

## CLARK COUNTY.

S. H. Allgood, present surveyor of Clark County, is a native Kentuckian, born in the year 1825. He was united in marriage in 1848 to Miss Ascenith Bratcher, of Breckinridge County, Ky., and daughter of Fielding and Elizabeth (Meredith) Bratcher. Mrs. Allgood was born in the year 1832, and to her union with our subject were born eight children—two sons and two daughters now living. They are named as follows: Manly H., Jr., Celia. A., Charles L. and Parrylee. She is a good woman, and a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Allgood moved to Clark County, Mo., in the year 1855, and in 1875 located on his present farm, which consists of 100 acres, lying on the Wyaconda River, all well cultivated and improved. In 1884 he was elected to his present office, which he has filled in an able and efficient manner. He joined the Confederate Army during the war, and was in service about three months. His sympathies were with the South to the end, and he is an uncompromising Democrat. He is the son of Manly H. and Priscilla (Powers) Allgood, both natives of Virginia.

Rufus C. Anderson was born in Allegany County, N. Y., April 4, 1833, the son of Ezekial and Clarissa (Sisson) Anderson, natives of New York and New Jersey, respectively. Our subject came to Indiana with his parents when he was quite young, and lived in Dearborn County until 1847. His father died there, and the mother afterward married Eli Corson. Boone County, Ky., was his next place of residence, and he was there reared as a farmer. At the opening of the war he enlisted in Col. Jesse's battalion, under Gen. Morgan, and continued until he was captured in 1862. He was held as a Federal prisoner from July to October. He re-entered service as a commissary sergeant, and afterward conducted the blacksmithing department for three years. He had learned that and the machinist's trade in Dearborn County, Iowa. After the war he located in Washington County, Va., where he followed farming until 1877. He then came to Clark County, to the rural districts below Alexandria. In 1885 he engaged in the drug business, which he has since conducted with success, and carries a full and well-selected stock of goods. He owns 115 acres of good bottom lands, and has been a real estate owner in this county since 1852. He was married in 1856 to Ann E. (Duncan) Smith. His wife and three sons are all deceased. In 1865 Mary J. H. Clark, of Washington County, Va.,



became his wife. She died March 17, 1887, and left the following children: Cora L., Gertru C., Edward B. and Hubert W. Our subject is a prominent Democrat in local affairs, and for seven years has served on the school board. He is a Master Mason, and is treasurer of his lodge. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

C. Arnold, farmer, was born in York County, Penn., July 13, 1831, the son of Peter and Barbara (Lehman) Arnold, natives of Pennsylvania, and born in 1803 and 1809, respectively. They were of German stock, and the father was occupied at the farm until his death, in 1869, but the mother still survives him, in the county of our subject's birth and education. Our subject worked independently, about two years after his majority, before he married. From that time he was a farmer in York County for about seven years before he began in wood and stone work. It was in 1871 that he came to Clark County, and settled on his present estate, where, in connection with farming, he was engaged burning lime for about fourteen years. His wife, Sarah A. Stouffer, was born in Lancaster County, Penn., December 9, 1836, and married in 1854. Eight of their thirteen children are living, and are as follows: Emma, a deaf mute, educated at the Pennsylvania Deaf and Dumb Institute, at Philadelphia; Jacob, Winfield, David, Anna C., Reuben, Franklin, and Christopher, also a deaf mute. Our subject's good business qualities have made him the possessor of 114 acres of good land, acquired by a self-made man. He first voted for Gen. Scott, in 1852, and votes the straight Republican ticket still. He and his wife hold to the religious faith of the Methodist Church, although they are not members at present.

Jacob Ball, one of Clark County's prominent citizens, was born in Kentucky in 1822, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Cole) Ball, natives of East Tennessee and Virginia, respectively. The death of the father occurred in Indiana in 1852. Our subject left the State of Indiana in 1849 and went to Lee County, Iowa, where he remained for two years, at the end of which time he came to Clark County, Mo., and settled on a farm in Sweet Home Township, and has lived in that township ever since, with the exception of the time he served his country during the war. He enlisted in Company C, Twenty-first Missouri, and took quite an active part until the close of the war, returning home in 1866. He was married in 1846 to Rebecca Nelson, daughter of William and Sarah (Corsealus) Nelson, natives of Indiana. To Mr. and Mrs. Ball ten children have been born, of whom nine are living: George W., Mary C., Henry C., Sarah F., John A., Emily J., Jacob E., Milo E. and Minnie. Mr. Ball



is a strong Republican, and both he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Barnett Brothers, general merchants, embrace Charles and Gurden C. Barnett. They began business in Wayland, in March, 1885, and now carry a large and well-selected stock of dry goods, groceries, queensware, etc., and control a large trade. Charles, the senior member, was born in St. Francisville, February 26, 1851, the son of Andrew and Sarah (Chamberlain) Barnett, natives of Maryland and New York. The father came to Missouri in 1849, and located at St. Francisville, was a farmer by occupation, and died across the river from that place about six years ago. The mother still resides in Keokuk, Iowa. Their children are Josephine (the wife of S. F. Sackett, of Marion, Kas.), Charles, Frederick P., Mary A. (the wife of J. W. Bibb), Gurden C. and Frank H. Charles was reared on the farm, and educated at St. Francisville. When twenty years of age he began mercantile life as a clerk. He afterward acted as deputy sheriff under his brother-in-law, and then engaged in business with that gentleman at St. Francisville for one year. The next year he was employed by the Keokuk Pickle Company, and in 1885, as above stated, he started in his present business, in which he has been successful. Mr. Barnett is a Democrat. Gurden C. is twenty-eight years of age, and was reared at St. Francisville. He spent some time in mercantile life in Keokuk before they started in their present business. He is married, and has one daughter. Like his brother, he is a Democrat in politics, and in business has contributed equally with his brother to the success of the firm. Barnett Brothers have been agents for the Keokuk Pickle Company ever since they have been at Wayland. They buy and ship on an average from 12,000 to 15,000 bushels every summer.

Mrs. Lucy T. Bartlett was born in Anderson County, Ky., March 11, 1812, the daughter of Richard D. and Mary J. (Terrell) Phillips, natives of Virginia. The father came to this county in 1834, and followed farming until his death. The mother is also deceased. They had four sons and eight daughters, and those living are Mrs. Lucy T., Marilles, James and Julia A. (the wife of Frank Martin, of Keokuk). In 1829 our subject married Jeremiah Riley, a native of Anderson County, Ky. In 1832 they removed to near Wayland, where Mr. Riley followed farming until his death in 1846. He was also a silversmith by trade. Their children living are Richard D. and Martha E. (the widow of James S. Shaffer, late of Alexandria). In 1848 our subject married William Bartlett, a native of Kentucky, and a brother of Samuel Bartlett. He was one of the earliest settlers, and entered the land where our subject now lives. He was very successful, and



owned about 1,600 acres at the time of his death, which occurred March 19, 1876. Their children are Henry C. and Lucy F. (the widow of S. J. Morris). By his first marriage, with Sarah Beaucamp, one daughter survives—Louisa A. (the wife of John Roberts). After her husband's death Mrs. Bartlett lived on the old homestead, which she managed for seven years. She now rents it, however, and is spending her life in retirement.

Henry C. Bartlett was born in Des Moines Township, August 30, 1848, the son of the late William and Lucy T. (Phillips) Bartlett, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject was reared on a farm, and educated in the common school. March 10, 1869, he married Martha Gray. He soon removed to his present farm near the old homestead. He has been very successful as a farmer and stock raiser, and now owns 440 acres of good land, over half of which is cleared and highly improved, and on which is one of the best residences in the township. His children living are Lizzie, Addie, Della, Albert, Nora, John, Maggie and an infant girl unnamed. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and is the president of the Anti-Horse-Thief Association.

William F. Bartlett was born in Clark County, October 17, 1865. He is the son of Richard F. and Margaret (Fifer) Bartlett, natives of this county and Indiana, respectively. The father was the son of William, a brother of Samuel Bartlett, an early pioneer of this county. Richard F. had five children, two of whom are now living: Our subject and Hattie. The father was a successful farmer and stock raiser, and owned 760 acres at the time of his death. This occurred in February, 1877, and the mother survived him but five years. Our subject was reared on the farm, and received an ordinary education. He now owns 300 acres of fine land, his share of the old estate. December 19, 1886, he married Ella, a daughter of John Murphy. His residence is situated on the Alexandria and Bloomfield road, about five miles from the former. Politically he is a Democrat.

Samuel Beaird was born in Clark County, Mo., on the Des Moines River, and is a son of Joel and Catherine Beaird, natives of Kentucky, who came to Clark County in 1840, and remained there until their respective deaths. Our subject was united in marriage to Mary E. Hogan, daughter of Enoch and Catherine Hogan. Enoch died in 1884, and his widow is now living with our subject. He and Mrs. Beaird have had two sons and two daughters: Myrtle, Ivy, Joel and Burel. The subject has lived upon his present farm of 120 acres for about ten years, during which time he has been engaged in farming and stock raising. He is identified with the Democratic party, and both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.



Frederick I. Beard, M. D., is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1840. He came to Clark County with his parents in 1851, and located near Waterloo. April 4, 1861, he married Miss Mary A. McCoy, who was born in the year 1837, and who was the daughter of James and Sarah A. (Fite) McCoy. To our subject and wife were born six children—four sons and two daughters—one daughter deceased. Mrs. Beard died March 1, 1868. February 20, 1879, he married Miss Naomi Payne, daughter of Benjamin and Eliza A. Payne. She was born in Clark County in 1843, and by her marriage became the mother of two children, both of whom died when quite young. In 1865 Mr. Beard moved to his present farm, which is located on the Wyaconda River, and consists of 600 acres of good land, all well improved. Previous to moving on his present farm he began the study of medicine (in 1858), and in the fall of 1859 entered the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, graduating in the spring of 1861. His practice has been large, but of late years he preferred the free and independent life of a farmer. He is a good citizen, as his many friends can testify. Our subject is a Democrat, a member of the Christian Church and of the Masonic Order. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church. Ira and Lorena (Matthews) Beard, the parents of our subject, were born in Vermont and Connecticut, respectively.

Woodford Beckett, one of the prominent citizens of Clark County, was born in Kentucky in 1809, and is a son of Nelson W. Beckett, a native of Virginia, and of English descent. The Beckett family are descendants of Thomas à Becket, who was assassinated at Canterbury, England, under the reign of King Henry II. January 29, 1832, our subject was married to Duranda Taylor, daughter of John Taylor, a Baptist minister, and a native of Virginia. Her mother, Polly (Williams) Taylor, was a native of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Beckett was born in Kentucky in 1811, and remained with her parents until her marriage with our subject. She is now a well-preserved woman of seventy-six, and can read without the aid of glasses. Mr. and Mrs. Beckett have had five children, of whom four are dead. The one living is Selina, wife of Patrick Dunlavy. After their marriage our subject and his wife remained in Kentucky until 1837, when they moved to Hannibal, Mo., where they resided one year, after which they came to Clark County, and settled on their present farm, which was at that time a vast wilderness. Mr. Beckett has been a resident of Clark County for forty-eight years, and is perhaps the oldest settler in the county. He has made the study of geology one of his chief amusements, and his conversations on that subject are very interesting and instructive. He is a Demo-



crat, has been elected surveyor three times, and has also assisted in that office for two terms of four years each, and is very familiar with all the duties pertaining to that position. He is a member of the Masonic order, and he and his wife belong to the Baptist Church. Our subject is also a wood mechanic of the first order, having learned the cabinet business in Kentucky, and has since been able to compete with the best workmen he ever met.

John B. Bedell was born in Athens, Clark Co., Mo., in 1857, and is the son of Samuel Bedell and Margaret (Gray) Bedell, natives of Kentucky. His father was a resident of Clark County for about fifty years, finally going to California for his health, and died there about three months after his arrival. His wife was with him at the time of his death, but afterward returned to Athens. Our subject also made frequent visits to California, while he was interested in mining. He married Flora Daubenbiss, daughter of John and Sarah (Lard) Daubenbiss. Mr. Daubenbiss is a native of Germany, and his wife a native of Missouri. Mrs. Bedell was born in 1864, and lived with her parents until her marriage with our subject in 1883. Two children, Georgie D. and John H., have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bedell. Our subject is a Democrat, and a member of the Masonic Order.

Peter Bender was born in Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, April 12, 1825, the fifth of six children. His parents, Frederick and Mary Bender, never left the fatherland, and although the father was a baker, he was chiefly engaged in farming. Our subject received a German education, and embarked for America at the age of nineteen. He traveled some in New York, and located at Baltimore, Md., where he engaged in farming and railroading, until about 1856. He then brought his family to Alexandria, Mo., and there engaged for about three years in working for a former employer, and in renting land. After about sixteen years at two different places, and four years at a third, he came to his present home. He now owns a good farm of eighty acres, well improved and cultivated. Politically he holds to the faith of the Democratic party, and cast his first vote with them for Buchanan. He and his wife were reared as German Lutherans.

John W. Bibb was born in Scotland County, Mo., January 27, 1851, the son of David and Nancy (Ewing) Bibb, natives of Kentucky. The father was one of the early settlers of Scotland County, and a prominent farmer. He died in 1861, and the mother survived him about three years. They reared four sons and four daughters, and those now living are Eliza A. (the wife of S. E. Wayland), Mattie A. (now Mrs. Taylor), John W., and Robert M. (of Idaho). Our subject was reared on the farm, and was educated at La Grange College. He has made St. Francisville his



home for the last twenty years. In 1876 he engaged in merchandising, and has continued with well-deserved success. He carries a well-selected stock of groceries, notions, drugs, paints, oils, tobacco, toilet articles, etc., and controls a large trade. July 3, 1878, he married Mary A., a daughter of the late Andrew Barnett. Their children are Florence, Ethel, Leila H. and Gurdan. Our subject is a Democrat, and became the St. Francisville postmaster eight years ago. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a reliable man.

Hon. George K. Biggs, farmer, was born May 31, 1812, near Paris, Ky., the second of twelve children of William and Elizabeth (McCune) Biggs, the former of Welsh descent, and born about 1787 near Portsmouth, Va., and the latter of Scotch-Irish stock, born a few years later in Bourbon County, Ky. His father was reared in his native State, and in manhood went to Bourbon County, Ky. He was married about 1809, and settled three miles west of Clarksville, Mo., in 1817, and a year later moved seven miles north of Bowling Green. He was a farmer, and a politician. After his death, in 1847, the mother continued at the old home until 1878. The father served in the war of 1812-14, and in the Legislature about twenty years; although he lost considerable in Kentucky, he afterward became quite wealthy in Missouri, and was a very prominent man. Our subject received little education after his tenth year, when he went to work in his father's distillery at fifteen, in which he continued until his majority, although he never drank a gill of whisky in his life. He then attended school about six months at an academy near Louisiana, Mo., but soon after entered his present land which has since been his home. His estate embraces 520 acres all that is left of about 1,000 acres that he owned before the war, from which he has sold and given away. About 1834 he married Margaret Jackson, who died in 1839. Their only child is Margaret E. In 1842 he married Mrs. Nancy (Floyd) Bland, by whom he has two children: William H. and Nancy. His wife died in 1846, and in July, 1847, he married Louisa (the daughter of J. Wayland, who was Gen. Washington's fifer, and the widow of Samuel Bartlett, also prominent in Clark County history). By this marriage his children were John and George (both deceased). Her first husband's children are Fielden, Elizabeth, Mary, Julia and Ann. Our subject has reared eighteen children, natural and adopted, and has given them both property and education. He has been politically prominent as well as financially, having settled within the limits of Clark County previous to its organization. In 1872 the Democratic party elected him representative, and from 1874



to 1878 he served as States senator. His political principles before the war were of the Whig party, and he cast his first vote for Henry Clay. He has been a Bourbon Democrat since 1860. He served through the Black Hawk war in 1832, also the Federal Army during the last war, and was robbed of over \$30,000 worth of property. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Henry Black, farmer, was born in Fluvanna County, Va., December 9, 1819. His parents, Burrell and Kittie (Johnson) Black, were natives of Virginia. They went to Oldham County, Ky., in 1829, and there remained on their farm until they died in 1837 and 1840, respectively. The father was also engaged as a millwright and wagon-maker. He and Thomas Jefferson were boys together, and were well acquainted. Our subject was educated in Oldham County, and came to Clark County in 1841, and here married and settled on his present farm. His wife, Malinda, is a daughter of Hezekiah and Frances (Ford) Foree, and was born April 22, 1822, in Oldham County, Ky. She came with her parents to Missouri in 1837, and was married July 1, 1841. Two of their children are deceased, and those living are George W., Albert R. (M. D.), Benjamin F., Hezekiah L., Frances, Emily, Jane, Lucy and H. L. Our subject has converted his farm from a wilderness into one of the best estates in the country. It embraces 475 acres, well improved and cultivated. Our subject first voted for Harrison, and is now a staunch Democrat. He first became identified with the F. & A. M. order in 1874. His wife and most of the children are members of the Baptist Church.

A. R. Black, M. D., was born December 16, 1850, in Clark County, on the banks of the Wyaconda. He is the fourth of several children of Henry and Malinda (Foree) Black, the former a native of Fluvanna County, Va., and born in 1819, and the latter born in Kentucky in 1822. The parents were married in Clark County, and soon settled at their present home in Union Township, where they are spending their declining years in retirement. Our subject was educated at Excelsior College, Alexandria, under the instruction of Rev. T. J. Musgrove. At the age of twenty-one he began his professional studies, which he continued until his graduation in 1875. He at once established himself at Winchester, where he has now one of the leading practices in the county. September 30, 1875, he married Terrisa Wolfe, who was born in 1851 in Lewis County. Our subject is a highly respected man, and a physician of ability, and besides his elegant home owns about sixteen town lots. He first voted for Greeley, and is now a Democrat. He is a member of the Masonic order, and he and his wife, hold to the faith of the Baptist Church.



His wife's parents, John and Elizabeth Wolfe, were natives of Ireland and Kentucky, respectively, and were early pioneers, of Lewis County.

Zachariah T. Boyd was born in Ohio, in 1848, and is a son of John R. and Elizabeth (Wardlow) Boyd, of German and Scotch descent, and natives of Ohio. John R. came to Iowa in 1853, where he ranked as one of the best farmers of that State. Our subject remained with his father in Iowa until 1872, when he came to Clark County, Mo., and located on a farm of 272 acres, upon which he is living at present. His educational advantages were very limited. He married Mary Calvin, daughter of William and Katie Calvin, and this union was blessed with three sons: John W., Oliver and Louie. Mrs. Boyd died in 1871, and our subject afterward married, in 1887, Frances Riffle, a daughter of George and Mary Riffle, citizens of Clark County. Our subject is identified with the Republican party, and is a liberal contributor to all public enterprises.

Charles P. Brown, one of Clark County's young and prosperous citizens, was born in Athens County, Ohio, June 16, 1848, and is a son of Daniel T. and Maria D. (Foster) Brown. His parents were natives of Massachusetts. The father of our subject was born in Athens County, Ohio, August 7, 1822, where he remained until 1856, engaged in mercantile business, of which he made a great success. From Athens County he went to Lee County, Iowa, and there settled on a farm of 240 acres, where he carried on quite an extensive business, dealing almost exclusively for the last few years in stock and dairy products, achieving quite a reputation as a cheese maker. Mr. Brown gave up farming in 1870, and went into the business of selling books, wall paper, stationery and sewing machines, but afterward sold out the book store, and has since led a more quiet and retired life. He is a man of intellect and fine business abilities, and has made a success of almost all his undertakings. He and his wife are now living at Fort Madison, and is a large stockholder in the paper mill manufactory. Charles P. came to Iowa with his father, and remained with him until he became of age, when he took charge of his father's farm and remained there until 1876, when he came to Clark County, Mo., and located upon the farm which he now owns and upon which he is at present living. This farm contains 190 acres of land under a high state of cultivation. From boyhood our subject has been greatly interested in farming, and has successfully followed this business almost all his life. He was married, in 1871, to Eliza J. McCabe, daughter of Arthur and Susannah (Christ) McCabe, natives of Delaware and Virginia, respectively. The parents of



Mrs. Brown left their native States and moved to Ohio, where they engaged in farming. They left that State about 1842 for Lee County, Iowa, thus becoming early settlers of that State, and engaged in farming and stock raising. Mr. McCabe was considered one of the best farmers of that region, and was well liked and respected on account of his good principles and character. He died in Iowa in 1883. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for fifty years. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been blessed with two boys and two girls: Charles E., Florence E., Daniel A. and Mabel. The last two named are dead. Mr. Brown has been a farmer of Clark County for eleven years, and, although an active Republican, has never aspired to any public office. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are both earnest Christians, and are always interested in the general welfare, prosperity and educational enterprises of their country.

Edward Bruner, farmer and retired blacksmith, was born June 15, 1816, in Dearborn County, Ind., the son of Samuel and Abigail (Higby) Bruner, natives of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively. They were married in Dearborn County, Ind., where they lived until our subject was eighteen years old. They then moved to Ripley County, where the mother died in 1843, and the father in 1861. The father married the second time. Our subject was reared and educated in his native county, and when eighteen years of age became apprenticed to the blacksmith trade, and served two years. He established himself then in Ripley County, and at his majority was married, and settled on a farm in that county. He continued there engaged in blacksmithing and farming until 1855, excepting the years 1846 and 1847 in Rush County. He then went to Lee County, Iowa. He soon crossed over to Clark County, and settled where he has since resided. His wife, Mercy, the daughter of Rev. Andrew and Nancy (Bryant) Baker, was born December 3, 1819, in Virginia. She lived in Tennessee, Ripley Co., Ind., and Rush County, where they lived for some time. They were married February 1, 1838. Of the eleven children the following are living: Nancy, Margaret A., James P., John M., William R. and Edward E. Our subject began when his farm was a forest, and has now converted his estate into one of the finest in the township. It embraces 160 acres of fine land. He is a skilled mechanic, and worked at his trade for about thirty-three years. He cast his first vote for Harrison, and has been successively a Whig and Democrat, of which latter party he is now an active supporter. He has served as trustee for several terms, and is identified with the I. O. O. F. fraternity. He, his wife, Nancy, Margaret A. and Edward E. are members of the Baptist Church.



Dr. Arthur J. Buckner, a prominent physician of Peakesville, Mo., was born in Georgetown, Ohio, in 1837, and is a son of Dr. William T. Buckner and Margaret (Thome) Buckner, both reared and married in the State of Kentucky. Dr. William T. Buckner gained quite a reputation as a physician in his native State, but, in 1842, came to Clark County, Mo., and located at Waterloo, but remained there only a short time, when he moved to what is now known as Athens, then but a vast wilderness. To this place he gave the name of Athens, which it has since retained. Owing to the lack of educational advantages at this place the family moved to Farmington, Iowa, where the father died. Our subject attended the Iowa College, at Davenport, in 1850, and when within one year of graduating was compelled to abandon the idea of completing his course on account of ill health. He then traveled for about two years and eight months, visiting all the European nations and a great many islands in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The places he visited were so many that we regret not having time or space to specify them. After returning home he attended two courses of lectures given in the medical college at Keokuk, after which he attended one course given in St. John's Medical College, at Cincinnati. After this he returned to Clark County, where he practiced about two years. He then attended the Bellevue Medical College, in New York, for about four months; then returned to Clark County, and continued his practice. A short time after that our country was called to arms, and he enlisted in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry, serving under Gens. Blount and Scofield until 1863, when he was discharged on account of disability. He returned home, and, after regaining his health, enlisted in the Third Ohio Cavalry in the winter of 1863-64. He received a wound (which necessitated the amputation of a leg), and returned home in 1865. August 5, 1868, he was united in marriage to Florence V. West, and to this couple six children have been born, five of whom are living: Margaret M., William W., Charlie T., Florence A. and George L. Dr. Buckner takes great interest in trotting bred horses. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity, and G. A. R.

James T. Buford was born in Bedford County, on Goose Creek, Va., near the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountain, in the year 1827. His father, Abraham Buford, was a native of Virginia, and of French descent. His wife, whose maiden name was N. Erdson, was a native of Virginia, and of Irish descent. The parents were married in their native county, where he was engaged in early life farming. During the war of 1812 he was appointed to superintend the buildings for winter quarters, etc. He resided



in Bedford County, Va., all his life, and was engaged in farming, carding wool, burning lime, etc. His politics were old line Whig. He was a member of the Baptist Church for more than forty years, and died a happy death, trusting in Christ until called home to meet his reward, which was in the year 1846. His widow, N. Buford, lived afterward for nearly twelve years. She passed away in 1857, in the triumph of faith, to meet her companion who went before, dying in Bedford County, Va., and was buried in the graveyard on their farm. Our subject, while yet in his teens, left the parental roof in Bedford County, Va., and immigrated to Knox County, Mo. After staying for a few years he returned to his place of birth, Bedford County, Va., remained there for a short time, then returned to Missouri, and in 1852 he emigrated to California, and spent the most of his time in mining for four years. Receiving word that his mother was not expected to live, he returned to old Virginia (but she had passed away before he arrived), spent a few months with sister and brother, and then returned to the northern part of Missouri, and the following year he married Miss May L. Glasscock, a native of Loudoun County, Va., and the daughter of Bailey Glasscock, whose sketch appears elsewhere in these pages. In 1860 our subject was mustered into service, and was made captain by the vote of the men enrolled in the service of State guards under Gov. Jackson, then governor of Missouri. His sympathies were with the South, but he loved the old flag, not the principles of the North. He was in several battles; some he was on the winning side of, others he lost. In 1862 he was sent back to Northern Missouri, recruiting, and was captured, placed under bond of \$12,000, not to aid the South—a hard price, yet he took it, and never shouldered a gun in behalf of the South again. He remained a paroled prisoner during the war, and for the safety of his family and himself he moved to Iowa in 1865. In December, following, he came back to Knox County, Mo., remaining there farming for two years, then located on the place where he now lives in Clark County, Mo., farming for a living. He lost all he had during the war. To our subject and wife were born eight children, all of whom are yet living: Fanny E. Buford, Virginia E., Lutz T., Wellington M., Mary, Nanny A., Robert W. and Joseph L. Buford. Mr. Buford is a Democrat, politically, and he and wife have been members of the Missionary Baptist Church for twenty-eight years.

Dr. T. A. Bull, a native of Wood County, Ohio, was born in 1842, and is the son of T. J. and Nancy Ann (Westcott) Bull, both natives of the State of New York, and both of English descent. After marriage the father followed agricultural pursuits



until 1858 or 1859, then began the study of dentistry under an uncle, Dr. Alonzo Bull. After reading for two years he moved to Dubuque, Iowa, and was there a practicing dentist several years. He then returned to Hancock County, Ill., and here practiced for over fifteen years. In 1884 he sold out, and moved to Iowa, settling in Pella, Marion County. He is a Republican in politics, and has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a number of years, as had also his wife. She died in 1886. Although Dr. Bull has arrived at the ripe age of seventy-six, he is yet vigorous in mind, and is still following his profession. Our subject is the fourth of a family of nine living children. He remained with his parents until his nineteenth year, when he enlisted in the Federal Army, and was in many important battles: Harper's Ferry, Antietam, Gettysburg, and numerous others. In the spring of 1865 he was mustered out, and returned to Warsaw, Ill., where he began the study of dentistry under his father. He afterward practiced in that town for about nine years, and then crossed the Father of Rivers, and settled in the village of Fairmont, Clark County, where he has had a good practice. In the spring of 1868 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Boscow, a daughter of Dr. T. H. Boscow, a prominent physician in Warsaw, Ill. To Dr. and Mrs. Bull four children have been born: Frances I., Burt, Frederick A. and Giles E. Frances I. is the wife of James E. Pulliam, the other children are single, and make their home with their parents. Dr. Bull is a Republican in politics, and a member of the G. A. R.

William L. Burkheimer, an able attorney at Kahoka, Mo., was born in the year 1840, reared in Lewistown, Penn., and educated in the University of Pennsylvania. He adopted the profession of his father, in 1869 went to Monticello, Ind., and in 1870 was admitted to the bar. Four years later he located for a short period in Boone County, Mo., and in 1876 came to Kahoka where he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession ever since. In 1874 he married Mrs. Mary A. (Burns) Gridley, widow of A. J. Gridley, who was a lawyer and real estate agent at Monticello, Ind. By his marriage Mr. Gridley became the father of two children: Bert and Ada. The latter died in 1879, and Bert is associated with his stepfather in the law office. Mrs. Burkheimer is a native of Indiana, born in the year 1840, and is the daughter of Liberty M. and Amanda Burns. Our subject is the son of John and Mary Jane (Kinney) Burkheimer, both native born Americans, though of German-Irish parentage. The father was a well-known and very successful attorney of Lewistown, Penn., and died in 1879, his wife having preceded him to the grave about four years. While living in



Indiana our subject was elected prosecuting attorney, and filled the office in an able and efficient manner. He is a Democrat in politics, and his wife is a member of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

Louis Buschling, farmer, was born in Hanover, Germany, October 22, 1822, one of nine children of Frederick and Sophia (Fieldmann) Buschling, natives of Germany. Our subject was educated in his native country, and at the age of nineteen entered the army. He served ten years, chiefly as sergeant. At the age of thirty years he crossed the Atlantic to Baltimore, and then went to Johnstown, Penn. Six months later he moved to Louisville, Ky., where he was married, and engaged as a drayman for three years. He then went to Columbus, Ind., and after two years of farming went to Keokuk, Iowa, where he engaged as teamster. Three years later he came to Clark County, Mo., and rented a farm, and two years later moved to one he had bought. He remained there three years, and then came to his present home. His wife, Caroline Baurrichter, is a native of Germany, born in 1832, and was about sixteen years old when she came to this country. They were married in 1854, and their children are H. Louis, Sophia, Lizzie, William, Tilda, Charles, Frederick and John. Our subject has now a fine estate of about 240 acres. He has led an adventurous life in his native country, especially as a soldier. He first voted for Pierce, and is now a Republican. He served during the war as lieutenant of militia. His entire family are members of the Lutheran Church.

John G. Caldwell, a native of Monroe County, Va., born in 1818, is the son of John Caldwell, a native of Virginia, and of Irish descent. The mother, whose maiden name was Drummond, was also a native of Virginia, and of Scotch-Irish descent. They were married in Botetourt County, Va., where the father followed blacksmithing all his life. The mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died in Monroe County, Va. Our subject is the eldest of a family of four children, three of whom are living. He received a fair education, and in 1835 moved to Wayne County, Ind., where he began life for himself by working out on a farm. He afterward rented land during his eight years in Wayne County. He was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Hampton, the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Hampton, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. Thirteen children were the result of our subject's marriage, ten of whom are now living. In 1842 our subject and family immigrated to Lee County, Iowa, where for a period of twenty-three years he followed agricultural pursuits. In the fall of 1866 he moved to Northeast Missouri, and settled in Clark County, where he has



ever since resided, a respected and honored citizen. He owns a two-hundred-acre farm, well stocked and well improved. He is a Republican in politics, is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and he and wife are worthy members of the Congregational Church.

Isaac R. Campbell, deceased, was born in Oneida County N. Y., May 2, 1798, cotemporaneously with the erection of the first house in Utica. At the age of eighteen he left home, intending to go to sea. He stopped with an uncle at Pittsfield, Mass., however, and was induced to abandon his intentions. After working on the Erie Canal for a time he went to Pennsylvania, and soon after to the vicinity of Wellsville, Ohio, where he was employed in a still-house for some time. The following explains his departure from that place: One evening in the excitement of prospective courting he accidentally fed his employer's hogs some hot food, which, on his return early the next morning, proved too much for the "porkers" and he found them dead. He objected to having his happiness spoilt by his employer's displeasure, and without waiting for a settlement, packed his trunk, which in this case proved to be his pocket-handkerchief, and became a "wanderer on the face of the earth." He first became cook on a keel-boat, and in 1812 landed in Missouri Territory. Here he became Jack of all trades, and in 1823 married Sarah White. He at once settled on forty acres of land, and two years later moved to the present site of Nauvoo. He remained here until 1830 engaged in keeping boarding house, shoemaking and keel-boating to the lead mines at Galena. He then sold out, and returned to what is now Nashville, Lee County. The following spring he moved to what is now Keokuk, and engaged with Dr. Muir as an Indian trader. He held slaves while in Illinois and Iowa, and in 1834 persuaded a Pennsylvania congressman to secure the passage of an act enabling the half-breeds to dispose of their land in Lee County. After this act was passed our subject organized the St. Louis Land Company, consisting of J. and E. Walsh, of St. Louis; J. H. Overhall, of St. Charles; Col. Crossman, United States Army, and himself. They purchased the first claim ever sold, from Isaac Antyer. In 1836 he sold his half interest in the original town of Keokuk, which then consisted of a "potato patch" of a few acres. In 1838 he disposed of his interest in the half-breed tract, consisting of one-thirteenth of 119,000 acres and Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet, was one of the buyers. Two thousand dollars of the \$14,000 were paid down in old chairs, horses, carriages, etc. He held the notes of the three buyers at the time of his death. He removed to St. Francisville in 1837, on account of anti-slavery sentiments in Iowa, and remained there until his death, August 26, 1882. He was a very liberal man, and



probably out-lived 50,000 men who were his cotemporaries. By his first wife his children were James W. and Isaac R. (deceased); and by his second wife, Emily Davis, his children were Sarah A. (deceased), Robert T. (deceased), John R. (deceased), Helen E. (the wife of Judge McClintock), Henry C., Eleanora L., Laura I., Cora R. and Eugene M. His first wife died January 8, 1831, and his second wife September 10, 1883.

C. H. Carothers, M. D., was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., in 1825, and is the son of John C. and Anna (Roe) Carothers. The father is a native of Northumberland County, Penn., and is of English descent. The mother was a native of the city of Philadelphia, and also of English descent. Her father was an architect from London. The father previous to his marriage followed the coppersmith's trade which he also continued to follow after moving to Pittsburgh, Penn. About 1806 he moved to Westmoreland County, and purchased a farm, where he passed the remainder of his days. He was at that time one of the most enterprising and wealthy men of West Pennsylvania. He was a Democrat in politics. Our subject is the youngest of a family of nine children, all of whom lived to be grown, but only four are now living. He received a liberal education in the common schools, and took a more complete course at Allegheny College, Meadville, Penn. He then began the study of medicine, and read under Dr. Boyd for three years, during which time he practiced some, and took a thorough course in Western Reserve College, at Cleveland, Ohio. He immigrated to Adams County, Ill., in 1851, and in 1852 he married Miss Julia Wood, a daughter of L. and P. (Pack) Wood. She is a native of New Brunswick and is of French and German descent. To our subject and wife were born seven children, five of whom are living, and three of whom are married. Ida is the wife of S. Dare, a farmer in Lewis County; Anna is the wife of Edwin Breckenridge, a teacher in Clark County; Brittie is the wife of B. Morris; Lottie and Charles H. are at home. In 1855 our subject moved to Northern Missouri, and settled in Clark County. Here the Doctor has remained ever since, and is considered one of the most successful physicians in the county. For several years of his life he followed merchandising in connection with his practice, but during the last seven years he has given up the practice of medicine, and has devoted his time and attention to merchandising. He is a Republican, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and during the late war, was in the Home Guards and militia, and served as assistant surgeon.

