the West. The incidents of this trip are of thrilling interest, and only limited space prevents their insertion at this place. After making a short stay in Missouri Mr. Davis went to Mississippi and Louisiana, but in 1840 returned to Missouri, and the same year came to Morgan County, where he purchased 120 acres of wild land, which he was engaged in improving until 1844, then hired out to A. M. Clark and John M. Reed to drive cattle to St. Louis. After reaching that city he went by boat to Memphis, Tenn., and some time after engaged in hauling logs to Taylor's Mill on Big Creek, and was interested in different occupations until April 9, 1845, when he went by boat to Crawford County, Ark., and June 14, 1840, started for Morgan County, arriving on the 3d of July, 1845. Until about 1848 he was engaged in farming, and at that date engaged in canvassing the county for the office of sheriff, and in August of that year was elected by the Democratic party, and was re-elected two years later. About 1853 he went to Cooper County, and was married, March 14, 1854, to Miss Maria Collins, and afterward purchased and entered 206 acres of land, on which he resided until 1863, when he sold out and rented a farm near Syracuse, and the following year bought 400 acres where he now lives, on which he moved in 1865. Here his wife died two years later, leaving him with two children: Charles, who was born in 1855, and died in 1886, and Lizzie, wife of John W. Gearheart. She was born in 1858. November 16, 1871, Mr. Davis married Mrs. May (Kirkpatrick) Parks, who died May 24, 1886. Mr. Davis is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

James Dornan was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1838, when about twenty-one years of age, taking passage at Liverpool, England, and landing at New York City, where he obtained employment the day following his arrival, owing to recommendations he had brought with him. He began clerking in King's dry goods store, but soon gave this up to come West with his uncle, James McCormick, and made the trip principally by boat, via Cincinnati, New Orleans and thence up the Mississippi River to St. Louis,

Mo., and from there to Boonville, where he remained about a year, and then came to Morgan County, where he has since resided. He purchased a tract of land near where Syracuse now stands, which he began improving, and about this time formed the acquaintance of Miss Martha, a daughter of William and Nancy (Bull) Ellis, of Morgan County, whom he afterward married, and by whom he became the father of three children: R. E. (sheriff of Morgan County, is married, and has three children), Dolly (who died in early womanhood), and Alice (the wife of Thomas B. Newkirk). Mr. Dornan resided on his farm near Syracuse until the late Civil War, when he traded it for 174 acres of prairie and timber land near where Akinsville now stands, to which he has since added 100 acres. His father, John Dornan, was a practicing physician, and was a graduate of a medical college of Edinburgh, Scotland, and was there married to Miss Jane McCormick, a daughter of James and Patsie McCormick. James Dornan is a Democrat in politics, and is a believer in the Catholic faith, but is not a member of any church. His son, Robert E. Dornan, is the present sheriff and collector of Morgan County, to which office he was elected in 1888 by the Democratic party. He was born in Morgan County in 1849, and was reared to a farm life, being educated in the common schools and an academy in St. Louis, Mo. After leaving school he managed his father's farm until his election to his present office, the duties of which he is filling in a highly creditable manner. He has always been interested in the county's welfare, and has given his aid to all enterprises tending to benefit the same. In 1884 he was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Julia McKay, who was born in Virginia, and by her is the father of three interesting children: James M., Robert E., and an infant. Mr. Dornan has shown his brotherly spirit by becoming a member of the A. F. & A. M.

Henry Dougherty was born in Kentucky, and is the son of Henry Dougherty, Sr. At the age of fourteen years he moved with his parents to Camden County, Mo., and here his parents died of spotted fever, in the same week. He also lost a brother by the same disease. After the death of their parents the children were put under the charge of a Mr. Cheneworth, who misused them to such an extent that our subject and his three brothers left in the night and went to Kentucky, where their uncle, Franklin Fryear, lived, and there found a home. Here Henry Dougherty lived until twenty-one years of age, and then went to Nelson County, Ky., and began clerking in a store for his cousin, George Fryear. He remained here until the fall of 1872. Previous to this he had married Miss Alice Miller, daughter of Marshall Miller, of New Albany, Ind. In 1872 he and his family returned to Camden County, Mo., where they resided until 1883, and then moved to California, Mo. Here Mr. Dougherty was engaged in saloon-keeping and trading in railroad cross-ties, but in 1884 he moved to Cape Galena, where he is very extensively occupied in general merchandise and in railroad ties. At the present time he is doing a business of \$20,000 per annum, having much the largest trade of any man in the county, carrying a stock of goods valued at from \$3,000 to \$4,000. Having great experience in buying, and always paying cash for his goods, he is thus enabled

to greatly undersell the Wheel stores. Mr. Dougherty's family, which consists of his wife and four sons, have been living at Eldon, Miller County, for the past two years, on account of Mrs. Dougherty's health. She is a member of the Christian Church. To Mr. Dougherty's marriage were born six sons, two of whom, Johnny and Arthur, are deceased. Those living are: Edward, William, Henry and Charles F. Mr. Dougherty votes the Democratic ticket.

Isaac H. Earnest is a native of Morgan County, Mo., and was born April 17, 1847, being a son of Amos and Mary B. (Willson) Earnest, and the second of their eight children, whose names are as follows: Julia A. (wife of Dr. Cooper), Isaac H., Henry E. (deceased), Jerusha J. (wife of Jeremiah B. Allender), Mary L. (deceased), B. W., John M. and Olive E. Both parents were born in Tennessee, the father's birth occurring in 1812. He was a farmer and blacksmith, and died in Missouri in 1870. During the late war he was in strong sympathy with the Union. His wife was born in 1818, and died in 1869. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Isaac H. Earnest resided at home until the father's death, and is now living on the old homestead. When the Rebellion broke out he joined Company B, Forty-fifth Enrolled Missouri Volunteers, and served until the war was over. He was married to Miss Sarah E. Willson, a daughter of Benjamin F. Willson, on the 15th of September, 1870. She was born in Missouri, and died April 27, 1882, at the age of thirty-two years. August 16, 1883, he married Miss Elizabeth, a daughter of Daniel S. and Jane R. (Willson) Snyder, and by her is the father of two children: Edith V., born January 20, 1885, and Martha J., born August 18, 1886. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a staunch Republican in politics, and in 1884 was elected judge of the county court from the Second District, and was re-elected to the same office two years later. At one time he was one of the two associate judges, and has held the office of postmaster. He is an active church worker, and is very public spirited; a patron of education and of all enterprises for the public weal. His present wife was born in Missouri January 20, 1847. Her father died January 18, 1862, at the age of forty-six years, and her mother's home is in Southwest Kansas. Mr. Earnest has a good farm of 160 acres, and carries on general farming and stock-raising.

John Ensminger was born in Stark County of the "Buckeye State" July 7, 1841, and is the eighth of ten children, who are all residing in Cumberland County, Penn., with the exception of our subject. His parents, Jacob and Mary M. (Dewalt) Ensminger, were born in that State, and there the father died April 10, 1861. The mother is still living. John Ensminger was engaged in farming and attending school until he attained his majority, then commenced the battle of life for himself, and removed from his native State to Indiana, where he remained two years; then removed to Cumberland County, Penn., and was married there to Lucy Ann Arbogast on the 7th of April, 1864. After managing his father's farm for three years he moved to Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, where he was engaged in farming five years; then came to Morgan County, Mo., exchanging the farm in Virginia for the one where he now lives. It consisted at first of 360

acres of raw land, but he soon after sold 80 acres. He owns another farm of eighty acres about two miles from the home place, the latter being one of the best improved in Morgan County, the residence, which was erected about four years ago, being fitted up with all modern conveniences, containing ten rooms, with a large cellar underneath. His new barn is 38x40 feet, and is the only one in the township that has a hay derrick. The other buildings are equally good. He has a fine orchard of over 3,000 trees of choice fruits, besides raising large quantities of small fruits. He has a blacksmith and wood-work shop on his farm, and is completely equipped for his business. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Agricultural Wheel, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Their children are as follows: James, born in 1864; Emma, born in 1866; Mary, in 1867; Charley, in 1869; Rosa, in 1871; John, in 1873; Alfred, in 1875, and died in 1876, and Jacob, born in 1877, all of whom are at home except the eldest, who is in Texas.

Constantine Estes (deceased), an old settler of Morgan County, Mo., was born September 15, 1816, in Tennessee, and was the son of John and Susie (Kelly) Estes, also natives of Tennessee. The family moved to Missouri in 1819, settling in Cooper County when Constantine was but three years of age, and there the father took a claim and improved a farm. He died in Moreau Township, Morgan County, Mo. Constantine lived with his parents until twenty-three years of age, when he married Miss Malinda Sims, a native of Cooper County. After marriage they moved to a farm in Moreau Township, two and a half miles north of Versailles, and there made their home for a short time, then moving to another farm north of Versailles, where he owned 140 acres. He lived there until 1876, when he moved to a place near Versailles, and there remained until his death, which occurred January 7, 1881, at the age of sixty-six years. Mr. Estes was twice married, his first wife being the mother of three children: James K., Mary G., wife of J. N. Martin, of Moreau Township, and William, who died at the age of eighteen years. The mother of these children died January 23, 1845, at the age of twenty-five years. Mr. Estes was again married in 1847 to Mrs. Elizabeth Allison, *nee* Ford, who bore him seven children: George W., now of Holden, Mo.; John B., now in the State of California; Matilda M., wife of Jasper Estes, of Morgan County; Andrew T., now in Colorado; Alfred M., of Glensted, Mo.; Minerva, wife of Isaac Gahart, of Clinton, Mo., and Fannie, wife of Eugene Gahart, of Morgan County. The mother of these children is still living. Constantine Estes was a member of the Baptist Church, and was a man who took an active interest in all church work.

James K. Estes, a stock-shipper of Versailles, is a native of Morgan County, Mo., and was born in 1840. His youth was spent on a farm, and at the age of twenty he left home and enlisted in the State Militia, and participated in the following battles: Boonville (Mo.), Carthage, Wilson's Creek (where he was wounded), Drywood, Lexington and many others. He went home in the spring of 1862, worked on the farm one season, and in September of the same year was married to Miss Drucilla A. Tipton, a native of Boone County, Mo.,

and the daughter of L. D. Tipton. Mr. Estes rented land one year and then moved, in the spring of 1864, to the old Sims farm, which he rented one season. He engaged in the cattle business in 1863 and moved to Madison County, Ill., where he remained one year, after which he went back, in the spring of 1866, and rented the Sims farm, remaining there one season, and then located on a farm near Versailles, where he resided until 1879, and where he has 233 acres of land. He then settled north of town, and in 1881 moved to Versailles, where he has remained ever since, engaged in the stock business. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is Democratic in politics, and is a member of the A. F. & A. M.

Dr. Hiram R. Fish, son of Benjamin Fish, and grandson of Ephraim Fish, who was in the Continental army, was with Washington when he crossed the Delaware River, and was commissioned colonel for gallant service in the battles of Trenton and Monmouth. Benjamin Fish was born in Eaton, N. Y., in 1790, and remained there until after his marriage. During the War of 1812 Mr. Fish enlisted in the United States army, participating in the battle of Sackett's Harbor, and afterward was in a company of veterans at Buffalo, and passed in review before the Count DeLafayette on his memorable visit to the United States. Mr. Fish was married to Miss Delia Pease, in Cortland County, N. Y., May 6, 1810, and in 1825 moved with his wife and family, which consisted of two children, to Ohio, but afterward moved to Indiana, where the father died in 1855. Dr. Hiram R. Fish was born in Huron County, Ohio, November 11, 1833, and was the seventh son of eight boys born in succession, there being thirteen children in all, ten sons and three daughters. The Doctor was married in Maumee City, Ohio, December 7, 1859, to Miss Maggie K. Rodman, of the same place, and two children were born to this union, one now living, Addie Belle, who was born August 11, 1861, and married Joseph Allen, of Morgan County, Mo., but is now living in Pratt County, Kas. Mrs. Fish died August 15, 1867. The Doctor received a good common-school education, and afterward took an academic course in La Grange County, Ind. His medical course was commenced late in life, at Ann Arbor, Mich., from which institution he graduated in 1870, having attended in 1868, 1869 and 1870. In 1876, having a desire to become better posted in the science of medicine, he took another course of lectures. In 1870 he went to Iowa, locating at Greencastle, Jasper County, where he began the practice of his profession. In December, 1872, he came to Versailles, Morgan County, Mo., and built up an extensive practice, which is still increasing. The Doctor is nicely fixed, and has one of the pleasantest homes in the county. Dr. Fish was married the second time, March 6, 1873, to Miss Sarah E. Holmes, of Morgan County, but who was born in La Grange County, Ind. Three children are the fruits of this union, only one, William V., now living. Dr. Fish, in addition to his practice, carries on the drug and general grocery trade, and Mrs. Fish furnishes the people the latest styles in millinery. Dr. Fish is a Democrat, and a tariff-for-revenue-only man, and in religion is no sectarian, but embraces all.

John Freebairn, a prominent pioneer business man of Versailles,

Mo., was born in Rutherglen, near Glasgow, Scotland, in 1834, his parents, who were John Freebairn and Leah Hamilton, being also born there. Owing to his father's early death, he had to begin fighting the battle of life for himself at an early day, and learned the butcher's trade, and also worked as a farm hand for three years. He then learned engineering, at which he worked five years, under his stepfather, Robert Hood, who was manager of the coal works at Rutherglen, and at the end of the five years, in August, 1858, he set sail for America, and after a very rough voyage of twenty-two days he landed at New York City. After remaining here two weeks he came westward to St. Louis, and a few weeks later came to Versailles, and worked at whatever he could find to do. After a short time he purchased sixty acres of land adjoining the town on the west, on which his elevator and the depot are now situated. In 1859 he opened the first meat-market in the place, which he conducted until the breaking out of the late Civil War, when he engaged in farming on his sixty acres. At the end of one year he opened a saloon, but discontinued it at the end of six months, and in 1862 established a general mercantile establishment, but in 1864 abandoned this business and started for Montana, where he was interested in mining for twelve years, being also occupied in lumbering, blacksmithing, gunsmithing, and various other occupations. He was fairly successful, and in 1876 returned to Versailles, and in the fall of the same year opened his present general mercantile establishment, which brings him in a handsome annual income. He now owns 920 acres of land, and an interest in 440 acres of mineral land, and all his business ventures are meeting with good success.

G. B. and C. H. Frisch, proprietors of the Buffalo Mills, were born in Missouri, November 12, 1854, and September 7, 1857, respectively, being the sons of Herman and Amelia (Smith) Frisch, who came to Missouri about 1850. The two brothers remained with and assisted their father until the latter's death, and then began doing for themselves, and are now the owners of 600 acres of land in Morgan and Benton Counties, eighty of which are under cultivation, and the rest in timber land. They have a fine flouring-mill on their property, which was erected in 1880, and is two and a half stories high, and is 26x36 feet. It is run by water power, the water being collected in a reservoir, which is fed by springs about 150 yards above the mill, and furnishes a volume of some 150 cubic feet of water per minute, the volume not being affected by rains. An overshot wheel, having a diameter of sixteen feet, makes nine revolutions to the minute, and the grinding capacity is about thirty barrels per day. They have one set of buhrs for grinding wheat, and one for corn; two sets of elevators, two reel chests, and one smutter. Both brothers support the Republican party, and are men of energy and brains. C. H. Frisch was married December 9, 1880, to Mary Frisch, by whom he has three children: Clarence, born May 6, 1883; Zora, born in November, 1884; Leo, born in March, 1887, and one child that died in infancy. Anna Feineman became the wife of G. B. Frisch on the 12th of April, 1882, and they have now four children: Herman, born January 23, 1883; Laurence, born

October 24, 1884; Walter, born September 24, 1886, and Alice, born August 24, 1888.

F. H. A. Fuegner, a prominent citizen of Versailles, Mo., has been a resident of the same since 1877, with the exception of nine years which he spent in traveling through the United States and Europe. Mr. Fuegner was born in the city of Hamburg, Germany, in 1851, and is the son of F. L. A. Fuegner. His mother's maiden name was Miss Cline, and both parents were natives of Germany. The father was a real-estate dealer, and was senator of the city of Hamburg for sixteen years. He was a careful business man, and was very successful. In his religious views he adhered to the Catholic Church, and his wife was a member of the Lutheran Church. F. H. A. Fuegner received his education in the common schools, and afterward graduated at Johaneum College in 1867, at the age of sixteen. He then served an apprenticeship at the baker's trade for two years, during which time he went through a course of study preparatory to entering the army. In the fall of 1869, during the Franco-Prussian War, he entered the Second Company, Seventy-fifth Regiment Infantry one year as a volunteer; he then entered the same as sergeant, and served as such until December 2, 1870. At the battle of Orleans he was wounded by a gunshot in the breast and was struck on the head with a musket, but was not wounded so severely as to be unfit for duty. The war closed September 15, 1871, and he sailed for America with the intention of visiting the United States, but liking the country he concluded to make his home permanently here. He first settled in San Francisco, Cal., but went from there to Virginia City, Nev., and while there he met and married Miss Laura Joachimi, a daughter of Louis Joachimi, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. In connection with his father-in-law our subject established the *Nevada State Gazette*, the first German paper ever published in Nevada. This they operated for two years, and were then burned out. Six months later they moved to Stockton, Cal., and established the *Stockton Courier*, and ran this paper for several months, after which they sold out. After a few months' stay in Sacramento, Mr. Fuegner moved to Versailles, Mo., in 1877, and assisted Mr. Joachimi in the post office for two years. He then spent nine years in traveling over the United States and Europe, after which he returned to Versailles, Mo., and is now living a retired life. He is the owner of a handsome residence and nineteen and a half acres of land at the edge of the city of Versailles. Aside from this he is the owner of other town property, has some brick houses in Hamburg, Germany, mostly tenement houses, and is also interested in mining land in Missouri. To his marriage were born two children: Fannie and Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Fuegner are members of the Episcopal Church, of which he is treasurer, and he also holds the position of secretary of the school board of the city. He is a Republican in politics, takes an active part in political affairs, and stumped the county, making German speeches through German settlements. He takes great interest in school matters and in all public enterprises.

William S. Gibbs has been a resident of Morgan County, Mo., since 1838, at which date he came with his parents, Thomas J. and

Margaret (McFarland) Gibbs, from the State of Tennessee, William S. having been born there April 24, 1834, being one of their three children: Alexander M., William S. and John M. The latter was killed in the late war in a skirmish in Hickory County. Thomas J. Gibbs was born in Virginia, and in 1842 was killed by a falling tree, at the age of twenty-nine years. His wife was born in Tennessee, and died at the age of sixty-two, in 1871. William S. Gibbs remained with his mother four years after his father's death, and from that time until he was of age made his home with Benjamin F. Willson, who afterward became his father-in-law. He first married Miss Myra M. Ivey, December 3, 1855, who died September 7, 1858, leaving two children: Thomas J. and Louisa M. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he enlisted in the Home Guards, and at the end of six months was commissioned to raise a company, and after it was consolidated with another company he was made its first lieutenant. He did service under Gen. Blunt on the frontier, and says that that general's command endured untold hardships. For about two months he was in the saddle almost night and day, but came safely through without a scratch, but came very near being killed at one time by his horse, which had been shot in the neck, falling on him. He was discharged at Springfield, April 24, 1865, and returned home and engaged in general merchandising, and was postmaster at Versailles for seven years. Owing to impaired health, he was not able to attend to business properly, and in 1871 failed. He then retired to an unimproved farm of eighty acres, and began making improvements, and built a house, which at that time cost \$900. He now owns 270 acres, and has about 100 acres in farming condition, and throughout the year handles considerable stock. Mr. Gibbs always votes the Republican ticket, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity. December 13, 1864, he was married to Mrs. Mary E. (Willson) Grain, by whom he has six children: Fanny, born October 12, 1865; John F., born March 31, 1868; William S., born May 31, 1870, and died September 21, 1884; George E., born March 23, 1873, and died September 5, 1873; Mary E., born April 10, 1876, and Emmett H., born August 2, 1878, and died September 5, 1879. Mr. Gibbs' parents were members of the Methodist Church, and he was the first person christened by Parson Brownlow, of Tennessee.

