

## SCHUYLER COUNTY.

Dr. O. W. Avery, physician and surgeon, is a native of Prospect, Ohio, and was born in 1839. He is a son of Aaron F. and Elizabeth (Hoskins) Avery. The father was of English descent and born in Jersey City, in 1811. When a young man he went to Ohio where he was married, and about 1864 removed to Agency City, and in 1873 came to Queen City, Mo., where he engaged in the mercantile business and died in 1885. He was made captain of a company to enter the Mexican War, but while in camp at Columbus, peace was declared. The mother was born in Ohio in 1813, and died in Iowa in 1870. Both were members of the Christian Church. Our subject was reared at home and received a common-school education during his younger days. In 1858 he entered the American Eclectic Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he graduated in the medical course in 1861. He immediately began to practice at Essex, Ohio, and the next spring went to Montezuma, Ia., where he was married in 1862 to Miss Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Catherine Willey, formerly of Ohio, where Mrs. Avery was born. In 1862 he entered the United States Contract Surgery Service for a year, and then settled in Springfield, Ia., remaining until 1867, when he came to Schuyler County, and located at Queen City, where he soon established an extensive and lucrative practice and now ranks among the foremost of his fraternity. Since 1875 he has conducted a drug store in connection with his profession, and is one of the active business men, as well as a leading physician of the county. He is one of the oldest settlers of Queen City, and is the only resident of the city at the present time who resided there at the time of his location at the place. He is a Democrat and cast his first presidential vote for Douglas in 1860. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, a Knight of Pythias, and belongs to the G. A. R.

William A. Barbee, merchant, was born October 20, 1845, in Marion County, Mo., and accompanied his parents to Scotland County, Mo., when a year old, and there grew to manhood. He began life for himself when twenty-five years old, and at the death of his father inherited \$600, but the balance of his property is the result of his own labor and good management. He received a good education at the Kirksville State Normal

and the Troy (Iowa) High School. He farmed until he engaged in the mercantile business at Killwinning, Mo. In February, 1876, he removed to Downing, and became a partner of Dr. Lane in the mercantile business, but in February, 1882, sold his interest to the Doctor, and then gave his attention to grain dealing, until April, 1884, when he built the block in which he is now doing business, and where he owns a stock of goods valued at about \$7,000. He has a comfortable residence in Downing. June 27, 1880, he married Miss Francis A. Craig, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Dorman) Craig. To Mr. and Mrs. Barbee four children have been born: Frank E., Carrie, Claude (deceased) and Charles E. Mrs. Barbee is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Barbee is a Democrat in politics, and is a Master Mason. He is the eldest of eleven children of Elias and Amanda (Terrill) Barbee, natives of Fauquier County, Va., and Garrard County, Ky., respectively. The father served as assessor of Scotland County, Mo., and was a son of Joseph and Annie (Harris) Barbee, natives of Virginia, where they lived and died. Mrs. Amanda Barbee was a daughter of Robert and Mary (Beazley) Terrill, natives of Kentucky, who settled in Marion County, Mo., about 1827.

J. R. Blackwood, senior member of the firm of Blackwood and Hombs, is a son of Joseph and Kittie (Jones) Blackwood, who were married, and for many years resided in Kentucky. At an early day they settled in Marion County, Mo., where the father still lives; the mother died in 1852. The father is a carpenter by trade, and both himself and wife were united with the Presbyterian Church many years ago. J. R. is the youngest of six children, and was born January 12, 1852, in Marion County, Mo., and was but an infant at the time of his mother's death. His education was limited to the common schools of the country. Soon after arriving at maturity he engaged in the stock raising business with a cousin, but after two years embarked in the mercantile life in Hunnewell, Mo. He remained there a year, when he sold out and removed to Macon City, where he was employed by the firm of Goldsberry & Stephens. In 1882 he came to Glenwood and opened a general store in partnership with W. H. Sipple. Later he sold his interest and engaged in the boot and shoe business at Canton, but in a year returned to Glenwood and became a member of the firm of Blackwood & Hombs, and is now one of the enterprising and prosperous merchants of Glenwood. In 1883 he was united in marriage to Miss Addie, daughter of Dr. T. W. Reed of Macon City, Mo. Mrs. Blackwood is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically Mr. Blackwood is a Democrat. In Masonry he is a member of Greenwood Lodge, No. 427.

L. D. Bowen, merchant at Julesburg, was born in Schuyler County, in 1856, and is a son of Levi and Maria (Zuck) Bowen. The father was of English descent, and a native of New Jersey. He was married in Ohio in 1837, and in 1850 removed to Lewis County, Mo., but six years later came to Schuyler County, and located near Queen City, where he has a fine farm, and enjoys the esteem of the community. Our subject was reared at home, and received a common-school education. He began life for himself as a farm hand, and in 1882 he and his brother Elisha established a grocery store at Queen City, where L. D. filled the office of assistant postmaster. In December of the same year he removed to Julesburg, where he conducts a general store, and enjoys a flourishing trade. He is one of the active and prosperous business men of the town, and in 1883 was appointed postmaster. January 3, 1885, Mr. Bowen was married to Miss Forrest Dove, daughter of James and Maria Bennett, early pioneers of Schuyler County. Mrs. Bowen is a native of Iowa. In politics Mr. Bowen is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Grant. He is also a member of the K. of P. The first store in Julesburg was established in 1881 by Julius Ortmann, who conducted it until 1882. He was the first postmaster of the place, and the post-office was named in his honor.

Henry H. Brenizer, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Prairie Township, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, in 1837, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Griffith) Brenizer. The father was of Dutch ancestry, and born in Pennsylvania about 1792. He afterward went to Maryland, where he was married in 1821, and nine years later removed to Delaware County, Ohio, (now Morrow County), where he spent the remainder of his life. His death occurred in 1869. The mother was born in Maryland, in 1803, and died in 1882, a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject received a common-school education while living at home, and in 1863 was married to Miss Frances, daughter of Merrick and Emeline Barr, a native of Zanesville, Ohio, by whom he has had six children, four living, viz.: Grant, Cicero, May and Avis. Mr. Brenizer came to Schuyler County immediately after his marriage, and purchased eighty acres of raw prairie land two miles east of Queen City, which he has since increased to 360 acres, 120 acres being situated just south of the town. The home farm is under a very high state of cultivation and improvement, the outbuildings being very fine. Mr. Brenizer is a self-made man, and his property is the natural result of frugality and industry. During the war he served a short time in the Missouri State Militia, and he is always interested in the general welfare and prosperity of the county. He is a member of the

Masonic fraternity, a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln, in 1860.

James R. Buford was born in Missouri, in 1853, and is now a well-to-do young farmer of Chariton Township, and owns 160 acres of good land, well cultivated and improved. In 1880 he married Eliza Lasley, a native of Schuyler County, and to that union two children have been born: Carrie and Marvin. In politics he is a Democrat, as are his brothers and father. His parents have been residents of Schuyler County forty-three years. William, the father, was born in Bedford County, Va., in 1822, and when young worked in the woolen factory of his father. When eighteen years of age he came to Schuyler County, Mo., and built a woolen mill for John Jones, which he at first managed, and afterward purchased. It was located one mile east of Tippecanoe, and was the first woolen mill in the county. Mr. Buford also introduced the first reaper, mower, steam engine and sewing and knitting machines used in that region. He began life in Missouri with \$6, which was all that remained of the money he received from a sale of a horse he rode from Virginia to St. Louis. He was an enterprising and industrious man, however, and at the time of the late war owned 4,500 acres of land, which the ravages of war swept from him. In 1849 he went to California, and from there to Nevada City, where he engaged in business, and built the first store of the town. He also successfully engaged in mining. In 1851 he returned home, and for several years sold goods in Lancaster and Glenwood. In 1843 he married Mary A. Jones, a daughter of John Jones, and born in Virginia, in 1828, and to them the following children were born: Henry, Mildred, Liza, James, Jane, Maryette, Don, William and Nellie. In 1861 Mr. Buford raised a regiment of 1,100 men, of whom he was elected colonel. While home visiting his family at one time he was taken prisoner, but was finally released upon giving a \$22,000 bond to not engage further in the Rebellion. He also served some time as a recruiting officer. In 1867 he built the large woolen mill at Glenwood, and managed it for ten years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity of the Royal Arch degree, and one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the county.

Charles W. Bunch, county clerk, is a native of Davis County, Iowa, and was born in 1851. His parents, Dr. David and Aditha (Walker) Bunch, are natives of Indiana. During his youth the father engaged in milling in Iowa, and removed to Davis County in 1850. During the war he began to study medicine, and attended the medical college at Keokuk, Iowa. In 1865 he came to Lancaster, Mo., and practiced until 1869, when he

returned to Davis County, Iowa, where he has since resided, but on account of poor health has not been actively engaged at his profession. The mother was born in Indiana and is also living. Our subject is the fourth of twelve children and received his early education at the common schools. In the fall of 1865 he came to Schuyler County and worked on a farm, and afterward worked at the carpenter trade. He then clerked in a store at Lancaster for six or seven years, and in 1877 began business on his own responsibility, but in 1878 was elected county treasurer of Schuyler County, and re-elected in 1880. During 1883 and 1884 he farmed, and in 1885 went into the drug and grocery business. In the fall of 1886 he was elected clerk of the county court by a majority of ninety votes. September 30, 1887, he married Miss Dora N. Brown, daughter of Jason W. and Eliza (DeCorse) Brown, whose respective births occurred in 1826, in Berkshire County, Mass., and 1835, at Wilmington, Del. Mrs. Bunch was born in Shelby County, Ill., in 1854, and has borne our subject one son, Roy B. In politics Mr. Bunch is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant. His wife is a worthy member of the Christian Church.

Charles Burkland, contractor and farmer, was born in Sweden June 14, 1851, and is a son of Andrew and Helen Burkland. The father was born in 1829 and died in 1873, and was a farmer by occupation. His wife was born in 1827 and is now a resident of her native country. She is the mother of six children, of whom our subject is the eldest. He was educated in Sweden and attended school from the age of seven to fifteen. When twenty years old he left the parental roof and emigrated to the United States, locating in Keokuk, Iowa. In January of the following year he began working on the Missouri, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad, laying track. In 1873 he became section foreman, and remained as such for ten years, locating in Lancaster in 1878. November 12, 1874, Mr. Burkland married Miss Christina Holstrand, who was born in Sweden in 1853, and came to America in 1873. By her he had three children, Fred William, Oscar, Leo Raymond and Charles Herbert. In 1879 Mr. Burkland bought 750 acres of land in Liberty Township, and since 1883 has spent his time in looking after his real estate and dealing in railroad ties, lumber and wood for the Keokuk and Western Railroad. He is a self-made man and his property is the result of his ability and industry. For the past two years he has been president of the Scandinavian Coal Company, and a director of the Schuyler Company Bank. In politics he is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Hancock in 1880, and two years later was elected a member of the town

council of Lancaster. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. of the second degree, and himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been steward and trustee for seven years.

George Bush, sheriff of Schuyler County, is a native of Bradford County, Penn., and was born in 1840. His father, Jonathan Bush, was of French and English descent, and born in Rhode Island in 1809, and was a carpenter and millwright by trade. When seventeen years old he went to Bradford County, Penn., and was married in 1839. In 1859 he immigrated to Schuyler County, Mo., and located in Independence Township. In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate army, and served one year. In 1866 he moved to Howard County, Mo., where he died in 1884. His wife, Fannie (Beach) Bush, was of French descent, and was born in Bradford County, Penn., in 1821. She is now living in Howard County, Mo. Our subject was the oldest of six children, and accompanied his parents to Schuyler County in 1859. During his youth he was educated at the common schools in Pennsylvania, and when becoming of age began life as a farmer. He served in the Southern army two years during the late war, and after that engaged in farming in Howard County. In 1872 he returned to Schuyler County, and farmed about ten years. From 1877 to 1884 he clerked in a general store at Downing, and was then elected sheriff of Schuyler County. He was re-elected in 1886, and is now efficiently and faithfully discharging the duties of that office. In November, 1863, he wedded Mary (Pruner) Carroll, daughter of Christopher Carroll. This lady was born in Schuyler County, Mo., in 1842, and is the mother of nine children, seven of whom are living: Fannie (wife of Charles Peterson), Mary E. (now Mrs. Cox), Lina, Annie, Minnie, De Witt and Carroll. In politics Mr. Bush is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for John C. Breckinridge in 1868.

Jesse Carter, farmer and stock raiser, was born October 24, 1829, in Lincoln County, Ky., and moved to Schuyler County, October 12, 1849, where he has since resided, devoting his attention to farming and stock raising, at which occupations he has been engaged since his boyhood. When twenty years of age he started out in life with but \$5, and what he now owns is due to industry and perseverance, united with practical business ability. He now owns 430 acres of land, well stocked and improved, and is one of the prominent citizens of the county. In 1853 he was married to Malinda C. Brown, a native of North Carolina, and daughter of Benjamin and Charlotte Brown, natives of North Carolina. Mrs. Carter died July 7, 1855, and was the mother

of one son—Benjamin. November 20, 1856, Mr. Carter was united to Miss Sarah Ann Munsell, a native of Miami County, Ohio, and daughter of Asa H. Munsell, a native of the same county. To this marriage eleven children have been born: William A., James T., Elizabeth J., Solomon L., Mary C., Peter E., Annie B. and Charles F. (twins), Jessie, John and Ward H. Mrs. Carter died March 3, 1874, and Mr. Carter was married, a third time, August 4, 1875, Miss Elzira W. Seamster becoming his wife. This lady is a daughter of Green B. and Sarah (Legrande) Seamster. To this union four children were born: Sarah M., Ella, Green and Emma. Mr. Carter is a member of the Christian Church, and is a Democrat in politics. He represented his county in the Legislature in 1872, and two years later was re-elected, and also in 1876. In 1860 he was elected county assessor, and served two years. He was the fourth of eight children, seven sons and one daughter, of Peter and Elizabeth (Nevin) Carter, natives of Virginia and Ireland, respectively. Mrs. Carter first came to the United States when twenty-four years old, and settled in Lincoln County, Ky., where she married Mr. Carter. Mr. Carter served as a soldier in one of the early Indian Wars.

Judge Hawley Cone was born in January, 1825, in Muskingum County, Ohio, and was reared upon a farm. When seventeen years old he went into the general merchandise and distilling business at Conesville, Coshocton Co., Ohio, and afterward at Adams Mills in Muskingum County, until about 1853, when he moved to Peoria, Ill. He then went into the grain business with Mr. Schnebly, and in 1855 went to Davis County, Iowa, where he began to farm. In 1848 he was married to Miss Jennie Davidson, daughter of Maj. Davidson, a native of Virginia, and who was among the early settlers upon the Muskingum River. Two children blessed this union: Howard J. and Junius B. (deceased). Mrs. Cone died about 1852, and in 1855 Judge Cone married Miss Lois N. Ross, daughter of Lyman Ross, an early settler in Muskingum County, Ohio, where Mrs. Cone was born. Four children have been born to this marriage: Emma E. (deceased), Converse C. (an M. D.), Mary R. and Jennie D. In politics the Judge is a Republican, and has served as county judge of Schuyler County very efficiently for two years, and has the honor of being elected on a Republican ticket in a very strong Democratic county. He is the second of seven children born to Jared and Eliza (Shoff) Cone, natives of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, respectively. They moved to Cadiz, Ohio, in 1816, then to Licking County, and then to Muskingum County, settling upon a farm which has since been in the possession of members of the

Cone family. The mother of Judge Cone was the daughter of Philip Shoff, who was born in Carlisle, Penn., and settled in Guernsey County, Ohio, in 1804, where he lived and died. Judge Cone is a Wesleyan Methodist, and believes in the absolute necessity of being cleansed from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and perfecting holiness in the fear of God. With spirituous liquors and tobacco he pollutes not his mouth. He is a dear lover of children, and Sabbath-schools are his delight. Himself and wife are living alone upon a farm in moderate circumstances. He has had his full share of life's misfortunes and ills, and is patiently waiting his allotted time when the last change shall come.

William Cook, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Schuyler County in 1843, and has followed farming in his native county since his boyhood. He is the third of fourteen children born to Charles and Ann (Slightom) Cook, natives of England and Virginia, respectively. The father came to the United States in 1837, when twenty-four years of age, and settled upon a farm in Schuyler County, Mo., where he died in January, 1887, at the age of seventy-four. The mother was a daughter of John J. Slightom. William Cook was reared by his parents, and in July, 1862, enlisted in Company G, Twenty-seventh Missouri Infantry, being mustered out at Louisville, Ky., in June, 1865. He began life a poor man, but is now a well-to-do citizen of Schuyler County, and owns a finely improved farm of 223 acres, which is well-stocked and equipped for farming. In 1867 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Lambert, daughter of James and Mary (Tingle) Lambert, natives of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have been blessed with eight children: Mary A. (deceased), Oscar (deceased), Edward, Viola, Ida May, Charles, Oliver (deceased) and Bertha. Mrs. Cook is a member of the Baptist Church, and a well esteemed and worthy lady. Mr. Cook is a Republican, and one of the enterprising and energetic farmer citizens of the county.

Judge Enoch Crim is a native of Clark County, Ky., and was born in 1827. His parents, John R. and Mildred (Sears) Crim, were both natives of the same county, and were born in 1806 and 1808, respectively. They were married, and lived in their native county until 1836, when they removed to Monroe County, Mo. After thirteen years' residence there they went to Lewis County, where they died in 1883 and 1879, respectively. Both were members of the Christian Church. The father was a farmer, and an ardent Democrat, and as such served as constable in Lewis County sixteen years. Enoch is the eldest of a family of nine children, and was reared upon the farm. His early edu-



cational advantages were very limited, his school life not exceeding a year, but by patient study and reading, by the light of a bark fire after his daily duties were discharged, he acquired a good practical business education. At the age of twenty he was engaged to drive a team of oxen to Santa Fe. He returned home in 1848, and was united in marriage to Nancy Peacher, a native of Howard County, Mo., born in 1832. To them eight children were born: Ann C., Margaret E., John A., Enoch W., Frank P. and Warren E. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Crim located in Monroe County, and in 1854 removed to Lewis County, Mo., where they remained but two years. They next located in Schuyler County, and settled upon the farm where they now reside, which contains 219 acres of fertile and well-cultivated land. Mr. Crim has now been a resident of Schuyler County, and lived in the same vicinity over thirty-one years. He is a successful farmer, and one of the best citizens of the county. He served as constable five years, and from 1874 to 1882 filled the office of probate judge, and for the last fourteen years has been a school director. In politics he is a Democrat, and himself and wife are worthy church members, he belonging to the Missionary Baptist Church, and she to the Christian.

J. J. Daniels was born in Muscatine County, Iowa, in 1851, and is a son of Anthony and Nancy (Crosson) Daniels, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. During the Mexican War the father was mustered in, and organized two or three companies. He also served in the late war as surgeon, and was a son of Joseph Daniels, a native of France, who was married in that country, and came to the United States when about twenty-four years of age. The maternal grandfather of J. J. Daniels was a native of Ireland, who immigrated to the United States, and was married in Pennsylvania. The subject of this sketch moved to Schuyler County in 1855, and lived at various places during the six years following 1861, and in 1866 moved upon the farm where he has since resided. He has been a farmer since his youth, and his home place consists of sixty acres of nicely improved land, which he has accumulated through industry and good management. In 1878 he was married to Miss Nancy R., daughter of David and Louisa Griggs, natives of Hancock County, Ill., and Bowling Green, Ky., respectively. Their parents, Leonard and Nancy (Thomas) Griggs, were born in Kentucky, and moved to Illinois, where the father died in 1875. The mother was a daughter of John Seamster of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Daniels have been blessed with three children: Elbert W., Charles E., and one who died unnamed. Mr. Daniels is a Democrat, and one of the honored citizens of the county.

Judge Harrison Davis, farmer and stock raiser, was born in what is now Alleghany County, Va., in 1809, and is a son of Richard and Mary (Wilson) Davis, natives of Virginia. The father was born in 1777, and married in 1803. He died in 1862, having spent his entire life in his native State engaged in farming. His father, Richard Davis, was a native of Northumberland County, Va., and his father was born in Wales, but was afterward an early pioneer of Virginia. The mother of our subject was five years her husband's junior, and died in 1835. Both belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Harrison received a limited common-school education, and when nineteen years old learned the hatter's trade, but soon returned to farm life. He went to Missouri in 1832, returning to Virginia in a year, and in 1834 married Miss Margaret Ann, daughter of David and Margaret Rodefer, natives of Virginia. To this union only one of the five children is living, Frances, wife of Isaac N. Walker, of Trenton. In 1838 Mr. Davis came to Lewis County, Mo., where he lived until 1856. He then located three-fourths of a mile north of Queen City, in Schuyler County, where he now owns a fine and well-improved farm of 220 acres. He came here during the early history of the county, and has long been recognized as one of the prominent and highly honored citizens of Schuyler County. In 1859 he was first elected justice of the peace, in which capacity he has served in all over twenty years. In 1866 he was appointed judge of the county court, and held that office five years to the satisfaction of all. In 1866 he was appointed judge of the probate court, filling that position one year. He was reared a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Harrison, who was a distant relative of his, but since the war has been a Republican. Himself and wife have for forty years been faithful and worthy members of the Christian Church, and are warmly admired and respected by their large circle of friends and neighbors.

Abraham Davis is the eldest child of Daniel and Sarah (Brake) Davis. The father was born in Princeton, N. J., and at the age of fourteen, enlisted in the Revolutionary War under Gen. Washington. While living in New Jersey he married and raised a family of five sons and three daughters. He then moved to Ross County, Ohio, where he lost his wife, and afterward married the mother of the subject of this sketch, by whom he had two sons and one daughter. In early life he learned the tanners' and shoemakers' trades, and also ran a coasting vessel seven years, but after moving to Ohio devoted his time exclusively to farming. In politics he was a Whig, and both himself and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

His death occurred in 1851, and his widow survived him until 1883. She had been previously married to Sylvanus Morris, by whom she had four children. Abraham Davis was born in Ross County, Ohio, March 10, 1833. Being the eldest child, and the main support of the family, after the age of nine he naturally enjoyed very meagre educational advantages. In 1854 he married Cynthia A. Lucas, who was born in Highland County, Ohio, August 16, 1834. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This union was blessed with eight children: Arthur born March 12, 1857; Emery, born in 1859; Minnie, July 13, 1861; Sarah Libbie, October 4, 1863; Luther E., September 9, 1865; Cashus C., October 17, 1867; and Chalmers Bertie, December 24, 1873. In 1856 the family moved to Schuyler County, Mo. At that time Mr. Davis had but little means, and for four years worked at the carpenter's trade. He then engaged in farming in connection with which he shipped stock, and is now the owner of a fine farm of 660 acres, and is one of the well-to-do farmers of the county. During the late war he served three years in the State Militia, and is a staunch Republican. He is a member of Lancaster Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

John R. Dawkins, of the firm of Munsell & Dawkins, lumber dealers and hardware merchants, was born in Carroll County, Ky., in 1839. When ten years old he was taken by his parents to Shelby County, Ind., and in 1856 moved to Schuyler County, where he has since resided. He was reared upon a farm, and when twenty-five years old learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1879, and from that time to 1881 was engaged in the drug trade and the lumber business. February 24, 1887, he purchased a half interest in Munsell & Son's hardware and grocery store, and is now the junior member of the above firm, and one of the enterprising business men of Downing. He also owns town property, and as he was a poor man when starting in life for himself, ranks among the self-made men of the county. In July, 1868, he married Miss C. C. Lewis, a native of Kentucky, and to this union ten children have been born: Merrit L., James M., Lillie M. (deceased), Alva W., Bertie P., Della B., Sarah E., Edgar I. and two who died unnamed. In politics Mr. Dawkins is a Democrat. He was the third child of nine born to James and Mary H. (Lewis) Dawkins, natives of Kentucky. The father was a son of John Dawkins, of Virginia, and the mother a daughter of Richard Lewis, of Virginia, a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

James A. Dawkins, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Independence Township, was born February 4, 1842, in Carroll County, Ky., and is the fifth of a family of nine children born to

James and Mary H. (Lewis) Dawkins, natives of Kentucky. The father was born in Henry County, and for the last three years has been deprived of the blessing of sight. James A. moved to Shelby County, Ind., in 1850, with his parents, and to Schuyler County, Mo., May 31, 1856, where he has since resided, engaged in farming and stock raising. He began life a poor young man, at the age of twenty-three, and now owns 382 acres of choice land, finely improved and cultivated. In 1864 he was married to Miss Hannah R. Coffey, daughter of William A. and Mary J. (Whiteside) Coffey, natives of Casey County, Ky. To Mr. and Mrs. Dawkins eight children have been born: Denton E., Emma C., Christopher E., Mary Clara, Jennie D., Bembridge H., Jesse M. and Eliud Arlando. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dawkins are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, of which the former has been a deacon for six years. In politics he is a Democrat, and in Masonry, a member of the Blue Lodge.