J. W. Catlett, the son of Louis H. and Eliza A. (Kerfeott) Catlett, was born in Rankin County, Miss., in 1839. His parents



were both natives of Virginia. They were married in Frederick County, Va., July 30, 1829, and they soon afterward immigrated to Kentucky, and purchased land on the Cumberland River. After improving this, he sold it and immigrated to Mississippi, where he remained for several years as overseer. He next moved to Texas, and from there to Louisiana, where he passed the remainder of his days. With the exception of his overseer life in Mississippi, he has always been engaged in farming. He was a Democrat in his political views, and died in the year 1848. His widow and five children moved to Clark County, Mo., in the spring of the same year, and here the mother taught school for several terms and also did some needle work. In 1857 she married Richard Shacklitt, a widower and a native of Kentucky, but a resident of Scotland County. In that county they lived happily for eighteen years, when death claimed her for a victim. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject, at the age of nine years, was placed in the care of an uncle, Ezra Kerfeott, of Clark County, where he remained for five years, working for his board and clothes, and any extras went to help his mother. He then worked for a man eighteen months, but for some reason or other neither he nor his mother received a cent of money for this work. He next worked for a man named Johnson for \$6 per month, and then worked for William Fee for \$5 per month, and then contracted to work a year for him for \$30, with the privilege of going three months to school. He worked on in this way, until twenty-two years of age, and assisted his mother all he could with the money he received. He got his education by working for his board and going to school winter months; tallow candles and tuition costing \$6 for three months' school, there being no free schools then in Missouri. He then began working for himself. In 1864 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Lasswell, daughter of William Lasswell, whose biographical sketch appears elsewhere. To this union one child was born, and soon after its mother departed this life. This child's name is William R., and he is now farming in Kansas. In 1866 our subject married Miss Mary A. V. Lasswell, and after farming in Scotland County, one year, moved to Clark County, where he has ever since remained. To this last union seven children were born (two deceased), five of whom are living at home. Mr. Catlett is one of the most extensive stock dealers in Northeast Missouri, and has on hand now several hundred head of stock, mostly cattle, on his farm of over 400 acres. His first wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his last wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

I. B. Chamberlain, dealer in staple and fancy groceries at Luray, established his business at this place in 1885. He was



previously located at Neva (in 1880), and was postmaster at that place. He is a native of Indiana, born in the year 1836, and moved to Clark County, Mo., in 1851, where he engaged in farming, and followed this occupation up to 1880. In 1855 he took for his companion in life Miss Amelia Harrison, of this county, and the daughter of Jabeth and Mary Harrison. Mrs. Chamberlain was born in the year 1832, and died in 1857, leaving one child, a daughter, named Mary E. In 1861 Mr. Chamberlain married Miss Rebecca Shannon, daughter of E. Z. and Elizabeth Shannon. She was born in Ohio, and by her marriage to our subject became the mother of three children, two of whom are deceased; Samuel, their son, is living. Our subject's second wife died in 1875, and in 1876 he married Mrs. Marietta (Rowe) Crane, widow of Farris Crane. She died in 1878, and in 1880 he married Miss Lucy I. Johnson, of Clark County, born in the year 1857, and the daughter of Daniel and Teney Johnson. To this union were born to our subject and wife three children: James E., Teney A. and an infant unnamed. Mr. Chamberlain is a member of the A. H. T. A., and his wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

Nathaniel T. Cherry, lawyer, was born in Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio. He is the son of Thomas and Susan (Perrin) Cherry, natives of Zanesville, Ohio, and Laurel Hill, Md., respectively. The father came to Missouri in 1856, and located on a farm in Clark County, where he followed farming and stock raising for several years; he also followed merchandising at Alexandria for two years, and is now spending his declining years in retirement. The mother and the following children are now living: Lyne S., Nathaniel T., Daniel P., Eliza J. (the wife of W. W. Allen) and Amelia R. Morella is the deceased wife of W. H. Busey. Our subject secured a good education at St. Francisville Academy, and during the war followed mercantile business for two years. After the conflict was over he engaged in general insurance, and also followed farming. He began his professional studies in 1868, in the law office of N. F. Givens, of Waterloo. He was admitted to the bar in 1871, and has since practiced at the Clark County bar, and also in Keokuk. He practices likewise in the Federal courts of Missouri and Iowa, and has attained a high professional standing. Mr. Cherry is a prominent Democrat, and served three sessions as clerk in the Missouri Legislature. He is a Mason, and has passed all the chairs in the Alexandria Lodge, and is a lawyer of experience and ability.

G. G. Childers' (Kahoka, Mo.) autobiography boiled down; being a concise account of the life of G. G. Childers as dictated by himself: My parents were Oliver P. and Catherine Childers.



To begin the boiling down process with my name, I am called by my friends, by its middle and shortest third, Guy. I first discovered the Christian era when it was 1853 years, two months and fourteen days old. The world, therefore, had a big start of me, but I have managed (at the expense of some hard knocks) to hold my own with it since. Taking Winchester, Clark Co., Mo., as a starting point in the race of life, I proceeded, in the first four years, as far as Waterloo, then the county capital of Clark County. Here eight more uneventful years of my early career were passed, and in my twelfth year I removed to Fort Madison, Iowa. I lost my mother there when near the sixteenth year of my age, and the family of six boys, of whom I was the eldest, being broken up, we boys were equitably distributed among our friends. I fell to the lot of Col. Peter A. Hitt, a lumberman of Alexandria, Mo., and the biggest man (weight 375 pounds) ever in Clark County. Being once again on my native heath, and in most excellent hands, I enjoyed a flourishing period of three years, during which I acquired a limited knowledge of lumber, Latin and life. I had been sent to school more or less every year from childhood, but to that time had made study a mere mechanical routine. I now became suddenly enamored of science and the classics, under the vigorous training of that model educator, Rev. Thomas J. Musgrove, and his excellent assistants, Profs. Ellery and Farmer. I here attained that highest pinnacle of literary eminence since Cicero—that which David Copperfield worshiped in his youth—the position of head boy in school. When in my nineteenth year I lost my benefactor, Col. Hitt, by death, and launched out upon life on my own account. Several years of unassisted toil were next colored with impracticable visions of fame. Vague ideas of being a self-made man left the point undetermined whether the finished product should be a president of the United States or a professor in a college. Yet, with all the latent egotism implied in this state of mind, practically a lack of self-confidence was the source of more difficulty than any real obstacle. For ten years I worked at a variety of callings—in lumber yards, in the school room, and on farms—but never lost a spare moment from poring over the college curriculum, which I was destined not to finish. In my twenty-eighth year, becoming tired of this mixed menu of life, I fell out with the classics, and in love at the same time; became engaged to Miss Cordelia T. Wood of Clark County; took to the law at the lady's suggestion, and was admitted to the Kahoka bar after six months' study. I never practiced a day, but immediately bought a newspaper without money; got married the same week, and have prospered ever since, being at this time the editor and



proprietor of the *Kahoka Herald*, and the father of two fine boys: John Julian, born September 24, 1882, and Lapsley McKee, born January 21, 1884.—*Moral*: When you find difficulty in paddling your own canoe, get a good sensible woman to hold the helm.

George W. Christy was born in Kentucky in 1827, and is a son of James and Hannah (Roice) Christy, natives of Kentucky. The father of our subject moved to Missouri in 1848, but finally permanently located in Clark County, Mo., near Kahoka, where he died in 1877. Our subject remained with his father until 1846, and then returned to his native State, where he engaged in the mercantile business for three years, but at the expiration of that time went to Clark County, Mo., and settled upon his present farm, which he had purchased from his father. In 1853 he married Martha Shaffer, daughter of John and Paulina Shaffer. This union has been blessed with eleven children, ten of whom are living: John J., George W., William, Amanda E., Mary C., Laura A., Hannah P., Geneva A., Sarah J. and Lullie M. Our subject is an active member of the Democratic party, but has never sought public office.

Franklin A. Clark, a first-class citizen of Clark County, Mo., was born in the State of Massachusetts in the year 1841, and came to Clark County, Mo., with his parents in 1853. In 1858 he located upon his farm, which consists of 160 acres of as good land as is to be found in Clark County. In 1869 he led to the hymenial altar Miss Elenor R. Robb, of Illinois. She was born in the Keystone State in 1846, and by her union with our subject became the mother of six children, named as follows: Edwin Augustus, born October 11, 1870; Benjamin Robb, born June 5, 1874, and died November 5, 1875; James Albert, born August 30, 1876; Thomas Irving, born December 26, 1878; Walter Luther, born June 22, 1884; and Franklin Rice, born June 4, 1884. Our subject is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, and is also engaged in the raising of live stock. He is a Republican in his political views, and he and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is the son of Adison and Mary (Clark) Clark. Mrs. Clark was the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Ferguson) Robb, both of whom were natives of Westmoreland County, Penn., and of Irish lineage.

Samuel Clough was born in Stockport, Cheshire, England, in the year 1832. His father, Charles Clough, was also a native of Cheshire, England, and was a farmer by occupation. In 1840, at the age of forty-five, he emigrated alone to the Dominion of Canada, having left his family (two sons) with an aunt, as their mother had died some time previous. He remained in Canada for ten years, in the meantime sending for



his sons, and at the end of five years they moved to Syracuse, N. Y., and here the father died. The sons were then thrown upon their own resources. They engaged in farming in Jefferson County, N. Y., where our subject, Samuel Clough, lived about five years. He then moved to Keokuk, Iowa, and farmed there for a short time, when, in the fall of the year 1856, he made a prospective trip to Clark County, Mo., where he purchased a small farm. He then returned to Keokuk, Iowa, and after remaining there a short time returned to Jefferson County, N. Y., where he married Miss Harriet Hastings, a native of Jefferson County. To this union was born one child, who died when only four years of age. In 1859 Mr. Clough and wife moved from their farm in Clark County, Mo., to Jefferson County, N. Y., and here the wife died. After remaining there several years Mr. Clough married Miss Jane R. Gardner, a native of Canada, and the daughter of John Gardner. In the spring of 1865 our subject moved with his family to Clark County, Mo, where he has ever since lived. To his last marriage were born eight children, all of whom are living: George, Hattie, Walter and Edwin (twins), Charles, William, Samuel, Jr., and Jennie. George married Miss May Wilson, daughter of Robert Wilson. Hattie is the wife of Albert Blattner. The remainder of the children are at home with their parents. During the time Mr. Clough has lived in Clark County (over twenty years) he has proved to be not only a thrifty, enterprising farmer, but a man much esteemed and respected by his neighbors. He owns 500 acres of good land, all well improved. He served the people of Clark County as judge for four years, and filled the office with credit and satisfaction to himself and to the people. Mrs. Clough is a member of the Christian Church.

G. W. Collins was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., in the year 1832, and is the son of Thurman and Hannah (Robinson) Collins, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively, and both of English descent. The parents were married in Onondaga County, N. Y., and resided in an adjoining county about fourteen or fifteen years, where the father followed agricultural pursuits. In 1843 they moved to Illinois, and settled in Paw Paw, Lee County, where he remained until his death, with the exception of ten or twelve years in La Salle County. He was originally an old line Whig, but after the death of that party he was always a Republican. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a kind husband and an affectionate father. He died in November, 1886. His wife was sixty-seven years of age at the time of her death. Our subject is the eldest son of his father's family. At the age of nineteen he began working for



himself, but, not succeeding in what he first undertook, he began working at the carpenter's trade, without previously studying as an apprentice. As he possessed considerable natural ability for this kind of work he succeeded quite well, and continued at this business for several years. At the age of twenty-three, in 1855, he wedded Miss Euphema Hinman, a daughter of Robert and M. A. Hinman, natives of Vermont, both of whom are now residing in Bureau County, Ill., where they have lived for over half a century. Mr. Hinman is eighty-three years of age, and his wife is seventy-eight. After marriage our subject moved to La Salle County, Ill., where he cultivated the soil for a number of years. He then sold his fine farm, and, crossing the Mississippi River, settled in Clark County, Washington Township, where he lived for over thirty years. To his marriage were born three children, viz.: Loren E. (wedded to Miss Lista Brown), Charles H. (who is at home with his parents) and Mindwell Ann Collins who is also at home. Our subject is a successful farmer, and owns a good farm of 245 acres, all well improved. He is a Republican in politics, and an excellent citizen.

Harvey E. Combs is a native Kentuckian, born in the year 1825. In 1834 he came with his parents to Lewis County Mo., and settled near Canton. After remaining there four years he moved with his parents to his present location. They purchased 55 acres of land at \$5 per acre. Our subject afterward purchased 160 acres, but sold 80 acres, and, being anxious to make a few extra dollars, helped cut 60 acres of wheat at \$1 per day. The distance to the place where he worked was four and a half miles. This distance he walked barefooted twice a day until finished. In 1846 he married Lucretia Raborn, who died eight years later, leaving three sons. In 1854 he took for his second wife E. Mitchel, and she died eight years later, leaving no issue. In 1863 our subject was again married, taking for his wife the Widow Sprouse, who had three children—two sons and a daughter—by her previous marriage. By the third marriage our subject became the father of two sons and four daughters. He chose his three wives from within half a mile of the same place. When our subject first settled on his present farm he knew of no one living west of him. He kept some very cross and savage dogs, and can tell many interesting anecdotes about early times. He and his dogs were chased into the house many times by the wolves, and he stood in his door in one instance and counted as many as twenty deer, and could at any time see wild turkeys. His father, one fall, cut down 165 bee trees, and obtained seven barrels of strained honey and seven barrels of honey in comb. In



1865 our subject assisted in erecting the First Baptist Church in this part of the country. He took but little part in the late war, being provost guard at Alexandria about two weeks. He takes great pride in the culture of honey bees, having 40 stands at present, and has had as many as 113 stands at one time. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is the son of George and Susan (Eberly) Combs. The father died in 1868 at the age of seventy-five. The mother is still living, and is ninety-four years of age.

John P. Coovert, one of the foremost citizens and merchants of Clark County, was born in the State of Ohio in 1835, and is the son of John and Mary Coovert, citizens of Ohio. John P. left his native State in 1856, and settled on a farm in Clark County, Mo., remaining there until 1878, after which he spent a year traveling through a number of States, but finally returned to Clark County, and in 1880 embarked in business in Peakesville. He was united in marriage, in 1855, to Miss Caroline Floyd, daughter of Ambrose and Margaret Floyd, of Ohio, and to their union eight children have been born: Mary J., David A., Elmer N., Elmira E., Wallace F., Ella A., John R. and Nora C., all of whom are living except Elmer. Mary J. was married to Mr. Lewis Kautz January 1, 1885. The remainder are still single. Mr. Coovert is a member of the A. H. T. A. He has been engaged in the mercantile business for about seven years, has a large stock of goods, and does quite an extensive business, ranking among the first and most respected merchants of Clark County, dealing in dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, hats, caps, fancy notions, etc.

John M. Crook, a prominent pioneer of Clark County, was born May 13, 1823, in Grant County, Ky. He is the only living child of William and Nancy (McCann) Crook, the former of English origin, born in 1796, in Bourbon County, Ky., and the latter a native of Virginia, of Irish descent. After a youth spent in Mason County, Ky., the parents married and came to Pendleton County, and thence to Grant County, from which place they immigrated to Quincy, Ill., when our subject was twelve years old. They lived chiefly at Burton until 1838, when they came to Winchester, and here died, the mother in 1850 and the father in 1879. The father was a skillful cabinet-maker, but during his western residence was devoted chiefly to farming. Our subject lived with his parents until the age of twenty-four, and in the meantime had learned the plasterer's trade. He continued this business until 1854, when he married, and after two years in Winchester began farming. It was three years later that he moved to another farm, and about the same length of time afterward he went to Kansas. He spent but a short time there, and



then came to his present home. In 1868 he spent a few months working on the Union Pacific Railway, in Colorado. His wife, Armilda, a daughter of Lawrence and Mary (Norton) Buskirk, was born September 25, 1831, in Grant County, Ky., and was married May 7, 1854. Their children are Mary E., Nancy A., Sarah J., Mattie and Willie. Our subject is a reliable and respected citizen, and has held the political principles of the Whig and Republican parties in succession. He served as constable for eight years. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

O. S. Cross, a good citizen and blacksmith of Luray, is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1826. At the age of sixteen he began learning his trade, and has followed this in connection with farming ever since. In 1857 he came to Clark County, Mo., and the next year was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Dabyns, a native of Missouri, born in the year 1839, and the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Dabyns. The result of our subject's marriage was the birth of four children, two of whom are deceased. Mrs. Cross died in 1871, and in 1876 he was united in marriage to Frances Dabyns, sister to his first wife. She was born in 1829, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. H. T. A. He is the son of Abram and Priscilla Cross, both natives of the State of New York, but their death occurred in Ohio. Our subject has a farm of sixty-eight acres, well improved and well cultivated, joining the town of Luray. He is a Republican in his political views, and is a good citizen and neighbor.

William H. Cull, a native of Henry County, Ky., was born in the year 1823, and is the son of Nathan and Rebecca (Rawlings) Cull, both natives of Henry County, Ky., and of Irish and Welsh descent, respectively. The father was a farmer, and was also engaged in the lumber business, sawing with the old-fashioned "whip saw." In politics he was a Democrat, "dyed in the wool." In religion he was a member of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in September, 1844, at the age of forty-five. His widow remained on her farm until 1851, when she sold her share of the estate and immigrated to western Clark County, Mo., where she now resides in her ninetieth year. She makes her home with her son, H. G. Cull. She was also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject made his home with his mother in Henry County, Ky., until twenty-seven years of age, when he moved to Clark County, Mo., and purchased property in Washington Township. In 1851 he moved on his farm, where he has ever since lived. Previous to this, in 1848, he had married, and he now brought his young wife to share his



humble home, which consisted of a log house with one room, made by his own hands. As the country gradually began to settle up, he too began gradually to improve his farm, and it now numbers several hundred acres. To our subject and wife were born eight children, four only of whom are now living: Martha L., Susan A., John W. and Mary L. Our subject, in his thirty years' residence in Clark County, has gained the respect and esteem of all his acquaintances. After seeing that his children were well provided for in life, he still owns 240 acres of valuable land in Washington Township, five miles from Fairmont, where he first settled. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Jacob Dewald, farmer, was born February 24, 1849, in Rhenish Prussia, one of eleven children of Henry and Catherine (Back) Dewald, both natives of Germany. When our subject was six years old they crossed the Atlantic, and settled at Keokuk, Iowa. The father worked at his trade of shoemaking there until his death in 1857; the mother still survives him, and is living with our subject. The latter began for himself at ten years of age, in Clark County, doing anything he could find, and was thus deprived of an education. At the age of seventeen he rented a farm in Lewis County, and two years later returned to Clark County, where he farmed about five years. He next bought a farm in Lee County, Iowa, and continued there six years. He then returned, and soon after bought his present farm, which is one of the finest estates in the region. It embraces 140 acres of bottom land, and has a fine residence. In spite of his being scarcely able to read, and entirely deficient in writing, he has succeeded remarkably. He first voted for Tilden, and still holds to that political faith.

Frank M. Dewey was born in Lee County, Iowa, in 1855, and is the son of George H. and Chloa (Butler) Dewey, natives of Massachusetts. George H. came to Iowa in 1838, where he purchased a farm, returning to Massachusetts, however, to celebrate his marriage with Chloa Butler, after which he returned to his newly purchased home, upon which he and his wife are now living a quiet life, with his son Siar, who owns the homestead. The father is now in his seventy-first year, and his wife is but two years his junior. Our subject remained at home until 1880, and then came to Clark County, Mo., where he purchased his two brothers' shares in the farm on which he is now living. It consists of 230 acres of land, well improved. He deals in stock raising, making the rearing of good stock a specialty. Our subject was married in 1881 to Deborah E. Porter, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Thompson) Porter. He is a Republican, and also



a strong believer in Prohibition. He is an energetic member of the A. H. T. A., and is also an active member of the church and Sunday-school.

J. W. Dunbar, postmaster and general merchant, was born on the original site of Winchester, May 25, 1844. He is the eldest of three children of W. and Jane (Lockhart) Dunbar, natives of Kentucky, and born in 1815 and 1809, respectively. The mother came to Missouri with her first husband, and the father came when he was a young man. Her first husband, Mr. Thomas, was "the father of Winchester." After a residence there for some time his death occurred, and in 1843 his widow married our subject's father. They died in 1867 and 1885, respectively. The father had been a distiller in Kentucky, but followed agriculture in his western home, where he owned considerable property in and about Winchester. He was a prominent man in his community, and was honored with positions of trust up to his death. Our subject was educated at Bloomington High School, and at the age of twenty years began his career as a teacher, which extended over a period of ten years. He was also a collector during the war, and had many amusing experiences. He was collecting in Macon, Chariton and Randolph Counties during the time when Price made his raid up through Missouri, when in a day's ride you would not see a man on either side (blue or gray) unless he was disabled or too old to go into the army. He remained about three years in that vicinity, visited Kansas a few times, and then spent about two years in Trenton as an advertising agent. He returned to his native place in 1867, located on his father's estate, and followed farming and teaching for about seven years, since which time he has been a merchant at Winchester. He was commissioned postmaster November 21, 1885. His wife Ella (Vertrees), to whom he was married February 5, 1871, is a lady of French origin, and was born July 7, 1853. Their children are Mary, Minnie and Susie; two others are deceased. Our subject now owns a fine home, a store building, a good stock of goods, besides other town property, and is one of the leading men of Winchester. He is a Democrat; in religion his wife holds to the faith of the Christian Church.

Alfred T. Dunn, one of the old citizens of Clark County, was born in Ohio in 1832, and is a son of John W. and Mary Dunn, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. The former died in Ohio in 1872, while the latter died in 1857. In 1853 our subject was married to Julia A., daughter of Elias and Mary C. Weekly. The father died in Ohio in 1862, but the mother is still living. Our subject was married in Ohio, and lived in that State until 1858, when he took a trip to Georgia, but returned



to Ohio in 1862, making that State his home until the following year, when he came to Clark County, Mo., living in different places for about two years, when he purchased the farm upon which he now lives, which contains about 200 acres of good land, well improved. Mr. Dunn is one of the old settlers of Clark County, having come here when it was but a wilderness. Mr. Dunn is the father of eleven children, ten of whom are living, as follows: William L., John E., Edward T., David H., Marion U., Joseph I., Alfred C., Margaret C., Sarah A. and Mary E. Our subject served in Company C, Sixty-ninth Missouri Regiment, for six months during the war, but at the end of that time received an honorable discharge, and returned home. During his early life he endured many hardships and privations, and worked hard, but now is enjoying the fruits of his early labor, and living the remainder of his life in ease.

Joseph T. Druse was born in Ohio in 1819, and is a son of Stephen and Anna (Denslow) Druse, natives of New York, who moved to Ohio, and engaged in farming until the death of the former, which occurred soon after their arrival. Our subject left that State in 1846 and went to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he remained about fifteen years, or until he came to Clark County, Mo., in 1860, when he settled upon his present farm of 183 acres, and has since been very successful. In 1858 he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Elida T. Davis, daughter of Abial and Nancy (Cook) Davis, natives of Rhode Island. Five sons and five daughters have blessed this union, namely: Lillie, Arthur, Charles, Harry, Mittie, Fannie, Hiram, Lucy, Ora and George, all of whom are living at home. Mr. Druse enjoyed the advantages of a good education. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Jesse Edmonson, postmaster and merchant of Chambersburg, was born August 16, 1851, in McDonough County, Ill., and is the youngest of six children (one deceased) born to James and Sarah (Waymick) Edmonson. The parents were natives of Indiana, but were married in Illinois, where they came when young. Soon after marriage they located in our subject's native county, and there remained until about 1855, at which date he moved to Missouri, and two years later to Scotland County, of the same State. In 1861 they moved to Clark County, where they resided one year, after which they returned to Illinois. In 1864 or 1865 they again returned to Clark County, Mo., and located on the farm, where they have since resided. Our subject received his education in the common schools of Clark County, and at the age of seventeen left the parental roof, and May 23, 1868, Miss Mary Toops became his wife. She was born June 9,



1852, near Louisville, Ky., and is the daughter of Henry and Nancy (Combs) Toops. Three children were the result of our subject's marriage: James Henry, Emma Jane and Annie May. Our subject began farming soon after marriage, and continued at the same exclusively until 1882, at which date he purchased an interest in the general store at Chambersburg, becoming a member of the firm of Edmonson & Bro., but remained in the store only five months, when he moved to Athens, and established himself in the grocery business under the firm title of Edmonson & Fincher. He remained at Athens until February, 1884, when he returned to Chambersburg, and again engaged in merchandising with J. M. Toops, under the firm name of Edmonson & Toops. Since April 15, 1886, our subject has had control of the business alone, and is sole proprietor. In connection with merchandising our subject has also managed a farm, and is an industrious and enterprising young merchant. He is a Democrat in politics, but cast his first presidential vote for Horace Greely. He is a worthy member of the I. O. O. F., and has passed through all the chairs. His wife is an active member of the Baptist Church.

S. B. Ellison, farmer, was born March 24, 1820, in Monroe County, Va., and is the sixth of thirteen children. His parents, Matthew and Mary A. (Campbell) Ellison, were natives probably of Monroe County, Va., and Ireland, respectively; at least, Monroe County was the scene of their marriage. The father continued his agricultural pursuits until his death, when our subject was about ten years old, but the mother survived her husband until 1884, in about her ninety-seventh year. Our subject was educated in Virginia, and in his twentieth year began his career independently, and came to Grundy County, Mo. He was occupied there in various things about two years before he came to Clark County. He was married in 1843, but his wife died soon afterward, and in 1845 he remarried, and has been farming ever since, excepting about two years spent in California, in the mines. His wife, Sallie, a daughter of William Reed, was born in 1828, in Mason County, Ky., and was but a small girl when her father adopted Missouri as his home. Their children are William, Samuel, Mary, Josephine, Ida V. and Sallie. After her death he married Catherine, a daughter of Jacob Tryan, who was born in Maryland in 1832. Our subject has been a successful man in his career, and now owns 343 acres of fine land, in a high state of cultivation. His political principles were those of the Whigs before the war, and his first vote was cast for Taylor, but he now holds Democratic ideas. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



William Ethridge, an honest and respected citizen of Clark County, Mo., is a native of England, born in the year 1831, and came with his parents to the United States in the year 1845. They located in Iowa, a portion of their farm being in Lee County, and a part in Van Buren County. He spent from 1852 to 1856 in the State of California, and after returning located in Clark County, Mo. In December of the latter year he chose for his life companion Miss Jane Bristow, daughter of James Bristow. Her father having died when she was but a child, her mother afterward married William Bateman. Mrs. Ethridge was born in England, and after her marriage to our subject she became the mother of ten children, eight of whom are living—all girls. She and five daughters are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Ethridge located on his present farm, which consists of 460 acres, in the year 1856. His land is in a high state of cultivation, and is well improved. His large and commodious dwelling has everything necessary to make it convenient, and his brick building, built for fruits, vegetables, milk, ice, etc., is perfect. He is the son of John and Mary Ethridge, both of whom are natives of England, but who came to the United States, and died in the State of Iowa. Our subject was not in actual service during the war, but belonged to the State militia. He is an excellent citizen, and has the respect of all his acquaintances.

John Ewing was born in Pendleton, Ky., December 1, 1821, and is the son of Elijah and Susanna (MaKamson) Ewing, both natives of the same county in Kentucky, and of German and Irish descent, respectively. They were married in Kentucky, and the father farmed here for some time, when an anxiety to go west came over him; consequently he immigrated to Northeast Missouri, and located in Lewis County in 1835, where he was numbered among the pioneer settlers. In 1836 he moved to Clark County, and remained here for thirty-three years, or until his death in 1869, at the age of seventy-two. He was a Democrat in politics, and was for many years a worthy and useful member in the Baptist Church. His wife was a member of the same church. Our subject was but fourteen years old when brought to Clark County. His father and others of his neighbors built a rude log house, split logs for seats and desks, and hired a teacher for the winter term of three months' school. These advantages our subject had for an education. He had property which he improved up to the age of twenty-eight, when he left the paternal roof, and immigrated to California during the first gold fever excitement. After remaining in the Pacific State for two years he returned



to Missouri, where he has ever since lived. He married Miss Mary Frances Cornelius, daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth Cornelius, both natives of Kentucky. By hard work and economy he has reared and educated his three sons, all of whom are intelligent, enterprising men. The eldest son, James H., was married in November, 1884, to Miss Elmira I. Suter, of Clark County. J. S. and B. F. are single, and make their home with their parents. Our subject is one of Clark County's most enterprising farmers. He has over 240 acres of land well stocked and well improved. During the war he was in the militia for a few months, and in several skirmishes in Northeast Missouri. Our subject is a Democrat in his political views, but was formerly a Whig. He is a member of the Grange society, and he and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Talma D. Faxon was born in St. Francisville, Clark County, Mo., in 1847, and is the son of Allen M. and Delia S. Faxon. The father was a native of New York, and was born in 1809. He taught school in Granville, Ohio, for three years, and also organized a brass band there. He then taught school in Cleveland, Ohio, and was assistant under Dr. Bruster for a number of years. During the Black Hawk campaign he was the private secretary of Lieut. Wade, and was also Johnson's private secretary in his canvass for Vice-President. He finally came to St. Francisville, and took charge of the only school in the county. There he remained until 1865, when he moved to Athens, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1884. Our subject received his education from his father, and afterward assisted him in teaching. He came to Athens with him, and has remained there ever since, being engaged as a mechanic, and is living with his mother and aunt. He is a Democrat.

Peter Fetter, farmer, was born February 13, 1813, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, the son of Philip and Mary (Hardman) Fetter, natives of Germany. They came to this country when our subject was eighteen years of age, and located in Butler County, Penn. The father was engaged in farming until his death in 1877, in that county, where the mother survived him for three years. Our subject was partly educated in his native country, and on his arrival here began mining in our eastern mountain system. At his majority he married and moved to Kentucky, and, after five years at his old occupation, moved to Clark County, Mo., and rented some land. Soon after he bought his present farm, which is a fine estate of about 300 acres, and in good condition. He is a respected man and citizen, holding to the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, and advocating as his political principles the platform of the Democratic party. He first voted



for Harrison. His wife, Nancy Daily, a native of Ireland, was born in 1815, and immigrated to America when a young lady. She was married at her home in Pennsylvania, and lived until 1863. Their children are Philip, Kate, Nicholas and Annie.

George W. Fleming, a Clark County farmer, was born in Virginia, January 23, 1836. He is the eldest of seven children born to Joseph and Sarah (Anderson) Fleming, natives of Virginia, and born, respectively, in 1805 and 1816. They engaged in farming and stock raising until the father's death in 1869; the mother is still living. Our subject was educated in the common schools of his native State, and came to Missouri after he reached his majority, and settled in Jackson Township. After two years of married life on a rented farm, he came to his present home, at about the age of thirty years, and has since been actively engaged in farming and stock raising. His good business qualities have acquired him a fine farm of 240 acres, which is well improved and cultivated. His wife, Mary A., the daughter of Hiram and Margaret (Helferstein) Beeson, was born February 6, 1838, at Circleville, Ohio. She came to Missouri in 1853, and in June, nine years later, was married. Their children are Sarah A., William A., Hiram B., Joseph A., Edgar, Georgia G., Nellie C., Charles W. and Henry R. Our subject has filled several township offices, and for the last twenty years has served as school clerk. He is a prominent Democrat, and is now chairman of the county central committee. His daughter, Sarah A., is a Methodist, while Hiram B. and Edgar are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Benjamin A. Fleshman, was born in Harrison County, Ind., in 1838, and is the son of William and Delila (Hulls) Fleshman, also natives of that county and State. Here they were married, and here the father followed the carpenter's trade for a number of years. In 1847 they moved to Clark County, Mo., and here the father followed his trade for over thirty years. In 1877 he moved to the extreme northeastern part of Missouri, and there he now resides. Although he is seventy years of age he is hale and hearty, and his wife, who is a few years younger than he, also enjoys good health. Our subject is the elder of two children. His sister, who is a widow, is living in Atchison County, Mo. He was only nine years of age when brought by his father to Clark County. He received his education in the pioneer log cabins of that early day, and notwithstanding all these disadvantages he is, to-day, one of Clark County's most enterprising farmers and stock traders. The latter business he has made a specialty, carrying his stock to Chicago, St. Louis, etc. In September, 1858, he married Miss Sarah A. Stephens, a native of Harrison County, Ind. To this



union were born seven children: Emma, Nettie, May, William (deceased), Edward, Thomas and Cora. The first three are married. Mr. Fleshman was in the Federal Army nearly four years, and was a brave and gallant soldier. He is a Republican in principle, but votes for the man instead of for party, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He owns over 500 acres of valuable land in Clark County, and property in Fairmont.

James Foley, merchant, grain and hay dealer, was born April 13, 1828, in New Ross, Ireland, the eldest of eight children of John and Margaret (Nolan) Foley, natives of Ireland, and born in 1802 and 1803, respectively. The father was engaged as a grain merchant at New Ross until 1856, when they crossed the Atlantic, landed at Quebec, and came to Alexandria directly. After about eighteen years at this place he went to St. Louis, where he died at his daughter's home in 1875. The mother died in 1868. Our subject was educated in Ireland, and at the age of twenty-one years came directly to Alexandria, where he spent two years as a general laborer. He was next a member of Maxwell & Foley's commission house at Alexandria, but during the war abandoned that for farming. In 1867 he came to Gregory's Landing, and after three years of farming he began mercantile life. He has continued this in various partnerships ever since, and also is engaged extensively in the grain and hay business. Besides this he owns 180 acres of land adjoining the town, and nearly all the buildings in the village. His wife, Elizabeth (Nevitt), was born in 1828 in Indiana, and was married about 1871. Their only child is John P. She died December 14, 1877, and in September of 1882 Margaret Gibbons became his wife, a lady who was born in 1850 in New York. James E. and Charles F. are their only children. Our subject is a Democrat, while in religion his entire family are united in the Roman Catholic faith. He has been postmaster since 1882, and is a well-respected citizen.

J. W. Fonda, dealer in general merchandise, lumber, grain, etc., at Luray, is a native of New York. He came to Clark County in 1878, and established his present business in which he has been quite successful. He started with a small stock, but his trade has been gradually increasing, which is owing to his honesty and fair dealing. Before leaving New York, permanently, he was engaged in business at Three Rivers, Mich., where he remained a short time. In 1879 he married Miss M. G. Brady, of Albany, N. Y., and the daughter of Charles and Anna M. (Schryver) Brady. Our subject is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is a man well known and much esteemed throughout the county. He is the son of James and Henrietta (Vandenberg) Fonda, natives of New York, and at present residents of the



State of Michigan, being prominent citizens of the neighborhood in which they live.

Hon. James H. Fore, representative of Clark County, was born in Bedford (now Fulton) County, Penn., April 21, 1845, the son of Henry H. and Hannah (Hoke) Fore, natives of Bedford and Adams Counties, Penn., respectively. The father, Hon. Henry H. Fore, whose portrait appropriately appears in these pages, was a prominent man of this county, and also served in both Houses of the Legislature of Pennsylvania. He came to this county in 1847, and located at St. Francisville. He died in 1879, and left a fine estate of 1,200 acres. He was a Whig in *ante bellum* days, but afterward a Democrat. His surviving children are James H., Allen, Charles P., Mary E. (the widow of Weston Johnson), Ann R., Louisa, Sophia (the widow of Dr. Hicks) and Margaret C. The mother died in 1859. Our subject was reared on the farm, and received a fair English education, which his public life has greatly improved. February 23, 1882, he married Kate C., a daughter of J. Z. Barnett, a former citizen of this county until 1881, when he removed to his present home in Van Buren County, Iowa. Our subject has followed farming and stock raising very successfully, and has an estate of 210 well-cultivated acres, and one of the finest residences in the county. He is a Democrat, and as such was elected, to represent Clark County, in November, 1866. He served with distinction in the Legislature of the following winter, and acted on the committees of agriculture and immigration.