Thomas J. Gibbs, M. D., a practicing physician of the county, is a son of William S. Gibbs, whose sketch appears in this work. He was born in Morgan County, Mo., August 24, 1856, and remained on his father's farm until twenty-eight years of age, receiving in his boyhood days a common-school education. At the above-mentioned age he began reading medicine under Dr. John T. Beale, of Versailles, with whom he remained one summer and winter, and then went back home and farmed the following summer. The next winter he clerked for Mr. Talbott during the day, and pursued his studies at night, and was then a clerk in the drug store of H. R. Fish, at Proctor. In the fall of 1887 he entered the Beaumont Medical College of St. Louis, Mo., which institution he attended during the school year of 1887-88, then went back to Proctor, and engaged in practicing under Dr. Fish, and has met with exceptionally good success for a young prac-

tioner. He intends taking his second year's course during the school year of 1889-90, and will graduate in the latter year. He is a Democrat politically.

William H. Goddard, a prominent old pioneer of Morgan County, Mo., was born in Knox County, Tenn., December 17, 1817, and came to Morgan County in 1847, locating at Versailles. His parents, T. C. and Mary (Cunningham) Goddard, were born in the "Old Dominion," and died in McMinn County, Tenn., at the age of ninety-three and eighty-four years, respectively. The latter was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the time of her death. William H. Goddard was reared on a farm, and learned the tanner's trade in his youth, but has never followed the latter occupation to any great extent. From 1841 to 1847 he was employed by the Rice & Fitzgerald Clock Company, and during this time traveled all over Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas, his headquarters being at Jackson, Miss. In 1847 he came to Morgan County, Mo., where he took the agency for a clock company, and was engaged in this occupation until the fall of 1849, when he clerked in a general mercantile establishment for several years, and then became a partner in the business, remaining as such until 1856, when he was elected by the Democratic party as sheriff and collector of Morgan County, and held the office by re-election until 1860. When the war broke out he enlisted in Company D, Col. Kelley's regiment, Missouri Home Guards, and afterward joined the Confederate service under Col. Burns, and during his four years' service participated in the following battles: Boonville, Carthage, Wilson's Creek, Lexington, Springfield, Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, Helena, Little Rock and others. After a time he was appointed quartermaster and commissary at Dangerfield, Tex., which position he held until the close of the war. In July, 1865, he came to St. Louis, and after remaining several weeks returned to Versailles, and was engaged in clerking three months. Since 1866 he has resided on his farm, with the exception of from 1874 to 1880, when he served as sheriff and collector of Morgan County. He has been a Democrat all his life, and socially is a member of the A. F. & A. M. January 27, 1853, he was married to Miss Mary E. Chaney, a native of Cooper County, Mo., by whom he is the father of eight children: Julia Ann, wife of T. Duff, of Versailles; Harriet, wife of A. M. Estes, of Versailles; Henry T., John J., Sterling P., Joseph H., James O. and Lucinda C. Mr. Goddard enlisted in the Mexican War, being captain of a company, and went to the front, but was sent back to the frontier to settle some Indian troubles, and assisted in moving some of the Indians to their reservation. He was in the service ten months.

John Goodman (deceased) was born in Ross County, Ohio, February 22, 1829, spent his youth in that State, and was there married to Miss Susan M. Immell, a native also of the same place. After their marriage, which occurred March 30, 1852, they remained in their native county until 1859, when they moved to Morgan County, Missouri, and bought a small farm of forty acres. By economy and great industry Mr. Goodman added to this until at the time of his death he was the owner of 650 acres, almost all fine prairie land. Mrs. Goodman was a member of the Methodist Church while liv-

ing in Ohio but failed to join the church after coming to Missouri. He was a Spiritualist to some extent, and was a man who found his greatest pleasure in being at home with his family. During the troublous times of the war Mr. Goodman enlisted in the Enrolled Militia of Missouri, and as a consequence was subject to the indignities of the bushwhacker element. At one time, just at the close of the war, a party came to his house and robbed it of what had been left after several similar depredations. They took Mr. Goodman, who happened to be at home, out, and threatened to shoot him, and proceeded to the woods for that purpose. Mr. Goodman told them that if he had to die, he would prefer staying in his own door-yard. Finally, after a great deal of talking, they concluded to let him go, their object being to get what money he had, which was very little at that time. When Mr. Goodman first located in Missouri he was a Democrat in politics, but after the war he voted the Republican ticket, and continued to do so until his death, which occurred December 14, 1879, at his home in Morgan County. He was a much esteemed citizen, and his death was mourned by all who knew him. His wife survived him nine years, and died December 17, 1888, leaving a family of nine children to mourn her loss, one of whom, Miss Lillie, only survived her two months, dying March 2, 1889. The other children are named as follows: Elizabeth Jane, married Daniel Williams, of Morgan County, and is the mother of two children; George (deceased); Josiah and Josephine (twins); Josiah, married to Miss Etter, and has two children; Laura Bell, married William James, of Moniteau County, and has three children; Nancy E., widow of Charles E. Jones, who died in Miller County in 1886, leaving four children, the eldest now being deceased; Mr. Jones, at the time of his death, was prosecuting attorney of Miller County; John, married Miss Strong, and has two children; Harriet, wife of Sumpter English, of Barnett, now a well-known stock-dealer of that place; Charles, at home, and Mary Susan, at home. Lillie married John Jackson, of Miller County, and became the mother of two children, both of whom died in infancy. At the time of the cyclone, April 18, 1880, Mrs. Goodman's house lay directly in its path, and their house and barn, which were large and among the best in the county, were completely demolished, entailing a loss of about \$7,000 in buildings and fences. When the family saw the storm approaching they all went to the cellar with the exception of Mrs. Jones, who was visiting her old home. In relating the circumstance she says: "When the crash came I remember crying aloud, and catching at the first object that presented, and this happened to be a large straw tick which had been on a bed in the room above. Then there came a sensation of flying in the air, with a confused mass of debris, and I can remember very distinctly of being whirled around and around underneath the tick of straw, and then with a sudden motion was brought back to the place where the house had stood, and was found there after the storm still clinging to the tick."

Prof. J. K. Gwynn was born in Woodford County, Ky., but at the age of six years removed with his parents to the vicinity of Elizabethtown, Hardin County, Ky., where his boyhood and early manhood

were spent in the healthful and virtuous pursuits of agriculture, for his father was a substantial farmer. That part of the Union was subsequently terrorized by alternate incursions of Union and Confederate troops. When he arrived at school age the school facilities were poor, and his earlier education was largely the result of his own unaided efforts. About the time the country was beginning to recover from the ravages of the Civil War, and the long-deferred hope of completing his education in some reputable institution of learning was about to be realized, he had the double misfortune of losing both his parents within ten days of each other, his mother dying at the age of forty-two, and his father at the age of fifty-five, in the year 1870, leaving him the eldest son of a family of eight children, himself then but sixteen. His eldest sister, now Mrs. R. B. Jenkins, of Elizabethtown, Ky., was, however, two years his senior, and together they reared the younger children till the sister referred to married, a few years later, when the subject of this sketch left home for a brief period, to engage in commercial pursuits in Louisville, Ky. The panic of 1873 causing the failure of the house he was with, he returned to his old home, and engaged in teaching in the public schools of the country till he had accumulated money enough to avail himself of a course in college. He then accepted a position as teacher in the college where he was educated, and continued in that position for one year. Subsequent to this he went to Meade County, Ky., and embarked with marked success in the high-school work, and still later he engaged in the same kind of work at Pitt's Point, Bullitt County, coming from there to Versailles, Mo., in June, 1884, where he entered into the newspaper business, establishing the *Morgan Messenger* in October, 1884, which he continued to publish till October, 1886, when it was destroyed by fire. He then purchased the *Versailles Gazette*, changed the name of the paper to *Messenger-Gazette*, which was also destroyed by fire in March, 1887. Shortly after coming to Versailles his ripe experience as a teacher became known, and, at the earnest solicitation of prominent citizens in the community, he opened a private school, which soon developed into such proportions as to suggest a permanent institution of learning. This scheme was put into successful execution through the agency of a joint stock company, and was chartered under the name of the Versailles Male and Female Institute. Prof. Gwynn subsequently bought up the stock, and owns the property. He carried on the publication of the above-named papers, and the school, at the same time, till the second fire, after which he devoted his energies entirely to his school duties till March, 1888, when he accepted the position as secretary of the Southwest Missouri Immigration Society, in which work he is engaged at this writing. In addition to educating himself he has also been largely instrumental in educating his brothers and sisters, and the youngest two of his sisters are a part of his family. He was married on the 31st of August, 1885, to M. Lou Hunter, of Morgan County, the fourth daughter of Shores P. Hunter by his second wife.

Frank Gwynn, president of the Versailles Male and Female Institute, was born in Woodford County, Ky., November 10, 1858, being one of six surviving members of a family of eight children born to

Williams S. and Angelina L. (Kean) Gwynn, who died in 1870. After their demise the children remained together on the farm for three years, and then Frank began the battle of life for himself. He attended the public schools up to the time of his father's death, and for two years after; then, by hard work on the farm during the summer, he was enabled to attend Hamilton College, Elizabethtown, Ky., for the greater portion of the year. By this means he acquired sufficient education to teach his first country school, in 1875. He was engaged in teaching in the public schools of Hardin County for the following two or three years, also attending college in the meantime. During the next two years he was associated in private schools in Meade County, Ky., and afterward in Jefferson County. Here (about 1882) there was an interval during which Mr. Gwynn was watching by the bedside of an invalid sister, whom he nursed for nearly a year, at the close of which he went to Bourbon County, Ky., and taught both public and private schools for one year. He then removed to Versailles, Morgan County, Mo. During the first six months of Mr. Gwynn's residence here he was engaged on the *Morgan Messenger*, a weekly paper published in Versailles. He then taught school at Barnett, Morgan County, for the next two years. In the spring of 1888 Mr. Gwynn took partial control of the Versailles Male and Female Institute, and in September of the same year accepted the presidency of the Institute, and by pluck, energy and good management has succeeded in placing it upon a firmer foundation than ever, as is shown by the increased attendance and the character of his supporters. The curriculum of the Institute embraces all—from the primary to the collegiate course. Thoroughness is his motto, and the examinations prove that he lives up to it. On the 1st day of May, 1889, Mr. Gwynn was united in marriage to Miss Annie Briscoe, daughter of John and Jennie Briscoe, of Morgan County, Mo. Mrs. Gwynn is a Baccalaureate graduate of Elizabeth Aul Seminary, of Lexington, Mo.; is also a graduate in music, and has an enviable reputation as a teacher. They will conduct the Institute in the future. Mr. Gwynn is a member of the Baptist Church, and is a Simon-pure Jeffersonian Democrat.

W. L. Hatler, M. D., now located at Barnett, Morgan County, Mo., has been a resident here since the spring of 1884. He was born in Weakley County, Tenn., in 1851, and is the son of Allien and Reginia (Ritchie) Hatler, both natives, also, of Tennessee. The former was a successful tiller of the soil, and is now a resident of his native State. Dr. W. L. Hatler passed his boyhood days on the farm, where he remained until 1878, when he went to Allen County, Ky., and there studied medicine under a preceptor. In the winter of 1879-80 he attended the Nashville Medical College, University of Tennessee. In the spring of 1880 he returned to his preceptor, with whom he practiced his profession until fall, then moving to the town of Oakwood, Monroe County, Ky., where he stayed until February, 1881. Upon going to Salt Lick, Macon County, Tenn., on White Oak Creek, he remained there until in October, 1881, then attending his second course of lectures at the Nashville Medical College, University of Tennessee, where he graduated in February, 1882. He then came West and located at Rocky Mount, Miller County, Mo., and there remained

engaged in the active practice of his profession for two years. In March, 1884, he moved to Barnett, Morgan County, Mo., where he has since remained and where he has a good practice. He was married December 27, 1887, to Miss L. E. Taylor, a native of Miller County, Mo. She was born August 4, 1859. She taught school ten years before her marriage. She is a member of the Baptist Church. The Doctor is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and is at present notary public and deputy postmaster at Barnett. In his political views he affiliates with the Democratic party. He is a good, moral, sober man—a gentleman in every respect.

R. S. Harker, station agent at Versailles, Mo., has for the past five years been engaged in this business in the city. He was born in New York, and is the son of James and Mary A. Harker, natives of England. The father was also a station agent, having filled that position at the terminus of the Missouri Pacific Railroad when that road was but forty miles in all, and was killed in an accident at Arkadelphia, Ark., in 1872, at the age of forty-five years. The mother now resides at Sedalia, Mo. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the father was a man who always took an active part in church matters. He was at one time candidate for sheriff of Moniteau County. Of the seven children born to his marriage, all are now living except two, who died in infancy: R. S., D. C., in Kansas, and master mechanic's clerk for the Missouri Pacific Railroad; Mattie, wife of Rev. Price E. Crow; Percie, now a druggist at Sedalia; Florence, a teacher; Angelena, died at the age of one year and six months, and Celestia, died in infancy. R. S. Harker received his education in the subscription schools, and at the age of eighteen he was employed by the United States Express Company in the capacity of express agent, at Tipton, Mo., continuing in that position for eighteen months. He then took a position as express messenger of the United States Express Company, and was thus engaged for several months. He was then occupied as brakeman, baggageman and conductor for nine years for the Missouri Pacific Railway, and has been in the employ of that company ever since, taking charge of the station in May, 1885. He was married in 1877 to Miss Laura Ganes, a native of Cooper County, Mo., and the result of this union was three children: Laura, Horton and Leroy C., the former two having died in infancy. Mr. Harker is a member of the A. O. U. W., is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, and takes an active part in the same. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mr. Harker is the owner of some town property.

L. B. Hawks, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Morgan County, Mo., is the son of Martin and Sarah Jane (Estes) Hawks, who were early settlers of the county. The Estes family were also among the pioneers of this part of Missouri. L. B. Hawks, subject of this sketch, was born in Moreau Township, Morgan Co., Mo., on a farm almost four miles north of Versailles. At the age of twelve years he lost his father, and he then made his home with an uncle, William Sims (see sketch), until his marriage, which occurred March 15, 1876, to Miss Florence B. Thruston, a native of Morgan County, and the daughter of J. B. Thruston, M. D., of Versailles, one of the oldest

physicians of Southwest Missouri (see sketch). After marriage Mr. Hawks moved on the place which he now owns, but which was then the property of his father-in-law. This he afterward purchased, and it is now a well-improved farm. To his marriage have been born four children, only one now living, J. B. Thruston. Mr. Hawks is a Democrat in his political views, has held a number of township offices, and is a much-esteemed citizen. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. P. Hays, a native of Morgan County, Mo., was born in 1840. His father, Fountain Hays, came from near Louisville, Ky., in 1836, and settled in what is now Moniteau County, Mo., entering eighty acres of land. His mother was Miss Thixton, of Jefferson County, Ky. This young couple experienced all the hardships of pioneer life. Amid such surroundings W. P. was reared, living with his father until he was about twenty-seven years of age, when he married Miss Lizzie Mullins, daughter of Archie Mullins, who went to California in 1850, and there died. Mr. Hays, after marriage, settled on a place near his father's homestead, where he built a house, which he occupied seventeen years, and in 1888 he erected a fine residence on the same piece of land. He now owns eighty-five acres of farm land, and is engaged in raising horses, cattle and hogs. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been a member of the county central committee, also serving as a delegate to several county conventions. He has acted for a number of years as school director for his district. Mr. Hays is now steward and recording secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The frames of the buildings on his place are all made of hewn timber, all of which were gotten out by himself. He and wife have five children: William P. (married Miss Rosa Wallace, of Moniteau County, and now resides in Vernon County), Eberhardt Monroe, Eliza, Cora and Rosa.

Benjamin F. Hays is the son of Peter and Jane (Miller) Hays, and the grandson of John Hays, who came from Pennsylvania and settled in Kentucky. Peter Hays was born in Kentucky, and came to Missouri, Moniteau County, about thirty-five years ago. He married Miss Jane Miller, daughter of Levi Miller, whose wife's maiden name was Miss Brown, and who came from Virginia. Mr. Hays rented land in Moniteau County until 1862, when he purchased 160 acres, and there lived until his death, which occurred July 10, 1864. He was killed in a dastardly manner by bushwhackers, who rode up to the house in the night-time, while his three sons were away from home, went through the house, plundering it of all they wished, and then attacked Mr. Hays, putting seven shots in his body. Who the assassins were has never been determined, although the same men killed two other men that night, and in almost a like manner. Mrs. Hays lived on the place until 1885, when she died, surrounded by her children. Benjamin F. Hays, the eldest son of Peter and Jane (Miller) Hays, remained on the farm after the death of his father, with the exception of a year that he spent in Kentucky, and where he had some interesting experiences with the bushwhackers of that county, and at one time was taken for one himself, but proved his innocence, and was given his freedom. He was married to Miss Rose A. Newkirk, daughter of

David S. and Mary (McPherson) Newkirk, and granddaughter of Joseph McPherson, of Kentucky, December 1, 1870, and soon bought out some of the shares of the old homestead. Since then he bought the other shares, and has added 230 acres to the original tract, besides erecting fine buildings. He has a fine family of children, eleven in all, and has never lost one. They are named as follows: Minnie Lee, David P., Charles H., James T., Thomas A., Mary F., George F., Joseph A., Rose E., Anna C. and the baby, John Edwin.

W. T. Hubbard, M. D., was born in Randolph County, Mo., and was there reared to manhood on a farm. After receiving his rudimentary education in the common schools he entered Central College at Fayette, Missouri, and from this institution entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, and first began practicing his profession in Saline County in 1857, where he remained until 1862, then coming to Morgan County, which place has since been his home, but is now retired from the active duties of life. In 1858 he was married to Catherine Amelia Bonnell, a native of Kentucky, by whom he had a family of three sons: Dr. Joel D., county clerk of Morgan County; William, train dispatcher and telegraph operator at Kansas City; and George H., deputy county clerk of Morgan County. Since the beginning of the late war he has been a Republican in politics. His parents, Joel and Sallie (Alexander) Hubbard, were Kentuckians who immigrated to Randolph County, Mo., in 1826, being pioneer settlers of the same. The latter's maternal grandfather, Timothy Logan, was among the first settlers of Kentucky, and during the early history of that State was in many fights with the Indians. He was a friend of Abraham Lincoln's grandfather. Dr. Joel D. Hubbard, son of Dr. W. T. Hubbard, was born in Saline County, Mo., in 1860, and was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools until thirteen years of age, when he entered the Central College at Fayette, Mo., where he remained until he entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, from which institution he was graduated in 1882. He located almost immediately at Syracuse, and conducted a large and paying practice until his election by the Republican party to the office of county clerk of Morgan County, and has since resided in Versailles. He is filling the duties of his office in a very acceptable manner, and has won the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was married on the 17th of February, 1887, to Miss Cora L. Kennedy, a native of Morgan County and a daughter of George and Mary A. Kennedy, who were born in Scotland and Morgan County, Mo., respectively. The Doctor and wife have one daughter, Beulah.

Dr. W. B. Hunter, a practicing physician of Morgan County, Mo., was born near Logansport, Ind., in the year 1853. He is the son of Samuel and Rosa (Free) Hunter, being the youngest child of a large family, all of whom are dead except two brothers. His early life was spent on the farm with his parents, who gave him the benefit of a good common-school education. Not being satisfied with this, he entered the Logansport High School, remaining one year. Then he began teaching in order to replenish his funds. This was so congenial to his taste that he determined to make a life work of it. Accord-

ingly, in the spring of 1875, he entered the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, remaining the greater portion of three years, and teaching while absent from college. In the year 1878 we find him attending the Central Normal at Danville, Ind., but, his health failing from close confinement and too vigorous application, the idea of becoming a professional teacher was abandoned. Not being discouraged, he entered the office of Dr. B. D. Bradfield, of Deer Creek, Ind., who became his confidential friend and instructor for the ensuing two years. Next he was enrolled in the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, located at Ann Arbor. Here he took a three years' graded course, of nine months each, and graduated with honor June 26, 1884. Soon after completing his course an office was opened at Anoka, Ind., where he continued in practice until 1887, when he moved to Excelsior, Mo. Here, by diligence, he has built up a thriving practice, and enjoys the respect and esteem of the community. Dr. Hunter is a Democrat in politics. In religion he is liberal, but inclined to the views of the Christian Church.