Albert L. Dawkins, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Independence Township, was born in Carroll County, Ky., in 1848, and is the youngest child of James and Mary H. (Lewis) Dawkins. After living in Shelby County, Ind., he moved to Schuyler County, Mo., and has followed the occupations of farming and stock raising in that county ever since. He began life a poor man, but through industry, energy and good management is now the owner of 380 acres of well improved land, and is one of the well-to-do and enterprising farmers of the county. In 1870 he was united in marriage to Miss Samantha Coffey, daughter of William A. and Mary J. (Whiteside) Coffey, and to this union two children, James W. and Bertha L., have been born. Mrs. Dawkins is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Dawkins is a Democrat in politics, and ranks among the honored and respected men of his township.

Jesse Dooley was born in Howard County, Mo., in 1825, and is a son of Henry and Sarah (Coffer) Dooley, natives of Kentucky, born in 1801 and 1799, respectively. They were married in 1819, and the same year removed to Howard County, Mo. Some years later they went to Boone County, Mo., and in 1840 moved to Davis County, Iowa, where the father died in 1856 and the mother in 1860. Mrs. Dooley was a niece of Daniel Boone, the celebrated bear hunter and Indian fighter. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dooley were members of the Missionary Baptist Church of which the former was a preacher about thirty years. While in Boone County he was captain of a militia company. In politics he was a Whig, and his occupation was that of farming. Jesse Dooley was the fifth of ten children, and being reared upon a farm when educational institutions were scarce, never learned to

read or write, but by observation and experience has become a successful man and owns a good farm of 240 acres, which he has earned by hard labor since his arrival in this county in 1866. In 1847 he left the parental roof and married Mary E. Fenton, a native of Boone County, Mo., where she was born in 1831. To this union eight sons and six daughters have been born: Sarah J., Joel C., Francis M., Obadiah, Infant, William E., Lucy A., Jerusha E., Henry H., Leatha E., James L. and Lodemia E. (twins), John A. and Jesse A. Joel C., the eldest son, was county superintendent of public schools of Davis County, Iowa, for four years, and the third son holds the same position in Saunders County, Neb. Jesse Dooley, our subject, has been, respectively, a Whig, Republican and Greenbacker. Mrs. Dooley is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

James F. Dowis is a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Rogers) Dowis, and is their youngest and only living son. He was born in Knox County, Ky., in 1836. The father was born in Newberry County, N. C., and the mother in Ashe County, N. C. When young both were taken to Knox County, Ky., where they were afterward married. In 1854 they removed to Nodaway County, Mo., where they spent the remainder of their lives, the mother dying at the age of seventy-two, and the father living to be over one hundred years of age, and never having been confined to his bed in his lifetime. He was a soldier of the War of 1812 in the Northern Expedition, and a Whig until the dissolution of that party, when he became a Democrat. His only occupation was that of farming; both himself and wife belong to the Christian Church. James F. spent his youth upon the farm, working for his father until twenty-five years of age. His educational advantages were very limited, he having attended school not more than a year in all. In 1863 he joined Company B of the Thirty-fifth Missouri Infantry, U. S. A., as sergeant, and after six months' service was discharged on account of disability. In 1865 he married Elizabeth Melvin, daughter of George W. Melvin. Mrs. Dowis was born in Lawrence County, Ind., in 1847, and to her union with Mr. Dowis nine children were born: Elizabeth F., Jesse L., Levi M., William F., Emma J., Rosaline, two infants (deceased) and James F. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dowis are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Dowis was formerly a Democrat, but a few years ago affiliated with the Greenback party. In 1874 he was chosen county judge, which office he held four years. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Dowis is a self-made man, having begun life very poor, but after twenty-two years' residence in Schuyler County has become the owner of 400 acres of land, and is now one of the substantial

farmers of the county. He is of German ancestry upon the paternal, and Irish-German upon the mother's side.

Camillus Dunbar, machinist, was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1849, and when fifteen years of age moved to Howard County, Ind. He received a common-school education during his youth, and learned the moulder's trade at Kokomo, serving an apprenticeship of three years. In 1870 he came to Missouri, and after traveling around some time he and his brothers erected their foundry and machine works in Glenwood Township, where they are now in business, the firm name being Dunbar Bros. In connection with their manufactory they are also engaged in general repairing. He was reared a farmer, but as he did not like a farmer's life has devoted his time to mechanical occupations. In 1885 his marriage with Mary Rigg was solemnized. In politics he is a Republican, his first presidential vote having been cast for Gen. Grant. He is a son of Aaron and Jeanette (Doolittle) Dunbar, both natives of Connecticut. They afterward moved to Stark County, Ohio, where they passed the remainder of their days. Of six children (three sons and three daughters) our subject is the youngest son. Only two of the sons survive, both mechanics. The three daughters are living. At the death of his parents Mr. Dunbar was but five years old, and his early life after that time was spent with his guardian, Alexander Maxwell, of Portage County, Ohio.

Capt. William Dunn was born in Warren County, Ky., in 1831, and when two years old was taken by his parents to Henderson County, Ill. When nineteen years of age he went to California, and there experienced all the vicissitudes of a miner's life, and engaged in many conflicts with the Indians. In the winter of 1853 he accompanied Gen. Walker to Nicaragua upon his famous expedition, and there remained a little over a year. He then went to South America, and then to New Orleans, where he remained one winter. After that he went to Cairo, Ill., and conducted a woodyard. After some time he finally chose a location in Schuyler County, Mo., in September, 1858, of which place he has since been a resident. He began life with no capital, but is now the owner of a well-improved farm of fifty-two acres. In July, 1858, he was married, and to that union one child was born, which died unnamed. The mother died in May, 1859, and in 1866 Capt. Dunn married Miss Nancy Morris, by whom he had five children: John H., Addie, Ella, and two who died in infancy. Mrs. Dunn died in 1882. Capt. Dunn is a Democrat, and in 1861 enlisted in Green's Missouri Infantry, Confederate States of America, but after the disintegration of his regiment, enlisted in Col. Porter's Missouri Infantry, and also

served a while in Franklin's Missouri Infantry. He was elected first lieutenant upon the organization of his company, but on account of his efficient service, was promoted to the captaincy. He was paroled in 1865 in Scotland County, Mo., where he was captured. He was the fourth of eight children of John H. and Charlotte P. (Dunn) Dunn, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The father was a son of William and Fannie (Haley) Dunn, natives of Virginia, the father having been a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Andrew J. Eidson, M. D., was born in Butler County, Ohio, October 26, 1837, and is the eldest son of four sons and two daughters born to William M. and Catherine (Daugherty) Eidson, natives of North Carolina and Ohio, and born in 1814 and 1817, respectively. They were married in Butler County, Ohio, whither the father had gone when a young man. They afterward moved to Adams County, Ill., where their respective deaths occurred in 1858 and 1886. After the death of Mrs. Eidson, the father was united to Mrs. Eliza Nelson. During the Mexican War he offered his services, but was not mustered in. Late in life he became united with the Congregational Church. Our immediate subject spent his youth upon his father's farm, and although the educational advantages of those days were very limited, he was very intelligent and studied assiduously, and became qualified for teaching while a young man. He afterward attended Quincy College and attained the degree of A. B. He then worked by the month and taught school until he had accumulated enough money to forward him in his studies, and, having decided upon a medical career, attended a course of lectures at McDowell's College, St. Louis, in 1859. In January, 1865, he graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, and in February he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as a private, but was soon taken to the hospital. After his partial recovery he was made a ward master of the hospital, and then acting surgeon, which position he filled until discharged on account of disability. He then located in McDonough County, Ill., but in 1871 came to Coatsville, where he has since enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. His wife owns a drug store, which was established in 1880, and 505 acres of land near Coatsville, besides considerable town property, and the Doctor owns 280 acres of land in Fulton County, Ark. Andrew J. Eidson was twice married: his first marriage occurred in February, 1863, Miss Lucinda M. Monroe, of Cass County, Ill., becoming his wife. To this union two daughters were born, viz.: Araminta, twenty years of age, the wife of Charles C. Dean, son of the late Hon. Henry Clay Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean reside upon what is known as the Hamilton farm, situated one mile from Coatsville. The second daughter, Miss Lillie Maud, is eighteen years of age, and is living in Salem, Fulton Co., Ark. She was reared by Alfred M. Wheeler, and is now the wife of Frank Waters, son of Dr. Waters, of Salem. In March, 1871, Dr. Eidson was united in marriage to Miss Bethany M. Wheeler, a native of Van Buren County, Iowa, and born in 1850. This union has been blessed with three children: Mark M., Edmund E. and Kate C. The Doctor and his wife are both members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Dr. Eidson is a member of the Masonic lodge, at Glenwood, No. 427, and belongs to the I. O. O. F. fraternity. Dr. Eidson is a writer of considerable note upon scientific and professional subjects, and a poet, the following being a product of his ready pen:

## NO CHILDREN'S GRAVES IN CHINA.

No children's graves in China,  
The missionaries say;  
In cruel haste and silence  
They put those buds away.  
No tombstones mark their resting,  
To keep their mem'ry sweet;  
Their graves, unknown, are trodden  
By many careless feet.

No children's graves in China,  
That land of heathen gloom;  
They deem not that their spirits  
Will live beyond the tomb.  
No little coffin holds them,  
Like to a downy nest;  
No spotless shroud enfolds them,  
Low in their quiet rest.

No children's graves in China,  
No parents ever weep,  
No toy or little relic  
The thoughtless mothers keep.  
No mourners e'er assemble  
Around the early dead,  
And flowers of careful planting  
Ne'er mark their lowly bed.

No children's graves in China,  
With sad and lovely ties,  
To make the living humble,  
And point them to the skies.  
No musings pure and holy,  
Of them when day is done;  
Be faithful, missionary,  
Your work is just begun!



Harvey E. Epperson was born in Tennessee, in 1851, and is the fifth of seven children of Silas A. and Nancy (Beheeler) Epperson, natives of Virginia, and born in 1812 and 1814, respectively. The mother accompanied her parents to Kentucky, when very young, and was there reared and married in 1834 to Mr. Epperson, who was a near neighbor, having moved during his youth to Tennessee, where he lived just across the State line. After their marriage the young couple moved over the line into Kentucky, and there lived until 1851. They then moved to Marion County, Ill., and in 1854 came to Schuyler County, Mo., where the father died in 1886. The mother is now a resident of California. Both belonged to the Missionary Baptist Church. By occupation Mr. Epperson was a farmer, but learned the carpenter's trade, and built the first tobacco factory in the county. Harvey E. received a good common-school education during his youth, and spent his life upon his home farm until 1874. He then went to California and engaged in the lumber business, working at the carpenter's trade which he taught himself, having a natural mechanical ability. In 1877 he returned to his native State, and two years later married Jennie P., daughter of James T. Guinn [see sketch]. This union has been blessed with the following children: Carl D., Jennie G. and Mada. Mr. Epperson is now a successful farmer of 160 acres of land. In politics he is a Democrat. In Masonry he is a member of Glenwood Lodge, No. 427. Both Mr. and Mrs. Epperson are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

John W. Evans is a son of Thomas and Esther (Wright) Evans, natives of Virginia, born in 1799 and 1807, respectively. After their marriage they resided in their native State until 1833, and then removed to Logan County, Ohio. Seven years later they went to Union County, where the mother died in 1849, and the father in 1853. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. During his early life the father was engaged as a teamster, but later turned his attention to farming. In politics he was a Democrat. John W. was the sixth of a family of seven sons and four daughters, and was born in Fauquier County, Va., in 1833. When six months old he was taken by his parents to Ohio, where he was reared and educated. In 1856 he married Fannie J. Cowan, who was born in New York, in 1826, and accompanied her parents to Ohio. To this marriage six children were born: Mary B., Bettie, Robert D., Charles L. and two infants. Of these, but Robert D. and Charles L. are living. Mr. Evans is of Irish and his wife of Scotch descent. In 1857 they came to Schuyler County, where they have since made their home, and now own a fine farm of 130 acres, a good evidence of their

economy and thrift. During the war Mr. Evans served a short time in the Twenty-ninth Regiment of Enrolled Militia as sergeant. He has served four years as magistrate, and has ever borne the reputation of being an honest and upright citizen. Politically he was formerly a Democrat, having been raised in that faith. Of late years he has been more independent in his views, believing the best interests of his country can be served by voting for the best man, and not the party.

Christian Figge is a son of Christian and Catherine (Heinze) Figge, and was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, in 1838. His parents were natives of Germany and born in 1810 and 1817, and died in 1880 and 1852, respectively. Both emigrated to America in 1851 and located six miles southeast of Lancaster. The father was a tailor in Germany but after coming to America engaged in farming and was the owner of 100 acres of land. Christian was the second of five children. He accompanied his parents to America and remained at home assisting in clearing the home place for one year. When fourteen years old he worked for \$5.00 a month as clerk and chore boy, and attended school three months out of a year for three years in Lancaster. When eighteen years old he went to La Grange, Mo., and worked as clerk for \$20 per month, board and washing. In 1861 he returned home and with the money earned by six years' labor purchased a small stock of goods and opened a store on the home place. In six weeks all his property was seized by the rebels and he barely escaped with his life. In November, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-first Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years during the war receiving his discharge at Shreveport, Miss., in 1865. He was in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Red River and Shreveport among others and participated in numerous skirmishes. The last eight months of service, after being discharged as a soldier, were spent in the Commissary Department as chief clerk, Sixteenth Army Corps, at a salary of \$100 per month and board. After peace was declared he resumed the mercantile business at Lancaster at which he was engaged until January, 1875, when he was elected cashier of the First National Bank of Lancaster, and when the Schuyler Company Bank succeeded the First National, in 1877, Mr. Figge was elected cashier and has since retained that position. He has also been one of the directors since the organization of the First National, and was one of the leading and prime movers of the organization. He owns a residence valued at \$5,000, a stock of goods in Unionville, Mo., worth \$12,000, a bank at Rush Centre, Kas., \$15,000 capital, and has \$4,000 of stock in the Schuyler County Bank. He also owns 160 acres of land at Rush Centre, Kas., valued at \$4,000, ninety-eight acres near

Bloomfield, Ia., 110 acres near Moulton, Ia., which are highly improved, three houses and lots at same place, eighty acres of land in Schuyler County, and has a \$4,500 mortgage on a valuable farm in Appanoose County, Ia., besides other means not herein mentioned, all of which make him one of the most wealthy men of his county. In 1866 he married Miss Mary F., daughter of A. K. and Jane Cowgill, who was born in Iowa in 1849. Mr. Cowgill was sheriff of Schuyler County at the close of the war, and since the death of her husband Mrs. Cowgill has lived with Mrs. Figge. To her union with our subject six children have been born: Clara, Belle, Cora May, Halena and Maglena (twins) and Christian, Jr. In politics Mr. Figge is a Republican but cast his first presidential vote for Douglas. Himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of which he has been steward and trustee for the past sixteen years.

C. C. Fogle, attorney at law, Lancaster, Mo., was born in Hardin County, Ky., July 28, 1847, and is a son of Samuel Newell and Matilda (Smith) Fogle. The father was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1820 and was of German descent, and was married in 1839. In March, 1850, he moved to Scotland County, Mo., and bought a farm upon which he died in January, 1857. The mother was of Irish descent and was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1819, and died July 11, 1877. Our subject is the fifth of nine children, all of whom are living, and when about three years old, went with his parents to Scotland County, Mo., and received his common school education in that county. In 1869 he entered the Normal School at Kirksville, Mo., and in 1872 graduated, but attended the same the following year. He holds a life State certificate. When twenty years of age he began to teach in the public schools; in 1873 was elected principal of a graded school at Glenwood, Schuyler Co., Mo.; in 1874 was chosen professor of mathematics in the Unionton Academy in Scotland County, Mo., which was a private institution, and the following year was made principal of that institution. In 1876 he came to Lancaster, and was made principal of the graded school there for two years. In 1878 he began the study of law in the law office of Messrs. Higbe & Shelton. In November of the same year he was admitted by Judge Andrew Ellison to the bar, and immediately began the practice of law with A. C. Bailey as a partner. This partnership continued but six months; he then practiced about two years alone. The first fee which he obtained of any importance grew out of the noted "Bill Young trial" in Clark County, Mo., where he was paid \$100. He afterward became a law partner of Joseph M. Knott, which partnership continued for three years, when Mr. Knott moved to Texas; then our

subject went in business with Edwin F. Payton, now prosecuting attorney, which partnership lasted about twelve months, since which time he has continued his practice of law by himself. He has been employed in all the important criminal cases in the county since his admission to the bar, realizing fees ranging from \$100 to \$750, and his success has been remarkable. In politics Mr. Fogle is a Democrat. But he says he "deserves no credit for being right in politics because his parentage on both sides as far back as he can trace them were Democrats." He cast his first presidential vote for Seymour and Blair in 1868. He has been spoken of in connection with several important offices but declines to accept any official position. However, he is active in politics and has been a delegate to county, senatorial, congressional and State conventions. In 1879 he was elected County School Commissioner of Schuyler County, and in 1881 was re-elected. In 1884 he was appointed attorney for the town of Lancaster, which position he still holds. In the same year he was elected a member of the school board, served three years, two of which he was president of the board, during which time there was erected a fine brick school-house in the town of Lancaster, owing largely to his exertions and influence in that direction. In 1881 he was elected town councilman of Lancaster and served two years. In November, 1879, he married Miss Minerva D. Childress, a lady of French and English descent and who had been educated at the Kirksville Normal School; she is a daughter of William Pryor and Melissa (Justice) Childress. Mrs. Fogle was born in Scotland County, Mo., December 25, 1855, and to her union with our subject three children have been born: Claude C., Earle E., and Hugh N. Mrs. Fogle is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and her husband of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. He is a leading lawyer, whose practice is large and lucrative and not confined to his own county. He is a logical and a forcible debator, an indefatigable worker and a close student. In political canvasses he is a strong man on the stump.

George W. Ford is a son of James H. and Catherine (Grose-close) Ford, and was born in Davis County, Iowa, in 1853. The father was born in Garrett County, Ky., in 1816, and the mother in Wythe County, Va., in 1823. When young both came to Schuyler County, where they married and settled upon a small farm, and spent the remainder of their lives in the county, with the exception of about eight years. They were among the very early settlers of the vicinity, and Mrs. Ford was one of the three young ladies who first came to the county. At the time that Texas was fighting for her independence Mr. Ford volunteered

his services, but was never upon the scene of action. In politics he was Democratic in his views, but was also a strong Abolitionist. He was killed in 1862 by a party of bushwhackers. George W. Ford was one of a family of eleven children, and when three months old was brought to Schuyler County by his parents, where he spent his youth upon the farm, and received a good English education. After attending the district schools he attended the State Normal at Kirksville, and then, after teaching one term, devoted his attention to farming. He now owns 700 acres of good land, well cultivated and improved, and devotes his time exclusively to agricultural pursuits. He resides upon the old homestead, which was settled in 1838. In 1879 he was united in marriage to Mary J. Mock, a daughter of Alfred Mock. Mrs. Ford was born in Putnam County, Mo., in 1854, and died in 1882. She was the mother of two children—Harvey A. and James T. In 1882 Mr. Ford married Martha D. Lucas, who was born in Schuyler County in 1860. This union has been blessed by three children: Jessie L., George J. and a child yet unnamed. In politics Mr. Ford is a Democrat, and in Masonry a member of Glenwood Lodge, No. 427.

Edwin French, a retired merchant and old settler of Lancaster, Mo., was born in Worcester County, Mass., in 1817, and is a son of Isaac and Catherine (Davis) French. The father was born in 1775 in Massachusetts, was a farmer and trusty and prominent business man, and settled many estates. His father, John French, was a solicitor in the French and Indian War, in 1754-57, and died at the age of eighty-six in 1823. Isaac died while in the prime of life, in the year 1826. His wife, Catherine Davis, was born in Worcester County, Mass., in 1781, and was the mother of four children, our subject being the only one living. Edwin was educated at the district schools of his native town, and attended a boarding-school two terms. His father's death occurred when he was but nine years old, and when seventeen he began to teach in his native town. He continued this occupation for three months. In 1837 he went to the territory that has since been formed and organized into Scotland County, Mo., and engaged in the mercantile business there three and a half years, and in the fall of 1841 came to the territory since organized into Schuyler County, locating at Tippecanoe, three miles southeast of Lancaster, where he engaged in the same business. In 1853 he removed his stock of goods to Lancaster, and remained in business there until 1879. He also engaged in farming, in connection with his other business, with good success. In February, 1843, he married Miss Esther Hathaway, daughter of Josiah Hathaway. This lady was born in Vermont in 1822, and

is the mother of five living children: Charles H., Wilber D., Agnes, Julia and Edwin L., an attorney at law, at Lancaster. In 1879 Mr. French and wife went to Colorado, in 1881 to California, and in 1885 returned to Lancaster, Mo., where they now live a retired life. Previous to the war Mr. French was a Whig, but is now a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for William H. Harrison in 1840. He was elected representative of Schuyler County in 1846, being the first one from that county, and was re-elected in 1848. Ten years later he was elected treasurer of Schuyler County, and served so satisfactorily that he was re-elected in 1860. At the close of the war he was elected circuit clerk, and was afterward appointed by Judge Ellison, serving about fifteen months. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. His son, Edwin L., was born in Lancaster, Mo., in 1856, and was educated there and at Christian University in Canton, Mo., which he attended three years, graduating with the degree of B. S. in 1876. He then taught one term of school in Schuyler County, and in January, 1877, began to study law with C. E. Vrooman. He was admitted to the bar in 1879, and was a partner of Mr. Vrooman for three years. He is a man of more than ordinary legal ability, and enjoys a fine practice. In May, 1883, he married Miss Belle Justice, daughter of Joseph H. Justice, of Keokuk, Iowa, and to Mr. and Mrs. French two children have been born: Herbert Justice and Joseph Harvey. Himself and wife are members of the Christian Church.

James T. Fugate is a grandson of John Fugate, a native of Virginia, where he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Hamilton, who bore him five sons and five daughters, and died before he left his native State in search of a home in the west. He was a prominent man in those days and filled the offices of sheriff and magistrate, performing the duties of the latter more than thirty years. In 1845 he located near Queen City, Mo., and cultivated a farm. He soon after married Susan Hamilton, by whom he had one daughter. He died in his eighty-third year. Of his children two, Elizabeth and Elbert, are living in Schuyler County. The latter was born in Virginia in 1838, and was but seven years old when he accompanied his father to Missouri. Since that time he has been a resident of Schuyler County. In 1858 he wedded Nancy Holleroft, who was born in Switzerland County, Ind., in 1838, but who accompanied her parents to this county when a young lady. To this union five sons and two daughters were born. Mrs. Fugate is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Mr. Fugate and his sons are strong Democrats, and the grandfather was also a member of that political party. Although farming is his principal occupation, Mr. Fugate held the office of

constable for four years. Of his children two, James T. and Jeff D., are teachers, and the former is superintendent of schools in Schuyler County. He is a native of this county, and was born August 4, 1859. He was reared upon a farm and educated in the common schools of the neighborhood. At the age of eighteen he began to teach and has since taught eleven successive terms. In 1882 he married Laura Payton, daughter of Y. W. Payton, and a native of Schuyler County, Mo., and born in 1858, and by her one son, Clarence, has been born. Mr. James Fugate is one of the enterprising young men of the county, and has always been interested in its educational advancement. In April, 1887, he was chosen county superintendent, and is also discharging the duties of the office of magistrate. He has sixty-one schools under his charge, and besides looking after them satisfactorily, owns a farm of eighty acres of land well cultivated and improved.

James M. Fulcher, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Schuyler County, in 1844, and is the second of four children of John S. and Mary (Alverson) Fulcher. The father was of English-Irish descent, and born in Boone County, Mo., in 1819. His father, Jefferson Fulcher, was a native of Virginia and a soldier in the War of 1812, having fought in the battle of Tamer. He was an early pioneer of Madison County, Ky., and settled in Boone County, Mo., in an early day, while the present State was yet a territory. For some years he engaged in traffic with the Indians and made several trips each year to Santa Fe. In 1836, he settled in what is now Schuyler County, Mo., where he died in 1859. John S. was reared in Boone County, and came with his father to Schuyler County, Mo., in 1836. He was married in Howard County, in 1841, and located on the Grand Divide, where he farmed until his death in 1852. Having been reared in Missouri during the early history of that State, when Indians still inhabited the country, he associated with the neighboring tribes and learned their language, and also became very proficient in hunting and other sports. The mother of our subject was born in Madison County, Ky., and when eight years old was taken by her parents to Howard County, Mo. Both she and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her death occurred in 1860. James M. lived with his mother prior to her decease, and received a common-school education. He was the main support of the family. In 1864 he was married to Miss Susannah, daughter of David A. and Rachel Roberts. Mrs. Fulcher was born in Schuyler County, in 1846, and has borne her husband nine children, seven living: Emma (wife of W. E. Stacy), John D., Etta, Cora, Eva, William and Reuben. He has resided five miles northwest of Queen City, near Julesburg, since

his marriage, where he has a farm of 120 acres in one tract, and eighty acres in another. Mr. Fulcher was reared during the early days of Missouri, and endured the hardships of pioneer life during his youth, but has kept pace with the advancement of the State, and is now one of the enterprising farmer citizens of his county. He was elected justice of the peace, serving four years, and was then re-elected and served another term with equal satisfaction. Two appeals have been taken from his decisions as justice, and were both settled by appellants before the trial in the circuit court. In politics he is strictly Independent and votes for the man he thinks worthy without regard to party affiliation. His first presidential vote was cast for Grant in 1868. He has been a member of the Christian Church since thirty years of age, and has been an elder in the same for some years. His wife is also a member of the same church, as are also the four eldest children.