Allen Fore was born June 5, 1850, on the farm where he now resides. He was reared to manhood in this community, and educated at St. Francisville. Since his father's death he has been in company with his brother, Charles P., managing the old homestead. He owns 160 acres fine land. Politically he is a Democrat, and is one of Clark County's most reliable citizens. Charles P., his brother, is two years younger than himself, and he also owns 160 acres.

John Fortune was born in Wexford County, Ireland, in 1830, and is the son of David and Ellen Fortune, of Ireland. He remained with his parents until seventeen years of age, when he went to Quebec, Canada, then to Rochester, N. Y., remaining there five years, when he went to California via Panama route, on the steamer "Golden Gate," which was wrecked in San Diego Bay. He then took another steamer for San Francisco, and arrived there some time after the wreck of the "Golden Gate." He was engaged three months as telegraph operator at the Golden Gate light house, situated at entrance of the bay at San Francisco, at a salary of \$150 per month, and from there



went to the mines, where he followed mining for five years, and dug \$12,000 worth of ore out of the ground, of which he lost \$10,000 in mining speculation enterprises. He then came to the city of New York by water, and was partially shipwrecked off Cape Hatteras. He remained in New York three weeks, visiting relatives, after which he came to Clark County, Mo., and settled upon the farm where he now resides. On his way from New York City he was married to Margaret A. Canfield, daughter of James and Ellen Canfield. This union was blessed with four sons: David, James E., John T., and William. January 11, 1881, he lost his wife, and in June, 1881, he married Mary J. Alton, daughter of Patrick and Mary Alton, natives of Ireland, and has had two children by this marriage: Mary E. and Eugene. Mr. Fortune has been a farmer of Clark County for about twenty-nine years, and is now in possession of eighty acres of good land under a high state of cultivation. His life has been full of adventures and hardships, which we have not space to enumerate. He was in Company D, Second Cavalry Missouri State Militia, and served four years, taking an active part in numerous battles and skirmishes; he carries marks of the war upon his body, and he takes great pride in the fact that he was one of the preservers of the Union. The father, grandfather and great-grandfather also fought for human rights and liberty, and carried marks of wounds to their graves, of which our subject was an eye witness.

Benjamin Foust was born in Carter County, East Tennessee, in 1836, and is the son of Zachariah Foust, a native of North Carolina, and of German descent. His wife, and the mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Sarah Kneidefer, was a native of Tennessee, and of German descent. The father and mother were married in Tennessee, where the father followed the occupation of a shoemaker. This trade he followed for about twenty-five years. During this time he also followed agricultural pursuits. To his marriage were born nine children, six of whom are yet living. After the war he immigrated to Scotland County, Mo., where he resided on a farm for some time. In 1880 or 1881 he moved to Clark County, Mo., and there he now resides, and since his wife's death in 1884 he has resided with our subject. He is a man seventy-seven years old, and is vigorous in mind, but feeble in body. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Dunkard Church. Our subject is the eldest son of a family of nine children. He remained at home until his marriage, when he took for his life companion, Miss Julia Hays, a native of Tennessee. This union resulted in the birth of nine children, seven now living: Nancy, Peter W., William T., George B. McClelland, Cora, Henry and Daniel. In 1877 Mr.



Foust lost his wife. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was much liked and respected by all who knew her. Mr. Foust afterward married Miss Nancy Hamby, a native of Tennessee, and the daughter of James Hamby. To this marriage were born five children, four now living. They are named as follows: Maudie, Benjamin, Robert and Beatrice. Mr. Foust is a Democrat in politics, and was in the war in Company A, under Capt. Dalton. He owns a good farm, and is an enterprising, successful farmer.

James Fulton, dealer in staple and fancy groceries, is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1846, and at the age of two and a half years went with his parents to Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1867, and then located in Illinois. After remaining there one year, he returned to Pennsylvania, and in 1869 came to Clark County, Mo., and followed farming and teaming until 1872, when he opened a family grocery in Kahoka, and has had a thriving trade ever since. Previous to this, in 1868, he was united in matrimony to Rachel Crayn, of Pennsylvania, and the daughter of Stephen and Mary Crayn. She was born in the State of Pennsylvania about 1846, and is the mother of five children: Stephen, Ella, Charles, Samuel and Annie. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and his wife is a member of the Baptist Church. He is the son of Samuel and Ellen (McClelland) Fulton, both natives and residents of Pennsylvania, who are respected as enterprising and peace-loving citizens.

Isaac Galland was born in Ohio in 1827, and is a son of David Galland, a native of Ohio, and Phebe (Gandy) Galland, a native of New Jersey. David Galland farmed to some extent, but most of his time was devoted to public affairs. He had the honor of assisting in framing the constitution of Iowa, in 1846, and served as judge of Union County, Ohio, for two or three terms, during which time he proved himself to be an honorable and trustworthy servant of public trust. He resided about a year in Illinois, and then went to Lee County, Iowa, where he died in 1867. Our subject remained in Lee County, Iowa, whither he had accompanied his father, until he took his departure for Oregon Territory in 1847. He remained there for a short time, but becoming satisfied that a trip to California in search of gold would be a wise undertaking, he started for that State, but was, unfortunately, seized with the mountain fever, and obliged to return home. He has been an extensive traveler, enduring many hardships which would appall the traveler of to-day. After returning to Lee County he remained at that place until 1850, when he moved to Clark County, Mo., settling upon a farm about two and a half miles from his present place, which he soon after-



ward purchased. While in Iowa the last time, he was married to Margaret Parsons, daughter of Abdel and Rebecca Parsons. To Mr. and Mrs. Galland ten children were born—five sons and five daughters—but only seven of this number are now living, and they are Charley, Mary, George, Daniel, David, Ellie and Edward. Our subject has been a stanch Democrat all his life. During the last seven years he has made quite a good deal of money by hard work and speculation.

Hon. Nathaniel F. Givens, present judge of the probate court, and a member of the firm of Givens & Meryhew, is a native of Kentucky, born October 10, 1810. His early life was passed on the farm, and while still quite young he adopted the profession of law, being admitted to the bar in 1836, at Morganfield, Union Co., Ky. In 1838 he immigrated to St. Louis, Mo., and lived there and in Jefferson County for about three years. In the fall of 1839 he moved to Clark County, and has since made it his home. He settled here during the late unpleasantness between Missouri and Iowa, and only one lawyer besides himself, and about 400 voters in the county. He has been eminently successful in his profession, and is meritoriously styled the father of law in Northern Missouri. In 1845 he led to the altar Miss Harriet E. Scott, a native of Kentucky, born about 1823, and the daughter of James Scott, also a native of Kentucky. This marriage resulted in the birth of five children, three now living. Mrs. Givens was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, and died in 1869. In 1852 Mr. Givens was elected to the State Legislature, and again in 1875 and 1877. He was elected to the first convention that was held in Missouri after the war. In November, 1886, he was elected to his present high and responsible position. In 1876 he engaged in partnership with Charles W. Meryhew, forming one of the best law firms in Northern Missouri. He is a Democrat. His parents, Samuel and Anna (Harris) Givens, were natives of Virginia and Maryland, respectively. The father came to Kentucky when quite young, and lived there until his death, which occurred in 1830. His wife had died about ten years previous to this. Of their family of ten children—six sons and four daughters—three are now living. He was in the war of 1812, as was also his brother-in-law, Hezekiah Harris.

T. U. Glasscock, a native of Clark County, Mo., was born in the year 1829, and is the son of B. R. Glasscock, a pioneer settler of Clark County, Mo. The father was a native of Clark County, Va., and was a fair representative of the good old English type. His descendants immigrated to Virginia when that State was a colony. In 1827 he moved to Clark County, Mo.,



by land, and settled upon wild land, the inherited property of his wife. He camped for some time, but as he was a fair carpenter and a somewhat natural genius he built a house, and as soon as matters could be arranged he returned to his native State, and brought back his family to the home in the wilderness. Here he lived, making farming his principal occupation, and verged into a happy prosperous old gentleman; but, sad to relate, here, during the war, he met his death at the hands of those whom he had never mistreated, but on the other hand whom he had befriended in time of need. He was a Democrat in politics, and his widow is a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject is the eldest son of a family of fourteen children, eleven of whom lived to be grown. He remained with his parents until of age. His father was a physician, and our subject had the duties at home to look after. For his day and time he received a liberal course of home and common-school instruction. He also attended one year at La Grange College. At the close of the Rebellion he married Miss Agnes L. Weber, daughter of Micajah and Martha Weber, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Soon after marriage our subject and wife settled on a part of his father's old place, in a hut made of poles and daubed with mud, and lived on corn bread, and the like. In 1870 he sold out, and purchased land in Washington Township, three miles from Fairmont, which place he has gradually improved, and which he has ever since lived upon. To our subject and wife ten children were born, four of whom are living, viz.: Annie L., Ora, Robert H. and Olevia, all single, and living with their parents. Our subject was in active service during the war; was in the battle of Lexington, Mo., and in numerous skirmishes. He was then discharged on account of disability. He is a Democrat in politics, and is of the Baptist faith in religion.

Grate Brothers, hardware and agricultural implement dealers, include William and Barnard Grate. William was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, October 28, 1860, the son of William and Rachel (Boatman) Grate. William was reared to manhood in his native State, and came to Missouri with his father in 1855. The father located in Clay Township, on a farm where he died in 1874. The mother preceded him three years. Their children now living are Mary A. (the widow of George Stern, of Macon County), William, Solomon, Barnard, Apaline (the wife of W. Crumly) and Henry. In 1880 he abandoned farming, came to Wayland, and engaged in the liquor business for about two years. In 1885 he began in his present business, in which he is very successful, and controls a large trade. In politics he is a Democrat. Samuel was born in 1836, and has been in business with his brother



since coming to Wayland. The firm has the only business of the kind in the place.

Robert P. Gray, one of Clark County's oldest citizens, was born in Kentucky in 1823, and is the son of William Gray, a native of the same State, born in 1799, and Margaret (Price) Gray, who was also a native of Kentucky. Our subject was left an orphan at the early age of four, and in 1827 came to Missouri with his grandfather and uncle, making his home with them in Montgomery County, until 1837, when he accompanied his uncle to Lewis County, Mo., (now Clark County,) and located at Athens. The country then abounded in wild deer and Indians, and the old gentleman can relate many stories of early pioneer life in Clark County. In 1853 our subject was united in marriage to Julia A. Graham, daughter of James R. and Malena B. (Davis) Graham, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively, and members of the Old School Presbyterian Church. The father was an old settler of Clark County. Mrs. Gray was born June 16, 1836, in Lewis County, Mo. She received her education in Clark County, and is a bright and well-informed lady. This marriage was blessed with ten daughters, seven of whom are still living. Mr. Gray is the owner of 320 acres of good and well-improved land, and has been a farmer of Clark County for fifty years. He is a Democrat. His wife is a worthy member of the Old School Presbyterian Church. They are both greatly interested in the education of the future generation.

Henry G. Gredel, was born in Germany April 22, 1838. He came to America with his parents about ten years ago, and located at New Orleans, where they both died. At about the age of fifteen he came up the river to St. Louis, and learned the saddle and harness maker's trade. He served in the artillery department during the late war, in the Army of the Potomac. After the war he went to Quincy, Ill., and in 1867 came to Alexandria, and started his present harness and saddlery business in which he has been very successful. He has the only establishment of the kind in Alexandria. May 20, 1869, he married Elizabeth Harg, of Quincy, Ill. Their children are Joseph A., William M., Edward T., John G., George C., Leo B. and Helen K. Our subject is a Democrat, and has held various local offices. He is now a treasurer of the school board. His entire family are members of the Catholic Church.

Bradford P. Greenleaf was born in Maine in 1830, and is a son of Thomas Y. and Eunice Greenleaf, natives of Maine. The father was born in that State in 1806, and is at present living with the subject. He has been afflicted with the loss of the sense of hearing since he was eleven years old. Our subject accompanied



his father to Clark County, Mo., in 1848, and located at Alexandria. About three years after his arrival he was married to Caroline Merideth, of Iowa, a daughter of Andrew and Nancy Merideth, natives of Indiana. This union has been blessed with five sons and one daughter, and five of the children are now living. They are Franklin P., Thomas A., Levi M., Scottie M. and William H. Our subject is an active Democrat, takes great interest in educational enterprises of all kinds, and he and his family are members of the Christian Church. He was nominated in 1884 for judge of the Eastern District, the district being largely Republican, and was beaten by twenty-five votes.

Charles J. Hagan, M. D., was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, February 10, 1842, the son of Charles and Margaret (Gibbons) Hagan, natives of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively. Our subject was reared in his native county, and attained some knowledge of science and the languages. In 1859 he began the study of medicine, and in 1863 graduated from Sterling Medical College, of Ohio. During 1862 he was acting assistant surgeon in the United States Army, and after graduation was commissioned assistant surgeon of the Forty-sixth Ohio Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was one of the few surgeons wounded in the service, being severely wounded in Sherman's campaign to Atlanta, Ga. After the war he practiced in his native county until 1867, when he came west and located at Alexandria, where he has since met with well-merited success. He was married June 29, 1867, to Louisa G. Conway, a native of this county. Their children are Nora and Carma. Our subject is a Democrat, and was postmaster during a part of 1868 and 1869, and conducted the office three years afterward for C. H. Grumman. He is very prominent in local politics. He is a member of the Northeastern Missouri Medical Society, and of the Clark County Medical Society. He is a Knight Templar, and belongs to the Memphis Commandery. The Doctor is a reliable citizen, and a physician of experience and ability.

William Hagerman, of Wayland, Mo., was born in Washington County, Ohio, December 16, 1834, and is the son of William and Phoebe (Bingham) Hagerman, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The parents came to this State shortly after the war, and settled near Wayland, where they passed the remainder of their days. Our subject was reared on the farm, and received only a limited education. In 1854 he came to Clark County, settled near Wayland, and there he has since resided, excepting one and a half years' residence at Salt Lake City, where he was in the employ of U. L. Goot. Mr. Hagerman has followed farming and stock raising successfully, and now owns 350 acres ad-



joining Wayland on the south. In 1860 he married Miss Mariah Vermillion, a native of Clermont County, Ohio, and the fruits of this union were the birth of five children: Lewis O., Edgar B., Mittie J., Minnie B. and William W. Our subject is independent in politics, is a strong advocate for prohibition, and is recognized as one of the enterprising and prosperous business men of Clark County.

Peter Hancock, a prominent citizen of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Indiana, born in the year 1827, the son of Daniel and Margaret Hancock, both of whom are natives of Maryland. In 1857 our subject came to Iowa, where he remained for about six years. He then moved to Clark County, Mo., and located on his present farm of 290 acres, well improved, and in a high state of cultivation. In the year 1853 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Carr, daughter of James and Catherine Carr. She was born in the year 1834, and by her marriage with our subject became the mother of six children, two of whom are deceased. Four daughters are living. Mr. Hancock belonged to the Missouri Militia during the war, and participated in the battle of Athens. He is one of the most substantial citizens of Clark County, and is a first-class farmer. He directs his attention principally to the rearing of live stock, in which he has been quite successful. He is a Republican in his political views, and is a member of the Masonic order.

Reuben Hanson, a respected and enterprising citizen of Athens, Clark Co., Mo., was born in the State of Ohio in the year 1827, and is the son of Peter and Amelia Hanson. In 1857 our subject left Ohio, and immigrated to Iowa, where he remained until 1862. He then came to Clark County, Mo., where he engaged in the blacksmith trade, which occupation he had learned in youth. This he followed for a period of forty-one years. In his choice of a wife he selected Miss Annie Bishop, daughter of Mordica and Sarah Bishop, and the result of this union was the birth of three children—two daughters and one son—viz.: Elizabeth J., William H. and Mary E. Mr. Hanson is a citizen, well known and well respected throughout the county. He is a member of the Masonic order, and he and wife are consistent and worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Republican in his political views, and is a liberal contributor to all laudable enterprises.

David Hand was born in Marion County, Ind., April 2, 1838, the son of Frazie and Margaret (Ferguson) Hand, natives, respectively, of New Jersey and Virginia. The father came to Clark County in 1843, and followed farming in this part of the State until his death in about 1854. The mother afterward married



a John Morris, but died during the late war. The parents had three sons and five daughters born to them, and those living are Eliza (the wife of W. Morris) and our subject. David received little education in his youth on the farm, but has made up for it by his habits of observation. He was married in 1858 to Hannah La Masters, a native of Keokuk, Iowa. He at once moved to Alexandria, and was engaged as a laborer until he bought land. In 1872 he moved to Dr. George Jenkins' place, near there, and in 1881 bought 150 acres from that gentleman. This is his present home, and is one of the best improved in the township. His residence was built in 1886. The following are his children: William, Robert, Henry, Margaret, Asbury, Emma, Samuel, Thomas and Florence. Our subject is a Republican, and since his conversion to the Methodist faith has been active in church affairs. He was converted in 1874. He is a total abstainer from spirits and tobacco. In 1886 he bought the Methodist Church, of Alexandria, which he rebuilt and refitted for all sects who worship God.

Patterson D. Harper was born in Ohio in 1818, and is a son of Rev. Thomas Harper and Elizabeth (Kinsel) Harper, both natives of Virginia. Thomas Harper gained quite a reputation as a Baptist minister, and was a soldier in the last war with Great Britain. He was a man of great ability, and was highly honored by all his associates. He lived to the good old age of eighty-five. His life is a leaf of the past which could be read and imitated with profit by many of the present generation. Our subject left his father's house in 1841, and went to Iowa, visiting several places; he there married Eliza A. Stedman, *nee* Staley, and remained in that State until 1853, when he came to Clark County, Mo., and located on his present farm of ninety acres, where he is engaged in farming and stock raising. This marriage has been blessed with seven children, only two of whom are living: they are Ezra and Martha A. Our subject lost his first wife in 1855, and afterward married Sarah C. Goodrich, by whom he has had eleven children, of whom the following nine are living: Mary F., Margaret M., Minnie P., Emma L., Seth A., Frank, Ruth, P. D. and Bobby. Mr. Harper served in Company H, Twenty-First Missouri Volunteers, during the late war, taking an active part in the battle of Shiloh, and was also in the regular battle at Corinth, besides participating in other engagements of minor importance. Previous to the organization of the Republican party Mr. Harper was a Democrat. He is a member of the A. H. T. A. and the G. A. R.

William R. Harrison (commonly known as Gen. Harrison, in Clark County), was born in Wheeling, W. Va., June 22, 1800



He first came west as an Indian trader in 1819, and in 1822 he settled on the Des Moines River, building the first house in the county at old Maryville, and establishing a trading post there with Indians. He followed this all through the north and west, up the Mississippi and Des Moines Rivers, until the disappearance of the Indians. He was a pilot and an interpreter in the Black Hawk war. He was for two years in the employ of the American Fur Company, also followed hunting and trapping all his life. He knew Black Hawk and Keokuk well, and he is now the only survivor of thirty-two first settlers of Clark County. They were as follows: William and Samuel Bartlett, J. Wayland, George Haywood, Col. Rutherford, Floyd, William and John Clark, Clayton, Judge Taylor, Charles Sanford, the McDanielses (about three of them), William Beadle, Esq. (up near Athens), Peevler, Johnson (who helped lay off Waterloo) and others. Gen. Harrison's first wife was Eleanor Webb, of Kentucky, whom he married in 1831. To them were born five children—three sons and two daughters—two sons and the daughters now living. His second and present wife's maiden name was Mary Shoemaker. This union resulted in the birth of seven children living—two sons and five daughters. The General was an old line Whig before the war, and since that event he has been independent in his political views. He practiced medicine a great deal during the late war, using Indian remedies. He was quite a successful Indian fighter in his day. The General has owned ten acres of land, one mile up the St. Francis River since 1838; it was originally owned by Col. Church, and leased of him. The General built a house on it in 1832.

Judge George H. Harter was born in Miami County, Ohio, September 2, 1833, the son of John W. and Nancy A. (Russell) Harter, natives of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively. The father removed to Delaware County, Ind., about 1840. It was there that our subject was reared to manhood on a farm, and secured a common-school education. He has improved much by self study, however. He came west in 1857, and after his marriage in the following year he returned to Indiana. He followed farming in Indiana and Illinois until the close of the war. He then came to Clark County, and after several years as a laborer and renter, he purchased his present farm in 1880. His estate of 240 acres is one of the best in the county, and is watered by a large spring lake accessible from all parts of the place, and is quite a noted resort for fishing. In April, 1858, he married Isabel, a daughter of David Hay, a Virginian, and pioneer of this county. Their children are De Wilton, Mary E. and Nannie M. Our subject is a liberal Republican, and as such was elected in 1886 as a judge of Clark County, the only Republican elected to the county court.



Frederick Hauptman was a native of Prussia, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Myers, was a native Hessian. They were married in the old country, where Frederick followed the saddler's trade. They then immigrated to the United States, and settled in Pennsylvania, where they remained for a short time. In 1837 they moved from Pennsylvania to Northeast Missouri, and settled in Clark County, where he resided a period of thirty years. To his marriage were born fourteen children, seven of whom are now living. He was an honest citizen, a good neighbor, and an enterprising farmer. He was a Democrat in politics, and while living in the old country was a member of the Lutheran Church. His children are all living in Clark County, and are named as follows: Henry, August, Charles, John, Emeline Susan and William. John, Susan and William are single, and are living at the old home place, a splendid farm containing several hundred acres of rich land. The mother of these children was a member of the Presbyterian Church in the old country, and is an excellent woman.

J. G. Hays, dealer in dry goods and groceries, is a native of Clark County, Mo., born in the year 1860. He remained with his parents, and assisted in the labors on the farm until the year 1881, when he opened a general merchandise store with John Lowe. Mr. Lowe soon after closed out his interest to B. F. Stickler & Son, in the fall of the same year, and in 1885, Strickler & Son closed out their interest to George Rauscher, who continued the business until January, 1887, when our subject purchased the entire stock. He still continues the business, and has a large and lucrative trade. He is a Republican in his political views, and is a young man who, by his industry and good management, can not fail to succeed. He is the son of A. A. and Rachel E. A. (Grier) Hays, both natives of the Keystone State. They came to Clark County, Mo., in 1858, where the mother died in 1866. In the year 1886 our subject married Miss Belle Seaman, who was born in Clark County, Mo., in 1859, and who is the daughter of George J. and Rebecca (Stark) Seaman.

Lewis L. Haywood, deputy county court clerk, and the son of William H. and Elizabeth (Brown) Haywood, was born in Clark County, Mo., in 1844. The parents were natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. The father was a farmer, and came to Missouri in 1829. He participated in the late war, and died January 4, 1887. The mother is still living in Clark County. Of their family of seven children all are living. Our subject was reared on the farm, and continued the labor incident to that life until 1882, when he moved to Kahoka and entered the county clerk's office as deputy, and has faithfully discharged the duties



of that office up to the present, with the exception of the latter portion of the year 1880. In 1874 he chose for his life companion Miss Lucinda J. Marshall, a daughter of Mitchell Marshall. She was born in Keokuk, Iowa, in 1854. Our subject's grandparents, George and Martha Haywood, were natives of Virginia, and moved to Kentucky, and afterward to Missouri, in 1829, locating near the site of St. Francisville, Lewis (now Clark) County. He died in his eighty-sixth year, his wife having preceded him many years.

Goodsil W. Hecox, farmer, was born June 2, 1825, in Meigs County, Ohio, the seventh of ten children of William and Mary (Halsey) Hecox, the former of German origin, born about 1775, in Connecticut, and the latter a native of New York, and of similar descent. They were married in our subject's native county, and remained there until 1828; then came to Adams County, Ill., and resumed farming until about 1842. They then moved to Hancock County, where the father died two years, and the mother three years, later. The father was a successful and prosperous man. Our subject was educated in Adams County, and remained at home until the age of twenty-two. He then married and settled on a farm, but three years later engaged in the livery business at Warsaw, where, four years later, he lost all his property. He then moved to Clark County, and two years later purchased his present home, on which he has resided for thirty years. He has a fine bottom farm of 130 acres, six miles from the Mississippi. His wife, Anna Cathcart, was born in New York City June 22, 1833, and is of Scotch descent. They were married in Illinois May 13, 1847, and their children were George S., Amelia (deceased), Anne, Mary, Franklin, Lura and Samuel. Our subject lost the property he inherited, but has recovered his financial standing, and is now a prominent citizen. He was formerly a Whig, but is now a Republican. During the war he served in the Home Guards. His wife and three daughters are members of the Christian Church. His first vote was cast for old Zachary Taylor.

Henry J. Hewitt was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., in the year 1831. His father, Don C. Hewitt, also a native of New York, was of Scotch descent, as was also the mother, who was born in the State of Connecticut. They were married in the State of New York, where they passed the principal part of their days. The father was a farmer and merchant. In 1836 he immigrated to Michigan, where he followed agricultural pursuits. He also held the office of sheriff. Eleven years later Mr. Hewitt moved to Northeast Missouri, settled in Knox County, where he followed merchandising, farming and stock raising. In 1853 he moved to



Canton, and after merchandising there for some time, moved to Schuyler County, where he again engaged in commerce. He died in Adair County. He was a thrifty, industrious man, and was universally respected. He was originally an old line Whig, but later a Democrat, and was a member of the Baptist Church. He left a widow and two sons, having lost two children some time before. Mrs. Hewitt has made her home with her son, Henry J. Hewitt, since the death of her husband; and, although she has seen eighty-one summers, is yet vigorous and hearty. Our subject made his home with his parents until he reached his majority. He received a good education, and began working on an excellent farm in Knox County, which was given him by his father. Just previous to locating on his farm, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Virginia O. Staples, a daughter of William and Julia (Buford) Staples, both natives of Virginia. Our subject farmed for one year, and then clerked in a general merchandise store one year, and rented his farm. He then went to Canton, and engaged in the livery business, in which he met with excellent success. He then gave up this business, and came to Fairmont, Clark County. He afterward went to Schuyler County, and engaged in the mercantile business, where he remained for six years, and then commenced staging, which business he followed all through the war. In 1878 our subject moved to his farm in Clark County, and later sold that farm, and moved to Fairmont, where he has ever since made his home, living in the house he first built for a tavern, in which business he is now engaged. To our subject and wife were born six children, three of whom are living: Bettie (widow of W. W. Smith), Charles T. and Carrie C., now attending school. Mr. Hewitt keeps a first-class tavern, and is a well-respected citizen. He, like his father, is a Democrat in his political views, and a member of the Baptist Church.

Maj. Robert E. Hill, deceased, was a native of near Richmond, Va., where he was born October 1, 1815. He was the son of John and Mary (Winfree) Hill. His parents came to Clark County about 1836, and engaged in farming and stock raising. The father died a few years later, and of his five sons and two daughters two sons and daughters survive. Maj. Hill was educated at Louisville, Ky., and acquired some familiarity with the languages and the sciences. He was one of the early and successful commission merchants of Alexandria for several years, and then was engaged on the river for eighteen years as the captain of a vessel. After that he followed farming near Alexandria, and also was a successful stock raiser until his death, October 18, 1886. He was a Democrat of considerable influence in all public affairs, and served as judge of the county court for about four years.



He was also a prominent member of the F. & A. M. order. In 1840 he was married to Ellen E., a daughter of Levin B. Mitchell, a pioneer of this county. The widow and the three following children survive him: Cora A., the wife of J. R. Williams; Mary S., the wife of J. S. Jenkins; Nannie P., the wife of C. H. Mann, and Grandison W. Maj. Hill left his family a fine estate of 800 acres of the best bottom lands, besides other valuable property. His widow resides at the old homestead with her only son, who manages the estate.

George B. Hottel was born in Harrison County, Ind., in the year 1826, and is the son of John C. and Margaret (Funkhouser) Hottel, both natives of Virginia, and both of German descent. The father was a cooper by trade, which business he followed in his native State a number of years. He then moved to Harrison County, Ind., where he continued to follow his trade, and was also engaged in cultivating the soil. Here he lived to a ripe old age, and was considered one of the most enterprising farmers of Harrison County, and at his death he had accumulated a great deal of valuable property. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and wife were consistent members of the United Brethren Church. Our subject is the youngest of a family of ten children, four of whom are yet living. He made his home with his elder brothers (his parents having died while he was yet young), and in 1852 he married Miss Mary Snyder, a native of Harrison County. The fruits of this union were eight children, two of whom are married and live in this county. They are named as follows: Julia A., Isaac A., Maggie B., Joseph M., John H., Ella E., Etta May and William C. In the spring of 1854 Mr. Hottel moved to Northeast Missouri, and purchased a farm near Athens, Clark County, but remained here but a short time. In 1856 he moved to Washington Township, Clark County, where he has since lived, a period of thirty-one years. He is a prominent citizen, a good neighbor and an industrious farmer. He owns a good farm situated about three miles due north of Fairmont. In politics he has never scratched the Democratic ticket.

G. W. House was born in Lewis County, Mo., December, 7, 1843, and is the son of Thomas P. House, a native of Kentucky. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Neidner, is a native of Ohio. The parents were married in Lewis County, Mo., where the father resided for more than sixty years. In his early life he settled in the southwest corner of Lewis County, while it was yet a wilderness. He was a brick mason by trade but made farming his principal occupation during life. He was a Republican before the war, and after that event a Democrat. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



Our subject remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age, when he started out in life for himself, and worked on a farm for some time as an employe; he then rented land, and thus continued for about seven years, in which time he accumulated sufficient means to buy property. This he did in 1875, buying a farm in Washington Township, Clark Co., Mo., where he has since resided. He first married Miss Boord, a daughter of J. M. Boord, of Lewis County. To this union one child was born, who died in infancy. Two years after the death of his first wife he married Miss Maberly, daughter of James Maberly, of Lewis County, Mo. To their short married life of only four years two children were born, both of whom died in infancy. In 1884 Mr. House took for his third wife Mary Sidney Raine, a daughter of D. Raine, a farmer of Washington County. To the last union one child was born, named Agnes May. Mr. House is numbered among the enterprising and substantial citizens of Clark County. He owns 265 acres of valuable land, and in politics he has always been a Republican.

John W. Howard, of the law firm of Matlock, Hiller & Howard, is a native of Clark County, Mo., born in 1857, and the son of Edmond J. and Mary (Hopper) Howard, natives, respectively, of Kentucky and Illinois, and the grandson of John and Susannah (Flanray) Howard, both natives of Virginia, and both of Irish descent. The grandparents came to Kentucky, and settled on a farm where they remained until 1837, at which time they emigrated west and settled in Clark County, Mo. Here they passed the remainder of their days, the grandfather dying in August, 1842, and the grandmother in December, 1848. The father of our subject was born November 9, 1825, and secured his education in the common country schools. After the death of his parents, he began working for himself, and February 24, 1849, he married Miss Mary Hopper, but still continued on the old farm where he is now living, and of which he has been a resident for over fifty years. He is a tiller of the soil, and owns a good farm of 165 acres. He has always been an active, energetic and enterprising business man, and is considered one of the leading and successful farmers of Clark County, and has naturally become very prominently identified with the early history of the same. He is a Democrat in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Franklin Pierce (1852). Although he has always been an active and hearty supporter of his party, he has never been a political aspirant. However, he has been elected to and filled several township offices to the satisfaction of all. The mother of our subject was born in October, 1831, and is the daughter of William and Lucretia (Ballinger) Hopper. By her marriage with Mr. Howard she be-



came the mother of ten children, nine of whom are living, viz.: Isaac V., Lucretia (Mrs. Warren Harnes), John W., Emma (Mrs. George F. Hull), Edmond J., Ladosia Price (Mrs. T. V. Waggoner), Robert L., Mary May and Alberta. Our subject received his education in the public schools of Clark County, Mo., and at Keokuk, Iowa. He reached his majority on the farm, and then entered the teacher's profession, which he followed for a few years. In 1880 he began reading law under Matlock & Hiller, and afterward associated himself with this firm as a partner. He has been actively engaged in his profession ever since. He was one of the delegates to the National convention that nominated Grover Cleveland in 1884. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity, and in politics is strictly Democratic.

Frank F. Howell, an influential citizen of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1829. In 1840 he came to Clark County, Mo., and in 1853 he married Miss Annie Tinsman, a native of Pennsylvania, and the daughter of Jacob and Polly Tinsman. Mrs. Howell died in 1857, leaving one child named Lindley. December 19, 1859, he took for his second wife Emma J. (Driskell) Hughes, widow of James Hughes. Three children were born to her first marriage, viz.: Ellen, Elizabeth and Sarah. By her marriage with our subject she became the mother of eight children: Annie, Viola, Susie, Edmond, Charles, Emma, Franklin and Mortimer. Edmond died December 25, 1865. In 1867 our subject located on his present farm, where he has been very successful. In the year 1876 he spent seven months exploring the regions of the Black Hills, which proved a fruitless attempt at fortune. Mrs. Howell is the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Breckenridge) Driskell, both natives of Kentucky. Mr. Howell's parents were John and Eliza (Dye) Howell, natives of Canada and Virginia, respectively. The mother was born in 1808, and died in 1882. The father was born in 1798, and died in 1856. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and he and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Howell belonged to the State militia during the war, but was called into active service only on two or three important occasions.

John A. Hubert, Esq., was born in Pennsylvania, October 16, 1838, the son of James C. and Mary (Hoover) Hubert, of German and English descent, respectively. The father came to Missouri about 1840, and located on a farm near 'Possum Hollow, where he lived until 1858. He then removed to Hancock County, Ill., where he died in the following year. The mother still survives him, and lives with our subject. Her living children are



John A., Barbara A. (the wife of T. Asher), and George W. Our subject was reared on a farm, and secured a fair education. He has spent his life in farming and stock raising. He was one of the first to introduce the steam thresher into this county. He has been very successful in his operation, and now owns 106 acres of cultivated land adjoining Wayland, with forty acres of timber elsewhere. His farm is well stocked and improved. He lost his first wife by death, and in 1887 married his present wife, Annie L. (Horton). Our subject is a Democrat, and is serving his second term as justice, as an efficient officer.

James R. Hume, cashier of Kahoka Savings Bank, is a native of Indiana, born in the year 1845 and who came to Clark County, Mo., with his parents in 1851, and located on a farm. At the age of twenty-one he abandoned agricultural pursuits, and entered the teacher's profession, which occupation he followed until 1879, when he was elected recorder of Clark County, holding the office eight years. About eighteen months before his term of office expired, he was elected to his present responsible position. In 1871 he wedded Miss Emma R. Weber, a native of Missouri, born in the year 1852, and the daughter of Micajah and Martha J. Weber. Three children were the result of our subject's marriage: Roberta T., Cora C. and Vevie H. Mr. Hume is a Republican in his political views, and a member of the G. A. R. He is the son of L. B. and Sarah R. Hume, who are natives of Indiana and South Carolina, respectively, and is a man well respected by all who know him. Mrs. Hume and one daughter are members of the Baptist Church.