Lewis Igo is a son of Daniel Igo, of Kentucky, who came to Morgan County with a family of five children about 1826, the father dying some eleven years ago, and the mother in 1884. After the death of his parents Lewis Igo bought the old homestead. He married Miss Susan Tivis, daughter of Snowden Tivis and Susan Morris, of Moniteau County, she having been born near Tipton's present site. Their family consists of eleven children: James, Sallie, Daniel, Susie, Rebecca, Mollie, George, Snowden and Johnny are at home; Leonidas is married, and resides in Morgan County; Maggie is in Clarksburg, Moniteau County. Mr. Igo is a Republican, and Mrs. Igo is a member of the Baptist Church.

C. L. Inge is a native of the "Hoosier State," born May 31, 1852, being one of ten children born to James L. and Juliette (Smith) Inge, who moved from their native State of Kentucky to Indiana during its early history. C. L. Inge attended school during the winter seasons, and worked on his father's farm during the summer months, and when his parents sold their property in Indiana and came to Morgan County, Mo., he came with them. After residing near Akinsville for about five years they moved to their present farm two and a half miles west of the town. The father served for about thirteen months in the Union army during the late war, and his eldest son was out three years, and saw some hard service. C. L. Inge and his youngest brother, C. M., own 120 acres of land, and have about 100 acres under cultivation, on which is a good house, barn and orchard. They keep good stock, and are enterprising and successful farmers. On their land is a zinc mine, which has been worked for about four months, and the indications are very favorable for ore in paying quantities. Mr. Inge, our subject, is a member of the Agricultural Wheel; in his political views is a member of the Democratic party, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Judge D. M. English, a leading citizen of Morgan County, Mo., was born in Cole County, Mo., in 1827, and is the son of Joseph and Jane (Miller) English, natives of Tennessee. The parents left their native State and were among the earliest settlers of Cole County, Mo.

The father was a farmer by occupation. They were the parents of six children: Pollie, widow of William Welch, is now deceased; Thomas, who died at the age of twenty-five years; H. B., who died in the Choc-taw Nation; W. Y., now a hotel proprietor at Montrose, Mo.; Hannah, wife of John Hart, now of Texas, and D. M. The mother was a member of the Baptist Church, and died at the age of forty-five years. The father was one of the leading men of the county; took an active part in politics, having held the office of sheriff and collector of Greene County, Mo. While in Cole County he served a term as assessor, and also served many years as justice of the peace and constable. He died in Moniteau County, at the age of seventy-six years. He was a Democrat in politics. The paternal grandfather, John English, was a native of Tennessee, and came to Cole County, Mo., at an early day. He was a farmer by occupation, was captain of a company in the War of 1812, and died in Moniteau County, Mo., at the age of seventy-six years. He was a very prominent man, and was a member of the General Assembly eight terms, or sixteen years in all, after which he declined to run for another term. He was also a member of the first Democratic convention ever held at Jefferson City. Judge D. M. English attained his growth on the farm, and received a fair education for those early days. His parents moved to (now) Cedar County, Mo., when he was but six years of age, and at a time when there were but three white families within ten miles of them and when Indians were numerous. Here he remained until twenty years of age, when he left the parental roof, went to Calhoun County, Ill., and engaged as a wood chopper for two years. He then returned to Cedar County and remained two years, after which he went to Moniteau County. Here he was engaged as a farm hand until 1856, when he went to Texas, remained there one summer, and then came back to Moniteau County, where he established a brick-yard at California. In 1859 he engaged as a hired hand to drive an ox-team across the plains to Pike's Peak, and in 1860 he returned to Moniteau County, where he was married the 12th of October of the same year to Miss Margaret Yows, a native of Moniteau County, and the daughter of Dedrick Yows, an old settler of that county. Mr. English made that county his home until April 1, 1866, when he moved to Morgan County, Mo., and has since been a resident of the same. He bought over 502 acres of partially improved land, and now he has one of the best improved farms in the county. To his marriage were born six children: S. R., a farmer of this county, but formerly a merchant at Barnett; F. W., a merchant at Barnett; Q. R., died in childhood; W. P., at college; M. H., at home, and D. M., also at home. Judge and Mrs. English are members of the Christian Church, and he is a liberal contributor to the same and to all laudable enterprises. He is a Democrat in politics; held the office of justice of the peace four years, and was presiding judge for four years. He is a stock farmer of considerable note.

F. W. English & Co. F. W. English, the senior partner in the firm, was born near California, Moniteau Co., Mo., in 1863, and came to Morgan County with his parents when but a few years old. Although a young man, Mr. English is quite enterprising, and has full charge of as fine a store and stock of goods as can be found in the

county outside of Versailles, and, in fact, the stock will compete with many in that city. Mr. English keeps a well-regulated mercantile house, and almost any article, from a cambric needle to a reaping-machine, may be found in his stock. As his credit and means are almost unlimited, he is enabled to go into the market and purchase goods at figures which enable him to dispose of them to the surrounding community at less than they can be handled for in small quantities. Knowing that the interests of the farmers, by whom he is surrounded are identical with his interests, it is Mr. English's object and aim to supply them with as good an article as the market affords, and is content with a very small margin. He is always ready and willing to pay the highest market price for butter, eggs and other produce, in exchange for goods, and in these commodities alone does an enormous business, having bought and shipped in the month of January, of this year (1889), 1,830 dozen eggs. The firm of D. M. English & Son succeeded the firm of E. M. Graham & Co. in 1881, and continued until 1884, when they were succeeded by S. R. English & Bro., the present F. W. English being the brother. This firm continued until 1888, when in that year the firm took its present name, the father of F. W. English taking a partnership interest and establishing the firm under the name of F. W. English & Co. The store is a large one-story building, which was erected directly after the storm of 1878, by D. M. English. During his youth F. W. English attended the district school, and afterward attended one term at each of the following institutions of learning: Mount Pleasant, Miller County; Clarksburg, Moniteau County, and one term at the Columbia University, after which he returned home and took an interest with his brother in the store, which has continued ever since. He is also interested in the tie business, one of the flourishing trades of the county.

Max C. E. Joachimi, a member of the firm of Freebairn & Joachimi, dealers in grain, flour, feed; and railroad tie and bridge-timber contractors, has been a resident of Versailles since the fall of 1870, having been born in Mecklenburg, Germany, in 1843. His parents, L. and Louisa (Reinschnessel) Joachimi, were born in Mecklenburg, Germany, and about 1845 came to America, and settled in Oshkosh, Wis. The father established a newspaper in Oshkosh, and after a time began editing one at Sac City, Wis. In 1866 he came to Boonville, Mo., and began publishing a paper called the *Waechter am Missouri*, which was the first German paper established in Cooper County. This he continued to edit, in connection with his son Max, until 1870, when he managed the paper alone until 1875. During this time he took an active interest in politics, but at the latter date went to Virginia City, Nev., where he established a paper and remained some time, and then was engaged in the same work in Stockton, Cal. He is now living retired from the active duties of life in Versailles, Mo. His wife is also living, and they are members of the Lutheran Church. They reared a family of six children: Anna, wife of Nicholas Miller, of St. Louis; Matie, wife of Albert Salici, of Chicago, Ill.; Fanny, wife of Peter Steib, of St. Louis; Louisa, wife of Fred Fuegner, of Versailles; Paul, a printer, of San Francisco,

Cal., and Max C. E. The latter learned the printer's trade under his father, and came with him to Boonville, and in 1870 to Versailles. He engaged in merchandising, and furnished supplies to railroad contractors, and, through the roguery of one of the contractors, failed in business. From 1873 to 1881 he held the office of postmaster. He then engaged in mining, and developed several mines, which he found to be profitable until the reduction of the price of lead, but he still owns considerable mining property. Since December, 1885, he has been engaged in his present business. From 1881 to 1884 he was United States Marshal for this district, and did active work in that capacity. He was also mayor of the city one year. November 8, 1866, he was married to Miss Helen Gross, a native of New Orleans, La., and a daughter of Jacob Gross, a native of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Joachimi have five children: Arthur, a book-keeper for his father; Max J., also working for his father; Albert, Carrie and Lillie. Mr. and Mrs. Joachimi are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the A. F. & A. M. He served the Union in the late war, and in 1861 enlisted in the Ninety-seventh Illinois Volunteers as a private, and served three years, being promoted to the position of principal musician. He participated in the following battles: Vicksburg, Arkansas Post, Raymond, Jackson, Champion's Hill, Black River Bridge, siege of Vicksburg, and many others of less note. At Black River Bridge he received a gunshot wound in the left leg, but was not long disabled. He was in a railroad collision in Algiers, La., in which his regiment lost about seventy men. He is now a member of the G. A. R., and commander of Jeff C. Davis Post, No. 108, and it is almost needless to say a staunch Republican in politics. He is the owner of 1,000 acres of land and a one-half interest in 400 acres, and is one of the most extensive and successful business men in his part of the country. He has ever had the welfare of his county at heart, is a patron of education, and is considered a substantial and honorable business man of the State and county.

J. W. Johnson was born in Osage County, Mo., and was reared on a farm in that county until eighteen years of age, when he went to work on the Missouri Pacific Railroad on repairs between Jefferson City and the mouth of the Gasconade. From workman Mr. Johnson was raised to the position of foreman in his branch of service, and worked at different points. He stopped for awhile at Eldon and Centre Town, after which, in September, 1884, he came to Versailles and worked on the Boonville branch, between Tipton and Versailles. Here he continued until 1885, when, in July of that year, he met with a very severe accident while in his line of duty. He was holding a cold chisel to a piece of iron which was being struck by one of the men, when a piece of the hammer flew off, struck him in the right eye, and entirely destroyed the sight of that member. After a lawsuit that extended over three years, Mr. Johnson got a judgment against the company for \$5,000. Since being able to get around again he has made a living for his family by inspecting ties until January 1 of the present year (1889), when he purchased a half interest in Padgett Bros'. blacksmith and wagon shop, Mr. J. M. Padgett retiring, and the firm continuing under the title of Padgett & Johnson.

Mr. Johnson employs a mechanic to do his share in the shop business, while he occupies his time in improving a fine piece of property owned by him, and situated near the public square, on which he is building a nice two-story house. He was married to Miss Samantha McBride, a native of Osage County, Mo., and this union resulted in the birth of seven children, two dying in childhood. Those living are Thomas A., Lottie, Hattie, Harry and Ralph. Mr. Johnson affiliates with the Republican party in his politics, and Mrs. Johnson is a member of the Christian Church.

M. F. Jones is a prosperous hardware merchant of Versailles, Mo., and established his business in 1883, and keeps a large and select line of stoves, tinware, etc.; also a full line of Fairbank scales, Eclipse wind-mills, pumps, paints, oils, etc., his establishment being on the north side of the public square, one door east of the Bank of Versailles. Mr. Jones was born in Moniteau County, Mo., in 1856, being a son of W. B. and Malinda J. (Dunlap) Jones, who were born in Pennsylvania and Tennessee, respectively, and were early settlers of Moniteau County. In 1865, fifteen years after their arrival in Moniteau County, they came to Morgan County, and here they resided until their deaths, April 19, 1885, at the age of seventy years, and August 15, 1883, aged fifty-six years. While residing in Moniteau County the father was engaged in merchandising at Windmill, his store being the first in this part of the country. He was an active man in politics and public affairs, and was of strong religious nature, he and wife being earnest members of the Baptist Church. M. F. Jones was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools, and made his home with his father until twenty-two years of age, having been previously engaged in farming on rented land, and also clerked one year in a drug store. He is an excellent business man, enterprising and public spirited, and ranks among the first men of the county. In September, 1879, he wedded Annie W. Woods, a daughter of John E. Woods, of Moniteau County, by whom he has three children: Mord W., Ethel and Archie Q. Mrs. Jones is a member of the Christian Church.

W. H. Kavanaugh, ex-sheriff and collector of Morgan County, Mo., was born in Moniteau County, Mo., in 1844, and has been a resident of Morgan County, Mo., since 1870. His parents, Charles W. and Elizabeth (Briscoe) Kavanaugh, were born in Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively, and were among the pioneer settlers of Moniteau County, whither they came about 1834. The father was an extensive farmer and stock-dealer, and is still living, a resident of Chariton County, Mo. His wife died in 1862, at the age of forty-two years; both were members of the Baptist Church. Their children's names are: Susan W. (wife of C. Pulley, of Cooper County), W. H., Mary (wife of Jacob Landers, of Dade County), Charles B. (a merchant of Ray County, Mo.), Elizabeth W. (wife of Z. T. Clifton, the present postmaster of Syracuse, Mo.) and Ellen (wife of Simpson Oldham). W. H. Kavanaugh attended the common schools until he was fifteen years of age, and in the first year of the Rebellion enlisted in the Missouri State Guard, but after serving six months enlisted in the Second Missouri Confederate Infantry, Company D, and served until the close

of the war, participating in the battles of Lexington, Pea Ridge, Farmington, Iuka, Corinth (where he was wounded by a gunshot in the right arm), Grand Gulf, Baker's Creek, siege of Vicksburg, the Georgia campaign, Dalton, Resaca, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Marietta, Peach Tree Creek, siege of Atlanta, Hood's raid in Tennessee, Franklin (where he was captured, and taken to Chicago, where he was retained three months, and then exchanged at Richmond, Va.), Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely (where he was again captured, on the 9th day of April, with all of his command, and confined on Ship Island for two weeks, being discharged May 10, 1865, at Jackson, Miss). He then returned to his home, in June of that year, and worked as a farm hand until 1867, when he was married, December 29, to Arminda Chaney, who was born in Morgan County, a daughter of Henry Chaney, a pioneer of the county. To their union were born six children: Leonidas (who died at the age of nine years), Edwin F., Stella, Charles W., Orsino and Minnie M. After their marriage they were engaged in farming in Moniteau County for two years, and then moved to Morgan County, where he bought a small farm, on which he lived until the spring of 1884, when he was elected sheriff and collector of Morgan County for two years, and was re-elected in 1886. His office of collector expired March 1, 1889. He is a Democrat in politics, and belongs to the A. O. U. W.

Mrs. M. Kyle, whose maiden name was Young, was born in Maryland, August 10, 1828, being one of twelve children, five of whom are living, born to William and Mahala (Roby) Young. Her mother died when she was quite small, and her father in 1845, and after making her home with her eldest brother for awhile, she began working out for a living. January 7, 1858, she was married to Henry L. Kyle, by whom she became the mother of four sons and one daughter: Elmer, born April 12, 1861; Rebecca E., born October 14, 1862; George B., April 6, 1864; William S., April 23, 1865; John E., August 18, 1867. George B., died April 19, 1864, and Rebecca E., September 21, 1863. Mrs. Kyle lived in Henry County, Ill., for thirteen years after her marriage, and in 1868 removed with her husband to Linn County, Kas., where they remained about six years, then coming to Morgan County, where she now lives, and where her husband died April 1, 1886, aged seventy years, one month and twenty-nine days. Her three sons reside with her on a farm of 185 acres, nearly all of which is fine bottom land, and about ninety is under cultivation. The rest is heavily covered with timber. They have a roomy, old-fashioned house and substantial out-buildings and good orchard. The three sons are members of the Agricultural Wheel, and are Democrats in their political views, always voting the straight ticket. Mrs. Kyle is a member of the Methodist Church, as was her husband.

A. C. Lampton is a son of John Lampton, who moved to Howard County, Mo., in the year 1826, when the subject of this sketch was a boy. He remained in Howard County but a short time, then moving to Cooper County, Mo. The former was born in 1820. His father was a native of Kentucky, and served in the War of 1812. His grandfather was from Virginia, and moved to Kentucky in an early day, settling on the Kentucky River near Boonsboro. He was a soldier in

the Revolutionary War. A. C. Lampton took a part in the Mormon campaign. He was married in Cooper County, in 1846, to Miss Salina Field, a daughter of John Field, formerly of Virginia. They had two children: Walter, who is married and living in Colorado, and William, married, and living in Morgan County, Mo. Mrs. Lampton died September 24, 1887, and subsequently Mr. Lampton married Miss Ida Baker, daughter of William Baker, of Quincy, Ill. Mr. Lampton is a successful farmer, making the raising of jacks a specialty. He has the largest herd in the county of Maltese and Mammoth stock.

J. S. Leib, a substantial citizen of Morgan County, Mo., is the sixth of nine children born to Abraham and Elizabeth (Schuh) Leib, is the grandson of John Leib, and is the great-grandson of a Swiss gentleman, who came to this country near the last of the seventeenth century or the first of the eighteenth century. He was driven by persecution from his native country, went to Holland, and a few years later immigrated to the United States. He settled in Harrisburg, Penn. John Leib, of whom our subject has the name record, served in the commissary department under Gen. George Washington while in Pennsylvania. Abraham Leib, the father of our subject, was born in York County, Penn., and lived there until grown. He married Miss Schuh, of the same place, and both were members of the Mennonite Church, to which church they still adhere. J. S. Leib remained with his parents on the old home farm until twenty-five years of age, during which time he served, more or less, at the carpenter's trade, at which trade he became very proficient in later years. At the above-mentioned age he married Miss Fanny M. Witmer (March, 1849), daughter of Abraham Witmer, one of the Holland-Switzerland stock, and who married Barbara Habecker, daughter of Christian Habecker, and granddaughter of Christian Habecker, Sr., who came to Pennsylvania from Switzerland in 1734, and settled in Lancaster, Penn. Later the family moved to Niagara County, N. Y., in 1811, and here Mrs. Leib was born, in 1824. After her marriage to Mr. Leib they resided here until after the war, and then moved to Moniteau County, Mo., where they remained two years on a farm. They then bought 290 acres in Morgan and Moniteau Counties, settled on a part of it, but owing to misfortune Mr. Leib was obliged to sell all but thirty acres, which is all, and more, than he is able to care for, as his children are all doing for themselves, and the old folks are comfortably fixed on the old homestead. Their children are as follows: A. W., who married Miss Maria Lehman, of Pennsylvania, is now a resident of Morgan County, resides a few miles from the old homestead, and is engaged in running a saw-mill; he is the father of five children, three sons and two daughters; Jacob, died at the age of three years; C. H., married Miss Sarah Senn, of Ohio (her parents coming from Switzerland), and now lives in Laclede County, Mo., and is a carpenter by trade; he is the father of three children, two sons and a daughter; Joseph M., married Miss Carrie Lehman, sister of his brother's wife, is now living in Morgan County, is a steam engineer, and is the father of two children, a son and daughter. Mr. Leib is a Union man, and consequently a Republican, and his sons all vote the same ticket. He is a church man, and contributed liber-

ally to the building of the Bethel church. He has in his house a clock which he has had in his possession twenty-three years, it having been in the family for more than 100 years. When his grandfather began keeping house he went to Yorktown and had a certain John Fisher make the clock. It was made to order, and, standing on the floor, is eight feet high; gives the second, minute, hour, day of the month, and the phases of the moon. It has run continuously for over 100 years, as his father was seventy-eight years of age when he died, twenty-three years ago, and the clock was bought before he was born.