George A. Furry, farmer, is a son of Jacob and Maria (Hill) Furry, and was born October 27, 1847, in Perry County, Ohio. The father was of German and French descent, and a native of Pennsylvania. When young he went to Perry County, Ohio, where he was married. In 1851 he started for Iowa with his family by water, but died of cholera while on the Mississippi River, and was buried upon its banks. The mother continued her journey with her four children, and located in New London, Henry Co., Iowa. She was born near Zanesville, Ohio, and died in Iowa in 1864. George A. is the third child, and at the time of his father's death was four years old. He lived with his mother until seven years of age, and was then taken by Richard Griggs, a resident of Schuyler County, Mo., where George made his home until February, 1864, when he enlisted in Company M, Twelfth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and served two years. He was discharged at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., in April, 1866. He then returned to Schuyler County, and October 13, 1868, married Miss Mary P. Barnes, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Barnes. Mrs. Furry was born in Davis County, Iowa, September 29, 1851. Since his marriage our subject has made his residence in Schuyler County, with the exception of the three years which divide 1873 from 1876, which he spent in Pottawattomie County, Iowa, during which time he was foreman of the Bellview Nursery at Council Bluffs, Iowa. In the spring of 1887 he moved where he now resides. He is a well-to-do citizen, and a man of enterprise, and is the owner of two blocks in Lancaster, containing ten acres of land. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant in 1868. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and himself and wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.



William S. Gatlin, senior member of the firm of Gatlin & Winfree, was born in Tazewell County, Ill., in 1832, and is a son of Hardy and Catherine (Gates) Gatlin. The father is of Irish and English ancestry, and was born in Tennessee in 1808. When a young man he went to Illinois with his parents, and was there married. In 1855 he removed to Adair County, Mo., and soon after to Green Top. He lived in Schuyler County some years, and then went to Kansas, and is now living in Cass County, Mo., farming and working at the blacksmith's trade. His father, Dempsey Gatlin, was a soldier in the War of 1812. The mother of our subject was born in Kentucky, was about three years her husband's junior, and died about 1849 in Illinois. William S. was reared at home, and received but a common-school education. In 1855 he married Miss Deborah Vaunote, a native of Illinois, and this union was blessed with four children: Henry W. Hamilton (of Iowa), Charles A. (of Alexandria, Mo.), Emma Belle (wife of Peter B. Winfree, of De Witt, Mo.) and Ida May. Mrs. Gatlin died in 1872, and in 1874 Mr. Gatlin married Miss Elizabeth Hoover, a native of Virginia, but then living in Iowa. His second wife died in 1875, and in 1877 our subject wedded Mrs. Lovina Winfree, daughter of William Hall. In about 1857 Mr. Gatlin came to Schuyler County, where his home has since been, with the exception of the years between 1870 and 1875, which were spent in Iowa. He first located at Green Top upon coming to Missouri. Part of the time he had been engaged in farming and saw-milling, but was mostly in the mercantile business. He served about twenty years as postmaster of Green Top, and while in Iowa was assistant postmaster for a while. He has always been a public-spirited man, interested in educational and public enterprises, and his children are enjoying the advantages of a good education. He was formerly a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Douglas in 1860, but since that time has been a Republican. During the war his sympathies were with the Union, but he was not allowed to serve, on account of his poor health. He is now engaged in the hardware and grocery business at Green Top, and enjoys a good and extensive patronage. He is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., and his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. C. Graves was born in Schuyler County, in 1850, and is a son of Richard and Berrilla (Myrtle) Graves. The father is of English descent, and was born in Howard County, Mo., in 1826, and is a farmer by occupation. His father, David, was a native of Shelby County, Ky., and emigrated to Howard County, Mo., in 1820, and died in 1880. Richard H. was married in 1849,

and soon after located three miles northwest of Lancaster in Schuyler County, Mo., where he bought and entered 160 acres of land upon which he has since resided, and which he has increased to 340 acres. He served in the Home Militia during the war. His wife is of English descent and was born in Howard County, Mo., in 1823. She is the mother of seven children: William C., James D., Hannah A. (wife of Thomas Burns), Reuben W., Samuel C., John B. and Lizzie. W. C. lived with his parents until twenty-one years of age, receiving a common-school education, and April 27, 1871, was united in marriage to Miss Annie G. Green, daughter of Hiram Green. She was born in Brown County, Ill., in 1849, and is the mother of six children: Clarence True, Florence E., Lena Belle, Edna Leonora, Hiram Leo and Addie Dimple. After his marriage our subject settled near the home place and began farming for himself. In 1875 he bought eighty acres in Liberty Township, and in 1885 came to Lancaster and purchased a half interest in a general store with John W. Milligan, who afterward sold his share to A. P. Primm. In January, 1887, he divided the stock of goods with Mr. Primm and has since conducted the business alone. He is a Republican, having cast his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant in 1872. Himself and wife belong to the Christian Church.

Gilbert D. Gray, loan broker, was born in Perry County, Ohio, in 1840, and is a son of Jonas H. and Achsah P. (Mills) Gray. The father was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, July 4, 1812, and the mother in Hartford, Conn., in 1814, but in infancy was taken by her parents to Perry County, Ohio, where she was married. Mrs. Gray was a daughter of Senator Mills, and after the death of Mr. Gray was married to Robert Greene, with whom she is now living in Iowa. Mr. Gray was a tailor by trade, and at the time of his death was the proprietor of a merchant tailor establishment. He was a Whig during the days of that party, and served as captain in the State Militia. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gray were members of the Methodist Church. Of a family of three sons and three daughters, only one son and two daughters are living. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch was of Irish descent; his great-grandfather, in company with a brother and a Scotchman, were prosecuted by the Catholics in their native land, and after the confiscation of their property escaped and went to sea in a yawl, and after being wrecked were picked up and brought to America about the year 1760. They settled in Virginia and their descendants are now scattered over the United States. Gilbert was reared in Perry County, and after the death of his father, when he was but ten years old, lived with his mother and two sisters, whom in later years he

cared for to the best of his ability. His education was necessarily somewhat limited, but while a boy he worked in a printing office and became an expert type-setter. During the late war Mr. Gray offered his services, which were rejected on account of his small stature. He then organized a company of small men and tendered them as sharpshooters, but the Government rejected them. He soon went to St. Louis, Mo., and was finally mustered into service as second lieutenant of Company D, of the Tenth Missouri Infantry. He was promoted to the first lieutenancy of the company in August, 1861, and in June, 1863, became captain of Company B. At Vicksburg he was wounded, and mustered out on account of disabilities in February, 1864. He then returned home, but the following October organized the eastern regiment of Davis County, Iowa, border troops, of which he was elected lieutenant-colonel, and fulfilled the duties of that office until the close of the war. In 1861 he was captured in Callaway County, Mo., but effected an escape. In 1867 he came to Lancaster and engaged in the drug business. In 1869 he removed his store to Glenwood, and engaged in the drug business until 1886, since which time he has been a loan broker. In 1863 he was united in marriage to Theresa E. Spencer, daughter of Capt. Horace A. Spencer, of Bloomfield, Iowa. To this union three children have been born: James M., Emma and Maude. In politics Mr. Gray is a staunch Republican, and has served as justice of the peace and county judge. He has been a member of the Masonic order twenty-five years. In the I. O. O. F. fraternity he has filled every office in the Grand Encampment except those of grand secretary and treasurer. He is past post commander of David Robert's Post, No. 25, G. A. R.

Spencer Greer, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Grayson County, Va., in 1825, and is a son of George and Nancy (Isom) Greer. The father was born in Virginia in 1799, and was a blacksmith, which trade he followed in youth and middle life, but in later years cultivated land for a livelihood. He was married in 1824, and in 1836 moved to Lawrence County, Ind., where he purchased a farm and spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring in November, 1864. His wife was born in Virginia in 1803, and died in 1884. She was the mother of nine children, of whom Spencer is the eldest. When eleven years old he moved with his parents to Indiana, and remained with them until twenty-four years of age. In October, 1849, he married Miss Serene Edwards, daughter of Edward and Mary (Cox) Edwards. Mrs. Greer was born in Lawrence County, Ind., in 1832, and to her union with our subject nine children were born, all dead except two—Edward M. and William H. In 1852 Mr. Greer

left Lawrence County and went to Lancaster, Schuyler Co., Mo., and carried on the mercantile business until 1857, when he sold out and began to farm. In 1862 he purchased 160 acres of land, where he now resides. By economy, industry and good management Mr. Greer has added acre after acre to his possessions, until he now owns 520 acres of first-class land, and is an extensive dealer in fine stock, and keeps on an average 100 cattle, 300 sheep, 50 hogs and 10 horses. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for James K. Polk, in 1844. He is a highly esteemed farmer citizen, and a member of the I. O. O. F.

George Groseclose, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Fabius Township, was born September 12, 1825, in Tazewell County, Va., and is the third of eight children born to Joseph and Barbara Groseclose, natives of Wythe County, Va. Upon leaving there they moved to Indiana, and subsequently to Schuyler County, Mo., where they died, aged fifty-eight and seventy-three, respectively. The father was of German descent; the mother was a daughter of Christopher Foglesong, who died in Indiana. George Groseclose accompanied his parents to Johnson County, Ind., when two years old, and at the age of twelve became located in Schuyler County, which he has since made his home. He began life when twenty-one with eighty acres of land, which by good management has been increased, until he is now the owner of 200 acres, a fact which stamps him one of the energetic farmers of the county. In 1845 he was married to Miss Odyssey Lloyd, a daughter of Lemuel F. Lloyd, whose parents were of Virginian nativity. He was Indian agent under Gen. Jackson, and was also Secretary of the Treasury. His wife was a daughter of Elias Davis, who was also originally from Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Groseclose have a family of fifteen children: Maryland J., Cena L., Joseph W., Susan D., Eliza C., Mary F., George, William, McGuffy W., Tillman, Melcena, Lee Price, Edwin L., Sarah Ellen and an infant, unnamed. Mr. Groseclose in politics is a Democrat.

William B. Groseclose, farmer and stock raiser, was born in 1842, upon the farm of which he is now a resident, in Fabius Township, Schuyler Co., Mo. He was the youngest child of Joseph and Barbara (Foglesong) Groseclose [see sketch of George Groseclose], and when fifteen years old, upon the death of his father, started in life for himself. He had no property to begin life with, but is now the possessor of a well-improved farm of 190 acres in the home place, and 160 acres in another tract, and is one of the enterprising and well-to-do farmers of the county. He served a short time during the Rebellion, and on March 20, 1869, was united in marriage to Miss Hannah E. Web-

ster, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Waddle) Webster. To Mr. and Mrs. Groseclose ten children have been born: Joseph L., Elizabeth, Sarah, David F., George E., Mary A., Reese, Roy B., Frank and Margaret. In politics Mr. Groseclose is a Democrat. He is a Master Mason, and a man highly respected in the community in which he lives.

James T. Guinn (deceased), was a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Chariton Township, and a son of Hardin Guinn. He was born in Kentucky, in the year 1837, and during his youth came to Schuyler County, Mo., where he married Unity Locher, by whom he became the father of three children, only one daughter, Jennie, now living. Mr. Guinn was divorced in 1871, and the year following married Miss N. C. Dameron, a native of Randolph County, Mo., born in 1840. This lady is a daughter of Benjamin and Matilda (Mathis) Dameron, early settlers of Randolph County, where they passed their lives. The second marriage of Mr. Guinn was blessed with two children, Mann and Kate. Mrs. Guinn is a worthy member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as was also her husband. With the exception of some four or five years spent in Coatsville, as a business man, Mr. Guinn made farming and stock raising his sole occupation, although he also bought and shipped stock extensively with great success. He was a self-made man, but by hard work, industry and good management, became the owner of 700 acres of fine land. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a highly respected man in the vicinity in which he lived on account of his integrity and high moral character. In politics he was a Democrat, but never sought or held offices of public trust, as he chose rather to perform the duties of a private citizen.

Enoch E. Hale. Judge Charles Hale was born in Sullivan County, Tenn., in 1819, and moved to Shelby County, Mo., in 1843, and two years later removed to a farm in Fabius Township, Schuyler County, Mo., where he has since resided. He was reared upon a farm and educated at a college in Greene County, Tenn. At the age of twenty-one he began life for himself with no capital, but is now the owner of a finely improved farm of 280 acres. October 1, 1840, he married Miss Melvina Lightner, daughter of Christian and Nancy (Glass) Lightner, and to this union eleven children were born: Sarah A., John M., Nancy E., Enoch E., Montraville F., Dora B., Martha F. and Mary M. (twins), James P., and two who died in infancy. The father of Mrs. Hale lived first in Pennsylvania, then in Virginia, then in Tennessee, where he was married; then in Schuyler County, Mo., and finally died in Hickory County, Mo. Mr. Hale is a member of the Baptist Church, and in politics is a Democrat.

He was appointed county judge by the Governor of the State, served two years, and was twice re-elected, but resigned during the second term of his office. He was the third of a family of thirteen children, all of whom lived to maturity. His parents, Lewis and Elizabeth (Bragg) Hale, were natives of Greene and Sullivan Counties, Tenn., respectively. The father was a farmer, and during the War of 1812 was the commander of a company. He was a son of Meshach and Mollie Hale. The former was of English descent, and a native of Virginia, the latter of Irish descent. Mrs. Elizabeth Hale was a daughter of David and Elizabeth Bragge, early settlers of North Carolina, and pioneer settlers of Sullivan County, Tenn., where they located about 1775. The immediate subject of this sketch, Enoch E. Hale, is a son of Judge Charles Hale and Melvina (Lightner) Hale, and was born in Schuyler County, Mo., in 1851. He was reared upon the farm and sent to the common schools of the neighborhood, and afterward spent two years at schools in La Grange. He lived with his parents until twenty-four years of age, and then began to clerk for Forsha & Irvin, for whom his brother, John M., had been working for some time. He and his brother bought out the above named firm in 1876. Four years later Enoch gave up business life, and purchased a farm upon which he engaged in stock raising, in connection with farming, for four years. He then returned to mercantile life with his brother, James P., as a partner, and is now the senior member of E. E. Hale & Bro., and a leading merchant of Glenwood. Mr. Hale was married January 14, 1877, to Lucia V. England, who was born March 31, 1853, in Quebec, Canada, and came to Schuyler County, Mo., with her parents while young. Mr. Hale belongs to the Missionary Baptist Church, and his wife to the Congregational. In politics Mr. Hale is a Democrat. He has risen from a poor man to one of the most enterprising and prosperous business men of Glenwood, and owns a good stock and the buildings in which his business is conducted.

G. W. Hall, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Bourbon County, Ky., in 1820. He is the third child of eleven, born to James and Frankie (Rice) Hall, natives of Kentucky. The father was of German descent, and a blacksmith, which trade he followed all his life. The maternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. When a boy G. W. accompanied his parents on their westward journey, finally settling in Scotland County, Mo., but in 1840 moved to Schuyler County, and located upon a piece of land one and a quarter miles northwest of Tippecanoe. In the fall of 1852 he commenced to farm upon the place where he has since resided. Having learned the blacksmith's

trade when but a boy, Mr. Hall followed that trade until 1880, but since that time has been exclusively engaged in farming, and by industry and good management has become the owner of 185 acres of good land, which he has cultivated, and which is now highly improved. In 1844 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Groseclose, daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Foglesong) Groseclose [see sketch], and eleven children have blessed this union, viz: Mary Ann C., Barbara F. (deceased), William J., Ella O. (deceased), Sarah E., David F., George E., Squire J., Martha M., Lewis V. and Eliza E. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are worthy members of the Baptist Church, and the former is a member of the Blue Lodge in Masonry. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served his township satisfactorily in several different capacities.

Caleb F. Hargis, is a son of Joshua and Samantha J. (Parrin) Hargis, born in Kentucky, in 1811 and 1821, respectively. When young they moved to Howard County, Mo., where they were married and lived until 1852. They then made their home in Schuyler County, one year, and then went to Adair County, where the father died in 1862. The mother now lives with our subject, and is a devout member of the Christian Church. The father was a well-to-do farmer, and a Democrat. Caleb F. had three sisters and one brother. The latter was a soldier during the late war in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry, United States army, and died in Macon City, Mo., from the effects of the measles. Caleb F. was born in Howard County, Mo., in 1843. He was reared upon the farm, and received but a limited education at one of the primitive school-houses of those days. After his father's death Mrs. Hargis became the wife of James Lucas, who lived but a short time, and then the care of his mother devolved upon the subject of this sketch. In 1868 he was united in marriage to Odessa Hamilton, daughter of John Hamilton. Mrs. Hargis was born in Schuyler County, in 1851, and is the mother of the following children: Susan E., Joshua F., John F., Ada A., Joseph F., Ella M. and Nicholas C., of whom but the last named three survive. When he came to Schuyler County from Adair County, in 1866, Mr. Hargis was a poor man, but is now the owner of 360 acres of good land, and one of the prosperous men of the county. In politics he is a strong Democrat, a believer in woman's rights, and an earnest advocate of the temperance cause. He and his wife are Universalists.

Elder William Hartley was born in Washington County, Ind., in 1823, and is a son of John and Jane (Fox) Hartley. The father was of English descent and born in Burke County, N. C., in 1795. He was a farmer and politician and was married in his

native State, and in 1814 immigrated to Washington County, Ind., where he spent the remainder of his days. He was representative of that county two sessions, and his death occurred in 1873. His wife was born in East Tennessee, in 1803, and died in 1843. Our subject is the fourth of five children, and was educated in Salem, Ind., making his home with his parents until he became of age. When nineteen he entered the ministry, being a member of the Christian Church, and was ordained in Salem, in 1847. September 8 of that year he was united in marriage to Miss Minerva Wilson, who was born in Charleston, Clark Co., Ind., in June, 1828. This union was blessed with eight children: Louisa (wife of Sydney Brown), Byrod B., John, Tilman, Mack, Alfred, Minerva (wife of William Yates) and Belle (wife of Thomas Lewis). In 1857 Elder Hartley left his native State and went to Bloomfield, Iowa, where he resumed his ministerial duties, preaching half of his time in Bloomfield and half in Lancaster, Mo. It was at the former place that his success was very marked. In the spring of 1866 he preached forty-seven sermons in succession, at a meeting which lasted five weeks and two days, and in this time he had 178 accessions, and 103 people were immersed. In 1869 he moved to Lancaster, where he now resides, and for twenty-three years has regularly expounded the gospel to his hearers. From 1869 to 1874 he traveled for Mount Hope Nursery, New York, his work being continued in Missouri, and during this time made ten trips to the nursery. In 1875 he purchased a farm of 120 acres, adjoining Lancaster, where he now lives a more retired life, preaching at irregular intervals, when his service is desired, and is frequently called upon to perform the rites of baptism, matrimony, and to preach funeral sermons. He is a Republican and cast his first presidential vote for James K. Polk in 1844. He is a Christian gentleman, highly esteemed and honored by the community.

Joseph W. Hatfield, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Wayne County, Ky., in 1834, and is a son of Andrew and Mary A. (Miller) Hatfield. The father was of English descent, and born in 1801 in Wayne County, Ky. During early life he engaged in distilling, but during the latter part of his life was engaged in agricultural pursuits. His father, Ale Hatfield, was a native of Kentucky, and in 1838 moved to Indiana, and died in 1837, at the age of ninety. Andrew was married in 1820, and in 1837 immigrated to Randolph County, Mo., and the following year moved to Adair County, Mo., settling six miles southeast of Kirksville, and becoming the owner of 720 acres of fine land. In 1840 he moved to Putnam County, and located in Elm Township, buying 220 acres of land. He died in 1879. He was a volun-



teer in the Florida War, but did not serve, as he was not called out. His wife was born in South Carolina, in 1804, and died in 1876. Our subject is the third of five children, and at the age of seven came to Northeast Missouri, making his home with his parents until eighteen years old. In 1852 he went to California overland, six months being required to make the journey. He there engaged in mining, teaming and hotel-keeping, and in 1861 returned to Putnam County, Mo. In August of that year he married Miss Emily, daughter of James Cain, of Putnam County. This lady was born in Putnam County in 1844, and is the mother of ten living children: Louisa A. (wife of Dennis Riggle), David A., Celia A., Joseph W., Alexander S., Emma C., Benjamin F., Gracie M., Elmer C. and Bertie L. Mr. Hatfield remained in Putnam County until 1863, then went to Nevada, and in the fall of that year returned to Missouri on business. Again going to Nevada he made that and California his home until 1881, when he returned to the scenes of his boyhood and settled upon the land above described. In politics he is a conservative Democrat, and his first presidential vote was cast for Buchanan, in 1856. He is a member of the K. of P.

Leroy Hays (deceased) was born in Union County, Ohio, in 1830, and there spent his youthful days. He was united in marriage to Sarah Hobert, also a native of that county, where she was born in 1834. They remained in Union County until 1858, and then moved to Lucas County, Iowa, and from there in 1865 to Schuyler County, Mo., where they located upon the farm where Mrs. Hays now lives. Mr. Hays was an expert carpenter, and erected some of the finest buildings in Glenwood, such as the St. Nicholas Hotel, Glenwood Flour Mill, etc., but in later life engaged almost exclusively in agricultural pursuits. He was an active and ardent Democrat, and one of the leading spirits of that party in his county after the late war. He was a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. for more than twenty-five years, and upon his death, in 1877, the county lost one of its representative citizens. His widow is a worthy member of the Christian Church, and bore Mr. Hays six children, four sons and two daughters, of whom but four sons are living. The eldest son, Joseph W., was born in Union County, Ohio, in 1851, where he received a good common-school education, and became familiar with a farmer's life, to which he has always devoted his attention. In 1886 he was united in marriage to Clara E. Majors, a native of Schuyler County. Politically Mr. Joseph Hays is a Democrat. Marvel J., another son, was also born in Union County, Ohio, his birth occurring in 1855; he, too, availed himself of the advantages offered by the common schools of his vicinity, and

acquired a good English education. He is an enterprising young farmer, and, in partnership with his brother, Joseph, is engaged in farming and stock raising upon 340 acres of well cultivated and improved land. In 1883 he married Susan E. Morris, who was born in Davis County, Iowa, in 1860, and by her had two children: Sibyl E. and Gladys C. Both brothers are honorable members of the I. O. O. F., Glenwood Lodge, No. 233. McClellan L. Hays, the fourth son, was born in Lucas County, Iowa, in 1862, received a good common-school education, and is now engaged as salesman in his brother's store, in Glenwood, Mo. For over twenty-two years the Hays family have been residents of Schuyler County, and that name has always been synonymous of honesty and respectability. When Leroy Hays located here he had but little property, but at the time of his death owned 180 acres of choice land, and was regarded as one of the substantial farmers of the township, and his sons are now considered enterprising and well-to-do young farmers.

Charles A. Hays is a son of Leroy and Sarah (Hobert) Hays, both natives of Union County, Ohio, where they were reared and married. They afterward moved to Lucas County, Iowa, and from there to Schuyler County, Mo., and located in Glenwood, where the mother still lives and where the father died. He was a tanner and carpenter by trade, and worked at those employments most of his life. After coming to Missouri he did a good deal of carpentering, and built the H. Nicholas Hotel and Glenwood Flouring Mill. He was a charter member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 233, at Glenwood, and in politics was an active Democrat. The mother is a member of the Christian Church. Charles A. is the third son of a family of four sons and one daughter, and was born in Lucas County, Iowa. When at the age of four years his parents moved to Glenwood, Mo., where he was reared upon a farm, and received a common-school education. When nineteen he obtained a teacher's license, but accepted a position in a store at a salary of \$15 per month, but before half of the first month had expired his salary was raised to \$25 per month for the remainder of the year. After three years of work at that place he went into the grocery business, has since increased the variety of his stock, and now owns a good general store and does a prosperous business. In 1882 he married Carrie Hodges, a native of Illinois. In politics Mr. Hays is a staunch Democrat, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F. Besides his business property Mr. Hays owns the Opera Hall, a building 22x70 feet, which he built, and which is nicely fitted up.