Capt. William Jackson, a stirring and enterprising citizen of Clark County, Mo., was born in Shelby County, Ohio, October 15, 1823, and is the son of James and Amelia Jackson, both of whom are natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born on New Years day, 1793, and died in Clark County February 19, 1870. The mother died in Ohio, December 20, 1826. On March 26, 1846, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Reese, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Reese. She was born August 1, 1829, and by her marriage with Capt. Jackson became the mother of nine children, four of whom are deceased. Four sons and one daughter are now living. In 1852 Capt. Jackson moved to Mercer County, Ill., and in 1855 he left there and moved to Clark County, Mo., where he located on his present farm which consists of 240 acres of good land, well improved and with a neat residence upon it. Our subject was formerly a member of the A. H. T. A., and Sons of Malta, the latter named only existing during the Rebellion. He belonged to the State militia and Home Guards during the war, being captain in the latter, and first lieu-



tenant in the former. During the year 1864 he was kept on the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad. He is a Republican in politics, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Samuel James, a farmer of Folker Township, was born in Illinois in 1833, and is a son of Daniel James, a native of North Carolina, and Eve (Fifer) James, a native of the same State. Our subject came directly from his native State to Clark County, Mo., where he settled upon the farm he now lives on. He married Elozene Townson, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Townson, and this union has been blessed with six children—two sons and four daughters—of whom the following are now living: William E., Mary, Jennie (wife of Charles Selivan), Belle and Charley. Our subject has always been an active Republican, in honor of which the people have tendered him the office of justice of the peace. He now owns a well-stocked and improved farm, and has almost one hundred head of cattle. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

James A. Jenkins was born in Clark County, January 1, 1849, the son of Robert and Martha (McRae) Jenkins. The father's first wife was a lady named Rambo. Their children are John W., Maggie J., Cassie E., Dr. George F. (of Keokuk), and Robert E. (a prominent lawyer of Chicago). Our subject is the only living child of the second marriage. The father came to the county in 1837, and died in 1858. He was a Democrat, well and favorably known. Our subject received a fair education, and, in 1873, married Mary S., a daughter of the late Maj. R. E. Hill. He farmed until 1876, and then began the drug business in Alexandria. Finding this injurious to his health, he again went to farming and stock raising. His children are Robert H., Ellen E., David L. and Mary S. Our subject is a Democrat. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and he and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Seymour W. Jester was born in Delaware County, N. Y., January 7, 1854, the son of Ezra T. and Louisa (Bidwell) Jester, natives of New York. The father came to Missouri after the war, and located on his farm near the Fore homestead, where he has since followed farming and stock raising. The estate consists of 340 acres. His children are Seymour W., George E., Jennie (the wife of A. K. Loomis), Charles and Myrtle. Our subject was reared on the farm, and received a fair education. He and his brother, George, have owned the farm where he now lives, since 1880. February 12, 1884, he married Kizzie, a daughter of James Bell, of Kahoka, and soon after settled upon his farm. He has been very successful as a farmer and stock raiser, and has one of the best residences in the township. He is a Democrat in politics, and is a reliable man. He has one son—Howard.



William W. Johnson, liveryman, of Kahoka, is a native of Randolph County, Ind., born in 1825. He passed his early life on the river, serving in different capacities. He had very meager educational advantages, and started with very little means to assist him in the struggle through life, consequently all his possessions were made by hard labor. May 14, 1846, he married Miss Mary McCall, of Hancock County, Ill. She was born in Scotland, and was reared in Canada by her parents, Daniel and Margaret McCall. To her marriage eleven children were born, ten of whom are yet living. In March, 1856, our subject came to Clark County, Mo., and purchased a farm in what is now the eastern portion of Kahoka. In the latter part of the same year he purchased eighty acres more, which, taken with what he previously had purchased, amounted to two-thirds of the present town of Kahoka. He laid out the town on his land, and donated the square, where the courthouse now stands, to the county, for the purpose for which it is now used. He dug the cellar for the courthouse, and hauled the rock to construct the same. In 1882 he engaged in the livery business at Kahoka, and has been very successful. Our subject is a Democrat, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. His parents are Mahlon and Mary (Walker) Johnson. The father died in Illinois in 1847, and the mother resides with her daughter in Kahoka, Mo. Our subject's wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Frank Kamuf, a native of Germany, immigrated to America in September, 1857, and is a boot and shoe maker by trade. He is the youngest of nine children of Christoph and Margaretha (Bender) Kamuf, born August 18, 1840. The parents were natives of Germany, born in 1802 and 1804, respectively, although the father was of French origin. The latter was a nurseryman for nearly forty-five years, after he had served in the German Army for twelve years, five of which he had the honor of being first lieutenant in the Grand Duke's body guard, at Karlsruhe. After being married and settled down in life, he was twice elected mayor of Rettigheim, Baden, serving in all twelve years. He was well educated, and was liberal in politics and religion. The mother died November 2, 1878, and the father immigrated, four years after, via New York to Cincinnati, Ohio, and after a visit of seven months at the homes of three older sons there, came to our subject's home at Winchester, Mo., in October, 1883, and died there at the age of nearly eighty-three years, on February 14, 1885. Our subject was educated, after six years of common school, at the high school at Heidelberg, Germany, and at the age of seventeen emigrated via New Orleans to St. Louis, whence, after a brief stay there, he went to Keokuk, and five years later



he came to Bonaparte, Iowa. There he was engaged as foreman in a boot and shoe making establishment, while his boss carried on a tannery. After holding the situation for nearly three years he was married, on March 13, 1884, to Elizabeth, the youngest daughter of the late Rev. Ludwig and Maria W. (Engelbrecht) Waiher. She was born January 10, 1843, in York, York Co., Penn. Their children now living are Emma, Maggie, Anna, Carrie and Louis. Three sons and one daughter died while yet very young. Our subject came to his present home on the 1st of August, 1865, where he established the business he now follows, and is the oldest business man in the town. In September, 1870, he was commissioned as postmaster, and served with honor and satisfaction to all concerned until the election of Cleveland. He is largely a self-made man, a good Sabbath-school worker, and stands high in society, and in the church of his choice. He is a man of truth and veracity, and of temperate habits. His first vote was cast for Gen. Grant, who was his party's candidate. Himself, wife and eldest daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Millard F. King, a young and prosperous farmer of Clark County, was born in Missouri, in Clark County, in 1859, and is a son of Henry J. and Isabella King. His father is an old settler of Clark County, and is still a resident thereof. Although a young man, our subject is in possession of ninety-six acres of good land, which he is constantly improving, and from the present outlook will some day, probably, rank as one of Clark County's prominent farmers and citizens. He is still unmarried, and is highly respected by all his associates and neighbors.

William A. King, deputy county court clerk, is a native of Iowa, born in 1854, and is the son of Charles E. and Jane (Smith) King. The mother was a native of Ireland, and came to the United States in the year 1843. The father was a stone mason by trade, but followed different pursuits through life. They reared a family of six children, four of whom are yet living. In 1858 they moved from Iowa to Missouri, locating in Clark County, where the father died in 1859. The mother followed him in 1865. Our subject grew to manhood on the farm, and moved with his parents to Clark County when only four years of age. He remained on the farm until seventeen years of age, when he began teaching, and occasionally attended school until 1882, when he came into the county clerk's office. Since that time he has filled different clerkships in a highly creditable manner. In 1874 he married Miss Martha E. Stark, a native of Missouri, born in the year 1853, and the daughter of William Stark. The fruits of this union are three children: Fred B., William H. and Mattie



May. In 1885 Mr. King had the misfortune to lose his wife. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is also a member.

Kirch & Schreyer, dealers in hardware, stoves and tinware, established their business June 15, 1886. Not long afterward their storehouse and many goods were consumed by fire. But not being discouraged by this, they at once rebuilt, and are doing a thriving business. Charles J. Kirch, whose name appears first in this firm, is a native of St. Louis, Mo., born in the year 1864, and came to Kahoka with his parents when eight years of age. He is a Republican in his political views, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is the son of John and Catherine Kirch. The mother is a member of the Baptist Church. William Schreyer was born in the year 1855, and came to Kahoka about 1880. He was engaged in the butcher's business, which occupation he continued until June 15, 1886, when he engaged in his present business. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is a Republican in politics, and the son of Martin and Mary Schreyer, who were natives of Germany and immigrated to America, settling in Waukesha County, Wis., in 1850. The mother died in the year 1861, and the father followed her to the grave in 1868. They were both worthy members of the Lutheran Church, and were well-respected citizens.

J. F. Lackey, Cumberland Presbyterian minister, located at Kahoka in March, 1886: He is a native of Hardin County, Tenn., born in 1848. He was reared on a farm, and at the age of nineteen began working at the carpenter's trade, and followed this occupation until twenty-five years of age. He then began to prepare himself for the ministry, placing himself under Richland Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1875. The following year he was licensed to preach, and in 1877 he was ordained, since which time he has been almost constantly engaged in the ministry, sickness having deterred him for a period of about one year. In September, 1878, he married Miss Levisa Flowers, who was born in the year 1858, and who is the daughter of Dr. D. D. and Mary (Curl) Flowers. Five children were born to our subject and wife: Mary A. (deceased), Lillie E., Fletcher C., Douglas W. and John S. In March, 1886, our subject received a call from the church in Kahoka, which then numbered about twenty-five, and now about one hundred. He is the son of James and Levina (Pawley) Lackey. He is a member of the Masonic order, also of the I. O. O. F., Blue Lodge and Eastern Star. He preaches in Memphis, Mo., the third Sunday in each month. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Pres-



byterian Church, and also of the Eastern Star. Her grandmother, Sallie (Jacobs) Curl, was the daughter of William Jacobs, who lived in Maury County, Tenn., and Rachel (Roundtree) Jacobs. Mrs. Lackey's great-grandmother, Lizzie (Gamblin) Curl, was a daughter of William and Susanah Gamblin, of Virginia, and of English descent. She died at the age of one hundred and eight; and William Curl, her great-grandfather, died at the age of ninety-five. Her great-great-grandfather, William Curl, was of English descent, and died at the age of seventy-five.

John Langford, present county treasurer, is a native of Kentucky, born in 1821. He lived on the farm until 1834, when he moved with his parents to Illinois, and there remained two years. They then moved to Clark County, Mo., arriving there in August 1836, and located on a farm. In 1845 he married Miss E. C. Arnold, of Cumberland County, Ky., born in 1826, and the daughter of Louis M. Arnold. The fruits of this union were eight children, three daughters and one son now living. In 1850 our subject was elected sheriff of Clark County, but remained on the farm until 1856, when he was elected county court clerk, and moved to Waterloo, the county seat. At the expiration of his term of office, which was in six years, he lived a rather retired life until 1866, when he improved a new farm, and located upon it, cultivating the soil until 1876, though between the years of 1866 and 1876 he held the office of probate judge and presiding justice of the county court. In 1876 he moved to Kahoka, and embarked in the machine and hardware business, which he continues at the present time. Our subject is a Democrat in his political views, and he, his wife and three children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Langford's parents, Robert and Elizabeth (Sullenger) Langford, were natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The mother died in Illinois in 1835, and the father followed her to the grave in 1843. He was a life-long farmer, and although a member of no church was a moral, upright man, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He participated in the war of 1812, and his death occurred in Clark County, Mo. The mother was a member of the Baptist Church.

David N. Lapsley was born in the State of Kentucky, in 1830, and is the youngest of twelve children of John A. and Mary W. (McKee) Lapsley, who were both born in 1783, and died in 1859, and were natives of Virginia. John A. Lapsley was a farmer of Kentucky, and was a great speculator and contractor. He served in the war of 1812, and was captain of a company in Dick Johnson's regiment. He and wife were highly honorable and useful citizens. Our subject left Kentucky in 1836, came to



Clark County, Mo., has been a resident in this county ever since, and now lives upon a farm of 360 acres in Sweet Home Township. He was united in marriage in 1865 to Margaret Jenkins, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Rambo) Jenkins, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Lapsley have had two children: Elizabeth and Robert. The former is a well educated lady, and a fine musician. Our subject is a well educated man, and a great reader. He attended the Des Moines College in Iowa, and then prepared himself for the junior year in the Jefferson College, Pennsylvania. He graduated from that college in 1855, and then returned to Clark County, where he studied law, and was admitted to the bar at Waterloo, the county seat, in 1857. Not liking the legal profession as well as he expected, he returned to his farm, where he has since lived with the exception of twelve years which were occupied in the execution of the duties of clerk of the circuit of Clark County, during which time he gained the reputation of being the best clerk that county ever had. He is exceedingly accommodating, is a quick and active business man, a strong Democrat, and is also a liberal donator to public enterprises. Mrs. Lapsley is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

James H. Lapsley was born in the State of Kentucky in 1825, and is a son of John A. and Mary W. (McKee) Lapsley. [See history in sketch of D. N. Lapsley.] Our subject left Kentucky in 1836, and, coming to Clark County, Mo., settled on the old home place, where he now lives. In 1865 he was married to Maggie P. Hess, daughter of Samuel S. and Prudence Hess, natives of Virginia. To Mr. and Mrs. Lapsley six children have been given: Laura V., John S., Susan E., Farley, Marshall and an infant. Mr. Lapsley received a common-school education, and is now a prosperous business man, dealing largely in stock, and regarded as a man with whom one can negotiate, feeling confident that he will do what is right. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

William Lasswell, Sr., was born in Hardin County, Ky., in the year 1808, and was the son of Jesse and Jane W. (Mitton) Lasswell, natives of North Carolina and Virginia, respectively. There is no Irish or German blood on either side of the family. In 1829, at the age of twenty-one, our subject married Miss Sarah Williams, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Williams, natives of Virginia. After living in Hardin County, Ky., a number of years our subject and wife, in 1846, moved to Northeast Missouri, and remained a short time in Scotland County. In 1847 they moved to Clark County, where they rented land a number of years, suffering all the privations incident to pioneer life.



In 1852 they moved to their own farm in Washington Township, where they remained until 1865. They then sold out, and purchased land seven miles from Canton, Lewis County. Several years later he traded this farm for one he first rented in 1846, in Clark County, where he has ever since resided. To their marriage were born eight children, five of whom are yet living, are married, and have families. Our subject is a Democrat in politics. October 28, 1876, he lost his wife; she was a Christian woman, and for many years was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1877 Mr. Lasswell married Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, who had three children by a previous marriage. Our subject, though seventy-eight years of age, is still quite vigorous in mind and body. Felix M. Lasswell, son of our subject, was born in Hardin County, Ky., May 8, 1832. He met with many hardships, after starting out for himself at the age of sixteen, but gradually overcame all difficulties, and managed to save money. He is now considered one of the most successful and enterprising farmers of Clark County. In 1856 he married Miss Standifird, a daughter of Aquilla Standifird, who was killed in the war. To our subject and wife were born these children: Emily C., James F., John W. (who was drowned), Roberta B., Aquilla, Walter and Judson (twins), Edmond K., Clarence and Lawrence. In 1865 Mr. Lasswell sold his land in Washington Township, and purchased land in Lewis County, where he remained several years, and then returned to his former place of residence, where he has one of the finest farms in Clark County; it contains 480 acres. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church.

James W. Leach is a native of Alabama, and is a first-class farmer. His parents, Ambrose H. and Martha P. (Lotter) Leach, were natives of Alabama, and five years after our subject's birth, which occurred September 4, 1823, they removed to St. Clair County, Ill. In 1855 they left their farm in that county, and the father spent the rest of his life as a merchant in Van Buren County, Iowa. He died in 1865, and the mother survived him but one decade. The St. Clair County schools furnished our subject his education, and he remained at home until his marriage, at the age of twenty-two. He remained on a farm in that county until he began saw milling in Jefferson County, Iowa, at the same time that his father went there. He spent about a year at that, and a similar time in the hotel business, at Bonaparte, before he came to Clark County. He has been living on his present estate since 1880, and his 170 acres of fine land lie partly in Union and partly in Jackson Townships. He was married, December 24, 1846, to Elizabeth, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Stucky)



Anderson. She was born in St. Clair County, Ill., in December, 1828. Their children are Lyman H., Sylvanus M., Augustus E., Samuel A., James N., Leonora, Martha and Linnie B. Our subject has been a justice for several years, and is a staunch Democrat, who first voted for Polk. He has served also as president of the county township board, under the township organization.

Albert D. Leech, M. D., a successful practicing physician at Athens, Clark Co., Mo., is a native of Lee County, Iowa, born in 1859. He is the son of Alexander and Jerusha Leech, who now reside at Syracuse, Neb., and are respected and honored citizens. Our subject made his home at Donnellson, Iowa, where he conducted a large stock farm for his grandfather, until 1882. He commenced the study of medicine some time previous, and at this date, 1882, he came to Athens, Mo., to continue his studies. In the fall of 1883 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, and graduated from that institution with high honors in the spring of 1885. Immediately afterward he began the practice of his profession at Athens, his present location, where he has been successful in establishing an extensive practice, and has the reputation of being one of the best physicians in the county. On the 16th of June, 1884, he was married to Miss Donnah Albaugh, daughter of Allery and Levo Albaugh, of Donnellson, Iowa. Dr. Leech is a Republican in political views, is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a member of the Clark County Medical Association. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

John M. Leedom, M. D., who is a resident of Ashton, Mo., was born in Schuyler County, Mo., November 10, 1855. He was reared in the town of Lancaster, and began reading medicine under Dr. W. F. Mitchell in 1877. In the years 1879 and 1880 he attended the medical department of the State University of Missouri, and in 1880-81 he attended the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which institution he graduated in the latter year. He located in Ashton in 1881, where he has had a good and remunerative practice ever since. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is strictly Democratic in his political views. He is a young physician, full of push and energy, and is on the high road to prosperity. In 1884 he was elected coroner of Clark County, and filled that position in an able manner. He is the son of Asa and Susan (Woodson) Leedom, natives, respectively, of Ohio and Kentucky. His parents reside in Schuyler County, Mo., and, although they are living on a farm, the father's former trade was that of a tailor, in which business he was quite successful.

J. A. Lehew, son of Joseph M. and Sarah A. (Story) Lehew,



is a native of Clark County, Mo., born June 16, 1842. His father was a successful farmer, and once owned the farm where the county poorhouse now stands. He moved to the city of Kahoka some years since, and is connected with his son (our subject), in the machine and music business. Our subject was reared on a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits continuously until 1880, when he came to Kahoka, and engaged in his present business, which embraces boilers, engines, threshers, farming implements, etc., and is doing a large and lucrative business in his line. He organized the first old settlers' association in Clark County. In 1882 he united his fortunes with those of Miss Dora Harvey, daughter of Rowland Harvey; she is a native of Missouri, and a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject is one of the thorough-going, wide-awake young business men of Kahoka, and his future prospects are very bright.

Jacob W. Lewellen, probably the oldest living native citizen of this county, was born March 19, 1834, the fifth of ten children of John W. and Jane E. (Trabue) Lewellen, the former of Welsh origin, born about 1805, in Kentucky, and the latter of French stock, born in Woodford County, Ky. The mother was a second cousin of Henry Clay. They came to Pike County as children, and were married by Rev. Biggs about 1824. In 1832 they removed to Clark County, and entered 1,400 acres. They lived there until 1859, when they settled permanently in Montgomery County, where the father died in 1886. The mother still lives with her daughter, Mrs. S. E. Bibb, in Ralls County. The father served as county judge for eight years, and was prominently identified with the history of this county, and held in high esteem by the people. Our subject was educated at the college at West Point, Iowa, and at the age of eighteen began for himself as a teacher. He taught for three years, and after his marriage, at the age of twenty-two, settled on his present farm. He inherited 211 acres, and has now acquired over 1,500 acres, on which he deals considerably in stock. He is probably the largest resident land owner in the township. His wife, Mary E., is the daughter of John N. Boulware; they were married November 6, 1856. Two of their seven children are deceased, and the mother's death occurred in 1875. He was married, December 18, 1877, to Olivia M. Sexsmith, who was born December 18, 1846, in Virginia. His children are Nancy J., George E. (M. D.), Martha A., Josie Q. and Charles T. by his first marriage, and by his second Mary S., Maud M., Jessie V. and Edith A. He first voted for Buchanan, his party's candidate. He has served as trustee for one term. His wife is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, while he and his daughter, Josie, hold to the Baptist faith.



Isaac N. Lewis was one of Clark County's prominent citizens, born in Butler County, Ky., in the year 1812. He was the son of James A. Lewis, a native of North Carolina, and Margaret (Tygot) Lewis, a native of Virginia. The parents came to Kentucky at a very early date, where they were united in marriage. They were prominent and highly respected people. Isaac N. passed his youth with his parents, receiving the best education that the schools of that day afforded, and afterward much improved it by observation and desultory reading. He went to Simpson County, Ky., where he began the study of law, and was finally admitted to the bar. He remained there for five years, after which he sought a new location, and in 1838 moved to Van Buren County, Iowa, locating at Keosauqua, the county seat. He was very successful here, and soon had an extensive practice. He became prominent, and was elected a representative to the Territorial Legislature, and as such discharged his duties in a highly creditable manner. In the practice of the law his partner was J. V. Howell, who edited a paper in Keokuk. Early in the decade of the forties he removed to Clark County, Mo., and located upon a farm. Prior to the war he was twice elected to represent Clark County in the State Legislature, and also served as such during the exciting years of the war. In 1862 he was a candidate for circuit judge, his opponent being James Ellison, the latter being elected. After the war Mr. Lewis avoided politics. In 1840 he met and married his wife, and to them have been born thirteen children, as follows: Harriet C., Margaret O., James B., Lucy E., Isaac N., Loranah A., Webster C., Susan A., Ida M., Mary V., Anna M., Florence E. and an infant. The family of Mr. Lewis is one of the best in the county. In early life our subject was a Whig, and before the war was an owner of slaves, but during the war he was a Union man, and since that time had been a Democrat. Mr. Lewis was a believer in the faith of the Cumberland Presbyterians. He was a man of few words, of steadfast determination, and his personal honor was above reproach. His death, which occurred a few weeks ago, was bemoaned by a large circle of friends.

Isaac N. Lewis, Jr., was born in Clark County, Mo., in 1851, and is the son of Isaac N. Lewis and Lucy A. (Lewis) Lewis. Our subject was born on the old homestead of his father, and remained there until his marriage, in 1875, with Mary Todd, when he moved to the place where he now lives. Mary (Todd) Lewis is a daughter of Dr. William and Anna (Richardson) Todd, natives of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had one son, William D. Lewis, and in 1877 the young couple were separated by the death of Mrs. Lewis. Mr. Lewis then married Minnie Hus-



ton, and this union has been blessed with two children: Harry H. and Georgie M.—a boy and a girl. Our subject has never held any public office, although his father was an active supporter of the Democratic party.

Henry Clay Lyle, farmer, was born November 10, 1824, within five miles of Martinsburg W. Va., the second of five children of Hugh M. and Eleanor (Henshaw) Lyle, the former of Irish descent, born about 1794 in West Virginia, and the latter of Welsh stock, a native of the same county. They left their native county in 1826, and went to Henry County, Ky., where they remained until 1837. After that they settled in Clark County, Mo., on a farm now owned by W. Jenkins. The father died the following year, and the mother afterward married James Ripper, and lived until 1870. Our subject is almost entirely self educated, on account of his responsibilities after his father's death. At the mother's second marriage he began for himself as a farm hand, rafting on the river, and working in a commission house at Alexandria. While at the latter place, in a livery stable, he took a trip to Des Moines, and was offered a good position by a post trader, but refused to accept. He married at the age of twenty-five, and after keeping a boarding house he began renting. For a few years he owned three different farms, and in March, 1881, located on the old homestead which his parents bought before the father's death. His wife, Elizabeth Conway, was born May 6, 1826, in Cynthiana, Harrison Co., Ky., and afterward came to Springfield, Ill. They were married October 2, 1851. Our subject is a self-made man, and now owns 140 acres of land. He is so well known that he is generally called "Uncle Clay." He was formerly a Whig but is now a Republican. He is a member of the Christian Church, and his wife is a Methodist. Our subject's mother departed this life December 31, 1870, aged seventy-two years and eleven months.

D. Mangle was born in Hanover, Germany, in the year 1811, and is the son of D. and Catherine (Em) Mangle, both natives of Hanover, Germany. The father might rightly be called a natural genius; he was a carpenter, and could make any wood work in his line. In the fall of 1834 he immigrated to this country, took a trip to Texas, and finally settled in New Orleans, where he died at the age of sixty-six. The mother was sixty-five at the time of her death, and they were both members of the Lutheran Church. Our subject immigrated to the United States in the spring of 1834, a few months before his father. He was a single man, twenty-three years of age. He roved around for several years, and was three or four years in New York City, where he worked as a laborer. He then went to New Orleans, and here again worked as a day la-



borer. In 1845 he moved to Northeast Missouri, where he has ever since remained. In 1847 he married Miss Catherine Beer, a resident of Quincy, but a native of Germany. To this marriage were born two children, only one, a son named Isaac, now living. He is a resident of Washington Township, Clark Co., Mo., where he is engaged in farming. About four years after marriage our subject lost his first wife; he afterward married the widow of Rev. Curtis Smulling, by whom she had two children. By her marriage with our subject she became the mother of one son, Samuel C., now a farmer in Washington Township. He remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age, during which time he was united in marriage to Miss M. A. Brown, a resident of this county. To this union seven children were born, four now living: Curtis S., Gertrude V., Roscoe and an infant not named. Samuel C. Mangle is an enterprising and industrious young farmer of Clark County. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and wife are members of the Baptist Church. Emma Dillinger was the maiden name of Isaac Mangle's wife, to whom were born five children, four now living. Our subject and second wife lived together happily for thirty years, or until death marked her for a victim. She and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Mangle is an enterprising farmer, and owns 270 acres of land, all well improved. He is a Democrat in politics, and although seventy-six years of age is still quite strong and hearty.

William H. Martin, M. D., was born in Iowa in 1837, and came to Missouri with his parents when only two years of age. He worked at gunsmithing principally in early life, and at the age of seventeen began the study of medicine. In 1860-61 he attended the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Iowa, after which he practiced until 1867, when he entered the same institution, and graduated in the spring of 1868. He then located in Kahoka, where his practice has been successful, large and remunerative. In September, 1862, he married Miss Mary E. Wilson, a native of Missouri, born in 1844, and the daughter of Joseph G. and Sophia (Weber) Wilson. Of the four children born to this union two are deceased. The two living are Clara Leigh and Jessie G. The former graduated with high honors at the age of fifteen, and the latter is yet attending school. Dr. Martin is a member of the Masonic order, R. A. M., Blue Lodge and Eastern Star, A. O. U. W.; a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and a Democrat in politics; his wife and daughter, Clara Leigh, are members of the Baptist Church. He is the son of Rev. John J. and Phoebe (Howard) Martin. The mother died in 1851, and in 1854 the father married Mrs. Elizabeth (Wright)



Howard, widow of Adrian Howard. The father is a Methodist minister, and is now living in Kahoka. In 1886 our subject engaged in the drug business in that city with B. S. Crawford, who is also an M. D., and a native of Illinois, born in 1845. He is the son of H. P. and Margaret (Crawford) Crawford. His mother died in 1879, and the father took for his second wife, Mary (McCandless) McCoy. B. S. Crawford was reared in the town of Warsaw, Ill., and assisted his father in the mercantile business until 1865, when he entered the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, and graduated in the spring of 1867. He first located in Greensburg, Knox Co., Mo., where he remained twelve years. He then practiced in Canton, Lewis County, for seven years, and then located in Kahoka, embarking in the drug trade, and also continued his practice with W. H. Martin. In 1868 he married Miss Nancy Northcutt, a native of Missouri. To them were born three children: Eva, Margaret and Frank. His wife was a member of the Christian Church, and died in 1878. The following year he married Miss Catherine Beach, of New York, born in 1847, and daughter of Alexander and Catherine Beach. Dr. Crawford is a member of the Masonic fraternity, K. of H., A. O. U. W. and K. L. of H. He is a Republican in politics.

J. W. Mason was born in Nelson County, Ky., in 1853. His father, J. W. Mason, was a native of Henry County, Ky., and of English descent. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Mollie Kirk, was a native of Harrison County, Ind., and was of Irish descent. The parents were married in Kentucky, where the father resided a number of years, engaged in farming. About the year 1840 he moved to Pike County, Ill., where he entered land. Previous to his coming to Pike County he met with misfortune, and had to pay a security debt of \$6,000. He was an old Henry Clay Whig in politics, and for a number of years was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His widow soon after his death moved to Kentucky, and made her home with her sister in Henry County, where she resided until her death in 1863. Our subject is the only son of a family of two children. He made his home with his mother until twenty years of age, his father having died when our subject was but fourteen. In 1854 he moved to Keokuk County, Iowa. As he was something of a mechanic, brick-layer and plasterer by trade, he found employment at good prices, and made money while there. In 1855 he returned to Kentucky, and spent the winter of 1856 in Northeast Missouri, where he followed his trade for several years in Lewis and Clark Counties. November 10, 1859, Mr. Mason married Miss Emaline Laswell, a daughter of William Laswell, a native of Kentucky. For several years after marriage our subject rented land



in Washington Township, but in 1863 he purchased land in the eastern part of the same township, where he has ever since resided, a period of twenty-five years. To his marriage were born two children, viz.: William H. and Felix S. William H. is a physician of prominence at Sand Hill, Scotland Co., Mo. Felix S. is still at home, and manages the farm, which consists of 170 acres of excellent land, all well improved. He is a Democrat in politics, has been a member of the Masonic lodge for over twenty years, and is a member of the Baptist Church, as is also his wife and two sons.

Asa S. Mason was born in Washington County, Penn., March 22, 1844. He is the son of John and Susan (Stephenson) Mason, natives of Pennsylvania. The father came to Missouri in 1863, and located first in Clark County, and afterward in Scotland County, where he now resides on a farm near Memphis. Our subject was reared in his native State, and was educated at Bridgeport, Penn. In 1859 he went on the Ohio River as a cabin boy, and gradually rose until he became captain of a vessel, at the age of about twenty-four. He followed steamboating on the Ohio and Mississippi until 1871, when he came to Alexandria, and engaged in merchandising and pork packing with P. Cunningham. The reverses of 1874 caused by the noted decline in pork compelled them to suspend business. Since that time our subject has been successfully engaged in the grain business. In January, 1886, he also took charge of the mercantile house of J. H. Million, with whom he has been associated for some years. This is the leading dry goods and merchandise house in Alexandria. Mr. Mason was married, January 1, 1868, to Emma A. Fitzpatrick, a native of Fort Madison, Iowa. Their children are John H., Mary M., Bertha L., Susan C., Grace E. and Grover Cleveland. Mr. Mason is a Democrat of the younger school, and has served as mayor of Alexandria for several terms. He is prominent in local affairs, and has declined nomination to various offices.

Capt. Morgan Mason was born in Washington County, Penn., July 8, 1808, the son of Robert and Sarah (Meek) Mason, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was a pioneer of Pennsylvania, and died there in October, 1854, in his seventy-sixth year. Our subject was reared in his native State, and worked with his father in farming and grist milling. He began boating in 1840 on the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers, and the same year came to St. Louis as a steamboat clerk. He was a clerk on the first steamboat "Consul" that made a trip from Cincinnati to Brownsville, Penn., after the improvement of the Monongahela River in 1843. He quit steamboating in 1854,



and came to Clark County, and bought a farm. He made that his home for twenty-five years, engaged in farming and stock-raising, so that at one time he owned about 400 acres, and still owns the original homestead of 220 acres. About twelve years ago he removed to Alexandria, and in 1879 engaged in a grocery and produce business, in which he has been very successful. Of his six brothers and four sisters the following are now living: Isaac M., Harrison and Horace G. These live in Brownsville, Penn., and John lives near Memphis. Capt. Mason was married on April 11, 1830, to Permelia Stevenson, of Green County, Penn. She died in 1856. They had four sons and two daughters: Presly S. (deceased), William W. (deceased), Morgan (deceased), Isaac M., Sarah A. (the wife of the late F. Johnson, of Indianapolis), and Priscilla S. (the wife of C. D. Eberhart). His second wife was Hannah (Laning) Gregg. She died January 22, 1883. The children, by her former marriage are Cephas, Mary (the wife of N. C. Tolman), and Susan K. (the wife of A. T. Sullivan). Our subject is a Republican, and a warm admirer of J. G. Blaine, who was born near his native place. He was a supporter of the Union cause, but treated both sides courteously. He has been a member of the Baptist Church for over forty years, and is one of Alexandria's respected pioneers.

Aaron Mattley was born in Orange County, N. Y., September 15, 1822, and is a son of John Mattley, who was born in England in 1792, and Elizabeth (Key) Mattley, also a native of England. They came to the United States just after the war of 1812, and settled in the State of New York, where the father was a mechanic for about twenty years, after which he went to Jefferson County, Ind., where he settled on a farm, remaining there until his death. After the death of his father our subject accompanied his mother, brother and sister to Scotland County, Mo., where he engaged in farming and school teaching until the war, when he served in Company G, N. E. R. Home Guards, in which he was captain under David Moore. He took an active part in the battle of Athens, where he was wounded by a bullet passing through his lungs. This wound was thought fatal for some time, but he finally recovered. In the winter of 1860-61 he organized several secret societies, the Knights of Malta being a society for self-protection. He has the honor of having made the first unconditional speech in behalf of the Union delivered in Scotland County. After the war he lived in Scotland County until the last twelve or thirteen years, when, after selling his farm, he purchased the one he now lives upon, which contains 280 acres of land under a good state of cultivation. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising to a great extent. He was mar-



ried in 1851 to Eliza J. McCaslin, of Indiana, although a native of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Mattley have had three children: Walter Scott, Jonathan H. and Nancy E. (the widow of James T. Hise, who is now dead). In 1873 our subject was left a widower with three children. In 1879 he married Sarah E. Combs, daughter of James Combs and Elizabeth (Scott) Combs. This wife was born in Scotland County, Mo., in 1846. Her grandfather was a pioneer settler of Clark County, Mo., and her grandmother died at the age of ninety-one, having been a resident of that county for fifty-three years. She was highly respected by the citizens, and was the mother of a large family. Mr. and Mrs. Mattley have had three children: Katie, Aaron J. and Hilda. Our subject has never aspired to a public office of any kind, although he takes great interest in the welfare of the Republican party, and was chairman of the central committee of Scotland County for sixteen years, and also president of the Union League for some time. He has been an active and worthy member of the Baptist Church for forty-four years, and has never been known to be under the influence of intoxicating liquors; he is the possessor of part of the old place known as the "Robert Lee place." He is a member and officer of the A. H. T. A., and belongs to the G. A. R. He is greatly interested in the prosperity and general welfare of the country, a hearty supporter of education, and is a man of ability, well read, and well posted in the current events of the day.

Charles B. Matlock, of the law firm of Matlock & Hiller, was born in Illinois February 27, 1846. He was reared principally on the farm, and began the study of law when quite young, under John H. Craig and H. Scott Hull, of Keokuk, Iowa, and was admitted to the bar by Judge David Waggener, of the supreme court, in 1866. Since that time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Clark County, Mo. In February, 1872, he married Miss Cora Campbell, of Clark County, and a daughter of Isaac R. and Emily (Davis) Campbell. She was born in Missouri in 1850, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject's parents, Thomas and Nancy (Ballard) Matlock, were natives of Tennessee and North Carolina, respectively. The father was a minister in the Disciple or Christian Church. They reared a family of eleven children, eight of whom lived to be grown. The father died in 1865, and the mother followed him to the grave in 1875. From 1867 to 1872 our subject was prosecuting attorney in Clark County. He is a Republican in politics, and an excellent citizen.