R. A. Long, attorney at law, of Versailles, Mo., has been a resident of the town since 1888, and was born in Sonoma County, Cal., in 1861, being a son of Marcus A. and Francis (Brown) Long, who were born in Wilson County, Tenn., and Albemarle County, Va., respectively. The father was a farmer and stock-raiser, and in 1852 immigrated to California, where he still resides. R. A. Long, our subject, was reared on a farm, and received his education in the district schools and at home, being aided by his father, who was formerly a school-teacher, and had decided literary tastes, devoting a great deal of his time to newspaper work. He takes active interest in California politics, especially of Solano County, and was elected on the Democratic ticket as county assessor, by a handsome majority. He also at one time lacked one vote of being elected to the State Legislature from Lake County. After finishing his rudimentary education, R. A. Long entered the Pacific Methodist College at Santa Rosa and took a thorough classical course, graduating at the end of five years (in 1883). He received many medals in oratory, and in his junior year was elected society orator, and in his senior year received the scholarship medal over the entire school, and delivered the valedictory address, and was graduated with the degree of A. B. In 1883 he entered the law department of Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., from which institution he graduated in 1885. In 1884, while a student, he won an oratorical medal, and in 1885 represented the Vanderbilt University in the Tennessee State oratorical contest, the same year graduating with the degree of B. L. The same year he was admitted to the bar, and returned to his home in Santa Rosa, Cal., where he entered upon his practice, and in 1886 was appointed assistant district attorney of Solano County, his term of office expiring on the 1st of January, 1887. The same year he came east, and located at Kansas City, and after a short time came to Versailles. He is one of the heaviest stockholders in the Kansas City Coal Mining Co., which controls 6,000 acres of coal land, and is a one-fourth owner in the Globe Mining & Smelting Co., which controls 8,000 acres, and is its secretary. He has been a prominent member of the Southwest Missouri Immigration Association, and has also been prominently identified with the Democratic party of this congressional district, and stumped a large portion of the same in the campaign of 1888. He also took an active part in the campaign of 1886, in his native State. He expects to devote more attention in future to the practice of law in Morgan County, and gives every promise of becoming eminent in his profession, being a young man of unusual ability. His paternal great-grandfather, John Long, was born in North Carolina, and was a soldier in the Rev-

olutionary War under Gen. Washington. The maternal great-grandfather, Brazil Brown, was born in Albemarle County, Va., and also served under Gen. Washington, being colonel of a Virginia regiment. The grandfather, Benjamin H. Brown, was also born in Albemarle County, Va., and served in the War of 1812 under Gen. Jackson.

John Lumpee, Jr., has for the past twenty-two years been one of the enterprising business men of Versailles, Mo., and to-day carries one of the largest stocks of general merchandise in this part of Missouri, and in addition to this is proprietor and manager of the only clothing and gents' furnishing establishment in the city, the latter bearing the name of "The Famous." During his long residence in the county he has done his full share in building up the city and county, and erected the handsome two-story brick block at a large cost. He is in every respect a self-made man, having started in business on a very small scale when he came to Versailles, but by industry and good business ability has met with remarkable success, and is now one of the wealthy citizens of the county. He was born in Cole County, near Jefferson City, in 1843, and was reared on a farm, receiving only an ordinary education in the common schools. When fifteen years of age he left the farm, and went to Jefferson City, and was engaged in clerking in a general store until 1866, when he came to Versailles, and, in connection with his father, established a general store under the firm name of John Lumpee & Son, which continued until 1884, when the father retired from business. In 1869 Mr. Lumpee was married to Miss Maggie J. Preston, a native of Ohio, by whom he has four children: John B., Neva R., Josie, and Ola D. The mother and children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Lumpee is a Republican in politics, and has held various city offices from time to time, and is at present treasurer of the Building and Loan Association. His father, John Lumpee, Sr., was born in Hesse Cassel, Germany, in 1817, and after residing on a farm in his native land until nineteen years of age, he immigrated with his parents to America, and settled in Cole County, Mo., in 1836, where he entered forty acres of Government land, on which he located and began improving. He made this his home until 1866, when he sold out and came to Versailles, and in connection with his son engaged in general merchandising, but retired from business life in 1884. December 20, 1838, he wedded Miss Rosina M. Schuchardt, a native of Saxony, Germany, and by her became the father of six children: Theresa, now the wife of Charles Spanhorst, of Jefferson City; John, Jr.; Anna, wife of Lewis Baker, of Bolivar, Mo.; Susan, wife of Charles Beersack, of Versailles, and Nannie, widow of Henry Pennebaker, who resides with her parents.

J. M. Lumley, dealer in drugs, toilet goods, etc., and one of the thorough druggists of the city, established his present business September 15, 1887, on the west side of the square. He was born in Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo., in 1867, and is the son of James and Mary (Robinson) Lumley, the father a native of Louisville, Ky., and the mother of Howard County, Mo. James Lumley came to Morgan County, Mo., in 1854, establishing himself in the general merchandise business, where he continued for five years, after which he engaged in

the grocery business for some time. Later he moved to the farm, three and a half miles northwest of Versailles, Mo., remained there until 1884, and then removed to the city, and is retired from active life. He was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion, and served three years under Gen. McCullough. His son, J. M. Lumley, was educated in the common schools, and commenced the study of pharmacy in 1885 under E. W. Dickey, of Kansas City, completing his profession at that place. He is a thorough student, is apt and ready in filling prescriptions, and is a live business man. He is a member of the Y. M. C. A. of Versailles, and takes an active interest in the work. He is the only one of eleven children born to his parents now living.

W. H. H. McCarty, an old settler and ex-county official, has been a resident of Morgan County, Mo., since May 15, 1867, at which time he came to Versailles, and until September of the same year was engaged in editing the *Banner*, a paper published in the interests of the Republican party. At that time he became proprietor of the paper, which he published and also edited until May, 1870, when he turned the paper over to others. During 1870 he was postmaster of the town, and then the Republican party nominated him for circuit and county clerk, and as he was not opposed by any Democratic candidate he was elected by a large vote, and ably filled the office for four years. He was chosen by liberal Republicans, and favored by Democrats on account of his views, being strongly in favor of re-enfranchising the ex-rebels. He was born in Cooper County, Mo., in 1841, and when thirteen years of age his father died, but he continued to remain on the farm two years longer, then went to Boonville and commenced learning the tinner's trade, but after a short time gave this up and began learning the printer's trade, at which he worked three years. In 1860 he went to Marshall, and from there to Denver, Colo., where he got hold of a paper telling about the fighting in Missouri. He then came home, and in February, 1863, enlisted at Boonville in Company F, Fifth Missouri State Militia, Federal service, and served until January 24, 1862, when he joined Company I, Twelfth Missouri Cavalry, and served until April 9, 1866, having participated in the battles of Tallahatchee, Campbellville, Franklin, Nashville, Macon and others, and ranking as first duty sergeant. After the war he resided in Boonville until the winter of 1866, when he located on a farm in Cooper County, where he remained some time, and then came to Versailles, as above stated. He now resides on a farm. He belongs to the G. A. R. and the A. F. & A. M., and he and wife, whom he married February 19, 1869, and whose maiden name was Mary A. Wier, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was born in Illinois, and is the mother of four children: Mary A., James A., Margaret Louisa and Narcissa J. Mr. McCarty's parents, James and Mary A. (McFarland) McCarty, were born in North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively, and in 1818 the father came to Cooper County, Mo., and was engaged in farming the remainder of his life. He was a man who took an active part in politics and public affairs, and was a strong Whig. He was commanding colonel and drill master of a company of militia during the early history of the State. He died in 1853, aged fifty-five years. His wife died in 1851, having been a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for many years.

Simpson W. McCoy is a native of Kanawha County, Va., in which place he was born in 1831. His father was Samuel McCoy, also of Virginia, and his mother, Miss Elizabeth Graves, daughter of William Graves, patriot of the Revolutionary War. Samuel McCoy, the father of the subject of this sketch, died when Simpson was fifteen years of age. He then left the farm, and, together with his mother, lived in Buffalo, Mason Co., Va., until 1853, when he had reached the age of twenty-two, at which time he came to Morgan County, Mo., and engaged in running a saw and grist-mill. He continued the mill business for four years, and in July of the second year after leaving Virginia was married to Miss Caroline A. Bartlett, daughter of Asa Bartlett, of Cooper County, Mo., who was a wise and kind wife and mother. There were seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. McCoy, six of whom are now living: James F., the eldest son, is a bachelor, living near home, and is a successful farmer, farming being his choice occupation; John W., is a stockman in Western Texas, also a bachelor; Annie, the oldest daughter, and her husband, C. L. Senn, are living in Laclede County, Mo.; the three younger daughters, Iva S., Carrie L. and Miriam F., are at home. In the second year after his marriage Mr. McCoy bought a small farm in Cooper County, Mo., and after farming it two years sold it, and purchased the farm in Morgan County that he now resides on. He enlisted in the State service in 1861, but shortly afterward enlisted in the United States service, in which he remained until the great surrender of the Confederate army in 1865. Being then in Jackson County, Mo., he returned home, and has ever since followed farming with such success that his place is a model of beauty. On account of the many cedars which grow around the place it was named Cedar Valley. His farm, which consists of 240 acres, is one of the best stock and grain farms in Morgan County; and while it is in itself a temptation to many, it is also underlaid with mineral; lead has been repeatedly found on the surface; coal also abounds. In May, 1881, Mrs. McCoy died, and afterward Mr. McCoy married Mrs. Margaret Anthany, daughter of David Bell, of Cooper County, Mo. Mr. McCoy is a plain, old-time Baptist, having made a profession of religion, and was baptized in the Kanawha River, at his old home, by the Rev. Samuel T. Wyatt, on September 15, 1850, being then nineteen years of age. His family are also Baptists. He is a stanch Democrat, a kind, loving and indulgent father, "whose children rise up and call blessed."

William L. McDaniel, a native Missourian, was born in Cole County in 1832. His father, Abraham McDaniel, was a son of Edward McDaniel, who came from Tennessee in 1820, and settled in Moniteau County, he (Abraham) being then about twenty years old. He married Miss Sallie Parker, of Moniteau County, daughter of Edward Parker, formerly of Tennessee. After living in Moniteau County a few years they moved to Cole County, where the subject of this sketch was born. The latter remained at the old home, which was afterward near California, and still later in Morgan County. In the spring of 1865 the father concluded it advisable to take his family to Illinois for safety, but about a month after arriving he died, in Lafayette County. William L. McDaniel married, July 13, 1854,

Miss Lucinda P. Snodgrass, daughter of Edmund Snodgrass, of Cooper County. They later removed to Illinois, in 1865, but returned in 1866 to his farm near Akinsville, where they have since lived. This farm now consists of 256 acres. They have had seven children. Those now living are: William Milton, of Morgan County; Mrs. Sallie Ann Hunter, of Morgan County; Andrew Jackson, Lucy Ellender and John Leeper, at home. Mrs. Nancy Jane Harrison and an infant are deceased. Mr. McDaniel is a member of the Baptist Church. He is a Democrat in politics. Many interesting incidents might be related of the early experiences of this pioneer family if space but permitted. Their lot was the lot of others, and in another portion of the present volume an account of the hardships, customs, inconveniences and early life in general of these new-comers has been given in full.

J. M. McDow, a farmer residing on Section 20, Moreau Township, is one of the old settlers of Morgan County, having settled here as early as 1852, and is the owner of 831 acres of land, 400 acres under cultivation. He was born in Boone County, Mo., in 1836, and is the son of John and Alpha M. (Mash) McDow, natives of North Carolina and St. Louis County, Mo., respectively. The father was of Scotch-Irish descent. He came to Missouri in 1815, when but a boy, settled in Boone County, and entered 200 acres of land, which he improved. He and wife were the parents of six children: Lucinda, wife of David Runyan, of Morgan County, Mo.; Mary (deceased), wife of John Easley, of Boone County, Mo.; Sarah, Robert C. (deceased), J. M., and Ann, wife of A. W. Modall, of Morgan County. The father was a Democrat politically. J. M. McDow left home at the age of twenty-three years, enlisted in the Second Missouri, Confederate States Army, served four years, and participated in the following battles: Carthage, Lexington, Pea Ridge, was in Gen. Price's entire campaign, was at Granada, Helena, Little Rock, Camden, and was on the famous Price raid, a continuous skirmish from Camden through Kansas, Indian Territory and Southern Missouri. He was discharged in March, 1865, after Lee surrendered. He then went to Texas, remained there until August, 1865, when he bought forty acres of land in Moreau Township, settled on it, and kept adding land until he owned 120 acres. He sold this farm in 1880, and bought 560 acres where he now lives. He was married in January, 1867, to Miss Keziah Kirkpatrick, a native of Tennessee, and a daughter of Thornton Kirkpatrick, also a native of Tennessee. To Mr. and Mrs. McDow have been born seven living children: Joseph, at home; Thomas, assistant doorkeeper of the House of Representatives at Jefferson City; Charley, engaged in mining at Hailey, Idaho; Alpha L., Talley, Bird and Barnum. Mrs. McDow is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. McDow is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is a general stock-raiser and farmer; is a self-made man financially, as he started a poor boy and earned his first money as a farm laborer. He is now one of the leading men of the county.

Michael McDonald, whose native county was Farmanagh, Ireland, came to the United States in 1857, when eighteen years of age. He came alone, but had a brother in Lowell, Mass., clerking for Ben Butler at the time, and also a sister living in Boston. After remain-

ing one year in Massachusetts he came to Illinois, remained there until in the fall, and then came on to Missouri and settled in Laclede County, where he was engaged for some time on a farm, working by the month. During the war and for two years after that event he was in the employ of Capt. Owen, in the quartermaster's department of the United States, located at Raleigh, and afterward at Springfield, Mo. The next fall after the war, or in 1866, Capt. Owen was appointed quartermaster at Fort Relief, Kas., where the subject of this sketch was engaged until the fall of 1868, when he returned to Morgan County, Mo. He was married to Miss Hannah A. Holst, daughter of Nicholas Holst, of Morgan County. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. McDonald settled on the place which he had purchased about two years before, and there they remained for seventeen years. He then sold out, and purchased 240 acres about four miles below, where he has since resided. He has added 135 acres, and has a very nice place. Mr. McDonald is Democratic in politics, but a Union man. He says, "all Democrats are not rebels." He is a member of the Catholic Church. By his marriage to Miss Holst he became the father of eight living children: Patrick H., Mary A., John N., Peter W., Louis R., Sarah A., Robert E. and Rosa E. Mr. McD. is the son of Patrick McDonald, and grandson of Michael McDonald, of Ireland.

Samuel J. McFaddin, a native of Fayette County, Penn., and the son of James and Sarah McFaddin, natives of Philadelphia, Penn., first came to Missouri, on his way to California, in 1848. He remained in Lexington for two years, after which he went to Ohio, and there remained until 1870. In the meantime he had lived for several years in Marshall County, Ill., and in Cincinnati, Ohio, always following his profession of book-keeper in the general merchandising business, to which profession he was educated, and which he had followed ever since he was sixteen years of age. While in Illinois he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah H. Powell, which event took place in 1852. Afterward they moved to Cincinnati, and thence to St. Louis, Mo., in 1870, and still later to Cape Galena, where Mr. McFaddin is now acting as assistant to Mr. Daugherty in his large mercantile business. Mr. McFaddin has three children born to his marriage, two daughters living in Lacon, Ill., and one son in Colorado. These children are named as follows: Mary V., Kate J. and George F. Mr. McFaddin is liberal in his religious views, and is a Democrat in politics.

James McNair, circuit clerk of Morgan County, Mo., and recorder *enfactio*, has been a resident of Morgan County since November, 1862, and is a native of Bucks County, Penn. His parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Davis) McNair, were both natives of Pennsylvania, and the ancestors of the McNair family, who were of Scotch-Irish descent, were early settlers of Bucks County. The father was a successful tiller of the soil, and moved to Missouri in 1860, settling in Moniteau County, and there died in March, 1863, at the age of fifty-three years. The mother is living in Moniteau County, and is seventy-nine years of age. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, as was also her husband, who took an active part in church work, and was a liberal contributor to church and school work. He was conservative in his political views, yet was strong in his convictions. They reared

a family of nine children: Mary, wife of A. D. Snyder, of High Point, Mo.; Elizabeth (deceased), wife of Benjamin Ratcliff; Catherine (deceased), wife of J. F. Hume, of Moniteau County; James, Charles, now in Pettis County, Mo.; Daniel, a farmer in Pettis County, Mo.; Anna, wife of W. B. Talman, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; William, in the State of California, and John, in Halstead, Kas., a banker. James McNair assisted his father on the farm until twenty-two years of age, and received his education in a boarding school at Hartsville, Penn. He came to Missouri with his parents, occupied as clerk in a general store, and came to Versailles in 1862, where he was again engaged in clerking, and continued at this until 1863, when he embarked in the business for himself. In December, 1863, he sold out, but in 1864 he again engaged in the business at High Point, Mo., which he continued until 1867, when he moved to a farm and followed agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1873. He then entered as a clerk in a store in Versailles, where he continued until July, 1874, when in the fall of that year he was elected circuit clerk of Morgan County by the Democratic party, and has filled this position for fourteen years. He was married September 13, 1865, to Miss Thruston, a native of Missouri, and the daughter of Dr. Thruston, of Versailles. They are the parents of seven children: Walter D., Samuel B., John S. and William H. (twins), James J., and Delia H. and Della H. (twins). Mr. McNair and wife and twin sons are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and he is steward of the same and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Dr. F. S. Manning, a well-known citizen of this community, is a son of Smith Manning, a native of Tennessee, who came to Missouri and settled in what is now Moniteau County in 1838. His mother was Miss Frances Lizenby, of Tennessee. John Manning, the great-grandfather, was born in England, July 11, 1734, and married Miss Courtney Wallace. He was very wealthy; owned several ships on the Atlantic, and had ship-builders among his slaves. Just before the Revolution he came over to North Carolina, but during the war his ship carpenters were captured. The Doctor's grandfather was born in 1781, and after reaching manhood married Miss Chloe Smith, eleven children blessing their union, and all but two born in North Carolina. They moved to Tennessee in 1818, and settled near Nashville. In 1834 he was unfortunate in his financial matters, and became located near Lexington, in Henderson County, W. Tenn., where he died. The only one of his family living is James Manning, who has reached a ripe old age, and resides near Milan, Gibson Co., W. Tenn. The subject of this sketch lived on the home farm until 1881, having attended the district schools of his neighborhood. He was one of thirteen children, five of whom are now living. He is a prominent member of the State Dental Association, having chosen his profession after having reached his majority. After careful study and extensive practice in Moniteau, Morgan, Miller, Cole and Camden Counties, he opened an office in the Wood's Block in Versailles, in February, 1887, where he is now located. His patrons give him the reputation of doing first-class work only, and his practice is extensive. This in itself is sufficient to assure Dr. Manning of his recognized substantial worth in the community.

J. T. Mayfield was born in Tennessee, October 22, 1857, and is one of five sons and five daughters born to John and Cassandra (Garner) Mayfield, who were born in South Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. In 1866 they moved to Morgan County, Mo., and settled on the farm on which J. T. Mayfield is now residing. The latter was reared on this farm, and until eighteen years of age was alternately engaged in attending school and farming during the winter and summer seasons. He then engaged in teaching the "young idea" for a livelihood, and for the next four or five years was engaged in this occupation, and also attended school and farmed. He is now residing on his father's farm of 200 acres, which is well improved by an excellent farm house, barns and orchard, and has 160 acres in a good state of cultivation. He is a Republican in his political views, and always supports the measures of that party. December 25, 1879, he was married to Lete Meng, by whom he has three little daughters: Ida, born March 2, 1881; Anna Orien, born September 5, 1884; and Arlet, born November 16, 1886.

William H. Mees, stockman and farmer, is a native of England and was born on the 19th of February, 1820, being a son of George and Mary (Budgett) Mees. At the age of fourteen years William H. went into the mercantile business under his uncle, "the successful merchant," Samuel Budgett, and remained connected with that house until twenty-four years of age, serving in the capacity of ledger clerk for a number of years. He then came to Marietta, Ohio, and purchased a farm near the town, on which he resided until 1865, when he came to Marias County, Mo., afterward locating in Pettis County, and finally where he now lives. He owns 160 acres of land, about seventy of which are under cultivation. He still has an interest in the farm which he originally located in Ohio, and on which coal and oil abound. Mr. Mees has always contributed liberally to enterprises that promote the welfare of his neighborhood, and in his political views has always been a Republican. He has crossed the Atlantic Ocean five times, and one time was shipwrecked by ice. He was married in 1847 to Mrs. Morey, a daughter of John Harvey, of English descent. They are the parents of six children: Agnes, George, Samuel Budgett, and Eliza Anne living, and Daniel M. and Mary A., deceased.