Dr. Cary W. Hight, druggist and prescriptionist, was born in Georgia, in 1844, and is a son of Nathan and Eliza (Horton)

**Hight.** The father is of German ancestry, and born in Virginia about 1809. He afterward went to Georgia, where he married the mother of our subject, who was a native of that State. After her death, in 1859, Mr. Hight married her sister, Miss Harriet. He has for many years been a resident of Louisiana, where he owns a large plantation. Cary W. was reared under parental instruction, and received a good academic and business education. Being of Southern birth and rearing, at the time of the late war, he, with a majority of the people of his adopted State, took up arms in the Confederate cause, enlisting in Company C, Twelfth Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, and was afterward transferred to the cavalry, and was held in reserve at Shiloh. He was in the battle of Corinth and the siege of Vicksburg, after which his service ceased. In 1866 he went to Illinois, and soon after to Randolph County, Mo., where, in 1868, he wedded Miss Nannie E., daughter of Robert Adams. This lady is a native of Randolph County, and has borne the Doctor two children: Emma F. and William B. He then came to Schuyler County, and in 1870 established a drug store at Green Top, two years later removing to Queen City. In early boyhood he developed a taste for his chosen profession, and with his past experience is now a thorough master of his business, and the selection and quality of his stock is very fine. He carries a full line of drugs, chemicals, stationery, school books, etc. In 1872 he was elected justice of the peace, but after a short service resigned. He is a Democrat, but cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Grant, in 1872. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

**Gibson R. Hombs.** William Hombs, father of the subject of this sketch, is a son of Silas and Elizabeth (Nickelson) Hombs, both of whom were born in Garrett County, Ky., where they were reared and married. In 1818 they moved to Boone County, Mo., where they died at an advanced age. Both had been members of the Baptist Church for many years. The father served in the War of 1812. His occupation was that of farming, and he obtained a land warrant, which William located for him in this county. William was the fifth child of a family of eleven, and born in Boone County, Mo., July 26, 1826. He was reared upon the farm, and his education necessarily limited, his entire school life not aggregating more than three months. When fifteen years old he began to work in a tanyard at \$5 per month. In 1846 he was a volunteer in Ralls' Second Regiment, Missouri Volunteers, and served until the end of the Mexican War, participating in the battles of Chihuahua and Santa Cruz. After returning home he farmed a year, and then in 1850 went to California, where he mined successfully for some time, and then

went into the mercantile business. By the turning of the Tualma River out of its course, in search of gold, the company of which he was a member lost over \$12,000. In 1854 he returned home and began to collect stock with the intention of taking it to California, but his design was frustrated, and the following year he came to Schuyler County, and commenced to improve land. He now owns 1,200 acres of well cultivated land, and ranks among the substantial farmers of the county. In 1856 he married Mary A. Rippey, daughter of William V., a native of Monroe County, by whom he has had four children: Gibson R., John P., Willie D. and Mittie E. In politics he is a Democrat. He joined the Masonic order at Lancaster, thirty-one years ago, has filled all the chairs, and is now Master Mason of Glenwood Lodge, No. 427. Our immediate subject, Gibson R., was born January 1, 1857, in Glenwood Township, Schuyler Co., Mo. He was reared upon the farm, and during his early life received an education at the common schools of the neighborhood, which was afterward completed by two years' attendance at the State Normal School, at Kirksville. At the age of fifteen he began to clerk for Judge Logan, and, after remaining with him nine years, became his partner in the mercantile business. This partnership continued two years, and, in 1885, Mr Hombs and Mr. Blackwood formed a partnership, the firm being known as Blackwood & Hombs. In 1879 Mr. Hombs married Emma Case, a native of Ohio, and born April 1, 1860. Mrs. Hombs is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Hombs is a staunch Republican. He is a Master Mason, and has been senior warden of Glenwood Lodge, No. 427, four years. He also belongs to the K. of P., being a charter member at Kirksville. He is one of the prosperous business men of the community, and one who has the respect of his friends and associates.

Dr. W. M. Hunter was born in Brooke County, W. Va., in 1839, and is a son of John and Margaret (Hill) Hunter. The father was of Scotch descent, and was born in Scotland in 1803, where he was reared to manhood. He was married near Pittsburgh, after coming to the United States, settled in Brooke County, W. Va., in 1843, and afterward moved to Allegheny County, Penn. He was a farmer by occupation, and died in 1853. The mother was born in Ireland, in 1814, and came to the United States after arriving at her maturity. Her death occurred in 1855. Our subject was the eldest of five children. His education was commenced at the common schools of Pennsylvania, and he afterward attended Duff's College, taking the commercial course, and Mansfield Academy two terms. He went

to Cooper County, Mo., and taught three terms, and in 1863 went to Fulton County, Ill., and November 1, of the following year, married Miss Angie S. Tuthill, who was born in Genesee County, N. Y., in 1843. They have three living children: William E., Robert and Mamie M. While teaching he began the study of medicine, and began to practice that profession in 1861. In 1867 he became a disciple of Blackstone, and engaged in that profession until 1882, when he came to Lancaster, Schuyler Co., Mo., and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1883 he bought *The Excelsior*, of which he has since been the sole manager. The paper is Democratic in politics, and has a circulation of about 1,500, being one of the leading weekly newspapers of Northeast Missouri. The Doctor has always been a Democrat, and while in Illinois was township clerk, supervisor and township treasurer twelve years. In 1883 he was elected mayor of Lancaster, serving one year. In 1885 he became a member of the board of education, which position he still holds, and in 1886 was elected a member of the town council. He is a Master Mason, and himself and wife belong to the Christian Church.

Andrew Jackson, farmer and stock raiser, is a native of Morgan County, Ind., and was born in 1838. He is a son of Samuel and Margaret (White) Jackson, and labored from home all the time from thirteen years of age, except in winter, when he cut wood for, and took care of his mother. Thus he received but a meager education, and that only through his own exertions. In 1857 he wedded Melissa J., daughter of William and Lavina Phipps, formerly of Kentucky. Mrs. Jackson was born in Macon County, Mo., and to her and our subject eight children have been born, all living: Sarah Marinda (wife of David O. Cripps), Benjamin Franklin (married to Elizabeth J. Singleton), Mary E., William T. S., James L., Fannie B., Maggie J. and Andrew O. Mr. Jackson remained in Macon County until 1866, and then came to Schuyler County, where he rented land for six years, and then purchased land three miles northwest of Queen City, which he has cultivated and improved, and which is now a fine farm of 320 acres. This property is the result of his own labor and good management, as he started in life a poor man. In 1862 he enlisted in Company M, Northeast Missouri Militia, and served two years, until the disbandment of his regiment. In 1864 he enlisted in Company H, Forty-second Missouri Infantry, and served in Tennessee, Missouri and Alabama, having been stationed at Fort Donelson, Nashville and Tullahoma, Tenn. He served as corporal until the close of the war, and then returned home, where he has made farming and stock raising his occupation, and is one of the most practical farmers of

the county. Mr. Jackson is a Republican, although he cast his first presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas, in 1860. Since then he has voted for the Republican nominees. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is identified with the Christian Church. His father, Samuel Jackson, was a boatman upon the river for some years, and died, in 1840, while away from home. The family then removed to Macon County, Mo., and in 1866 came to Schuyler County, where the mother died in 1866, about sixty-four years of age. She was twice married, her first husband being a cousin of Andrew's father, and also a Mr. Jackson.

William F. James was born September 21, 1830, in Pike County, Mo., and is the second of a family of nine children born to Morris and Mary S. (Beasley) James. His paternal grandfather in company with a brother were the first representatives of the family who located in Missouri, and the land upon which they farmed is now Broadway, St. Louis. The father of William F. moved to Pike County when a young man, and there married Miss Beasley, who had come to that county when a little girl. After living in that county some time he moved to Randolph County, from there to Macon, and from there to Putnam; but the chills were so prevalent in that district that the family finally removed to Schuyler County, Mo., January 4, 1837. The father died in California, where he had gone in 1850 with a brother, whose death also occurred in that State. The father of the notorious Jesse James, who was a cousin of Mr. James, preached his funeral sermon. In politics Mr. James was a Democrat, and in religion himself and wife were worthy members of the Christian Church. Mrs. James survived her husband's death but four years. William F. was reared upon his father's farm, but, owing to the lack of schools in that region, his education was very limited. At the age of sixteen he began life for himself, often working for 25 cents a day, or making rails at 25 cents per hundred. His mother died when he was but nineteen, and then the care of four younger brothers fell upon him. Since then his life has been one of reverses, his chief occupations being farming and merchandising. In 1874 he opened a business house in Coatsville, which he still runs. Seventeen years ago he lost his all, but since that time has retrieved his fortunes, and, besides owning a good business, has 725 acres of land, 400 of which are coal land. In 1862 Mr. James enlisted in Company A, Seventh Missouri Militia, and served until the close of the war, when he was discharged at Hannibal, Mo. In 1851 he married Eliza Headley, who was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1832, and by her had four children: Martha J., John W., Mary A. E. and William I. F. In 1869 Mrs. James died, and the following year he mar-

ried Mrs. Martha E. Locker (widow), who was born in Russell County, Ky., in 1828. In politics Mr. James is a staunch Democrat. In Masonry he has taken all the degrees, extending to the Palm and Shell in Oriental Masonry, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

De. N. Jewett, clerk of the circuit court and *ex-officio* recorder of Schuyler County, is a native of Union County, Ohio, and was born September 9, 1849, and is a son of Jared O. and Harriet S. (Butler) Jewett. The father traces his ancestry to two brothers, who left England previous to the Revolution, on a man-of-war, and came to America, one settling in Maine and one in Connecticut, the latter becoming the progenitor of the family of which our subject is a descendant. The father of Jared O. Jewett was born in Massachusetts, and served as major in the Revolutionary War. Jared O. was born in Franklin County, Vt., in 1813, and in 1854 removed to Union County, Ohio, two years later coming to Schuyler County, Mo., where he located two miles west of Lancaster. In 1863 he settled in the town where he has since resided. He was married three times, and his second wife (the mother of our subject) was born in Franklin County, Vt., in 1815, and died in 1871. De. N. Jewett was the youngest of a family of three children, and, when seven years old, came to Schuyler County, and received his early education at the common schools of that county. In 1863 he attended Berkshire Seminary, in Franklin County, Vt., and after studying there for three years returned home, and farmed. November 1, 1872, he was appointed deputy circuit clerk, and served until October, 1878, when he was appointed circuit clerk, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Ward L. Munsell. In November, of the same year, he was elected to that office, and in 1882 and 1886 was re-elected, thus forcibly illustrating his ability as an able and efficient officer. January 4, 1872, he married Miss Allie C. Ballenger, daughter of Joshua and Henrietta Ballenger. This lady was born in Richmond, Wayne Co., Ind., in 1852, and has borne our subject two children: Carrie M. and Llewellyn Lee. In politics Mr. Jewett is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Horace Greeley, in 1872. He is a Master Mason, and a member of the A. O. U. W. He is a substantial and honored citizen, and owns five town lots and a building. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he to the Episcopal.

Abraham Johnson, farmer and stock raiser, is a son of Thomas J. and Mary (Hull) Johnson, and was born in Franklin County, Ohio, in 1827. His father was of English descent, and was born in New Jersey, in 1793. When a boy he accompanied his parents

to Ohio, where he married and spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring in 1837. He was a volunteer in the navy of 1812, but did not enter the service. The mother was born in Germany, in 1797. Her death occurred in 1874. After her first husband's death, in 1837, she was again married two years later, after which event our subject made his home with his uncle, Alexander Johnson. Young Abraham received but a limited education in youth. In 1852 he took a trip through Iowa and Missouri, prospecting, and finally came to Schuyler County, of the latter State, and the same year (1852) married Mary Courrier, daughter of a Mr. Courrier, of Ohio, and to this marriage two children have been born: Sarah (wife of Logan Laughty, and Frederick. Mrs. Johnson died in 1860, and the following year Mr. Johnson was married, in Washington County, Ohio, to Miss Catharine, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Mock, by whom he had ten children, all of whom save one are now living: Eli, Frank, Catharine, W. A., Newton, Riley, Julius, Clarence and Irvin. Mr. Johnson first located in Adair County, but soon returned to Schuyler County, and located three miles northeast of Queen City, where he has a fine farm of about 500 acres, all of which is the result of his industry and good management. He was formerly a Democrat, but cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Taylor, but since the Rebellion has been strictly conservative.

Dr. J. T. Jones was born in Woodford County, Ky., April 7, 1855. His father, Louis P., was a native of Virginia, and when a young man moved to Kentucky, where he married Miss Smith, by whom he had two sons and two daughters. Our subject was the youngest child, and, his parents having died when he was very young, he lived with his aunt upon the farm. His early education was received at the common schools, and at the age of twenty he came to Schuyler County, and attended the State Normal School at Kirksville two years. After completing his studies he began to teach school and to study medicine under Dr. W. B. Smith, of Downing, Schuyler County. He attended a course of lectures at the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, but graduated from the Medical College of Ohio, at Cincinnati, in 1884. He then opened a physician's office at Glenwood, and managed a drug store in the town. In 1886 he and his brother bought the stock of drugs, and have since conducted the business under the firm name of Jones Bros. In 1884 Dr. Jones married Jennie D. Cone, daughter of Hawley Cone. She is a native of Davis County, Iowa, born in 1863, her father having come originally from Ohio. By her he has had two children: Mamie R. (deceased) and Florence M. Dr. Jones is a member of the Glenwood Lodge, No. 427, in Masonry, and in politics is a Dem-



ocrat. During his three years' practice in Glenwood he has been very successful, and enjoys a liberal and lucrative patronage.

Horace A. Jones is a son of Thomas B. and Ellen F. (Young) Jones, and was born in Wayne County, Iowa, February 22, 1861. The father was born in Indiana, and the mother was a native of Illinois, but both moved to Iowa during their youth. They were both teachers in the same school in that State, and formed a friendship which soon ripened into love. After their marriage Mr. Jones embarked in the drug business, in which he is still engaged. About 1866 he moved to Lancaster, Mo., but after residing there a number of years returned to Iowa, and is now doing business at Roland. He is a Republican. Mrs. Jones is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To them four children have been born: Horace A., Lute (wife of Charles E. Sterret, train dispatcher), Paul W. and Benjamin. Horace A. was only nineteen years of age when he was chosen cashier of the Depositors' Bank at Glenwood, and, when that institution was transferred to Judge Logan, Mr. Jones' faithfulness and ability were rewarded by the same position under the new management. He received his education at the Lancaster schools, and is a young man of intelligence, ability and enterprise. He is the secretary of Glenwood Lodge, No. 427, of Masonry. In politics Mr. Jones is a Republican. He began life a poor boy, but, in connection with his banking interests, is also engaged in stock raising at the present time, and ranks among the prosperous young business men of the county.

Dr. Howard S. Justice was born December 13, 1836, in Columbus, Ohio, and is a son of Joseph and Jane Smith (Little) Justice. The father was born in Franklin County, Ohio, in 1806, and farming was his occupation. His father, Robert Justice, was a native of Virginia, and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He settled in Franklin County, Ohio, in 1800, where he died in 1836, at the age of eighty-five. Joseph Justice was married in 1832, and lived in Franklin County, Ohio, until 1838, when he moved to Vermillion County, Ind. In 1840 he went to Scotland County, Mo., and there was engaged in farming until his death, in 1874. His wife was born in Weathersfield County, Conn., in 1812, and at the age of three accompanied her parents, Nathaniel and Hitty (Deming) Little, to Franklin County, Ohio. She is now living with Dr. Justice, and is the mother of nine children, five of whom are living: Joseph H. (of Keokuk, Iowa), Howard S., Ellen E. (widow of William Childers), Hetty A. (wife of George Clarkson), and William F. (a physician of Lancaster). Howard S., the subject of this sketch, went to Scotland County, Mo., with his parents when but four years old, where he passed

his youth, and received his early education. At the age of nineteen he left the parental roof, and started out in life for himself, first working with his uncle at the brick mason's trade in Springfield, Ill. In 1859 he began the study of medicine, and in 1861 studied with Dr. O. George, of Bonaparte, Iowa. In 1862 he attended the State University, from the medical department of which he graduated February 15, 1865. He then pursued the practice of his profession, in Middle Fabius, Scotland County, until March, 1867, when he came to Lancaster, Mo., where he has since resided, with the exception of the spring of 1882, when he attended the practitioner course of the Chicago Medical College, Chicago, Ill., and the winter of 1884-85, which himself and wife spent in Los Angeles, Cal. The fall of 1877 he was appointed United States Examining Surgeon, and served as such eight years. During his residence in Lancaster Dr. Justice has established a good and lucrative practice, and has become one of the most successful physicians of the county. He owns a dwelling, in a desirable locality of the town, which is valued at \$5,000. He is a self-made man, having made his own way in the world since nineteen years of age, and has also reared and educated his brother, William F., since the latter was fourteen years old. December 1, 1859, he was united in marriage with Miss Helen A. Smith, daughter of Horace and Nancy (Ferguson) Smith. This lady was born in Summit County, Ohio, March 21, 1844, and to her much of the Doctor's success may be attributed, as she has proved a faithful helpmate under all circumstances. She is a lady of rare artistic talent, and has executed some work of beauty and value. Dr. Justice is a Republican, and cast his first vote for S. A. Douglas in 1860. February 3, 1880, he was elected president of the Schuyler County Bank, which position he filled for four years, also acting as director. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity of the Knight Templar degree, and himself and wife are members of the Christian Church.

Conrad Kaster, a leading farmer and stock raiser of Prairie Township, was born in Hardin (now La Rue) County, Ky., in 1829, and is a son of Nathan and Nancy (Gray) Kaster, both natives of Kentucky. The father was born in 1792 and was of Dutch and Irish ancestry. He was married about 1814, and in 1855 removed to Adair County, Mo., where he died May 6, 1865. His father, Conrad Kaster, was a native of Pennsylvania, and an early settler of Kentucky, where he greatly assisted in driving the Indians from the State. The mother of Conrad, Jr., was two years her husband's senior, and died in 1842, after which her husband married a second time, in 1854, Mrs. Lear Gray becoming his wife. Conrad Kaster, our subject, received a limited

common-school education while living at home, and in 1851 was married to Sarah J., daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Castleman. To her union with Mr. Kaster thirteen children were born, all living with the exception of one, viz.: Elizabeth (wife of D. W. Starbuck), Nancy, Matilda (wife of Newton J. Dufer), Stephen, James and Ida (twins)—Ida is the wife of Sigel Coons—Nathan, Martha and Mary (twins)—Mary is the wife of Eli Johnson—Uretta and Henrietta (twins), Philip, and Florence J. (deceased). Mr. Kaster remained in Kentucky until 1855, and then removed to Schuyler County, and located four miles southeast of Queen City, where his home has since been. He now owns over 500 acres of choice land, which is under a fine state of cultivation and improvement, and is one of the most enterprising and prosperous farmers of the county. In politics he has always been united with the Democratic party, and cast his first presidential vote for Pierce, in 1852. Mrs. Kaster is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

J. W. Kelso, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Vermillion County, Ind., in 1836, and moved to Fulton County, Ill., when he was about five years old, where he grew to manhood. When fifteen he became an apprentice at the cooper's trade, and worked at that business, until 1862, at Rock Island, Peoria, and in Fulton County, Ill. He came to Schuyler County, Mo., in 1873, and there engaged in agricultural pursuits, at which occupation he has since been engaged, and is now the owner of a well improved and cultivated farm of 200 acres, which is the result of his frugality, industry and good management, as he has had no material assistance from friends or relatives. In 1857 he was united in marriage to Miss Emsy Pritchard, who was born in Licking County, Ohio, in 1841, and taken by her parents to Fulton County, Ill., when quite young. Her union with Mr. Kelso has been blessed with nine children: David V., Frank P., George McClellan, Wesley S., Faety S., Ida May, Athelston, Walter H. and Clarence. In politics Mr. Kelso is a Democrat, but has never sought nor held office. His parents had nine children, of whom he was the youngest. The father, Thomas, was a Scotchman. Archibald Kelso was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1761. His mother was Lucinda (Kendall) Kelso, a German lady, but born in Virginia, and she moved with her parents, Enoch and Sarah Kendall, to Licking County, Ohio, where the parents of the mother lived and died.

Arius King, a well-to-do farmer, is the eldest of a family of ten children born to John S. and Nancy (Hays) King, natives of Ohio, and afterward residents of Kosciusko County, Ind., from 1836 to 1865, when they went to Lucas County, Iowa. There

the father died in 1855, at the age of seventy-five, but the mother still lives at the advanced age of seventy-two. In early life Mr. King was a hatter, but, as that was not a profitable business, he afterward engaged in farming. In politics he was formerly a Whig, but joined the Republican party after its organization. Mrs. King is a member of the Christian Church, but Mr. King was a Universalist. Arius King was born December 18, 1834, in Franklin County, Ohio, and during his youth received a common-school education. When nineteen he drove cattle to California, where he resided two years, but at the end of that time joined his parents in Iowa. In 1857 he was married to Nancy Hellier, a native of Morgan County, Ohio, and by her had four children: Vance A., John M., Frank and Eliza J. (wife of George Camden). When starting out in life for himself Mr. King had a capital of but \$3, but now, after twenty-two years' residence in Schuyler County, is the owner of 180 acres of land adjoining Glenwood, under a good state of cultivation. In politics he is a Republican. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Glenwood Lodge, No. 233, and to Glenn Encampment.

Bennett Kratzer, ex-judge of Schuyler County, was born in Brown County, Ohio, in 1828, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Still) Kratzer. The former was of German descent, and born in Ohio, in 1806. He was a farmer by occupation, and was married in Brown County, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1883. He was twice married, his second wife being Mahala (Malott) Kratzer, who survives. The mother of our subject died in 1840, and was the mother of five children, of whom Bennett was the eldest. When sixteen years of age he began life for himself as an apprentice to a blacksmith, working three years for his board and clothes, and receiving three months' schooling. He then worked as a journeyman a year, after which he bought out his teacher, and began business on his own responsibility. In the fall of 1855 he came to Schuyler County, Mo., and a year later purchased 160 acres of land, where he now resides, and, in connection with farming, built a blacksmith shop, and worked at his trade many years. He now owns 288 acres of land in the county, and ranks as one of its highly respected and substantial farmer citizens. October 29, 1848, he married Miss Mary Heaton, daughter of James and Elizabeth Heaton, a native of Brown County, Ohio, where she was born in 1831. To this union seven children were born, viz.: Alonzo, Melissa (wife of Anderson York, of Davis County, Iowa), Leila F. (wife of Albert York), James D. (physician at Lancaster), Theresa (wife of Noah Butts), Charley F. (physician of Savannah, Iowa) and May. In politics he has long been a

Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Franklin Pierce, in 1852. He served as justice of the peace in 1865, and in 1880 was elected county judge, and served two years with great efficiency. Himself, wife and six children are members of the Christian Church.

Dr. James D. Kratzer was born in Brown County, Ohio, in 1855, and is a son of Judge Bennett and Mary (Heaton) Kratzer. [See sketch of Bennett Kratzer, Fabius Township.] Our subject received his early education at the home schools, and the State Normal at Kirksville. In 1880 he began to study medicine under Dr. D. N. Dooley, at Savannah, Iowa, and March 3, 1886, graduated as an M. D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Keokuk, Iowa. He then went to Lancaster, and began the practice of his chosen profession, in which he has met with marked success, having a large practice, and being highly esteemed by the community. In 1875 he married Miss Jane Erlow, who was born in Schuyler County, Mo., in 1859. This lady died September 14, 1879, and in December, 1882, Mr. Kratzer was united in marriage to Miss Mattie, daughter of Dr. D. N. Dooley. Mrs. Kratzer was born in Davis County, Iowa, in 1866, and is a worthy and consistent member of the Christian Church, as is also her husband. In politics the Doctor is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for S. J. Tilden, in 1876.

Thomas Pleasant Leedom, farmer and stock raiser, is a native of Lancaster, Mo., and was born October 28, 1853. He is a son of Asa and Susan (Woodson) Leedom. The father was born in Ohio, in 1882, is a tailor by trade, but now resides upon a farm. He is of English descent, and came to Schuyler County, in 1845, with his father, Thomas Leedom, a native of Ohio, who is now eighty-seven years old, and one of the oldest living settlers of Schuyler County. Asa was married in that county, and at the age of sixteen learned his trade, at which he worked twenty-five years in Lancaster. In 1877 he settled upon the place where he now lives, which consists of eighty acres of land. His wife is of English descent, and was born in Kentucky, near Harrisburg, in 1825. She is the mother of eight children: James L., Thomas P., William A., John M. (M. D.), Alonzo, Loretta (wife of C. L. Hounsom), Willard G. and Amos. Our subject attended school in Lancaster, at the State Normal at Kirksville, and in 1874 took the commercial course at the Business College in Keokuk, Iowa, of which institution he is a graduate. He was then appointed deputy county collector by W. A. Coffey, and, upon the death of the latter, in September, 1878, was appointed to fill his unexpired term. In 1879 he was appointed deputy collector

by Frank A. Irvin, and served as such until 1882, when he was elected county collector, and in 1884 was re-elected without opposition in his party. He collected the highest per cent of taxes of any collector in the State, averaging from 95 to 97 per cent, and in all respects proved himself to be a worthy and efficient officer of public trust. He is a leading Democrat of his county, a member of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. orders, and a charter member of the A. O. U. W. lodge in Lancaster. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his wife to the Lutheran. By industry, economy and good management Mr. Leedom has accumulated 440 acres of land in one tract, which is well improved and cultivated, and upon which is a well-built house and good outbuildings. August 24, 1884, he married Miss Annie Elizabeth Fansler, who was born in Preston County, W. Va., October 19, 1860, and to this union one child has been born—Thomas P., Jr.