Charles W. Meryhew, of the firm of Givens & Meryhew, was born in Ohio December 7, 1830. His parents, John and



Elizabeth (Bias) Meryhew, were both natives of New York. The father was a millwright and carpenter, and built several mills still standing on different streams in Ohio. He was a soldier in the second war with England. Our subject received the mental discipline of a common school, and fitted himself, in part, for an educator, while feeding stock for his father, who was a stock breeder as well as a millwright. He taught school several winters, and by his studious habits during that period, acquired a fair English education. In 1856 he came to Missouri, continuing to teach during the winters. He spent the summer of 1858 in Kansas, and the following autumn and winter he taught in Richland County, Ill. The next spring he began reading law at Olney, in that county, with Preston & Livingston. In February, 1861, he was admitted to the bar by the supreme court of the southern district of Illinois, and was in practice at Olney when the American flag was insulted in the South. The autumn before he had commanded a company of Wide-awakes who escorted Gov. Yates through Egypt, Ill., and when President Lincoln made his first call for troops, Mr. Meryhew joined the Eighth Illinois Infantry, a three-months' regiment. At the expiration of that time he tried to get into Gen. Fremont's escort, but was half an inch too short. In August, 1861, he joined the Black Cavalry, which, in March, 1862, was consolidated with Missouri companies, and formed the Seventh Missouri Regiment Volunteer Cavalry, in which, as lieutenant, he commanded Company K, between one and two years, and Company G, nine months. He was then detailed as assistant commissary of musters of the Seventh Army Corps, and shortly afterward was detailed as aide-de-camp to Gen. Carr, remaining on his staff until July 13, 1864, when he resigned on account of ill health. He came to Clark County, his present home, in the autumn of 1864, was appointed general agent of the Missouri, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad Company, and in January, 1865, he led to the altar Miss Harmania A. Heil, daughter of Augustus F. and Anna (Kleinline) Heil. She was born in Pennsylvania in May, 1844, and by her marriage became the mother of three children, viz.: May E., Cora E. and Lula. His wife and daughters are members of the Old School Presbyterian Church. After marriage he settled at Waterloo, then the seat of justice of Clark County. In the autumn of 1866 he was elected judge of the probate court, was re-elected in 1868, and served two terms, making an efficient and faithful county officer. In 1870 he followed the county seat to Kahoka, where he has since resided, except two years, 1874 and 1876, which he gave largely to the improvement of his farm, attending to such suits as he had on his hands. In 1880 he was elected prosecuting attor-



ney of the county, and, after serving six months, was counted out. He is a man of fine sense, and an able advocate. Before a jury he is candid and logical, sometimes witty, and easily places himself on good terms with a jury. He was president of the Clark County Agricultural Society three years while at Waterloo, and has held the same office the last two years. He is a public-spirited man, and has done a great deal to build up agricultural and other interests. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F. for a quarter of a century, and has passed all the chairs in the subordinate lodge. Latterly he has made a specialty of insurance, and is doing a heavy business in that line. He is eminently reliable and trustworthy, and has the fullest confidence of the people.

J. H. Million, the present efficient collector of Clark County, is a native Missourian, his birth occurring in 1846, and is a son of J. D. and Emma (Staple) Million. He was raised upon a farm, but at ten years of age entered school, where he continued until 1868, then came to Clark County and began teaching school at Alexandria. He remained in the pedagogical profession one year, then began clerking in a store, which occupied his attention for the ensuing eight years. By this time he had collected sufficient means to embark in business upon his own responsibility, and this he at once did, selecting the dry goods and grain trade. Close application to business, sterling honesty and an unusual amount of enterprise on the part of Mr. Million has brought forth its legitimate reward—prosperity and happiness. He selected Miss Sue Pritchett as his life companion, and in 1869 their marriage was solemnized. One daughter has blessed them named Lula P., and mother and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Million is a Democrat in his political views, and is one of his party's most active workers in Clark County. In 1884 he was elected to the collectorship of the county, and after serving one full term of two years was re-elected, and now officiates in that capacity.

M. Mills was born in Warren County, N. Y., in 1836, and is the son of Alonzo Mills, who was also born in the same county and State, and of English descent. The mother, whose maiden name was Murdock, was a native of the same State and county, and also of English descent. After their marriage the parents lived in Warren County, N. Y., where the father followed the carpenter's trade for nearly twenty years. In 1852 he moved west, and settled in Illinois for one year. The following year he immigrated to Decatur County, Iowa, where he lived until his death, a period of thirty years. At Decatur he followed his trade in connection with farming, and was considered by all a



good neighbor and an influential citizen. He was a Republican in politics, and for many years was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in 1884. His first wife died in the year 1885, while still quite a young woman, and his second wife died in the year 1887. She was a Miss Carpenter. Our subject is the second of a large family of children by both marriages, five being by the first. The eldest son was a Federal soldier during the late war, and was taken sick, carried to the hospital at St. Louis, and here died. The third son died of typhoid fever, at the age of eighteen. The youngest son by the first wife lost his life at the hands of sharpshooters at Atlanta, Ga. Our subject made his home with his parents until seventeen years of age, and, with the modest sum of 60 cents in his pocket, started out to make his own living. He first worked on a farm for his cousin, Joshua Culver, with whom he remained about six months. In the fall of 1854 he began the blacksmith's trade in Canton, Fulton Co., Ill., and was there but a few months when he went to Farmington, in the same county, and served as an apprentice for two years. In 1856 he immigrated to Northeast Missouri, and by accident settled in Fairmont, where he engaged in the blacksmith business. He grew attached to the place, and purchased property. In 1860 he married Miss Sarah Fairbrother, daughter of Henry Fairbrother (deceased), who was an early settler and a prominent citizen of Clark County. To our subject's marriage were born seven children, five of whom are now living: Ralph F., George F., Clara N., Mark H. and Alice. Ralph F. married Miss Lizzie Smith, a native of this county. The other children make their home with their parents. Our subject went into partnership with I. D. Hon, and at the end of nine months went into partnership with Smith & Nook. After seven months they dissolved partnership, and afterward Mr. Mills engaged in business for himself. He now owns a plow and wagon factory, and is doing a thriving business. He is one of the leading machinists in Northeast Missouri, and has invented a number of valuable improvements. He has always been a Republican in politics, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Theodore L. Montgomery, prosecuting attorney of Clark County, and a member of the law firm of Wood & Montgomery, is a native of Kentucky, born January 22, 1855. In 1869 he came to Clark County, Mo., with his parents, who are now living a short distance from the county seat. He grew to manhood on the farm, and graduated in two departments in the Missouri State University in 1879, taking the degrees of Ph. B. and Pe. B. He read law under Judge Ben E. Turner, and was admitted to



the bar in September, 1880. Since that time he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession, at Kahoka, Clark Co., Mo. December 1, 1881, he married Miss Mary M. Jordan, a native of Missouri, born in 1858, and the daughter of John and Mary J. (Smith) Jordan. To our subject and wife were born two children: Leonard J. and Lenna G. Mr. Montgomery is a member of the Masonic order, a Democrat in politics, and he and wife are adherents of the Baptist Church, also members of the Eastern Star. Our subject's parents are John W. and Mary S. (Dicken) Montgomery. The father is a native of Indiana, and moved to Kentucky with his parents at the age of seven years. He embarked in the mercantile business in early life, but for the last eighteen years has directed his attention to farming and stock raising. The mother is a native of Kentucky, and is a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject was elected to the State convention in 1878, and again in 1884. In 1886 he was elected to his present position of prosecuting attorney.

Jesse N. Moore was born in Washington County, Ky., January 20, 1850, and is a son of Walter B. and Marian (Pope) Moore, both natives of Kentucky. The father with his family moved to Andrew County, Mo., in 1857, where he engaged in farming upon the farm of Mr. Keen Singleton, and in the spring of 1859 the father and family moved to Clay County, Mo., and settled upon a farm purchased from a Mr. Lewis Hardwick, where the mother died July 17, 1862, but the father survived until January 1, 1880. Our subject grew up accustomed to farm life, and received the advantages of a country school education. In April, 1871, he came to Clark County, where he engaged in farm work with Maj. R. E. Hill, through the summer seasons of 1872-73-74, and in the winters of those years he attended school at the Alexandria College, which was located at Alexandria, Clark County, Mo. In 1875 he became ship carpenter on the steamer "Gray Eagle," that ran on the Illinois River, and in the winters of 1876-77-78-79 he occupied his time in teaching school at different places in Clark County. On April 27, 1880, he married Frances M., a daughter of J. J. Price (deceased) and Elizabeth (Tinsman) Price. J. J. Price was a native of Ohio, and his wife of Pennsylvania. After marriage he located on his uncle's (G. W. Hill's) farm, and is chiefly engaged in farming and stock raising with the uncle, and also manages the entire farm of 360 acres. Our subject is a steadfast Democrat, and filled the office of magistrate from November, 1884, to November, 1886, and in March, 1887, was appointed by the county court to fill vacancy caused by resignation, and he now discharges the duties of that office. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and thinks it a grand institution



when rightly lived up to; but, like all other institutions and denominations, it has too many drones or members that are a disgrace to the fraternity.

Lewis F. Moore, assessor of Clark County, is a native of Perry County, Mo., was born in 1837, and is the son of Leo and Ann (Cissell) Moore, both natives of the Territory of Missouri. The father was a life-long farmer, and was a resident of Missouri at the time of his death, which occurred in 1880, being sixty-nine years of age at that time. The mother now resides in this State, and is in her seventy-second year. Our subject was reared on a farm, and followed this occupation more or less all his life. He was educated at St. Mary's Seminary, a theological institution conducted by the fathers of the congregation of the mission. He was engaged in the mercantile business at Winchester and St. Patrick, for about two years. He also taught school for about eighteen years, following that occupation during the winter and farming in the summer. In 1859 he married Miss Emily E. Brewer, of Perry County, the daughter of James and Allouesia (Manning) Brewer, natives of Kentucky. The father, James Brewer, was in the war of 1812, and in the battle of New Orleans. Mrs. Moore was born in 1839, and by her marriage with our subject became the mother of thirteen children, two sons and three daughters being deceased. Mr. Moore and family are members of the Catholic Church. He was deputy United States marshal for Perry County in the year 1860, and assisted in taking the United States census. He came to Clark County in 1863, and settled in Jackson Township. During the M. M. R. R. bond fight, he was appointed to collect the taxes of the company without being required to give bond, which shows the confidence the people had in his honesty. In the year 1880 he was one of the enumerators who took the United States census of the county. He was elected assessor in 1882, 1884 and 1886, holding the office in a highly creditable manner up to the present. He served the last three sessions of the Legislature as clerk; first as journal clerk, second as docket clerk and third, after having been defeated as chief clerk, was appointed by his successful rival, as reading and resolution clerk. He was a great favorite of the House of Representatives which body, to show its high esteem for his efficiency and promptness in office, presented him with a gold headed cane, after which he replied in a short address, but to the point, thanking them. He is a life-long Democrat, but was firm for the Union, and took some part in sustaining the same.

Henry Moore was born in Greene County, Penn., in 1831, and is the son of John D. and Barbara (Pethtel) Moore, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Irish and German extraction, respectively.



They were married in Greene County, and here the father followed agricultural pursuits for some time. They then moved to West Virginia, and after remaining here for about ten years, in 1857 moved to McDonough County, Ill., where they remained twenty-eight years. The father was a Republican in politics, was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and died in Schuyler County at the age of eighty-one. The mother is now eighty-six years of age, and, although delicate in body, is strong and vigorous in mind. She is a member of the Baptist Church, and makes her home in Schuyler County, Ill. Our subject is the only son living of a family of eight children. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-one years of age, having begun, however, at the age of sixteen to work for himself. His first work was on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in West Virginia, as a laboring hand, and here he remained for five years, when he married Miss Minor, daughter of Theophilus Minor, a native of West Virginia, and of English-German descent. In the spring of 1857 our subject immigrated by river to McDonough County, Ill., where he resided eight years, engaged in farming. In 1865 he immigrated to Clark County, Mo., where he has ever since lived. By his marriage he became the father of nine children, seven of whom are living: Mary Ann, Thomas J., Elizabeth, Caroline, Christine, Laura B. and John H. Mary Ann is the wife of Andrew Wiley, and Caroline is the wife of F. C. Bertram. The other children make their home with their parents. Mr. Moore has lived over twenty years in Clark County, and is one of the respected and enterprising citizens of the county. He owns a fine farm of 300 acres, and all he has was made by his own energy and industry. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

A. L. Morris, farmer, was born February 27, 1827, in Springfield, Ohio, the eldest of eight children of Cornelius and Dorothy (Laybourn) Morris, the former of Welsh origin, born in 1804 in Augusta County, Va., and the latter of English stock, born about 1805 in New York. They came to Springfield when children, and lived there until our subject was two years of age, when they settled permanently near La Fayette, Ind., on a farm where the mother died in 1874 and the father a year later. Our subject was educated at La Fayette, and at his majority married and settled on a farm in Tippecanoe County. His wife died in 1852, leaving one child, Margaret, and in 1856 he moved to Clark County, and settled on his present farm. He soon after married Mary S., the daughter of W. Jeffreys and the widow of F. Hay. Their children are Mary, Ida L., Robert L., Cornelius and Dorothy. His wife was born in Kentucky, and came to Clark County when a child. They were married October 23, 1856, and her death



occurred March 23, 1868. His first wife was Eliza Layton, a native of Clark County. They were married February 14, 1847, and she died February 27, 1852. Our subject has now acquired a fine farm of 400 acres, mostly cultivated. He voted for the Democratic candidate in 1848, and has been loyal to that party ever since. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and is a leading farmer.

Ex-Judge Morris was born in Tyler County, W. Va., in 1830. His father, James Morris, was a native of that State, and of Welsh descent. His mother was also a native of West Virginia, and her maiden name was Davis. They were married in West Virginia, where James Morris practiced law nearly all his life, and was prosecuting attorney. He was a man of unusual ability, and a Republican in politics. He was a member of the Baptist Church in early life, and, being always an admirer of Alex. Campbell, joined the Christian Church in later years. He died in the year 1864, aged seventy-five. His father, whose name was also James Morris, was a native of Wales, and a Baptist minister. His sons were all fine lawyers, and men who held high official positions. Our subject is the fourth of a family of ten children, seven now living. During odd hours, while he was employed as a clerk, he read law, and received a liberal education at home. He took a more thorough course at Bethany College, West Virginia, and was admitted to the bar at Parkersburg, W. Va. He practiced his profession in his own county for some time, and then came to Clark County, Mo. During his residence here he not only proved himself an enterprising farmer, but a man of more than ordinary scholarly ability. He represented his county in the Legislature for over, three years, and the following three years as their judge. In both positions he proved to be eminently qualified, but ill health forced him to abandon a lucrative practice, and he retired to his farm in Washington Township. In 1857 he married Miss Sophia Weber, a daughter of Daniel Weber, and to them were born three children: Byron E., James T. and Oscar. December 20, 1883, Judge Morris lost his wife, and about four years later he married Mrs. Lydia Errett, a native of Westmoreland County, Penn. At the time of her marriage with Judge Morris she was the mother of three children. One is living in Pennsylvania, and the other two are living with her in Fairmont.

Eugene A. Morris was born in West Virginia in 1835, and is a son of James and Elizabeth Morris, the former a prominent lawyer of West Virginia, who died in 1863. In 1857 our subject was married to Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of T. R. and Rebecca Wilson. Eight children have been born to this couple,



one of whom is deceased. Those living are William J., Lucy B., Liney, John L., Nancy J., Mandie and Charles D. Our subject served his country during war time in the Missouri State Militia. He is a successful farmer, and is now the possessor of eighty acres of good land, well improved.

Edward G. Moseley is a native of Jessamine County, Ky., and the son of Edward and Lucy (Smith) Moseley, natives also of Kentucky. In 1835 our subject came to Missouri and settled in Clark County, but it was then called Lewis County. In 1852 he celebrated his nuptials with Miss Emily B. Hampton, a native of Virginia, born in the year 1825, and the daughter of James and Susan (Peyton) Hampton, both of whom were natives of Virginia. By her marriage with our subject she became the mother of eight children, two of whom are deceased. There are three sons and three daughters living. In 1854 Mr. Moseley located on his present farm, which contains 200 acres of good land. He is a successful farmer, and directs his attention principally to the raising of live stock. Besides the farm of 200 acres just mentioned, he has sixty acres of timber and pasture land; he is considered a useful and prominent citizen. Mr. Moseley is a member of the A. H. T. A., also a member of the Christian Church, and is a Democrat in politics. Mrs. Moseley is a member of the Baptist Church.

George Muhrer, farmer, was born July 23, 1830, in Bavaria, Germany, the son of George and Anne M. (Reinhardt) Muhrer, also natives of Germany. The parents came to New York in 1856, by way of France, and then came to Cincinnati. They remained there but three years, when they came to Clark County, and bought the farm now owned by John Kirchner. Since the mother's death in 1873 he has been living with Mrs. Sophia Lang, his daughter. Our subject was educated in his native country, and came to America in 1854. After living with his aunt in New Jersey for a time, he came to Cincinnati, where he lived in and around the city until 1865, when he followed his parents to Clark County, and bought the farm on which he now lives. He was married to Maria, a daughter of Christian and Maria Kuntz, who was born in Germany in 1842. She was twelve years old when they came to this country, and was married March 8, 1860. Three of their twelve children are deceased, and her death occurred in 1884. October 28, 1886, Julia, the widow of A. J. Applegate, became his wife. She was born April 23, 1843, in Brunswick, Germany, and came to this country when she was thirteen years of age, and lived chiefly in Lee County, Iowa. His children are Louisa, Sophia I., Louis P. John J., Susan, Henry V., Mary A., Emma and Daniel. Our



subject is a careful manager, and now owns one of the finest farms of 240 acres, besides some timber land. He is a self-made man, and is one of our most prominent farmers. His first vote was cast for Lincoln, a candidate of his party. He is a member of the Evangelistic Church.

Gilbert Musgrove, a first-class farmer of Clark County, Mo., was born in Waterloo, in the same State, in 1841, and is the son of Samuel and Mary J. (Scott) Musgrove, both natives of Kentucky. The father was a farmer, and came to Clark County in 1836 where, in 1840, he was elected sheriff, and re-elected in 1842. He resided in Waterloo until the expiration of his term of office, when he returned to his farm, and two years later sold out and purchased a farm in the Mississippi Bottom, where he remained until his death in 1870. His wife preceded him in death in 1869. January 16, 1872, our subject married Miss Mattie Niswanger, of Clark County, born in the year 1844, and the daughter of Jacob and Mary A. Niswanger. To our subject and wife were born five children, three sons and one daughter now living. Mr. Musgrove located on his farm, which contains 150 acres, in the year 1881. This tract of land lies on Fox River, six miles from the county seat. He took no part in the late war, yet was a Southern sympathizer. All his family were Whigs before the war, but during and since that event have affiliated with the Democratic party. In 1864 our subject went to Montana Territory, where he was most of the time engaged in mining, but returned home in 1869. He is a good citizen, and has the respect and confidence of all his neighbors.

Samuel W. McArtor was born in Virginia in 1838, and is a son of Mahlon McArtor, a native of the same State, and Eliza (Hickman) McArtor, a native of Maryland, who were married at the residence of the latter, and then went to the home of the former, where they engaged in farming and stock raising until 1855, when they and a part of their family came to Clark County, Mo., where they engaged in farming and stock raising, and where the father (who was a Quaker by birth) died in 1870. In 1857, two years after the departure of his father, our subject also left his native State for Clark County, Mo., landing there in the same year. He went to the home of his father where he remained until his marriage with Sarah J. Stafford, daughter of William and Charlotte (Hill) Stafford in 1861, when he and his wife moved on a rented farm, but by hard work and good management were soon able to purchase a home of 125 acres, upon which our subject at present resides. This marriage was blessed with six children, only half of whom are now living: Eugene (a young school teacher, of Clark County), Otis and Alice. Mrs. McArtor died



in 1866, and three years later our subject married Sarah N. Cartnal, daughter of Thomas and Celema (Stump) Cartnal. Five children have blessed this union, two of which, Bettie and Emma, are now living. Our subject is one of the well-to-do farmers and stock raisers of Jefferson Township, and owns 125 acres of well-improved land. He is a member of the Masonic order, and a Democrat, but has never aspired to any public office. He is a liberal donator, in proportion to his means, to all public enterprises, and takes great interest in the education of the future generation.

Ira H. McCarty, proprietor of the saw and grist mill at Winchester, was born July 23, 1828, in Clark County, Ky. He is the son of George and Sallie (Miller) McCarty, who are of Irish and Scotch descent, respectively, and natives of Virginia. The parents came to Clark County, in childhood, and several years later removed to Logan County, where the mother died in 1840, and the father in 1878. He was a farmer by occupation. Our subject began farming when he was of age, and in 1851 came to Clark County, Mo. He was a farm hand for about two years, and then bought a saw mill near Wayland, but a couple of years later moved to Waterloo. Five years afterward he moved to Fox River, and there engaged in the mill business also. Seven or eight years later he became proprietor of a woolen factory in which he was interested for four years, at Clarke City. After a year at Athens, and four years at Kahoka, he settled at Winchester, where he has since been engaged in milling and wool carding. By his wife, Maria (James), he had eleven children, and by his second, Ann L. (Maryhew), he has two. His present wife, Jane (Fifer), is a native of Indiana. Our subject is a skillful millwright, and now owns two good farms, and is a highly honored and respected citizen. His political principles are Democratic, and Pierce received his first vote. His mills are in excellent order, and have all the latest improvements.

Barnabas McCormick was born in Pennsylvania, in 1827, and is a son of James McCormick, who was a native and farmer of Pennsylvania, and finally went to Illinois, and farmed until his death. Jane (Marshall), the mother, was a native of Pennsylvania, and after the death of her husband continued to reside in Illinois until her death. In 1855, after the death of his mother, our subject went to Delaware County, Iowa, but remained there a short time when he went to Lee County, Iowa, where he farmed until 1868, and then crossed the Des Moines River, and settled in Clark County, where he owns a house and lot and ferry on the Des Moines River, he rents land and engages in farming also. Our subject was married, October 2, 1852, to Mary D. Scowden,



daughter of David and Lucy (Marshall) Scowden, natives of Pennsylvania, but lost his wife May 17, 1853. February 6, 1855, he married Julia McMichael, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Mason) McMichael, of Irish descent, and pioneer settlers of Pennsylvania. This union was blessed with five sons: Farley, Herbert, Charles C., James and Thomas. Charles C. died May 15, 1864, and Herbert died after attending the first course of lectures in the medical college at Keokuk. Our subject is a man of strong will and firm principles, and is well respected by the citizens of Clark County.

A. McHugh, farmer, was born March 30, 1823, in Warren County, Ohio, the son of John and Elizabeth (Rice) McHugh, natives of Virginia and South Carolina, respectively. The parents were orphans, came to Ohio as children, and were reared by the same man. In 1849 they removed to Lee County, Iowa, where they spent four years before they removed to the farm where our subject now lives. Their deaths occurred in 1856 and 1883, respectively. The common school furnished our subject his educational advantages, and he spent his early manhood until the age of twenty-five in caring for his mother and her family. He was about thirty years old when he came to his present home, and November 18, 1860, he was married to Lodoskia Bruner, a daughter of Jared Bruner. She was born in Hancock County, Ky., April 14, 1836, and came to Missouri in 1851. Their children are John F., William H., George E., Robert B. and Ida M. His estate embraces a fine farm of 230 acres, and shows the care and management of a self-made man. Our subject is now a strong Republican, but, previous to the war, held the Democratic principles of that day. Our subject believes in the doctrines of the Baptist Church, of which his wife is a member.

Robert S. McKee, a prominent physician of Clark County, and a native of Kentucky, was born February 22, 1832. The father of our subject, Robert A., left his Kentucky home in 1835, and came to Clark County, Mo., casting anchor in a country almost entirely inhabited by savages and wild beasts. He was one of those clear-headed, far-seeing men, and well knew that after a few years of hardship and toil he would be living in a country that would be equaled only by the blue-grass regions of Kentucky, where he passed his boyhood days. He was a good neighbor, and a loving and dutiful husband and father, and a distinguished citizen. He was one of the first three judges elected by the people in Clark County, an honor that was highly merited and faithfully executed. As to his intellect and his power of doing good his equal can hardly be found to this day. He had an utter abhorrence for office seeking, and yet had he so chosen,



could have secured almost any office. He displayed fine judgment in the rearing of stock, and the breeding of blooded horses, having probably the best stock in Northern Missouri. The announcement of his death in 1872 was a serious loss to the county, and a severe blow to his bereaved family, who deeply felt the loss of a kind father. The community lost their noblest citizen. His wife was Amanda M. Lapsley, a lady of fine intellect, and the possessor of many rare accomplishments. She was a loving wife, and a kind and affectionate mother. She departed this life about 1864. Our subject remained on his father's farm until 1855, when he entered the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, attending the courses of 1855 and 1856, after which he located in Scotland County, Mo., where he remained about ten months. In the fall of 1857 he returned to college, and graduated with high honors in the spring of 1858. He at once formed a partnership with Dr. O. B. Payne, at St. Francisville, where he remained two years, when, on account of his father's illness, he returned to the old homestead to take charge of general affairs, and where he also resumed the practice of his profession, which has been large and remunerative. He was united in marriage to Miss C. L. Cleaver, daughter of Thomas and Margaret J. (McCune) Cleaver. Seven children have blessed this union: Maggie A., Robert C., Thomas A., Samuel L., Laura M., Joseph M. and John W. (who died in 1871). The wife's grandfather, Cleaver, was a pioneer settler of Missouri, and was one of the men that drew the plat of the counties, and laid out the townships. Our subject, Dr. McKee, is the possessor of 1,260 acres of fine land, all in a high state of cultivation. He has been called upon many times by his Democratic friends to make the race for office, but he has heeded them not, much preferring the quiet life of the farm and his profession. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and takes great interest in all laudable enterprises tending to elevate and educate the morals of the youth. In politics he is purely Democratic, and has been from early boyhood. Mrs. McKee is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Maj. David McKee, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Sangamon County, Ill., December 14, 1823, the youngest of eleven children of Thomas and Hanna (Frakes) McKee, of Scotch-Irish descent, and natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania, respectively, and born somewhere near 1780. They were married in Kentucky, where the father was engaged in farming, although until about 1815 he worked at blacksmithing, somewhat. They then spent five years in Harrison County, Ind., and then moved to the county of our subject's birth. In 1825 they settled in Schuyler County permanently. They died in 1834 and 1864, respectively.



Our subject was educated in the log schools in Schuyler County, Ill., and in Hendersonville, and remained with his mother until about the age of eighteen. He then spent the first years of his married life as a farmer in that county until 1844, when he spent a year in Farmington, Iowa, and then moved to Clark County. He farmed near Athens for some time, and in June, 1861, he became second lieutenant in the Home Guards. After the Clark County forces were united under Col. Moore he became major, and a short time later, while at St. Louis as a delegate to procure arms and rations, was appointed recruiting officer by Gen. Fremont. He then returned, and formed a cavalry battalion of about 700 men, and was elected major. After some service in Macon City, in 1861 and 1862, they were merged in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry Volunteers. Our subject had one of the four battalions, and after some skirmishing, they were at the following places: Marshall, Lexington, Sedalia and Springfield. In July, 1863, he resigned on account of disability contracted in service, and moved to Athens after renting his farm. In 1866 he became manager of a woolen factory and grist-mill at that place, but two years later returned to the farm where he remained until he came to his present home in 1873. His wife, Martha J. Kesucker, is a native of Kentucky, where she was born August 14, 1823. She came to Illinois when about seventeen years of age, and was married August 12, 1842, at her home in Schuyler County Ill. She died November 25, 1855, after having borne seven children. The following year he married Mrs. Elvira, the widow of M. Breeden, and daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Randolph. She was born October 18, 1837, in Indiana, and in 1851 came to Iowa, and three years later was married to her first husband, who died in October, 1855. Three of our subject's thirteen children are deceased. He now has a fine farm of 200 acres which is well cultivated, and on which he deals largely in stock, holding at present twenty horses, twenty-six thoroughbred cattle, and droves of hogs. Politically he is a strong Prohibitionist, opposing tobacco as well as whisky, and holding the principles of the Republican party. Before the war he was a Democrat, and voted for Pierce first, and for Douglas in 1860. He served twelve years as justice, and some time as assessor. He joined the first Masonic lodge of the county, about forty years ago, and passed all the chairs. He was an organizer, and Grand Worthy President for about ten years, of the A. H. T. A., and captured a large number (probably the largest of any member) of thieves. He, his wife and four children, are members of the Congregational Church.

Robert McKee, farmer, was born December 12, 1811, in Wash-



ington County, Md., the second of seven children of John and Isabella (Dinwiddie) McKee, both of Scotch-Irish stock, former born in Franklin County, Penn. They were married in Pennsylvania, and soon moved to our subject's birthplace, where they lived until their deaths; the mother's occurring December 17, 1851, and the father's January 8, 1871. The father was a prosperous farmer, and both parents were active members of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject was educated in his native county, and at the age of twenty-three he and his brother began business in Hagerstown with the firm name, R. & W. B. McKee. They continued until May, 1837, when they moved to St. Francisville, where they resumed business, and for some time were engaged in farming. They continued in this way until the opening, of the war. From that time until 1878 he was in the vicinity engaged chiefly in farming, and then removed to his present estate. His farm embraces 320 acres, most of which is well improved and cultivated. His wife, Eliza Shryock, was born February 24, 1815, in Maryland at Hagerstown, where our subject returned, and married her May 10, 1838. Their children are Clarence, Emma E., Leander D., Isabella D., John L., George H., Florence and William. Our subject voted the Whig ticket before the war, but has since been a Democrat. He has passed all the chairs in the Odd Fellow's lodge, and is their present D. G. M., having been a member for forty-one years. He, his wife and two daughters have been members of the Presbyterian Church. The grandfather of our subject's wife, William Lewis, received a captain's commission in the Indian wars from Gen. Washington, and the papers are in the possession of Mrs. McKee.

L. D. McKee, M. D., was born at St. Francisville, January 3, 1844, the son of Robert McKee, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject was reared to manhood here, and began the study of medicine in 1866 under Dr. A. S. Tinsman. He then entered Keokuk Medical College, and graduated in 1869. After some practice at Glenwood, Mo., he returned to St. Francisville, in 1871. The following year he attended the Missouri Medical College, at St. Louis, and took an additional degree. Since then he has been at St. Francisville, the only practitioner in the place. May 18, 1876, he married Mary H., a daughter of J. Z. Barnett. Their children are Isabel and Florence H. The Doctor is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the County Medical Association, and of the I. O. O. F. He is a man and physician of high standing.

John L. McKee, was born July 9, 1848, in Clark County, the son of Robert McKee, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Our subject was reared and educated at St. Francisville, and followed



mercantile life for about nine years from 1876. Since then he has been following the life of a farmer and stock raiser. He has been very successful in all his operations. He was married May 22, 1879, to Susan A. Anderson, a native of this county. Our subject is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Anti-Horse-Thief Association.

W. C. McNealy, a native of Hancock County, Ill., was born in 1856, and is a son of Pendleton McNealy and Cinda (Cess) McNealy, natives of Ohio. The father was of Scotch-Irish descent. They were married in Hancock County, Ill., and here the father farmed for several years, and here he also passed his last days. He left a widow and three children, all of whom are living in Clark County, Mo. Our subject's mother, five years after the death of her husband, married Mr. George Goulty, a prominent mechanic in Fairmont. To this marriage three sons were born, who still make their home with their parents. Our subject is the second son of a family of seven children, six of whom are living. He made his home with his mother until eighteen years of age, when he began making his own living as an employe on the farm for Benjamin Goulty, in Hancock County, Ill., with whom he worked the greater part of six years. During that time he married Miss Eva Wood, of Clark County, and the daughter of M. Wood. To this union two children were born: Edith and Elmer. Our subject rented a farm in Hancock County, Ill., but afterward moved to Clark County, Mo., where he continued farming, renting as before, for about five years, during which time he accumulated some capital, which he invested in dry goods, and came to Fairmont in 1885. He is one of the enterprising and industrious merchants of Fairmont, and all he has was made by hard work and economy. He is a Democrat in his political views.

John McReynolds was born in Marion County, Mo., December 30, 1822, and is the youngest child born to William and Ruth (Culbertson) McReynolds, natives of Virginia and North Carolina, respectively. Immediately after marriage the parents moved to Illinois, and after remaining there a short period, moved to Missouri, and here remained several years in different counties, Knox being the one in which they passed the remainder of their days. The father died in 1847, and the mother in 1851. Owing to a scarcity of schools in those pioneer days, our subject received poor educational advantages, and at the age of twenty-one or twenty-two he married Miss Mary E. Dale, daughter of John P. Dale. Our subject began life as a farmer, and in that was quite successful. To his marriage were born seven children: Leah, Envira, William C., John S., Ellen, Ophelia and Julius C. Our subject has been a resident of Knox County



for half a century, during which time he has reared and educated a large and intelligent family. He owns a fine farm, well stocked and well improved. In character few stand higher in his county. He is a Democrat in his political views. William C., son of our subject, received a liberal education in the common schools of Knox County, and at the seminary at Monticello, after which he took a more complete course at La Grange College, Lewis County, Mo. He then graduated at the Commercial College of Bryant & Stratton, Quincy, Ill. He then began the study of medicine under an uncle, Joseph McReynolds, in Lewis County, with whom he remained about three years. He then attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa. He graduated there in March, 1871, and then opened an office in April of the same year, and began practicing his profession at Fairmont, Clark County, where, for a young physician, he has met with excellent success. He has a fine medical library, and is a young man of unusual ability.

George Neff, one of Clark County's prominent citizens, was born in Virginia in 1815, and is a son of George and Magdaline (Stump) Neff, natives of Virginia, who moved to Ohio in 1817, where the father settled on a farm, taking great interest in stock raising. In 1834 the father sold his farm, and moved to Palestine, Ohio, a village, where he remained for about ten years, engaged in mercantile business, and where he died in 1858. Our subject lived with his father until his marriage, when he went to Palestine, and kept a hotel for about sixteen years, after which he engaged in the mercantile business with his father for five years, then sold out, and came to Clark County, Mo., where he settled on a farm on Fox River, living there for twelve years, during which time he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. After that he rented his farm, and moved to Farmington, where he remained about seven years, when he moved to Athens, where he now resides. Being an old man now, he is enjoying the money he accumulated in his younger days. The wife of the subject, Elizabeth A. (Green), was a daughter of George and Lucinda Green, natives of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Neff were blessed with six children, all living, married and prosperous. They are Lucinda, Elizabeth M., Mary J., Malinda, George R. and Caroline. Death entered the door of our subject while he was residing in Farmington and took from him his beloved wife. He then married Lucy Jane Perkins, daughter of John and Mary (Hedgecough) Perkins, natives of Tennessee. John W. Perkins was born in White County, Tenn., in 1809, and was among the most prominent farmers of that State, until his removal to Hancock County, Ill., where he farmed for four years, then returned to his native



State, coming back to Illinois, however, in two years, where he remained a short time, after that going to Lee County, Iowa. While in Illinois he lost his first wife, but married again in Iowa. He lived in the latter place several years, and then settled on a farm in Clark County, Mo., where he remained until 1862, when he went back to Illinois, this time staying there two years. He then went to Jasper County, Mo., where he farmed about four years. He then moved to Saline County, Mo., where he is engaged in farming and stock raising at the present date. The wife of our subject was born in Tennessee, in 1832. She lived with her parents until the death of her mother, and then lived with an uncle, in Missouri, until she became seventeen years old, when she came to Clark County, and remained with her father two years, afterward going to Athens, where she remained until 1873, when she was joined in wedlock with our subject.

James Neil, a stirring and prominent farmer of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Iowa, born in the year 1846. In 1868 he came to Clark County, Mo., and located in his present neighborhood. The same year he married Miss Elma Vale, of Van Buren County, Iowa, born in the State of Ohio, and the daughter of John and Maria Vale. To our subject and wife were born an interesting family of four children—three sons and one daughter. Our subject has been a life-long farmer, and moved to his present location in 1884. He has been quite successful, is a good citizen, and has the utmost confidence of all who know him. He operated a threshing machine successfully for twenty-two seasons. His farm consists of 151 acres of very productive land, well improved and well watered, furnishing an abundance of that necessary article for his herds of stock. He pays considerable attention to the rearing of cattle. Mr. Neil's parents were James and Parthena Neil. The father died in the year 1862, and the widowed mother is still living, and is a resident of Clark County.