William Mobley, one of the oldest settlers of Morgan County, Mo., was born in Cumberland County, Ky., in 1807, and came to Morgan County in 1833, where he purchased land, and is now the owner of 138 acres. He is the son of James M. and Peggy (Rawlen) Mobley, both natives of South Carolina. When but a child William Mobley lost his mother, and he was then sent to an uncle, by whom he was reared. He remained here until twenty years of age, when he started out for himself and engaged as a farm hand. He was married at the age of twenty-two to Miss Elizabeth Campbell, a native of the same county in Kentucky, and in 1833 he and his wife moved to Morgan County, Mo. To their union were born these children: Amanda B., died at the age of eighteen years; James M., died in 1885; Benjamin, now living on the home farm; Nancy Ann, wife of A. W. Murry, of Texas; William, Jr. (deceased), Jane, died at the age of fourteen years; Minnie, widow of John Scott, and now resides in Moreau Township; Sadie (deceased),

wife of John Duff, and Thomas, a farmer living in this township. Mr. Mobley is a member of the Baptist Church, and has always taken an active part in church work. He has been a preacher for thirty years, and has spent much of his time in his ministerial duties. He was a volunteer in the Mormon War. Mr. Mobley has been liberal in educating his children, and has reason to be proud of the fine men and women who reflect credit upon his name. He started life a poor boy, but by industrious habits and honesty he has accumulated a considerable competency, which will render his declining years comfortable and happy. He lost his wife in 1879. She died in her seventy-fourth year, and was a devout member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Mobley took for his second wife, in 1881, Mrs. Priscilla Ann Brown, widow of Harry Brown, who was murdered during the war.

G. W. Moore is a native Missourian, having been born in Cooper County February 4, 1830, where his father had settled in 1818, about eight miles south of Boonville. Mr. G. W. Moore is the fifth child of twelve children, seven of whom survive at the present time. While in Cooper County he married Miss Lucy Allison, daughter of John Allison, of Moniteau County; they have had six children, two of whom survive at present: Mary (married Oren Devinna, of Morgan County, where he follows the occupation of a farmer; they have two children) and Joann (married to Amos Bechtel, of Morgan County, who now lives in Eldorado Springs, where he is engaged in the furniture business; they have five children, three boys and two girls). Our subject's wife died in 1863, and Mr. Moore then wedded Miss Margaret Jones, by whom he is the father of seven children: Charles M. (now of the firm of Devinna & Moore, of Akinsville), Cora, George E., Thomas H., Della, Walter and Byrd. Mrs. (Jones) Moore died in June, 1880, and Mr. Moore married Miss Melvina Estes, daughter of Rev. Andy Estes, of Morgan County. He owns 260 acres on the edge of the prairie, making a fine stock farm, where he is engaged in farming and stock-raising, paying particular attention to the propagation of mules and horses. Mr. Moore is a Democrat in politics. Although not a member of any secret society, he belongs to the Baptist Church, in which he is a deacon.

John Moore has been a resident of Morgan County, Mo., since 1837, and is one of its leading farmers. He was born in Hardy County, Va., in 1825, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Doren) Moore, who also came to Morgan County, and resided here until their respective deaths. John Moore was married, in 1847, to Matilda Campbell, a native of Kentucky, and to their union six children were born: James M. (a farmer of Morgan County, Mo.), Mary F., J. D. (also a farmer of the county), W. W. (a tiller of the soil in Morgan County), Lucy (wife of Max Biersach, of Milwaukee, Wis.), and Elizabeth (wife of S. P. Hunter, Jr., a Morgan County farmer). The mother of these children died in 1863, at the age of thirty-six years, having been an earnest church member for many years. In 1834 Mr. Moore was married to a young lady, Miss Matilda Huff, and the following are their children: John Q. (who died at the age of nineteen years), Nettie (wife of Alfred Burns), Ida, Tilla and Emma. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have long been members of the Baptist Church, and he has been remarkably success-

ful as a farmer and business man. He began the battle of life with but little means, at quite an early age, and when a young man came to Morgan County, Mo., with little or no capital, but by hard work and good management has been very successful, and now ranks second to none in Morgan County. His first purchase of land was quite small, but he now owns 1,400 acres, and has his home farm of 700 acres finely improved. Besides this he has been very liberal with his children, and has given them all good homes near him, and is happy in the knowledge that all are honorable and intelligent men and women, of whom any parent might well be proud. Mr. Moore is well known and universally respected by the citizens of Morgan County, and has ever been public spirited, the patron of education, and a liberal supporter of worthy enterprises.

W. S. Parsons, a native of Missouri, was born on the place where he now resides, in the year 1855. At the age of twenty-three he went to California, and farmed one year in Sonoma County. He then went to San Francisco, and from there to Portland, Oreg., by steamer, visiting in turn the cities of Vancouver, Dallas City and Walla Walla. Later, taking a mustang pony, he crossed the country, going north, at that time a veritable wilderness. He finally arrived at Spokane Falls, where he stayed about nine months, and after traveling through part of Idaho and the northeastern portion of Washington Territory, and finding no land to suit him, he returned to San Francisco, and from there to Healdsburg, from which place he returned home to the old farm. His father, who came to Missouri in 1839, married Miss Sarah A. Wilkerson, daughter of James G. and Elizabeth (Smith) Wilkerson, pioneers of Cooper County. His grandfather, Thomas Parsons, who died in 1851 in Kentucky, at the age of one hundred and two, served in the Revolutionary War under Gen. Washington. Our subject is one of a family of six children: Betty (Baughman), Andrew, Sallie, James, W. S. and Joseph. In politics Mr. Parsons is a Democrat. He is a member of Lodge 117, A. F. & A. M., at Versailles.

George W. Petty, a prominent lumber merchant of Versailles, Mo., and a member of the firm of Durngold & Petty, established their business in 1884, on Newton Street, near the depot. He was born in Montcalm County, Mich., in 1838, and is a son of Jacob W. and Theodocia (Winters) Petty, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The father was a lumberman. George W.'s early days were spent on the farm and in lumbering, and at the age of twenty-one he left home and came to Morgan County, Mo., and was engaged in hauling goods from California to Versailles for three years, and at the end of that time enlisted in the Missouri State Guard under Capt. Butler, and during his service of one year took an active part in the battles of Carthage, Wilson's Creek and Lexington. He then returned to Versailles and worked at various occupations until 1864, when he went by wagon to Montana, and was successfully engaged in mining for two years, then returned to Morgan County and opened a grocery store, which he conducted until 1873, when he engaged in buying and shipping cattle and mules. In 1884 he gave up this work and established his present business, which he successfully conducts. He owns

some land in the county and some valuable town property, and is in good circumstances financially. He has been a member of the school board for many years, and has held the office of alderman. In February, 1868, he was married to Miss Jennie Rankin, a native of Virginia, and a daughter of Daniel Rankin, and by her is the father of six children: Edward, a student in the Commercial College of Sedalia; William, Arthur, Charlie, Lulu and Beverly. Mrs. Petty is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. T. Phillips is a son of Thomas and Mary (McCorkle) Phillips, being one of their six children, and was born in Green County, Ky., November 26, 1839. He lived with his parents until their deaths, his mother dying in March, 1857, and his father in April, 1858, in Morgan County, Mo., having moved from Benton County in 1851, to which place they had moved from their native State in 1843. From 1858 to 1861 W. T. Phillips resided in Georgetown, Pettis Co., Mo., and at the latter date enlisted in the Third Army Corps, under Gen. Sigel, and was made a prisoner at Springfield, but at the end of four or five days made his escape and went into winter quarters with his command at Rolla, Mo. He was discharged on the 21st of January, 1862, and in July of the same year joined the State Militia at Camden, and served until January, 1865, when his company was disbanded. February 9, 1865, he wedded Eliza Jane Holt, daughter of G. W. and Sarah Jane (McKeen) Holt, being the eldest of their eleven children. Her marriage with Mr. Phillips has been blessed in the birth of thirteen children, eleven of whom are living: Mary and Sarah (twins), born on the 7th of February, 1866; Ellen, born November 28, 1867; W. H., born January 29, 1870; Margaret, born September 26, 1871; J. S., born September 16, 1873; J. T., born July 1, 1875; Victoria, born February 6, 1877; D. S. and G. H. (twins), born October 26, 1878; Myrtie, Cora and Edna (triplets), born October 16, 1880 (the former died August 26, 1881, and Cora died August 25, 1882); Sarah and Ellen are married. Mr. Phillips has resided on the farm he now occupies since November, 1865. It contains 136 acres, and sixty are under cultivation, the rest being in timber. Besides this he owns 320 acres in another tract, of which about thirty are in tillable condition. He has good buildings on his farm, and has an orchard of about seventy-five or eighty bearing apple-trees. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, and he has always voted the Democratic ticket.

George W. Pointer, farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of Warren County, Ohio, and was born on the 23d of November, 1835. After residing there ten years with his parents, Henry and Messer (Daugherty) Pointer, they removed to Clermont County, where the father died in 1849 and the mother in 1852. At the latter date George W. engaged in steamboating on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers in the capacity of mate-watchman, which occupation he followed until shortly before the war. Mary E. Raines became his wife September 29, 1860, and he came directly to Morgan County, Mo., and until the Rebellion resided in Versailles. Mr. Pointer immediately enlisted in Company F, Fifth Regiment Missouri Cavalry, and was in the battles of Pea Ridge, Hartville, Boonville, Little Blue, Fort Scott and Rolla, and was after Price on his raid, besides participating in many other skir-

mishes. He was one of a company that helped capture Marmaduke. He served over three years, and was never wounded. He was discharged on the 5th of April, 1865, and returned home. He and wife have the following family: Ernest, aged twenty-two years; Eva, aged twenty; Edwin, aged nineteen; Nellie, aged seventeen; Nora, aged fifteen; Carrie, aged eleven; Nettie, aged ten, and Jessie, aged six. He owns a good farm of 212 acres, with 130 under cultivation and forty acres more ready for cultivation. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and belongs to the G. A. R. He also belongs to the Masons and Odd Fellows, and his wife is a member of the Christian Church.

John E. Porter is a native of Morgan County, Mo., having been born on the place where he now lives. His father, John Porter, of Maryland, came to Morgan County when a young man, and entered about 600 acres of land on Richland Creek. He married, about 1841, Miss Hannah Ellis, daughter of William Ellis, formerly of Virginia. His death resulted from an accident, in 1860. He was prominent in county affairs, and served as county judge. John E. Porter, one of ten children, lived at the homestead with his mother until her death, in 1875. He was married in 1878 to Miss Nannie Carpenter, daughter of Jacob S. Carpenter, of Moniteau County, formerly of Kentucky, whose wife was Jane Carpenter, daughter of Moses Carpenter, an early settler of Morgan County. After his marriage Mr. Porter bought 250 acres of land off the old place, on which he built a house. He is a Democrat in politics, and belongs to the Baptist Church. He and wife have these children: Myrtle, Charles, Thomas and Alpha.

Mrs. J. Porter, whose maiden name was Miss Jennie Johnson, is the daughter of William and Sarah (Hardesty) Johnson. The maternal grandfather, Col. John S. Hardesty, was famous in Revolutionary times. Miss Jennie Johnson came to Lebanon in 1857, as the wife of L. D. Shelledy, of Franklin, Johnson Co., Ind. From 1858 to 1861 they were engaged in keeping hotel in the city of Linn Creek, Camden Co., Mo. At the breaking out of the war they went to Newton County, where they remained until one year before the close of the war, and then returned to Lebanon. While in Newton County, Mr. Shelledy engaged in mercantile business at Newtonia, and while interested in this business Price made his raid through the State, passed by his store and sacked it, as Mr. Shelledy was looked upon as a black Republican. This was a severe blow to Mr. Shelledy, and they afterward, with what effects they had, left for Lebanon, where Mr. Shelledy was engaged in the quartermaster department of the Union army. After the war they bought 700 acres of land in Morgan County, 300 acres of which are now in the possession of Mrs. Mayhall. The poor health of Mr. Shelledy caused them to remain on the farm, and there he died, January 11, 1886. No children were born to this union. During his life, from thirty years old, Mr. Shelledy was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and was a very active member. He was instrumental in establishing a church called New Prospect, where he labored with the people until his death. Mrs. Shelledy was married to Mr. William Porter, at Aurora Springs, on the 3d of March, 1889.

J. H. Potter, a well-to-do stockman and farmer, is a native of Cooper County, Mo., and was born on May 11, 1815, being one of

five sons and two daughters born to the union of Samuel Potter and Elizabeth Newman. Both parents were Kentuckians, and immigrated to Missouri in 1813, at which time the country was thickly populated with Osage, Shawnee and Sioux Indians, but in about eight years they began to wend their way westward, and were followed in 1834 by the Seminoles. The father died in St. Charles County, Mo., in 1826, his wife having died at Boonville in 1819. J. H. Potter was bound out to a boot and shoe maker in St. Charles, completing his term of service when about twenty-one years of age. He then came to Cooper County and engaged in tilling the soil, which he continued for about seven years. In 1843 he married Susan Winders, by whom he had seven children, six now living: James E., Nancy J., Samuel W., Ellen E., George W., Mary, J. H. and Robert E. Samuel W. died September 3, 1887. James, Nancy and George are married, but all are away from the paternal roof with the exception of Mary, who still resides with her parents. Soon after his marriage Mr. Potter purchased some land in Pettis County, which he improved and yet owns, and upon which he resided until 1866, when in March of that year he purchased the farm upon which he is now residing. Since 1854, while still actively engaged in farming, he has been successfully engaged in merchandising, and the income from this enterprise, as well as from his farm, has enabled him to purchase land at different times, until he is now the owner of 1,700 acres of land, 735 acres being in the home place, and over 600 acres under cultivation. His residence and barns are in excellent condition. His annual sale of cattle amounts to about three car loads, and his horses fifteen or twenty head. Since 1856 he has been a Mason, and in politics is a Democrat. He has been in every respect the architect of his own fortune, and deserves much credit for the success which has attended his efforts.

Elwyn Price, a leading citizen of Versailles, has been a resident of the same since 1881, and has resided in Morgan County since December, 1855. He was born in Franklin County, Va., in July, 1848, his parents being Malcolm and Mary A. (Woods) Price, who were also born in the "Old Dominion." The father was a farmer, and in 1849 started for the gold fields of California, but died on the journey. His widow resides with her son Elwyn in Versailles. The paternal grandfather, Alexander Price, was a wealthy planter of Virginia, and an influential citizen. Elwyn Price came to Missouri with his maternal grandfather, Samuel Woods, and located three miles east of Versailles, and remained with him until grown. He attended the common schools until twelve years of age, at which time the late Civil War broke out, and his school days thus came to a close. November 22, 1870, he was married to Sudie Livingston, who was born in Versailles, and a daughter of James Livingston, one of the pioneer merchants of the place, who died in the winter of 1865. After his marriage Mr. Price rented his mother's estate, but afterward bought sixty acres adjoining, and has since added to his purchase until he now has a fine farm of 400 acres, which he devotes to general farming and to the raising of stock. In 1881 his wife died, at the age of twenty-seven years, having become the mother of five children: Weghtsell, Guy, Samuel, Agnes and C. C. In December, 1884, Mr. Price married his present

wife, whose maiden name was Lizzie McNair, a native of Cooper County. They have two children, Dean, and an infant. Mr. Price and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and the A. O. U. W. He is a stockholder and director of the Bank of Versailles, and is one of the public-spirited and enterprising men of the county.

John E. Price, liveryman at Versailles, has the oldest established stable in that city. It is owned by Monroe Ivy and John E. Price, who have twenty horses in stock and are also engaged in buying and shipping horses and mules. The firm as it now is was established January 1, 1889, by the present owners, and they have all the requisites for a first-class barn. Mr. Price was born in Adair County, Ky., and is the son of Hezekiah Price, who was one of the old settlers of the county. The father was a farmer by occupation, was also extensively engaged in the shipping of stock, and was the owner of 460 acres of land. He moved to Moniteau County, Mo., in 1848, and died in that county, in 1874, at the age of sixty-seven years. The mother died in 1865, at the age of forty-five years. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The father was an English soldier in the Mexican War, and was killed in a steamboat explosion. Price was but six years of age when he came with his parents to Morgan County, and as a consequence he may be classed with the old settlers of the county. He was married in 1867 to Miss Martha A. Howard, a native of Moniteau County, and the fruits of this union are nine children: Charles B., of Versailles; William P., who has an appointment in the Legislature on the door-keeper's staff; John A., Eliza J., Sarah E., Thomas E., Earl and Stella. Mr. Price is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Price is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Price's war record is as follows: He enlisted in the First Missouri Confederate Regiment, under Col. Burbridge, in 1861, and served until 1865. He was under Joseph E. Johnston in the east, Gen. Price in the west, and was under Pemberton at Vicksburg. He participated in the following battles: Pea Ridge, Corinth, Iuka, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, Big Black River, and was through the entire siege of Vicksburg. He received two flesh wounds during these battles.

Beverley R. Richardson, a prominent member of the legal fraternity, located at Versailles, Mo., has a complete abstract of titles to all lands in Morgan County, and his practice is largely in the line of real estate, having given that branch of the profession especial study. He is in partnership with a Mr. Taylor, the style of the firm being Richardson & Taylor, and the firm is doing an extensive and paying business, and has a well-established reputation for punctuality, honesty of purpose, and faithfulness in all transactions. Mr. Richardson was born in Niagara, Canada, October 30, 1829, his parents, Charles and Eliza (Clench) Richardson, being also natives of that country. The father was a lawyer by profession and was a member of the Provincial Parliament from the Niagara District, and a prominent citizen of Upper Canada, now the province of Ontario. The paternal grandfather, Dr. Robert Richardson, went through the Revolutionary War as surgeon of a distinguished Highland regiment, and

after the war settled in Canada. Beverley R. Richardson, our subject, was educated in Upper Canada College, and after taking a full course, read law at Toronto and St. Catherines, being admitted to the bar in 1852. He then practiced his profession for four years in Canada and then came to the United States and engaged in railroading until 1870, when he came to Versailles, Mo., and resumed the practice of law. He has always taken an active interest in the progress of Versailles and Morgan County; was the first mayor of Versailles, and has filled the same position for one term since. He is a Republican in politics. In 1858 he wedded Miss E. N. Johnson, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Capt. Andrew Johnson. He and wife are members of the Episcopal Church, in which he is senior warden.

Josiah Riffle. The reputation of a community is dependent almost wholly upon the character of its inhabitants. Industrious, law-abiding people give to a locality the reputation which they themselves have created. The village of Gladstone is among the most thrifty in Morgan County, and among its most useful and foremost citizens is the subject of this sketch. Born in Cambria County, Pa., in the year 1815, Josiah Riffle has endeavored to live the life of a man whose record is one well worthy of emulation. He immigrated to Missouri in the year 1866, and by the practice of economy and industry has secured a sufficient of this world's goods to enable him to live in comfort through his declining years. Besides a fairly improved farm, he owns a good store at Gladstone, and also a saw mill. A large family of children have been born to him and wife, and these are all happily married and reside in the same neighborhood as their parents.

Hobart Ripley was born in 1838, at Mansfield, Penn. His father, P. S. Ripley, was a native of New York, and his grandfather, N. H. Ripley, was a native of New Hampshire. His mother was Miss Lorena Webster, daughter of Roswell Webster, of Tioga County. In his parents' family were ten children, eight boys and two girls, four of the boys taking part in the late war for the Union. Mr. Hobart Ripley enlisted in Company H, Sixth Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, during the war and after the battle of Bull Run in 1861 he was mustered into the United States service and was in the Army of the Potomac for three years, serving in the Third Brigade, Third Division Sixth Army Corps. He was under McCall (Gen. Mead and Gen. Ord having command of the brigade commanders at different times), and took part in the battles of Drainesville, seven days fight before Richmond, the second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Bristoe Station, Gettysburg, the battles of the Wilderness, and the battles before Richmond. He was not even scratched, and was never on the sick list nor off duty during the entire service. He was discharged at Harrisburg, Penn., the 11th day of June, 1864. Returning to Tioga County, Mr. Ripley attended school and clerked in the store of A. J. Webster, but later he came to Missouri, in 1866, and purchased a place near where the village of Akinsville now stands. Since coming to Morgan County Mr. Ripley has been teaching school and carrying on a business in insurance. He is a member of the Republican party, and has acted on the county central committee for the

past ten years. On the 28th of December, 1887, he and six surviving brothers attended the golden wedding of their parents at the old homestead near Mansfield, Penn. In theological matters he believes that the Scriptures teach universal salvation from sin (not from the penalty); that the devil and all his works are to be destroyed; that holiness and happiness will be the final end of all human beings; that the creation of the human race is not a failure, as it would be if a majority or even a small part were forever sinful and miserable.