William Wallace Lucas, farmer and stock dealer, is a native of Highland County, Ohio, where he was born in 1830, and is a son of William and Nancy (Owen) Lucas. The father was born in Pennsylvania, was of English descent, and a farmer by occupation. His death occurred in 1832. His wife was born in Ohio, and of Irish descent. She died in 1841, at the age of forty-five. She was the mother of three sons: Elijah, John and our subject. William was only two years of age at the death of his father, and ten at the death of his mother. He was educated at South Salem, Ohio, making his home with his uncle, Samuel Lucas, after the death of his mother. At the age of nineteen he left his uncle's house, and when of age began to teach, and continued occupied at that profession five years, his labors being in Highland, Ross and Pike Counties. In the spring of 1856 he left his native State, and went to Van Buren County, Iowa, and in August of the same year he married Miss Lucy Jane Oldaker, who was born in Highland County, Ohio, in 1829. To them seven children have been born, these now living: Armetheus, Cromwell, Sarah Florelen and John Elsworth. Immediately after his marriage Mr. Lucas came to Schuyler County, Mo., and settled upon the Chariton River, and in 1860 located where he now resides, his home place being upon his original purchase of 160 acres. He was but a penniless youth when starting in life for himself, and has endured all the hardships incident to poverty and pioneer life, but by industry, economy and good management, is now the owner of 1,000 acres of good land, and a well-stocked farm, keeping on an average from 100 to 150 head of cattle, 300 to 500 head of sheep, ten to fifteen horses, and from forty to sixty hogs. He is one of the largest landholders in the county, and consid-

ered one of its most substantial and prominent citizens. He lost his wife March 14, 1886, and his daughter Sarah now keeps house for him. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Pierce, in 1852.

Henry A. Lehye, farmer and stock raiser, is a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and was born in 1833. His father, John, was also a native of that place, and born in 1798. He was a farmer, and immigrated to the United States, where he bought 160 acres of land in Hancock County, Ill. He died in 1863. The mother of our subject, Anna Margaret (Wisserman) Leyhe, was born in 1797 in Hesse-Kassel, Germany, and is the mother of three children, Henry A. being the second. Henry was ten years of age when he came to America, and until the age of twenty lived with his parents. In 1858 he married Miss Fredrica Schafer, whose birthplace was the same as his. She was born in November, 1840, and has ten living children: Henry I., Mary C. (wife of Samuel Snowberger), Leonard F., William A., Louisa, Edward, Albert, Helen, Bertha and Franklin. In 1865 Mr. Leyhe came to Schuyler County, Mo., and purchased 230 acres of land, where he now resides. He now owns 447 acres, has one of the finest farms in Liberty Township, and keeps on an average about seventy-five head of stock. He is a highly respected citizen, and in politics affiliates with the Democratic party, his first presidential vote having been cast for James Buchanan in 1856. He is a Master Mason, and a member of the A. O. U. W., and himself and wife are members of the German Lutheran Church.

William Logan, banker, was born near the historic battle ground of the Brandywine, upon the anniversary of that battle, September 11, 1848, and is a son of Rev. William P. and Sarah J. (McComb) Logan, natives of Chester County, Penn., and born in 1822 and 1825, respectively. They were reared and married in their native State where they lived until 1852, when they moved to Adams County, Ill.; in 1855 moved to Hancock County, Ill.; then in 1872 they removed to Atchison County, Mo., where they still reside. Both are active members of the Methodist Protestant Church, of which the father has been a local minister for thirty years, although his chief occupation has been farming. In politics he has always been a Republican. The father's ancestors came from England with William Penn, and settled in Pennsylvania. The mother's paternal ancestors came from Ireland, and the maternal from Scotland. Mrs. Logan is a distant relative of Gen. McComb, of Revolutionary fame. William Logan, the subject of this sketch, is the second of ten children born to his parents. The sixth child died September 10, 1887, which

was the first death in the family. William was educated at the common schools of Illinois, and when eighteen years of age began life for himself. He farmed in Illinois until 1861, and in 1869 removed to Memphis, Mo., where he engaged in the saw-mill business until 1871, when he came to Schuyler County and conducted several saw-mills. He became a sub-contractor in a \$40,000 railroad tie contract, but upon the failure of his superior contractors in 1872 he was left penniless. Then for five years he engaged in the mercantile business although he was still interested in the tie trade. In 1882 he and others organized a bank at Macon, Mo., and the following year reorganized it into a national bank, of which Mr. Logan became president; he also opened the Logan's Bank at Glenwood, in 1882. In connection with his banking interests he is largely engaged in farming, owns 3,200 acres of land well stocked and improved, and has large landed interests in Kansas and other Western States; is connected with various financial institutions in Kansas, notably, in the Kansas First Mortgage Company of Hutchinson, Kas.; his wealth is estimated at from \$150,000 to \$200,000. In 1871 he married Sarah J. Jackson, a native of Illinois, where she was born in 1849, and by her two children, William A. and Eva B., have been born. In politics Mr. Logan is a stanch Republican, in 1884 was elected associate county judge, and in 1886 was chosen chief county judge; he was elected by his party in a county that has a Democratic majority of 350. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has been the Master of Lodge No. 427, at Glenwood, for seven successive years. He is also a member of the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 53, at Kirksville, Mo., and Ely Commandery, No. 22, at the same place. Mr. Logan is a self-made man, a prominent and respected citizen, and a prosperous and enterprising business man. The *St. Louis Globe Democrat*, in a recent issue, said the following concerning Mr. Logan: "William Logan, of Glenwood; estimated wealth, \$150,000; owns 3,000 acres worth \$75,000; \$6,000 town property; \$10,000 bank stock; 500 head of cattle and mules; has land in Kansas and Texas, and much money loaned out; all accumulated in last ten years; made a start dealing in railroad ties and timber; property highly improved; lands all in grain; cattle high graded; proprietor of Logan's Bank in Glenwood; native of Illinois; Republican; elected county judge in 1884; twelve years in county."

James P. Logan, farmer and stock dealer, was born in Jo Daviess County, Ill., in 1852, and is the second of six children of William M. and Elizabeth (Claypole) Logan. The father was of Irish and Scotch descent, and was born in Jackson



County, Ind. When seventeen years old he went to Illinois, and when about thirty-two years of age married in Jo Daviess County, where he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer and stock dealer. He was a man of considerable property, and held various township offices. His death occurred in 1885. The mother was twice married, and is still living in Jo Daviess County, Ill. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject lived at home and received a common-school education during his youth, which he completed at the German and English Normal School, at Galena, Ill. In 1873 he came to Schuyler County, and located two miles northeast of Green Top, where he now owns 320 acres of the choice land of Schuyler County, which he has finely cultivated and improved, making him one of the most substantial farmers of the county. He was married in 1877 to Miss Drusilla, daughter of Moses and Mary Towles, a native of Schuyler County, by whom he has had four children, three living: Clarence, Myrtle, William Henry and Bessie. Mr. Logan is an enterprising and respected citizen, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a Republican in politics, having cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Grant.

M. H. McCloskey, farmer, stock raiser and carpenter, was born July 24, 1844, in Hartford County, Md., and moved to Wheeling, W. Va., when quite small. In 1846 he went to Lee County, Iowa, and in August of 1855 came to Schuyler County, Mo., where he has since resided, engaged in farming. He owns a well improved farm of 256 acres, and is one of the well-to-do farmer citizens of the county. April 8, 1875, he was married to Miss Nancy E. Ashworth, a native of Schuyler County, Mo., by whom he had one child—Matthew. This lady died April 16, 1876, and June 19, 1879 Mr. McCloskey was united in marriage to Miss Susan M. Howard, a native of Schuyler County, Mo., this union being blessed with the following children: Mary J., Allen, Eddie F., Emma and John Henry. Mr. and Mrs. McCloskey are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian and Christian Churches, respectively. In politics Mr. McCloskey is a Republican in principle, and has served his township in several official capacities. February 14, 1865, he enlisted and served until the close of the war, being mustered out at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Mo. He was the youngest child of three born to Paul and Jane (McMillan) McCloskey, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born near Lancaster, Penn. Mrs. McCloskey was the daughter of John McMillan, of Scotch descent, and born July 15, 1807. Her death occurred April 12, 1884.

Thomas McGoldrick was the fifth of a family of thirteen children of Thomas and Jane (Leedom) McGoldrick, and was

born in Allegheny County, Penn., in 1830. His father was born in Pittsburgh, Penn., in 1793, where he was reared and engaged in making edged tools. After his marriage he lived upon a farm until 1832, and then moved to Hardin County, Ohio. In 1847 he sought a home in Schuyler County, where he died in 1850. He was a Democrat in politics, and for six years served as magistrate. Mr. and Mrs. McGoldrick were both members of the Christian Church. Mrs. McGoldrick died in 1872 at the age of sixty-nine. Our immediate subject was reared upon the farm, and received but a common-school education. After the death of his father the care of his mother and the family devolved upon him, and he remained at home until twenty-five years of age, when he began life as an independent farmer. In 1857 he was united to Anna Weldon, who was born in Lewis County, Mo., in 1836. This union has been blessed with nine children: Charley, Lemoine, Eugene, Cora, Fannie, William B., Howard, Mollie L. and Ota. In politics Mr. Goldrick is a Democrat, and during the late war served in the enrolled militia. He is a Mason of Glenwood Lodge, No. 427, and himself and wife belong to the Christian Church. Mr. McGoldrick is an old resident of Schuyler County, having made his home here over forty years. He is the owner of 300 acres of choice land, and is a successful farmer, at which occupation he has made all his wealth.

Robert J. Maize was born in Jackson County, Ala., in 1822, and is a son of David and Katie (Acre) Maize, natives of Virginia and Wayne County, Ky., respectively. After their marriage they moved to Jackson County, Ala., and after living there six years removed to Lawrence County, Ind., where the mother died. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and served in New Orleans under Gen. Jackson. He was a farmer by occupation. Mrs. Maize was a member of the Baptist Church. After the death of his father, in Illinois, Robert J. accompanied a widowed aunt to Randolph County, Mo., and from there, in 1837, went to Schuyler County, Mo. Being but a lad of fifteen, at the time, he was not very enterprising, but, nevertheless, took up a claim. Later his ambition was aroused, and he became one of the most stirring business men of the community, and at one time owned 520 acres of land which he later disposed of. He is now living a retired life upon the interest of his property. In 1844 he married Louisa Riggsby, who was born in Macon County, Mo., in 1826. This union has been blessed with twelve children, eight of whom still live: Sarah A., Mary E., Martha M., Perry T., Nancy K., Cindica A., George W., Matilda R., Louisa E., Charles R., Julia E. and Ephraim H. In politics Mr. Maize is a staunch

Democrat, and during the late war served as captain of Company C, Twenty-ninth Enrolled Militia. His first presidential vote was cast for James K. Polk. Mr. Maize served his county some years as magistrate, and in his fifty years' residence here has won the esteem and honor of all his fellow citizens. Himself and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Henry A. Miller was born in Monroe County, Wis., January 16, 1854, and for a couple of years lived in Marquette County, that State, when the family moved to Iowa in 1858. He is the son of A. D. and J. B. M. Miller, who were natives of Eastern Ohio, in and near Ravenna, where some of their relatives still reside. A. D. Miller's father was a German, while his mother was of English descent. He followed farming principally in early life, although he tried several other branches of business at different times. He was born in 1821. He was married, about 1843, to Miss Julia George, who was of New England parentage, and whose great-great-grandmother, on her mother's side, was one of the Mayflower pilgrims. She (Miss George) was born in 1825. In 1848 A. D. Miller moved his family to Wisconsin, then a new country, their neighbors being chiefly the Chipewewa Indians, and it was among these neighbors that the subject of our sketch first saw the light. A. D. Miller, his father, was one of the California gold seekers of 1851, going "across" in an ox wagon, and coming back, poor, by the Panama Isthmus and New York. He was also one of the early settlers of Kansas, putting together the saw-mill and sawing out the cottonwood lumber for the first house in Eureka, the county seat of Greenwood County, where he died in 1881. Mrs. J. B. M. Miller died in Iowa in 1870. Henry, their son, was one of eight children, and in 1866, at the age of twelve, was apprenticed in the *Excelsior* printing office in Lancaster, Mo., where he worked, until in 1871 he and Mr. S. A. Dysart purchased the office. His educational advantages were very limited, being confined to the Iowa public schools till the age of twelve, and, after that time, such instruction as he could obtain from a private teacher, of evenings; he managed, however, to master the usual English branches, besides making considerable progress in German. In 1873 he purchased sole control of the *Excelsior*, which prospered very well under his management until 1883, when he traded it to W. M. Hunter for a stock of general merchandise, and has been engaged in the mercantile business ever since, having, however, associated himself as a partner with Mr. W. P. Murphy, in 1885. In all his business ventures Mr. Miller has been moderately successful, and the firm of Murphy & Miller does one of the most extensive businesses in the county. Mr. Miller was married, in

1875, to Miss Ella Potter, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of W. S. Potter, one of the early settlers of the Buckeye State, and who still survives at the age of eighty-one. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Anna, Frank and Charles. In politics Mr. Miller is a Democrat, having been elected by that party to the office of county treasurer, in 1882, which office he filled for two years. He is also a Master Mason and a member of the A. O. U. W.

Albert Minear, farmer, was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1841, and is a son of Samuel and Thaney (Rhoads) Minear. When about five years of age he was brought by his parents to Schuyler County, where he was reared upon the farm, and received but a common-school education. In 1862 he enlisted in Company G, Second Missouri Cavalry, Union army, and veteranized in 1864 in Company G, Forty-second United States Infantry. For two years he served as corporal. At the close of the war he returned home, and has since successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1865 he was united in marriage to Rachel Thompson, a native of Putnam County, Mo., and by her has had seven children: Armada, Alzada, Vesper, Clara, Leafie, Albert and Isaac E. In politics Mr. Minear is in hearty sympathy with the Republican party. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post No. 25, Department of Missouri, and is also united with the A. O. U. W. He owns a good farm of 160 acres, and is one of the prosperous and enterprising farmers of the township.

H. F. Minium, farmer and stock raiser, was born January 28, 1838, in Crawford County, Penn., and is the eldest of six children born to Sampson P. and Julia Ann (Cole) Minium, natives of Crawford County, Penn. The father was a soldier during the Rebellion, and served part of the time as drum major, and the remainder had charge of the barracks at St. Joe, Mo. The mother was a daughter of Jacob and Christine (Rennor) Cole, natives of Westmoreland County, Penn. H. F. Minium went to Brown County, Ill., August 29, 1855, and September 24, 1867, came to Schuyler County, Mo., locating in Independence Township, where he has since resided. He received a common-school education, and at the age of twenty-two started in life for himself, with no capital save energy, perseverance and good business ability. He at first worked as a farm hand, but is now the owner of 150 acres of finely improved land. February 22, 1860, he was married to Miss Sarah E. Davis, a native of Brown County, Ill., who bore him two children: Alice A. and Allen L. Mrs. Minium died in September, 1863, at the age of twenty-two, and October 11, 1864, Mr. Minium married Miss Martha McConnel, a native of Scott County, Ill. This union was blessed with

eight children: Quincy A., Marcellus, Rose, Homer (deceased), Ida, Laura (deceased), Florida and Wayne. This lady died December 29, 1883, having been a devoted Christian for twenty-five years. March 5, 1885, Mr. Minium was united in marriage to Miss Fannie E. Blodgett, a native of Indiana, but principally reared in Schuyler County, Mo. She was born about 1848, and is the mother of one child—Dora I. Mr. and Mrs. Minium are members of the Christian Church, of which the former has been ruling elder for twenty years. While living in Illinois he was ordained, in April, 1867, by the Union Baptist Church. He is independent in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas. He was elected justice of the peace in a strong Democratic township, and served four years. In 1886 he was a candidate on the Republican (with which party he has principally acted since 1862) ticket for the Legislature, but was defeated by 400 majority, on account of the county being so strongly Democratic. The paternal grandparents of the subject of this sketch, Henry and Elizabeth (Peiffer) Minium, were natives of Pennsylvania. Henry Minium was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was stationed at Fort Erie. He was a son of Henry Minium, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was born near the western line of Germany, and came to America with Gen. LaFayette.

Dr. William F. Mitchell was born in Schuyler County, Mo., September 22, 1842, and is a son of Isaac and Sarah (Underwood) Mitchell. The father was a farmer, and born in Harby, England, in 1815, and in 1837 came to the United States, and located in Green County, Ill. In 1841 he married and came to Schuyler County, Mo., and entered 280 acres of land in Liberty Township, three miles south of Lancaster, which has since remained in the family. In 1865 he removed to Alton, Ill., and in 1873 went to Girard, where he died in 1885. He was one of the early settlers of Schuyler County, and an active and influential man in the county, in the welfare of which he is greatly interested. His wife was born in Cynthiana, Ky., in 1812, and is now a resident of Girard, Ill. She is the mother of four children: William F., Robert J. (a physician of Girard, Ill., and a graduate of Shurtleff and Rush Medical Colleges), John M. (who died in service at Memphis, Tenn., in 1864), and Mary J. (a graduate of Monticello Seminary, Godfrey, Ill., and who resides with her mother). When nineteen our subject began to teach, and the following year entered Shurtleff College, having previously attended Mrs. Baird's school in Lancaster. He also taught two terms in Illinois, and in 1866 entered the medical department of the State University of Michigan, from which institution

he graduated March 25, 1868. He immediately began to practice at his birthplace, and his skill and fine character soon gained him an extensive and lucrative practice, and placed him among the leading physicians and surgeons of the county. In 1880 he joined the Missouri State Medical Association, and in 1885 the American Medical Association, of which he is the only member from Schuyler County. He is greatly interested in all advancement made in the medical world, and has done much for the literary progress of Lancaster. July 26, 1863, Dr. Mitchell married Miss Lizzie T. Marshall, who was born in Greene County, Ill., March 26, 1846. To this union ten children have been born: Elmer L., Mary A., Elillian Maud, Sarah, William F., Jr., Bertha, Robert J., George Herbert, Frederick and Oliver Wendell Holmes. In politics the Doctor is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant, in 1868. He is a Noble Grand in Odd Fellowship, and Past Master Workman of the A. O. U. W., and examining surgeon of the same. He is also surgeon of the Keokuk & Western Railroad, and is the United States Pension Examining Surgeon of Schuyler County. His wife is a Methodist. Dr. Mitchell during the war of the Rebellion was a strong Unionist, and in "the times that tried men's souls" never hesitated to actively and urgently advocate the cause of Union arms. He supported the election of Samuel J. Tilden, and has acted with the Democratic party ever since.

Thomas J. Mock was born in Schuyler County, Mo., in 1849, and is the youngest of seven children born to Elijah and Mary (Shackelford) Mock. The father was born in Bourbon County, Ky., and the mother was a native of the same State. During its early history they moved to Missouri, and located first in Howard County, then moved on to Scotland County, and afterward permanently located in Schuyler County, where they were among the pioneer settlers. Mr. Mock was a cabinet-maker by trade, but after coming to Missouri spent most of his time farming and coal mining, being more extensively interested in the latter. He opened the first mine in the county on the Chariton River. In politics he was Democratic in his views. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mock died in this county. Thomas J. was reared upon the farm. His educational advantages were very limited, as there were but few schools in the country in those days. At the age of eighteen he became interested in coal mining, and for fourteen winters he occupied his time in that manner. He is still engaged in the same business with his brothers, A. J. and Alfred, and, in partnership with the former, operates a saw-mill. He also owns a fine farm, and is considered one of the best and most enterprising business men of the county, of which he has been a resident

thirty-eight years. In 1870 he was united in marriage to Eliza Pennington, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1852, and by her has had three children: Eugene, Lunia and Alfred. Both himself and wife are members of the Christian Church. In politics Mr. Mock is a Democrat, and in Masonry a member of Glenwood Lodge, No. 427.

William S. Morgan, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Fabius Township, was born in Marion County, Mo., in 1852, and moved to Schuyler County, Mo., in 1856, where he since resided. He started in life for himself, at the age of seventeen, with no capital, but by energy, perseverance and economy, now owns a nicely improved farm of 140 acres, upon which he lives, engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1875 he was united in marriage to Miss Lorinda Cook, who was born in Texas, and reared in Missouri. To her union with Mr. Morgan five children have been born: Sarah E. (deceased); Mary E., Oscar, Homer and Lulu May. Both Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are worthy and prominent members of the Missionary Baptist Church, of which the former has been a deacon about ten years. Politically Mr. Morgan is a Democrat, and as such has served his county very acceptably as constable. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. He is the eldest of three children of John and Mary Ann (Hodges) Morgan, natives of England and Kentucky, respectively. The father accompanied his parents to America when nine years old, and settled first in Marion County, Mo., but now resides in Schuyler County, of that State. The mother was a daughter of John and Malinda (Stone) Hodges, of Kentucky, and died in 1865. One year later Mr. Morgan was again married, to Miss Nancy Mullinix, and that union was blessed with two children, now deceased. Mr. Morgan was a son of Emanuel and Martha (Giutus) Morgan, natives of Southwest England. The former went to California in 1849, and, on returning home, died of cholera at Cairo, Ill.

W. P. Murphy, of the firm of Murphy & Miller, was born in Clark County, Mo., in 1846, and is a son of Ruel and Elizabeth Murphy. The father was born in Virginia in 1799, and in his youth went to Kentucky, where he married. In 1836 he removed to Clark County, Mo., and lived there until his removal to Memphis, Mo., in 1881. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Northeast Missouri, and died in 1885. Mrs. Murphy was born in Virginia in 1804, and died in 1880. She was the mother of eleven children, our subject being the youngest. W. P. was educated at the common schools of his native county, and in 1869 came to Lancaster, established a grocery store for himself, and has since been constantly engaged in business at Lancaster, with the

exception of the year 1884, which he spent in Eldorado, Kas., in the grocery business. From 1875 to 1879 Mr. C. W. Bunch and Mr. Murphy were partners, and in 1885 the present firm of Murphy & Miller was established. They are energetic business men, and carry a fine stock of goods, and do the largest business in their line in Lancaster. In May, 1868, Mr. Murphy married Miss Dora Board, a native of Lewis County, Mo., and by her had one child—Ruel. Mrs. Murphy died in 1870, and three years later Mr. M. married Miss Ida Walker, daughter of James Walker. Mrs. Murphy was born in Ohio, and is the mother of three children: Guy, Earl and Paul. He is a Master Mason, and a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics Mr. Murphy is a Democrat.

T. G. Neeley, judge, farmer and stock raiser, is a native of Schuyler County, Mo., was born in 1849, and is a son of Robert S. and Julia D. (Jones) Neeley. The father was born in Ohio, near Lancaster, in 1821, and about 1844 came to Schuyler County, and settled upon the farm now owned by Russell Jones. He was married in this county in 1879, and then sold out and moved to Alamosa, Colo., where he now resides. He came to Schuyler County during the early history of that section of the country, and the first county court held in that vicinity was held at his house. He assisted in laying out the town of Lancaster, which he named in honor of the county seat in his native State and county. The mother of our subject was of German descent, born in Indiana, and died in 1854. T. G. is the eldest of a family of four children, and lived with his father until eighteen years of age, being educated in schools at Lancaster. In 1867 he went to Colorado and Wyoming, being absent about eighteen months, most of the time having been spent in hunting. In 1869 he returned to his birth-place, and in January, 1870, married Miss Hannah Elizabeth, daughter of John Fincher, a native of Greene County, Tenn., and born in 1849. She came to Schuyler County, Mo., when two years of age, and is the mother of six children: Martha C., Ida M., Minnie E., Ollie M., Robert Lee and Bertha I. In 1872 Mr. Neeley located where he now resides, and is the owner of 202 acres of fine land, and keeps an average of seventy-five head of cattle per annum. In politics he is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote in 1872 for Horace Greeley. He was elected county judge of the Northern District of Schuyler County for a term of two years, in 1886, and is now discharging the duties of that office with fidelity and zeal, and has won the esteem of the entire community.