Dr. Samuel Neeper was born in Lancaster County, Penn., March 11, 1832, on a farm, and received his education in Blair Hall Academy, and at Faggs Manor, Chester County, Penn. At the age of twenty-one he immigrated to Ohio, and in 1854 began reading medicine under Alexander M. McMillin, of West Lebanon, Wayne Co., Ohio. In 1855 he entered the medical department of the Western Reserve College, at Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated at the head of his class in 1857. He at once began the practice of his profession at Mogadore, Summit Co., Ohio, and continued until March, 1867. Previous to this, May 12, 1857, he married Miss Mary A. Russell, of Philadelphia, and daughter of John and Isabella Russell, her father being a member of the well-known firm of Cary, Hart & Russell, bookbinders and sta-



tioners, of Philadelphia. She was born in Philadelphia October 23, 1836, and by her marriage became the mother of seven children—five sons and two daughters. She died July 12, 1875, and was a member of the Episcopal Church. In 1861 our subject enlisted in the Federal Army, Company G, Sixty-fourth Ohio, as a private, but in five days after enlisting he was elected captain, which office he filled with credit until the battle of Missionary Ridge, where he received a cannister shot which passed through his left thigh, totally disabling him for further duty, and he returned home, arriving there December 11, 1863, bringing the cannister shot, with which he received his wound, with him. It weighs half a pound. In 1867 Dr. Neeper moved to Clark County, Mo., and located on a farm, where he remained about twelve years. He then located in the city of Kahoka, where he has a large and remunerative practice. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Mason and Eastern Star; also the A. O. U. W. and G. A. R. He has been president of the district, and county medical association for a number of years, and has been chairman of the Republican Central Committee for twelve years, resigning in 1886. He is a Republican in politics. His parents, James and Letitia (Patterson) Neeper, were both natives of Pennsylvania, and died in 1844 and 1833, respectively.

N. Nelson, M. D., a prominent physician and Baptist minister, was born at Mocksville, in Rowan (now Davie) County, N. C., September 23, 1816. His parents, Ebenezer and Frances (Burgess) Nelson, were natives of Rowan County, N. C., and Albemarle, Va., and born July 24, 1777 and 1782, respectively. After their marriage in North Carolina they came to Marion County in 1828, and entered land near Palmyra. The mother died in 1833, and the father survived her until 1846. The father was a cabinet-maker and carpenter, but engaged in farming chiefly. Our subject was educated in Marion County principally, and at the age of twenty-three began teaching school. During his pedagogue days he began reading medicine, and afterward practiced, together with farming and other business. He received his medical education in the St. Louis Medical College, located at Philadelphia, Marion County, and began practice, and also devoted several years to his favorite study, theology. He was ordained as a minister in March, 1865, and since then has been preaching. In February, 1866, he moved to Gilead, in Lewis County. He there took a medical partner, Dr. Frame, that he might continue preaching also. He moved to his present farm in November, 1871, and is still engaged in his professions, and in farming. His wife, Lucetta Morehead, was born in 1822,



in Fauquier County, Va., and came to Missouri in 1835. She was married December 24, 1840, and her death occurred December 25, 1864. She was the mother of seven children. In November, 1871, Virginia Lillard, a native of Culpeper County, Va., became his wife. She was born January 20, 1835, and the following year her parents came to Missouri. Her children are deceased. Our subject's children are Morehead, Mary F. (the wife of Dr. J. P. Frame), Elizabeth (the wife of J. T. Hall), John H., James T., William F. and George L. Our subject is very prominent, both as a physician and a minister, and in his evangelical work has built up two churches in Clark County, and one in Lewis. Politically he is a Democrat, and first voted in 1840 for that party. Our subject's family, excepting the eldest son, are members of the Baptist Church. He served in the Florida war of 1837-38.

William J. Northcraft, one of Clark County's most substantial citizens, is a native of Shenandoah County, Va., born in the year 1831, and is the son of William F. and Nancy H. Northcroft, both natives of Virginia. The father purchased 520 acres of land, which he broke and put in cultivation; 160 acres of his land were in Scotland County. He was very prosperous in early life, supporting a family of nine children. He and his sons experienced some exciting times in hunting deer, turkey, wolves, etc., in the early settlement of the State. In 1836 our subject came to Lewis County with his parents, and located near Tully. In 1837 he came to Clark County, and settled in the forks of the Wyaconda River. In 1856 our subject married Miss Eliza A. Smith, of Scotland County, and daughter of John M. T. and Alcinda Smith. She was born in Ohio, December 15, 1829, and by her marriage became the mother of six children, two of whom are deceased. Those living are Mary A., Virginia L., Louis S. and Summerville A. Our subject joined the Confederate Army, but remained in service only a short time. He lost considerable property during the war, but, being a man of energy and perseverance, has accumulated considerable wealth since that event. He was elected judge of the county court, and honestly and faithfully discharged the duties of this office. He located on his present farm in 1867, and this contains 502 acres of good land. He is an uncompromising Democrat, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Thomas E. Palmer, a respected pioneer of Alexandria, was born in Chestertown, Md., in January, 1805. He is the son of John and Edith (Edwards) Palmer. Our subject secured but a limited education before the age of fourteen, when he left home and entered a counting room in Baltimore. He worked there,



and learned the mercantile trade with his uncle, until September, 1836. He then came to Missouri, and engaged in merchandising at St. Francisville, and continued for four years. His next occupation was as county assessor, at which he served about ten years. He then acted as county recorder until about ten years ago, excepting during the war. In 1874 he came to Alexandria, where he has since resided. During the war period, above mentioned, he was deputy assessor in the employ of the United States. In 1850 he was employed in census taking. He was married, in December, 1831, to Mercy A. Levering, a native of Baltimore, and now living at the age of seventy-eight years. Their children were John L., Anna (deceased), Mary M. (deceased), Alice A., Edward T., Mercy A. (the wife of Dr. J. Murray), Lizzie, William P. and Flora B. Mr. Palmer's first vote was cast for Jackson, and he has been a loyal Democrat ever since. The various offices which he filled were given him by the citizens of the county, without reference to politics.

Andrew Pantridge a native of Ireland, was born in 1837, and accompanied his parents, James and Rachel Pantridge, when they immigrated to the United States in 1841. They settled on a farm in New York State, where they remained a short time, and then moved to Philadelphia, where death entered the home and claimed the father and husband. Andrew then left the city, with his mother and brother in 1846, and located on a farm in the same State, at which place they remained until 1852, when they moved on a farm in Ohio. In 1855 our subject moved to Clark County, Mo., where he has since lived, gaining his livelihood by tilling the soil. He married Louisa Christy, a daughter of William and Mary Christy, and this union was blessed with two children, William and Lena, neither of whom is living. Louisa Pantridge died in 1872, and two years later our subject was united in marriage to Melissa Woogerd, the daughter of James and Susan Woogerd. To this union three children have been born—one boy and two girls, the latter being twins. These children are named Minnie, Mary and James F. Our subject now owns a farm of 130 acres, all under a good state of cultivation. He took an active part in the late war, and participated in the battles of Shiloh, Missionary Ridge and Atlanta, besides being engaged in other engagements of minor importance, too numerous to mention. He escaped with but one slight wound on the head, but now feels the effect of the exposure to which he was subjected. He is a member of the G. A. R.

Alexander L. Porter (deceased) was born in Franklin County, Penn., August 9, 1816, and his wife, Mary (Thompson) Porter, was born in the State of Kentucky, June 13, 1832. Alexander



L. left his native State to come to Clark County, Mo., about 1848, settled in the town of Luray, and there followed the blacksmith's trade until 1852, when he moved on the farm his wife, sons and daughters are now occupying. He was engaged in farming and stock raising at the time of his death, which occurred in 1869, leaving a widow and eight children to bemoan the loss of a kind husband and father. Mary Porter, *nee* Thompson, left her native State in 1834 for Pike County, Mo., accompanied by her father and mother, who remained in that county only a short time until their departure for Clark County, Mo., where Mary lived and married Alexander L. Porter. They were the parents of eight children: John A., James E., William A., Arthur L., Jane E. (wife of Jefferson Sutton), Deborah E. (wife of F. M. Dewey), Lucy A. and Mary O. John A. was born in the town of Luray, Clark Co., Mo., in 1851, and lived on the old home place with his parents, until he married Matilda J. Black, in 1880, the daughter of Andrew J. and Anna Black. John A. and wife have had three children, one of whom has died. Those living are Anna D. and William V. John A. has always worked for the Democratic party, although he has never held office. His wife is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. James E., the next oldest, was born in Clark County, Mo., in 1858. William A., the third son, was born at the same place in 1860. Arthur L., the fourth, at the same place in 1865. The last three named are single and living at home with their mother. They are Democrats, and well respected by the community.

J. D. Raine was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1830. His father, J. S. Raine, was a native of Virginia, and of Irish descent. His mother, whose maiden name was Dillord, was a native of Kentucky, and of English descent. The father was first married to Miss Rhoda Walker, a native of Virginia, who bore him four children. Six years after moving to Kentucky his first wife died, when he married Miss Dillord. To the second marriage eight children were born, six of whom are living and married, with the exception of our subject, who is yet single. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and this he followed in Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri. In March, 1850, he moved to Missouri, and settled in Clark County, where he resided until his death. He was a successful farmer, was a Democrat "dyed in the wool," and in religion was for many years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Our subject, who is the eldest son by the second marriage, was twenty years of age when his father moved to Clark County. The same year he began working for himself on a farm he had purchased in Washington Township, but boarded with his parents. At the expiration of



six years he wedded Miss Sarah Wedmore, a native of Iowa, but at that time a resident of Clark County, Mo., and the daughter of David Wedmore. The fruits of this union were six children—five of whom are yet living. In July, 1870, Mr. Raine lost his first wife, and about two years afterward married Mrs. Sarah Hoover, the widow of Charles Hoover, and the daughter of Nelson Yates, a native of Virginia. To this union three children were born, all living: Thomas S., James A. and Amanda E., and all make their home with their parents. The children by the first marriage, who are yet living, are Mary S., John W., Matilda J., Sarah L. and Emma R. July 21, 1887, Mr. Raine lost his second wife. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, as was also his first wife. Our subject is a successful farmer, and what he now has can be attributed to his own hard work and economy. In politics and religion he has followed the admonitions of his father, and hence is a Democrat, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a Mason.

George Rauscher, county court clerk of Clark County, was born in the year of 1842, in Ohio, and is one in a family of eleven children, five of whom are yet living, born to the marriage of George H. and Christina (Sherber) Rauscher. The parents are both natives of Germany, but about the year 1833 they immigrated to the United States, and settled in the Buckeye State. In 1848 they removed to Iowa, where the father died in 1865, and where his widow yet resides. The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood upon the farm, securing in youth a good practical education. When the sable banner of secession was unfurled Mr. Rauscher was among the first to volunteer for its suppression. In 1861 he became a member of Company D, Fourteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and after serving one year was discharged by reason of disability. His enterprising disposition would not permit him to remain long inactive, but as soon as his health would permit he began clerking. In 1866 he embarked in merchandising in Lee County, Iowa, but in 1871 he located permanently at Kahoka, Mo., and established himself in the drug trade. Two years later he began general merchandising, and, with the exception of serving in some official capacity at intervals, he has since continued in that occupation. Since becoming a resident of Clark County he has become thoroughly identified with its prosperity. In all public and private enterprises he has been recognized; and his superior wisdom as a successful business man and politician has placed him among the foremost men of his county. In 1874 he was elected county judge, and as such presided with ability one full term of four years. In 1880 he was elected collector of the county, and



was re-elected in 1882. In 1886 he was elected to his present office, which he fills with marked efficiency. Mr. Rauscher is a Republican in politics, and a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. fraternities. He was married in 1867 to Miss Christina Young, who was born in Germany in 1841, the daughter of John Young. Seven children have been born to their union as follows: George H. (deceased), Lottie, Ella, Charles, Albert (deceased), George J. and Walter. The parents are members of the Evangelical Church.

Henry Rauscher, a wide-awake, thorough-going farmer of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1835. He is the son of George H. and Christina (Sherber) Rauscher [for further particulars of parents see sketch of George Rauscher], and came to Lee County, Iowa, with his parents, in 1848. In the year 1860 he married Miss Elizabeth Smith, a native of Germany, born in the year 1838, and who in 1848 came to the United States with her parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Ringer) Smith. Of the ten children born to our subject and wife three are deceased, and two sons and five daughters are living. In 1866 Mr. Rauscher came to Clark County, Mo., and located upon the farm where he is now living. It consists of 270 acres, and is in a good state of cultivation. He is engaged in raising live stock also. He is a Republican in politics, and belonged to the Iowa State Militia during the war of the rebellion. Mrs. Rauscher is a member of the Evangelical Church, and they are well known and well respected throughout the county.

William Rayburn was born in Clark County, Mo., February 27, 1841, and is the son of James and Rebecca O. (Wells) Rayburn, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The parents were married in Clark County, Mo., in 1840, where they have remained ever since, the father engaged in tilling the soil. He was a Democrat after the death of the Whig party; was a member of the Baptist Church, and a well-respected citizen. He died in the year 1862, as did also his wife. Our subject is the eldest son of a family of nine children, seven of whom are living, and all are married. Our subject was hardly out of his teens when he wedded Miss Sarah L. Dockum, a daughter of Thomas and Lucinda Dockum, now deceased. In 1861 our subject began working on rented land, and is now one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Clark County. He now owns 225 acres of valuable land, and his success can be attributed to his honest efforts, energy and economy. Nineteen years after marriage he lost his wife. She was a Christian woman, and for a number of years was a member of the Baptist Church. Two years later our subject married Miss Mary Ellen Wells, a daughter of Thomas



J. Wells, whose sketch appears elsewhere. By this union three children were born: William E., Lucy J. and James T. Mr. Rayburn is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Rayburn is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Richard Rebo was born near old Palmyra, in Ralls County, September 22, 1832, the son of Bartholomew and Helen (Chisam) Rebo, natives of France and Kentucky, respectively. The father came to Missouri in 1827, and located at our subject's birthplace. In February, 1833, he came to Clark County, and died here in 1846. The mother survived him until 1867. They had seven sons and two daughters born to them, and those now living are Bernard, of Illinois; William, of Kansas; Richard; Margaret, married and in Texas; James and Benjamin. Our subject secured a fair education, and has spent almost his whole life as a farmer on the old homestead near Kahoka. It was in 1863 that he came to Alexandria, and four years ago established his present mercantile business. He carries a full and well-selected stock of staple and fancy groceries, and controls a large trade. He was married in 1858 to Ruby J. (Greenleaf) Lyle, and, after her death, he married Lucinda Vice, in 1862. Their children are Fannie L., William, Ella, Berry, Cortas, Elizabeth and Jefferson. Mr. Rebo is a Democrat, and is one of the successful business men of Alexandria. In 1829 his father entered 400 acres of land below Alexandria, and 520 near Waterloo.

W. W. Reed, owner of a general repair shop, and painter of wagons, buggies, plows and houses, was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Clark County, Mo., in the year 1876. The same year he chose for his companion in life Miss Maggie Porter, the daughter of Peter Porter, of Westmoreland County, Penn., and the result of this union was the birth of five children, four of whom are now living—one son and three daughters. In 1876 our subject purchased his present property, which lies a quarter of a mile from Ashton, and contains over fifteen acres of land on which his dwelling and shop are located. Mr. Reed makes a speciality of house joining, being a first-class architect, and a member of the architect association. Mr. Reed is doing well in his business, and is respected and esteemed by all who know him. May 9, 1886, our subject had the misfortune to lose his wife. She was an excellent woman, and her loss is deeply felt, not only by her husband and children, but by all with whom she was acquainted.

Harvey S. Reese, M. D., was born in Westminster, Md., June 11, 1856. He is the son of William and Sarah J. (Yingling)



Reese, natives of Maryland, where they were reared, married and raised their family. They had six sons and five daughters. Our subject was reared and educated in his native place, and attended Western (Maryland) College to within six months of graduation. In 1874 he became clerk for a relative in Tiffin, Ohio. He lived there until 1879, and in the meantime read medicine for about three years under Dr. Williard. In 1879 he came west, and entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Keokuk, Iowa, from which he graduated in 1881. He then came to Wayland, and began practice, and also established his drug business. He was the only physician in the place, and has an extensive drug business. He carries a well-selected stock of drugs, and makes a business of prescriptions. About three years ago the Doctor engaged extensively in farming and stock raising in Wright County, Mo., but after one winter's absence resumed his practice and drug business. In 1885 he built the Wayland Livery Stable, which he now owns. He was married, March 4, 1885, to M. Alice Richardson, a native of Pulaski County, Ky., born November 13, 1868. Dr. Reese is a Democrat of the younger school, and is a man and physician of high standing.

Philarmon Reynolds was born in Washington County, Ohio, in 1835. He is the son of Samuel H. and Pamela (Green) Reynolds, natives of New York State. They came to Lee County, Iowa, in 1847, and settled upon a farm, remaining there for five years, then moved to Clark County, Mo., and settled on the farm that our subject is now in possession of. It contains eighty acres of good land, in a good state of cultivation. Our subject was married in 1865 to Elvira C. Flowers, after which he moved to the old home place, where he has since resided. His father died in 1876, and his mother survived him nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have had one son, William H. I., born October 6, 1866. In 1882 Mrs. Reynolds died, and since then Mr. Reynolds has been living with his son and wife on the old homestead, and still continues farming. He is an honorable member of the Masonic order, and also of the G. A. R. He was elected by the people of Clark County, in 1866, to the office of assessor, which he filled honorably and judiciously for two terms. He has also given satisfaction as justice of the peace for nine years, and is as liberal a donator as his means will allow to all laudable public enterprises, and takes great interest in educational questions. He served his country three and a half years during the late war in Company H, Twenty-first Missouri, under David Moore, and participated in a number of important battles, such as Shiloh, Pittsburgh and Pleasant Hill. During the last named engagement he received a bullet in his breast, and since then has



not been able to exert himself to any great extent. He always has been and always expects to be a hearty supporter of the Republican party.

John W. Riley was born in Pennsylvania in 1833, and is the son of James Riley, a native of Maryland, who came to Clark County, Mo., in 1848, and settled in the wild prairie land of Missouri, where he lived until his death in 1861. Harriet Wilson, a native of Pennsylvania, was married to James Riley in the same State, and accompanied him to Clark County, Mo., where she remained until her death in 1863. The subject resided with his father and mother in Clark County, Mo., until 1854, and then departed for the wild West, where he spent twelve years and a half of his life in explorations and adventures. He mined in California for about four years, and then went to British Columbia, crossing the Cascade Mountains, near the line between British America and the United States. He remained in this unsettled country about one year, and then went back to San Francisco. In a short time he went to Nevada, but was compelled to return to California on account of sickness. After his recovery he went to Idaho Territory by way of Portland, Oreg., up through the Cascade Mountains into Washington Territory, passing through that country on pack animals into Idaho Territory. While in that Territory he spent five months in the Rocky Mountains, and there assisted with others in the organization of the Territory. He finally returned to California, landing there in 1863. After that he visited Nevada, where he engaged in mining and trading with the Indians, and finally directed his course homeward, passing through Salt Lake City, Montana, and St. Joe, Mo., and landed in Clark County, Mo., in 1866. Soon after his return he was married to Harriet C. Lewis (April 18, 1867), the daughter of Isaac N. and Lucy A. Lewis, and born in Iowa in 1842. Five sons and one daughter have been the result of this union, as follows: Oscar L., Lucy, Isaac N., Murton A., John W. and J. Benning. Our subject is now in possession of a splendid farm of 300 acres, upon which is a fine residence, and is engaged chiefly in stock raising. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Masonic order. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

E. W. Robinson is a member of the firm of Harrison & Robinson, Kahoka Lumber Company, dealers in sash, doors, lime, cement, plaster, hair, hard and soft coal, etc., who established their business in 1881. Mr. Robinson is a native of Iowa, born in the year 1856, and came to Kahoka in 1881. The following year he married Miss Grace Edwards, who was born in the State of Iowa in 1858, and who is the daughter of P. T. and Malinda M. Ed-



wards. Our subject and wife's married life has been blessed by the birth of two children: Georgie May and Raymond. The wife is a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject's parents, Richard S. and Jane (Taylor) Robinson, are natives of Pennsylvania and Indiana, respectively. The father was a Methodist minister of considerable éloquence and ability, and administered to the spiritual wants of his fellow man for a period of fifty-five years. He died in the State of Iowa in the year 1884. In 1886 his widow moved to Kahoka; she is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and is an enterprising business man.

John Roberts, ex-judge of the Clark County Court, is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1829. At the age of twenty-one he moved to Clark County, Mo., and located in St. Francisville, where he was contractor on the river, blasting rock. In the spring of 1850 he went to Mahaska County, Iowa, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits for one year, after which he returned to Clark County. In 1857 he chose for his companion in life Miss Louisa A. Bartlett, of this county, and the daughter of William and Sarah (Beechem) Bartlett. She was born in the year 1839, and by her marriage to our subject became the mother of five children, three of whom are deceased. Two twin brothers are living, viz.: Edmond R. and Edgar P. The latter married Miss Bell Gregory, of Clark County, in 1886. In 1860 our subject located on his present home which consists of 160 acres of good land, located on the line separating Madison and Des Moines Townships. He has also 160 acres of land in Madison Township. December 7, 1886, his dwelling and its contents were consumed by fire, in the absence of the family. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belonged to the militia during the war, and was stationed at Hannibal about three months before the war closed. He was elected judge of the county court in 1880, and held the office for two years. He was also township trustee under the old law. He is a Republican in politics, and one of Clark County's best citizens.

John M. Rodgers, was born in Clermont County, Ohio, March 28, 1820, the third of eight children of Benjamin and Catherine (Greger) Rodgers, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father went to Kentucky, and then to Clermont County, where the mother had preceded him, and where they were married about 1815. Our subject was four years old when they went to Ripley County, Ind. They remained there as pioneer settlers until 1847, when they located in Dane County, Wis. Three years later they came to Lee County, Iowa, and the following year removed across the river to Clark County; the parents



lived here until about 1875 and 1876, respectively. Our subject lived at home with his parents until the age of twenty-four, when he married and began farming in Indiana; he went with his parents, however, to Wisconsin, but when they removed to Iowa he returned to Indiana. In 1851 he came to Missouri, and located on the farm now owned by his sons, Benjamin and William; since 1857 he has been on his present farm. He built a house in his yard, and as age rendered his parents unable to work, they came and resided in this house until the father died, when the mother took up her residence with our subject. His first wife, Nancy Hodges, a native of South Carolina, was born about 1823, and became his wife in Indiana about 1844. They had seven children (three deceased), and her death occurred in 1862. His second wife, Susanna (Taylor) Jerles, the widow of A. Jerles, died in 1864. His third wife was Mrs. Emma (Ramsey) Schoonover, the widow of Jacob Schoonover, who was a native of Virginia. His children are Benjamin, Margaret C., Mary and William, by his first marriage, and David, Robert, Hetty and John, by his third. Our subject has acquired a fine estate of 369 acres of well-improved land, in two farms. Politically he is a Republican, and voted for the Whig candidate in 1844, and now is a very loyal man to his party. Our subject and part of his family belong to the Missionary Baptist Church.

James T. Ross, farmer, was born February 14, 1824, in Fayette County, Penn., the son of Warfick and Sarah J. (Hill) Ross, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, born in 1801 and 1806, respectively. The parents were married in Virginia, and at once settled at our subject's birthplace, where the father chose farming in preference to milling. The mother died in 1874, and the father survived her but two years. Our subject was educated in his native county, and remained with his parents until 1862, although he worked independently after 1850. He spent two years of his married life on the old place, and in 1864 came to Missouri. Two years later he came to his present home, where he has acquired a first-class farm of 100 acres, which is well improved. His wife, Elizabeth (Stephenson), is a Pennsylvanian, born in August, 1834, and married in December, 1862. Their children are Richard G., Warfick L., Ellis S. and Louisa. Our subject voted for the Whig candidate in 1848, but is now a strong Republican. He is a Mason, and he, his wife, Ellis S. and Louisa, are members of the Congregational Church.

Lewis Rush, a prominent citizen of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1839, and is one of a family of thirteen children born to the union of Francis and Rachel (Malone) Rush, both of whom died in the State of Illinois. In



1845 our subject went to Clark County, Ill., where he remained until 1855, when he moved to Clark County, Mo., and in 1881 located on his present farm which consists of 360 acres of excellent land lying on Fox River, five miles east of the county seat. In 1862 he led to the altar Miss Margaret E. Ervin, of Ohio, who bore him one child, named Francis. This child and its mother both died in the year 1863. In the year 1867 our subject was united in marriage to Mrs. Electa (Singleton) McCoy. She was born in Illinois in the year 1841, and is the daughter of Thomas B. and Sarah A. Singleton. To her first marriage was born one child, named T. L. H. McCoy, and to her union with Mr. Rush were born two children: Nellie and Stella. Mr. Rush is a Democrat, and a first-class citizen. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

James Ryan is a well-to-do farmer of Irish birth, who was born in County Kilkenny in November, 1812. His parents, also natives of Ireland, were Richard and Julia (Delaney) Ryan. His parents never left their native country; here the father died in 1839, and the mother a few years later. Our subject received an Irish education, and at the age of twenty-two brought his newly wedded bride to New York City. After about a year each on Staten Island and in Richmond, Va., they came by way of the Ohio and Mississippi to Warsaw, Ill. As soon as the river was frozen they crossed at Warsaw (which was then called Churchill), in the spring of 1840, and went out west in the spring of 1852, but returned home in the fall of 1854 to Keokuk. They then adopted Clark County as their home, and soon after settled on their present estate, where he has since lived, with the exception of about two and a half years spent in the Western States, and in California. His wife, Susan, the daughter of James and Mary Hart, was born in 1812 in England, although her parents were of Irish birth, in which country she was married July 2, 1836. But four of their nine children are living: James J., Edward W., Charles and Mary A. Our subject is a fine business man, and now owns 120 acres in Lewis and eighty acres in Clark County, most of which is improved. He is an earnest member of the Democratic party, while in religion his family all hold to the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church. His wife was but a child when her father died, and her mother afterward married W. O'Connor, and both died in Kilkenny.

Orrin C. Sage is a native of Delaware County, N. Y., where he was born July 20, 1835. His paternal ancestor of five generations back came from Wales in 1614, and settled on the Connecticut River, and his descendants by the name of Sage reside on the same farm still. Mr. Sage's parents, David and Phoebe



(Clark) Sage, were natives of Green and Delaware Counties, respectively. Mr. Sage was reared in his native place, and gained some knowledge of Latin and sciences. He came west in 1855, and for two years taught school in Lee County, Iowa. He has since been engaged in farming and stock raising in this county, and owns a fine farm near Alexandria. He was married in 1860 to Mary J. Black, a native of Lee County, Iowa. They have the following children: David H., a graduate of La Grange College; Libbie E. and William N. Mr. Sage is a broad and liberal-minded Republican, and is an A. F. & A. M.

James G. Sansom, justice of the peace and farmer, is a native of Allegheny County, Penn. He was born May 26, 1831, the elder of two children of William and Margaret (McCain) Sansom, the former of English descent, born in 1808, in Bedford County, Penn., and the latter a native of Ireland, born in 1810. The mother was two years old when they brought her to Armstrong County, Penn., where she was married in 1830. The father died in Western Pennsylvania, in 1846, and the mother afterward married a Mr. Todd, but remained in her native State until her death, in 1863. The father was a cooper by trade. Our subject was educated in his native State before his majority, and at the latter period, equipped with his carpenter trade, came to Galesburg, Ill., and made that his headquarters, although he traveled considerably in the Rocky Mountains before his removal to Missouri. Since 1868 he has been on his present farm, which he cultivates along with his work at his trade. His wife, Esther, is a daughter of Samuel and Rosanna (Ferris) Maxwell, and was born January 1, 1844, in Union County, Ohio. She came to Galesburg in 1856, and seven years later was married, on September 16. Their children are William H., George S., James P., Rosanna E. and Mary M. Our subject is a skillful mechanic, and has acquired considerable real estate. His farm embraces 220 acres of land, in good condition and well improved. Our subject is an earnest Democrat, first voting for Pierce, and has served three terms as justice. He, his wife, Rosanna E. and James P., are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

John W. Sawyers was born in the State of Kentucky in 1831, and is a son of George and Mary (Cummins) Sawyers, natives of Kentucky, who came to Clark County, Mo., and settled upon the farm on which our subject now lives. They were early settlers in Clark County, and remained there until their deaths, which occurred in 1871 and 1859, respectively. Our subject accompanied his parents when they moved to Missouri, and June 17, 1863, was united in marriage to Josephine E. Rugg, the daughter of Theodore and Harriet E. Rugg, natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs.



Sawyers have had six children—two sons and four daughters—of whom five are still living: Mary B., Helen J., Laura A., Frank E. and Hattie T. Our subject lost his beloved wife in 1882. He is the possessor of a fine farm of eighty acres, is one of the early settlers, and is a well-respected and honored citizen. He and three daughters are members of the church, as was also his wife, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a strong Democrat, but has never sought or held office.

Charles E. Schee, dealer in general merchandise at Athens, and also dealer in grain and stock, engaged in his present business at this place in 1884. He is a native of Clark County, Mo., and was born in 1857. His parents, John and Mary Schee, are now residents of Clark County, and are respected and honored citizens. In 1878 and 1879, previous to his coming to Athens, he was engaged in business at Anson, this county. In 1880 he chose for his companion in life, Miss Lola B. Mantle, daughter of John Mantle, and the fruits of this union were two children, both sons. Mrs. Schee is a member of the Congregational Church. Our subject directs his attention to his present business, at which he has been quite successful, and, being a man of honesty, and of pleasing manners, he has established a large trade. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

John G. Schuster was born in Germany, in 1824. His father, John F. Schuster, was a native of Germany, as was also his mother, whose maiden name was Neuschwander. The parents were married in Germany, and here the father followed the weaver's trade, in connection with farming, in the hamlet of Heutingsheim, for a number of years. From there they moved to Erdmannhausen, where the father died in 1832. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. The mother afterward married, and in 1837 she and her husband and four children immigrated to the United States, and settled in Adams County, Ohio. Here her husband died in 1884. No children were born to this last union. The children by her first marriage had grown up, married, and had homes of their own. The mother, after her second husband's death, made her home with her son, living with him until her death, which occurred January 20, 1887. She was formerly a member of the Lutheran State Church of Germany, but after coming to the United States joined the German Methodist Church. Our subject, while yet in his teens, left his home in Adams County, Ohio, and began as an apprentice to a wood turner. He was engaged in this business for five years before he became proficient in his trade, making but very little money. He then moved to Maysville, Ky., where he obtained a clerkship under Cutter & Gray, a wholesale grocery house, where



he remained five years, during which period he was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Bruner, a native of Germany, and the daughter of Frank Bruner, also a native of Germany. At the end of the five years' clerkship, our subject and brother crossed the Ohio River, and started a saw mill in Adams County. Believing that farming would be a better means of making money, they sold the mill, purchased a farm in the same county, and began tilling the soil. This occupation he followed a short time, and then moved to Spencer County, Ind., and from there to St. Louis, where he resumed his trade. He next engaged in the furniture business, but was forced to seek other employment, and, as he possessed considerable natural ability, he obtained a position as engineer in Warsaw. This position he held for seven years, when, in 1865, he immigrated to Clark County, Mo. Of the ten children born to his marriage only six are now living: George J., J. W., Benjamin, Amelia, Frank and Edwin. After coming to Clark County, our subject purchased a farm upon which he has ever since resided. He is an honorable citizen, a good neighbor, and an enterprising farmer, owning a splendid farm of 160 acres, all well stocked and improved. In politics he has been a Republican since the death of the Whig party. He and his wife are members of the German Methodist Church.

Charles Seyb, county court judge, is a native of Erie County, N. Y., and was born in the year 1837. In 1845 he moved to Iowa, where he followed blacksmithing, and in 1859 took for his life companion Miss Barbary Rees, who was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, in 1837, and who is the daughter of Joseph and Magdalena Rees. To this union were born seven children, four sons and three daughters. In the year 1866 our subject came to Clark County, Mo., where of late years he has devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, and in the raising of all kinds of live stock, in which he is quite successful. In 1886 he was elected to his present position, which office he fills with credit and satisfaction to himself and to the people. His fine farm consists of 280 acres, all well improved and all well cultivated. Our subject is a Democrat in his political views, and he and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church. He is the son of Peter and Catherine E. Seyb.

Michael Seyb, a good citizen of Clark County, is a native of Germany, born in 1840, and eight years later he came with his parents to the United States, and located in the State of New York, where the father followed farming. In 1857 our subject moved to Iowa, and in 1861 he enlisted in the United States Army, Company C, First Iowa Cavalry, as a private, and was afterward made sergeant, being in the army until March, 1866,



as he was detained after the war had closed. He returned to Iowa, and in 1866 was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Rauscher. [See sketch of George Rauscher for further particulars of parents.] She was born in Ohio in 1847, and by her marriage became the mother of nine children, one son being deceased. The same year of his marriage he began merchandising in Franklin, Lee Co., Iowa, and here continued four years, after which he returned to the farm, and in 1875 he moved to Clark County, Mo., and purchased his farm. It contains 200 acres of good land, well improved. Our subject is the son of Michael and Henrietta (Ritterspach) Seyb. The father was a boot and shoemaker by trade, but after coming to the United States confined himself to agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in New York in 1851. The mother died in Franklin, Iowa, in 1883. Our subject is a member of the G. A. R., is a Republican in politics, and he and his wife are members of the German Evangelical Church.

John Shaffer was born in Fountain County, Ind., in 1837, and is the third of nine children of John and Polina Shaffer. [See history of parents in sketch of James Shaffer.] The subject accompanied his parents to Clark County, Mo., and was living with them at the death of his father, which occurred in 1850. He then remained with his mother until he became of age, when he married Caroline Anderson in 1858, after which he began life for himself, renting a farm until he had accumulated enough to purchase eighty acres of the farm which he now owns. To this first purchase he has kept adding, until he now owns 207 acres of land under a good state of cultivation. His wife is a daughter of Jacob and Eliza Anderson, natives of Kentucky, and by her he has had eleven children, nine of whom are now living: Henry C., Lucinda (wife of George Gilbert), Sarah E., James, Timoleon A., Robert and Ethel B. Our subject has been a farmer and stock raiser of Clark County for forty years, and has been elected and served three terms as township assessor, but has held no other public office. He is a Republican, and served in the Missouri State Militia. He donates to all laudable (especially educational) enterprises.

James Shaffer was born in Fountain County, Ind., in 1842, and is a son of John and Paulina (Trinkle) Shaffer, both natives of Virginia, who were married in 1832, and settled on a farm in Indiana, where they engaged in farming and stock raising until 1847, when they took their departure for Clark County, Mo., where they arrived the same year, and resumed their old occupation, which they continued until the death of John Shaffer, which occurred in Clark County, Mo., in 1850. Our subject accom-



panied his parents to Clark County in 1847. February 8, 1862, he was married to Lucy A. Christy, and he and his wife lived on the old place, which in the short space of two years he had purchased, and which at that time consisted of 299 acres of good land, which is now well improved. He has since improved and added to his first purchase, and now owns a comfortable residence and 500 acres of the best of land. The wife of the subject is a daughter of William and Mary Rice Christy, natives of Kentucky, who were married in their native State, where they remained until 1851, when they came to Clark County, and settled upon a farm, where the father died in 1878. The mother is still living in Clark County, and is in her seventy-ninth year. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have been blessed with eight children, seven of whom are living: Mary C., Lavenia E. (wife of James Stewart), Maranda M., Oscar, Lucy A., James and Robertia; Ora is deceased. Mr. Shaffer has been a farmer of this county for forty years, and, although he began life as a poor man, is now considered one of the substantial farmers of this part of the county. He and his wife are both members of the Christian Church. He has been a Democrat all his life, but has never aspired to any public office. He served in the Missouri State Militia during the war, and is still interested in the general prosperity and welfare of the country.