Perry Ross was born in Cooper County, Mo., on the 8th of August, 1820, and is the youngest of twelve children born to William and Elizabeth (Ross) Ross, who were born in the "Palmetto State" and at a very early day removed to Kentucky, where the father was engaged in fighting the Indians under Gen. Jackson. They came to Missouri in 1817 and settled in Cooper County, and laid off the town of Boonville. In 1824 he went to Santa Fe to seek a suitable location in which to settle, but he had so much trouble with the Indians that he returned to Boonville at the end of thirteen months. After moving to near Springfield and residing there a short time, he located in Bolivar, Polk County, where he was engaged in merchandising for several years, but after a time became unfitted for business and his sons, Perry and William, improved a farm in what is now Hickory County, but after their marriage he and wife came to Morgan County and made their home with their daughter Susan. Here the father died in 1845, at the age of sixty-eight years, his widow residing with her children until 1863, when her death occurred, at the age of eighty years. The paternal and maternal grandparents came from Scotland and Ireland, respectively, and both grandfathers fought under Gen. Washington in the Revolutionary War. Their children are Robert, David, William J., Margaret, Eliza, Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, Decatur, Susan, deceased; Nancy, widow of Mr. Bell, and Perry, living. Perry Ross was married to Miss Lucy Ann Bollinger, November 5, 1840, and settled on his farm of 100 acres in Polk County, where he lived until 1843; then resided in Johnson County until 1845, and in the spring of that year moved to Morgan County, where he purchased 120 acres of improved land, to which he has since added 160 acres. This property he sold in 1869 and bought 400 acres where he now lives. He was too old to serve in the late war but during this time he was a member of the County Court, but was thrown out of office by the Drake Constitution and was not re-appointed. He has served as justice of the peace a number of years. He and wife are the parents of seven children: Jacob G., in Colorado; Mary Jane, the deceased wife of David Parks; Elvira E., wife of George Smith; Elizabeth A., wife of John Crosswhite; Orsino J.; Lucy J., wife of William Cliff; and Susan C., wife of Reuben Finley. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Ross' parents, Jacob and Sarah (Moorland) Bollinger, were born and reared in Pennsylvania, and the father died in 1840, at the age of sixty-five years, and the mother in 1860, aged eighty-four years.

Rev. B. R. Sanburn is one of a family of six children, and was born in Lafayette County, Mo., August 5, 1852. He remained with his parents until twenty-seven years of age, and was married

September 11, 1879, to Miss Fannie D. Owens, a daughter of Thomas Owens, from Mason County, Ky. On coming to Morgan County, Mo., in the spring of 1884, he purchased his present farm, comprising 465 acres, seventy-five being under cultivation, and one hundred ready for the plow. The rest of the farm is in timber and mineral land. His residence is comfortable and substantial, and is situated on a very high hill, overlooking Little Buffalo Creek. Mr. Sanburn is a Missionary Baptist minister, and has a very fine library of scientific works, as well as numerous volumes of history and fiction. He received an excellent education in the common schools during his boyhood, but still continues to pursue his studies. He has always supported the principles of the Democratic party, and has shown his brotherly spirit by joining the Masonic fraternity. His wife is also an earnest worker in the church, and is a true Christian in every respect. His brother, William Sanburn, was holding the Chair of Mathematics in Warrensburg Normal at the time of his death.

Judge George W. Sanford has been a resident of Morgan County, Mo., since 1867. He was born in Licking County, Ohio, June 29, 1834, his parents being A. M. and Lydia (Stream) Sanford, and is the youngest of their five children: Adison O., a lumberman, of Long Pine, Neb.; Michael, a farmer, of Ringgold County, Iowa; Virginia, who died September 1, 1888, at the age of sixty-one years; Martha, who died June 2, 1885, aged fifty-four years; and our subject, George W., who made his home with his parents until thirty years of age, the last eight years being engaged in farming for himself. He was married to Miss Mary W. Preston, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Harding) Preston, November 20, 1856, and after coming to Missouri settled in Morgan County, where he bought forty acres of wild land, which he commenced to improve. He now owns 200 acres, and carries on general farming, and has under cultivation about 140 acres. Previous to coming to Missouri Mr. Sanford supported the Democratic party, but has since been a Republican, and in 1888 was elected on that ticket as associate judge from the Second District. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Sanford's father died May 18, 1877, at the age of seventy-four years, and his mother November 5, 1861, aged fifty-four years. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Sanford's father and mother were the parents of eleven children: Mary W., Mrs. Sanford; George W., now in Illinois; Martha, deceased; William, in Illinois; Sarah, deceased; Calista, wife of N. N. Wright, of Illinois; Sam H., in Illinois; James W. and Henry T., also in Gibson County, Ill., and Walter, deceased. Mr. Preston died on the 10th of May, 1866, at the age of fifty-two years, two months and one day. Mrs. Preston is still living, and is now seventy-three years old.

A. F. Schad was born in Winneshiek County, Iowa, in 1855, and is the son of John and Christiana Schad, natives of Germany. They came to this country about forty years ago, settling in Illinois, near Chicago, and then moved to Iowa, where the father purchased 211 acres of land, and there remained until 1868, when he sold out, and moved with his family to Moniteau County, Mo. Here he purchased 410 acres of land, and bought forty acres additional, and has about

300 acres under cultivation. A. F. Schad is the sixth of nine children born to his parents. He was educated in the common schools, and remained with his parents until twenty years of age, when he went to Monroe City, Ill., and there learned the blacksmith and wheelwright's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He then moved four miles west of Sparta, Ill., in Randolph County, and there engaged in business for himself, which he continued for eighteen months. While there he became acquainted with Miss Anna Harmon, of Randolph County, and the daughter of Joseph Harmon, of the same place. They were married, and afterward moved to Moniteau County, Mo., where they remained two years, and then bought a house, four acres of land, and a wagon-shop in Excelsior, Morgan County. Since then Mr. Schad has added seven acres, sold one acre for town property, built an addition to the house, a fine barn, and has also built a large blacksmith shop. Mr. Schad is doing a good business, besides dealing a little in stock. Last year he, with his father and Richard Korner, his brother-in-law, took a trip to his father's native land, Saxony, Germany, where they remained about two months. To Mr. and Mrs. Schad have been born four children: Mary Luella, John Louis, Nora Christina, and Clara E.

R. A. Sears, a native of the State of New York, born near Delhi, the county seat of Delaware County, is the son of Hiram Sears, and the grandson of Benjamin Sears, who, with one son, visited the State of Ohio (then the far West) about the year 1822, with the intention of settling there, but their hopes were blasted, for before reaching their home in Delaware County, they both were taken sick and died. Hiram Sears was but ten years of age when his father and brother died, and was the youngest of a family of eight children, seven boys and one girl. Four of the older brothers settled in the West—one in western New York, one in Indiana, one in Ohio, and one in Iowa, all becoming quite wealthy, and raising respectful families. The other brother, after whom R. A. was named, was a graduate of an Eastern college, and studied for the ministry, but died soon after finishing his education. The sister, and only one living, has been a resident of New Haven, Conn., for many years. After reaching the age of manhood Hiram purchased the old homestead, and soon afterward married Miss Phidelia Tuttle, of Delaware County, but formerly of Connecticut. They became the parents of three children, R. A. being the second in order of birth. Mr. Sears afterward married Miss Elizabeth Frisbee, who bore him four children. R. A. Sears grew to manhood on his father's farm, and afterward purchased a farm in the neighborhood. He married Miss Agnes M. Thompson, of Merideth, and the daughter of J. D. Thompson, formerly of Scotland, who came here when he was but twenty-one years of age, and married Miss Eleanor Ormiston, of New York. Mr. Sears was married in February, 1861, and, the war breaking out, he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry, and took part in the Peninsula Campaigns; also the bombardment of Charleston, S. C., and was located on Morris and Folly Islands. He was mustered out and discharged at Elmira, N. Y., in July, 1865. He then returned to his home, found his father dead and farm sold, and he not being satisfied

to remain in Delaware County, he and his wife moved to California, Mo., and bought 300 acres south of High Point, paying \$2,500 in cash and going in debt for the balance. He then worked for several years, but failed to pay the balance on it, and lost all. Not at all discouraged by this, Mr. Sears continued to live on the same place for five years, paying rent for it, after which he bought 224 acres near him in Morgan County, where, in the year 1878, he built him a nice house and barn, at the time going in debt for everything, even the land. Since that time he has added 113 acres more to his farm. He is an excellent farmer, and has the reputation of having the best farm in Morgan County, located, as it is, in the prairie bottom. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Sears is a Republican in politics, and was nominated in the First District for county judge, but, owing to the overwhelming Democratic majority, was defeated, but ran far ahead of the ticket. To he and wife have been born two children, a son and daughter. The latter, Eleanor Phidelia, is a teacher in the select school or academy located at Eldon, Mo., and is a graduate of Miller County Institute, located at Spring Garden. She expects to continue her education by taking a course in college, and will go East for that purpose this fall. Alonzo J., the son, is attending school at Eldon, and expects to take a college course after finishing.

William Sims, another old settler and prominent man of the county, has been a resident of Morgan County for fifty-two years. He was born in Franklin County, Tenn., in 1816, and is the son of James and Rachel (McGarity) Sims, both natives of South Carolina, and both of Irish descent. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812 (a sketch of him appears elsewhere in this volume). William Sims came to Missouri with his father in 1820. His father settled in Cooper County, eight miles north of Tipton, entered eighty acres of land and resided there until 1836, when he moved to Morgan County, Mo., and settled on Section 18, where William Sims now lives. At the age of twenty William Sims volunteered in the Mormon War, as he was a soldier in the State Militia, and was out eleven days. He remained with his father until twenty-three years of age, and March 18, 1841, he married Miss Elizabeth Estes, a native of Cooper County, Mo., born in 1821, and the daughter of John and Susanna (Kelley) Estes. Mr. Estes was a native of Tennessee, as was also the mother, and he was a soldier in the War of 1812. He moved to Cooper County, Mo., in 1819, lived there until 1833, when he moved to Morgan County, and there died April 2, 1841, at the age of seventy years. The mother died seven years later, at the age of sixty-five years. Both were members of the Baptist Church. Their daughter, who married Mr. Sims, had quite an experience in her childhood. Her aunt, who lived but half a mile away, and for whom she was named, called at her mother's and took Mrs. Sims, who was but three years of age, home with her. The child remained one night, but the next day, when her aunt had left the house for a short time, she started out on her own accord, and was not found until the third day, when her uncles, Archibald Woods and William J. Kelley, who were well known throughout the State of Missouri, by that time found her, nearly exhausted from hunger and exposure. All the neighbors and half the country were out

searching for her. After marriage Mr. Sims entered eighty acres of land in what is now Mill Creek Township, began improving his farm and added to the same until he owned 320 acres. Here he remained until 1866, when he sold out and bought the old home farm. He now has 325 acres of excellent land. To his marriage were born these children: Nancy, wife of John Muir, of Versailles; John E., a farmer of this county; Martha A., died at the age of twelve years; James M., a farmer in Polk County, Mo.; Malinda J.; Samira W., deceased; Rachel, at home; Mary F.; William B., a farmer in Moreau Township; Susanna, wife of P. B. Young, a farmer of Morgan County; Thomas B., died when a child. Mr. and Mrs. Sims are members of the Baptist Church, she having joined in 1842 and he in 1844, and he has not failed to attend a meeting for over forty years, except on account of sickness. He was ordained a deacon in 1845, and his family are all members with the exception of two. Mr. Sims has been liberal in his contributions to church work. He has always taken an active part in politics, but he has never been a candidate for office. Although starting out in life in poor circumstances, financially, he has succeeded in an admirable manner, all the result of earnest, honest work. He was quite an expert hunter in his youthful days, and his rifle brought down many a deer. Although his educational advantages were limited to the subscription schools, Mr. Sims is a great reader, and is well posted on all subjects, and has a fine library; is also well informed in some of the sciences. He is well known throughout Morgan County, and is universally respected.

Capt. John Sims was born in Cooper County, Mo., on the 1st of July, 1822, and is a son of James and Rachel (McGarity) Sims, both of whom were born in the "Palmetto State," and came to Missouri in 1820, locating in Cooper County, where the father was engaged in farming and house-carpentering. He entered 200 acres of land, on which he lived until 1836, then came to Morgan County, and entered and bought a tract of 600 acres near Versailles, on which he resided until his death, in August, 1860, at the age of seventy years. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and had been a soldier in the War of 1812. His wife died in 1862, aged sixty-five years, having borne a family of nine children: William (residing on the old homestead), Malinda (the deceased wife of Constantine Estes), John, Matilda (wife of John Robison), Mary Jane (wife of C. H. Huff, both of whom are deceased), Charles W., Jalia (the deceased wife of John Ball), Elizabeth (the deceased wife of John Muir), and J. E. John Sims received a good education in his youth, and remained with his father, assisting on the farm, until twenty-five years of age, when he married, and began farming for himself. His wife was a Mrs. Elizabeth Long, widow of Andrew Long, by whom she became the mother of one child. By John Sims she became the mother of seven children: Amanda F., wife of J. R. Kelsay, now deceased; James L., residing in Cedar County, Mo.; Lucy, wife of W. H. Murray, of Morgan County; Jennie T., the deceased wife of P. A. Allee; Mary A., Jalia A. and Stephen A. died when young. Their mother died in March, 1863. In December, 1863, he wedded Miss Agnes Kelsay, by whom he had one child, Martha, wife of S. N. Hull, of Morgan County. This wife died in

November, 1864, and in July, 1865, he wedded Miss Sallie A. French, a native of Cooper County, by whom he had three children: Eva L., wife of J. B. Guthrey, of Morgan County; Annie L., unmarried, and John H., deceased. The family are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Sims settled on the farm where he now lives in 1855, and is the owner of 485 acres of well-improved land. He has always taken an active interest in public enterprises, and is a liberal contributor to schools and churches. He is in every respect a self-made man. He served two years as justice of the county court, to which he was elected in 1854, also serving as county justice in 1862 by appointment from Gov. Gamble, and twelve years as public administrator. He served as captain of Company L of the Enrolled State Militia of Missouri, and was lieutenant-colonel under the old militia law.

Charles W. Sims was born in Cooper County, Mo., near Bunceton, in 1831. His father, James Sims, was a native of South Carolina. He settled in Morgan County in 1836, on a farm, where Charles W. Sims grew up. The latter was raised on a farm and attended the subscription schools in youth. He was married in 1853 to Louisa A. Chaney, daughter of Henry Chaney and Lucinda Chaney, *nee* Allison, of Morgan County. Subsequently they settled on the place where they now live, near Glensted. They have had ten children, eight of whom are living: Mary Jane, who married Mr. J. W. Jones in 1880; Charles J. married Amanda Levina Jones in 1884; Harvy E. married Mary Ella Daniels in 1887; Elbert, Thomas J., Matilda A., Lucy R. and Lizzie C. live at home; Missouri Ann died when an infant; James Henry died in his eighteenth year. Mr. Sims is a Democrat in politics. He has been troubled for thirty-three years from a fatty tumor, weighing about four pounds, which was recently removed by Drs. Beale and Williams, and at this writing he is rapidly improving.

Rev. James Edward Sims, a Baptist minister, also a successful agriculturist of Moreau Township, was born in Morgan County, February 28, 1839. His parents, James and Rachel (McGarity) Sims, were natives of South Carolina and their sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Rev. Sims was reared to farm labor, and in the days when the means and appliances for farming were crude and imperfect—when the people worked oxen, covered their corn with a hoe, cut their wheat with a sickle or cradle, and bound it in sheaves by hand. He received his education in the district schools and finished with one term in the school at Versailles, but has improved his scholastic education much by individual study. Being a native Missourian he belongs to one of the best known pioneer families. In his early boyhood much of the great State of Missouri was a wilderness. He belongs to that class of men who have witnessed not only the growth of his county and State, and the advance of civilization in the West, but has been one of the active promoters of commercial growth and of the moral, social and religious development of the people. The subject of this sketch was but twenty-one years old when his father died, at which time he took charge of the home farm and conducted it for three years. He was married in 1861 to Miss Ann E. Williams, daughter of Josiah B. Williams, a native of Simpson County, Ky. After marriage Mr.

Sims bought a partially improved farm in Morgan County, on which he lived a short time, and then went to Nebraska, where he remained eighteen months, engaged in farming and attending to his ministerial duties; for he had joined the Baptist Church in September, 1856, was licensed to preach in 1864, and was ordained a minister March 12 of the following year. He then returned to Morgan and began farming on a part of the old Sims estate, where he remained fifteen years. He then purchased the farm on which he now lives, six miles east of Versailles, consisting of 315 acres, all cultivated land except eighty acres of timber. Mr. Sims has been pastor of a number of churches in this and adjoining counties; has been an evangelist for both the Concord and LaMine Associations, and it may with truth be said that his earnest speaking and pathetic appeals have stirred the hearts of many, and under his ministry many have entered the church. Being a man of affairs and associated as he is with the people in their every-day life, he enjoys opportunities for instruction and moral upbuilding not enjoyed by the clergyman who is constantly immured in the study of the city church. To being intensely practical in his religion, and believing as much in the example as in the precept, may be attributed much of his success as a minister. Six children have been born to this marriage: Clarence D.; Mary V., who died in infancy; Dora E., now the wife of John T. Steel, a teacher of Pilot Grove, Mo.; James E. Sims, Jr., Penola Grace and Josiah B. All are members of the Baptist Church and joined at an early age. Through his ministerial work Mr. Sims is well known in Moniteau, Miller, Benton and Cooper Counties, and has been present at the organization of a great many churches. His ministry is characterized by liberality and charity for all Christian workers of whatever denomination. During the war he served as orderly sergeant of Company K, Forty-third Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia, in the Union service, and also during that time, while at home, acted as a magistrate of his county. He is an active worker in the cause of education, both public and private, and has for years labored earnestly to utilize all the educational means within reach to facilitate the intellectual and moral development of the youth of the country. Politically he is and always has been a Democrat. On the question of the manufacture and sale of intoxicants he may be said to be a prohibitionist, taking as he does no uncertain ground in opposition to the rum traffic. Rev. Sims is yet in the full vigor of life, active, energetic and industrious in whatever he undertakes, and is one of Morgan County's most useful citizens.

G. B. Snodgrass deserves honorable mention as one of the successful farmers and stockmen of the county. His birth occurred in the "Buckeye State" February 6, 1847, being one of four sons and two daughters who were born to the union of R. C. Snodgrass and Mary A. Thurman, both of whom are residing in Ohio. He remained with his parents until twenty-six years of age, then came to Morgan County, Mo., where he now owns about 100 acres of land, well tilled, on which are a good house and barns, and a nice young orchard. He is a member of the Agricultural Wheel, and in his political views is a Democrat, being elected by that party to the office of county assessor, November 7, 1888, taking the oath of office December 28, 1888. September

25, 1879, he was married to Miss Nannie E. Taylor, a daughter of D. P. Taylor, by whom he has two children: Lulu, born November 19, 1882, and Garland, born January 1, 1885. Mr. Snodgrass received good educational advantages in his youth, having graduated from the Hillsboro High School, and is one of the well informed and intelligent men of Morgan County.