William D. O'Briant, retired farmer, is a son of Zachariah and Elizabeth (Javoiden) O'Briant, natives of Virginia, born in 1792 and 1787, respectively. They were married in 1816, and



lived in their native State until 1839. They then lived in Kentucky until 1852, and came to Schuyler County, Mo., where they spent the remainder of their days, dying in 1867, their deaths occurring four months apart. Both were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and, while erecting a fort at Camp Holly, was crippled for life by the falling of a log. In early life he was an overseer, but later turned his attention to farming. In politics he was a Democrat. Of a family of seven children, William D. and the youngest were born in Prince Edward County, Va. William was reared upon the farm, and attended school about a year at a primitive log school-house. In 1852 he married Elizabeth Foglesong, daughter of Charles Foglesong. Mrs. O'Brient was born in Wythe County, Va., and to her union with Mr. O'Brient six children have been born: Henry W., Harriet J. (deceased wife of W. L. Stacy), Zachariah, James E., William C. and an infant (deceased.) In politics Mr. O'Brient and all his sons are Democrats. He began life a poor man, but by industry and the assistance of his faithful wife he became the owner of 275 acres of land, of which he now owns 168. He has been a resident of Schuyler County for thirty-five years.

Henry W. O'Brient, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Schuyler County, June 26, 1853, and is a son of William D. and Elizabeth (Foglesong) O'Brient. He was reared upon a farm, and his educational opportunities were limited to the advantages offered by the common schools of his neighborhood. When twenty-one years of age he began life as an independent farmer, and in 1875 was united in marriage to Margaret W. Gosser, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Walthour) Gosser. Mrs. O'Brient was born July 9, 1850, in Westmoreland County, Penn., and when about seven years old was brought by her parents to Schuyler County. Her union with the subject of this sketch has been blessed with seven children: William E., Charles H., Lewis I., Sarah E., Ida K., Hattie J. and Henry M. Both Mr. and Mrs. O'Brient are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. O'Brient had enough money to purchase a nice little farm of forty acres, and by industry, economy and good management, they have increased their possessions to 214 acres of good, improved land, and are considered prosperous and enterprising citizens. Mr. O'Brient is a Democrat, and a member of the A. O. U. W. He takes especial pains in the rearing of fine stock as is well attested by his fine Short-horn cattle, Berkshire hogs and poultry.

Leonard A. Parker, junior member of the firm of Tice & Parker, is a native of Sangamon County, Ill., and was born in

1836. His father, Jacob, was a native of Kentucky, and of English descent. After his marriage to our subject's mother, Sarah (Bray) Parker, he moved to Sangamon County, Ill., and there died about 1849. He was a lieutenant in the War of 1812, and fought in the battle of New Orleans. He was a farmer by occupation. The mother was about five years her husband's junior, and a native of North Carolina. She died in 1841. When Leonard A. was but five years old he was bound out to Peter Gates, with whom he remained about nine years, attending school some two months of each year. When fifteen years old he began life for himself as an employe on a farm, and attended school during the winter months, and afterward taught school for four years. In 1857 he came to Schuyler County, where, in 1861, he married Miss Sarah, daughter of Benjamin and Charlotte Brown, formerly of North Carolina, but early settlers of Schuyler County, where Mrs. Parker was born. To this union seven children were born, of whom five are living: Albert (of Milan), Elias F. (of Kansas), Amice B., Ellen B. and Clara. Mr. Parker soon rented land and farmed about four years, then entered the mercantile business with William Gatlin, which he conducted five years, and then purchased a farm, and farmed fifteen years. In 1884 he purchased an interest in a general store, and is now a member of the firm as above stated. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Douglas. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Mrs. Palmer died October 1, 1881.

Hon. Mark B. Patterson is a native of Searsport, Me., and was born in 1827. His parents, John and Hannah (Lancaster) Patterson, were also natives of that State, where they spent their entire lives. Mr. Patterson's father was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, born in Belfast, Me. He was a shipbuilder and master mariner, and spent many years upon the sea. His death occurred in 1856. His widow died in 1861, at the age of seventy-six. Our subject received a common-school education, and at the age of fourteen went to sea, and for some years engaged in coasting from Bangor, Me., to Charleston, S. C., and other points, during the summer months, and during the winter attended school. He afterward made voyages to New Orleans, West Indies, and other places, and lived the life of a sailor, about nine years in all. In January, 1850, he went to California, and engaged in mining until the winters' rains set in. Becoming convinced that it would not be profitable nor expedient to remain in the mines during the rainy season, he determined to return home, but, on the eve of his departure, accepted a position upon a vessel running between Sacramento City and San Francisco, receiving \$100 a month, for five months; then he returned to the mines again, and remained in same

five years; had reasonable success, and in 1856 he returned to his native home, and in the fall of the same year went to Iowa, purchasing a section of land near Grinnell. After a year and a half's residence there he went to Pike's Peak, and spent about four years. He then returned to Iowa, and in 1867 married Amanda Crosby, and reared three children, all now dead. Soon after his marriage he came to Schuyler County, Mo., where Mrs. Patterson died in 1872, and a year later our subject wedded Mrs. Addie Brower, widow of Elias Brower, and daughter of John and Bethany Mikel, formerly of North Carolina, where Mrs. Patterson was born. She accompanied her parents to Schuyler County when but two years old, where her father died in 1864 at the age of sixty-four. He was of German ancestry. The mother is still living in Adair County. When Mr. Patterson came to Schuyler County he located two and one-half miles west of Queen City, where he has a fine farm of 360 acres, on which he remained until 1873. In 1882 he removed to Queen City, where he has since lived in retirement. He was a justice of the peace four years, and in 1878 was elected to represent Schuyler County in the Lower House of the General Assembly, and served two years very satisfactorily. His occupation in early life naturally led him to identify himself with the Democratic party, on account of its low tariff and unrestricted commerce policy, which necessarily enhances a sailor's interests, and later, as an agriculturist, he advocated the same political principles as he belongs to a class whose interests are bettered by free commerce. His first presidential vote was cast for Buchanan. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and his wife has been united with the Methodist Episcopal Church South since twenty years of age.

Judge Yelverton W. Payton was born in Madison County, Ky., in 1815, and is the second of a family of eight children. His parents, Yelverton and Mildred (White) Payton, were natives of Madison County, Ky., and the father was of English ancestry. In 1843 he removed to Randolph County, Mo., where he died in 1858, when sixty-four years old. His occupation was that of farming, and he was a volunteer in the War of 1812, serving under Gen. Harrison at the battle of Tippecanoe. The grandfather of our subject, Yelverton Payton, was a native of Virginia, and born in 1755. His wife, Anna (Guffey) Payton, was born at the same place in 1762. Mr. Payton was a soldier in the War for Independence, and, as he was an early settler of Kentucky, was in all the Indian Wars in that section. The mother of Yelverton died December 25, 1885, at the age of ninety-two, and had for many years been a member of the Baptist Church. Yelverton W. was reared by his grandparents, and received but

a limited education. When sixteen years old he began to learn the tanner's trade, at which he served three years. In 1836 he wedded Miss Sallie Ann, daughter of William and Hannah Geery, formerly of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Payton was born in Madison County, Ky., in 1820, and has borne her husband nine children, eight now living, and all residents of Schuyler County: Henry Guffey, Elizabeth (deceased), Frances Ann (wife of Andrew Mills), Josephus, Susan (wife of Monroe Fugate), Emily, Lura (wife of David Easten), Laura (wife of James Fugate) and John C. In 1848 Mr. Payton removed to Schuyler County, and located at Lancaster, where he engaged in the tanning business some years. He then settled three miles east of that town, and there remained until 1865, when he removed to Iowa, but in the fall of the same year returned, and the next spring accompanied a colony to Carthage and remained during the summer, then went to Randolph County, and there remained two years. Returning to Schuyler County he located two miles southwest of Queen City, where he has a farm of over 300 acres, after having given about 100 acres to his children. He has always been an active and industrious man, and is regarded as one of the substantial and respected citizens of the county. He was a Whig during the days of that party, but is now a Democrat, and as such efficiently filled the office of county judge two years. His first presidential vote was cast for Harrison. He is a worthy and long standing member of the Masonic fraternity, and is greatly interested in the general welfare and prosperity of his country. Mrs. Payton died January 29, 1886.

Hon. Edwin F. Payton, attorney, is a native of Schuyler County, Mo., was born March 2, 1858, and is a son of Benjamin and Susan (Burford) Payton. The father is of Irish descent, and was born in Anderson County, Ky., in 1820. In 1857 he came to Schuyler County, Mo., and settled one and one-half miles north of Lancaster, where he owns 160 acres of land, but for the past eight months he has been a resident of Lancaster. The mother was also born in Anderson County, Ky., in 1818, and died in 1885. She was the mother of twelve children, ten of whom are living: John (a farmer), W. M. (a farmer), Amanda J. (wife of Josiah Beasley), Joseph B. (a farmer), Benjamin L. (a farmer), Sisie, James P. (farmer and stock dealer), Martha E. (wife of Lewis Van Aken), Edwin F. and Elmer E. (a farmer). Our subject was educated in Lancaster, and at the age of twenty began to teach, his last term of school being spent as principal of a Lancaster school. Later Mr. Payton began the study of law, under the Hon. C. C. Fogle, in November, 1880, was admitted to the bar, and in 1884 began to practice in partnership with the Hon. C. C. Fogle. In Sep-

tember, 1886, he established an office by himself, and is now practicing alone. In politics he is a Democrat, and in the spring of 1883 was made school commissioner of Schuyler County, which position he filled two years. In November, 1884, he was elected prosecuting attorney of Schuyler County, which position he filled two years, and so efficiently that in 1886 he was re-elected, and is now discharging the duties of that office. He is master Mason of Lodge No. 259, at Lancaster, and is a member of the A. O. U. W. December 14, 1886, he married Miss Annie Stokes, daughter of Daniel Stokes, a native of Wisconsin, and both are members of the Christian Church.

Otto Plessner, carriage and wagon manufacturer, was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1846, and when three years of age accompanied his mother to America. His father, Dr. M. C. T. Plessner, was born in Striegau, Prussia, in 1813, and was a son of Prof. Henry Plessner, of the University of Breslau. M. C. T. Plessner received a fine literary education at the gymnasium, and a medical education at the University of Berlin. He became so prominent in his chosen profession that he was chosen physician of the king, but on account of his sympathy with the people, during their revolt in 1848, was banished from the empire and his property confiscated. After the war he was pardoned by Emperor William, and given \$40,000 for his lost property. In 1849 he came to America, and located at Saginaw, Mich., where his ability was soon recognized, and he became one of the foremost of his profession. He took an active interest in public affairs, and was for ten years president of the board of education in Saginaw. In 1868 he was a presidential elector upon the Republican ticket. In Masonry he took all the degrees. He died at the age of seventy-two. His wife who is nine years his junior is still a resident of Saginaw. Otto Plessner is one of a family of fourteen children, and was reared at Saginaw, where at the age of fourteen he learned the blacksmith's trade. When sixteen years of age he volunteered in Company H, of the Second Ohio Heavy Artillery, in which he served twenty-eight months. He accompanied Gen. Sherman from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and after that served under Gen. Stoneman. After the war he went to Indianapolis and learned the wagon-maker's trade. In 1869 he went to Saginaw, and established a carriage factory, but in 1873 was called to Danville, Ky., and offered a position as foreman of a factory at a salary of \$1,500 per annum. Two years later he opened a factory at Sigourney, Iowa, and in 1883 came to Coatsville, Mo., and now owns the largest carriage factory in the county, and as a workman is unsurpassed in skill. While in Indiana, in 1868, he was married to Maggie Coy, and by her has

had seven children: Mollie, Ettie, William, Daniel, Ida, Louis and Matilda. He is a Republican, and a member of the G. A. R., Glenwood Post, No. 25.

William D. Powell was born in Greene County, Va., December 15, 1834, and is a son of Jackson T. and Mandana (Yowell) Powell, natives of the same State. The father was of Welsh, and the mother of English ancestry. They were reared and married in Virginia, and that was also the native State of two of their children. In 1835 they moved to Cass County, Ill., where the father helped build and lay out the town of Virginia and served as sheriff several years. Two children were born to them while in that State. In 1842 they moved to Randolph County, Mo., where the father died in 1861. The mother still lives. Their family of children was increased to five while in the latter State. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade, but a farmer by occupation. The mother belongs to the Missionary Baptist Church. William D. was chiefly reared in Missouri, and received his education at the district schools. At the age of twenty-one he began to teach and farm, and after that engaged in mercantile business. In 1872 he came to Schuyler County, and engaged in cattle trading quite unsuccessfully. From there he went to Macon County, and in 1878 represented his county in the State Legislature. In 1881 he went to Clarence, Shelby County, and edited the *Clarence Courier*. In 1884 he moved to Moulton, Iowa, and took charge of the *Moulton Tribune*, which is ably edited by his wife, Mrs. Matilda F. Powell. In 1887 he gained control of the *Glenwood Criterion*, which he now conducts. In 1858 he married Matilda F. Dameron, daughter of Benjamin Dameron, sheriff of Randolph County, in which county Mrs. Powell was born in 1842. To this union three children have been born: Annie K., Ida M. and Effie J. During the late war Mr. Powell served as second lieutenant in the State Militia. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and himself and wife belong to the Christian Church.

Sylvanus Purdy, farmer, is a son of Sylvanus and Julia (Hull) Purdy, both natives of the State of New York, where they were reared, married and spent their lives. The father was an extensive farmer in that State, and in politics a Democrat. Mrs. Purdy was the mother of three sons and five daughters, and a Christian lady, being a worthy member of the Baptist Church. Her death occurred in 1837, and Mr. Purdy married a Quaker, Mary Frost, by whom he had five children. The subject of this sketch was the youngest child of the first marriage, and was born in New York City, but, as his parents lived there but a short time, his youth was spent upon a farm on the Hud-

son. When about nineteen years of age he evinced a taste for the life of a sailor, and took passage on a vessel as a roustabout. He afterward became captain of a vessel, but, after filling this office a short time, went upon the ocean as fireman of the steamer "Georgia," captain, Admiral Porter, which ran from New York to Panama, stopping at Cuba. In 1851 he sailed from New York for San Francisco via Cape Horn, stopping at Rio Janeiro four weeks, and at Chili, and arriving at his destination after a voyage of six months. He worked a short time in the mines, and then went to Sacramento, and engaged in gardening four years. In 1856 he returned to New York, and married Ruth L. Coe, daughter of John H. and Maria (Lake) Coe, natives of New York, where their lives were spent in agricultural pursuits. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Purdy was born in Ulster County, N. Y., in 1830, and to her marriage with Mr. Purdy four children have been born: Wells C., Amanda, Addison W. and John S. The three sons are engaged upon the railroad. After having merchandised, operated a mill, farmed, and kept a restaurant until about 1867, Mr. Purdy and his family moved to Iowa, where he engaged in farming and shipping grain. In 1874 he came to Glenwood, and has since dealt in grain and pressed hay, and has the credit of being the first man to run a hay press in the county. In politics Mr. Purdy is, and always has been, a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Pierce. He was a Master Mason while living East. He now owns a nice dairy farm of eighty acres, adjoining Glenwood, and is one of the well-to-do farmers of the township. Mrs. Purdy is a Presbyterian.

John H. Rambo, M. D., is the oldest practitioner in Glenwood. His parents were George W. and Liza J. (Far) Rambo, natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married. They left their native State in 1856, and removed to Van Buren County, Iowa, where they still live. By trade Mr. Rambo is a potter, but for many years has engaged exclusively in farming. He is a member of the Dunkard Church. John H. Rambo is the third of a family of thirteen children, and was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1851. His first work was grinding potter's clay, but he disliked the work so heartily that his one thought was, how to escape such drudgery. Seeing a physician pass, he became possessed of a desire to study the profession of medicine. To that end he was educated at the common schools of the neighborhood and then spent two years at a Normal School. He then taught school, and studied medicine in his leisure hours. Then for five years he clerked in a drug store and read medicine under Dr. Samuel L. Bergen. In 1879-80 he attended a course of lectures

at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, and graduated from that institution in 1882, having previously practiced to some extent in Glenwood. For the last seven years he has continued his practice at the last mentioned place, and enjoys a large and lucrative practice and the esteem and good will of the community. In 1874 he wedded Phidelia L. Gray, daughter of Jonas H. Gray, and by her has had two children—Mont E. and Maude. Mrs. Rambo was born in Perry County, Ohio, in 1848. Although his father is a Democrat, and he was reared under Democratic influence, Dr. Rambo is a stanch Republican. He is an Odd Fellow and a deputy in the order of A. O. U. W.

James A. Rector is a native of Lawrence County, Ind., his birth occurring in 1838, and is a son of Bennett and Elizabeth (Neal) Rector. The father is of Irish descent and a native of Grayson County, Va., where he was born in 1812. He was a farmer and cabinet-maker, and during his youth went to Lawrence County, Ind., where he was married in 1837, and in the spring of 1854, immigrated to Appanoose County, Iowa, and the following year came to Schuyler County, Mo., locating in Lancaster and engaging in the mercantile business. In 1861 he returned to Iowa and located at Eddyville, and engaged in the same business. In 1883, he sold out and returned to Schuyler County, Mo., where he now resides, four miles northeast of the county seat. His wife, our subject's mother, was born in North Carolina, March 17, 1807, and at the time of her marriage to Mr. Rector was the widow of Levi Melvin, who died in 1834, and by whom she had six children; and six children were born to the last marriage, of whom our subject is the oldest. When sixteen years of age James A. came to Missouri, and made his home with his parents until he was past twenty-one years of age. March 17, 1864, he married Miss Mary McGehond, a native of Pennsylvania, and then settled in Lancaster, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits for two years. Mrs. Rector died November 29, 1864, and October 11, 1868, Mr. Rector was united in marriage to Nancy B., daughter of George Moore. This lady was born in Virginia in 1847, and has borne the following children: Tillie E., Schuyler N., Nellie M., George B. and Bessie G. In 1868 Mr. Rector began to farm, purchasing eighty acres of land in Prairie Township. In 1883 he located where he now resides, a half mile south of Lancaster, and has increased his possessions to 120 acres. In politics he is a Republican, and his first presidential vote was cast for Bell and Everett. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. After the death of his first wife Mr. Rector went to Eddyville and became his father's partner in the grocery business, but, in 1868, returned to Lancaster, where he has since resided.



J. B. Riley was born June 3, 1836, in Fauquier County, Va.; moved to Scotland County, Mo., October 30, 1854, and to Schuyler County, Mo., April 16, 1865, where he has since resided. He has been engaged in farming and stock raising ever since his boyhood, and started in life dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood when but eighteen years old. He now owns 184 acres of land upon which he resides. April 23, 1863, he married Miss Mary Z., daughter of David and Margaret (York) Carney, natives of North Carolina, and Clermont County, Ohio, respectively, and the former, a Revolutionary War soldier. Mr. Carney was a son of Thomas and Mary (Hunt) Carney, natives of Iredell County, Va., who afterward removed to Pendleton County, Ky., where Mr. Carney died. The mother died in Johnson County, Mo. To Mr. and Mrs. Riley ten children have been born, viz.: William F., Emma S., John Thomas, Jesse Van Buren, Abba May, Carrie M., Charley, James A., Marietta and Evalyn. Mrs. Riley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Riley is a Democrat, and is the third of five children born to Willis and Elizabeth (Dean) Riley. The mother having died in 1852 Mr. Riley was again married, Miss Sarah Jett becoming his wife, by whom he had four children. His first wife was the daughter of John and Susan (Pullum) Dean. Mrs. Margaret Carney, the mother-in-law of the subject of this sketch, was a daughter of Jesse and Nancy (Gibson) York. Mrs. York was a daughter of Alexander Gibson, who was a soldier in the Revolution and the War of 1812. Mr. David Carney, the father-in-law of our subject, was a prosperous farmer and served in the Revolutionary War.

John Rice Rippey, a prominent farmer and stock raiser, is of Scotch-Irish and German parentage, and was born in Schuyler County, Mo., November 25, 1843. He is the seventh of nine children born to William V. and Nancy R. (Crim) Rippey, natives of Virginia, born in 1806 and 1808, respectively. When young they moved to Lexington, Ky., and there married and lived until about 1830, when they went to Howard County, Mo., and some time after to Monroe County. About 1837 they removed to Schuyler County, where the father died in 1866. William V. Rippey was a Whig until the dissolution of that party, and afterward became a Democrat. By occupation he was a farmer, and ranked among the most enterprising men of the county. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, to which his widow belongs. Mrs. Rippey now lives with the subject of this sketch, who was reared upon the farm, and received a good education at the common schools of the neighborhood, and the Lancaster High School. At the age of

seventeen he took charge of his father's farm, and after the death of his father, purchased the old homestead upon which he now lives, and by good management has increased his possessions to 700 acres of land. He is one of the most prominent farmers and stock raisers of the county, and makes a specialty of fine blooded stock, and has taken great pride in improving the quality of stock in the county. He owns two fine standard bred stallions—Royal Clay and Green Bush Warrior; two full blooded Clydesdale—Blooming Heather and Duke of Ottawa; two Mammoth Jacks—Thomas Moore, Jr., and Don Juan. Of cattle he has a herd of twenty registered Short-horns, and also owns some fine Poland-China hogs and poultry. In 1867 he married Mary E. Dickerson, a native of Monroe County, Mo., born in 1845, and by her has had four children: Jessie Maud, Lillian Clare, John Rice, Jr., and William Lyons. Mr. Rippey is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and his wife of the Cumberland Presbyterian. In politics Mr. Rippey is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Seymour. In 1880 he was chosen representative of Schuyler County to the Thirty-first General Assembly, and had previously served in the State Constitutional Convention of 1875. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belonged to Glenwood Lodge, No. 427.

Nicholas T. Roberts, county collector, was born in Howard County, Mo., in 1839, and is a son of David A. and Rachel (Lee) Roberts. The father was of Scotch and German descent and born in Madison County, Ky., in 1815. When five years old he accompanied his father, Nicholas Roberts, to Howard County, Mo., where he was married in 1838. In February, 1840, he came to Schuyler County, Mo., and located four miles south of Lancaster, in Prairie Township, where he owned 240 acres of land. In 1846 he was elected justice of the peace and served four years. In 1854 he was elected county judge and served six years. He was a Union man during the war, and in the fall of 1862 enlisted in Company K, Tenth Missouri Infantry, and served nearly a year. He was discharged on account of disability and died ten days after returning home. He was a prominent and influential citizen, and a leading Democrat of the community in which he lived. His wife was of English descent, and born in Howard County, Mo., in 1822. She was the mother of ten children, of whom our subject is the eldest, and died in 1885. Seven of the children are now living. Nicholas T. was but an infant when he was brought to Schuyler County, and the entire north-east Missouri was an unbroken wilderness; he received a common-school education, and also attended the private school of Mrs. Baird in Lancaster, who was a highly cultured lady. At

the age of twenty he began to teach school during the winter months, and farmed during the summer months, continuing this mode of life until 1875. His teaching was confined to Schuyler County with the exception of one summer, in 1860, he taught in his native county. In the summer of 1861 he enlisted in the Missouri State Militia and in the fall was captured at Hilltown, Iowa, but was soon released. In 1874 he was elected county assessor, and two years later re-elected; in 1878 was elected sheriff and re-elected in 1880, and in 1886 was elected county collector. October 14, 1860, he married Miss Nancy M. Fulcher, born in Schuyler County, Mo., in December, 1842. This union has been blessed with six children: Ida (wife of Samuel A. Dysart, attorney-at-law at Lancaster), Edson H. (lumber merchant and ex-deputy county clerk, deputy sheriff and deputy circuit clerk), Rachel, Nevada, Fannie and John A. In politics Mr. Roberts has always been a Democrat, and cast his first vote for Douglas in 1860; he is a Master Mason and a member of the A. O. U. W. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church South. His uncle, Thomas Roberts, came to Schuyler County in 1840, and afterward became one of its prominent citizens and served as probate judge, sheriff, county collector and representative.

M. T. Rogers, farmer and stock raiser, was born January 31, 1841, in Schuyler County, Mo., and is the fifth child of eleven born to John and Anna (Beasley) Rogers. The father was born near Franklin, Ky., and the mother was a native of Georgia. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a minister of the gospel in the Baptist Church. M. T. Rogers has been engaged in farming and stock raising since his early boyhood, and when twenty years of age began life for himself with a capital of \$400, and by good investment and economy has become the owner of 230 acres of nicely improved land, and is now one of the substantial farmers of the county. In 1861 he wedded Miss Jane Snider, who bore him one child—George Andrew. His first wife having died in 1871, a year later Mr. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Malissa C. Snider, daughter of Edwin and Eliza (Groseclose) Snider, and to this union seven children have been born: Joseph E. (deceased), Howard L., Lewis T. (deceased), Walter E., William L., Thelan H. and Anna E. Mrs. Rogers is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Rogers is a Democrat, and during the war served about three months in the C. S. A., Missouri State Militia. In Masonry he is a member of the Blue Lodge.