Levi Sherman, a son of Duty and Nancy (Emerson) Sherman, was born in Massachusetts in 1820. His parents were also natives of that State, and of English descent. When our subject came to Clark County, Mo., he settled upon the farm of which he is now a resident, and which contains 300 acres, all highly improved and under a good state of cultivation. His wife, Nancy L. (Lowry) Sherman, is a daughter of Robert M. and Emily (St. Clair) Lowry, natives of Pennsylvania, and was born in 1832 in Ohio. This union has been blessed with six children: Hiram F., Emily J., Mason G., Ursula M., William L. and Florence N. Our subject served in the Ohio State Militia until rejected on account of disability. He has always taken an active part in politics, and is a supporter of the Democratic party, but has never aspired to or held public office. He is a liberal donator to all laudable enterprises. Four of his children are members of the church.

J. M. Shore, dealer in general merchandise, drugs, furniture, including cabinet work, machinery, etc., is also the largest grain dealer in the western portion of the county. In 1882 he came from Lewiston, Lewis Co., Mo., where he has been engaged in an extensive business for thirteen years, and settled at Luray. He is a lifelong merchant, having begun the business when only twelve years of age, and has continued ever since. He was born



in Indiana in 1848, and in 1868 he married Miss Melissa J. McKey, of Ohio, and the daughter of James and Cordelia McKey. She was born in the year 1848, and by her marriage became the mother of six children, all sons. Mr. Shore and wife are members of the Christian Church, and he is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. H. T. A. He has a fine farm of 240 acres situated three and a half miles west of Luray, and this his eldest son, L. J., manages. Our subject handles all kinds of stock, and has built up a good trade. He is a good citizen, and commands the esteem of all who know him.

Arthur Shuler, one of the well-to-do farmers of Clark County, was born in the State of Ohio in 1840, and is the son of Daniel T. and Keziah Shuler, who died in Ohio, and who were engaged in farming and trading on the Mississippi, down as far as New Orleans. Our subject accompanied his father when he moved from Ohio to Clark County, in 1850, and settled upon a farm in Sweet Home Township. February 18, 1861, he married Rebecca Thompson, a daughter of Patterson Thompson, but was left a widower in 1862. He afterward married Louisa J. McKee, daughter of William and Anna McKee. This happy union was blessed with five children, named as follows: Mary A., Nellie M., James O., one unnamed and Berthie. All of these are now living but Nellie M. and the fourth one. Our subject moved to Peakesville in 1864, where he successfully engaged in the merchandise trade. At this place his second wife departed this life, and in 1873 he married the daughter of Bruce and Ollie Calvert, the former of whom being a well-to-do farmer of Ohio. This last marriage was blessed with one child, a girl, Alpha M. Our subject left Peakesville in 1873, and located four miles west of that place, on a farm of 148 acres, upon which he raised stock successfully, but in 1875 moved on the farm known as the "J. W. Summers farm," and remained there two years, when he moved on the "D. N. Lapsley farm," where he dealt in stock to a considerable extent, and accumulated quite a little money. In 1872 he moved to his farm near Peakesville, which he had previously purchased, and has resided there ever since, proving himself a successful farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Shuler is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a Republican. His wife is united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Shuler both enjoy the blessing of good health, and rank among the highly respected citizens of Clark County.

Daniel C. Sickels, a wide-a-wake, thorough-going citizen of Clark County, Mo., is a native of the State of New York, born in the year 1829, and is the son of Daniel and Catherine Sickels, both natives of New York State. The father died in Clark



County in 1861. The mother is still living, and is a resident of Vernon County, Mo., and is in her eighty-seventh year. She stood on the bluffs of the Hudson River in 1813, and witnessed the cannonading between the American and British fleets. Our subject passed his youthful days engaged in the carpenter's trade, and in 1834 he went with his parents to Petersburg, Va., where he remained until 1844, when he returned with his parents to Quincy, Ill., and in 1851 they moved to Clark County, Mo. In 1856 our subject went to Pike County, Mo., but returned in 1860, and purchased forty acres of land, which he cleared, and upon which he erected a log house. In 1866 he purchased eighty acres, in 1868 five acres, in 1883 fifty acres, and in 1887 146 acres, all of which he cleared with the exception of the last purchase. He is energetic and industrious, and has been very successful in raising and trading in stock. In September, 1862, he married Miss Louis Williams, who bore him three children: Adie, John B. and Mary J. Mrs. Sickels was reared from infancy by Mr. A. W. Lawrence and wife, of this county. Our subject is Democratic in his political views.

E. P. Smith, farmer and stock raiser, was born in 1826 in Butler County, Ohio, the fifth of twelve children of Frederick and Sarah (Reed) Smith, the former born about 1795 in Germany, and the latter of similar origin born near Philadelphia, Penn. The father came to this country when but four years of age, and the mother at a similar age. They spent their lives up to 1830 in Butler County, Ohio, and after that in Preble County, where the mother died in 1875, and the father five years later. Our subject was reared in that county until his majority, and farmed there until October, 1856, when he removed to Lee County, Iowa. Ten years later he came to his present estate, which is a finely improved farm of 320 acres, besides which he owns other lands in Lee County, Iowa. He was married, October 5, 1848, to Eliza A. Denmire, a native of Butler County, and born in 1827. Their children are Laura A., Emily O. and Louisa I. (twins), and Ella N. (deceased). Our subject was a free-soiler previous to the war, and first voted for Van Buren, but since the war has been a radical Republican. His wife and Louisa I. are members of the Baptist Church.

R. W. Smith was born in Lewis County, Mo., July 22, 1836, and is the son of Francis and Elizabeth (Morris) Smith, both natives of Franklin County, Ky. They were married in their native State, remaining there but a short time, when they moved to Northeast Missouri, and settled in Marion County, but later moved to Lewis County before its organization, and settled on the property on which Monticello, the county seat of



Lewis County, now stands. He remained until 1835, and then moved to Clark County, where he ever afterward lived. They reared a family of four children, three of whom are yet living and reside in Northeast Missouri. Later Mr. Smith was a Democrat in politics, and was judge of his county, and also represented the same in the Legislature. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and was a kind husband and an affectionate father. He died in 1881, twenty years after the death of his wife, who was also a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject is one of those native born Missourians who has seen and experienced the many important changes that have taken place in this great State. He remained with his parents until he was about twenty-nine years of age. During the war he was in the militia, and in 1865 he made a trip to the Rocky Mountains, where he remained four years. He then returned to his old home in Clark County, and married Miss Mary E. Norris, in 1870. She is a daughter of J. M. and L. G. Norris, of this County. After their marriage they settled in Washington Township, where they have ever since resided. Three children were the result of our subject's marriage, viz.: Edgar F., Gertie N., and Robert M. Mrs. Smith's mother, whose maiden name was Jones, makes her home with our subject and wife. Her husband was a prominent Democratic politician of Johnson County, Ind. Our subject is one of the enterprising farmers and stock raisers of Clark County, and owns over 400 acres of valuable land. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Christian Church.

M. C. Smith was born in Monroe County, Mo., in 1854, and is the son of Robert T. Smith, of Bourbon County, Ky., and of Welsh and Scotch descent. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Sidener, was a native of Fayette County, Ky., and of German descent. The parents were married in Kentucky, where they resided a few years after marriage, the father engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock raising. In 1835 they moved to Monroe County, Mo., and settled eight miles north of the present county seat. Here, in 1879, at the age of sixty-nine, he departed from earth. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Christian Church. His wife was a member of the same church, and died in 1885 at the age of seventy-two. Our subject received a liberal education in the common schools, and received a more thorough course at Christian University, Canton, Lewis Co., Mo. He taught school for several years, and in 1877 was married to Miss Mollie E. Turner, a citizen of Shelby County, Mo., and a native of Kentucky. In 1878 they moved to Clark County, Wyaconda Township, where he has since resided. He is a prominent citizen, a good neighbor, and an enterprising farm-



er, owning a fine farm of over 340 acres. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church.

J. D. Smulling was born in La Grange, Lewis Co., Mo., May 21, 1841. His father, Curtis Smulling, was a native of Maryland, and of German descent. The mother was a native of Virginia, and of Scotch-Irish descent. The father married his second wife, Eliza Davis, in Knox County, and followed the trade of a carpenter in early life. He was ordained a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, many years before the division of that church. At the time of his second marriage he was a circuit preacher in Lewis County, Mo., before all the Indians had left this State. By his second marriage were born two children, both of whom are living. At the age of sixteen he was disinherited by his father for not withdrawing from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was cast out upon the world. He then served as apprentice at the carpenter's trade, working at his trade during the day, and studying his Bible at night. He was a Whig in politics, and as a husband and father was kind and affectionate. He died in 1839. Several years after his death his widow married D. Mangle, a farmer in Washington Township. She died in 1884, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. Our subject and his brother, after the death of their father, came back to Knox County, where they lived, and were reared by an uncle, Samuel J. Davis. At the age of seventeen he began working for himself at the modest sum of \$7 per month, and thought he was getting good wages. He married Miss Mahala Hume, a daughter of L. B. Hume, and a sister of the cashier of the Kahoka Bank. By this union five children were born, viz.: Sarah M. and Mary E. (twins, dead), Alice A., Eliza V. and Sarah M. Eliza V. is the wife of B. R. Carman, a farmer in Clark County. The other two are at home. Our subject started life with very little means, and now has a splendid farm of 180 acres, all well improved. He is a Republican in his political views, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. In 1861 he enlisted in Company I, home guards, under Col. Moore, was in the Athens fight and in many skirmishes.

Zachary T. Snively, druggist, was born in Clark County, August 6, 1852, the son of Henry and Harriet A. (Wayland) Snively, natives of Maryland and Kentucky, respectively. The father was a highly esteemed citizen, and located here over half a century ago. He died in 1857; the mother and two children survive him. The other children were Clark C. and Jeanette H. (deceased wife of the late Harry Roland). Our subject was reared and educated at Wayland, and attended the Louisville Commercial College for two years. He engaged in his present



business in February, 1884. He has been deservedly successful, and controls a large trade in drugs, toilet articles, paints, oils, stationery and books. Our subject owns his business house, the adjoining store building occupied by Barnard Bros., the barber shop, the Western Hotel building, and one residence property in Wayland; he also owns 100 acres of farming land. February 9, 1887, he married Vietta M. Wilson, of Lee County, Iowa. Our subject is a Democrat, and served as constable for two years. He has been an extensive collector of Indian relics, specimens of ores, etc. He has about 10,000 spear heads and arrow points, gathered near Wayland, besides many other relics of every description. He deserved great credit for so fine a collection in geology and mineralogy, and of fossils. He also has a collection of rare birds stuffed. He is now the postmaster of Wayland.

William S. Sortore was born in the State of New York in 1815, where he resided until 1845, when he moved to Lee County, Iowa, where he followed the blacksmith's trade, and farmed until 1879, when he came to Clark County, Mo., and settled on the farm of eighty acres he is now in possession of, and has since resided upon. He is a son of Zebulon and Nancy Sortore. Our subject was married in 1844 to Eliza P. Smith, who died in 1864, leaving no children. In 1873 he married Rebecca Boyer, daughter of Levi and Mary (Harbur). Our subject is a worthy and honorable citizen of Clark County, and belongs to the Masonic order; his wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

William H. Sowers, a successful farmer and stock dealer, of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Pennsylvania, born in the year 1836, and is the son of George and Annie (Horn) Sowers, of Pennsylvania, where the father died in 1865. The mother then came to Clark County, and lived with our subject until her death, in 1867. In 1859 our subject chose for his life companion Miss Sarah E. Swart, a native of the Keystone State, born in June, 1840, and the daughter of George and Elizabeth Swart. This happy union has resulted in the birth of eight children, two of whom died unnamed. Those living are Harry S., William G., Toronto O. and Emma M. B. In 1864 our subject came to Clark County, and located on his present farm, which contains about 600 acres of good land, well improved, and in a high state of cultivation. He has a fine dwelling, and all things that combine to make life enjoyable. He has been a life-long farmer and stock man, and is a very useful and successful citizen. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the A. H. T. A., and he and wife are members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Jeremiah Spurgeon, a prominent and well-to-do citizen of Clark County, Mo., was born in Morgan County, Ohio, Novem-



ber 13, 1824, and is the son of Jeremiah and Nancy (Walls) Spurgeon, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 1840, two years later moved to Iowa, and died in Louisa County, in the same State. The mother died there also. Of their seven sons and four daughters, the following are the only ones now living: Lorenzo Dow, Jeremiah, Nelson and E. Sol. Our subject remained at St. Louis after his father moved away, and followed teaming there a number of years. At that place he also married Miss Lucinda Baily, a native of Knox County, Ind., where, after marriage, they made their home until they came to Clark County. Mrs. Spurgeon died in November, 1885, leaving six children: John, Thomas J., James, Robert, Edward and Harriet Jane (Mrs. William Grigsby). About 1847 our subject came to Clark County, and has followed farming and stock raising prosperously ever since. He owned at one time 1,000 acres of land, 800 of which are considered among the best in the county. In the spring of 1885 Mr. Spurgeon moved to his present farm of 100 acres, situated about half a mile south of Wayland, and there he has since resided. He was a Democrat before the war, but during that time was a Union man, and is now a Republican; he is a Mason, a member of the Baptist Church, and is one of the wealthiest and most influential men in Clark County.

Martin L. Stafford, M. D., a prominent physician of Luray, is a native of Clark County, Ill., born in 1851. He came with his parents to Clark County, Mo., in 1857, and received a good literary education at Kirksville, Mo. In 1870 he began reading medicine under Dr. Henry, of Fairmont, Mo., and in 1872 he entered the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which institution he graduated in 1874. He then located in Knox City, Knox Co., Mo., and after practicing here for some months, in the fall of the same year entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, and graduated there in the spring of 1876. He at once located at Luray, and began the practice of his profession, which has been large and remunerative. In 1880 he chose for his life companion, Miss Mamie Ochiltree, of this county, born in 1855, and the daughter of George M. Ochiltree. Dr. Stafford is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the son of William and Charlotta (Hill) Stafford, natives of North Carolina and Virginia, respectively. The father died in 1887, and the mother is now a resident of this county.

James Starr was born in Berks County, Penn., March 3, 1805, and his father and mother were natives of the same county and State. The father, whose name was also James Starr, was of remote Irish descent. The mother's maiden name was Eleanor



Davis, and she was of Welsh descent. James Starr, Sr., and wife were married in Berks County, Penn., in the year 1792, he being twenty-three years of age at that time. Previous to his marriage he was apprenticed to the tanner and currier's trade, and followed this the greater part of his life in his native county. He had retired from active employment previous to his death, which occurred at his old home where he had resided for nearly half a century. He was an old line Whig in politics, and in religion was a member of the Society of Friends. He was seventy-four years old at the time of his death. The mother was also a member of the Society of Friends, and was sixty-two years of age at the time of her death. They were married under the marriage rules of Friends. Our subject, James Starr, is the only living child of a family of ten children. He received a limited education in Berks County, Penn., and followed the trade of his father up to 1855. In the spring of that year, he, with his family, crossed the Alleghany Mountains, and settled in Stark County, Ohio, where he followed farming and dairying. Two years later he moved to Mahoning County, Ohio, and here followed the same pursuits for two years. Many years previous to this (in 1828) he married Miss Phebe Hilles, also a member of the Society of Friends, and by her became the father of eleven children, six of whom are now living, and all of whom live within thirty miles of this place, except one son who lives in Kansas. Two years after his first wife's death Mr. Starr married Miss Lydia Boyle, a native of Philadelphia, Penn., and to them three children were born, two of whom are married, and reside in the village. After living in Ohio for some time our subject moved to Lewis County, Mo., and from 1859 to the spring of 1862 he engaged in various business transactions at Deer Ridge, Mo. The latter year he moved to Fairmont, Mo., where he kept tavern up to the year 1879, when Mrs. Starr was so afflicted with rheumatic trouble, that they retired to private life, only Mr. Starr opened up a small saddlery and harness store with his son. At the end of two years he left his son to run the business alone, while he began to take life easy. He is living in the village of Fairmont, boarding at his hotel. Besides owning this hotel, he also owns a lot and stables in connection with it, also other real estate. While running the hotel he was postmaster, and also justice of the peace. He is a Republican in politics, a member of no church, but is what he justly terms himself, a "Free Thinker." Mr. Starr is an honorable citizen and a social gentleman, and although he is now eighty-two years of age he is a good conversationalist, a close reader, and is vigorous in mind and body. His wife is seventy-five years of age, and also enjoys good health, although afflicted somewhat with rheumatism.



James C. Stauffer, an extensive dealer in grain, also a dealer in general merchandise, making a specialty of hardware and farming implements, is one of the leading merchants of Luray, Mo. In 1877 he opened a family grocery in Luray, and has continued to add to his stock, which is now complete, and contains anything and everything the public demands. He has been engaged in merchandising all his life, having been in the store with his father some years previous to his engaging in business for himself. Abraham Stauffer, father of our subject, opened a general merchandise store in Luray in 1866, and conducted it successfully until 1872, when he sold out and retired to the farm, where he remained until his death, which occurred in the year 1877. His wife (the mother of our subject), Elizabeth R. (Newmyre) Stauffer, moved back to Luray, a few years after the death of her husband. Both she and her husband were natives of Pennsylvania, and came to Clark County about 1844. In this county our subject was born in the year 1853, and in 1877 he married Miss Annie L. Todd, a native of Iowa, born in the year 1855, and is the daughter of Dr. and Annie C. (Richardson) Todd. By this union our subject became the father of one child, named Claude. Mr. Stauffer is a member of the A. H. T. A., and he and wife are members of the Christian Church. He has a farm of eighty acres of land in a good state of cultivation, well improved, and this he rents out.

John H. Strickler, proprietor of the Tremont House at Kahoka, Mo., is a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1842, and is the son of Henry and Margaret (Snyder) Stickler. The father died three days before our subject was born, and the widow afterward married Harvey Seymour, of New York. Mr. Seymour moved with the family to Clark County, Mo., and he and wife passed the remainder of their days in that county. He was a good citizen, and was a worthy member of the county court for six years. Our subject grew to manhood on the farm, and, with the exception of a few years that he engaged in the hotel and mercantile business, followed agricultural pursuits until engaging in his present enterprise. In 1866 he wedded Elizabeth J. Harkness, a native of Clark County, Mo., born in 1847, and the daughter of J. C. and Elizabeth Harkness. The fruits of this union were three children, Lindley J. and Emma A. being the only ones now living. Mrs. Strickler is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In the summer of 1885 Mr. Strickler sold his farm, and made a trip to Oregon with a view to locating there, but not being pleased with the country he returned to Clark County, and purchased the Tremont House, which he opened in December of the same year, and now runs with every prospect of success. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the G. A. R.



William H. Strickler, of the firm of Strickler & Stafford, dealers in dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, clothing, carpets and millinery, is a native of Clark County, Mo., born in 1856, and is the son of B. F. and Elizabeth K. (Smith) Strickler, both natives of Westmoreland County, Penn., and who came to this county in 1854, locating on a farm. In 1863 the father began merchandising in Kahoka, and after remaining there one year, moved to Ashton, and engaged in business at that place. At the end of a year he returned to the farm, where he remained until 1872, when he again resumed the dry goods business, and thus continued until 1880. Six years later he moved to Kahoka, and assisted his son, our subject, in the store. In 1880 the latter married Miss Mary B. Stafford, a native of Clark County, Mo., born in 1861, and to them were born three children: John F., Olevia E. and Wilford E. The same year our subject engaged in the dry goods business with his father-in-law, John Stafford, at Carthage, Ill., to which place he had moved, in 1879, from Athens, Clark County, and in 1881 he moved to Kahoka, and engaged in a thriving business. After the death of Mr. Stafford, his son, Charles A. Stafford, became a partner. John Stafford began life in poor circumstances, and was engaged in business at Athens for twenty-three years previous to his partnership with Strickler. He was quite successful in all his business transactions, and was a man much esteemed. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and he and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His brother-in-law, Charles A. Stafford, who became a partner in 1886, is a member of the same church, and a strict Democrat in politics.

Thomas C. Taylor, farmer, was born June 5, 1821, in Fluvanna County, Va., the eldest of ten children of Thomas and Lucintha H. Taylor, the former of English and Scotch parents, the latter of French origin. Thomas Taylor was born in Cumberland County, Va., in 1786. Lucintha Henson Taylor was born in Buckingham County, Va., in 1800. They were married in their native State, where the father was an overseer on different plantations for several years. He then went to Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1832, and farmed until 1854, when he removed to Clark County, Mo., and soon after bought the farm where Thomas C. Taylor now lives, and died in 1872; his widow died three years later. Thomas C. Taylor was educated in Virginia, and was married, at the age of twenty, to Mary Duvall, in Pickaway County, Ohio. In 1839 he began farming in Pickaway. He removed to Livingston County, Mo., in 1852, to Clark in 1853, and to his present farm in 1861. His wife, *nee* Mary Duvall, was of French Huguenot descent, and was born in Pickaway County, Ohio.



January 16, 1818, and was married September 12, 1839. Their children are Lewis D., Julia A., Charlotte E., Charles H., John G., Samuel A., Joseph M., Mary F. and May Bell (deceased). His wife died June 2, 1877; his estate embraces 291 acres; he voted for Fillmore and for John Bell, of Tennessee, for President before the war, and since the war for Greeley, Tilden, Hancock and Cleveland. He served as lieutenant and captain in the Confederate Army. He is a member of the Masonic order. He and his wife and two daughters are members of the Methodist Church, and one daughter is a member of the Baptist Church.

Samuel A. Taylor, druggist and pharmacist, was born November 4, 1851, in Pickaway County, Ohio. [The parents are mentioned in the sketch of T. C. Taylor.] Our subject came with his parents to Clark County when he was but an infant. He received his education before the age of sixteen, at which time he was thrown upon his own resources, but he continued at home for four years longer. He began the carpenter's trade then, his natural genius for which made apprenticeship unnecessary. Seven years later he came to Winchester, and began his present flourishing drug business. His wife, Bridget, to whom he was married April 13, 1887, is the daughter of Richard Hennessy, and was born in Clark County in 1850. Our subject has been prominently identified with business interests of the town and county, and in political affairs is an active Democrat. He is a Roman Catholic.

J. H. Taylor, farmer. The subject of this sketch is a native of "Penns Woodland," born in Allegheny County, Penn., February 14, 1839, the second of eight children. His parents, Hugh and Nancy (McCown) Taylor, are natives of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch-Irish descent, respectively, and never left their native county. The father was a farmer, and died at the age of seventy-five years, and the mother still survives him under the weight of eighty-four summers. Our subject received the usual education, and at the age of twenty-two began learning the plasterer's trade, and spent three years at it before he came to Clark County. He came by way of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, and landed at Alexandria, where he followed his trade until enlisting in 1861. He served in Company C, Seventh Missouri Cavalry, for three years and three months, and was discharged in November, 1864, in St. Louis. After a visit to his native State, he settled near Athens in 1869, and since then has been on his present estate, and has been engaged in farming and stock raising. There are 130 acres altogether, in good condition, and acquired in spite of adversity. November 7, 1857, is the date of his marriage with Samantha, a daughter of Jesse and Eliza (Chaplin)



Sisson, and who was born about 1844, in what is now Hancock County, Va. Besides two deceased, their children are Jesse, Frank, Morgan and Nanny. He is a prominent Republican, and has been active in the political history of the county. He was formerly a Whig, and first voted for Scott. He is a member of the F. & A. M. and G. A. R. orders, and his wife, Jesse, Frank and Morgan are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Paul S. Thome, one of Clark County's prominent citizens, was born in Kentucky in 1832, and from there came to Clark County, Mo., in 1843, and settled at Athens, where he remained until 1880, when he moved on his present farm in the same county, and has remained here ever since, now in possession of 160 acres of good land, under a high state of cultivation. He devotes most of his time to stock raising, and is a highly honored, respected and law-abiding citizen of Clark County. He is a son of Arthur Thome (a successful miller, and early settler of Clark County) and Eliza Thome. He married Julia McKee, daughter of William and Frances McKee, and this union was blessed with eight children—seven boys and one girl. They are named as follows: Clarence, Edwin, Fannie, Charley, William, Frank, Freddie and Watt, and are all living with the exception of Clarence and Freddie. Mr. and Mrs. Thome are members of the Presbyterian Church, which was the church of their fathers. Mr. Thome is an active Republican, and supports all public enterprises as far as he is able.

James H. Thompson, one of Clark County's most enterprising citizens, is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1831. In 1857 he married Miss Elenor Lowry, also a native of Ohio, born in the year 1835, and the daughter of Robert and Emily (Sinclair) Lowry. The result of our subject's marriage was the birth of six children, two of whom are deceased. Those living are Oliver S., Charles E., Louisa L. and Emma J. In 1865 our subject came to Clark County, Mo., and located on the farm upon which he is now residing. This consists of 580 acres of excellent land, well improved. Mr. Thompson formerly dealt considerably in sheep, but in late years he has devoted the principal part of his attention to the raising of cattle. He and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and are honest, upright citizens. Mr. Thompson is a Republican in politics, and during the years 1876-77 he filled the office of township trustee to the satisfaction of all. He is the son of David and Matilda (Hawkins) Thompson, natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland, respectively. The father died in Ohio in the year 1885, but the mother is still living, and is in her eighty-fourth year. The Thompson family are of Scotch descent, and the Hawkins family of Irish.



John Thompson, one of the leading citizens of Clark County, was born in Allegheny County, Penn., in 1840, and is the son of James P. and Dorcas (McNutt) Thompson, natives of Pennsylvania. The former died in Macon County, Mo., August 12, 1883, and the latter in Ohio about 1850. Our subject accompanied his father when he came to Missouri from Ohio, and remained with him until his marriage, May 19, 1861, with Maria Shuller, when he at first settled upon a rented farm, but was soon able to purchase a home of his own, and now owns 330 acres of good, rich land, and a neat residence. Our subject's wife is the daughter of Daniel and Hezekiah Shuller. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have had three children, of whom two are living: Mary A. (wife of Lloyd McKee), and Elmer J. Mr. Thompson is a strong Republican, and has several times been solicited to accept office, but has always declined. He served in the Missouri State Militia, and took an active part in the battle of Athens. His wife is a member of the Christian Church.

J. E. Todd, one of Clark County's most prominent citizens, was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, in April, 1842, and is the son of William H. Todd, a native of Kentucky, of German descent, and Julia (True) Todd, also a native of Kentucky, and of English descent. The parents of our subject came to Clark County, Mo., in 1843, and settled upon the farm in Folker Township, on which their son now resides. The mother died in 1862, a good Christian, and mourned by her many friends. The father is now in his eighty-seventh year, and will soon follow the footsteps of his wife. He also is a member of the church. Our subject lived with his parents when a youth, and received the advantages of a college education. After leaving college he was married to Helen M. Blackledge, on March 7, 1867, after which he moved on his present farm, where he is engaged in farming and stock raising. Mrs. Todd's parents, Samuel and Jane (Figley) Blackledge, were both natives of Ohio, coming to Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1838, and settling upon the farm on which they have since resided. Our subject's wife lived with her parents, and received a good education, after which she was married. This union has been blessed with seven children, of whom but three, Emma, Samuel and Birdie, are living. Our subject has been a resident of Clark County for some time, and has well earned the reputation of being an honest and law-abiding citizen. He was elected presiding judge of Clark County by a large Democratic majority, last November, and can show a good official record, having, among other things, ordered the construction of three iron bridges, of which the county is badly in need. He is a close observer of the revenue collections, and has thereby reduced the delinquent taxes about \$10,000. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.



James W. Townsend, dealer in general merchandise, grain and hogs, and at one time the largest grain dealer in the northern part of the county, is the son of R. H. and Elizabeth Townsend, who located in this county in 1830. In 1868 our subject purchased a one-half interest in the stock of goods of John Stafford, the firm being Stafford & Townsend for a period of eight years, terminating in our subject becoming proprietor of the stock. T. M. Gares then became a partner, and in 1882 our subject was elected circuit court clerk, holding the office four years, during which time the store was run by his parents and their clerk. At the expiration of his term of office he returned to Athens, and resumed his former business, purchasing his partner's interest, and has since been sole proprietor. In 1873 he married Miss Hattie, the daughter of J. C. Curtis, of Athens, now of Keokuk, Iowa. To this union were born six children—three sons and three daughters. Mr. Townsend is a member of the Masonic order, and his wife is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Alexander Triplett was born in McMinn County, Tenn., in 1832, and is the son of Nimrod and Matilda (Jeans) Triplett, the former a native of North Carolina, and the latter of Virginia. Our subject left his native State in 1850 for Pike County, Ill., when but eighteen years of age, and remained in Illinois but a short time, afterward going to Carthage, Mo., where he remained until 1854, when he started across the Great Plains for California, walking most of the way, a distance of 1,800 miles, and after a trip of four and a half months arrived in Nevada City, Cal. He remained in and near this city, engaged in mining, until the fall of 1861, when he went to San Francisco, but in two or three days took a steamer bound for New York City, and after arriving there started for Adams County, Ill.; reaching that place in 1862 he then engaged in farming, but shortly after enlisted in the war, in the Eighteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war. He then returned to Illinois, but soon left for Clark County, Mo., and settled on the farm he now occupies. In 1863 he married Clarissa A. Humphrey. Mr. and Mrs. Triplett have had seven children, six of whom are living, their names being Richard I., Josephine A., Fannie B., Orrin A., Leola Grace and Clyde. Mr. Triplett is a Democrat, and a member of the I. O. O. F.

Jacob Trump & Bro., dealers in dry goods, notions, boots, shoes and clothing, established the business in 1873. Jacob Trump is a native of the State of Iowa, born in the year 1843. In 1867 he chose for his companion in life Miss Lizzie Brietenstein, also a native of Iowa. This marriage resulted in the birth



of five children: Lottie, Alfred, Gertrude, Edna and Roland. Mr. Trump and wife are members of the German Evangelical Church, and are much respected and esteemed by all who know them. The same year of his marriage he began the manufacture of boots and shoes in Kahoka, Mo., and this he continued successfully until he established his present business, in partnership with George Rauscher. They continued together until our subject purchased Mr. Rauscher's interest. Our subject commands a trade equal to none in the city in his line. He is the son of George and Catherine Trump, both of whom are of German descent. Mr. Trump, our subject, is a member of the A. O. U. W., and a Republican in his political views.

Turner & Vandolah, dealers in hardware, farming implements, boilers and engines, wagons, buggies, etc., established their business in May, 1883. C. B. Turner, the senior member of the firm, is a native of Iowa, born in 1845, and the son of C. B. and Eliza (Richardson) Turner, both natives of New York. In 1868 our subject married Miss Emily Brown, of Indiana, born in 1848, and the daughter of Henry and Elmira (Gilmore) Brown. The fruits of our subject's marriage were six children; one, Harry, died in 1871. The living ones are Charles C., William H., Carrie A., Cornelius B. and Fausta E. Mrs. Turner is a member of the Christian Church, and Mr. Turner is a member of the Royal Arch Chapter, a K. T., and of the Eastern Star. Politically he is a Republican. He came to Missouri in 1857, located on a farm, and, with the exception of about six months when he was engaged in the grain and elevator business, continued farming until he engaged in his present business. James Vandolah, the junior member of the firm, is a native of Indiana, born in 1847, and came to Clark County in 1864, where he commenced farming, which occupation he continued until 1877, when he engaged in the grocery business. At the end of two years he engaged in the grain and elevator business, which he followed for three years, after which he embarked in his present business. He is the son of Jesse and Eliza (Pierson) Vandolah, who are natives of Ohio and Virginia, respectively. Mr. Vandolah is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Eastern Star, and is a Republican in politics.

Benjamin E. Turner, judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, is a native of Lewis County, Mo., born March 18, 1850, and is the son of Joseph A. and Henrietta (Hagerman) Turner, natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. Our subject's paternal grandfather was in the war of 1812, and was a brave and gallant soldier. Our subject was reared on a farm in Lewis County, where his parents still reside, and was educated at La Grange



College, taking an irregular course, and leaving at the end of the junior year. He read law under the direction of Canton lawyers, was admitted to the bar in 1871, and after practicing a short time at Alexandria, Clark County, he settled at Kahoka, the county seat of justice of that county. He was not long in getting an excellent reputation at the bar, and in 1874 was elected by his Democratic constituents to the office of prosecuting attorney of Clark County. He was re-elected in 1876 and 1878, and made a noteworthy record as a strong prosecutor, having a few very difficult cases, which he managed with marked ability. In 1880, before his third term of prosecuting attorney had expired, he was elected to the bench, being at that time the youngest circuit judge in the State. He was re-elected to that office in 1886. On the bench, as at the bar, he is noted for his industrious habits and honorable bearing. He is fair and impartial, attentive and patient, treats the bar with the courtesy of a gentleman, and in return is greatly respected by the legal fraternity in his judicial circuit. In 1875 he married Miss Mary G. Daggs, daughter of Andrew J. and Sarah Daggs. Her home was in Scotland County, Mo.; she died a few months after marriage. May 19, 1879, he married Miss Lutie McDermott, of Kahoka, and the daughter of William and Louisa (Mosely) McDermott. She was born in this county February 22, 1861, and is the mother of three children: Louise, Frank and McDermott. Judge Turner is a Knight Templar in the Masonic order, and he and wife are members of the Baptist Church. He was for some time a member of the board of trustees of La Grange College, and he is strictly Democratic in his political views.

William T. Turner was born in Scotland County, Mo., July 27, 1857, and is the eldest son of John M. Turner, a native of Pendleton County, Ky. The mother, whose maiden name was McMana, was also a native of Pendleton County, Ky., born June 2, 1823. John M. Turner was nine years old at the time of his father's death, and he made his home in Kentucky with a cousin, Joseph Wallace, by whom he was partly raised. At the age of twenty-one he became desirous of immigrating to the West, and this he finally did, locating in Lewis County, Mo., where he followed agricultural pursuits. At the age of twenty-two he moved to Scotland County, where he resided for over twenty years, engaged as before in tilling the soil. When he first came to the latter county he married Miss Ellen McMana, a native of Kentucky, and the daughter of Joseph McMana. The fruits of this union were five children: Mary F. (Mrs. John St. Clair), William T., George H. and Henry W. (twins), and Robert F. (died in 1867). In 1877 the father sold out in Scotland County, and



farmed on rented land one year, in Knox County, while prospecting. By the following year he had located a place in Clark County, which he purchased, and lived upon until September 3, 1886, when death claimed him as a victim. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church. His widow resides in Clark County, and her son, George H., lives with her and manages the farm. She is also a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject is the eldest of five children. He secured a good education in the common schools of Scotland County, and at the age of eighteen he married Miss Isabella Russell, a daughter of Thomas Russell, of Schuyler County, Mo. For the first year after marriage our subject and wife resided in Knox County, but the following year they moved to Clark County, where they rented land until 1882, when they purchased a farm—the same which Mr. Turner has since nicely improved. It consists of 160 acres, all well stocked and well improved. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church.