John Sommerhauser, manager of the firm of Porth & Holtschneider, lumber dealers of Versailles, Mo., their stock consisting of lumber, lath, shingles, sash, doors, blinds, lime, hair, cement, etc., was born in Prussia in 1862, and is the son of John and Mary (Weber) Sommerhauser, both natives of Prussia. The parents came to America in 1881 and settled in Moniteau County, Mo., where the father bought a farm, and there died in 1886, at the age of fifty-five years. The mother still resides in Moniteau County, and is a member of the Catholic Church, as was also her husband. To their marriage were born twelve children, seven of whom are now living, viz.: Joseph, a farmer of Moniteau County; John, Josepha, William, a student at Carthagen, Ohio, preparing for the ministry; Christina, Mary and Peter. John Sommerhauser was reared on the farm until fourteen years of age, when he entered a dry goods house and clerked for about eight years. In 1883 he immigrated to America and settled in Moniteau County, Mo., where his parents had previously. In 1884 he accepted a position as clerk for Edward Holtschneider, lumber merchant of Tipton, Mo., and remained there until September, 1887, when he took charge of the yard he now manages at Versailles. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and an honest, upright citizen.

Peter Soraghan, a native of County Cavan, Ireland, left home and friends in 1851 and immigrated to the United States to seek his fortune. He was but sixteen years of age, and after reaching this country he went to Chicago, found employment in the Briggs House and the Metropolitan Hotel, where he continued for about a year. He then went to Cincinnati, was employed in the Burnett House, and there became acquainted with Miss Catherine Cahill, a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, who came to this country also in 1851. They were married in 1853 and then went to New York City, where Mr. Soraghan worked in the Clarmont Hotel for a year. He then returned to Chicago, remained there for about five years, and then he and wife removed to New Orleans, La., where he was in the St. Charles Hotel. After the birth of their daughter Katie they moved to Memphis, Tenn., where Mr. Soraghan was engaged in the Gayosa House for a year. He then took the last boat that left that city before the blockade, and came to Missouri, settled on the farm, raised a crop and had the same destroyed by the soldiers under Jefferson C. Davis. Afterward Mr. Soraghan and family moved to St. Louis, remaining there until 1866, after which they returned to the farm and continued there until 1870. They then moved to Morgan County, where they have continued to reside ever since. Mr. Soraghan is quite nicely fixed, owning in one body 504 acres of land, including some of the richest bottom land in the county, well adapted to the raising of corn and wheat. On this farm he has one of the finest houses in the southern part of the county. Since coming to Morgan County, Mr.

Soraghan has devoted himself to the interests of his farm and stock-raising. In addition to the above mentioned tract of land, he is also the owner of 160 acres of land just over the line in Camden County, on which there are some very valuable iron deposits. In religion he is a Catholic, and he was instrumental in forwarding the building of the St. Patrick's Church located about five miles west of his place, and contributed liberally to the same. He is a Democrat in politics. He is the father of these children: Elizabeth, born in Chicago in 1856, and now the wife of Perry Dooley, of Miller County, Mo., and the mother of two children; Norah, born in Chicago in 1858, wife of Francis McDonough, and the mother of eight children, now resides in Camden County, Mo.; Katie, born in New Orleans, La., in 1860, wife of W. H. O'Brien, of St. Louis, where they are now living, and the mother of two children; Mary A., born in St. Louis in 1865; John Thomas, born June 21, 1867, on the farm in Morgan County, attended the district schools and afterward the graded schools in Miller County, fitting himself for teaching, and has taught school for the last four years. He is now studying medicine, preparatory to entering the St. Louis Medical College; Delia F., born in St. Louis in 1869; Anna Maria, born in Morgan County in 1871, and Peter, born in Morgan County, July 31, 1878.

James A. Spurlock, attorney at law at Versailles, Mo., has been a practicing lawyer of the place since 1866. He was born in Tennessee, Cannon County, in 1827, his parents being Col. Josiah and Leah (Manier) Spurlock, the former born in Virginia and the latter in Kentucky. The father was an extensive planter and cattle dealer, which occupations he followed until his death in 1854, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife died in 1850. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 under Gen. Jackson, and also served under that general in the Indian War, being at one time one of his body guards. Drury Spurlock, his father, was born in Virginia and was a Revolutionary soldier under Gen. Morgan, and served throughout the entire war. James A. Spurlock, the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools, afterward graduating from a higher institution of learning near McMinnville, in 1845, after which he entered the office of Judge Marchbanks and Chancellor Ridley as a law student, and was admitted to the bar in 1846. He then engaged in practicing his profession at Gainesborough, Tenn., remaining there until 1858, when he moved to Marshfield, Mo. In 1866 he came to Versailles, where he has since been a successful law practitioner. In 1852 he wedded Miss Clara Talbott, a native of Tennessee, by whom he has the following children: Martha, wife of C. B. Dyer; Haywood, Josiah, Belle, wife of Dr. A. R. Kieffer; Nancy, wife of Lewis Lumpee; Sidney, James B., Gabriella, Paul and Susan A. In 1884 his wife died, at the age of fifty-four years, leaving ten children and seventeen grandchildren. Her father, Haywood Talbott, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and her grandfather, Thomas Talbott, was a Revolutionary soldier and served with Francis Marion in the Carolinas. Mr. Spurlock is a Republican in politics and has served as county treasurer since coming to Morgan County. He and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Will L. Stephens, cashier of the Bank of Versailles, is a native of Cooper County, Mo., born in 1848, and is the son of William H. and Maria (Adams) Stephens, both natives of Cooper County, Mo. The father was reared in that county and is perhaps the oldest native resident of the same. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Judge Lawrence C. Stephens, was among the very first settlers of his part of the State. He was a native Virginian and was one of the leading men of that section. He was a member of the Legislature, and also county judge, and in his religious views was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He died in January, 1872, at the age of sixty-two years. William H. Stephens, father of our subject, was the eldest of a family of seven children, two sons and two daughters now living. The sons, William and Thomas, are still living in Cooper County. The daughters, Cordelia and Margaret, are married, the former to Emanuel Hansburg, of Texas; and the latter to H. E. Depp, M. D., of Sedalia. W. L. Stephens, the subject of this sketch, was reared to farm life and received his education partly in a district school, also attending the Culley & Simpson Institute. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in the Confederate Army, under Gen. Price, Shelby's Division, served nine months as a private, after which (his division being the last to surrender) he returned home and entered school, where he continued until 1868. In the fall of 1868 he accepted a position in a general store at Bunceton, near his native home, for one year, with Stephens & Bunce, for \$200 and his board, and the next year his uncle, Thomas Stephens, offered \$300 and board to clerk for him at New Palestine and act as railroad agent. He then was offered and accepted a position as messenger boy in the Central National Bank at Boonville, Mo., and was there employed eight years, filling every position from messenger boy to cashier, and acting cashier for about two years. During the time he put in nearly one year at California, in the Moniteau National Bank, as clerk. After that time he embarked in the stock business, feeding and shipping extensively, and making a specialty of blooded stock, Shorthorn cattle. This he continued until his removal to Versailles, when, in connection with Dr. Woods and others, he established the Bank of Versailles, of which he was made cashier, and in this capacity he has continued up to the present time. He was twice elected city treasurer of Boonville, Mo., and in 1888 he was chosen mayor of Versailles, which office he now holds. He was married in 1875 to Miss Eliza Roache, a native of Indiana, adopted daughter of Judge R. Q. Roache, of California, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens are the parents of six children—Emma, Rebecca, Carrie, William Addison, Maria and Robert Woods. Mr. Stephens and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he having been a member for over twenty years; is steward in the same and takes an active interest in all church work. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and is district deputy grand master of his district. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W. He is a leading man of Morgan County, Mo., and is universally liked by its people.

Maj. George H. Stover, retired, has been a resident of Morgan County, Mo., since 1866, having been born in Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Penn., on January 3, 1823. His parents, Jacob E. and Cathe-

rine (Hubler) Stover, were born in Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. George H. was reared on a farm, and in addition to learning the details of farm work, learned the currier and tanner's trade, which occupation his father followed. After attaining his majority he left home and worked at the miller's trade three years, then returned to his native town, and was occupied in building threshing machines a year and a half, then farming his father's farm several years. After that he bought a hotel in Bellefonte, the county seat of Centre County, and kept hotel three and a half years. Again going to his native town, he bought a half interest in a coach shop, and was in that business two years. He was then appointed, under the administration of James Pollock, Governor of Pennsylvania, as first assistant leather inspector at the port of Philadelphia, Penn., and held the position six months longer than the administration expiration. In 1861 he answered to the call of Gov. Curtin, of Pennsylvania; for 75,000 men to suppress the then rising rebellion by the Southern States. He then enlisted for three months, according to the call, and was mustered as orderly sergeant of Company F, Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was promoted after one month as second lieutenant of the same company, and after the expiration of his term of service he returned home, but soon responded again to the call of his country for more troops, for three years or during the war. He helped to enlist Company F of the Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, by order of the governor, and was commissioned first lieutenant, serving as such till August, 1862, when on the march and line of extra duty he was stricken down by sunstroke. He, however, recovered some and stayed with his company and regiment, and took part in Gen. Pope's campaign from Cedar Mountain, via Gaines Hill and Bull Run, to Washington City. After his command left the entrenchments of Washington City to follow the enemy, he, being unable to raise his body or head from his blanket, was left, and was found the next day by an ambulance, and was taken to Washington City, and after strict examination by the doctor, he was sent home either to die or recover. The chances were only one out of ten for recovery, but, by good nursing, he recovered sufficiently after six months' sickness, so that with his brother, John H. Stover, by order of the War Department, he re-enlisted, and helped to enlist the 184th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was commissioned as quartermaster of said regiment (as he could not, on account of his disability, serve on hard duty), and served in this capacity until the close of the war. In 1866 he moved from his childhood home to Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo., where he was engaged in the dry goods business for about two and a half years, afterward embarking in the hardware business with his son-in-law, L. Walter, and after several years in this business he sold out his interest, and engaged in lead and coal mining very successfully, and helped to develop both the lead and coal of Morgan County. In 1881 he had to retire from active business on account of his health, and has not been able to do any business since. He is a Republican in politics, and served as county judge some two years, and various other positions of honor and trust. He is a staunch temperance man, and is a member of the A. F. & A. M. In 1847 he was married to Harriet M. Zellers, a native of Pennsylva-

nia, and by her is the father of five children: Candace E. C., wife of George Decker, of Versailles; Mary A., wife of John D. Neilson, an attorney at law of Versailles; Annie M., wife of Lewis Walter, a tinner; Laura V., wife (deceased) of I. P. Adams; Edward C., who died at the age of five years. The children were all born in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Stover were members of the Lutheran Church in the East, but having no Lutheran Church in Versailles, Mo., they joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. While a resident of his native State, and prior to the late war, he held various commissions, from second lieutenant to major of cavalry of the State Militia of Pennsylvania. He holds now nine commissions, expired, signed by the governors at the time he was elected to the various places of trust and honor. He has two brothers yet living, one in the East and one in Missouri, and three brothers and one sister dead. With all the ups and downs in life, he has had, with his family and all around a happy life, hoping sooner or later to inherit that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. So mote it be.

Harrison T. Talbott, merchant of Proctor, Mo., is a native of Grant County, Wis., and was born on the 17th of December, 1840, and since 1858 has been a resident of the State of Missouri. When the war broke out he went North, and enlisted in Company I, Tenth Regiment Wisconsin Infantry, and participated in the battles of Bowling Green, Hoover's Gap and Chickamauga, and was taken prisoner there on the second day's fight, and was taken to Libby Prison, where he was kept two months. He was then three months in Danville Prison, eight months in Andersonville, and was then taken to Florence, S. C., but about a week later, in company with a fellow-prisoner, Collimus Fish, broke through the guards' lines, but was recaptured about two weeks later in Union County, N. C., and taken to Salisbury Prison. North Carolina, where he was kept about four months, and was then taken to Libby Prison once more. He was then paroled and sent down James River to Aiken's Landing, where he was received, under a flag of truce, into the Union army again. About six weeks later he was discharged (April 15, 1865), and returned home. His health became very much impaired by prison life, and he now draws a small pension. To his parents, Edward and Zerniah (Gillman) Talbott, were born two children. He was the youngest of the family, and Olive H., who died in May, 1887, was the wife of Elijah Williamson, and left seven children. Mr. Talbott, our subject, was married in Wisconsin to Helen Brooks, a daughter of Silas S. and Elizabeth (Trenn) Brooks, April 21, 1867. She was born in Pennsylvania November 1, 1846, and is the elder of two children, the other being Frank C., of Johnson County, Mo. After their marriage Mr. Talbott and wife resided in Dallas County for six years, and after a residence of one year in Pettis County came to Morgan County and engaged in merchandising at Versailles, where he did an extensive and paying business and remained ten years. He then sold out and went to Benton County, Ark., where he also engaged in merchandising, but sold out at the end of six months at a good profit and returned to Versailles, where he purchased his old store and held forth one year. Since September, 1886, he has resided in Proctor, and has a large

general mercantile establishment, his stock of goods being valued at about \$3,000. He owns about 500 acres of timber land, and deals quite extensively in railroad ties, furnishing about 50,000 per year. He was engaged in teaching school in Dallas County, having acquired a thorough education in the public schools and an academy of Wisconsin, and was a licensed and acting minister of the Christian Church for ten years, but is now a confirmed Agnostic, and his wife also. He is a Republican in politics, and at the present time is serving as notary public. He and wife have six children: Zerniah, born May 13, 1868, and died December 24, 1872; S. Blackman, born October 3, 1871; Etta, born February 17, 1875; Lyeurgus, born September 24, 1879, and died October 13, 1879; Harrison P., born April 29, 1881; and Ann E., born April 24, 1884, and died October 24, 1886. Edward Talbott, our subject's father, was born in Monroe County, Ill., and died in 1843, at the age of forty years, and his wife was born in Maine, and died in 1855, at the age of forty-four years. Mr. T. is a member of the G. A. R., I. O. O. F. and Masonic fraternities.

Dr. John B. Thruston. How to retain health, which is the most precious gift of nature, and how to regain it when lost, are matters of vital moment. Some seek for health in travel, others in physical recreation, and both are, no doubt, beneficial, but they do not always accomplish the object in view. Medical science must be resorted to, and in every case the best physicians employed. Among those whose reputation as a first-class physician has been recognized in a very flattering degree in this part of the State is Dr. John B. Thruston, who is one of the oldest medical experts in Southwestern Missouri. He was born in Greenville, S. C., March 30, 1815, and came with his parents to Morgan County, Mo., in 1833. He is the son of Street and Lettie (Gowen) Thruston, both natives of South Carolina. The father was a farmer by occupation, was among the first settlers of Morgan County, and died in 1859, at the age of seventy years. The mother died in South Carolina, at the age of forty years. The father was a member of the Baptist Church. Dr. John B. Thruston attained his growth on the farm, and at the age of twenty-one years commenced the study of medicine at Columbia, Boone Co., Mo. He began to practice in Versailles, Mo., in 1836, and in the spring of the following year graduated at the Transylvania University, at Lexington Ky. Here he has continued the practice of his profession ever since, and has been a leading citizen. He was married June 29, 1837, to Miss Nancy R. Walton, a native of Tennessee, and the daughter of Josiah S. Walton, a pioneer of Morgan County. Mrs. Thruston died January 22, 1886, at the age of sixty-nine years. The Doctor and wife were parents of five children: James S., now judge of the probate court of Morgan County; Virginia, wife of James McNair, now circuit clerk of Morgan County; Ella, wife of Dr. G. M. Gunn, of Versailles; Flora B., wife of L. B. Hawks, a farmer of this county, and Cora, wife of J. W. Martin, of Versailles. Dr. Thruston and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and he is a member of the A. F. & A. M. organization. He has a large practice, as he has ever had, and in early days frequently rode horseback from Saline and Cooper Counties south to Osage River, and east and west

through Miller and Benton Counties. He has been out in all kinds of weather, has experienced many hardships, and is now a man of remarkable activity and strength. He is a Democrat in his politics, and is the owner of considerable town property.

Samuel Tillett. Prominent among the representative men of the county, and among those deserving special recognition for their long residence in the same, stands the name of Mr. Tillett, who was born in Canton, Ohio, in 1836. He is the son of Edward and Elizabeth (Bemenderfer) Tillett, and the grandson of Capt. William Tillett, who was a captain in the War of 1812. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Peter Bemenderfer, was also a soldier in the War of 1812, and was a musician. Edward Tillett was born in Loudoun County, Va., and followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He died in Carroll County, Ohio, at the age of sixty-two. The mother was born in Hagerstown, Md., and died in 1887, at the age of seventy-six. As is usual with the majority of the farmer boys, Mr. Tillett received his education in the common district school, such as a new country would afford, and at the age of nineteen left his father's farm and went to Canton, Ohio, and there served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade for two and a half years. While there he was married to Miss Magdaline Fockenroath, a native of Canton, Ohio, and the same year (1858) they came to Missouri, first renting a portion of Editor McCracken's residence, the first editor of Jefferson City. At the breaking out of the late war, in 1862, he enlisted in the Fifth Missouri Cavalry, Company C, as a private. He participated in the battles of California House, Hartville, Salem, and was all through Price's campaign. He was in the saddle fifty-two days at one time. He was first promoted to the rank of corporal, and then to sergeant. During the year 1863 he did a great deal of scouting, having charge of a squad of men hunting bushwhackers, and during the Price campaign he took part in the Jefferson City fight, the skirmish at Tipton, Mo., Boonville, Lexington, Big Blue, Independence, and took part in some severe skirmishes along the Kansas border. In April, 1865, Mr. Tillett went back to Ohio, where his family had stayed during the war, remained there six months, and then came back to Versailles, where he remained four years, being in the furniture business, and conducted this in connection with the carpenter business until 1870, when he moved to the farm, and there resided until 1877. In the last-named year he returned to Versailles, where he has since been engaged in carpenter work. To Mr. and Mrs. Tillett were born six children: Eleanora, deceased wife of Henry Enscom; Edward, died at Tipton, Mo., in the spring of 1862, at the age of two years; Lorena, wife of E. O. Pike, of Nebraska; Malinda J., wife of Thomas Williams, of Lincoln, Neb.; Samuel Grant, of Versailles, and Charles Wilson. Mr. Tillett took for his second wife Mrs. Hineman, *nee* Amelia Fritshie, widow of John F. Hineman, a native of Steubenville, Ohio, who bore him two children: Logan B. and Julia. Mr. Tillett is the owner of four houses in town, and also the owner of forty acres of land. He is a Republican in his political views, takes a deep interest in public affairs, and is one of the prominent men of the county. Directly after the war, and before affairs had settled down, Mr.

Tillett was appointed constable, to take the place of a man who had been shot in discharge of duty. This position he filled to the satisfaction of all. In 1866 he was elected coroner. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. He was twice appointed one of the board of registration at the close of the war. He is one of the charter members of Jeff. C. Davis Post No. 108, G. A. R., of Versailles, and also had the honor of naming the same. He is S. V. C. at present.

I. O. Todd was born on April 6, 1822, his parents being Davis and Rebecca (Burgin) Todd. He is one of eleven sons, seven of whom lived to be heads of families, and three of whom are now living—one in Marion County, one in Howard County, and our subject, who resides in Morgan County. The latter resided with his parents until his marriage, February 2, 1843, to Miss Margarette Reynolds, when he moved to Livingston County, where he was engaged in farming for eight years, then removed to Howard County, and there made his home until his father's death, which occurred in 1858. He then purchased the old home place, on which he lived until 1873, and since that time has resided in Morgan County. His sons now own the farm on which he located after his marriage. His present farm consisted of 420 acres, but he has given to his children until he now only has eighty acres, on which are erected a good house and barn. He is a Democrat in his political views, and has held a number of local offices. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of the Baptist Church. He and wife became the parents of twelve children, whose names are as follows: Angeline, born November 4, 1844; Rebecca, born July 25, 1847; Minerva, born January 22, 1849; Isabel, born November 15, 1850; Davis, born April 19, 1852; Sarah E., born in 1854; Filmore, born December 4, 1856; Jasper and Newton (twins), born June 17, 1858; Beauregard, born June 10, 1862; Jefferson D., born June 10, 1862, and Owen, born October 5, 1863. Angeline, Minerva, Jasper and Newton are the only ones living. Davis died in April, 1884, leaving a family.