George W. Rolston was born in Pennsylvania in 1839, and when ten years old went with his parents to Ritchie County,

Va., where he received a common-school education. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company K, Sixth West Virginia Cavalry, Union Army, and served three years. He was in the battles of Second Bull Run, Gettysburg, Cedar Mountain, Drop Mountain and Rocky Gap, and a great many minor engagements. His service was most of the time under Gen. Averill and he received his discharge at Wheeling, W. Va., in 1864. In 1866 he was married to Miss Louisa L., daughter of Isaac and Sarah Spears, formerly of Ohio, where Mrs. Rolston was born, and to this union three children have been born, viz.: Alice, William and Nellie. Two years after his marriage Mr. Rolston removed to Schuyler County, and located one and one-half miles northwest of Green Top, where he now has a fine and well improved farm of 120 acres, which is the result of his labor and good management, as he started in life a poor man. He has made farming his chief occupation, although early in life he spent some time teaching school. He makes horse breeding a specialty, having raised on his farm some of the finest Percheron and Clydesdale horses in Northern Missouri. He is a son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Ross) Rolston, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch descent, and born in 1810 and 1813. The father died in 1876, in Schuyler County, and the mother in 1861, in Virginia. Our subject is a Republican and cast his first presidential vote for John Bell in 1860.

W. D. Ross, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Brown County, Ohio, where he lived until 1880, and then moved to Schuyler County, Mo. Since boyhood farming has been his occupation, and after receiving an academical education he started out in life for himself at the age of twenty-two. He then had no property, but is now the owner of a nicely improved farm of eighty acres, upon which he resides. In 1857 he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Moyers, daughter of Joseph and Lena Ellen (Carter) Moyers, and to this union seven children were born: George A., Mollie E., and five who died in infancy. Mrs. Ross was a member of the Christian Church and died in January, 1886, aged fifty years and thirteen days. Mr. Ross is also united with the Christian Church, and in politics is a Democrat. His first presidential vote was cast for James Buchanan. He has served his township in several different capacities very acceptably, and is one of the respected and prosperous citizens of the county. He was the eldest of four children of Abner and Mary (Day) Ross, natives of Brown County, Ohio, but now residents of Schuyler County, Mo., where they moved in 1881. Abner Ross is a son of William and Catherine (Harper) Ross. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and served as lieutenant of his

company. The mother is a daughter of Mark and Lena (Carter) Day, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. Mr. Day was a soldier in the War of 1812, in which he was wounded. His parents were Asa and Isabelle Day. The paternal great-grand parents of the subject of this sketch, Isaiah and Mary (Harper) Ross, were natives of Virginia. Isaiah served during the entire Revolutionary War, was taken prisoner, and held for one year, at the end of which time he was released.

P. S. Sagerty was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1836, and is a son of Thomas and Mary Ann (Sidles) Sagerty. The father is a descendant of a Dutch family, and was born in Ohio, in 1809, and is a carpenter and joiner by trade. His father, Jacob, was born in New York and officiated as a subordinate officer in the War of 1812, under Gen. Wayne. Thomas lived in Warren County and Cincinnati, Ohio, until 1836, and then went to Van Buren County, Iowa, where he now resides. His wife was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, in 1808, and died in 1865. She was of German descent, and her father, Peter Sidles, was a fife major in the war of the Revolution. She was the mother of nine children, of whom our subject is the fourth. He was educated at Lebanon, Ohio, and for two winters taught a select night school. When fourteen, he began to work in a printing office as an apprentice, for 50 cents per week, and remained there three years. The paper published was the *Western Star of Lebanon*, which had a wide circulation. He afterward worked as journeyman, and the last four years was foreman and editor of the same establishment. June 19, 1856, he married Miss Frances A. Whitaker, daughter of D. H. and Anna Whitaker, who was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, in 1838, and has borne our subject ten children: Alfred E., Mary F., Annie L. (wife of J. W. Cooksey), James F., Ida, Horace, George T., Myrtle, Harry, Chester. Mr. Sagerty farmed one year in Van Buren County, Iowa, and then went to Bentonsport, Iowa, and took charge of the Bentonsport *Signal*, but in fourteen months moved the paper to Albia, where the name was changed to the *Albia Republic*. Eight months later he abandoned newspaper work and went to Scotland County, Mo., and engaged in mercantile business two years, and in 1873 moved to Downing, Schuyler County, where he built the present large warehouse and bought and sold grain and kept a drug and grocery store for five years, during which time he erected eight houses. In 1882 he was appointed superintendent of the poor farm, of which he has since had control, treating the unfortunate ones with kindly consideration. He is a Democrat, and served as assessor of Scotland County two years, and also served as assessor of Schuyler County for two years and as justice of the peace of Schuyler

County for four years. He was chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Schuyler County six years, and is Mason of the Royal Arch Degree.

Hon. Lucius Sanderson, attorney-at-law and notary public, was born in Vermont, in 1820, and is a son of Levi and Sallie (Bean) Sanderson. The father was born in Massachusetts in 1783, and died in 1869. He is of English ancestry and can trace his lineage directly back to the Puritan fathers. When of age he went to Vermont, married there in 1806, and spent the remainder of his days in that State, engaged in farming. He was a justice of the peace, and served as militiaman in the War of 1812. His father, John Sanderson, was a native of Massachusetts, and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The mother of our subject was born in Nova Scotia about 1786, and died at the age of sixty-four. She was a daughter of John Bean, formerly a resident of the Hampshire grant of land, but during the War of Independence he accepted the offer, made by the British Governor, to grant large tracts of land to colonists who would settle in Nova Scotia. The tract upon which he settled now includes the city of Halifax, N. S. Lucius was reared at home and received an English academical education, and was also a student of the French language. He taught school while quite young and before his majority began to study law, which he has made his life profession and in which he has been very successful, being a fluent and eloquent speaker and a good reasoner. In March, 1843, he wedded Miss Lucretia M., daughter of Joseph and Rhoda Prentiss, of Vermont, and to them ten children have been born, of whom five are living: Joseph E. P. (of Ray County), Agnes L. (wife of William A. Lafler (of Brunswick, Mo.), Carrie E., (wife of H. O. Benton, of Brunswick, Mo.), Lucia M. (wife of Joseph G. Sickles of Centerville, Iowa), and Florence E. (widow of John W. Walker). In 1855 Mr. Sanderson removed to Kingston, Waushara Co., Wis., and about ten years later removed to Erie County, N. Y., and while living there accepted a position on the Wabash Railroad. In 1869 he removed to Missouri and lived for a time in Kansas City and Macon City, but in 1873 located at Queen City, where he has since made his home, practicing his profession with great success. Being of an active temperament, he in his early days preferred a more active life and gave more attention to outside business than to his profession. Later in life he has devoted more time to his profession, but confined it chiefly to office work. He was formerly a Whig, and cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay in 1844, but since the war has been a Republican. Despite the earnest solicitations of his friends that he accept the nomination for the office of representative of Schuyler

County, he refused, preferring to devote his entire attention to his profession. Mrs. Sanderson was born in 1825, and has for many years been a member of the Congregational Church.

H. D. Satterfield, surveyor, was born in Pike County, Ohio, in 1838, and is a son of John and Mary (Copas) Satterfield, natives of Virginia, and born near Harper's Ferry in 1812 and 1813, respectively. When small they were brought to Pike County, Ohio, and were married in that State and county. In 1878 they removed to Schuyler County, Mo., where the mother died in 1882, and where the father is still living. Both had united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject was reared at home on the farm, and received but a common-school education. In 1863 he married Miss Rebecca, daughter of John and Nancy Johnson, all natives of Pike County, Ohio. This union was blessed with nine children, of whom six are living: Mary A., Susan, Cassie, Anna Florence, Lillie and Rosy (twins). Our subject remained in Pike County until 1874, and then located five miles west of Queen City, in Schuyler County, Mo., where he lived until 1883, and then removed to Queen City, where he now resides. He has made farming his principal occupation, and has taught school twenty-five years, during the winter. In 1884 he was elected surveyor of the county, and has since filled that position very efficiently. He has always been interested in all educational projects, and his children are receiving good educations, and fitting themselves for teachers. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Douglas. He is a member of the Christian Church, his wife of the United Brethren, and his three daughters of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is of Irish descent. His grandfather, James Satterfield, was born in Virginia, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

William Schafer was born in Prussia in 1824, and is a son of Adam and Elizabeth Schafer, also natives of that country, and born in 1778 and 1790, respectively. The father died in 1828, and the mother in 1872. Adam was a farmer, distiller and butcher by occupation, and served as first lieutenant under Napoleon Bonaparte. He was also collector and treasurer of his town for some years. The mother came to the United States in 1855, and her death occurred at the residence of our subject, at Lancaster. William was one of a family of four children, and while in his native country complied with the law of that land, and attended school from the age of six until he became fourteen years of age. At the age of twenty he began to learn the wagon-maker's trade, at which he worked five years. In 1845 he immigrated to America, and located at Palmyra, Marion Co., Mo.,

where he resumed work at his trade. April 18, 1847, he married Miss Mary C. Kuthe, who was born in Germany in 1824, and came to America in 1845. Of this union there are six living children: William, Mary (wife of Louis Schmit), George, Catherine, Susan and Adam. In 1852 Mr. Schafer removed to Lancaster, working at his trade until 1855, when he engaged in the mercantile trade. He sold his store in 1857, and built a mill at a cost of \$4,500, which he ran until 1874, and then erected his present building, which is a five-story brick, 36x46 feet, has ten sets of rollers, and is equipped with all the latest improvements. The building cost \$17,000, and has a capacity of sixty barrels per day. Mr. Schafer does a large business, and makes several brands of flour, among them—"Extra Fancy," "Family," "Patent" and "Fancy Patent"—both for home and foreign trade. In politics he is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Taylor in 1848. In religion he and his wife are Catholics. They are among the prosperous and well-to-do citizens of the town, and reside in a house nicely situated, which cost about \$3,000.

Peter F. Schwartz, merchant, was born in Germany, in 1836, and is a son of Andrew and Annie Schwartz, also natives of Germany, where they were reared and married. They came to the United States in 1842, and located in Centreville, St. Clair Co., Ill., where they both died in the same week, of cholera, in the year 1848. After the death of his parents, Peter F. lived in Illinois four years, with a family of the same name, and then went with them to St. Louis, Mo., staying there one summer, then moved back to Illinois, and in 1861 enlisted in Company C, Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served through Tennessee, the battles of Vicksburg, Island No. 10, New Madrid, Corinth, Iuka, Missionary Ridge, and the entire Georgia and Atlanta campaign to the sea, then on to the grand review, at Washington. He was mustered out at Louisville, Ky. In September, 1865, after four years of active and faithful service for his adopted country, he was honorably discharged at Springfield, Ill. In 1867 he married Miss Apalonia Bellm, also a German, and to them the three following children have been born: Emma, Louisa and Frank. The year of his marriage he came to Schuyler County, and located at Glenwood. He established a harness shop, having learned that business when a young man, and remained there until about 1874, when he purchased a farm three-and-a-half miles west of Glenwood, and farmed until 1877, when he removed to Queen City, and resumed the harness business. In 1879 he purchased a stock of general hardware and agricultural implements, and has handled that in



connection with the above named business since. He has been a prominent Mason for a long time, and is one of the most public spirited men of the community, and is giving his children a good college education. Formerly Mr. Schwartz was a Democrat and cast his first presidential vote for Buchanan, but since the war has become a Republican.

Reuben L. Scurlock was born in Jackson County, Ohio, in 1823, and is a son of Joshua and Martha (Long) Scurlock. The father was a native of Stokes County, N. C., and the mother of Botetourt County, Va. When young they went to Jackson County, Ohio, where they were married, and raised a family of thirteen children. In 1853 they came to Schuyler County. The father died while visiting in Iowa. The mother returned, and made her home with a daughter. In 1882, while returning home from a visit, Mrs. Scurlock fell in stepping from the train, and sustained injuries which proved fatal. She was a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Scurlock was a Whig in politics, and at one time served as lieutenant of a militia company. His chief occupation was farming, but he was also a good shoemaker, cooper, gunsmith, etc. Reuben L. was reared upon a farm, and received but limited educational advantages, but afterward increased his knowledge by reading and observation. He remained at home until 1850, and then married Lucy A. Aleshire, a native of Jackson County, Ohio, and born in 1828. To this union three children were born: Jugirtha T., Nelson J. and Reuben P. Mrs. Scurlock is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Scurlock is a staunch Republican, and during the war served as a militiaman. He has served his township as magistrate, and has also filled several minor offices. He lived in Ohio until 1856, and then moved to Schuyler County, locating upon the farm where he now lives, which consists of 160 acres of land under a good state of cultivation. Mr. Scurlock is a self-made man, and his property is the result of his own industry. He is a Master Mason, and a member of the I. O. O. F. Scotch, Dutch, and Irish blood flow in his veins. His paternal grandfather was a soldier during the entire Revolutionary War.

John G. Shattuck, liveryman, was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, in 1834. His parents, Chester and Alma (Guy) Shattuck, were born in Canada, in 1810 and 1809, respectively. They were married in Canada, whither their parents had immigrated while they were young, and in 1845 came to Ohio, and in 1852 to Schuyler County, Mo., where they settled upon what is now Glenwood. The father was a carpenter by trade, but engaged in other employments such as hotel keeping, livery business, etc. In politics he was once a Whig, but afterward became an active

worker in the Republican party. He died in 1887, but the mother still lives with the subject of this sketch, who is the only living child of a family of two children. During his youth John G. received a good common-school education. He has always lived upon the home place, and as his father was otherwise engaged, John became the manager of the farm, and gave evidence of considerable ability in stock raising and dealing. In 1887 he became engaged in the livery business where he is now located, having his son-in-law for partner. In 1856 he married Ann Chattin, who was born in England in 1849, and by her one child was born, Vinnie A. (wife of A. N. Davis). In politics Mr. Shattuck is a Republican, and during the late war offered his services to the country three times, but each time was rejected on account of disability. In business he is moderately successful, and owns a nice stable newly fitted.

Robert Shaw, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Licking County, Ohio, in 1812, and moved to Fulton County, Ill., in 1836, and in March, 1869, began to farm in Schuyler County, where he has since resided. He began life for himself when twenty-one years of age, and from a poor man has become the owner of 663 acres of choice land in Schuyler County, and 160 acres in Scotland County, Mo., and also has 350 acres in Fulton County, Ill., which is good evidence of his business ability and good management. In 1833, he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Boadner, a native of Pennsylvania, and by her thirteen children have been born: Alexander, Minerva (deceased), Sarah, Peter (deceased), Emaline, Mary Ann, Isaac, Henry, Jasper Newton, Rebecca, John W., Amanda E. and James M. Mr. Shaw is a Democrat, and when in Illinois served two years as tax collector. He is the seventh of a family of thirteen children of Alexander and Mary (Bartley) Shaw, natives of Virginia, who moved to Licking County, Ohio, at an early day, at which place they lived and died. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and a son of Charles Shaw.

Dr. George A. Shirley, physician and surgeon, was born January 25, 1845, in Franklin County, Mo., and is the third of four children. His parents, Carter T. and Elizabeth (Cook) Shirley, were natives of Kentucky, the former born January 2, 1816, and the latter November 28, 1819. They were married in 1835, and four years later removed to Macon County, where they lived until 1872, with the exception of a few years spent in Franklin County. They then removed to Saline County, where they have since lived. Mr. Shirley is a mechanic. He served as sergeant major in the Second Missouri State Militia during the late war. Both himself and wife have been members of the

Methodist Episcopal Church since their youth. The Doctor was reared at home and received a limited common-school education. In 1864 he enlisted in Company B, Forty-second Missouri Infantry, and was on duty in Tennessee and Missouri, and went on a scouting expedition of twenty-six days. He remained in service until the close of the war, and received his discharge at St. Louis, in July, 1865. The same year he was united in marriage to Miss Mattie J., daughter of Amos and Elizabeth (Brannock) Barnett, formerly of Pendleton County, Ky., where Mrs. Shirley was born. To this union five children have been born of whom but two are living—William E. and Clarence E. Our subject farmed in Knox County until 1869, and then embarked in the mercantile business at Kirksville, and the next year began to study medicine with Dr. P. G. H. Barnett. In 1871-72 he attended the Keokuk Medical College, and then began to practice at Willmathsville, in Adair County, where he remained until 1879, and then came to Green Top, where he has established a large and lucrative practice. He owns a comfortable home and forty acres of land just northeast of the town where he resides. He is a genial gentleman and enjoys the esteem of the entire community. He is greatly interested in all educational projects, and his children are enjoying the best educational advantages which he is able to give them. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln while in the service. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and himself and wife belong to the Christian Church.

John M. Shoemake, butcher, was born in Ripley County, Ind., in 1843, and is a son of Levi and Louisa (Horton) Shoemake. The father was of French descent, and born in 1801 in North Carolina. He was a farmer by occupation, and while young went to Hamilton County, Ohio, where he was married. In 1840 he moved to Ripley County, Ind. His death occurred in 1843. His wife was born in Jackson County, Tenn., in 1803, and was also of French descent. She went to Davis County, Iowa, in 1855, and there died in 1865. Our subject, John M., was the youngest of five children, and received his education at the common schools of Indiana and Iowa, having gone to the latter State when twelve years old. At the age of seventeen he began to teach penmanship, at which occupation he was engaged five years. During the late war his sympathies were with the Union, and in August, 1862, he enlisted in the Third Iowa Cavalry for three years, or during the war. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, and the battles of La Grange, Ark., Jackson, Miss., Selma, Ala., Columbus, Ga., and several other engagements and several skirmishes, and at one time was slightly wounded in a

hand-to-hand sabre contest with an enemy. He received his discharge June 19, 1865, at Nashville, and then returned home. In February, 1866, he married Miss Mary K. Weldon, daughter of James Weldon. This lady was born in Lewis County, Mo., in 1847, and is the mother of five living children: Luna, Alvin A., Clarence W., Justice H. and Effie. After his marriage Mr. Shoemake located in Liberty Township, Putnam County, and commenced to farm. At the expiration of three years he removed to Chariton County, and located near Bynumville, where he engaged in the mercantile business, which he was soon compelled to abandon on account of his poor health. After selling his stock he removed to Schuyler County, and located in Glenwood Township, where he purchased a farm of 200 acres. In 1872 he moved to Glenwood, and worked at various occupations, and was a confidential employe of William Logan for several years. In 1880 he returned to his farm, and the same year he and Mr. Logan engaged in the railway timber business, at which they continued two years. In the summer of 1887 Mr. Shoemake came to Lancaster, and became a butcher, and at this business is quite successful. In politics he is a conservative Republican, and in 1872 was elected county assessor, and served two years. He is a Master Mason.

Simmons & Holbert, general merchants at Coatsville, is the oldest and leading firm in that business in the city, and although young in years, are very successful and enterprising business men, and have a stock of goods occupying a room 24x62 feet, and a large wareroom. The senior member, William D. Simmons, was born in Davis County, Iowa, in 1858, reared upon a farm, and educated at the common schools of the neighborhood. When nineteen years of age he began life for himself by clerking in a general store, and after following that vocation about eleven years, purchased a stock of goods, and began life as an independent merchant in Coatsville in 1885. In the fall of the same year, George R. Holbert, his brother-in-law, became his partner, and they have since been doing business under the firm name of Simmons & Holbert. In 1884 Mr. Simmons was united in marriage to Miss Arintha S. Holbert, a native of Davis County, Iowa. Mrs. Simmons is a devout member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Holbert, the junior member of the above firm, was born in Davis County, Iowa, in 1859, and spent his youth upon a farm. After receiving a good education at the common schools of the vicinity in which he lived, he attended the Ottumwa Business College, and fitted himself for mercantile life, and as the result of his labor, is now enjoying the life of a successful merchant. During the time between January 1, 1887, and October

the firm shipped over 29,790 dozen eggs, and as that is but a small item of merchandise, some little estimate can be formed of the amount of business the firm does. Both partners are Democrats in politics.

John Sloop, a merchant, was born in Prairie Township, Schuyler Co., Mo., in 1847, and is the fifth of ten children of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Stauffer) Sloop, natives of Switzerland, and born in 1808 and 1811, respectively. When grown they emigrated to the United States and were married at Pittsburg, Pa., in 1832, and soon after settled in Marion County, Mo., where they remained until about 1843 and then came to what is now Schuyler County, where the father died in February, 1862, the mother surviving until 1885. Mr. Sloop was an early pioneer settler of Schuyler Township, and at the time of his location there it required all the inhabitants within a radius of twenty or thirty miles to raise an ordinary log house. Himself and wife were both members of the Lutheran Church. Our subject was reared at home and received a meagre education at the primitive log school-house. In 1873 he left the farm and went to Queen City and engaged in the stock and grain trade. In 1876 he was married to Miss Minnie, daughter of George Eiffert. Mrs. Sloop is native of Missouri, and has borne her husband four children, all living: Edward Clarence, Erma G., Ellison N. and Augusta. In 1879 Mr. Sloop embarked in the hardware business in which he has been very successful, owning the best establishment of that kind in town. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Seymour in 1868. He is a member of the Farmers and Mechanics Mutual Aid Association and of the Triple Alliance Life Insurance Company, and is one of the most energetic and enterprising business men of the city.

Daniel D. Smith was born in Henry County, Va., August 25, 1816, and is a son of John and Frances (Smith) Smith. The former was born August 22, 1781, in Bucks County, Pa., and when twelve years old went to Henry County, Va., where he married, and in 1837 moved to Lawrence County, Ind. In 1846 he came to Schuyler County, Mo., and his death occurred January 5, 1850. The mother was born in Henry County, Va., May 17, 1784, and died September 12, 1838. Two of the five children born to them are living: Daniel D. and John F., of Saline County, Mo. Daniel D. lived with his parents until of age, and March 1837, was married to Miss Lucy B. Minter, who was born in Henry County, Va., October 18, 1816. To this union nine children have been born: Martin V. B., Henry C. (deceased), Joyce (wife of Joel W. Johnson), Frances, Jane (wife of John M. Searcy), Samuel H., Elizabeth (wife of J. T. Seunlock), John O. J. and

Margaret W. Soon after his marriage Mr. Smith removed to Lawrence County, Ind., as did his parents, and in 1846 all came to Schuyler County, Mo., and settled in Liberty Township. In 1851 he moved to Glenwood Township and there remained until 1874, when our subject was elected county clerk of Schuyler County, and filled that office so efficiently that he was re-elected in 1878 and 1882. He has always been identified with the Democratic party and cast his first presidential vote for Martin Van Buren in 1840. He is a man highly esteemed and honored by his neighbors and friends, and himself and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Miles Smith, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Upper Canada, near Hamilton, in 1836, and when nine years old accompanied his parents to Whiteside County, Ill. He went to Boulder County, Colo., in 1860, and then to Schuyler County, Mo., in the fall of 1867, where he has since resided, with the exception of some time spent in Colorado, engaged in mining. He has followed the occupation of farming and stock raising since his boyhood, and, although he started in life when sixteen with no means, has a well improved farm of 110 acres. In 1858 he married Miss Nancy F. Jillson, daughter of George and Rhoda (McCapers) Jillson, natives of Genesee and Cattaraugus Counties, N. Y., respectively. The father was of English and the mother of Scotch-English descent. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had eight children: Etta M., George C., William S., Louisa L., Henry H., Walter S., Mary A. and Charles C. Mr. Smith served under Col. Shoop during the Indian trouble in Colorado, and in politics is independent. He was the fourth child of ten. His parents, Harry and Hannah (Foman) Smith, were natives of Vermont and Germany, respectively. The father moved from Canada when twenty years of age, and died in Whiteside County, Ill., at the age of seventy-five. His father was born in England, and came to the United States at the age of twenty. The mother of Mrs. Smith was a daughter of Maj. McCapers, who came from England with his father when four years old, and settled in Cattaraugus County, N. Y.

J. M. Smith, general merchant, was born in Lewis County, Mo., in 1840, and moved to Schuyler County in 1854. He then returned to his native county, but in 1860 came to Schuyler County again, where he has since resided. He began life for himself when twenty-six years of age, a poor man with no capital, and is now the owner of a general store, his business property, and a residence in Downing, all of which are the result of his own labor and good management. In 1861 he enlisted in the army and served six months, after which he farmed until 1880, when he

urchased a stock of goods from William Barbee, in partnership with N. A. Lane, and two years later became the owner of the attire stock. In 1866 he was married to Miss Phœbe Hook, a native of Pendleton County, Ky. Mrs. Smith was principally reared in Scotland County, Mo., and is a daughter of James L. and Sarah Ann (Morris) Hook, natives of Pendleton county, Ky. Mrs. Hook was a daughter of Richard and Phœbe (Caster) Morris, and her husband a son of Kimmith and Nancy Hook. Richard Morris was a soldier in the War of 1812. J. M. Smith, the subject of this sketch, is a Democrat in politics, and a Master Mason. He is the seventh of a family of ten children born to John C. and Marrilla (Martin) Kimmith, natives of Fairfax County, Va., who, in 1826, moved to Pennsylvania, and three years later to Missouri, where they died in Schuyler County at an advanced age. They were of German-Irish and French-English descent, respectively. Mr. J. M. Smith is a member of the Christian Church.