James Turtle, farmer, was born on April 16, 1821, in Knox County, Ky. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Logan) Turtle, were natives of Virginia, and came to Kentucky when they were children. They were married in Knox County, and in 1843 came to Clark County, Mo., and soon after located in Scotland County, where they entered a tract of land. The mother died in 1854, and the father re-married, and lived on the same place until 1869, when, after the death of his second wife, he came to live with our subject, and died almost immediately after. Our subject was educated in his native county, and at the age of eighteen was married, and began farming independently. He came West with his parents, and settled on his present estate. The money with which our subject expected to enter land was nearly lost. The father had it in his saddle-bags at the time he made an almost fatal attempt to cross the Wyaconda River, but the lost bags were recovered by our subject's brother-in-law, who dived in the river for them. Our subject's wife, Matilda Moore, was born in 1820, in Knox County, Ky., and married April 4, 1849. Her death occurred April 22, 1853. Four of their six children are living. He next married, on January 7, 1854, Elizabeth, the widow of William Marlow, and daughter of James Ripper. She was born in Kentucky, June 15, 1815, and came to Missouri when a child. Her first husband was James Brown, deceased, and her second husband, above mentioned, is also deceased. Our subject is a self-made man, and, after a life of labor, has acquired 300 acres of fine land, mostly improved. He first voted for Harrison, and has since been an active supporter of the Democratic party. His wife is a Baptist. He has been afflicted with ill health



considerably, and his first dose of medicine was given by Dr. S. F. Miller, then of Kentucky, but now a judge of the United States Supreme Court.

Joseph Uhlemayr, farmer, is a Bavarian. He was born September 23, 1827, the son of Joseph A. and Barbara (Horstein) Uhlemayr, natives of Germany, in which country they passed away in 1852 and 1859, respectively. Our subject attended school in Germany, and there learned the carpenter's trade, in which he was engaged until his twenty-seventh year. He then made for the "New World," and located in Watertown, Wis., where he was married. April 30, 1866, he came to his present home. He was married in 1857 to Theresa Wenker, who died in 1868, leaving three children. The following year he married Corsena Evers, who died the following year, leaving one child. His present wife, *nee* Margaret Peier, has borne him two children. They were married in 1871. Our subject is postmaster at St. Patrick, where he owns two buildings in addition to his farm, which embraces eighty acres. His political ideas are Democratic, and his entire family are united in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

Jonas Upp was born in the State of Ohio, January 28, 1816, and is a son of John and Mary Upp, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. Our subject has been twice married, and has twice been left a widower. He is the father of five sons and daughters, viz.: Jerome, Sarah J., an infant (deceased), Emma C. and Mary I. He went to Farmington, Iowa, in 1855, where he followed the carpenter's trade for about two years, when he purchased the farm in Clark County, Mo., upon which he has since resided, with the exception of an interval of about four years spent in Farmington, on account of the illness of his wife, who died at that place in 1866. After her death he returned to his farm, and has since been engaged in farming and stock raising. He has never held any office, although he has been a prominent member of the Democratic party in his township for a number of years. He also took an active part in the organization of that party in Clark County, Mo.

Joseph Vandolah, one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of Clark County, Mo., was born in Ripley County, Ind., December 27, 1841, and came to Clark County, Mo., in 1865. He served four years in the Union Army, seven months of that time being passed in Andersonville prison. In 1867 he was united in marriage to Miss Amanda A. Clark, daughter of James and Carolina Clark. She was born in the year 1846, and is the mother of four children by her marriage, viz.: John Walter, James Robert, Eliza and Joseph C. Mrs. Vandolah is a devout



and consistent member of the Catholic Church. In 1868 our subject located on the farm on which he now resides, and which contains 160 acres of fine land, all well improved and well cultivated. He is also, to some extent, engaged in the rearing of live stock. Besides his excellent farm, he has twenty acres of timber land. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and a member of the G. A. R. He is a son of Jesse and Eliza (Pierson) Vandolah, natives, respectively, of Ohio and Virginia.

Ernest Vornkahl was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1831, and is a son of Frederick and Dora Vornkahl. He came to the United States in 1852, and settled in Iowa, where he remained for about three years and a half, after which he came to Grant Township, Clark Co., Mo., where he is now in possession of a farm of 310 acres of good land, well improved. He was married in 1857 to Elizabeth, daughter of Anton and Elizabeth Rikeberg. Mr. and Mrs. Vornkahl have had one son, Herman, and one daughter, Emilie (wife of David Sullivan). Our subject has been a farmer of Clark County for thirty-one years, and is well known for his upright and honest dealing. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. He belongs to the Republican party.

Benjamin F. Waggener, circuit court clerk, is a native of Missouri, born in the year 1851, and is the son of Herbert G. and Louisa A. (Thompson) Waggener, natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. Herbert G. came to Missouri with his father, Alexandria Waggener, in 1833, and was among the first settlers of the county. The mother also came to this county at an early day. It was called Lewis County at that time. The father of our subject was a farmer, but taught school through the winter months. He supported a family of seven children, five of whom are yet living. He died in Clark County in 1865. The mother was a devoted member of the Baptist Church, as was also her husband, and followed him to the grave in 1874. Our subject remained on the farm until eighteen years of age, when he began teaching school, which occupation he followed until his appointment to the office of deputy sheriff in 1883. Since that time he has served as deputy in several offices until 1886, when he was elected to his present responsible position. In 1872 he married Miss Mary E. Sweet, a native of Clark County, Mo., born in 1854, and the daughter of Philander and Lucinda Sweet. Two children were born to our subject's marriage: Berton F. and Minnie Lee. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., is a Democrat in politics, and his wife is a member of the Baptist Church. Philander Sweet was born in the State of New York in the year 1833, and was a blacksmith by trade. Lucinda Sweet was born in



the State of Iowa in the year 1837. Her maiden name was Duty. She died in Clark County, Mo., at the age of thirty-two.

C. Waster came from Pike County, Ohio, in the year 1854. He located in Clark County, Mo., in 1856, where he now lives. He owns ninety acres of land, and makes farming his chief occupation.

Jeremiah Wayland, son of Joshua and Rachel Wayland, was born in Virginia, June 29, 1796, and died at home in St. Francisville, February 19, 1883. His father was a Revolutionary soldier until the close of that war, and often played the fife during the long and weary marches to battle. The recital of the engagements and incidents of the war, in which he was a participant and eye-witness, were related to be remembered by his children through life. At the age of ten years Jeremiah immigrated with his parents' family to Shelby County, Ky., where they subsequently purchased a farm near Smithfield, and there our subject resided until manhood. He then removed to near Owensboro, teaching school several years, and marrying Nancy J. Bartlett, who was born in Elizabethtown, Ky., and brought up near Louisville. A farm was secured, and, adopting the vocation of a farmer, he continued it through life, always regarding it as the most independent occupation, and deriving great pleasure from his labor. Those who have seen the dense beech woods near Owensboro do not wonder that he should "fold his tent," and seek a less timbered spot in which to make a livelihood. Hearing of the fertile plains of Missouri he and two brothers-in-law, Samuel Bartlett and George Haywood, disposed of their little homes in Kentucky, and, loading their wagons with the necessary articles, they, with their families and Grandmother Bartlett, bade friends adieu (promising "to write back") and emigrated westward. It is perhaps safe to say that, as it took 25 cents to send a letter in those days, and pens were only obtained from the quills of the wild goose, correspondence was not indulged in to any extent on either side. After several weeks of travel they halted at St. Louis, a mere village at that time. Here one of the party was offered forty acres of land adjoining the town for a gun, but failing to discover any money in the transaction, he refused the proposition, and moved on with his rifle. The party stopped at Palmyra on their way up the river, remaining there a year in order to look around before locating permanently. A trip to Clark County (then Lewis) was made, and a tract of land entered, bordering on the Des Moines River, now adjoining St. Francisville, in the fall of 1829. Building sites were selected on the banks of the Des Moines River, and the inevitable log cabins were built from standing timber. In lieu of lumber for a door,



Mr. Wayland hung up a bear skin. All completed, it is presumable that Mr. Wayland stepped back, viewing his structure with satisfaction, and wondering if "mother" would be pleased. Returning to Palmyra for his wife and three small children, he safely domiciled them in their new home. The Indians with which they were surrounded, daily came and went, and Mrs. Wayland, not having the courage of her husband at first timidly attended to the insecurity of the bear skin. Being assured the Indians were friendly and meant no harm, and that the children were neither missing nor scalped, she was not long in overcoming her timidity. While much has been said of the pioneer fathers of the country, there is often little mention made of the pioneer mothers, whose self-denial and best efforts equal their husbands'. Besides being a "maid-of-all-work," Mrs. Wayland had the family cloth to make at home, and also had her other family duties to attend to, and, though the children's garments were not modeled after the modern fashion sheets, they were more comfortable, and a mother's loving hands made them all. Mr. Wayland lived to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of his marriage, five children, nineteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren being present on that occasion. He enjoyed almost uninterrupted health through life, thus preserving his spirits and mental abilities to a ripe old age. He frequently remarked that he did not believe there was a man in the country who enjoyed himself or friends more than he. In politics he was a Democrat, and through life was a stanch Baptist, having built a church of that faith at St. Francisville at his own expense. His Christian faith was almost unparalleled. It was his greatest pleasure to daily live religion, though he never claimed Christian perfection. He always preferred being underrated rather than the reverse, yet, in justice to him, it can be truthfully said that his life was irreproachable. Being thoroughly conscientious, his strict integrity could not be questioned. On his eightieth birthday his will was written by his own hand, in which these words occur: "I am eighty years old, but, feeling the infirmities of old age, I do make this my last will and testament. I owe no man living or dead a dollar, that I have any knowledge of, and I conscientiously believe I have paid every dollar I ever owed or contracted through life." Among his last words were: "I made a profession of religion when a boy, and ever since I have tried to do my duty to the world and to the church, and now I feel that my mission is done. If I die I shall go straight to heaven." Now that he has gone to his reward, and his life passes into history, no omission should occur of her who not only journeyed with him through the wilderness, but through a little more than sixty years of peaceful married life. She has been a good



mother, not only caring for her own children, but also has taken great pleasure in supplying the place of a mother to orphan children. She never once turned from her door, unsupplied, the stranger who asked for bread. Her children gather around and offer to the best of mothers their greatest tribute of gratitude and affection. Life's evening shades are closing around her, and when she passes from the valley so long called home, may she resume her journey with him who preceded her. To Mr. and Mrs. Wayland were born these children: Bartlett (deceased), Eliza (wife of W. H. Pritchett), William (deceased), George H., Mary K., Mattie T., Samuel E., Anna (wife of Dr. J. R. Murray) and Dr. J. A. Wayland (deceased).

Isaac C. Weaver, recorder of Clark County, was born in Ohio in the year 1820. He is the son of Henry and Susan R. (Crane) Weaver. The parents were natives of New York and New Jersey, respectively. The father was a marine in the service, and was captured by the British, while on a vessel during the Revolutionary war, and was held a prisoner for three years, or until the close of the war. In 1789 he located at Columbia, Ohio. Of their family of nine children, four are still living. He died in 1828, and his widow followed him in death about 1849. In 1852 our subject moved to Bloomfield, Iowa, where he remained until 1857, when he came to Clark County, Mo. Previous to this, in 1847, he married Miss Nancy Page, a native of Ohio, born in the year 1824, and the daughter of Jesse and Emeline (Long) Page. This union resulted in the birth of seven children—three sons and four daughters. One daughter died in infancy. Mr. Weaver has a fine farm situated about one and a half miles from the Iowa lines. He has held the office of justice of the peace for about twenty-five years, a guarantee of his efficiency in office. In 1886 he was elected recorder of Clark County, and moved from his farm to the city of Kahoka. He is a Mason, is of English and German descent, and is strictly Democratic in politics. He and wife are members of the Congregational Church, and are much respected citizens.

Edmund Weber was born October 29, 1836, and was the first white child born in Washington Township, Clark Co., Mo. He is the son of Rev. Daniel Weber, a native of Campbell County, Va., born January 17, 1808, and came with his parents to Kentucky in 1818. June 10, 1830, the father married Miss Sarah Stafford, and while in Kentucky followed agricultural pursuits. Four years after marriage he immigrated to Howard County, Mo., and in 1836 became one of the pioneer settlers of Washington Township, Clark Co., Mo. He derived much pleasure and comfort in administering to the spiritual wants of the few settlers



that at that time resided in the county, but at the same time experiencing all the privations and hardships incident to pioneer life. He lived a pious, Christian life, and although he accumulated no great amount of property, he owned a good farm near Fairmont which he sold, and moved to that city, and here died June 30, 1886. To his marriage were born thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and nine of whom are yet living, viz.: Martha (Weber) Hannah, who resides in Reno County, Kas.; Dudley, who resides in Memphis, Scotland Co., Mo.; Edmund; Mary (Weber) Stamper, of this county; Leroy Q.; Henry B.; Laura; William D. and Josephine (Weber) Green. In politics Mr. Weber was a Republican after the death of the Whig party, and a Methodist in his religious views. Edmund Weber, the subject of this sketch, is the third son of the above named children. From the age of twenty to twenty-eight he remained at home and assisted on the farm. At the latter age he married Miss Emma R. Bowman, a daughter of Samuel Bowman, whose biographical sketch appears elsewhere. To this marriage were born five children: Minnie L. (Mrs. Elmer E. Hilles), Clarence W., Frank O., Charlie C. and Elmer. Our subject is a well-to-do farmer, owning 160 acres of good land. He is a Republican in politics, a Methodist and a member of the G. A. R.

Henry Weber was born in Washington Township, Clark Co., Mo., October 9, 1843, and is the son of Micajah Weber, a native Virginian, born in 1811. He moved with his father to Jessamine County, Ky., where he was reared, and where he received as good an education as could be had at that time. In the fall of 1833, he immigrated to Northern Missouri, and settled first in Lewis County, about the time of its organization, and here, at the bottom of the ladder, he began by renting land. In the fall of 1835 he moved to Clark County, began hewing logs, and built for himself and aged parents a log house which contained seven rooms, and at that day and time was considered a mansion. It was used many years as a church as well as a residence. In this county, and particularly in Washington Township, Micajah Weber figured prominently in many respects. As he possessed considerable natural genius, and was of a mechanical turn of mind, he was of great advantage to a new country. He hewed the logs, and did the mechanical work of the first schoolhouse in Washington Township. He also built the first bridge in that township. He married Miss Martha J. Bibb, and by her became the father of eleven children, seven of whom lived to be grown, and all are married, with the exception of one son, W. W. Weber, who is a graduate of the public school, and of La Grange College, Lewis



Co., Mo. Micajah Weber was for many years an extensive farmer in Clark County, and a man of fine character. He was a Democratic judge a number of years, was an active member of the Baptist Church, and lived to see all his children members of the same church. None of his children ever used tobacco or drank whisky. He died in 1882, and his widow two years later. Henry Weber, the second son, made his home with his parents until twenty-eight years of age, when he married Miss Amanda L. Wilson, daughter of Todd Wilson, and to them were born four children, three now living; Jettie B., Gertrude and Grandville B. Our subject is engaged in merchandising in Fairmont, and does a business of \$25,000 per year. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Baptist Church.

Joseph Wells, farmer, is a native of Nelson County, Ky., where he was born June 10, 1816. His parents, Thomas and Mary (Auskins) Wells, were natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky. They were married in the latter State, and came to Lewis County, Mo., in 1837; after renting there for about one year they became permanent residents of Clark County, where the father died in 1854, and the mother twenty years later. Our subject was educated in his native State, and began independently at the age of twenty-two; he soon married, and settled where he has since resided. His wife, Elizabeth, a daughter of Hezekiah and Frances (Ford) Foree, was born December 15, 1815, in Oldham County, Ky., and came with her parents to Missouri in 1838; she was married November 17, 1839. Of their twelve children the following are living: William H., Isaac M., Mary F., Thomas, Elizabeth A., Judith, Emily C., Joseph M., Robert and Susan. Our subject's estate embraces over 330 acres, which is mostly improved and cultivated, and in a pleasant location. Our subject has been prominent in the growth of the county, and is closely identified with its history. He first voted for Harrison, and held Whig principles, but afterward became a Democrat. His entire family have been active members of the Baptist Church.

T. J. Wells is the son of Thomas and Mary (Hoskins) Wells, natives of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and of Welsh and German descent, respectively. Thomas Wells and his second wife, our subject's mother, were married in Kentucky, where he cultivated the soil, and was also engaged in the grist-mill business, and in distilling, which occupations he followed for a period of twenty-nine years. In 1837 he sold out, and moved to Northeast Missouri, when it was yet a wilderness. Here he resided eighteen months, and then moved to Washington Township, Clark Co., Mo., where he lived for a short time before his death, when he broke up housekeeping, and he and his wife went to live with



a son, Joseph Wells, in Union Township, where he died in the year 1855, at the age of seventy-seven. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Old School Baptist Church. The widow was a good Christian woman, and died in 1873, aged eighty-nine. Our subject was born in Nelson County, Ky., February 2, 1826, and is the fifth son of a family of nine children, five of whom are yet living—three brothers and two sisters. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, and then began working for his parents for a number of years. During this time he married Miss Elizabeth Laswell, daughter of William Laswell, a native of Hardin County, Ky. In 1850 he purchased 160 acres of land, for which he went in debt, but in a short time paid for it all, and in 1852 he purchased 120 acres more, which he also paid for in a few years. In 1861 he enlisted in the Southern Army under Gen. Jackson, and was out one year. He lost the principal part of his property during the war, and plodded along after a fashion until 1867, when he began to make money, and this he continued up to 1874, when he again met reverses. To his marriage were born twelve children, eleven now living: William H., Sarah J., Thomas J., Jr., Mary E., Lucy A., Jesse L., Elizabeth, James F., Emily C., Harvey E. and Henry E. The mother of these children died November 8, 1885; she was a good woman, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Wells is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Solomon Wheatley, dealer in dry goods and groceries, began business in Ashton in 1880, and was appointed postmaster at the same time. He is a native of Ohio, born in the year 1833, and was reared on a farm, where he continued until twenty-one years of age, since which time he has been engaged in merchandising and stock trading. He is an old merchant, and has been quite successful in his business, although during the late war he lost considerable property, etc. He was not in actual service, but belonged to the State militia during those stirring times. Previous to the war, in 1854, he married Miss Laura A. Mallett, of Lee County, Iowa, and the daughter of John Mallett. She was born in 1836, and by her marriage became the mother of eight children, one deceased. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject's parents, Caleb and Margaret (Thomas) Wheatley, are natives of Maryland and Kentucky, respectively. The father was in the war of 1812, and moved with his family to Iowa in 1849. He died in 1854. The same year our subject came to Scotland County, Mo., and in 1874 to Clark County, where in 1880 he purchased his present store house and the stock of goods belonging to B. F. Stickler, and has been



engaged in a successful business ever since. He still holds the postoffice; is a Republican in politics, and a member of the I. O. O. F.

W. E. White was born in Delaware in 1818, son of Clement and Sarah (Williams) White, natives of Delaware, and of English descent. They were married in their native State where they remained for a number of years, the father engaged in farming and merchandising. In 1819 he and his family immigrated to Northern Missouri, and settled near Palmyra, the county seat of Marion County, then known as Pike County. Here he followed the occupation of a farmer for nearly half a century, with fair success. He was at one time an old line Whig, but after the death of that party he was a Democrat. He died in 1863, and his wife, previously, in 1850. Our subject is the eldest surviving son of a family of eight children. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, previous to which he received a liberal course of common school and academic instruction. He then began working on a farm, given him by his father, which was situated in Clark County, and here he kept bachelor hall for five years. He then wedded Miss Mary R. Cowgill, a daughter of George and Nancy Cowgill, residents of Clark County, but natives of Kentucky. By this marriage our subject became the father of one son, named Clement, now deceased. Since 1839 our subject has been a prominent, enterprising farmer, and is the owner of 500 acres of excellent land. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. His wife died in 1851, and five years later he married Miss Sarah Overstreet, a daughter of R. and Eliza E. Overstreet, residents of Clark County, but natives of Kentucky. To this last union was born one child, a son named Walter, who is now a farmer in Clark County. Three years after his second marriage he had the misfortune to lose his wife. He is now sixty-nine years of age, and is hale and hearty.

Andrew White was born in Tuscany, Italy, in 1832, and is a son of John B. and Rosaltha White, natives of Italy, where they were engaged in raising grain of all kinds. Both parents died on the same day, only six hours elapsing between the deaths. Our subject left his native land in 1851 for the United States, and landed in New York City after a voyage of sixty-two days, with but two or three dollars in his pocket. He remained in New York for about two years and a half, employed in making plaster of Paris toys. This business caused him to visit all the larger and more important Eastern cities, and at one time, when on a voyage to Cincinnati, the vessel he was on was struck by a cyclone and wrecked, but fortunately all the passengers were



saved. This left our subject with only the clothes he was wearing, and no money. He then worked at various employments until he had accumulated enough money to make a payment on a small farm, but afterward sold this farm, and reinvested his money in another, this time making about 150 per cent on the amount invested. After this he came to Clark County, Mo., and bought a farm of 120 acres, to which he has been adding, until he now owns 289 acres of good land, well improved. Our subject was married to Elizabeth Wilson, of Kentucky, daughter of Albert and Mary A. (Boothe) Wilson, natives of Kentucky. He is chiefly engaged in stock raising, taking great interest in the rearing of sheep. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

John A. Whiteside, a successful legal practitioner of Kahoka, Mo., is a native of Lincoln County, Mo., born in 1856. He is the son of Isaac and Mary E. (Alloway) Whiteside, natives of Missouri and Kentucky, respectively. The father was a member of the Masonic order, a strong Democrat in politics, and he and wife were respected members of the Baptist Church. Of the six children born to their marriage, five are now living. Our subject attained his majority on the farm, and obtained his education at Louisiana, Mo. In 1880 he began reading law under E. T. Smith, of Bowling Green, Mo., and was admitted to the bar of the same place in 1881. In March of the following year he located in Kahoka, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. He was a law partner of J. W. Reed until the death of the latter in March, 1887. Our subject is a young man of unusual promise, and his future prospects are bright. He, like his father, is a staunch Democrat in politics.

J. B. Wiegner, owner and proprietor of the grain elevator, and also grain dealer at Ashton, is a native of Germany, born in 1827, and came to the United States with his parents in the year 1832. They located in New York State, and in 1838 moved to Iowa, the mother having died in 1836. In 1849 our subject took for his life companion Miss Augusta Kreikenbaum, of Lee County, Iowa. She was born in the year 1829, and is the daughter of Henry and Joannah Kreikenbaum. Of the eight children born to our subject and wife, four are now living—two sons and two daughters. In 1874 our subject moved to Kahoka, Mo., and erected the first grist and flour mill in the place. In 1881 he moved to Ashton, and erected here the elevator which proves so beneficial to the general public. He is a man of energy and perseverance. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church, and are well respected in the community in which they live. Our subject is a strict Democrat, and



was captain of the Home Guards in Lee County, Iowa. He made two trips with his company to Athens, to engage in battle, and was much disappointed to find that all was over, and they too late. His father died in Clark County, Mo., in 1884.

Harvey I. Wilsey was born in Bedford County, Penn., April 1, 1830. His parents, William and Catherine (Landen) Wilsey, came west in 1836, and settled in Indiana. In the fall of 1839 they again moved west, and located at Fort Madison, Lee Co., Iowa. In 1846 they left there, moved to Farmington, Iowa, and after a short stop went to Waterloo, Clark Co., Mo. In the following year they went to St. Francisville, of the same county, where they remained until 1858, and then returned to Iowa. Here the father died July 20, 1860, and the mother followed him to the grave ten years later. Of their family of eight children—six boys and two girls—only three are now living: William J., Joseph W. and Harvey I. The last named, the subject of this sketch, learned his father's trade—stone and brick mason—and passed twelve years of his life on the Des Moines and Mississippi Rivers as pilot. February 15, 1855, he wedded Miss Mary J. Dart, a native of Indiana, born July 10, 1834. Her father was a native of Maryland. Nine children were the result of this marriage, viz.: Julia A. (Mrs. W. J. Wiyrick), John W., Arrildia (Mrs. J. H. Smith), Harvey L., General G., Gertrude, Orra, Granderson H. and Albert R., all now living. In 1860 Mr. Wilsey purchased a farm of 160 acres, situated three miles east of St. Francisville, on the Des Moines River. In 1872 he purchased a residence in St. Francisville, where he has resided ever since. Politically, in his boyhood days, he aspired to be a Whig, but when he became a voter joined the Democratic party, and has voted that ticket ever since. January 1, 1886, he engaged in the general merchandise business at St. Francisville. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and has also been a member of the Methodist Church for nearly twelve years.

John C. Wilson, one of the prominent merchants of Peakesville, was born in Jefferson County, Mo., in the year 1844, and is the son of John and Rosetta Wilson, who were prominent citizens and farmers of Jefferson County, Mo., and who came to Clark County, Mo., with their son John C., in 1846, and settled upon the farm whereon he now lives. John C. married Anna Shuller, daughter of Daniel and Kizzie Shuller, citizens of Clark County, and this union has been blessed with two sons: Ole and Daniel. Our subject left the farm in 1887, and moved to Peakesville; Clark County, where he went into the mercantile business, in which he has thus far been successful, as he always endeavors to please his customers, and consequently is now enjoying a sub-



stantial trade. He is a Republican, and served in the Missouri State Militia during the war; he is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

Isaac J. Wilson, an enterprising and successful druggist of Athens, Clark Co., Mo., is a native of Illinois, born in the year 1854, and is the son of George and Hannah Wilson. The father was a successful agriculturist, and came with his family to Clark County, Mo., in the year 1858, and here he still continued to till the soil. In 1880 our subject celebrated his nuptials with Miss Amanda Beidman, daughter of John W. and Martha Beidman. The result of this union was the birth of three children who are named as follows: Willie G., Hiram and Isaac J. The last two named are living, but the eldest, Willie G., died in 1884. Our subject began the drug business at Athens in the year 1883, and has a large and lucrative trade. He is a Mason; a Republican in politics. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and an excellent woman.

Uriah Wood was born in Sullivan County, Tenn., in 1815, and is the son of John Wood, a native of North Carolina, and of Irish descent. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Hughs, was a native of Tennessee, and was numbered among the early settlers of that region. The parents were married in Tennessee, where they always resided after their marriage. The father was a natural mechanic, and in his State erected many valuable mills, both grist and saw mills. He also owned a farm in the northeastern part of the State, on Holston River. To his marriage were born six children, all deceased, except our subject. He was a Democrat in politics, and by principle a Presbyterian, though not a member of any church. The mother was a Christian, and for many years a member of the Christian Church. She was a woman of strong and determined character, and although small in body, had absolute control over her children. She died at the age of ninety-six. Our subject is the fifth child and youngest son born to his parents. At the age of eighteen, without an education, he started out to make his own living, and first served as an apprentice to a blacksmith. This he worked at for about three years, when his employer's shop was destroyed by fire. He next engaged in the wagon-making business near his old home, and this he followed for about twenty years in the same locality in Tennessee. In 1839 he married Miss Margaret Emmert, a daughter of George and Mary (Hendricks) Emmert. To our subject and wife were born seven children, five of whom are yet living: Carina J., Marshall, Mary A., E. S. and Dulcena; Eliza and John died in infancy. All those living are married except Mary A., who is an experienced school teacher, and a



highly educated lady. She makes her home with her parents, during vacation. In 1857 our subject moved to Northeast Missouri, and settled in Scotland County, where he resided twelve or fourteen years, engaged in farming. In 1869 or 1870 he moved to Clark County, Mo. In November, 1873, Mr. Wood lost his wife. She had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from childhood. At the end of five years Mr. Wood married the widow of T. P. House, the mother of eight children, only one of whom lived with her after her second marriage. Our subject is a man of character, and is an energetic, enterprising farmer. He has been a Democrat in politics since the death of the Whig party. He was in the Florida war, and was under Gen. Scott. His ancestors, John Wood and wife, left London on the ship "Hopewell," for New England, September 11, 1635. They settled in Portsmouth, R. I., in 1636. They had the following children: George, John, Thomas, William, Margaret, Susanna and Elizabeth. The son William married Martha Earl. Their children were William, George, Josiah, Daniel, John, Joseph, Sarah, Margaret and Rebecca. The children of the second William Wood were Mary, Rachel, Isaac, Hannah, Jonathan (born May 22, 1697), Abigail, Jeremiah, Ruth and Meribah. Jonathan Wood married Peace Davis. They were both Quaker preachers; in fact, all the Woods were Quakers. This was the cause of settlement in Rhode Island. Jonathan and Peace Wood had the following children: Hannah, Abigail, Daniel (born May 16, 1729). Daniel Wood, son of Jonathan Wood and Peace (Davis), married Susannah ——. They had the following children: Abigail, Stephen, Ester, Jonathan and David (born May 7, 1764). David settled in North Carolina. John Wood, the father of Uriah Wood, was a son of David Wood. John Wood and Agnes Hughs were married in 1799. They had the following children: Alexander, Agnes, Levi, David, John, Deliah and Uriah (born April 22, 1815). The Wood family was a good family in Rhode Island. Senator Chase is married to a Wood, so is ex-Senator Eaton, of Connecticut. Being Quakers, they suffered persecution under the code of laws prepared by Cotton Mather to punish Quakers.

Richard J. Wood, president of the Clark County Savings Bank, and dealer in real estate, is a native of Frankfort, Ky., where he was reared to years of discretion, and where he received a good business education. William Wood, the father of Richard J., was a native of Liverpool, England, and in 1815 was brought to the United States by his employers. He finally settled in Frankfort, Ky., where he met and married Miss Helen Julian, who bore him a family of two sons and three daughters, three of whom



are yet living. The mother dying early in the thirties, the father wedded Miss Julia Swigert for his second wife. He died at New Orleans, La., in 1835, respected and honored. Richard J. passed his early life on the river, steamboating, four years being passed in the United States snag boat service. In 1855 he went to Hancock County, Ill., and the latter part of the same year removed to Clark County, Mo., which has since been his home. Until 1881 he was engaged in farming and stock-raising, then came to Kahoka, and engaged in his present occupation. In the year 1849, his nuptials with Sarah M. McKee were celebrated, and to this union three children have been born as follows: John M., Cordelia T. (who married G. G. Childers in 1881), and Robert J. (who died in 1858). Mrs. Wood was born in Franklin County, Ky., the daughter of John McKee; she died in 1881. Mr. Wood began life's battle a poor boy, and his present prosperity is due to his honesty, industry and excellent business qualifications. In politics he is a Democrat, and is among the foremost men of Clark County.

Hon. John M. Wood, of the firm of Wood & Montgomery, attorneys, was born in Franklin County, Ky., in 1850, and came with his parents to Clark County, Mo., in 1855, where he has since resided. He graduated at La Grange College in 1872, receiving the first honors of his class, and the degree of A. B., and in 1875 the degree of A. M. from the same institution. He taught school during the years of 1873, 1874 and 1875, began the study of law in 1876, and was admitted to the bar in 1878, since which time he has been practicing his profession. His first criminal case was defending the notorious William J. Young, who was tried for murdering the Spencer family, and acquitted, but was afterward hanged by a mob. June 10, 1886, our subject was married to Miss Maggie A. McKee, a native of this county, and the daughter of Dr. R. S. and Charlotte L. McKee, and has one child—Cordelia May. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and of the Masonic order. Mr. Wood represented the county in the thirty-first, thirty-second and thirty-third General Assemblies, being speaker *pro tem.* of the thirty-second, and speaker of the thirty-third. In politics he is strictly Democratic. He is the son of Richard J. Wood whose sketch precedes this.

M. A. Wooldridge, dealer in drugs, sundries, etc., at Luray, established his business at that place in the year 1879. He was previously engaged in his father's drug store at Luray, after which he engaged as a clerk in a general merchandise store for Nathaniel Davis. He was born in the State of Illinois in 1854, and in 1865 he moved with his parents to Lewis County, Mo.,



and in 1875 he came to Clark County, Mo. A year later he chose for his companion in life Miss Talitha Davis, a native of Scotland County, Mo., and the daughter of Nathaniel and Martha Davis. To her marriage were born two children, viz.: Arthur, born in the year 1877, and died the same year; and Grace May, who was born in 1879, and also died the same year. Our subject is a member of the Masonic order, and he and wife are worthy and consistent members of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Wooldridge is a first-class pharmacist, accurate, and noted for his fair dealing. He is the son of W. S. and Mary J. Wooldridge, both natives of Kentucky. They lived in Illinois for some time, but afterward moved to Lewis County, Mo., and in 1875 from there to Luray, Clark Co., where he engaged in the drug business. In 1882 he returned to Lewis County, where he has a mail contract.

Rev. William Yalton, an excellent citizen of Clark County, Mo., is a native of Pennsylvania, born February 25, 1830. He is the son of John and Jane (McQuire) Yalton, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, and both born in the year 1810. The father died in 1874, and the mother previous to this in 1849. The father cultivated the soil, and he and wife were members of the Baptist Church. Our subject attained his majority on the farm, and in 1855 obtained his license to preach the Baptist faith, but in 1872 he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has preached the gospel for many years. He belonged to the Home Guards during the war, and was called out for duty several times. May 9, 1848, he married Miss Fannie Roose, a native of Madison, Penn., born March 3, 1830, and the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Haines) Roose. To our subject and wife was born, May 4, 1849, one child, named Henry R. Mrs. Yalton died of typhoid fever March 10, 1851. Four years later he married Miss Mary L. Strickler, a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1835, and the daughter of Henry and Margaret (Snyder) Strickler. Eight children were the result of the last marriage, viz.: Wesley, born September 4, 1855; Harvey S., born March 12, 1856, and died September 23, 1860; Albert F., born August 20, 1859; Laura B., born March 15, 1862; Elmer E., born January 8, 1866; Annie F., born October 5, 1869; Milton O., born October 17, 1872, and Henry R., the brave son of our subject, entered the Union Army at the age of fourteen, was Gen. Sherman's dispatch carrier, and remained until the close of the war. In 1854 our subject moved to Clark County, and in 1868 to his present farm, which contains ninety acres of good land. He is a Republican in politics, and is well respected by all who know him.



John W. Yowell was born in Jefferson County, Ky., in 1835, and is the son of Louray and Mildred Yowell. The father of our subject died at a very early date, but the mother is still living and a resident of Ohio. John W. was united in marriage to Nancy A. Painter, daughter of John and Martha Painter, both natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Yowell have had three children of whom but two, Martha and Ulysses G., are living. At first our subject made Howard County, Mo., his home after leaving his native State, but came to Clark County, Mo., in 1859, where he has since remained, with the exception of two years spent in Keokuk, Iowa, and Knox County, Mo. He has farmed and followed several other occupations during his lifetime, and is now a blacksmith in Peakesville. Our subject served in the Thirty-ninth Missouri for two years during the war, and received an honorable discharge March 25, 1865. Both he and his wife are Christians, and he is a liberal donator as far as consistent with his means to all public enterprises.

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Capt. George W. Adams, farmer and stock dealer, was born in Obion County, Tenn., September 13, 1823, and is a son of George W. and Margaret (McKinney) Adams. His father was a native of White County, Ky., and died in Putnam County, Mo., in February, 1872, at the age of seventy-eight. When a young man he left his native State and went to Obion County, Tenn., where he married. He afterward moved to Graves County, Ky., and then returned to Obion County, Tenn., and from there went to White County, Ill., near Carmi, where he remained about two years when he removed to Jennings County, Ind., and in the spring of 1854 went to Scotland County, Mo. He lost his second wife, Nancy (Oston), before his removal to Indiana, where he married Margaret Keryea, who died prior to his decease. His first wife, (the mother of our subject) was a native of Obion County, Tenn., and died in Graves County, Ky., when George W. was four years old, and left seven children. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Our subject is the fifth child of five still living. He remained at home receiving his education at the common schools of Jennings County, Ind., until sixteen years of age, and then began life for himself, October 8, 1848, he wedded Elizabeth Hopkins, by whom he had six children, five living: F. A., W. H., Mina, J. H. and G. W.