Villmoare & Wright are the editors and proprietors of the *Morgan County Leader*, which paper is published in the interests of the Democratic party, and was established in January, 1887, by Bohling & Villmoare, and was conducted under that name until January 1, 1889, when Mr. Bohling retired, and R. A. Wright purchased his interest. The paper is published every Thursday, is an eight-column folio, and has a circulation of 1,500. It is one of the most ably edited papers in Missouri, and from its columns some valuable information can always be gleaned. A. W. Villmoare, one of its original founders, was born in Madison County, Ill., and is a son of J. A. Villmoare, who was born in Louisiana, of French parents. He was a planter and trader by occupation, and at an early day moved to Bethalto, Ill., where he resided until 1875, when he moved to Sedalia, Mo., residing at Sedalia until 1835, when he located at Kansas City. A. W. Villmoare was reared principally in Sedalia, and after attending school until fourteen years of age, entered the *Bazoo* office to serve an apprenticeship at the printer's trade. He remained there four years, learning job-printing and type-setting, and in 1881 came to Versailles, and until 1886 worked on the *Versailles Gazette*, at which date the paper was

sold, and Mr. Villmoare then established the *Leader*. He was married in 1885 to Miss Katie C. Corbin, a native of Cole County, who died January 25, 1889, having borne one child, Lucy Hortense. Mr. Villmoare is in fairly good circumstances financially, and owns an interest in 2,000 acres of excellent mineral land. R. A. Wright, junior editor of the *Leader*, was born on Kentucky soil (Hart County), his father being William M. Wright, also a native of Kentucky. At an early day he immigrated to Macoupin County, Ill., where he lived until 1868, when he moved to Johnson County, Kas., and since 1876 has been a resident of Miami County, Kas. In the early part of his career he was engaged in tilling the soil, but later gave this up to engage in merchandising, which he continued for many years. R. A. Wright, his son, spent the happy and healthy life of a farmer's boy, and acquired a fair education in the common schools. In 1881 he became a partner in a drug store in Louisburg, Kas., but at the end of two years discontinued this business to engage in the grocery trade with his father. Two years later he returned to the drug business, which he continued until 1885, and was then appointed postmaster of the town, which position he is still filling. January 1, 1887, he purchased the *Louisburg Herald*, which paper he edited two years, then sold out, and January 1, 1889, formed his present connection with the *Morgan County Leader*. In November, 1880, he was married to Miss Rosa V. Galbreath, a native of Ohio, by whom he has three children, Lena Mabel, Francis Riley and Ethel Holmes. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and he belongs to the A. F. & A. M. and the K. of P. orders.

Judge Henry Wagenkuecht, the present presiding judge of the county court of Morgan County, Mo., was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, in 1833, and came to America in 1855. After attaining his fourteenth year he learned the wagon-maker's trade, but never followed that occupation a great deal. He landed at New York City, but soon after came to Illinois, where he made his home for two years, after which he moved to Jefferson City, thence to Otterville, Cooper County, and from there to the farm he now occupies. He owns 545 acres of land, the home farm consisting of 445 acres, all of which is under cultivation, and his residence is a new two-story frame, back of which is an excellent orchard. He is putting in tiling on his farm, being the only man in the county to do so. He feeds from three to four carloads of cattle annually, and also a large number of hogs. He always votes the Republican ticket, and in 1886 was elected by that party to the office of judge of the county court, which term will expire the last of December, 1890. He is a worthy member of the I. O. O. F., and contributes liberally to all public enterprises. December 17, 1859, he was married to Ellen Smith, a daughter of G. W. Smith, by whom he has eight children: Mary L., Charles, Frank, Theodore, Annie, Alice, Birdie and Lisetta. Mr. Wagenkuecht is a son of Henry and Mary (Eberd) Wagenkuecht, both native Germans, who are now deceased.

B. S. Walker was born on the 30th of June, 1824, in Delaware County, Ohio, being one of four sons and four daughters born to Alexander and Elizabeth (Shur) Walker, who were Pennsylvanians by birth, and came to Missouri in 1838, settling in Morgan County, where

the father died in 1857. B. S. Walker spent his youth and early manhood with his father, and in November, 1848, was married to Miss Abigail L. Evans, who died in October, 1864, having become the mother of five children: Robert F., born in 1850; Mary, born in 1853; Miranda, born in 1855; Katie, born in 1858, and Ross, born in February, 1861. September 1, 1866, Mr. Walker wedded Georgia Walker, by whom he has seven children: Charley and Maud, born in 1868; Blanche, born in 1870; Claude, born February 14, 1876; Harry and Bessie, born October 19, 1878, and Georgia, born August 6, 1882. Since his first marriage Mr. Walker has resided continuously in Morgan County, where he owns 120 acres of good land in the home place and 200 acres in another tract. All the farm is under cultivation, and is well improved with good buildings and an orchard. He is a Republican in politics, and in 1862 was elected sheriff of Morgan County, being also required to fill the duties of collector, and was a faithful servant of the public for four years. He is a Mason and Odd Fellow, and he and wife are consistent members of the Christian Church.

P. M. Wallace was born in Anderson County, Tenn., November 22, 1839, and remained with his parents, assisting on the farm and attending school, until 1861, when he enlisted in the army. In the spring of 1850 he came with his parents, John M. and Jane (Manley) Wallace, to Morgan County, Mo., and after residing west of Versailles two years, moved to his present location, where he resided until the beginning of the war, when he enlisted in the ninety-days service, Company B, Fifty-fourth Indiana Volunteers, and returned home in the fall. In the spring of 1863 he enlisted in Company C, Sixth Missouri State Militia, and the next year joined the Thirteenth Missouri, United States Cavalry Volunteers, and was mustered out of service in June, 1866, at Ft. Leavenworth. During the early part of his service he was mostly engaged in skirmishing, but he was afterward engaged in fighting Indians on the plains, being stationed at Ft. Collins, about sixty miles northwest of Denver. After his marriage to Miss Sallie Moore, January 1, 1868, he engaged in farming for himself, and has since continued, being now the owner of 244 acres of land, about seventy-five of which are under cultivation. His buildings are all in excellent condition, and he is considered one of the enterprising farmers of the county. Mrs. Wallace died on the 9th of October, 1879, having become the mother of the following children: Thomas M., born March 17, 1869; Martha, born in May, 1871, and died in July, 1874; Leoda, born in January, 1873, and died in June, 1874; John, born May 5, 1877, and Charley, who died when an infant. Mr. Wallace was married to Miss Ella E. Gatewood on the 10th of March, 1881, by whom he has one child, Oscar Nelson, born March 10, 1885. He belongs to the G. A. R., and in his political views is a Republican.

S. A. Weltmer, teacher and farmer, was born July 7, 1858, in Wayne County, Ohio, and is a son of Abraham and Catharine (Hull) Weltmer, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The latter's father, George Hull, was a pioneer settler of Wayne County, Ohio, and was of Irish descent. Abraham Weltmer was of Dutch descent, his grandfather Weltmer being one of a large colony that emigrated from Holland to Central Pennsylvania about

1728. He came to Ohio about 1850, where he engaged in farming until 1865, when he moved to Morgan County, Mo., where he resided until 1881, then moving to Atchison County, Mo., where he died in 1882, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was fairly educated, was unassuming, conservative, and strictly honest. His wife is yet living. They were members of the Baptist Church, and their children are as follows: Sarah E., wife of Jacob Arisman, carpenter, and lives in Washington Territory; Sidney A., and John E., a prosperous farmer, lives in Atchison County, Mo. S. A. Weltmer received a common education, supplemented by his own efforts and the instruction of the best of mothers, and October 8, 1879, was married to Miss Mary G. Stone, a native of Missouri, and a daughter of Rev. B. D. Stone, an elder in the Missionary Baptist Church, and a native of Tennessee. Their five children are: Cyrus E., Silas W., Stella T., Tracy C. and Asa T. At odd times, prior to his marriage, he engaged in canvassing for books, and during autumn seasons of 1880 and 1881 he traveled through Southern Missouri with a stereopticon, giving scientific and educational lectures; then resumed farming and teaching school until January, 1884, when he built the "Akinsville Institute," a private school at Akinsville, Mo., which he conducted until 1887, at which time he sold out to a joint stock company, but still holds the largest stock in the school, which is now known as the Akinsville Normal and Commercial Institute. In the spring of 1887 he began the publication of "Our Home and School," an educational journal, at Akinsville, but discontinued the same at the end of four months, and resumed farming, and teaching in the public schools, and conducting vocal music classes. Mr. Weltmer was the first in his county to advocate objective teaching, and is well known as an earnest advocate of the "New Education." He owns a one-third interest in a farm of eighty acres; is independent in politics, a Good Templar, a Wheeler, and both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

O. A. Williams, M. D., an eminent pioneer physician of Morgan County, Mo., was born in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1835, his parents being Daniel and Mary (McLaughlin) Williams, who were born in New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. When the father was a lad he went to Hartford, Conn., where he learned the blacksmith's trade, and in 1830 removed to Ohio, and in 1837 to Morgan County, Mo., locating in Versailles, where he established the first blacksmith's shop in the town. Here he died in 1882, at the age of seventy-three years, still survived by the mother, whose age is seventy-one years. He was a devoted member of the Baptist Church, a prominent member of the A. F. & A. M., an active supporter of all worthy public enterprises, and after the war became a Democrat, having previously supported the Whig party. He was taken prisoner by the Federal troops during the Rebellion, and kept a prisoner at Jefferson City for nine weeks, although he was a staunch Union man during that time. His children are as follows: O. A.; Electa, wife of John Hunter; Phoebe, wife of Samuel Harrison; John, who is deputy sheriff and collector of Morgan County; Daniel, a merchant of St. Louis; Isabel, wife of Richard Nichols, and Mary, wife of Thomas Mobely. O. A. Williams, our

subject, was reared and educated in Versailles, and learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, but becoming dissatisfied with this work he, at the age of sixteen years, entered the office of Dr. McCoy and began the study of medicine, also assisting his father in the shop, thus paying his own way. In 1854 he entered the St. Louis Medical College, and after attending this institution until 1855 located in Livingston County, Mo., where he was engaged in practicing his profession until 1861, at which date he enlisted in the Missouri State Guard, and at the end of six months joined the Confederate army, and was attached to the General Hospital Department, and served in that capacity until the close of the war, in 1865. He was in the battles of Pea Ridge, Wilson's Creek, and was with Price on his raid through Missouri. He returned to Versailles in 1866, where he has since been very successfully engaged in the practice of his profession, being a partner of Dr. Thruston five years. He is a Democrat in politics, and was elected by his party to represent them in the Thirty-second General Assembly of the State. He is also a member of the A. F. & A. M., and is considered one of the best read physicians in the State, and is very frequently consulted by his medical brethren. He was married in 1867 to Miss Alpha Davis, a native of Missouri, and a daughter of Porter E. Davis. They have seven children: Fred; Porter, a practicing physician; Lucy, a teacher in the public schools of Versailles; Nannie, Willie, Vincil and Daniel Lutz. Mrs. Williams is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John M. Williams, son of Daniel Williams, was born July 2, 1845, in the town of Versailles. With his father he moved to the farm in 1859, and there lived until the war broke out, when he enlisted in the Fourth Missouri Confederate Cavalry, commanded by Col. John G. Burbridge, in Clark's brigade and Marmaduke's division, serving three years, and participating in Price's raid. He was at the fights of Mine Creek, Kas., Glasgow, Lexington, Big Blue, Newtonia, Mo., and Fayetteville, Ark. After Lee's surrender they went into Shreveport and laid down their arms, and got their parole from Gen. Canby, who had command of that port for the United States army, taking the transports for New Orleans, where they were reshipped for St. Louis, arriving at home the 21st day of July, 1865. Returning to the farm, he staid with his father until 1868, when he was married to Miss Hannah Ranschelback, daughter of Ferdinand Ranschelback, a native of Prussia, who came to this country at the age of fifteen with his father, Ferdinand, of Prussia. After marriage Mr. Williams settled on a place given him adjoining the homestead, where he continued to reside until his father's death, which occurred in 1881. Then, selling out that farm, he bought 120 acres one-half mile southwest of Barnett, in Morgan County, where he continued to reside for a number of years. Selling out in 1886, he bought 100 acres of his brother, O. A., near Akinsville, where he now resides. Mr. Williams is a Democrat in politics, and held the office of deputy sheriff of the county for four years, during the administration of W. H. Kavanaugh. During Mr. Williams' married life he and wife have become the parents of eleven children, six boys and five girls, eight of whom are living, having lost three in childhood. Those now living are: Alpha, Laura, Emma, John, Effie, Richard, Lina, and Robert Emmett, all at home.

Harden Williams may be mentioned as one of the progressive farmers and stockmen of Morgan County, having been born in the same on the 23d of August, 1857, and is the eldest and the only child now living of four children born to John and E. J. (Foster) Williams. The former was born in Callaway County, and died May 8, 1864. The mother is still living. He resided with his parents until his father's death, and he then cared for his mother and sister until the death of the latter, on October 17, 1886, she having been married a very short time before to Gus Roiter. Mr. Williams enjoyed the advantages of a good common school, and is considered one of the intelligent and progressive young farmers of Morgan County, being the owner of 100 acres of good farming land, forty or fifty of which are under cultivation, and the remainder in timber, on which are a good farm house, stables and orchard. He is well versed in the political affairs of the day, and has always supported the principles of the Republican party.

Samuel M. Willson, now living on Section 5, Buffalo Township, is one of the old settlers of Morgan County, having immigrated here as early as 1837. He was born in Jefferson County, Tenn., March 10, 1816, and is the son of Abram and Mary (Baker) Willson, being the sixth of eight children, who are named as follows: Robert (deceased), Louisa (deceased), Malvino (deceased), Adaline (deceased), Benjamin (deceased), Samuel M., Mary (deceased) and Jane (the widow of Daniel Snider, who is living in Kansas). The father and mother were both natives of Virginia. The father died in Tennessee in 1834, at about the age of fifty-eight years, and the mother died in Missouri in 1858, at the age of about eighty-one years. Samuel M. Willson remained at home, assisting on the farm until of age, when he and Benjamin immigrated to Missouri together, and brought their mother there in 1837. They entered land together, about 900 acres, and their mother made her home with them until a year before her death, when she went to live with her daughter Mary, and there received her final summons. Samuel and his brother made a division of their land on Benjamin's death, which occurred June 24, 1865. He left a wife and six children. Samuel M. Willson was married to Miss Mary Jarnagan December 11, 1838, and to them have been born ten children, all deceased but two: Samuel, now living in Morgan County, and Sarah E., wife of Alfred Walters, now in Morgan County. Those deceased are Napoleon B., Oscar H., Porter J., Martha E., Isabell Minerva, Joseph H. and Lucy B. Napoleon was killed in the army, and Oscar and Porter were both in the Federal army. Mrs. Willson died December 10, 1874, at the age of fifty-six years. Mr. Willson married a sister to his first wife, the widow of Kemmie Mew, December 19, 1876. He has been justice of Buffalo Township for many years, and presiding judge of the court for four years. Mr. and Mrs. Willson are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a Republican in his political views. He is the owner of forty acres of land on Section 5, Township 40, Range 18.

Dr. S. R. Woods, a retired physician of Versailles, Mo., and a prominent citizen of the county, was born, like his parents, Samuel H. and Sicily (Patterson) Woods, in Virginia, his birth occurring in Franklin County in 1828. About 1850 he came to Missouri, and lo-

cated in Platte County, but received his education in Emory and Henry College, near Abingdon, Va., and after coming to Missouri located at Camden Point, where he accepted a position as professor of mathematics, Latin and Greek, which position he held until 1860. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the Confederate army as lieutenant in Price's division, and was promoted to the position of major in the First Regiment Missouri State Guard, in which he served until the reorganization of the army, having taken an active part in the battles of Boonville, Carthage, Springfield, Lexington, Pea Ridge, Corinth and others. After the war he went to the City of Mexico, where he remained one year, and in the meantime visited Cuba. After returning to the United States he determined to complete his medical studies, and accordingly entered the St. Louis Medical College, from which institution he graduated in March, 1867. He located at Glencoe, in St. Louis County, where he practiced medicine until the winter of 1882, then retired from active practice and came to Versailles. In January, 1853, he was married to Mary Dale, a daughter of David Dale, a native of Kentucky. Her maternal grandfather, William Price, was a member of the life guard of Gen. Washington in the Revolutionary War. Dr. Woods and wife are devoted members of the Christian Church, and in addition to their church and Sunday-school work are deeply interested in the cause of temperance. The doctor has acted as mayor of Versailles two years, and has been a member of the A. F. & A. M. for thirty-eight years.

Dr. P. G. Woods, president of the Bank of Versailles, has been a resident of Morgan County since the fall of 1855, and of Versailles since July, 1869. He was born in Franklin County, Va., in 1844, and is the son of Samuel H. and Sicely (Patterson) Woods, both natives of Virginia. In his younger days the father was a merchant, but later he followed farming, and this continued till his death, which occurred in Morgan County, Mo., in 1876, at the age of seventy-six years. The mother died in 1868, at the age of sixty-one years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and active workers in the same. He was a man who took a great interest in public affairs and politics, although he was never an aspirant for office. To his marriage were born these children: Mary A., widow of W. A. Parkes, who now resides in Versailles, Mo.; Dr. Samuel R., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; W. M., is an attorney at Denton, Tex.; Charles C., a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who resides at Neosho, Mo.; Emma R., wife of Dr. P. T. James, at Holden, Mo.; Nannie, died at the age of seventeen years, and P. G. The last named spent his youth on the farm, three miles east of Versailles, Mo., and received his education at the private schools of his county and those of Saline County, of the same State. In 1865 he entered the St. Louis Medical College, graduating from that institution in 1837, after which he came to Versailles, and entered upon the practice of his profession. This he continued until 1881, and in 1882 he, with others, established the Bank of Versailles, and was chosen its president, which position he has held ever since. In 1872 he was elected by the Democratic party to the office of county treasurer, which office he held until 1882—five terms. In 1886 he was again elected

to the same office, and holds that position at the present time, the only political office to which he has ever aspired. Dr. Woods owns a good farm of 520 acres three miles east of Versailles, and a good block of business houses in the city. He was married in 1868 to Miss Harriet Parkes, a native of Moniteau County, Mo., who bore him six children: Edna, attending school; Eva, also at school; Richard, at home; Nannie, at home; Herbert, at home, and Arno, at home. Dr. Woods is a member of the Christian Church, in which he takes an active part, as he does in all matters of public enterprise, and is one of the representative men of the county.

MARIES COUNTY.

Philip Hibler Ammerman, justice of the peace of Jefferson Township, Maries Co., Mo., was born in Warren County, Mo., in 1821, and is a son of Isaac and Jane (Johnson) Ammerman, natives of Kentucky, where they were married, and from whence they removed about 1818 to what is now Warren County, Mo., where the mother died about 1830 and the father a few years later. Philip H. was the eighth in a family of ten children, and obtained his early education at the common schools. When about eighteen years of age he located with his brother in what is now Maries County, Mo., where he has ever since made his home. In 1843 he married Sarah Ann, daughter of John and Elizabeth Carroll, formerly of Tennessee, but early settlers of St. Louis County, Mo., where Mrs. Ammerman was born. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll afterward removed to Maries County, where they died. Mrs. Ammerman died July 18, 1887, leaving eight children, six of whom are living, viz.: John, Eliza Jane, James S., Joseph, Conrad and Willard B. Mr. Ammerman's farm contains 556 acres, 200 acres of which are under cultivation, as a result of his industry and thrift. He has served as justice of the peace for nearly thirty years, having previously held the office of constable. He is a Democrat in politics, and for twenty-five years has been a member of the A. F. & A. M., now belonging to Lane's Prairie Lodge. Mr. Ammerman is one of the best known and most enterprising farmers of Jefferson Township, and with the exception of a short time during the war, has devoted his entire attention to the pursuit of agriculture. Philip Ammerman, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Germany, who died in Kentucky. Robert Johnson, his maternal grandfather, was born in Ireland, and died in Warren County, Mo., about 1828, having served in the Revolution.

Hon. Warren Montgomery Barr, a prominent attorney at law of Vienna, Maries County, was born in Knox County, Mo., in 1851, and is a son of James and Jemimah (McLain) Barr. James Barr, who was of Scotch descent, was born in Kentucky in 1820, and moved to Knox County, Mo., with his parents in 1830. He married in 1850,