A. H. F. Smith, hardware merchant, was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1844, and is a son of Rev. Ambrose and Letitia (Rawlins) Smith, both natives of Dublin, Ireland, and of French-Fuguenot descent. The father was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and an ordained minister in the Episcopalian church. He went to England in 1845, but after a residence of four years in that country he returned to Ireland. In 1849 he came to America, and located at San Antonio, Texas, being the first Episcopal minister of the place. About 1852 he went to New Orleans, and retiring from the ministry, became a private teacher of Latin and Greek. In 1858 he returned to his native land. He died in Wales. The mother lived in New Orleans until 1873, in which year she died at the residence of a daughter living in Southwestern Missouri. Our subject was the eldest son of a family of three sons and two daughters. He received good English education, and at the age of thirteen began to work in New Orleans. In 1862 he was a volunteer in Company F, Crescent Regiment, Confederate Army, and served as second junior lieutenant. He participated in the battles of Miloh, Texana Road, Franklin, Camp Bisland, and was in the Red River Campaign, under Gen. Taylor. After the close of the war, he became interested in mercantile pursuits in New Orleans until 1872. Four years later he located at Glenwood, and embarked in the hardware business, at which he still continues. In 1880 he married Celest O'Day, a native of Wisconsin, and a sister of the president of the San Francisco Railroad. To this union three children have been born: Ambrose, Thomas K. O. and Mary. Mr. Smith is an Episcopalian, and his wife belongs

to the Catholic Church. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of Glenwood Lodge No. 427, in Masonry, and one of the respected and honored business men of the town.

Mathias Speer is a native of Overton County, Tenn., and was born in 1817, and is a son of George and Mary (Dougherty) Speer. The father was of Irish and Dutch descent, and was born in Virginia about 1822. He moved from Tennessee to Morgan County, Ill., and in 1836 went to Burlington, Iowa, and from there to Illinois, where he died. He was twice married. The mother of our subject died when he was a small child. He was reared at home, and received his education at Burlington, Iowa, bearing the expenses himself. When twenty-four years old he was married to Miss Lucy Ann Hill, a native of Illinois, and to this union four children were born, of whom two are living: Charles P. (of Atchison County, Mo.), and America J. (wife of George W. Pryor, of Harrison County). In 1853 Miss Helen M., daughter of H. D. and Susan Thorp, of Iowa, became his wife, and this union was blessed with six children, four of whom are living: Nathan T. (postmaster at Green Top), Emma S. (wife of J. Dyer, of Adair County), George B. M. and Alletta Catherine. About 1848 Mr. Speer removed to Schuyler County, and located nine miles northeast of Lancaster, and in 1853 went to Adair County. During the war he removed to Green Top, where he has since made his home, with the exception of the year 1884, which he spent in Kansas, where he owns 107 acres of land, well improved and cultivated, and he has 200 acres in Adair County, Mo. His son, Charles Porter, served in the Union Army during the late war. In politics Mr. Speer is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Van Buren in 1840. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Rebecca Lodge at Glenwood. His wife is a Methodist.

Orland Byron Spencer, druggist, was born in Erie County, Penn., in 1837. His father, H. A., was born in Canada, where his parents had gone previous to the War of 1812. From there he moved to New Hampshire, and from there to Pennsylvania, where he married and lived until about 1840. After a short residence in Clay County, Mo., he moved to Illinois, and from there to Iowa where he died in 1883. The mother still lives there, and is about seventy years of age. She is a member of the Christian Church, of which Mr. Spencer was a minister. In politics H. A. Spencer was respectively a Whig, Know-nothing, Republican and Greenbacker. In 1861 he served as second lieutenant in Company E, of the Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, and the following year was made captain of the same, but in 1864 resigned on account of poor health. By trade he was a carriage and wagon-maker and



blacksmith, and in the latter trade his father and four brothers were also proficient. Orland Byron was the eldest of eight children, and was chiefly reared and educated in Iowa. At the age of fifteen he began to learn the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked in all about twenty years. In 1864 he enlisted in Company D, Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry, and served a short time as company clerk. For twelve years he was in partnership with his father, but in 1876 opened a hardware store, which he ran until 1879. He then came to Schuyler County, and located in Glenwood Township, and went into business with G. D. Gray, who in 1886 was succeeded by his son. The present firm of Spencer & Gray is known as one of the first drug houses of the State, and does a thriving business. In 1882 Mr. Spencer was married to Emma Cullen, a native of Ohio, by whom two children have been born: James Clarence and William Horace. In politics Mr. Spencer is a Republican, and in Masonry belongs to the Commandery.

Isaac W. Stanley was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1831, and is a son of John and Betsey (Hubble) Stanley, both natives of Pennsylvania. In early life they moved to Trumbull County; in 1849 they moved to Wapello County, Iowa, and afterward to Cass County, where both died. They were both members of the Congregational Church. The father was a strong Whig during the days of that party, but after the organization of the Republican party became a member of its ranks. His occupation was that of farming. Isaac W. was the youngest but one of a family of five children, and spent his early days upon the farm. His early education was confined to the district schools, but at the age of seventeen he attended Allegheny College a short time. He then taught school about four terms, and after engaging in farming to some extent, opened a store at Glenwood, which he conducted about two years. He then traded it for a mill, which in 1885 he converted into a roller mill of fifty barrel capacity. This being the best mill in Northeast Missouri, his patrons came from a distance of thirty and thirty-five miles to trade with him. In 1879 he bought the St. Nicholas Hotel, and is now the proprietor of the best hotel in the county, although he began life with but few advantages. In 1854 he married Eveline Campbell, who was born in New Hampshire in 1832, and accompanied her parents to Iowa when quite young. This union has been blessed with the following children: Edward F., Jessie and Harry L. The eldest child was a conductor on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, and in 1885 met his death while on a run-away engine. In politics Mr. Stanley is a Republican.

Elder Ennis Starbuck, minister and farmer, was born in Perry County, Tenn., in 1833, and is the second of twelve children born to Daniel and Nancy (Shelton) Starbuck. He came to Schuyler County with his parents, in 1852, and two years later was married to Miss Julia Ann, daughter of J. H. and Julia Hathaway, formerly of Vermont. Mrs. Starbuck was born in Ohio, and to her union with our subject eight children were born, six now living: Alma (wife of G. W. Smith), Lutheria A. (wife of J. C. De Armond of Colorado), Cary E., Lelia N., Dwight D. and Seth H. Mr. Starbuck has been a resident of this neighborhood over thirty-five years and owns 102 acres of land in the home place five miles east of Queen City, and fifty acres of land in timber. When in Tennessee and at the age of eighteen he united with the Missionary Baptist Church, and in 1854 was verbally licensed to preach, and was ordained in May, 1859. He is now in charge of the Baptist Church at Lancaster, and out of twenty annual sessions of the North Missouri Baptist Association he has presided at eleven, and is the present chairman of the executive board of that association. For over thirty years he has been a devout and zealous worker in the cause of religion and has baptized over seventy-five people, four of whom are his brothers and sister. Mrs. Starbuck and all but one of the children are members of the same church. When seventeen years of age Mr. Starbuck voluntarily resolved that intoxicating liquors should never pass his lips and has firmly adhered to this resolution throughout his lifetime.

Francis Marion Starbuck, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Perry County, Tenn., in 1843, and is a son of Daniel and Nancy (Shelton) Starbuck. Daniel Starbuck descended from an old Quaker family of Nantucket Island, and was born in North Carolina in 1799, but was mostly reared in Indiana by his grandfather, Gear Starbuck, a native of England, but an early settler of Nantucket Island. He afterward moved to North Carolina, and from there to Indiana, where Daniel was first married. After his removal to Perry County, Tenn., he was married to the mother of our subject, in 1831, and lived in Perry County until 1852, when he came to Schuyler County, locating five miles southeast of Queen City, spending the remainder of his life as a farmer and carpenter. He died in 1870, the county then losing one of its earliest settlers. The mother was born in Virginia in 1808. She is a member of the Baptist Church. When but nine years of age Francis Marion was brought to Schuyler County, where he was reared, his opportunities for attending school being very meager. Of Southern nativity and reared under Southern influence, his sympathies were naturally with the South at the

breaking out of the war, and in August, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, of a Missouri regiment, doing gallant service under Gen. Sterling Price for over three years in a cause which he thought was right. Among the numerous engagements in which he participated were those of Bea Ridge and Corinth, after which he returned to Arkansas, and was discharged at Grand Prairie, in the latter part of 1863 on account of disability. Subsequently he was captured and confined as a prisoner for ten days in St. Louis. October 24, 1869, Mr. Starbuck was married to Miss Eliza J. Pruett, daughter of B. M. and Virginia Pruett, natives of Virginia, from which State they removed to Illinois, and thence to Schuyler County, at an early date. Mrs. Starbuck was born in Marion County, Ill., September 12, 1851. They have six children: Eleanor, born in 1872; Minnie, in 1873; Ettie, in 1875; Della, in 1879; Luretta, in 1882, and Sophronia, in 1885. Following his marriage Mr. Starbuck immediately located where he has since made his home, six miles southeast of Queen City, in Prairie Township. This is an excellent farm of 200 acres, substantially improved, the possession of which speaks well for one whose early opportunities and advantages were so limited. His entire life has been one of industry and frugality, his character above reproach and suspicion, and his business transactions strictly honest. He is a steadfast worker for the cause of education and the general upbuilding of the community, and spares no pains in the education of his children. He has been a life-long and consistent Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Tilden in 1876. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Grange order. Himself and wife are members in good standing of the Missionary Baptist Church. •

W. H. Starret, liveryman, is a native of Madison County, Ohio, and was born in 1842. His parents, John and Mary (Weaver) Starret, were born in Champaign County, Ohio, in 1811 and Clark County, Ohio, in 1817, respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation, and when a youth went to Madison County, Ohio. He was married in 1856, and moved to DeWitt County, Ill. In the spring of 1858 he came to Schuyler County, Mo., settled at Tippecanoe, and became the owner of 225 acres of land. His death occurred in 1887. Mrs. Starret is now seventy-one years of age, and is the mother of seven children, of whom our subject is the second. He came to Missouri when a boy, and lived with his parents until twenty years of age, receiving his education at the common schools. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served nearly three years, and was in the Atlanta campaign. He was discharged at Camp But-

ler, Ill., and returned to Schuyler County, Mo. In 1868 he married Miss Angeline E. Walker, a native of Ohio, and the mother of three children: Fay (eighteen years old), May (ten years old), and an infant. In 1866 Mr. Starret established a grocery store in Lancaster, and in 1869 secured the mail route between Lancaster and Glenwood, making two trips each day. He has since been in the business on the present route. In 1875 he built a livery stable, and has since been successful in that business, and owns ten horses, eight conveyances and an omnibus, being well prepared to supply the wants of the traveling public. He is a Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln, in 1864. He formerly belonged to the I. O. O. F., and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Thomas J. Threlkeld is a son of William G. and Mary (Churchill) Thelkeld, natives of Shelby County Ky., where they passed their lives. Both were members of the Missionary Baptist Church. The father was a saddler and farmer by occupation and served in Col. Dick Johnson's regiment, in the War of 1812, and was badly wounded at the battle of the Thames. In politics he was a Whig. Thomas J. was the third of a family of ten children and born in Shelby County in 1819. He was left an orphan while very young and was cared for by an uncle. He received a good English education during his youth, and at the age of sixteen began to learn the tailor's trade, at which he worked until twenty years of age, and then turned his attention to farming. In 1842 he came to Schuyler County, and located at the place where he now resides. In 1844 he married Elizabeth J. Fulcher, a native of Boone County, Mo., and daughter of Jefferson Fulcher. This union has been blessed with ten children: William O., John H., Mary A., Susie E., Martha A., Henry C., Ella M., Thomas J., James M. and Minnie B. John H. is a physician and preacher of Indiana. Thomas J. is principal of the Glenwood schools. Mrs. Trelkeld was a member of the Methodist Church South. Her death occurred in 1874. Mr. Threlkeld was a Whig during the days of that party, but is now a Democrat. He is a well-to-do and prosperous farmer, and the owner of 100 acres of good land.

Adoniram J. Tisdale was born near Springfield, Ohio, in 1834, December 15, and is the fourth of a family of seven children born to Robert D. and Minerva (Forsythe) Tisdale, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. When young both moved to Ohio, where Mr. Tisdale studied medicine and practiced that profession successfully for about forty years. He remained in Ohio until about 1836, and then moved to Adams County, Ind. While there he served as county judge some time,

id also was elected representative of Adams and Jay Counties, but as these duties interfered with his profession, he refused a re-election. The mother of our subject died in Adams County, a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, to which church Mr. Tisdale belongs. The father is now living with his fourth wife, in Madison County, Iowa, where he moved in 1856. He was engaged in farming in Iowa some time, but is now living a retired life. Adoniram laid the foundation of his education at the village school, and afterward attended Franklin College. He so spent a large portion of his time in his father's apothecary shop, and studied under his guidance. After coming to Iowa with his parents he engaged in farming, but finding that the country needed his services, enlisted in 1861, in Company F, fourth Iowa Infantry, U. S. A., as private, and from that position became successively corporal, sergeant, second lieutenant and captain. He participated in the battles of Pea Ridge, Vicksburg, Port Gibson, Jackson, Champion's Hill, Baker's Creek, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and Tylersville. He afterward accompanied his regiment on the Atlanta Campaign, and was in the battles of Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, and Griffin's Station, and from there marched on to the sea and participated in the engagement at Savannah. He also marched through the Carolinas and fought at the battle of Bentonville. During his service of four years and three months, he was in every battle (thirty-six in all) in which his regiment was engaged, and at the battle of Dallas, Ga., received a severe injury, from which he has never recovered, and, on account of which, he now draws a pension. He received his discharge at Davenport, Iowa, in August, 1865. In 1863 he married Caroline Parker, a native of Coshocton County, O., born in 1842, and a daughter of Rev. Leonard and Mary (Hill) Parker, natives of New York and Vermont, respectively. They moved to Ohio when young, and were married. The father was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, and while a resident of Ohio wrote a work on "Baptism" and "Universalism Against Itself." In 1855 he moved to Iowa, and engaged in farming in connection with his ministerial duties. Mrs. Parker was also a Methodist, and the mother of three sons and eleven daughters. After her death Mr. Parker was married to Rachel Peach. In early life he was a Whig, but afterward became a Republican. The union of Mr. Tisdale and Miss Parker has been blessed with four children: Albert M., Nellie F., Robert L. and an infant. In 1865 the family moved to Schuyler County, Mo., where they have since resided. Mr. Tisdale now owns a good farm of 280 acres of land, which he devotes to stock raising and farming.

In politics he has always been a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He was brought out by his party for circuit clerk of Schuyler County, in 1870, and for State Senator some years later. He belongs to the secret societies of Masonry, A. O. U. W. and G. A. R. Mrs. Tisdale is a member of the Methodist Church.

Wesley D. Trimble, farmer, was born in Morgan County, Ohio, in 1848, and is a son of Daniel and Nancy (Miner) Trimble, natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married. They moved to Illinois when Wesley was seven years old, taking him with them. In 1856 the family moved to Appanoose County, Iowa, where Mr. and Mrs. Trimble spent their latter days. The father was a farmer by occupation, and in politics a Democrat. Our subject was the third child of a family of eight sons and two daughters. He was reared under the parental roof, making himself useful upon the farm, and received but a very limited school education. At the age of twenty he began life for himself by working upon the railroad. In 1872 he went to southwestern Kansas, but after living there four years, and suffering greatly from chills, spent a year in travelling through Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. He then returned to Iowa, and in 1879 married Miss Julia A., daughter of Alexander and Hannah (Noggle) Wills, natives of Macon County, Mo., and Ohio, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Wills were married in Illinois, and afterward became early settlers in Schuyler County, locating upon a farm from which they never moved, and upon which Mr. Trimble now resides. This farm now consists of 167 acres of well cultivated land, upon which is a comfortable house and good outbuildings. Mrs. Trimble was born in Schuyler County, in 1857, is a worthy member of the Christian Church, and the mother of four children: James E., Clarence F., Mary N. and Effie L.

Stephen S. Vittetoe, farmer and stock raiser, is a native of Grainger County, Tenn., and was born in 1818. His parents, Thomas and Susannah (Dodson) Vittetoe, were early settlers of his native county, and the father died there in 1880. The mother is still a resident of the same county. Our subject remained at home until fifteen years of age, and then worked out until twenty-one years old, when he started in life for himself. In 1840 he married Miss Emeline, daughter of William Proctor and Margaret (Yaden) Proctor, formerly of Grainger County, Tenn., where Mrs. Vittetoe was born. To Mr. and Mrs. Vittetoe twelve children have been born, all save one now living: Frankie (wife of Isaiah Capps, of Cedar County), Thomas, William Proctor (of Cedar County), Silas, Joseph, John R., Levandie, Minnie (wife

of James Coleman, of Adams County, Ill.), Mollie (wife of John Van Meter), Rhoda (wife of Henry C. Patterson), and Florence. In 1842 Mr. Vittetoe removed to Adair County, where he lived about thirty years, and then went to Des Moines County, Iowa, where he remained until 1871, when he came to Schuyler County and located just west of Queen City, where he now has a fine farm of 120 acres and thirty acres of timber. Mr. Vittetoe has always been a hard working and industrious man, and his property is the result of his hard labor and good management. He was one of the early settlers of Adair County, Mo. Politically he is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Van Buren, in 1840. His wife is a member of the old Baptist Church.

William Wayman, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Michigan in 1840, and is a son of William and Mary (Price) Wayman, natives of Bucks County, Penn., where they were reared and married. They afterward lived in Indiana and Michigan, and in 1840 removed to Jo Daviess County, Ill., where the father died in 1846. The mother was married a second time about 1856 to George Byers, who is also deceased. Mrs. Byers lives in Illinois, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject was reared by his mother, and in 1862 married Miss Sarah Ellen, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth Scott, natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky, respectively. Mrs. Wayman was born in Illinois, and to her union with our subject eight children have been born, all save one living: Henry E., William Ira, Mary E., Amos Scott, Jesse E., Thomas W. and James. Mr. Wayman remained in Jo Daviess County until 1876 and then came to Schuyler County, and located one mile north of Green Top, where he has 486 acres of land under good cultivation. He has made farming his sole occupation, and is now one of the prosperous and substantial farmers of the county. In politics he is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and is a public spirited citizen, greatly interested in the education of the future generation.

William Welsh, farmer and stock raiser, is a native of Scotland, and was born in 1815. He is a son of William and Margaret (Derby) Welsh, also natives of Scotland, where they were reared and married, and where the father died when our subject was an infant. His widow was again married in 1852, emigrated to the United States, and soon after died in Illinois. William availed himself of the advantages offered by the best schools of his native country, and soon acquired proficiency in his studies, being especially advanced in mathematics. When eighteen years of age he came to the United States, and spent

several years working on a canal, and then went to Illinois where he superintended the construction of a railroad being built in that State. He was married in New York City, in 1833, to Miss Jane Chissolm, a native of Scotland, by whom he had twelve children, six of whom are now living: Joseph (of Kansas), Alexander (of Kansas), Isabella (wife of William Birney), George, Jane (wife of William Farr) and Thomas. Mrs. Welsh died in 1863 and the following year Mr. Welsh married Mrs. Nancy Rednian, by whom he had five children, three now living: John, Charley and Newton. In 1865, he located two and one-half miles north of Queen City, where he has a fine farm of 760 acres, after having given his children 800 acres. His farm is one of the finely improved and cultivated tracts of land in this section of the country, and is the result of industry and good management. He is also an extensive stock dealer. In politics he was once a Whig, but is now a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and one of the substantial and worthy men of the county.

William J. Williams, proprietor of the Glenwood Woolen Mills, was born in Wales, in 1838, where he was reared and educated at the common schools of the country. During his youth he became proficient in the millwright and carpenter trades, which he learned of his father. When eighteen years of age he left his native country and came alone to the United States, and after arriving in Des Moines County, Iowa, near Burlington, where an uncle of his was residing, he decided to remain and work on his uncle's farm for a while, but his uncle died suddenly and left him to shift for himself again, and he began to build and repair mills, but by working on river mills, got the fever and ague so bad that he was not fit to live or die. He purchased a saw-mill and timber, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber and also added woolen machinery for the manufacture of woolen goods. Later he gave his whole attention to the latter business, and, in partnership with two others, ran a large factory, but on account of mismanagement and debts contracted without his knowledge, by his partners, the business was soon ruined. In 1881 he came to Glenwood and purchased the Glenwood Woolen Mills, which he has since run, and to which he has attached a saw-mill. September 15, 1870, he married Amanda J. Johnson, a native of Iowa, and born October 20, 1852. To this union five children have been born: John Albert, George Thomas, Annie May, Walter Greenleaf and Howard Percy. Mr. Williams is a member of the Congregational Church. In politics he is conservative and votes for the man he thinks best without regard to political affiliation. For twenty-



three years he has been a Mason and is a member of Glenwood Lodge No. 427; was initiated in 1864 at Adoniram Lodge No. 120, Iowa.

Dr. James A. Wilson, physician and surgeon, was born in Virginia in 1845, and is the son of Dr. Joseph and Rachel L. (Bell) Wilson, also natives of Virginia, where they spent their entire lives. The father was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, Penn., and made the medical profession his life-long occupation. He was for some time physician and surgeon of the insane asylum of his State, and died at the age of seventy-three, full of professional honors. The mother died in 1853. Our subject was reared at home, and his early school life was spent at the common schools of his county. He took two courses at the Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va., and read medicine one year with his father. In 1866-67 he attended the medical department of the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, Va., from which institution he graduated in 1867. A year later he graduated from the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York, and immediately commenced to practice his profession in Augusta County, Va., where for a number of years he was recognized as one of her leading physicians. In 1878 he came to Schuyler County, and located at Green Top, where he has built up an extensive and lucrative practice, and ranks among the foremost in his profession in the county. He also superintends his farm of over 500 acres. In December, 1864, he enlisted in McClannahan's battery, Confederate Army, and served six months during the Virginia campaign. The next six months he had charge of a signal line from Staunton to Huttonsville, Va., and then for three months was at Staunton in the topographical department, aiding in perfecting a description of the campaign of the valley, and also spent three months at the same occupation in Winchester and vicinity. In September, 1872, he was married to Martha T., daughter of Henry and Angeline Mish, a native of Virginia, by whom he has had six children, three of whom are living: Wallace, Maggie and Susie. Mrs. Wilson died June 15, 1886, and Dr. Wilson wedded Miss Sallie J. Dunlap, a native of Virginia, in March, 1887, and lost his last wife, in June, 1887. In politics Dr. Wilson is a Democrat, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a public spirited man, and is always interested in laudable public enterprises.

Charles Wirth, lumber merchant, is a native of Bavaria, Germany, and was born in 1842. His parents, Michael and Anna (Graser) Wirth, were natives of Germany, where the father was engaged in mercantile business. He was born in 1800, and died in 1868. The mother was born in 1805, and died in 1869.

Our subject is the only living child of his parents, and received his early education at the common schools of his native country until fourteen years of age, and then attended a business college for four years, and, after graduating from that institution, traveled for a match factory for three years, at the end of that time immigrating to the United States and locating in Burlington, Iowa, and worked in a lumber yard. His employers moving to Keokuk in 1870, Mr. Wirth accompanied them, and remained in their employ until 1875, when he came to Lancaster, and established a business for himself, in which he is still interested. He now owns the oldest and largest lumber yard in Lancaster, and deals in all kinds of pine lumber, shingles, doors, windows, etc., and is regarded as one of the best business men of the town. He is comfortably situated in a two-story frame dwelling, which he erected in 1883 at a cost of \$3,000, and which is located in a desirable locality. In April, 1872, he married Miss Mary Maurer, daughter of Henry Maurer of Burlington, Iowa, in which Mrs. Wirth was born in 1857. This lady is the mother of three children: Minnie, Ida and an infant. Mr. Wirth is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for S. J. Tilden in 1876. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., of the past-grand degree, and himself and wife are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Jacob Wittmer was born in Switzerland, in 1828, where he received a common-school education. He left his native country in 1845, and came to the United States, locating in Ohio until 1858, and then coming to Schuyler County, Mo. In 1859 he located at Green Top, and engaged in shoemaking until 1880, since which time he has been a furniture dealer, cabinet-maker and undertaker at that place. He was married at Portsmouth, Ohio, to Miss Susan, daughter of John Reuder, a native of Bavaria, and to this union five children were born, viz.: Jacob (of Sullivan County), Elizabeth (wife of Samuel Walker, of Horton, Kas.), Charlotte (wife of Milton C. Asher, of Trenton), Deborah and Mary. In 1882 Mr. Wittmer was elected county judge of the Third District, and filled that office efficiently for a term of two years. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Pierce in 1852. He is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., and has served as representative in the State lodge two years. His parents were George and Aster (Stirneman) Wittmer. The father was born in 1801, and the mother about ten years previous. In 1848 they immigrated to the United States, and located in Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives. In early life Mr. Wittmer was foreman of a silk factory, for twenty years.